



### UNDER THE WILLOWS.

Here I used to sit and listen to the patter of her feet.  
For the tiny hands to pound upon the doot.  
But the hazy hand of death has touched the forehead of my sweet.  
And the busy voice is hushed forevermore.

Angels keep my baby,  
Where the willow weaves,  
Where with each recurring spring  
Feathered warblers come and sing.  
When the violets are blooming o'er her grave.

To a little western woodland bow my memory's sad refrain.  
Where the summer wild rose scents the silent glen,  
Where a busy little brook is singing softly in the fern,  
And the willow boughs are bending o'er her tomb.

Angels keep my baby,  
Where the willow weaves,  
Where the low winds sob and sigh  
When the summer roses die,  
And the autumn leaves are falling on her grave.

Only now I sleep and dreamed I was kneeling there to-night,  
Where my little one is sleeping on the hill.  
Even now, when I'm awake, and the tears fall as I write,  
I seem to hear the music of the rill.

Angels keep my baby,  
Where the willow weaves,  
Where the winds blow bleak and cold,  
When the silent woodland's near,  
And the snow is drifting deep upon her grave.

—C. Warman, in N. Y. Sun.

### A TEAM OF ALLIGATORS.

Sensation Created in a Texas Town by a Hunter.

Every old settler in eastern Texas knows old Buck Stobbins. Stobbins came to the lone star wilderness when the republic was in its infancy. He settled in the Big Thicket, not far from Houston, and, during his long career, he has hunted bear, only varying the monotony of the sport by occasionally getting drunk and spending a few days in getting sober and resting the dogs. The old man is an ironside, hard-shell Baptist, and a liar—not a mere novice in feeble and unpolished mendacity, but a wholesale, artistic, rough and tumble liar of gigantic proportions. His word is pretty good on an ordinary subject, but when it comes to bear the aged veteran varies, twists, distorts and piles bears and hounds and gunshots and butcher knives, together, and makes a story worth listening to. Every hunter goes to see him, and all leave his cabin pleased with his extraordinary hospitality, and feeling that if there were a few more Buck Stobbins in the world the human race would laugh more and life would be worth living after all.

He has been making war on the black bear of Texas for more than half a century, and killed every year, according to his own candid statement, bear enough to feed an army, and yet he can put you on a stand where you can get a shot at a big, rollicking bruin any fine morning. Very recently he has figured as the most conspicuous character in an adventure that is without parallel in the history of the world. The old fire eater had one son, and when this heir apparent to the Stobbins claim and cabin in the wilderness was about ten years old he captured a pair of young alligators two or three feet in length. Now, young Stobbins did not have any calves to fool with, and so he chained the young alligators together and hitched them to a small slide. He put bull rings in the nose of each gator, and then, by the dexterous use of a pitchfork, managed to extract a good deal of deviltry and fun out of his wonderful team.

The boy was fast growing to manhood, and the alligators—well, they were fast growing to gatorhood. They were at least ten feet long when the promising youth took the swamp fever and died. Old Stobbins was devotedly attached to his son. He expected to make a famous bear hunter out of the boy. His grief was not of the common kind. He tried to burn it out of his "in-lards" with moonshine whisky, and possibly would have succeeded, but the capacity of the stillhouse was a grade less than the old warrior's endurance and metal. When the still went dry he



A GOOD TEAM.

tried coal oil, and he soon drank the country into darkness. The neighbors had to hide their oil cans or transact all their business between the rising and the setting sun. One day he concluded to sober up and raise a crop, but upon discussing the subject with Miss Nancy—a pet name for his wife—he learned that during his long period of mourning he had exchanged Buck and Bill. He oxen, for mountain dew. His first impulse was to go over and shoot the stillhouse man who had taken advantage of his weakness and round up his oxen and hitch them to the plow, but while he was loading his gun the gators crawled out of the tank in the lot and began to snort and bellow like bulls.

"An ideal!" exclaimed the thoughtful Mr. Stobbins. "Get the pitchfork, Miss Nancy," he shouted, "and let us see if we can't make them air carminants use-ful."

### The Eloquence of Gratitude.

The wind is frequently tempered to the humble country editor as well as to the shorn lamb. Thus the opinion molder of a South Carolina paper expresses his thanks for certain favors: "It is our deliberate opinion that Mr. J. Robert Smythe has a bigger heart and that the milk of human kindness enters more largely into his makeup than any other man on the face of this mundane sphere. He has shown as our family repeated favors, and does not seem to weary in well-doing. On last Tuesday he came to town and called at our home in Poverty row and left a whole lot of spareribs and backbones, flanked with a liberal supply of sweet potatoes, the whole crowned with a juicy, fat 'possum. Such good deeds shine like the effulgent orb of day amid the prevailing selfishness of the times, and cause us to renew our zeal in the battle for the right. The 'possum, especially, warmed the cockles of our heart as we gazed upon its opulent form just ready for 'de pan.' Ye editor for himself and family returns heartfelt thanks for these tokens of Brother Smythe's bounty, with the hope that the big, manly heart that now throbs in his bosom will pulsate for many years to come."

### The Labor Question has been further complicated in Brooklyn, N. Y., by the action of the new woman, who persists in shoveling snow from the sidewalks for a modest pecuniary compensation.

The price for such work in Brooklyn has been 25 cents from time immemorial, and the men stubbornly refuse to take a penny less. But the women shovelers craftily make a deal with the economical housewife and get the job for 15 cents. Thus are the tolling masses ground into the dust, as it were, and the curses are not only deep but loud.

### Wheat growers and farmers generally who are disposed to look upon the price of the king of cereals as the agricultural barometer can take what comfort they may from this presentation of facts.

The cheering information comes that the turning point in the agricultural market has already been passed, and that we are to be henceforth on the up-grade. That this prediction may be verified will be the earnest prayer of countless thousands of toilers in workshop and field.

### The Medical Record is convinced that dyspepsia is often caused by irregularity in the Sunday diet.

In the first place the stomach is cheated of breakfast at the accustomed hour, and the repast is a light affair. Lunch after church is not substantial, while at the full evening meal, far more luxurious than usual, the gastric organs are overburdened. Then comes blue Monday, as a natural sequence. The indictment of the Sunday menu is worth consideration.

### "A man who will break into a house to rob its inmates would murder them in cold blood if it were necessary," said an eminent North Carolina lawyer the other day.

He expressed the belief of the people of his state, and explained the existence of a law under which three men are soon to be hanged. They broke into buildings occupied by persons, and the presumption of North Carolina law is that they would have committed murder to carry out their purpose of robbery.

### Some idea of the fertility of Kansas soils may be gathered from the fact that the ancient Indian party who was planted in that state many years ago, preparatory to his journey to the happy hunting ground, and was recently exhumed by treasure seekers, weighed nearly 700 pounds, although in life he only kicked the beam at 160 pounds with his war paint on.

Sally Carroll, who died the other day at Macon, Ga., in her 96th year, was a railroad switch-tender for many years. During the war and until a few years ago she did the work alone, and, though there were 100 trains to pass each day, she never had a switch misplaced. She is said to have been the only woman in the United States to hold such a position.

### A Michigan preacher who recently preached a sermon on the evils of tobacco and illustrated it in a practical way by killing a couple of cats in the pulpit by administering nicotine to them has stirred up a small tempest all over the country.

People everywhere are getting their backs up over the un-felicitous methods adopted by the minister to exemplify a truth.

### A St. Louis man advertised for a wife and finally became engaged to a girl in Shelbyville, Ind., who sent him a photograph. He went to Indiana to be married, had a good look at the prospective bride and fled. To what base ends does the art of the photographer now lend itself!

In referring to Boston at the recent dinner of the Sons of the American Revolution in New York, Gen. Porter said: "Boston is not a city; it is a state of mind." The general must at some period of his career have been courting a Boston girl and received the high fling.

### The women of a Missouri town which has just passed an anti-high hat bill have demanded of the town council that a law be passed to prohibit men going out between the acts.

Mr. Tidewater—So you know Jingle, who moved to Chicago some years ago? Pretty eccentric, isn't he?  
Mr. Lakeside (of Chicago)—Well, I dunno. He pays his bills promptly; but, then, he hasn't been there long enough to have much credit, you know.  
—N. Y. Weekly.

### Exclusive Patriotism.

To be a member of the "Pennsylvania State Society of the Founders and Patriots of America," recently organized, says an eastern exchange, the applicant must prove direct descent from the ancestor who settled in the colonies prior to May, 1637. George Washington himself, were he alive, would find it difficult to join this society. We know that his great-grandfather, John Washington, reached America from England, "about 1637," as the encyclopedias and books of reference say, but it is very doubtful that George could prove that his ancestor arrived before May of that year. Many other Americans who have rendered their country distinguished service in peace or war would be shut out entirely, but we need not enumerate them, now that it appears that the Father of His Country would find the new "patriotic" organization too exclusive. Such is the case this "patriotic" business has come to. Not even George Washington could join!

### Living in the northeast part of Reno county, Kan., is a German farmer, Abram Kroeger.

He sold his wheat some time ago to the Puhler mill, and it became necessary to have it delivered, even though the roads were heavy and muddy. In taking the wheat to mill, Kroeger was in the habit of eating wheat. He was continually picking up a mouthful. He was taken sick a few days ago, and his ailment baffled the doctors. Kroeger grew worse. The doctors, being unable to diagnose the cause, and fearing death if no relief was given, an operation was determined upon. The other day it was performed, and over a quart of sprouted wheat was taken from the stomach of the old German. Some of the sprouts were two inches long. Kroeger is in bad shape, and it is doubtful if he will recover from the operation.

### This century, some one was heard to comment the other day, has been kind to the middle-aged. It has given to women the woman's club, and to men and women both the bicycle—which emphasizes a doctor's advice that it is the adult more than the child who needs a wheel, for it is the adult who has to be coaxed out of doors.

A growing boy or girl should have other exercise in connection with riding the wheel, which does not develop, except in one movement, but the parents may consider they have done very well for themselves if they have accomplished the bicycle.

### In a picturesque account of the doings at the Bradley-Martin ball an esteemed contemporary refers to the women present as "high born dames who swept the floor," et cetera.

The women were nice, and all that, observes the Brooklyn Eagle, but unless it is well born to be the daughter of an honest tradesman, or industrious political contractor and thrifty congressman, or efficient schemer with railroads, they were no better born than their servants. In the United States everybody is well born, because he is born free.

### Efforts are making to sell to the government for \$50,000 the farm of 112 acres near Hodgenville, Ky., on which Abraham Lincoln was born.

The present owner of the property is a New York man, who bought it not many years ago for \$3,000. The little one-room log cabin which for a time served as Thomas Lincoln's home, stands today practically as it was in 1809, but it contains no furniture or other relics dating anywhere near back to that year.

### It is related as a fact that about a year ago a house in Wichita, Kan., was entered by a burglar and a pocket-book containing a sum of money was stolen.

A few days ago the owner of the purse received a letter through the mails inclosing a ten-dollar bill and the following note: "A year ago I stole a pocketbook from you containing \$50. I have been sick, and remorse has been gnawing at my heart, so I send you ten dollars. When remorse gnaws again I will send you some more. Burglar."

### A journalistic item from a Tennessee paper says: "Crock Floods died last night, owing this paper for ten years' subscription. It is reported that he said just before he pegged out that he felt like he was floating upward. No doubt of it. Crock had got so low down that he had to slide uphill to get into perdition."

The principal advantage claimed for a new disinfectant just on the market is that the germs, microbes and micrococci can't stand the smell. Its odor is likened to a combination of the richest bilge water and overpowering sniffs of limburger. When a microbe gets a whiff of it he decamps at once.

### The mummy of an Egyptian princess who had red hair has just been taken from a tomb near Karnak.

This great discovery has stimulated archaeologists to continue their excavations in the hope of finding the white horse. It was in those days that the combination was first formed.

### In Vanceburg, Ky., is a man 35 years old who has three families. He was divorced one afternoon recently from his third wife, and he was married to a fourth on the following evening.

Returns show that 16 persons in 1,000 who are confined in lunatic asylums have been made insane by love affairs.

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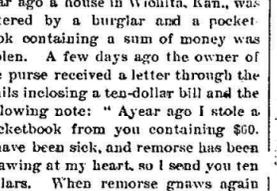
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Much in Little.

It is estimated that already some 12,000 people have died of the plague in India.

In Germany the law forbids restaurants to serve beer to the people eating fruit.

The average expense of an ocean steamer from New York to Liverpool and return is \$75,000.

Laplanders are the shortest people in Europe, their average height being Males, 59 inches; females, 57.

One bicycle has been supplied to every police station in the suburbs of Paris for the use of the force.

It is estimated that 75 per cent of the silks now worn by American women are American manufacture.

A police census just concluded shows the population of Washington to be 277,483, an increase of 6,311 during the last two years.

In the Russian village of Vialova there is a peasant named Satov who claims to be 133 years old, and that his father lived 150 years.

A St. Louis man claims to have been shot by a spook. The bullet entered his vitals and creates as much pain as an earthly missile.

A remarkable tree grows in Brazil. It is about six feet high and is so luminous that it can be seen on the darkest night for a distance of a mile or more.

An old man of seventy-five and his wife of seventy, in an English home for the aged, have petitioned the authorities to let them have a tandem bicycle.

Of the thirty-eight Sultans since the ruled Ottoman Empire since the conquest of Constantinople by thirty-four have died violent deaths.

Argo, Ga., in own funeral.

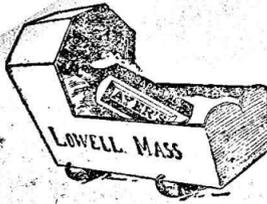
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SOON BE FREE AGAIN.

Lee Hash to be Released in About Two Months.

Lee Hash, the honest-faced young man who for some time filled most creditably the position of hospital steward at the Virginia Penitentiary will be given his liberty July 1st, and return to his home in Grayson county, where fond parents, a loving wife, and innocent little children anxiously await him.

His return to the once happy home, made dark and desolate by his hasty act and the conviction and punishment that followed, will be sooner by ten years than was expected up to a few days ago. The commutation of his sentence by Governor O'Ferrall comes, it would appear, in the nature of a direct answer to special prayers offered in behalf of the prisoner.

HE KILLED PHIPPS.

The story of the circumstances under which Hash is to be restored to freedom and loved ones is short but intensely interesting. The young man, not yet 30, is well connected and has always borne a good reputation. He is an only son, and his parents are highly esteemed among the people of their community. Hash was educated at Richmond College, and his record there was a good one. After reaching manhood he married into a family of eminent respectability, and his wife and little children are living out in the Southwest.

It was about four years ago that the dark shadow crossed the path of Hash. He became involved in a difficulty with a man who was considered desperate, and inflicted upon his antagonist a wound that resulted fatally. He was tried, and in due course of law convicted of murder in second degree and sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary.

The Baptist General Association of Virginia held its annual meeting here last November, and among those who came to attend its session was Mrs. Hash, of Grayson. She was through fortunate circumstances assigned to the hospitable home of Major B. W. Lynn, Superintendent of the big White Prison, of which her son was an inmate. She saw her son and wept and prayed over him, and accompanied by Major Lynn, visited Governor O'Ferrall, to whom she made an earnest appeal for clemency toward her boy, who she assured his Excellency, only restored to such extreme violence to save his own life. The Governor heard her with characteristic patience, and assured her of his deep sympathy, but did not commit himself.

ASKED PRAYERS FOR HIM.

The mother did not stop here. She believes in the efficacy of prayer and determined to ask other Christian people to unite their petitions with hers in behalf of the one who was all the world to her. The meetings of the great Baptist gathering at the Grace-Street Tabernacle had greatly interested her, and she became impressed with the desire that the Grace-Street people should pray for the early release of her son. This desire was communicated to Dr. Hatcher, who read the letter to his people who at once became tenderly interested, and special and repeated prayer was offered that the young man might be soon restored to his liberty and begin life anew. Last week Dr. Hatcher received a letter from the rejoicing parents, saying that the Governor had taken ten years from the original sentence, and that this together with the time Hash had earned by good behavior,

More Hood's Sarsaparilla

Medicinal value in a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla than in any other preparation. More is required, more care taken, more expense incurred in its manufacture. It costs the proprietor and the dealer more but it costs the consumer less, as he gets more doses for his money. More curative power is secured by its peculiar combination, proportion and process, which makes it peculiar to itself. More people are employed and more space occupied in its Laboratory than any other. More wonderful cures effected and more testimonials received than by any other. More sales and more increase year by year are reported by druggists. More people are taking Hood's Sarsaparilla today than any other, and more are taking it today than ever before. More and still more reasons might be given why you should take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. It cures all Liver Ills and Hood's Pills (Sick Headach) 2 cents. No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed to cure habit, make weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

would enable him to go forth a free man on the 1st of July. This letter Dr. Hatcher read to his Sunday school Sunday morning, just after the study of the lesson, which, curiously enough, was about the deliverance of Peter from the jail in answer to the prayers of his brethren.

Oxydonor "Victory."

HOW IT ACTS ON THE SYSTEM. The Way it is Applied and its Modus Operandi. DR. H. SANCHE, DISCOVERER AND INVENTOR.

It causes the whole organism to drink freely of oxygen from the air, through the pores of the skin and membranes, by the attraction it exerts upon the body, generating the strongest affinity for oxygen in the blood. Plenty of oxygen in the whole system, with freely oxygenated blood, means life with the most vigorous functioning of all the vital and other organs.

Such vitality means rapid expulsion of any disease by a heroic effort of the whole organism and an increase of the same natural process which keeps us in health under ordinary circumstances. Since any quantity of oxygen is thus easily thrown in the system through the use of Oxydonor, and at any time, it therefore cures any disease with as great or greater rapidity than it was generated.

Oxydonor "Victory" is applied by buckling its contact disk upon the skin of either ankle, and by placing its vooor in cold water an affinity for oxygen as it becomes cold, which affinity it transmits through the cord to the human body as soon as acquired. The affinity thus begotten causes the capillary blood in the lungs, membranes and skin to drink in the oxygen of the air freely. When disease arises spontaneously from adverse direction of natural forces constantly acting upon us, it follows, as a natural necessity, that reverting their bearing makes its spontaneous cure equally irresistible. Spontaneous health is, by this method, proven to be the order of Nature, and spontaneous disease its disorder, as attested upon the face of creation by teeming animation.

The treatment is always the same in kind, varying only in degree and duration.

With an Oxydonor at hand, any one, even a child is master of his own health and life, as far as disease is concerned. Then why not avert fatal results? Why be an invalid? Why are electric appliances? No one knowing the facts would consent to be without this boon, for the combined wealth of the world.

Any letter of inquiry addressed to Rev. E. W. Leslie, Atkins, Va., will be cheerfully replied to.



CHILHOWIE, VA., May 3rd 1897.

EDITOR NEWS.

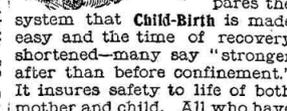
I am strongly in favor of the County of Smyth having one or more trained Blood Hounds for the purpose of detecting crime and capturing criminals. The county should make an appropriation for that purpose. It will take one hundred dollars, I am informed, to buy a well trained Blood hound. He should be kept at the county jail to recapture escaped or escaping prisoner. If the county will not purchase one let a private subscription be started or rather donation. Let each man give a nicker or a quarter, or more if he likes to Mr. Sexton or Mr. Stone for that purpose and the money will soon be made up. One cent from each tax-payer would buy the hound. Mr. Alex. Whitaker, of Rich Valley, has lost 400 pure bred fowls by thieves. Enough to pay for two

Who Can Measure

The influence of the mother! It shapes the course of unborn generations—goes sounding through all coming ages and enters the confines of Eternity. With what care, therefore, should the Expectant Mother be guarded, and how great the effort be to ward off danger and make her life happy.

"Mother's Friend"

Always Nervousness, re-Heves the Headache, Cramps and Nausea, and so prepares the system that Child-Birth is made easy and the time of recovery shortened—many say "stronger after than before confinement." It insures safety to life of both mother and child. All who have used "Mother's Friend" say they will never be without it again. No other remedy robs confinement of its pain.



"A customer whose wife used 'Mother's Friend,' says that if she had to go through the ordeal again, and there were but four bottles to be obtained, and the cost was \$100.00 per bottle, she would have them." GEO. LAYTON, Dayton, Ohio.

Sent by Mail, on receipt of price, \$1.00 PER BOTTLE. Book to "EXPECTANT MOTHERS" mailed free containing valuable information and reliable recipes. THE BRADFORD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

blood hounds. Locks seems almost worthless as against rogues. But if there was a blood hound to put on his track the thief would be more cautious. There can be no doubt about this utility and efficiency. By the use of bloodhounds their could be run down quite easily. Almost every person suffers more or less from the deprivations of thieves. I heard a man say to-day that \$25.00 could be raised a Chilhowie to aid in buying a blood hound.

Let us hear from others on the subject. Let the subject be agitated and discussed.

Respectfully, GEO. W. HUBBLE.



How Tickets Must be Supplied.

Many of those seeking election at the spring elections are under the impression that it is the duty of the electoral board of the county to furnish tickets for the election of county officers. That impression is entirely erroneous, and for the enlightenment of those who seek to serve their country in humble capacities, we publish an extract from the election laws, showing the manner, and by whom election tickets must be furnished to the judges of election when the contest is for county offices. It is found in Acts of Assembly 1895-96, page 769, section 29, and is as follows:

"2. In any county or corporation where no political party nominates candidates for county or corporation offices the above provisions of this act shall not apply; but in such case every elector shall vote by ballot which he himself shall provide, and each person offering to vote shall deliver a single ballot to one of the judges in the presence of the other two judges. The ballot shall be a white paper ticket and containing on the face or inside of it, written or printed, the names of the persons for whom the elector intends to vote, and designating the office to which each person so named is intended by him to be chosen."

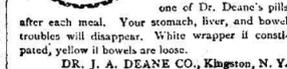
It will be seen from the above extract from the election laws that each candidate will have to furnish his own tickets, but he need have no other name than his own printed thereon if he so desires.



ELY'S CREAM BAZON is a positive cure. Apply into the nostrils. It is quickly absorbed. 50 cents at Druggists or by mail; samples 10c, by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 55 Warren St., New York City.

No miracle

about them—they are simply the result of a lifetime study and practice by the one man in America who is best qualified to treat diseases of the stomach and bowels.



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For dress or business suits go to

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CORN and PLASTER CRUSHERS, PLOWS,

Woolen Mill Machinery, Circular Saw Mills, Turbine Water Wheels

Shufling, Rubber and Leather Belting, Fire-Place and Stone Hollow-Bores, Water Pipe and Fittings, Iron Fences, and Engine Repairs, Etc., &c.

We will keep on hand Plow Points, Mould Boards, Laid Sides, and all kinds of all kind. Orders for other castings promptly filled. The machinery has been repaired and put in good working order, and machine work entrusted to us will be promptly and satisfactorily executed.

We are very respectfully yours,

E. P. Killinger & Co.

ROYAL-TANSEY PILLS

NEW DISCOVERY. NEVER FAILS. A new, reliable, and potent remedy for all kinds of ailments of the bowels, stomach, and liver. It is a powerful purgative, and is especially adapted for the treatment of constipation, indigestion, and all other ailments of the digestive system. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and is sold in all parts of the world.

We want to buy Tan Bark, Cross-ties, Corn, Oats, Batter, Eggs, and all kinds of produce—and will pay the highest market price. We will make it to your interest to buy goods from us.

GROSECLOSE BROS. & CO.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple and reliable method of securing information and reliable recipes. THE BRADFORD REGULATOR CO., ATLANTA, GA. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring the signature of Charles H. Fletcher and the text 'Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of Infants and Children'.

Advertisement for Dyeing Baby and Diamond Dyes, featuring an illustration of a woman and the text 'There is no trouble Dyeing Baby clothes with Diamond Dyes, and much money is saved thereby.'.

Advertisement for the American Protective League, featuring the text 'The American Protective League issued an official print of the new Dingley Tariff within a few hours of time it was passed by the House of Representatives at Washington, on March 31st.'.

Advertisement for Patents, featuring the text '50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. TRADE MARKS, DESIGNS, COPYRIGHTS &c. Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain, free, whether or not it is probably patentable.'.

Advertisement for W. M. Davis, featuring the text 'W. M. Davis, MARION LIVERY, FEED and SALE STABLES.' and an illustration of a horse and carriage.

Advertisement for W. E. & F. W. LEONARD, featuring the text 'W. E. & F. W. LEONARD, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, shoes, Hats, Groceries, etc.' and a large illustration of the name 'LEONARD'.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring the text 'SEE THAT THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF Charles H. Fletcher IS ON THE WRAPPER OF EVERY BOTTLE OF CASTORIA'.

Advertisement for the Reliable Incubator, featuring the text 'THE RELIABLE INCUBATOR. This incubator is so constructed that it is so simple and so reliable that it is entirely automatic and self-regulating.'.

Advertisement for Mt. Carmel Roller Mills, featuring the text 'Mt. Carmel Roller Mills. Have recently put in new rollers, and have a new set waiting for the new crop. Custom Work a Specialty.'.

Advertisement for Look & Lincoln, featuring the text 'Look & Lincoln, MANUFACTURERS OF Wagons, Wagon material & Plow Handles, BUGGIES, PHAETONS and CARTS.'.

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Advertisement for A. P. Pickle, featuring the text 'Prices Talk. Oat Meal, 7c. p.k. 3-lb buckets Cotolene, 25c. 3 cks best laundry soap, 10c. Tomatoes per can, 8c. Peaches, " " 7c. Flake honey, per lb 4c. Arbuckle's coffee 20c. Princess Coffee, 18c. Best Green Coffee, 18c. Granulated sugar, 6c. lb. Oranges per dozen, 20c. Evaporated Peaches 11c lb. Jellies, per pound, 4c. Preserves, " 7c. Other goods in proportion. A. P. PICKLE.'.

Advertisement for Wall Papers, featuring the text 'Make your Selections FROM THE FAMOUS ALF. PEATS 1897 P.M.Z.E. Wall Papers. Which are the handsomest and best manufactured. See my sample books. Fine Parlor, Hall and Dining Room Papers, 7c., 10c., 15c. and up. Floral, Stripe, Chintz, Dresden, Delft effects, etc. and many new colorings which are not carried by dealers outside the largest cities, 3c., 5c., 7c., 10c. and up. DAVID MALLEY, Agent.'.

Advertisement for Merchants & Farmers Bank, featuring the text 'Merchants & Farmers Bank, MARION, VIRGINIA. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Jno. M. Gwyn, H. E. McCoy, P. C. March, A. M. Dickenson, C. C. Lincoln, R. M. Gaddy, F. M. Young.'.

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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.

We are authorized to announce C. W. Snively, a candidate, for re-election to Justice of the Peace for the western end of Marion District. Election 4th Thursday in May 1897.

We are requested to announce Cornelius W. White as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the East end of Marion District.

By request of numerous friends I hereby announce myself 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.

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 faithfully and to the best of my ability. Election 27 of May 1897.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Justice of the Peace for Marion District. If elected will familiarize myself with all the new obligations and extended territory, and render verdicts according to law and facts (not selfish) but for public good saving the community hundreds of dollars by not appealing to court, a good thing for lawyers but not for the people. Will award courteous treatment to all, not regarding what outsiders say, will have access to good legal authority, will make reforms and inaugurate them. If the voters do me the honor to elect me, they shall not have reason to regret it. Election 4th Thursday in May 1897.

To the Voters of Rich Valley District: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace and hope that the voters of my district will give me their support on the 27th day of May, promising on my part to discharge the duties of the office without partiality or prejudice to any.

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

We are requested and authorized to announce Oliver Robinson as a candidate for election for overseer of the poor. Election 4th Thurs. in May, 1897.

Leather belts at Weiler's. If you need job work have it done at THE NEWS OFFICE.

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

The wheat crop continues to promise an abundant harvest.

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

House cleaning now makes many a home seem a howling wilderness.

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

A. E. Pruner, of Lodi, Washington county was in the city last Monday.

The festive fly is preparing for its summer gambols on the shiny bald head.

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

The gardens in and around Marion are not looking as bright and sunny as a May-day picnic.

Oxydonor "Victory" has been tried with success by over sixty-five thousand persons in self treatment.

Judge A. P. Cole, went up to Wytheville yesterday to look after some important legal business.

W. A. Wolfe, the hustling candidate for Supervisor, in the St. Clair district, was in the city yesterday.

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

The closing exercises of Marion Graded School will take place at Seaver Opera House on next Monday evening.

The Old Plantation Comedy Co. will give an entertainment at the Asylum to night. Seats for white people only.

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

Mrs. M. S. Wain and daughter, Miss Fannie, and son Johnnie, of New Orleans, are stopping at Mrs. D. F. Carrier's for the summer.

The senior editor of THE NEWS is enlarging and beautifying his residence. When completed Charlie will have one of the prettiest homes in town.

Children and boys suits at Weiler's

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

The weather for the past few days has been drizzly, dark and depressing. Cold snaps like the present are not favorable to "snaps" later on.

Jas. H. Gilmore, G. H. Fudge, A. M. Dickenson and R. A. Anderson spent Wednesday, in Bristol, looking after legal business and other matters.

Mr. P. C. March, one of Marion's leading business men, and cashier of Merchants and Farmers Bank, spent a few days of this week in Grayson county on business.

In buying a hammock the single young dear Will stop at no trouble To get one that's double In the hope that she may not be single next year.

Hon. Jas. H. Gilmore, who has been absent for some time on a visit to Charlottesville, has returned to Marion, and we hope come to welcome Mrs. Gilmore as resident of our town.

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

We call the attention of our readers in this issue to the new announcements, C. A. Crouse, for Justice of the Peace, Oliver Robinson for Overseer of the Poor and N. C. Davenport for Supervisor.

Mr. Wm. J. Keller, and Miss Mollie Paris, both of Saltville, were married at the Nickels House, Bristol, Tenn., last Saturday night about 11 o'clock. The happy couple returned to Saltville Sunday morning.

A child was cured of croup by a dose or two of Ayer's Cherry-Pectoral. A neighbor's child died of the same dread disease, while the father was getting ready to call the doctor. This shows the necessity of having Ayer's Cherry Pectoral always at hand.

Mr. John Blount, while engaged in constructing a room in rear of Hughes store, was struck on the head by a scuffling. We are glad to learn that Mr. B. was not severely hurt. Dr. Dickenson rendered the necessary attention.

Straw hats and big bargains at Weiler's.

Mr. Geo. H. Poling, who has been visiting our town for some months, with a line of jewelry, silverware, etc., will be here again on court day, at the Valley House; with a larger and finer line than ever. Parties wanting anything in his line will do well to call on him.

The Marion Graded school will hold its closing exercises in Seaver Opera house on Monday evening, May 10th, beginning at 7:30 p. m. We understand that a well arranged program will be rendered on that occasion.

U. S. court commenced at Abingdon last Monday and will continue in session some two weeks or more. We learn "that quite a number of cases for "moonshining" are on the docket, and that a large number of witnesses and prisoners sent on for trial will be in attendance.

At the regular meeting of the town council last Monday night, James White Sheffey, Esq., was elected a member of the council to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Jno. R. Venable. This was a first-class selection, as Mr. Sheffey is one of Marion's best and most intelligent young citizens.

Dr. Thornton has just purchased and placed in his store a handsome new soda fountain. The Dr. is prepared to furnish first class drinks of every kind that can be had at a fountain. Dr. Rufus Dickey, hams, and polite, will wait on customers. Everything neat. Drinks cool and refreshing. Give him a call.

We understand that the Chilhowie Lumber company, of the bustling little "Villa" of Chilhowie, are constructing and will soon have in operation a steam flouring mill. The machinery is of the latest and best that can be secured and when completed will be one of the largest and best equipped enterprises of the kind in the South-west.

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. (Rev.) H. W. HATHAWAY.

No eeryman 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,

Fresh Butter wanted at Groselose Bros & Co.

H.C. Jones, Esq, went down to Abington yesterday.

Rev. J. W. Hunley, left Monday for Wilmifigton, N.C. where he goes as a delegate from the Lebanon association, to a meeting of the southern Baptist Convention.

When fevers and other epidemics are around, safely lies in fortifying the system with Ayer's Sarsaparilla. A person having thin and impure blood, is in the most favorable condition to "catch" whatever disease may be floating in the air. Be wise in time.

The Masons, under the supervision of Messrs. E. J. Haller, W. G. Dunlop and A. S. Francis are repainting and repapering their hall and parlors in the Dunlap Building. When completed they will have no doubt, the most handsome masonic hall in the state.

Rev. Dr. A. Coke Smith of Ga., will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Emory June 6th. In the evening of that day, Rev. R. N. Price of Knoxville will preach the Y. M. C. A. sermon. The Alumni address will be by Prof. T. W. Jordan, Dean of the University of Tennessee. Rev. Jas. A. Dunkin of Richmond will deliver the annual address before the literary societies.

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

The Faculty of Marion Female College has been fortunate in securing the rendition of Mrs. McCreole's Illustrated Lecture of the Reformation, on Tuesday evening, June 2nd. This entertainment has been received with great favor by many of the cities of the Union. The young ladies of the college and many prominent citizens will take part. Doubtless every available seat will be occupied.

On the delayed train which arrived in the city yesterday (Tuesday) evening at 4:35, were Miss Hettie Brooks of Saltville, and Jno. Littrel, of Plasterburg, Va. They were met at the depot by the accommodating host of the Nickels house, and being ushered into private parlors, they informed Rev. Burroughs that they were matrimonially inclined, and desired him to unite them for life. This he proceeded to do, and at 8 o'clock they were husband and wife. Mr. Littrel is a prosperous farmer and his bride is a very pretty and attractive young lady. He is 63 years old; she 25. They returned to his home at 8:05 this morning.—Bristol News.

Strawberry and Ice Cream Supper

The members of the Marion Base Ball Club will give an ice cream and strawberry supper in the store room formerly occupied by J. M. Hughes, on next Wednesday evening, and ask a liberal patronage from the people of Marion. Proceeds for the benefit of the Club. Give the boys your encouragement.

NOTICE.

By order of the council, I desire to notify all parties in the town, who have cows, that they must not allow them to run at-large during the night. I am instructed to enforce the ordinance which prohibits cows from running out at night.

L. L. SCHERER, Night Serg't.

Notice to Trespassers.

All parties are hereby notified not to trespass on my land which adjoins the lands of Adam Snively, Esq., and Calhoun and Viney Mansfield, and lying between the N. & W. R. R. and Middle Fork of Holston river, either by walking through, fishing or otherwise. Persons violating this notice will be dealt with as the law directs. EDW. MANSFIELD. Atkins, Va., May 3, 1897.

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 them perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Wading, Kinman & Marvin Wholesale Druggists Toledo, Ohio.

One yard of tobacco for 20c. at R. F. Nickels.

Money saved at Weiler's.

Letter From Atkins.

ATKINS, VA., May 5.

Mr. W. W. Marshall, who has been sick for quite awhile, and whose illness was noted in THE NEWS some time ago, died at his home on last Wednesday. The funeral was preached on Thursday at the Methodist church by Rev. E. W. Moore. Mr. Marshall was a good man, and had been a consistent member of the Methodist church for 23 years. He was 73 years of age and leaves seven children to mourn his loss, his wife having died a little over a year ago. Peace to his ashes.

Vestibule No. 5 killed a valuable milch cow belonging to R. N. Ward, on last Thursday morning.

Mr. C. E. Omer and family, of Bristol, spent several days of last week with G. W. Kegley and others.

Miss Ada Snively was in Marion shopping Friday.

Miss Mary Williams, of Marion, spent several days recently with Miss Ollie Wassum.

Rev. E. W. Leslie and wife spent Saturday and Sunday at Lebanon, near Wytheville, where Rev. Leslie assisted Rev. D. A. Fox in a series of religious services in connection with the Lord's supper.

Rev. E. W. Leslie, pastor, will preach at St. Matthews Lutheran church, at Atkins, next Sunday at 4 p. m.

MANCRIEF.

MY NEIGHBOR TOLD ME about Hood's About Hood's sarsaparilla and advised me to try it—this is the of advertising which gives Hood's Sarsaparilla the largest sales in the world. Friends tell friends that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures; that it gives strength, heat, vitality and vigor, and whole neighborhoods use it as a family medicine. Hood's Pills act easily and promptly on the liver and bowels, cures sick headache



A Card.

Holstein Mills, Va., May 3, 1897.

I shall be thankful to you for the use of a small space in your valuable paper in which to express my appreciation of the unanimity with which the good citizens of my district, regardless of their and my own past party affiliation have urged me to enter the race for the office of Supervisor of the St. Clair District. While such confidence has a tendency to soften party spirit and party zeal, it also proves the goodness, the greatness and the patriotism of the American people, as well as to assure us that our institutions rest on a sure foundation—the will of the people.

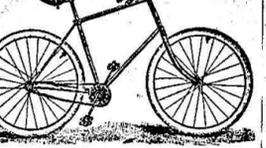
I have persistently refused for weeks to allow my name to be registered as a candidate, and but for the persistency of my fellow citizens against my refusal I should not be in the field today. The opposing candidates are gentlemen, so far as I know, equally worthy, if no more so, of your trust and support, but, if a majority of the voters should choose to cast their votes for me I shall endeavor to administer the business of the office with equal fairness to all sections of our district, and shall be non-partisan in the selection of subordinates. Fitness should be the only requisite.

If elected, I shall publish in the county papers, at the end of each year, the amount of county funds, if any, and district funds, which our district may receive, and the name of each road overseer, with his division, and the amount of all funds appropriated to the same. None of the Supervisors of the county or district, so far as I know, have done so. They have not purposely omitted to do so, thinking it unnecessary, yet it is in keeping with the spirit of the law.

If a majority should cast their votes for another candidate I shall bow submissively to their will. Respectfully, N. C. DAVENPORT.

Hood's Pills Cure all liver ills, biliousness, headache, sour stomach, indigestion, constipation. They act easily, without pain or gripe. Sold by all druggists. 25 cents. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Rambler and Ideal



Bicycles, \$25 to \$80 each. H. B. STALEY, Agent. Phone No. 32.

Eye Glasses.

There should be no guess-work in fitting of glasses. Spectacles will never do what they should do unless the fit is ABSOLUTELY PERFECT. We fit glasses and guarantee them at O. C. SPRINKLE'S PHARMACY.



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### THE ROAD SCRAPER.

It has awakened the spirit of improvement in many districts.

In our anxiety to promote good farming there is no danger that the subject of good roads will be overlooked. When a man gets the spirit in him to improve his farm, his crops and his live stock, the spirit of progress cannot be checked there, but necessarily it must be extended to his buildings and fences. Who ever knew a farmer to erect a substantial fence along the highway who would not also cut down the unsightly bushes along the margin, see where drainage is needed and how the roadway could be improved, and then resolve that it shall be done at the first opportunity? A good farmer is always a good-roads advocate.

Just now many things are conspiring to ensure good roads in the future. A few years ago the road-scraper on wheels came into vogue. A law was enacted to permit a few adjoining road districts to unite and purchase a scraper to be used in common, as it is an expensive piece of machinery, and rarely a single district could afford to purchase one alone. Now these machines are common all over the state, and through their means road improvement has made rapid strides. It is not necessary to describe all their good



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points, for every one knows them. I will mention only one, and that is the smooth, hard paths it makes for pedestrians at either side of the wagon-track. Otherwise they would have to travel in the grass and weeds, which is disagreeable, especially if wet or damp.

When the road-machines came into use, nobody had thought of bicycles. A better machine could not have been invented, especially for the purpose of making bicycle paths. What would bicycling on country roads be now were the old-style hand road-scraper still in use? In removing earth from gutters into the wagon-track they left two small ridges along the space they traveled, and these were seldom leveled. If a wheel could travel them at all, they would certainly go "bumpy-bump." Bicycles rarely have a clear course in a traveled wagon-track, for there are more or less narrow ruts, and horses' feet are apt to cut up the paths in which they have to travel continuously.

The modern road-machines, where used for some time, have had the effect to cut off the shoulders of the roads and place this dry, solid earth in the center of the track, picking it up so water will run off at the sides, as it should do, instead of following ruts, as formerly. I know a certain hill road extending to the railroad station that was always bad. Its surface was broad, stony and full of ruts. The wheeled scraper has made it the model road of the township, and the district is proud of it. There was a very steep, ascending grade from a hollow ten rods from the railroad track, with a knoll at one side. The road for the year had been worked out; notwithstanding, as the spirit of improvement was on, neighbors volunteered nearly two days with their own teams and removed the most of the stones from the road where it crossed the knoll. The knoll was a fine piece of ground, and the face that it presented to the road was a fine sight. The loose stones were removed from the high portions of the knoll. This was also done on the other side of the road, though their advent had been expected. Now, if one thing more than another troubles the bicyclist, it is small, round, loose stones in the path; but as a rule the roadmasters are very diligent in performing the prescribed duty of removing them. As a hint to bicyclists, I know of several cases where wheelmen have told pathmasters that unless they attended to this duty properly, they would be complained of, adding by way of emphasis that if any loose stone in the track, even the smallest, should be the means of throwing and injuring a rider, damages could be collected either of them or of the township. This sets them to thinking, and they generally conclude that their safety lies in keeping the track clear of these obstructions. If a horse tumbles over a loose stone and breaks his leg, somebody would be liable for damages, and so would they if a bicyclist should take a header" over a loose stone and receive an injury in consequence.—Galen Wilson, in Farm and Fireside.

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Too many stones or too much clay or too much "wet" or sand. Will make a sorry thing, they say. Of the best road in the land. And yet there's good in all of these. If we just know how to fix them: They make a road that's sure to please When properly we mix them.—L. A. W. Bulletin.

## TO BRING DOWN A BALLOON.

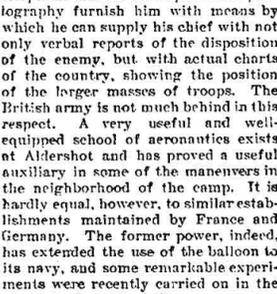
### British Artillerymen Essay to Cripple This Instrument of Warfare.

Next to "shooting the moon," taking pot shots at a balloon would probably be the most exciting kind of sport. At all events, the inhabitants of Shoeburyness had a distant opportunity of witnessing the successful attempts made recently by the school of gunnery to bring down a captive balloon anchored on the sands on the sea front of the batteries. The authorities at the school regarded the experiments as particularly confidential—though a balloon a couple of thousand feet high over the sands at Shoeburyness is a fairly conspicuous object—and all civilians were rigorously excluded from any approach to the grounds. Special instructions were issued for the exclusion of journalists, and possibly if one of "the inquisitive fraternity" were discovered near the firing point Col. Bally would at once have him sent aloft as a target for his gunners.

Ever since the siege of Paris military men have been keenly interested in the possibilities of ballooning, both as a means of maintaining communication with beleaguered cities or forts, and as a very effective way of making observations. It is in the latter direction naturally that the greatest development of the art of ballooning has taken place, and every modern army now has a properly-equipped train attached to it. A captive balloon floating 3,000 or 4,000 feet above the earth enables the occupant of the car attached to it to extend his gaze over a wide field, while the telephone and the developments of photography furnish him with means by which he can supply his chief with not only verbal reports of the disposition of the enemy, but with actual charts of the larger masses of troops. The British army is not much behind in this respect. A very useful and well-equipped school of aeronautics exists at Aldershot and has proved a useful auxiliary in some of the maneuvers in the neighborhood of the camp. It is hardly equal, however, to similar establishments maintained by France and Germany. The former power, indeed, has extended the use of the balloon to its navy, and some remarkable experiments were recently carried on in the channel. A captive balloon was sent up from the war ship Richelieu, the retaining cable being attached in such a manner that the car remained always vertical, and some very good results were obtained. Not the least valuable was the disclosure of the fact that a vessel equipped with a balloon could explore a sea area about four times as great as could be covered from the masthead.

Having demonstrated the utility of balloons, military men set about seeing how best to destroy them while in the air. Specially-contrived mountings were made so as to enable guns to fire at very high angles and extensive experiments were made both in France and Germany. It was found that up to 3,000 feet there was a fair chance of hitting the balloon with shrapnel, but the small holes made by the bullets were not sufficiently large to be rapidly fatal. Common shell, the splinters of which tore the covering, was more effective when it got home, but the percentage of hits at anything except a very low elevation was so slight that it was practically worthless. Modern rifle bullets appeared to pass through the balloon in a perfectly harmless manner. Altogether the result of the experiments went to prove that unless a balloon passed through a zone of fire at an altitude less than 3,000 feet it ran but little risk. A further consideration with regard to these experiments was that they were carried out against captive balloons. It is questionable whether it would be at all possible to train a gun on a balloon traveling over a fortress or army in the field at the rate of 15 or 20 miles an hour, while the difficulty of "picking up the range" is also very great.

The experiments at Shoeburyness demonstrated nothing more than what was already known—namely, that it is possible to hit a balloon at a comparatively low elevation where the range can be fairly approximated. The balloon was anchored over the sands in front of the brick battery at a range of about 2,000 yards. Its height was about 1,500 feet. During the practice there was a strong, gusty, southwest wind blowing across the range, and, taking this into account, it is creditable to the gunners that with the third round of time shrapnel they managed to damage the balloon sufficiently to bring it to earth.—Chicago Chronicle.



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### Strange Things on Mars.

The planet Mars has recently (December 11) been again in opposition to the sun and consequently favorably situated for telescopic observation. In fact, astronomers have been studying it for several months as it approached opposition, and have once more discerned those curious lines on its surface called "canals." They have also seen again the round or oval spots that appear at points where many canals meet, and to which Mr. Lowell has given the name of "oases." One of the latest and most interesting observations relates to an "oasis" called "Trivium Charontis." On November 10 this spot, at which nine "canals" meet, was seen, at M. Flammarion's observatory near Paris, to be double, or cut in two. Five days earlier at the same observatory, the spot had appeared dark, broad and single.—Youth's Companion.

The Secret Out.

"I understand," said the man with a green tie and a neck-whisker, "that the reason why you football boys wear long hair is for protection during the er—athletic contingencies of the game."

"Now; that's where yer off, old man," replied the shaggy half back. "It's to distinguish us from freaks."—Buffalo Times.

—The Goths first came into notice in the Second century, marching southward across the Danube from the great plains of central Russia.

# ALL MEN LOVE BEAUTY.

## Mrs. Pinkham Counsels Young Wives to Keep Their Attractiveness—A Letter From a Young Wife.

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What a disappointment then to see the fair young wife's beauty fading away before a year passes over her head!

I feel as if I would like to say to every young woman who is about to be married—"Strengthen yourself in advance, so that you will not break down under the new strain on your powers." Keep your beauty, it is a precious possession! Your husband loves your beauty, he is proud to be seen in public with you; try to keep it for his sake, and your own.

The pale cheeks, the dark shadows under the eyes, the general drooping of the young wife's form, what do they mean? They mean that her nerves are failing, that her strength is going and that something must be done to help her through the coming trials of maternity.

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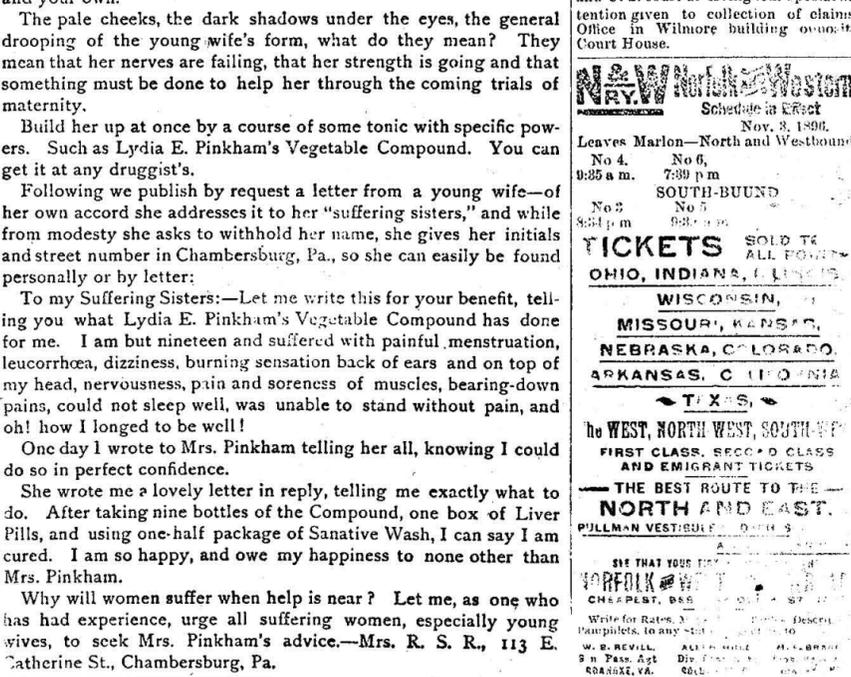
Following we publish by request a letter from a young wife—of her own accord she addresses it to her "suffering sisters," and while from modesty she asks to withhold her name, she gives her initials and street number in Chambersburg, Pa., so she can easily be found personally or by letter:

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