



GREAT GIRL.

The Pleases the Men at the Boarding House.

"Greatest girl at our boarding-house you ever saw," declared Quirkly, with a giggle, according to the Detroit Free Press. "Never says what you expect her to say, and you'd be disappointed if she did, after hearing her."

"Dry goods clerk sits opposite her and asked the other day if she really thought there were bargains in the matrimonial lottery. 'Of course there are,' she answered, with a laugh. 'I myself have been marked down from 35 to 25.'"

"Old bachelor that sits next to her at the table spilled his ice cream in her lap. She never screamed nor ran away, but effusively took him by the hand and congratulated him on the coolness of the entire proceeding."

"Dude brother had the nerve to propose to her and she took half an hour explaining to him how it was all she could possibly do to support her mother and herself. When she thought of taking on any more obligations she would certainly have another talk with him. The chump went around telling it, proud as a turkey gobbler."

"Real estate fiend wanted to sell her a lot for twice what it was worth. She closed the deal by offering to take half his commission and give him a quit claim to the lot. He still scratches his head and looks at her from the corners of his eyes."

"Think of laying my own fortune at her feet. Haven't the slightest idea that she will accept and for that very reason am inclined to think that she will."

DOWN ON TOBACCO NOW.

He Went Up with It, However, When the Stock Rose.

"Nicotine," said the moralist, according to the Washington Star, "is a terrible drug."

"I sometimes think that it doesn't hurt a person who indulges in moderation," responded the Star reporter, who was smoking a cigar.

"That's the danger of it. It is the more pernicious because of its many insidious phases. If I had my way I'd abolish every leaf of tobacco from the markets. It's a constant temptation to waste, and I am thankful that I never squandered my resources in any such way."

"You never smoked?"

"Never."

"Nor chewed?"

"Certainly not."

"Nor used snuff?"

"The idea is preposterous!"

"I suppose you must have saved a great deal of money, then? These small expenses count up very rapidly. But, of course, a man must invest his money to get as comfortable an income as you appear to enjoy. A friend of mine was telling me about how you laid the foundation for your fortune. It was a small speculation, was it not?"

"Um—yes, it was."

"Would you mind telling me just how you managed it?"

"Why, you see, a friend of mine who knows all about the market gave me a tip and I bought some stock in the tobacco trust."

ON SLIPPERY STREETS.

The Only Way to Walk to Keep from Falling.

There are right and wrong ways to do most things, and walking on icy sidewalks is no exception to the rule, says the New York World. Many people follow the wrong method, and as a result they often make exhibitions of themselves more pleasing to the spectators than to the exhibitors. Falls are frequent in New York city during the winter. Some of them are absolutely dangerous and many are painful.

The dangers of slippery and icy pavements may be reduced to a minimum by using caution when walking. By going on tiptoes and keeping the heel of the shoe from striking the pavement until the foot is firmly in position slipping is avoided. If, on the contrary, you start with the heel and toe together, pedestrians among your heel will slip from under you and you fall before you have had time to select the safest spot.

This is readily explained by the fact that when the ball of the foot is placed on the ground a large section of the shoe touches the pavement and the body must necessarily be pretty well balanced on the foot. But when the heel comes down first only a small portion of the shoe touches the pavement, and often the foot is well in advance of the body. Try it once and be convinced that the mincing walk of the typical dandy is sometimes safe if not graceful.

Sure Safeguard.

Among the numberless stories of the quick wit and felicitous sayings of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is one connected with the breakfast given in his honor by the publishing firm of Houghton, Osgood & Co. on the occasion of his seventieth birthday, says the Youth's Companion. Not long after the breakfast he met a friend who had been a guest on that memorable occasion, and had written one of the many bright poems which formed part of the entertainment. In referring to the late festivity, the doctor said to his friend: "I knew there would be a good many things said that would be calculated to draw tears. I was resolved that I would not cry—that nothing should make me cry; and so I went to the breakfast determined to maintain a rigid upper eyelid!"

A Gentle Rebut.

It is stated that recently a young unbefuddled clergyman in an English suburban parish received a spontaneous and unsolicited offer from a lady member of his flock to her "heart, money and hand." In reply the minister was advised by the unsentimental cleric to give her heart to the Lord, her money to the poor and her hand to the man asked for it.

HUMOROUS.

—Mrs. Flightly—"They say the woman who deliberates is lost." Mr. Flightly—"Yes—probably extinct."—Truth.

—"I do not believe that I have a true friend in the world." "So you have been trying to borrow money, too, have you?"—Tit-Bits.

—Commercial Traveler (to his wife, who has just presented him with twins).—"My dear, one simple would have been sufficient."—Tit-Bits.

—Servant—"Shure, num, Rover's just after bitin' the leg off at the butcher byel!" Mistress—"Dear, dear, how dreadfully annoying! I do hope he has a clean boy, Mary!"—Tit-Bits.

—Perhaps—"The really discouraging thing about this life is the lack of time to accomplish anything." "Oh, we'll have enough in the next world." "Time to burn, I suppose you mean."—Brooklyn Life.

—Social Ties—"Have you lived next to the Snobberly's three years and don't know them yet?" "Well they have spoken very kindly to a several times when they borrowed our bicycle pump."—Chicago Record.

—"I wish there was some new way of killing time," said Mr. Point Breeze to Miss Homeward last night. "I can suggest one way of killing time which was not possible for a long while." "I replied the maiden. "Well?" "Sleigh it!" A lively stable was rung up by telephone.—Pittsburgh Chronicle.

—English Sunday School Teacher (solemnly).—"And now, Albert Edward, you may relate the terrible fate of the Prodigal Son after leaving his father's house and squandering his patrimony in riotous living." Albert Edward (in an awed whisper).—"Ee—ee—ee—'ad it go to Hamerica han' get married, ma'am."—Truth.

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HOW SWINDLERS GET NAMES.

Scamling Newspaper Subscription Lists and Exchanging with Other Rogues.

Persons who get circulars from swindlers often wonder how their names are obtained by the latter. The ways are various. Subscription lists of the city weeklies are bought or stolen, and nearly every swindler exchanges his letters or the addresses of those who have answered his advertisements with other swindlers in similar lines of business. Hence, the recognized fact that after a person has been caught he is immediately likely to be swindled.

Generally all the dealers in objectionable books, those who advertise "your future husband or wife," "fortunes told" and "retired clergymen" sell their letters for one cent each or more to the bogus money operators. So it will be seen that some lines of swindling have their branches paying a large percentage on the money invested.

A firm of "sawdust" speculators at one time bought 30,000 letters received by a concern that had realized \$50,000 out of a certain bogus sewing machine. This machine was made of cast iron and turned by a small hand wheel. It would sew two pieces of the finest material together, but anything coarser would demolish the whole machine and render it useless. The same enterprising firm bought about 40,000 letters from a woman in Brooklyn who advertised to supply every young man and woman with the date of their marriage and description of their future partners for life. This woman received in nearly every one of these 40,000 letters a 50-cent stamp, and no evidence was given that she had ever sent a single reply. Indeed, so great was the harvest that some 50 or 60 of the letters had not been opened by her, and still contained the 50-cent stamps. They also bought up letters addressed to quack doctors, dealers in objectionable pictures; also letters from lottery keepers, fortune tellers, etc.

Another firm on Wall street advertised two steel engravings of distinguished persons mailed free on receipt of one dollar. They received some 20,000 replies, with dollars inclosed, and sent in return two ten-cent stamps of the period. Some advertisers offer "diamond rings," "catalogues," "receipts," "songs," etc., simply to get addresses, and after getting all they can out of the parties replying they find it a profitable business to sell the letters to others.—Philadelphia Times.

—America Still Ahead. Russia is a very large country, and with Siberia's immense area included, the size of the United States suffers in comparison with her. One of her newspapers has vaunted the proposed transporting of a whole town some 40 odd miles along a frozen river (a heretofore unknown feat, as it claims), the object of the removal being to place the town among some hills that lend themselves admirably to the purpose of fortification, thus securing a valuable military station. It will undoubtedly be quite a feat to accomplish such a task, and if the Russian engineers find any hitch in their plans, they can surmount the difficulties by reference to a similar undertaking successfully accomplished in the state of Illinois, namely, the moving of the town of Nauvoo over a frozen river. In the course of three winters this was done, and 700 houses were transported, and a new town, now a prosperous place, was established. The Russian newspapers can boast of the great work of moving one of their towns; but it is a pleasure to know that the United States long ago anticipated them in such matters.—Harper's Round Table.

—More Than Estimated. Fryer—I notice that young Frayman is still paying his attentions to the daughter of old Senator Coffers.

Dyer—I believe he still persists in that direction.

I am told he's a relative of here—cousin twice removed.

"Twice! Say, the old man told me himself that he'd removed him seven times already, and if he has to do it again it will probably be to a cemetery."—Boston Courier.

IT WAS HARD FATE.

The Awful Cloud That Came Between Two Fond Lovers.

Henrietta Poindester paused. Her ripe red lips were parted, but the words that she was about to speak died before they were uttered. At the same moment Algernon Atherton held up a finger, and in a half-suppressed tone said:

"Hill! What was that?" "I don't know," the beautiful girl replied. "Let us hist again. Perhaps we can find out."

And so they began to hist some more, but the noise that had startled them was not repeated, and at length the young man whispered:

"Ah, darling, it must have been the water in the steam pipes. Let us go on where we left off. Say the word, sweet one, or send me down, down to the very depths of despair."

She was about to go ahead with her blarney when a wild, hunted look came into her eyes and she cried:

"Hist again, a few times! Surely some one is in the room."

Even as she spoke she felt an icy hand upon her cheek, and with a cry of terror she swooned. In an instant the entire boarding house was aroused, and when the lovely woman again opened her eyes a dozen anxious persons were bending over her.

With a wave of her jeweled hand she sent them away, and at the same time called Algernon Atherton to her side. Putting her arms around his neck and drawing his face down to hers, she whispered:

"Alas! my love, we are doomed. I cannot by yours, at least not yet. I have just had a vision. My last husband went to South Dakota two weeks ago, but something has told me he has not got his divorce yet. We must wait! Ah! it may be for days, and it may be for weeks, but you will be brave, dear-est, won't you?"

Then their lips met in a long, lingering kiss, and he said:

"Yes, darling, I will be brave. We must obey the decrees of fate. It is tough, but we've got to bow to the inevitable."

Then they picked out the easiest chair in the room, and while he sipped some more honey from her ruby lips, they tried to be as philosophical as possible under the cruel circumstances that made it necessary for them to remain cold, unromantic strangers to each other.—Minneapolis Journal.

PROGRESSIVE HOUSEKEEPING.

The Tendency Is Toward the Saving of Time and Labor.

Two things have contributed to the increase in the supply of prepared foods. The first of these is the very high rents charged in our cities, which have compelled housewives to use very small kitchens with gas for fuel. We have no room to store quantities of food as our mothers did. Gas fuel is too costly to allow us to cook oatmeal six hours when prepared oatmeal can be served on the breakfast table in six minutes. We have not the room or time or fuel to make a soup that must cook for three hours when a canned soup can be served hot in five minutes. The second reason is that women have come to recognize that life and time are too valuable to waste in any household that can be done cheaper, quicker and better outside the house. We cannot afford the time to watch the stock-pot while better soups than we can make are in endless variety in the stores.

The tendency in housekeeping today is clearly toward a saving in time and labor. "The way mother did" is too expensive of both labor and time. The electric light, the electric cooking appliances, electric lamp and gas lighting appliances, the gas stove, the electric motor, preserved foods and prepared foods have come to our aid because we feel we must have such things. It is too full to waste a minute in doing things in the house that can be done cheaper and better outside the house.—Jane Kingsford, in Chautauquan.

Farmer's Fruit Cate.

Pick over and wash two scant cupfuls of dried apples. Cover with cold water and soak overnight. Press out as much water as possible and chop fine; put them in a saucepan with two cupfuls of molasses and stew slowly for two hours. When cool cream together one cupful of butter and two cupfuls of sugar. Add one cupful of milk and one cupful of flour, then two well-beaten eggs and four more cupfuls of flour. Beat hard for five minutes, add one teaspoonful each of ground cinnamon and allspice, one-half of a teaspoonful of mace, one-half of a teaspoonful of nutmeg, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of cloves, one-quarter of a teaspoonful of salt, two cupfuls of seeded raisins and the cooked apples. Stir in one-quarter of a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little water, then two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Divide in two loaves and bake about one and one-half hours in a moderate oven.—Albany Journal.

To Use Dry Bread.

Housekeepers who have too much principle to throw away stale bread and who cannot bring their families to relish bread pudding, will find they can put their loaves to practical use by making what an experienced mother calls "bread omelet." Cut the bread in very thin slices and there is nothing that one can slice so thin as stale bread—and dip the slices in beaten eggs. Fry in butter. A most substantial, economical and satisfactory dish for breakfast.—Philadelphia Ledger.

New Style Molasses Taffy.

One pound of granulated sugar, one pound of glucose, and one and a half teaspoonfuls of New Orleans molasses; cook not quite to "crack," set off the stove and stir in one-third teaspoonful of soda; flavor with peppermint or vanilla by pouring the essence (not too much) on the candy while it is being pulled.—Ladies' Home Journal.

DEVOID OF ANIMAL LIFE.

A Ceaseless Struggle Between Fire and Water in Antarctica.

The antarctic is a continental land unique in the world. Its desolate shores, rarely approachable under most favorable conditions, are laved by an ocean, the richest on the globe in its marine life, animal and vegetable, says the Ladies' Home Journal. Seals and whales in incredible numbers abound in its waters, and countless sea birds cover with nests and eggs the few favored land spots which are free from snow during the brief, comfortless summer. It is a continent where abound no land animal life, either mammals, birds, insects, spiders or reptiles. No mammal exists within 600 miles of its borders. It is also devoid of land vegetation (except the lowest forms of cellular tissue, lichens, which have been found in two places only), having neither ferns, flowering plants, shrubs nor trees.

Here, however, nature displays her forces on a scale elsewhere unknown. Over the millions of square miles of this austral continent ceaselessly continues a titanic struggle between the opposing ancient elements of fire and water. In vain the volcanoes pour forth streams of molten lava, and shooting the lava as a protecting, non-conducting covering of its lower strata of flowing glaciers, the continental icecap resistlessly advances, certain that in time, when the processes of erosion have lowered the elevation of the volcanic craters, its countless, tiny snowflakes will quench the apparently unextinguishable fires that now shake from end to end the continent of Antarctica.

A CIRCULAR RAINBOW.

A Singular Phenomenon Witnessed in the Mountains of India.

One of those peculiar atmospheric phenomena, circular rainbows, was observed in India by Lieut. Wheelock about the middle of August, says the Chicago Journal. Mr. Wheelock was climbing a mountain spur at sunrise. The atmosphere was clear, but there was a heavy fog hanging over the valleys. As the sun rose a rainbow, round as a circus ring, was seen in the fog which all but obscured one of the beautiful lakes which are so common in India. Mr. Wheelock is a trained meteorologist, and was not at all astonished to see a circular rainbow, knowing, as he did, the conditions under which it was found. But what attracted his attention in particular was the presence of a bright spot in the exact center of the circular "bow." This spot was so intensely luminous that the observer thought it might be a bush fire some distance away, but this supposition was soon dispelled by further developments. Slowly and regularly, and from all sides at once, the bright center spot became surrounded by circles of radiating light, each containing all of the primary colors, in fact, each was a perfect miniature circular rainbow. This wonderful phenomenon lasted for about two hours, or until the sun had risen to such a height that the reflection sank back against the mountain side. Mr. Wheelock watched it until it faded away, pronouncing it the most beautiful and wonderful sight he had ever beheld.

BASEBALL IN THE DESERT.

The Bedouins Were Daily Frightened by the Ball.

Jimmy hit the ball, a slow one, and simply sent it off to right. Away over Bob Pott's head it flew, as though bound for the middle of the Sahara, says the Sportsman's Magazine. Two hundred and fifty yards from the infield squatted the Bedouins, still chattering and gesticulating like crazy men. Whether or not they saw the ball coming I know not, but that one of them will never forget his introduction to the league baseball, however, I am certain. It struck him squarely upon the top of his black head and then bounded 40 feet into the air.

The blow was, of course, a hard one, but the terror it inspired was far greater than the shock. An unearthly howl broke from his lips as the Bedouin followed the ball into the air and the bedlams that instantly broke loose were executed only by the scene in front of our hotel that morning. Had the sphinx herself charged into our midst these white-robed desert angels could not have become more panic stricken, and when, a few seconds later, Ned Haalon plunged into their demoralized ranks after the ball they fairly howled in their fright, and fled in every direction like frightened children.

Within 20 seconds there was not an Arab in sight, and it was fully ten minutes before they plucked up courage enough to steal around the edge of the farthest sand-dune and take up their former positions.

Following Suggested Instructions.

At a certain London hospital a patient was recently given some extract of malt, with instructions to take a teaspoonful twice a day, commencing on the following morning, and to report himself at the end of a fortnight. At the expiration of this time he returned, and said to the physician: "Please, sir, am I to go on taking them insects you gave me?" "Insects!" said the astonished physician, "what insects?" "Why, then, cockroaches, sir. I have taken one night and morning in a teaspoonful of the sticky stuff." Inquiry elicited that the cockroaches had not been dispensed, but had got into the jar during the first night of its stay in the patient's house.

Royal Kissers.

Emperor William is a great kisser. The prince of Wales isn't, so he has been at the trouble of teaching his various foreign relations to shake hands in the English fashion and to inform them that he doesn't wish any hugging. The kiss between the czar and the emperor of Austria the other day, according to all reports, was as long and lingering as that of Olga Netherole in "Carmen."

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

—Anonymous donors have just sent £10,000 and two sums of £500 each to the bishop of Wakefield, in England, for ecclesiastical purposes in the diocese.

—Rev. W. D. P. Bliss (Episcopal), rector of the Church of the Carpenter, Boston, and editor of the organ of Christian socialism known as the Dawn, is making a lecture tour through the west in the interest of Christian socialism.

—The public schools of New Orleans have been compelled to close during the present month, the reason given being that, however willing the city council might be to help the schools, there are no funds available for the purpose.

—Bishop Potter, of New York, has informed the clergy of the diocese that he will devote himself until March 1 entirely to raising funds for the completion of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Meanwhile the work of the diocese will be carried on by the archdeacons. The site on what is now habitually called the Acropolis of New York has been paid for, at a cost of \$850,000; the foundations of the choir and the tower have been completed up to the water table.

—The bishop of Hereford, having expressed a very emphatic opinion on the modern female costume, a woman writes to London Truth that the real cause of the episcopal censure is not his lordship's objection to feminine waistcoats, but jealousy of the adoption by the sex of "bishops' sleeves." And why, she asks, should a bishop wear so feminine a garment as an apron if a woman cannot put on a vest?

—A queer sect, the Nazarenes, turned up in a London police court recently, owing to the refusal of their chief priest to pay a printer's bill. He called himself Antipas pastor, Fidel Clergyman, and said that he had been a deacon of the Reformed Episcopal church in the United States. The bill in dispute was for a pamphlet containing a "Statement of the Faith once delivered to the Saints in opposition to the Faiths of Christendom," and on its last page had an advertisement of the "Antepas Cycles, price 12 guineas." Antipas, F. D., had to pay.

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SPLITS A SHEET OF PAPER.

Wonderful Dexterity of a Bostonian with a Paper-Splitting Knife.

Lucius Poole, whose den in Springfield street, Boston, is famous among antiquarians, can do more wonderful things with a sheet of paper than anyone else in America, perhaps in the world. Not only can he dovetail, skew, splice and inlay, but he can split. That is the most difficult achievement in the whole art of book patching. Mr. Poole will take a leaf from any of the current magazines and slice it three times through its entire length and width, thereby making four sheets, instead of one, each of just one-quarter the thickness of the original. Splitting hairs is rough work beside a job like that.

Mr. Poole is a brother of the late William F. Poole, head of the Newberry and the Chicago public libraries and editor of Poole's Periodical Index. He was always interested in his brother's work and was fond of collecting rare volumes, prints, theater programmes, etc., but he did not give himself up to that sort of thing entirely until about ten years ago. Until then his fame rested on his achievements as a decorator, but he suffered from paint poisoning and had to drop that work. Since then he has been on the mend.

One of Mr. Poole's tricks is to cut an imperfect picture from a page and then insert one in its stead so deftly that only the closest scrutiny will discover that the fiber has been disturbed. Another is to "plant" a photograph on the page of a book, so that one cannot tell that it was not printed there originally.

Joe Jefferson, one of the greatest collectors in the world, is a warm friend of the "paper carpenter." What may be called their joint work almost is a huge quarto volume, "The History of William Warren," which is the most comprehensively illustrated story of the theater during the 50 years that ended with Warren's farewell at the Boston museum in 1889.

When Mr. Poole is asked to tell how he performs his feats he says: "Oh, it's just by work, partly natural and partly acquired. It would take a year to explain the details."—N. Y. Press.

Distance Covered by the Eye.

An ingenious French statistician has recently been investigating the distance traveled by the eye in reading printed matter. He calculates that 1,000,000 letters of the ordinary type used in newspapers placed in close juxtaposition extend over 1,500 meters, somewhat less than a mile. But, according to his reckoning, there is not more than 1,100 yards of reading matter in the average issue of a Parisian daily. Within the cover of the familiar yellow-backed novel will, as a rule, be found double that amount, and in order to cover the ground which is represented by all of M. Zola's works, the eye would have to perform a journey of more than 39 miles. An average man, living for the average period of human life, may be calculated to get through about 2,500 miles of readings before his task is done.—Chicago Tribune.

A Sympathetic Employer.

Old Gent.—And so that is your employer going to the funeral of one of his clerks?

Young Clerk.—Not a clerk, but a distant relative of one of the clerks.

"My! my! I'm sure that is very thoughtful."

"Yes, most too thoughtful. Whenever any of us loses a relative and tells him about it, he always goes to the funeral, consarn him!"

"[?] And do you object to such kindness of heart?"

"Isn't it kindness of heart, sir. He goes to make sure that the funeral isn't an excuse for a day off."—N. Y. Weekly.

A NOBLE GIFT

Placed in the Hands of a Daughter

IN ORDER THAT A LIFE'S WORK MAY BE PERPETUATED.

How Lydia E. Pinkham Arranged that the Great Work Which She Had Commenced Should Be Carried On After She Had Been Called to Her Reward.

It was an eventful day; one of the most widely known women of the age felt the weight of years upon her.

Her whole life had been given to one grand work, and her name was known throughout the civilized world as the one woman who had made the ill of her sex the study of her life, and had devoted her energy and talents to the cause of their relief.

Upon this particular day she stood in her library, where were filed in huge cases upon shelves about her the records of thousands of cases of female ills which she had treated successfully. In turning over the leaves of one of these great books she read some extracts from a few of the letters received from women whom she had relieved from suffering, and before her was a younger woman.

The elder woman turned over the leaves and read: "I was sorely afflicted with chronic inflammation of the womb and now I am well." Turning over another page, she read:

"They said I was consumptive and sent me away; but you opened my eyes to the truth, and through you I am well."

Another page, and:

"Your remedy came to me with hope, then the truth dawned upon me. You saved my life, and I bless you continually."

Then the book was closed and placed in the hands of the younger woman.

"These are the records of my victo-

ries over women's diseases," said the elder to the younger woman, "they give the history of each case and how it was treated."

"I am growing old, and some day I must give up the effort, and I beg that you may my life-work for the physical salvation of women. Carry the good work forward."

The elder woman was Lydia E. Pinkham. The younger was her daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Pinkham, the one woman fully equipped by nature, education and experience to carry out the requirements of this noble legacy, her experience having ex-

tended over a number of years in assisting her mother to carry on the voluminous correspondence incident to her personal treatment of so many cases of female ills. The good work has been carried on to a greater extent than ever, and this can be fully appreciated when our readers will realize that Mrs. Pinkham receives letters from, and extends her advice to, something over one hundred thousand women per year, and she urges women to accept her advice in the same friendly spirit in which it is offered; for not only is it her desire to be of as great service to her suffering sisters as possible, but also to merit the great confidence placed in her by her mother when she was left in charge of that great woman's most cherished life work.



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 Years Before.
 Bristol, Tenn., Feb. 22.—Bristol
 was flooded worse this morning than
 in twenty years previous. The high
 waters submerged all the lower por-
 tion of the town. Many residences
 were flooded, and before daybreak
 families had to flee for their lives.
 Stores and lumber plants were also
 flooded. The loss will probably reach
 \$20,000. Lockett & Co., wholesale
 groceries, are damaged about \$4,000.

His Throat Cut.
 George Shepherd Gets in a Few Cuts with a
 Knife on George Enson.
 Saltville, Va., Feb. 24.—Yesterday
 about 3 p. m. a serious difficulty oc-
 curred in Perryville, an addition to
 Saltville, lying across the North
 Fork river opposite the alkali works,
 during which George Shepherd cut
 George Enson in the face and throat
 with a knife. The river was so much
 swollen by the recent rains that Dr.
 Wiley and Gammon could not cross
 to the wounded man, and the full
 extent of the cut could not be leard.
 The men were laborers for the
 alkali works. Both had been drink-
 ing, and jealousy of Shepherd on the
 part of Enson led to the fight. From
 the best information to be had the
 wound, while serious, will not be fa-
 tal. Shepherd did not try to escape,
 and claimed self-defense.—Bristol
 Times.

From Carlocks.
 CARLOCKS, VA., Feb. 17. 1897.
 Messrs. Editors:—You no doubt
 would be glad to receive a few locals
 from this vicinity. Therefore, hav-
 ing at heart the interest of promul-
 gating a good home paper, we take
 pleasure in sending you a few brief
 items of the neighborhood.
 The new church at Sulphur
 Springs was dedicated on Sunday,
 15th inst., by Rev. — Kelly, of the
 Methodist church. His discourse
 was able as well as entertaining and
 instructive. The truths which he
 presented will no doubt be long re-
 membered by the congregation that
 listened so attentively.
 The Campbellite Baptists have
 been conducting a series of meetings
 at this place for the past three weeks
 with several accessions to that church
 as a result.
 Our young friend of Peaceable
 Hollow, Mr. J. B. Leonard, the poul-
 try man, has received several full-
 blooded fowls from New York. We
 admire the way in which Bascomb
 has of looking forward to the future
 interest of the domestical affairs.
 If you wish to make our friend in
 the upper end of Peaceable Hollow
 smile, ask him what he intends to
 do with that lumber he is having
 sawed.
 Mr. Vinson Thomas, of Saltville,
 has been attending the meeting at
 this place quite frequently.
 NONDEPLUME LUPUS.

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To the Public!
New Meat Market!
 We desire to call the attention of
 the citizens of Marion and vicinity
 to our new meat market, on corner
 Main street and Iron alley. We ex-
 pect to keep on hand first class beef
 and all kind of meats sold in this
 market, and in addition we will have
 fresh oysters every Friday, also will
 keep on hand eggs, chickens, etc.
 Prices, best stake 9c. per lb., roast
 8c. and down. We have come to
 stay and ask a share of your patron-
 age.
 D. ASHEY WILLIAMS,
 J. C. JAMES.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.
 Marion, Smyth County, Va.
 February, 4th, 1897.
 To F. W. Leonard, admr. of Samuel
 Wilkinson, decd. Plaintiff, and R. A.
 Williams Defendant, and all lein credi-
 tors of R. A. Williams: You are hereby
 notified, that I have fixed upon the 4th
 day of March next, at my Office in
 Marion, Va., to take and settle the Ac-
 count of leins against the lands of R.
 A. Williams in the Bill mentioned, any
 ascertain what judgements, if and
 against said land have been paid off and
 by whom, and if said R. A. Williams is
 not liable for the whole of said leins
 what part thereof he should be charge-
 able with, and who are liable for the re-
 mainder. Required to be taken by the
 decree of Smyth Circuit court, rendered
 on the 31st day of December 1896 in a
 suit in Chancery, depending in said
 Court, in which F. W. Leonard admr. of
 Samuel Wilkinson decd., is Plaintiff and
 R. A. Williams is Defendant, at which
 time and place you are required to attend.
 Given under my hand, as Commissioner
 in Chancery of the said Court, the
 day and year first aforesaid.
 JNO. R. SEXTON Commissioner.

press dispatch from Middleboro,
 says: Joseph Murnock, of Scott
 county, Va., who was supposed to
 have been murdered twenty-five years
 ago, and for which crime Bud Lind-
 served 25 years in the Virginia
 penitentiary, has returned to his for-
 mer home. Lindsay died re-
 cently.

press dispatch from Detroit says:
 The Michigan Club yesterday cele-
 brated Washington's birthday with
 a banquet. Among the speakers was
 General James A. Walker, who re-
 sponded to the toast "Virginia, the
 Mother of Washington." In closing
 he said: "I have lived long enough
 to realize that the success of the
 Confederate cause would have been
 a great good. Over the great sons
 of Virginia and of the Northwest
 breathed the same spirit of liberty; in
 the breast of each burned the same
 love of right and justice."

The announcement of Senator
 Mitchell, of Oregon, that he is long-
 er willing to shoulder the responsi-
 bility for a deadlock in the choice
 of his successor, but that he will step
 aside for any favorite whom his party
 may determine upon and whom
 the party can elect, is a new proof of
 the energetic effort made by the Re-
 publican leaders to secure a reliable
 majority in the United States Senate.
 Senator Mitchell is a persistent office-
 holder, not given to the surrender
 of personal advantage except upon
 urgent requirements. If a Protec-
 tionists vote can be secured in Oregon,
 and if the Governor of Kentucky
 can be prevailed upon to call the
 legislature of that State to State to-
 morrow in extra session to select a
 successor for Senator Blackburn, a
 majority in the Senate for the Ding-
 well measure would be practically as-
 sured.

Robstown, N.J., boasts of a wom-
 an who, although not dumb, has not
 spoken for ten years. Her name is
 Corretta Hillman and her silence is
 due to her vow not to speak until
 women were granted the right to
 vote. In 1886 she refused to pay her
 assessment and did not hand
 over the money until threatened with
 incarceration. Then she swore to
 work for woman's suffrage and not
 utter a word until woman's suffrage
 was given the right of franchise.
 She has faithfully kept her oath, al-
 though she successfully conducts a
 business and is an all-round business
 woman. She is unmarried and pos-
 sesses of more than ordinary accom-
 plishments. She plays both violin
 and piano and is given to literature.
 Hillman has little to do with
 her neighbors, but prefers petting
 animals to human society.

Downed in the Flood.
 Middleboro, Ky., Feb. 22.—Late
 news from Tazewell states that
 James Caldwell, wife and children
 were drowned in Powell's river. The
 flood burst the bank and caught
 them in their house, which was
 swept away.

Badly Burned.
 Tazewell, Va., Feb. 23.—Yester-
 day morning, while sitting before an
 open stove, the dress of Mrs. E. S.
 Action, who is eighty-one years old,
 caught fire. She died last night from
 the effects of the burns, and buried
 today.

Cures
 Prove the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla—posi-
 tive, perfect, permanent Cures.
Cures of scrofula in severest forms, like
 gonorrhoea, swollen neck, running sores, hip
 disease, sores in the eyes.
Cures of Salt Rheum, with its intense itching
 and burning, scald head, letter, etc.
Cures of Boils, Pimples and all other eruptions
 due to impure blood.
Cures of Dyspepsia and other troubles where
 a good stomach tonic was needed.
Cures of Rheumatism, where patients were un-
 able to work or walk for weeks.
Cures of Catarrh by expelling the impurities
 which cause and sustain the disease.
Cures of Nervousness by properly toning and
 feeding the nerves upon pure blood.
Cures of That Tired Feeling by restoring
 strength. Send for book of cures by

Hood's Sarsaparilla
 To C. I. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass.
 Hood's Pills
 are the best after-dinner
 pills, aid digestion. 25c.

Thornton's Drug store
 is the place to buy your
 family and patent med-
 icine.

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The Baccalaureate Speaker.
 Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler, D. D. of
 Brooklyn, N. Y. has accepted an in-
 vitation to preach the Baccalaureate
 Sermon at Roanoke College on Sun-
 day, June 13th. Dr. Cuyler is one
 of the best known preachers and
 writers in this country, although
 seventy-five years of age, he is still a
 vigorous speaker and the most popu-
 lar writer of the religious press of
 to-day.—Salem Sentinel.

Mrs. Deckard Indicted.
 At Abingdon Monday Mrs. Sarah
 Deckard was indicted by the grand
 jury for manslaughter. The case is
 to be tried at Abingdon during the
 March term of court.

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;
 it gives strength, health, 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

Notice! Notice!
 We want all persons owing us on
 accounts to come in and settle them
 by note or otherwise, but we must
 insist on your paying some cash or
 produce and for the balance will take
 short-time notes. We have entirely
 too much money out and we insist
 on having ALL accounts closed in
 some way and hope we will not have
 to call on you again. Therefore
 don't send any orders or ask for any-
 thing to be charged on account on or
 after Feb. 15th, unless you have set-
 tled your account and made special
 arrangements for credit. Unless
 this is done we will sell ONLY FOR
 CASH OR GOOD PRODUCE.
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GROSECLOSE BROS.

It is Thought by Many
 when the Creator said to woman
 "in sorrow shalt thou bring forth
 children," that a curse was pro-
 nounced, but the joy felt by every
 Mother when she first presses to
 her heart her babe, proves the
 contrary.
 Danger and suffering lurk in
 the pathway of the Expectant
 Mother, and should be avoided,
 that she may reach the hour
 when the hope of her heart is to
 be realized, in full vigor and
 strength.

"Mother's Friend"
 so relaxes
 the system
 that the
 natural and
 necessary
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 takes place
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 Nausea.....
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 and at the trying hour makes
 Child-birth easy, as so many hap-
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 Complete Recovery by the Use of
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 close attention to business, my health
 failed. I became weak, nervous, was
 unable to look after my interests, and
 manifested all the symptoms of a de-
 cline. I took three bottles of Ayer's
 Sarsaparilla, began to improve at once,
 and gradually increased my weight from
 one hundred and twenty-five to two
 hundred pounds. Since then, I and my
 family have used this medicine when
 needed, and we are all in the best of
 health, a fact which we attribute to
 Ayer's Sarsaparilla. I believe my chil-
 dren would have been fatherless to-day
 had it not been for Ayer's Sarsaparilla,
 of which preparation I cannot say too
 much."—H. O. HINSON, Postmaster and
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 Fill a bottle or common water
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 two-four hours; a sediment or set-
 tling indicates a diseased condition
 of the kidneys. When urine stains
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 ing horse for ladies- We can furnish the best Livery Rigs in Marion. Give us a
 trial and be convinced.

MARION NEWS

Local Items.

Marion is on a building boom. The leaves that turned last fall will soon be returning. Floyd Porter gave ball last Monday and was set at liberty. The question of jurisdiction is now puzzling the town authorities. Judge Richardson made a flying business trip to Roanoke this week. Full line of Diamond Dyes and dye stuffs at Thornton's Drug store. A new Odd Fellows Lodge will be instituted at Rural Retreat tonight. Things never sound right to the man who can only hear with his left ear. Mrs. R. H. Doss, of Abingdon, is visiting her daughter Mrs. R. J. Thornton. The next State Normal school will be held at Radford during the coming summer. If you want fresh Garden Seeds call for LANDRETH'S at O. C. SPRINKLE'S DRUG STORE. Mrs. H. G. Fox, who has been quite ill for some time, we are informed, is no better. Rev. C. E. Cronk and lady, of Graham, Va. are visiting Mrs. Cronk's parents at M. F. College. Lee Sexton, who made a business trip to Norfolk and Washington, D. C., returned last Saturday. The new store house of Nickels & Co. on corner of Main and Broadway is nearing completion. Editors of THE NEWS: Just tell them that Dr. Hill has gone to Chilhowie and they will know the rest. We have just received an elegant line of stationery, and are sure the quality and price will please you. Thornton Drug Co. Mr. Robert Richardson went over to Rich Valley yesterday to attend the burial of his brother, W. L. Richardson. Mrs. J. F. Keller, we regret to learn, has been quite sick for the past few days, at her home 2 miles east of town. Mr. Fred Painter will soon have the repairs on the old Sprinkle storeroom completed and ready to receive his large new stock of goods. Experience proves the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It cures all forms of blood diseases, tones the stomach, builds up the nerves. Several small parties of Swedish colonists arrived last week in Bristol and have joined those that came before on the property recently bought for them. Mr. W. H. Sprinkle, who was very sick last week, we are glad to announce is improving and the prospects are that he will soon be able to get out again. Newspapers are published for pleasure and profit. When the profit stops there is precious little pleasure in the enterprise, and it is speedily abandoned. Mr. Don R. Maiden and Miss Nettie Houston, of Holstein Mills, were in town Wednesday. We understand that Don is going to seek a home in the west very soon. J. B. Whitaker and U. S. Walker, of Saltville, have taken charge of the rock hauling at Copenhaver's quarry. These are business men and will keep business lively at "Confidence." That the blood should perform its vital function, it is absolutely necessary it should not only be pure but rich in life-giving elements. These results are best effected by the use of that well-known standard blood-purifier, Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The following citizens of Marion and county will attend the inaugural ceremonies at Washington next week, viz: C. C. Lincoln and wife, H. G. Francis, F. W. Leonard, Jno. R. Venable and Miss Okie Sprinkle. Superstitious! Well, just a little. We have twelve brands of Plug Tobacco and want to add another so will close out our 10c. 9c. 5c. 5c. per plug in order to avoid carrying thirteen brands. Thornton's Drug-store.

Take Notice.

All persons indebted to Miss Okie M. Sprinkle must settle all accounts at once. Should bills not be paid within the next 30 days they will be put out for collection. I must close books Feb. 19th 1897. Feb. 18. For every day or Sunday pants go to Weiler's.

You can buy strictly pure ground spices at prices usually charged for inferior grades at Thornton's Drug-store.

Look & Lincoln have moved into their large new store. This enterprising firm is to be congratulated on having the most commodious quarters for business in the town.

The honest man pays his debts, if he is able. He will not sulk a technicality, legal or otherwise, to avoid a just obligation. Notes, mortgages, securities and the power of the law is no more binding than his conscience.

Rev. J. B. Greiner, of Rural Retreat, but for a number of years a resident of Marion arrived in town last Saturday. He preached two sermons in the College Chapel one Saturday at 3 p. m. and again Sunday morning at 11 a. m.

We are requested to announce that Ralph Bingham, "The World's Cleverest Monologue Entertainer," and the only original "Boy Orator of America," will give an entertainment in town next week. He is a great orator, humorist and musician combined.

Buy Pratt's Food for horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and chickens, for sale at

GROSECLOSE BROS

D. H. Bowers, a brakeman on the N. & W. R. R., while coupling cars at the depot yesterday, had his hand badly mashed. Dr. S. W. Dickinson dressed the wound. Dr. Peyton, the R. R. physician, arrived yesterday evening on the local and conveyed Bowers to Bristol.

Odd Fellows lodges will be instituted within the next few days at Speedwell, Rural Retreat and Ivanhoe. Each of the new lodges will have at least twenty members upon organization. The order is growing rapidly in the Southwest and throughout the State.

One second-hand Kranich & Bach upright piano in rosewood case, in perfect order and tune, fully warranted for \$250.00. For sale by Hobbie Piano Co. Roanoke Va. If you wish to avail yourself of this bargain write for particulars at once, as it will not be on hand long at this price.

Some thief made an attempt to break in Jno. F. Painter's Meat Market last night. A window pane was broken and two cans of lard stolen. This was a daring attempt to be made on Main street and shows that there is some one loose in the town that ought to be behind bars or on a rockpile paying the penalty for his meanness. Our city sergeant has the case in hand and no doubt he will bring the guilty parties to justice.

The ladies of the Episcopal church of this place will give an entertainment at Seaver Opera House on next Monday night, March 1st, for the benefit of the church. The play is replete with fun and innocent amusement, as the troupe is composed chiefly of our local theatrical celebrities—notably Bill Viues, Bobby O'Lee, Sallie Brown and her little brother. We advise our patrons that can do so to witness the closing exercises of Prof. Hezekiah Pendergrass' Hard Bargain Academy on Monday night, as the price of admission is a "Lilliput" and the laughter and fun a "Hercules."

A Wytheville telegram says: The news has just reached here about a shooting scrape in the Shaffer neighborhood, on which is known as the old Mount Airy (N. C.) stage road, some eight miles southeast of Wytheville, which took place Thursday about midday, the parties being two farmers, named Joseph Lawson and John Dana. The cause of the trouble between them was a line fence. It is said that Lawson and Dana met, with the hope of settling their dispute amicably; but, instead, that interview resulted in a "war of words," followed by a personal difficulty, during which Dana used stones and Lawson his pistol. Lawson was not hurt, but Dana was shot through the shoulder. Though Dana's physician has not as yet been able to locate the ball, it is thought that the wound will not prove very serious.

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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Best Cough Syrup, Tastes Good, No
Opium, No Drugs.
CONSUMPTION

DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD.

Much Damage to Bridges and Other Property.

The Water Higher in This Place Than It Has Been Since 1874.

Rev. Irl R. Hicks, of world-wide fame as a wether prophet, has had his prognostications verified as to the weather during the month of February.

For instance, read the following: "A regular storm period is central on the 15th, embracing full moon on the 18th. We should say that the storms of this period will be at a crisis within a period of twenty-four hours before and after the 17th. Unsettled, threatening weather will most likely continue into the reactionary disturbances due about the 20th to the 23rd. Cold, frosty weather will prevail about the 23rd 24th and 25th. At the time of full moon in February (17th) will be heavy storms on the seas and marked perturbations in our earth and atmosphere."

Accordingly, on Thursday afternoon (16th) this section of country witnessed something very unusual for this time of year, namely, a thunder and lightning storm. This was followed by a continuous rain commencing Friday night, and lasting off and on until Saturday night, when about midnight the storm set in in earnest.

The peels of thunder were numerous and terrific, and the blazes of lightning rapid and dozing. To these accompaniments, the rain poured down with a perpetual patter, continuing until noon Sunday.

The citizens of Marion awoke Sunday morning to find Staley's creek and Middle Fork of Holston river on regular booms. Several houses along the banks of both streams were standing from one to two feet in water. The bridges of the M. & R. V. R. R. stood the high water remarkably well, none of them were swept away, but were somewhat damaged. It is estimated that that road was damaged to the amount of four to five hundred dollars. The water was higher than it has been since 1874. The Middle Fork of Holston did not reach its highest until about noon Sunday.

We learn the South Fork was higher than it has been for a number of years. Considerable damage was done at Cole's mill, washing out the race and injuring the dam materially. We had no mail from St. Clair Bottom Monday on account of the high water, this being the second time in eight years that Mr. Wilson failed to get the mail through. We doubt if there is another carrier in the State who can show up as good a record.

The North Fork at Saltville was higher than during the flood of last spring. The town was under water and the Alkali Works shut down.

The March Number of The Delineator is called the early Spring number. Its forecast of Spring and Summer fashions is made graphic by numerous colored plates illustrating the incoming dress modes, colors and fabrics. Its literary menu includes a charming novelette of New York art life by Ellen Olney Kirk, called "The Story of a Picture." A Girl's Wedding and Home-Coming are discussed wisely and tenderly by Maude C. Murray-Miller. E. C. Vick offers timely suggestions to those preparing to plant Kitchen Gardens and lay out Flower beds. The young folks will enjoy A Bicycle Entertainment, and a storielle called Ice Cream made in a minute. There are the usual notes on New Books, Seasonable cookery and Domestic Science. The illustrated papers devoted to Knitting, Tatting, Crocheting, etc., are, as always, valuable to needlewomen.

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DEATH OF Wm. L. RICHARDSON.

Mr. Wm. L. Richardson, one of the most highly respected and substantial citizens of Smyth county, died at his home in Rich Valley on Wednesday morning last, in the 71st year of his age. Mr. Richardson was married three times. The first union was with Miss — Browning; the second with Miss Margaret Johnson, and the last with Miss Margaret Chadwell. His last wife survives him. Mr. Richardson was the father of 18 children. He was a devoted husband, kind father and christian gentleman, having been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for a number of years.

In the death of Mr. Richardson Smyth county loses an honest, sturdy and patriotic citizen, one who always had the welfare and good of his community and county at heart. He usually took great interest in the public affairs of the county and was always ready to lend his best energies for the advancement of those principles which he considered for the highest good of his fellow-countryman.

He not only leaves a large family but a number of other relatives to mourn his loss. He was a twin brother of our highly respected townsman, Mr. Robert Richardson, and an uncle of Judge Richardson.

We trust that his years of usefulness have ended in peace, and while he is no more among the busy scenes and walks of men, that his spirit is resting in that house of peace where no sorrows and turmoils ever enter. THE NEWS offers its deepest sympathy to the bereaved widow, family and other relatives of the deceased.

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A GOOD WOMAN GONE TO REST.

Mrs. Sarah J. Groseclose, widow of the late Jno. S. Groseclose, died at the old homestead, about 5 miles east of Marion, Wednesday at 12:30 p. m. Mrs. Groseclose was an exemplary christian lady, a member of the M. E. Church, South, for about 50 years. She was 67 years of age. She had been in a delicate state of health for several years, but she never grew despondent, always exhibiting that patient and meek disposition which was characteristic of her entire christian life. She leaves only two sons, Messrs. John Adam and James A. Groseclose, the popular and well known business men of our town.

The burial and funeral ceremonies took place at Mt Carmel yesterday at 2 p. m. in the presence of a very large concourse of relatives and friends, the services being conducted by Rev. E. W. Moore, assisted by Rev. J. J. Scherer.

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