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Poetry. OUR MINISTER'S SERMON. The minister said last night, says he, "Don't be afraid of giving, if your life isn't worth nothing to other folks, why, what's the use of it?"

THE MINISTER'S SERMON. I tell you our minister's doctrine, he is, but I couldn't quite determine when I heard him give it right and left, "Just now I've hit by his sermon, of course there couldn't be no mistake when he talked of long-winded praying, for Peters and Johnson they sat and scowled at every word he was saying."

THE MINISTER'S SERMON. The minister hit 'em every time, "And when he spoke of faction, and right out in 'em words and things, as woman's ruin's passion, and coming to church to see the styles, and nudging his wife, says I, "That's you, and I guess it got her thinkin'."

THE MINISTER'S SERMON. Says I to myself, That sermon's pat, but man is a queer creation, and I'm much afraid that most of the folks in this town are just a little bit of a queer. Now, if he had said a word about my personal mode of sinning, I'd have gone to work to right myself, and not got there a grainin'.

THE MINISTER'S SERMON. Just then the minister says to the folks, "Who've lost this shaver by usin' their friends as a sort of moral umbrella, go home," says he, "and find your faults, and I guess it got her thinkin'."

THE MINISTER'S SERMON. My wife she nudged me, and Brown he winked, and there was lots of smilin', and lots of lookin' at our pew: "I guess it got her thinkin'!" Says I to myself, Our minister is gettin' a little better; I'll tell him, when the meetin's out, that I ain't that kind of a critic.

THE MINISTER'S SERMON. Mrs. Emmons was sitting alone in her own dainty little room. Rich damask curtains, velvet carpet, bronze jardiner, Sevres vases of rare pattern, a fine copy of the Sibine Madonna, a plush covered easy chair, rosewood bedstead, a curiously inlaid escritoire. Everywhere were elegant articles of virtue, and all that was suggestive of wealth and refinement.

THE MINISTER'S SERMON. But just now the eyes were humid, the corners of the mouth drawn, the form drooping, and the delicate hands clasped nervously, and for this reason, she was within her short married life, her husband had returned to her, with breath and manner which told plainly that he had been too familiar with the wine cup. And last night he had returned from his club, accompanied by a friend, who explained to the frightened wife, that he had, only for once, taken a little too much wine.

Diaries for the New Year. Good Resolutions for the Twelve Months to Come. NEWLY-MARRIED MAN. January 1, 1877.—Can it be! I'm really married? It seems a dream.

Diaries for the New Year. February 1.—Well, this is indeed a reality. And Kate is all a man could wish. It does me good to humor her little exacting ways. I must interview old Grinden and have my salary raised. A married man's expenses—

Diaries for the New Year. March 1.—Kate is a good girl. But these women can't understand how a man can't break off from all his chums as short—as an idiot. She points and cries every if I want to run out an hour or two in the evening once a month. It does seem a little exacting at times, but Kate, dear Kate, she makes up for everything.

Diaries for the New Year. April 1.—We have had our first big quarrel. A man can't be expected to come home from a swell dinner without being a trifle "how come you so?" These women see nothing but confirmed drunkards, rage, poverty, blocked eyes and murder in the future, because a fellow gets sprung occasionally.

Diaries for the New Year. May 1.—"Spring, spring, beautiful spring. Kate's mother has been saying with us. I miss the pleasant evenings we used to spend alone together when first married. Kate's mother is as good a woman as any mother-in-law can be. But somehow they're together so much, and the old lady and Kate are confidential that it seems to me at times that I'd half lost her.

Diaries for the New Year. June 1.—Kate's oldest unmarried sister has been staying with us during the last month. It does not seem so pleasant as it used to be when we visited places of amusement together. It is a job, anyway, to look out for these women. It's expensive, too. Yet for Kate's sake I love my mother and sister-in-law. N.B.—The women all talk as if they were going into the country together. Financially, this seems embarrassing.

Diaries for the New Year. July 1.—There is reason in all things, but I think a man who pays for the rent and provisions ought to be master in his own house. July 1.—Women all packed up and gone to the country. Kate's Aunt Jesebel has been staying with us. I've slept for a fortnight on the parlor sofa. It is a relief that the house is empty.

Diaries for the New Year. August 1.—Mary and myself were out at the Park last night. We have many sympathies in common. She is lonely, poor thing. I wish she could find a friend. I wish.

Diaries for the New Year. September 1.—Here's been a row! Kate and the rest have come suddenly home. Somebody's been writing Kate about me and Mary Holmes.

Diaries for the New Year. October 1.—I think I'm a patient man. I can stand a good deal. But if mother-in-law and sister-in-law can have it, I can have it. Darn the day that ever they came into the house!

Diaries for the New Year. November 1.—They've gone and Kate gone with them. December 1.—Before Judge Break-bond. Suit for divorce. J. W. Smith vs. Catharine Smith. Incompet. of temp.

Diaries for the New Year. DIARY OF A DRUNK. January 1.—I have reformed. Never touch another drop. Sworn and subscribed before a justice of the peace.

Diaries for the New Year. February 1.—I have reformed again, before two justices. March 1.—Well, Adam fell. Rome was not built in a day. Beside my constitution needs a tonic this March weather.

Diaries for the New Year. April 1.—Think I'm on a firm foundation now. Haven't touched a drop for a week. May 1.—The doctor subscribed port wine for my sick sister. My complaint is the same.

Diaries for the New Year. July 3.—The year is half gone and I haven't abstained for a month yet. Oh, how I suffer from shame and remorse! How degraded I feel! I don't look a temperance man in the face. Yesterday Fanny refused me. It all comes of this cursed rum. Oh, I wish I was dead! Well, to-morrow is the Fourth of July. After the Fourth I swear I will swear off.

Diaries for the New Year. August 1.—Just got over the Fourth of July drunk. I can't possibly live without a little stimulant daily. September 1.—I drink now nothing but beer. October 1.—The year is drawing to a close. Next New Year's I won't make a fool of myself swearing off before justices of the peace. I'll just make a solemn resolution to myself. A man's promise to himself ought to be as sacred as that to anybody else. Besides it saves a dollar justice fees. Do my own swearing after this.

MORNING LOVE-SONG. Say, Susan, will you come with me in sweet community to live? Of heart, and hand, and home to thee. A sixteenth part, I freely give.

MORNING LOVE-SONG. All the love that swells my breast, Of all the honor of my name, Of worldly worth by me possessed, A sixteenth portion thou shalt claim.

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Where a Driver Should Sit. The Scientific American says: "One of the anomalies in American customs is that of the driver of a wagon sitting on the right-hand side, while he always turns out to the right when passing another team. It matters not whether he is on the road, safe thoroughfare or on a narrow lane or crowded city streets, his seat is the same. Thus seated it is very difficult to see the compass which is passing those which surround the eye of the driver. Doubtless this is a prominent cause of the many collisions between passing teams, and the wonder is that more do not happen. The custom was brought over by the Pilgrims, but, like a Dutch sentence, the parts got transposed in the translation. Across the pond the driver sits on the right, but always turns to the left. In copying the practice we retained the useless part and changed essential for some unexplained reason: Possibly our fathers thought to be consistent in the matter, and rather than be right-handed in the driving changed the latter to suit. At all events, the thing as now practiced is every way inconvenient, and is a worthy subject of reform in this year when reforms are so much in favor. And since it is easier to change our position on the seat than alter the custom of turning to the right, let us henceforth hand our friends up to the right side of the wagon, while we as driver take the opposite side."

The Local Returning Board. They were playing poker, and Pomp held a full hand. His eyes glistened with conscious triumph as he put up a ten cent ante, and gazed at his partner expectantly. "I raises you ten cents," remarked Pete. "I goes a quarter more," insinuated Pomp. "I continue on de war path, and flops down de last thirty cents," answered Pomp, placing six nickles on the table. "I rivers de pile and calls you," remarked Pete. "Full hand!" said Pomp, turning his cards. "What you got?" "A pair, and de game am undecided."

The Local Returning Board. "What's dat? Undecided? Dis yer chile takes de pile." "Not by a long chalk. Dis case will be referred to de returnin' board, who will examine into de particulars. Dar's plenty more good cards inside de pack, and why didn't I get 'em? Dar's been intimidation and brand, and meanwhile de returnin' board takes possession of de spoils," and Pete reached out his hand. "Then the other side denied the right of the board to meddle, and when the reporter told the horrible demon of civil war was dancing a wild dance in the neighborhood, and a policeman was marching up to mediate with a club."

A Good Winter Wife. A negro man has just applied to a Milton Magistrate to know how to get his wife back. "Hitor is only separated from the Virginny line by a small creek, and it seems the woman's breves had run her off from her husband and taken her across the creek. "How can I get her, boss, on what's de law in Virginny?" asked the negro. "The cheapest way," said the Magistrate, "is to have no law about it; just go across the creek and overpower her and bring her home." "I'll sho do it, boss," said the negro; "a hard winter settin' in, no wood no nuffin; but dat gal wooids 200, and she gets out heat like a stove; I'd only time a wife's a comfort!" He waded the creek with a steer whip in one hand and a long rope in the other.

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Errien Co. Record. JOHN G. HOLMES, Editor. WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 25, 1877.

Remonters are starting an extensive business at sheep grazing in Colorado with good profit.

Tons of powder exploded Jan. 20th, there are 4,600 persons in the State who should pay a tax, amounting to \$485,361.59.

P. P. Bliss left by will to his two sons, \$15,000. There was \$10,000 donated to them by a collector made in the Tabernacle at Chicago.

The balance of cash in the State Treasury Jan. 13 was \$828,543.09; receipts during the week ending Jan. 20 were \$18,800.19; payments during same time were \$11,969.82; balance in treasury Jan. 20, 1877, \$830,373.42; increase for the week \$1,880.33.

Another Cronin case has been found in South Carolina. A dispatch from Washington gives the following account of the scheme: "Beverly Nash (colored), of Columbia, before the House South Carolina Committee, yesterday, testified, he was one of the Hayes electors, also member of the Senate; that on the day the electors met, L. D. Childs, President of the South Carolina National Bank, told him that if he could get three Republican Senators to go over to the Democrats and seat the claimants of legislative seats from Laurens, Edgefield, and Abbeville Counties, he would get money for each of them, \$10,000 for each one secured."

A plan is now being discussed in both Houses of Congress, for the decision of all disputed questions regarding the Presidency, something like the following: It is proposed to elect a board to consist of five Senators, five Representatives and five members of the Supreme Court, four of whom are to be chosen by the committee and comprising two Republicans and two Democrats, who shall choose from the remaining judges the fifth, who will virtually decide the matter, for up to the time of his appointment, the committee will be equally divided, politically, the five from the Senate, and the five from the House, Democrats of the plan the Inter-Ocean has the following comment:

"We do not question the sincerity or earnest endeavors of the committee to arrive at a just and satisfactory plan, but the more the one proposed is examined the more unfortunate it seems. It is a boy's way of settling a great question, not a way which can be commended as a precedent in future difficulties of this kind, and which will command the respect and confidence of our own or any other nation. If the pending question of the Presidency is regarded as one of much doubt and uncertainty, and one upon which an honest difference of opinion can be entertained, we want a remedy provided for the emergency, and a remedy not merely temporary and applicable to the present case, but one good for all emergencies of a similar character. The Supreme Court are to have nothing to do with the matter, let it be a court, not a political returning board. If, after the vote has been counted and the result declared, Mr. Childs feels himself aggrieved, let him be permitted to bring his grievances judicially before that court and test the legality of the election. It is as easy to provide for such a proceeding as for the hedge-podge that is now submitted, and it will command more respect. The present plan looks altogether too much like the offer of the boy to his playmate to give him a copper to see which should have a hobby-horse already belonging to him, and we imagine, that it will be generally unattractive to Republicans, who feel that they have honestly won in the latter contest."

Blaine's Idea. Democratic anxiety and interest in Mr. Blaine are at an end. He has written a letter in which he denies that he has ever said or done anything which would warrant anybody forming any judgment as to what course he intends to take on the Presidential dispute. He states that he is speaking on the subject at all. He says his first impression that Hayes and Wheeler are elected, and that the case he does not see why compromise should be made.

CHEAP TELEGRAPHY.

A petition to the Senate and House of Representatives has been sent to all of the different postmasters throughout the country for the signature of business men, praying that body to pass such a law as shall enforce the provisions of the Act passed by Congress on July 24th, 1866, viz: "The United States may for postal, military, or other purposes, purchase all the telegraph lines, property and effects of any or all companies acting under the provisions of the act of July 24th, 1866, entitled 'An act to aid the construction of telegraph lines, and to secure to the Government the use of the same for postal, military and other purposes,' or under this title, at an appraised value to be ascertained by five competent disinterested persons, two of whom shall be selected by the Postmaster-General of the United States, two by the company interested, and one by the four so previously selected."

The Western Union Telegraph Company have filed their assent to this proposition, and it is thought that a uniform rate can be made for messages that shall be within the reach of all classes as are the present postal rates, while the different lines shall have been brought under the control of the United States Post-office Department.

From Edwardsburg. The M. E. Church at Edwardsburg, Rev. F. I. Bell, pastor, is in the midst of a powerful revival. The meeting has been in progress less than three weeks, and more than a score have been forwarded. The anxious seat is over-filled each night, so that room has to be sought in adjacent pews. The church was never before so full as on the evening meeting, which was held at the Baptist Church last Sunday night, which nearly filled it while the Methodist Church, with the aisles, vestibule, and every available standing place was filled with people. Converted young ladies and gentlemen go out as missionaries into the dense congregation and take their associates by the hand, or stand up and publicly plead with them to repent. The interest is daily increasing. The pastor is assisted by the other ministers of the place, and the best of feeling exists among the three churches.

Mr. Hayes' Attitude. Whatever may be the result of the Presidential election, which gives the Chief Magistracy of the nation to Mr. Tilden or to Mr. Hayes, the opinion of fair-minded, dispassionate men in the immediate future will accord to Mr. Hayes the great honor of having conducted his candidacy and bided the decision in a calm and dignified manner. During the bitter and vituperative squabble—and that is as good a word as any to describe the doings of the Democrats among themselves—which has succeeded the election, and while the battle of factions raged the hottest prior to the final day of an, as yet, undecided victory, Mr. Hayes exhibited a high and truly noble demeanor. He has not descended to disgraceful schemes and subterfuges to win a victory. He has not contumaciously vilified any party, or endeavored to strengthen his party in the contest. He has made no unwise speeches to increase the intense bitterness and excitement of the hour. He has not prompted the execution of measures for his personal success; but he has maintained a quiet, a reticence, and a conservatism in all things quite at variance with the manner of ambitious politicians, and in direct antagonism in many respects to the operations, personally and by the proxy of close blood-relations, of his antagonist. While politicians have fawned and fretted Mr. Hayes has calmly pursued the tenor of his private and official life, showing to the public no anxiety for his success, and no ambition to ascend the pearly and paradisaic heights of the presidential office. He has conducted himself wonderfully under the ordeal, where even the humblest supporters seem to suffer more in reactions of spirit. It will take time, the calmness of national prosperity, the absence of partisan issues to judge such a man rightly, and to properly consider his extraordinary attitude in the perplexities and discords of the period wherein he is one of the two most interested parties. Whatever his personal characteristics, even his enemies must admit that in every phase of the contest he has shown himself to be a man above reproach or censure. His conduct has had its effect upon the party which made him its leader. While the Democrats have schemed and plotted, and stirred up insurrections in opinions and beliefs; while they have bought and sold, and brought every appliance which human ingenuity could conceive, to bear upon the making Mr. Tilden the President of the country, the Republican party has waited for the solution of the doubt by Constitutional means, and by that solution is willing to peacefully abide. While revelations of Democratic bribery have been made, and the country has been startled by the bold and unscrupulous conduct of Mr. Tilden's intimate subordinates, not a criminal act has been shown against the leaders of the Republican. The latter have, with Mr. Hayes, waited for the decision which will settle the suspense. There have been a thousand dangerous acts performed by the Democratic National Committee since the election which have been intended to excite the people's worst passions, and which, one by one, have united as a foundation for revolution. The Republicans, even under these aggregating menaces, have been calm and consistent. They have not retaliated by counter deeds of the same nature. They have believed in final justice though it came from the last resort, an appeal to the people. This patience, this calmness, this comparative reticence of the party are due to the example of the party's leader. If Hayes and his subordinates had been so unwise in their measures and as unscrupulous in their motives as have been Mr. Tilden and his assistants, the course of the latter would have been the course of the former. It is the moderation of Mr. Hayes, it is the moderation of the Republicans, who have prevented this

Mail Irregularities.

Not the kind that make wives and mothers unhappy but the kind that delay news and derange business. What is the matter with the mails between New York and this city? We receive the Daily Times and Tribune at irregular periods, varying from two to six days after they are published. Last Friday we received the Times and Saturday previous and of the Wednesday previous. On Thursday night we received the Tribune of the Monday previous. The scripture proverb seems to be fulfilled that "the last shall be first, and the first last" in regard to our mail matter from New York. Before the fast mail brought them within one day; but since that was given up, there is complete demoralization, as above described.—Lansing Republican.

A Pole named Orlando Jorganski had a narrow escape from utter demotion, at New Carlisle, on Saturday, by trying to beat the passenger train, which arrives at this city from the west at 11:59, over a crossing. Trustee Skinner who was aboard the train, on his way home from Leport, gives us the particulars of the accident. Two or three teams drawing saw-logs were approaching the crossing on the east side of town, as the train, which does not stop there, passed the depot, running at the rate of twenty miles an hour. The engineer sounded the whistle, but Jorganski, thinking he could make the crossing first, whipped up his horses, and would have passed in safety had not the sled stuck on the track. It was loaded with two large logs, on top of which the reckless driver was seated. The engine struck the forward bobs, full and fair, tossing them together, with the team and driver to the south side of the track and the logs and hind bobs to the north side. The man was thrown into the air and fell into a snow drift ten or fifteen feet distant, escaping with a few slight bruises. One of the horses was knocked down and considerably injured, and the other was spun around like a button on a barn door. The bobs were badly demolished, but the logs escaped uninjured. The train backed up and stopped about ten minutes while the Pole was collecting his scattered senses and property.—South Bend Register.

A feeling of bitter antagonism appears to have been rather suddenly aroused in Germany against France. The alleged cause is the supposed hostility of France at the Constantinople Conference, but the real reason may probably be found in her increasing prosperity and strength. A drunken brawl at Smyrna, between some German and French sailors, resulting in the death of one of the former, is magnified by the German press into a matter of national consequence. The French papers advocate the maintenance of the strictest non-interference with foreign affairs upon the principle that nations as well as individuals find it the most profitable to attend to their own business. But the tone of the German press is exceedingly hostile, and causes a very serious feeling in Paris. It is to be hoped that this bitterness may be only temporary, and that a better feeling will soon prevail. Germany can hardly afford to provoke France into another war at this time.—Chicago Post.

People are not generally aware of the narrow escape Chicago had from a Brooklyn Theater tragedy Sunday night. About 8:30 a fire broke out in a room upon the street front of the New Chicago Theater. The building was just being lighted for the evening performance of the German dramatic troupe, and an hour or so later was crumpled almost to suffocation by one of the largest audiences ever assembled within its walls. Had the fire been delayed and the alarm sounded while the theater was thus packed, the result would in all probability have been frightful.—Inter-Ocean.

Smearing at Labor. One of the kid-gloved fire-eaters of the South, in a revolutionary speech delivered at the 8th of January pop-in in Washington, tried to belittle Vice President Ferry by calling him a "clumsy man" from Michigan. It would be well for these high-toned gentlemen who despise honest labor, to remember that the American people are as willing to have the constitutional functions of the Vice President exercised by a "clumsy man from Michigan" as any one else. All the people ask, is that the duties of the office be honestly and faithfully performed.—Republican.

Now is the time for the tourist to visit Lake Superior. At no other time in the year does it afford so much attraction to the lover of picturesque scenery. The shores are lined with icebergs from 20 to a 100 feet from the shore, the trees droop under the weight of snow that has gathered on their branches, the bracing air, the purest and most healthful of the country, "doth vigor give, and all around forbids to grieve." You can indulge in a sleigh ride, a skate, a snowshoe tramp, or a bear hunt, all for the same price. Rabbits abound and rebound, mud-turtles exist, speckled trout flourish, and, over and above all this, you can get good board cheap.—Marquette Mining Journal.

The annual reunion of Mexican war veterans, held at Grand Rapids, Jan. 16, was but lightly attended, owing to the terrible snow storm, which blockaded several of the railroads. Gen. Andrew T. McKennolds, of Grand Rapids, was elected President; Isaac Gibson, of Jackson, Secretary; and Col. F. W. Cavanaugh, of Kalamazoo, Treasurer. Letters were read from Col. Storck, of Flint; J. A. Kennedy, and Gen. A. S. Williams, Washington; E. R. Merrifield, Lansing; I. D. Toll, Fawn River; and O. F. Coleman, Kalamazoo.

Manifests had twelve cases of small-pox, and one of them fatal.

STATE ITEMS.

There is some talk of a German newspaper in Jackson. The Monroe county Sheriff has appointed ten deputies. They have the cerebro-spinal meningitis at Flouerville. There are fifteen divorce cases on the docket of the circuit court of Jackson county. During 1876 602 names were registered upon the books of the Calhoun county jail. The Pentwater steam poultry hatching apparatus turns out 400 chickens at once when it feels well. Blon G. Easton, a heavy dealer in jewelry at Grand Rapids, made an assignment on Saturday. A colored girl, about 14 years old, spelled the entire Hillelode union school down the other day. There are 34 farmers in the State House of Representatives, and 7 in the Senate the present session. There is a Temperance Reform Club in Kalamazoo, consisting of 380 members. There is to be an inter-collegiate Oratorical contest between the Albin and Hillsdale Colleges, February 9th. Trout are being caught through the ice at the Macineo Straits in great numbers. Burns' birthday will be celebrated by the Scotchmen of Kalamazoo today. Romeo and Orion, of this State, are now quarreling about which shall have the next Centennial. Nothing like commencing early. The New York & Michigan salt and lumber company at East Saginaw has failed. Assets over \$250,000; liabilities unknown. They have so many prisoners in Jackson that only one half are allowed to go to church at one time. The two halves attending alternate weeks. The State Pomological Society holds its next quarterly meeting with the Oakland County Society, at Pontiac, beginning February 6th. The Ann Arbor Common Council has decided to institute suits against its delinquent officials for the recovery of moneys alleged to have been willfully appropriated by them to their own benefit. A State Farmers' Institute is to be held at Hillsdale next week, beginning Thursday evening and closing on the succeeding Saturday at noon. During the past year 123,666 freight cars crossed the Detroit river from the Michigan Central docks. The Marvin & Child's dry goods houses, in Hillsdale, were burned to the ground Jan. 23d. Loss, \$45,000; insured for \$25,000. The Allegan Journal is the last lucky one. \$5,000 is all one Mr. Peck charges to allow that paper to use his name in vain. They call it libel. It cost the State of Michigan \$145 to decide that her Senators and Representatives should not use tobacco in the State House. Senator Burleigh is endeavoring to get a bill before the State Senate to bring the Circuit Judge salary amendment before the people again at the coming spring election, not satisfied with one decision. At Jackson the failure of the large manufacturing firm, known as the Jackson Foundry and Machine Company, is announced, they having filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States court, on Wednesday last. Mr. John Holmes, of Howell, a retired farmer, of English descent, killed himself by poison Saturday morning at about half-past 3. Family trouble the cause. Foreign papers say that Russia is sending increased orders to the United States for large quantities of arms and ammunition, and has requested Austrian contractors for cartridges to hurry up their deliveries. A section hand named Thomas Billmer, on the Michigan L. S. railroad, while driving a hand-car from Allegan to Dunningville, Christmas night, froze his hand so badly that all of his fingers have had to be amputated, some at the first and others at the second joint. The Cheboygan Tribune says that Gaspar Bazan purchased two magnificent black fox skins over on Mackinac island, paying \$100 for them. The man who sold them, and his family, were in needy circumstances, and the \$100 seemed a great fortune to him, so much so that he trembled with joy when the money was handed to him. Some professional burglars entered the treasurer's office in Oakland county, last week, and attempted to rob the safe. They succeeded in blowing off the two outer doors, but did not gain entrance to the steel main vault, in which there was about \$12,000. They took \$365 belonging to the M. E. Sunday school library fund. D. R. Sherman, of Constantine, was summoned to the bedside of a dying relative. Taking his daughter, he drove to the depot, where he had just time to catch a freight train on the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad that is advertised to carry passengers. He had no time to get tickets, and was put in of the slush a mile and a half from shelter. He and his daughter were made sick by the experience, and now Mr. Sherman comes for \$10,000 damages. Again comes a warning voice from the rural districts saying to milliners, etc., "beware of a gay deceiver named Evans, calling himself an agent of Corbin, Armstrong & Co., of Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore and St. Louis, but who is in reality a white sepulchre." He gets \$10 down for a sheet or two of wrapping paper, and promises to send on \$2,000 more sheets with advertisement already printed thereon, and an advertisement in their country paper, etc., but, of course, he never does so. Pass him around.—Detroit News.

Seventeenth Annual Report of the Mutual Life Insurance Association of Berrien County, Michigan, Showing the Standing of Said Company, December 31, A. D. 1876.

No. Members belonging to the Co. 960 No. Policies issued during the year, 243 Amount of property at Dec. 31, 1876, \$1,859,524.18

Amounts received from assessments, \$11,020.05 " " policy fees, 334.00 " " increased " and decreased insurance, 20.50 " on hand Jan. 1, 1876, 75.31 " of bills over paid by secretary, 84.17 Total receipts, \$11,654.13

Amounts paid for losses, \$10,871.75 " " Officers, 477.90 " " Stationary and printing, 83.90 " " Express and postage, 80.30 " " Attorney fees, 400.00 " " Borrowed money, 410.50 " " Retained assessment, 2.64 " " Constable fees, 6.00 " " Office rent, 3.00 Total expenditures, \$11,569.13

There have been eight fires during the year, viz: Dwelling house, fifteen hundred dollars, loss, three hundred dollars. The dwelling and contents of Geo. W. Kendall, loss, twenty-eight hundred dollars. The house and contents of John Louinger, loss, one hundred and fifty dollars. The dwelling and contents of E. J. Hodgson, loss, one thousand and seven hundred dollars. The dwelling and contents of E. J. Water, loss, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars. The school house in school district No. 1, Calhoun township, fifteen hundred dollars. The dwelling of Thomas Huran, the loss upon this building has not been adjusted to the satisfaction of both parties. The bond of directors through the secretary tendered him what they thought a liberal compensation for the loss of his building, the amount was not accepted by Mr. Huran, and the remaining part was withdrawn by the board of Directors. The bond of E. J. Huran, was dissolved by lighting to the amount of ten hundred dollars. It is unnecessary to remind members of the unusual number of losses during the year, but the board of directors, in their report, have given a review of all the property insured by the Company, and this review has been nearly completed. It is desired that the property correspond to James Badger, President, OAS. F. HOWE, Secretary. 60-2

MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in the payment of a certain sum of money secured to be paid by an indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-fourth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four, made and executed by Christopher Kapser and Elizabeth Kapser, his wife, of Lincoln; in the County of Berrien, State of Michigan, of the first part, and George G. Rough, of the same county and State of the second part, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said County, on the third day of July, A. D. 1874, at 9 o'clock A. M., in Liber 7 of Mortgages, on page 570, upon which said Mortgage there is due and unpaid at the date of this notice the sum of three hundred thirty-two dollars and twenty-three cents, (\$332.23) and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to enforce the same or any part thereof: Notice is therefore hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale contained in the Mortgage aforesaid, the same, and in pursuance of the statute in this case made and provided, the lands described in said Mortgage, as all those pieces or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Berrien and State of Michigan, beginning on the quarter (2) line of section number three (3) to the town of Lincoln, range 12 of the same county and State of the second part, and section twenty-one (21) north, thirteen and one-third (13 1/3) chains west of the quarter post section twenty-two (22) north and two (2) feet, thence running south parallel with the east line of section number three (3) to the center of Hickory Creek, thence running in a westerly direction down in the channel of said creek until it intersects the line south of the quarter line, thence running north with the east line of said section until it intersects the quarter line, the place of beginning, and containing the acreage of 33 acres, 2 rods and 1/2 inch, more or less, to be sold at public auction or vendue, at the front door of the Court House, in the Village of Berrien Springs, Berrien County, Michigan, on

The 23rd day of April, A. D. 1877, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to satisfy the amount which shall then be due on said Mortgage, and to give to the mortgagee, the sum of \$332.23, and an Attorney fee therein provided for. Dated January 22, 1877. GEORGE G. ROUGH, Mortgagee. J. J. VAN RIVER, Atty for Mortgagee.

\$2500 A YEAR AGENTS WANTED ON 150 DISTRICT BOOKS. The Michigan State Insurance Co. has a large stock of 150 District Books for sale. Also Agents wanted on 150 District Books. The Michigan State Insurance Co. has a large stock of 150 District Books for sale. Also Agents wanted on 150 District Books. The Michigan State Insurance Co. has a large stock of 150 District Books for sale. Also Agents wanted on 150 District Books.

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IMPORTANT CAUTION. No one can be genuine unless the signature of J. H. Brown is on the wrapper. It is a simple, safe, and effective remedy for all cases of Consumption, whether in its early or advanced stages. It is sold by all druggists and is highly recommended by the medical profession.

Disorder of the Kidneys. In all diseases affecting these organs, whether they are acute or chronic, it is essential to have a remedy that will act directly upon the kidneys. It is a simple, safe, and effective remedy for all cases of Consumption, whether in its early or advanced stages. It is sold by all druggists and is highly recommended by the medical profession.

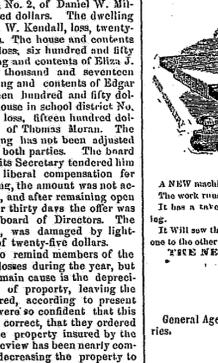
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THEN BUY MILLER BROS. CHEMICAL PAINT. THE NEW WHEELER & WILSON Family Sewing Machine, No. 8.



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Farm and Household.

Paint Fern Tools this Winter. The Colonial Farmer urges farmers to paint up their machines, tools and implements this winter...

Leaning Trees. Often in a fine orchard we find one or more trees leaning over so far as to destroy the beauty of the whole orchard...

Treatment of Wheat-sorged Anima. The following is the method that was successfully adopted in England with a lot of ewes that had got on an uncleaned stubble and too much wheat...

WATERPROOF BLACKING.—Dissolve an ounce of horse shoe nails in this dissolve gum shellac until it is the consistency of thin paste...

CORN STARCH PUDDING.—One pint of milk, two tablespoonfuls of corn starch, half a cup of sugar, whites of three eggs, salt and flavoring...

BALE.—It will cure sick headache, make cream freeze, make the butter come, take ink stains out of cloth...

GINGER SNAPS.—One cup of New Orleans molasses, one cup of sugar, one cup of butter, one large spoonful of soda dissolved in a little boiling water...

TO CLEAN SILVERWARE.—Common white and alcohol is as good an article for the purpose as can be found...

ORANGE PIE.—Grate the peel of a fresh orange, take the juice and pulp of two large oranges add to them one cup of sugar and the beaten yolks of three eggs...

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the payment of a certain sum of money secured by a certain indenture of Mortgage made and executed by Solomon L. Beardsley and Martha M. Beardsley...

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Default having been made in the payment of a certain sum of money secured by a certain indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the first day of September...

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Default having been made in the payment of a certain sum of money secured by a certain indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the fifteenth day of September...

PROBATE ORDER.

State of Michigan, County of Berrien, ss.—I, the County Clerk of the County of Berrien, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the will of James M. Smith...

Commissioner's Notice.

These undersigned having been appointed by the Judge of the County of Berrien, Michigan, to audit and adjust all debts and claims against the estate of James M. Smith...

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CHANCERY SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a decree made in the Circuit Court for the County of Berrien, Michigan, in the case of James M. Smith vs. the heirs and assigns of James M. Smith...

Dr. E. A. Curtis. TREATS ALL CHRONIC DISEASES OF THE Throat, Lungs, Heart, Liver, Stomach, Bowels, Kidneys, and Bladder.

Dr. Curtis Medicines are selected principally from the vegetable kingdom, and are devoid of the injurious effects of Colic and other poisonous minerals...

CLOTHING. Men's and Boy's Fine Clothing, CHEAP FOR CASH, S. L. HESTER'S.

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THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE. Great Republican Newspaper.

DOLLAR WEEKLY TRIBUNE. THE BEST PAPER FOR THE Farmer, Mechanic, Banker, Merchant, Politician, Family.

PROSPECTUS FOR 1877. Twenty Weeklies for \$20, Postage Paid.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. The country has passed through a fierce Presidential contest, and the result has been left in a dangerous and unsatisfactory position...

GOV. HAYES ELOATED. From the best light before it, The Tribune believes that Hayes has received 183 Electors, votes against 184 for Tilden, and is therefore entitled to be inaugurated President on the 4th of March, 1877.

DANGER OF ANOTHER WAR. But there are grave apprehensions that a rashly, ravenous crowd of office-seekers may resort to lawless and violent means to induce the defeated candidate into the office of Chief Magistrate...

THE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER. While the Chicago Tribune is a Republican newspaper, and contributed as much as any in the United States to the success of its party, it is always independent and fearless in the expression of its views, and aims to be right rather than partisan...

FREE PUBLICATIONS. We will supply, free of charge, to any person who sends us a list of names of persons who are interested in the success of the Republican party...

AGENTS. 1000 Good Agents Wanted for the sale of the following publications, and also several other publications. Address, for terms, orders, and particulars, to the following: East 28th Street, New York.

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GOD BLESS. OUR HOME is the name of the most elegant French Oil Lamp, which burns with a pure, steady, and brilliant light, and is the most economical and durable of all lamps...

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CUSTOM MILL. BUCHANAN, MICH. KINGERY & MARBLE, Proprietors. The mill has recently undergone repairs and is better able than years previous to do all kinds of work promptly and in the very best condition.

BUCHANAN FLOURING MILLS. ROUGH & PEARS, PROPRIETORS. Cash Paid for Wheat, Corn, &c. CUSTOM WORK CAREFULLY ATTENDED TO.

Dr. V. Clarence Price HAS VISITED NILES FIFTEEN YEARS. HAS met with unprecedented success in the treatment of Chronic Diseases OF THE THROAT, LUNGS, HEART, STOMACH, LIVER.

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RELIABLE EVIDENCE. My daughter has received great benefit from the use of Vegetine. It has cured her of all her ailments, and she is now as healthy as ever.

EXCELLED. My daughter has received great benefit from the use of Vegetine. It has cured her of all her ailments, and she is now as healthy as ever.

RECOMMEND IT HEARTILY. My daughter has received great benefit from the use of Vegetine. It has cured her of all her ailments, and she is now as healthy as ever.

STOP A LEEDLE. It is Petter You Look Leedle Out. My daughter has received great benefit from the use of Vegetine. It has cured her of all her ailments, and she is now as healthy as ever.

SMITH & SON. Very good cheap goods and good prices. Of you see you don't want, just speak out.

BILL VON VARE. I bet fish der sach will do you. Chicago Cured Hams, Chicago Cured Dried Beef, Gilt Edge Butter, etc.

Distressed Yeast That Will Not Stay Down. Also, the best stock of Groceries, Provisions, CLASSWARE, Queensware & Crockery.

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Phonograms. Leap year is over. No more invitations out to balls and parties. No more having to say, "I will always love you like a sister, but I cannot be more to you."

A bereaved widower called on a Danbury undertaker for his mourning services last Thursday. "What style of coffin would you prefer?" feelingly inquired the undertaker.

"I say, Jim," inquired a young person of a companion, who was but a few years older than himself, "what does 'p. m.' mean after their figures on that railway bill?"

Among the replies to an advertisement of a music organizer, music teacher, etc., was the following: "Gentlemen—I noticed your advertisement for an organist and music teacher, either lady or gentleman. Having been both for several years, I offer you my services."

We had terribly cold weather last week. A young man who took his darling out riding thoughtlessly put his arm on the back of the outer seat to fix the robes and shawls on her, and the cold affected his arm to such an extent that he was unable to withdraw it for over two hours.

Never tell a woman that she has a 'buck' of backwater better along-side of her eye, for ten chances to one, she will give you one little blue-cher chair out of you, that she doesn't intend to be a nigger wench and show her life out over a nasty griddle, now!

"Whittier" thinks \$50 a year is enough for a woman to spend on dress. And when a married man reads this statement, he goes home and tells his wife that Whittier is the greatest poet who has lived since Homer.

A Scotchman asked an Irish man, "why were half farthings coined in England?" "Pat's answer was, 'To give Scotchmen an opportunity of subscribing of charitable institutions'."

The ONLY DIFFERENCE.—What is the difference between the sexes? A man gives two shillings for an eighteen-penny article that he requires, and a woman gives eighteen pence for a two shilling thing which she does not need.

A very ragged old fellow, all grizzled and weather-beaten, burst upon a family at Omaha, the other day. The woman of the house faintly, and her sons pitched into the supposed tramp until he yelled out, "Let up, boys! I'm your father, from the Black Hills! They took another look and recognized him. The old man had no gold dust, but proudly displayed a bullet-hole through his hat.