

A THOUSAND YEARS.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it passed, and as a watch in the night--[Psalm 90, iv.]

Whittier's Childhood--Surroundings

Whittier's childhood--the little lakes close to East Haverhill, among the hills of old New England, where he was born, by his poem entitled, "Kenola Lake."

The veritable old home is a two-story house with a large chimney in the center. The small square porch at the side of the house, and particularly the stone step, must be noticed, for it was on this door-stone gray and rude, that the "Bare-foot Boy," Whittier being himself the hero of the poem, enjoyed his

The house stands in a hollow and the roads about it form a sort of irregular triangle, and by driving back and forth you can get not only the views given in Hill's picture of the place, but others equally attractive. On the drive toward the house and near Kenola Lake, is a short street, which is white while to drive down. Here you will find a picturesque one-story house, with a door in the center reaching to the roof. I think you cannot fail to recognize it from this description. It was in the home of Mrs. Caldwell, the "elder sister" of the poet, of whom he writes in "Snow Bound":

O heart so tired; thou hast the best That Heaven could give thee--rest-- Rest from all bitter thoughts and things. How many a poor one's blessings went With thee beneath the low green tent, Whose curtain never outward swings!

On the return drive you will wish to see the spot where stood the school house of Whittier's childhood, and of the poem, entitled, "In School Days." In this poem, you will remember, he has celebrated the devotion of the little girl with

Tangled golden curls, And brown eyes full of grieving, who said, I'm sorry that I spelt the word, I hate to go above you.

You must take the road as you drive toward Haverhill proper (the homestead is East Haverhill), which will bring the house on the left and the barn on the right. Soon after passing the latter, and on the same side of the road, you will come to the site of the school house, which was not until within a short time torn down, much to the regret of all tourists. Here, says one of his companions, Whittier used to sit and read books, while the other boys were at recess. I can easily believe this of him, for his poems abound in scriptural allusions that he used with a skill which could only be gained by early familiarity with the old and new testaments.

Mosquitoes and Malaria. Mosquitoes, according to some doctors of the new school, are nature's prophylactic against malaria, the liquid injected by the sting depositing a crystal which, upon analysis, is supposed to be identical with quinia.

The idea of the mosquito being the counter-irritant to malaria is certainly a very benevolent one, though it will hardly prevent people, from killing their medicine on sight. But why not assume the converse of the proposition, that mosquitoes are the cause of malaria? Certainly the biggest mosquitoes and those that bite the hardest are found where chills are most severe and fevers hottest.

In Louisiana and Mississippi, where the "break-bone" fever rages, the mosquitoes have the reputation of being able to pierce through a thick buckskin glove. In those sections, ladies do their sewing under mosquito nets, and the most ardent lover, when he goes court-ing, always finds a "bar" between him and the object of his affections.

The Inventor of Stereotyping. William Ged, the inventor of stereotyping, was a Scotchman. He was a jeweler in Edinburgh. So long as he adhered to his original vocation he was permitted to prosper. When he ventured to exercise his ingenuity by facilitating the printer's art, he was doomed.

On his making known his discovery of block printing, the trade deemed their craft in danger and formed a combination for his destruction. Many printers, journeymen and apprentices united against him as a common enemy; they loaded him with invectives, and reproached him with ignorance and assumption. The arrows of calumny hit him on all sides. Who could long withstand such an array of hostilities? Poor Ged, who ought to have made a fortune out of his discovery, died of a broken heart.

What the Thumb Does. Have you noticed that when you want to take hold of anything, a bit of bread will say, that it is always the thumb who puts himself forward and that he is always on the side by himself, while the rest of the fingers are on the other. If the thumb is not helping, nothing stops in your hand, and you don't know what to do with it. Try by the way of experiment, to carry your spoon to your mouth without putting your thumb to it, and you will see how long it will take you to get through a poor little plate of broth. The thumb is placed in such a manner on your hand that it can face each of the other fingers, as you please, as with a pair of pinchers. The hands owe their perfection of usefulness to this happy arrangement, which has been bestowed upon no other animal, except the monkey, man's nearest neighbor.

Can't Be Fenced In. [John Stewart Mill.] In the present state of the world it is practically impossible that writings which are read by the instructed can be kept from the uninstructed. If the teachers of mankind are to be cognizant of all that they ought to know, everything must be written and published without restraint, provided of course it is not indecent.

Care of the Eyes.

The most serious trouble with readers and writers is, as might be predicted from their peculiar work, weak eyes. We find that engravers, watchmakers, and all others who use their eyes constantly in their work, take extra care to preserve them by getting the best possible light by day and using the best artificial light at night.

The great army of writers and readers are careless, and most of them sooner or later, pay the penalty by being forced to give up night work entirely--some to give up reading, except at short intervals under the best conditions, and now and then one loses the eyesight entirely after it is too late to take warning. Greek, German, shorthand, or any other characters differing from the plain Roman type, makes a double danger.

The custom is to laugh at all warnings till pain or weakness makes attention imperative, and then it is often too late to avert the mischief. Few comprehend the vast number we call a million, but it takes a million letters to make a fair-sized volume of 500 pages, forty lines to the page, fifty letters to the line. A reader makes an easy day of reading this, but his eyes must go over a thousand thousand letters! We can do no better service to readers and writers than to call attention to this great danger of failing to take the best of care, which is none too good, for the eyes.

Every type knows that he should have the best light for reading, should shun early dawn or twilight, should always stop at the first sign of pain or weariness, etc. Most know that the glare from a plain, white surface is very trying, and that the eye is relieved by a tint.

Recent experiments in Germany are reported to indicate some yellowish tint as the easiest for the eyes. Dark papers, inks that show little color on first writing, faint lead pencil marks that can be read only by straining the eyes are fruitful sources of mischief. So is bad writing. The bad paper, ink and pencils most of our readers will have too good sense to use.

The intelligent public should so clearly show its disgust at the fine type, solid matter, poor paper and poor printing which some publishers and most periodicals, except the best, are guilty of offering, that no publisher would dare attempt the experiment a second time.

A Battery in a Tight Place.

A battery of the First Artillery halted one night during the Seven Days' Fight in a little clearing. The men lay down, unbiting their horses, but leaving them in harness. The first sergeant, now an honored officer of the Third Artillery, told me he got up and walked toward one side of the clearing. He was halted and turned back by the sentinel. Going toward the other side he was again challenged.

"Who comes that?" The voice struck him. He replied, "Friend," and said, "What regiment is that?"

The answer came, "Seventh Alabama." "What regiment is that on the other side?" "Fifth Georgia," replied the sentinel. "What battery is that?"

Here was a situation. The Sergeant naturally didn't know the name of a battery in the rebel army. Hesitation would have been fatal. By a lucky inspiration he replied, "One of Stuart's batteries," knowing that Jeb Stuart commanded the cavalry.

"Oh," said the other, "then you's a hoss battery?" "Yes," said C--. "Good night." He immediately awoke the Captain, who rather angrily said, "What the deuce is the matter now?" "Excuse me, Captain," said the Sergeant, "but we've camped between a Georgia and an Alabama Regiment."

It is needless to say the Captain got up. Horses were hitched in quietly, and that battery withdrew from between the sleeping never knew of the prize.

For Husbands Only.

A correspondent of the Baltimore Sun writing from California says: A cure for wife-whipping was authorized by the last legislature of Nevada.

The authorities of Austin, a mining town in that state, have erected a whipping post to punish summarily wretches who abuse their wives by blows. We wish they were practical to apply appropriate correction to the no less unmanly tyranny of unfeeling exaction and cruel words by which too many husbands keep their wives in never-ending torment.

If man had the brains he boasts he would speak ever kindly to the mother of his household, if it were only for selfish motives. Make your wife happy by tender and affectionate treatment, and you will make your home a paradise, more precious than gold and costly mansions.

We admire the Hindoo parable and believe its instruction that describes a woman at the gates of Heaven praying that her naughty husband might be admitted. "He was ever kind and true to me, and if you would make me happy I must share with my husband." Instantly the portals opened and the angel bid him enter: "Because of thy wife's prayer thy sins are forgiven. Who lives in harmony on earth, in Heaven are not divided."

A Sociable Time of It.

[Galveston News.] A couple of colored ladies meet on the corner of Galveston avenue: "What kind of a time did you had at de business meetin' ob de culled ladies aid society?"

"Lor! we just had a splended time, we did. Half ob de ladies what was invited to be dar staid away, so we could jest talk about'em just as much as we pleased. We had de sociablist time we has had dis season. We jest 'bused 'em for eberything we could think of."

Of course, the darkey never spes the superior race.

A Revived Art of Conversation.

Is there no great principle which can be laid down as the basis of revived art of conversation? We think there is, and we will proceed to develop it with the modesty that should ever grace the announcement of a new discovery, however important. And, first of all, it is hopeless to endeavor to revive the past. If conversation ever really flourished, and we almost doubt it, the conditions which produced this vigorous growth have passed away. What success it had was certainly owing to the men of genius who devoted their lives to it.

Nowadays men of genius have other things to do. There are never very many of them, and they are not allowed to waste their time. If talk is to be revived at all, it must be popularized, like everything else, and brought within the capacity of commonplace people. Now there is one way by which even the stupidest of us may make his utterances invariably interesting and often amusing. It is--here comes the great discovery--by telling the truth.

The reason that the conversation of fools is so barren is that it is never their own; it is a repetition of what they have heard or read last, and always spoilt in the retelling. If they would only tell us their own minds, their real thoughts and opinions, their likes and dislikes, their principles and their weakness, we should not be left in such hopeless ignorance of whither the world is tending; for, after all, the fools are the most important class; the clever men may preach and write and work, but with all their efforts they can only slightly divert the course of the great solid block of ignorance and prejudice that rolls on so steadily throughout the ages.

If the wise could only understand the foolish, they might make the world go their own way; but the foolish--echo the words of the wise and keep their thoughts to themselves.

And how good a thing it would be if women would only speak their minds. There is nothing that honest men desire more than to understand that mysterious race that is so like them and yet so unlike, who share their homes but not their thoughts, who are so shrewd, so practical and so irrational.

The poor men yearn to break down the invisible barrier and see into the real life of those they love so well; but the loved one smile and chatter and say pretty things, and ingenious things, and things they have borrowed from the men and improved in the borrowing, but never one word of the real thoughts that are working in their busy brains.

So the men flatter and lie because they think the women like it, and the women accept it all because they think it is man's nature; and the men think women are empty headed angels; and the women think men are fine intelligent brutes; and the two classes go on loving and despising one another accordingly, and all for the want of a little truthfulness in conversation.

Condition of Females in India.

In Bengal and Hindostan, the females, in the higher classes, are excluded from the society of men. At the age of two or three years, they are married by their parents to children of their own rank in society. On those occasions all the parade and splendor possible are exhibited; and they are then conducted to their father's abode not to be educated, not to prepare for the performance of duties incumbent on wives and mothers, but to drag out the usual period allotted in listless idleness in mental torpor. At the age of thirteen, fourteen, or fifteen, they are demanded by their husbands, to whose home they are removed, where again confinement is their lot. No social intercourse is allowed to cheer their gloomy hours; nor have they the consolation of feeling they are viewed even by their husbands in the light of companions.

So far from receiving those delicate attentions that render happy the conjugal state, and which distinguish civilized from heathen nations, the wife receives the appellation of my servant, or my dog, and is allowed to partake of what her lordly husband is pleased to give her at the conclusion of the repast. In this secluded, degraded situation females in India receive no instruction, consequently they are wholly uninformed of an eternal state. No wonder mothers consider female existence a curse; hence they desire to destroy their female offspring, and to burn themselves with the bodies of their deceased husbands. The last circumstance might imply some attachment, were it not a well-known fact that the disgrace of a woman who refuses to burn with the corpse of her husband is such that her relations would refuse her a morsel of rice to prevent her starvation.

Thus, destitute of all enjoyment both here and hereafter, are the females in Bengal. Such is their life, such their death--and here the scene is closed to mortal view! But they are admirable, say some, and destitute of those violent passions which are exhibited among females in our country. Beloved friends, be not deceived. Who ever heard that ignorance was favorable to the culture of amiable feelings? Their minds are in such a high state of imbecility that we hope to find at least an absence of vicious feelings. But facts prove the contrary.

Whenever an opportunity for exhibiting the malignant passions of the soul occurs, human nature never made a more vigorous effort to discover her odious deformity, than has been observed in these wretched females.

Old-Time Dangers.

[Detroit Free Press.] Strange as it may seem fire was one of the chief dangers to stage coaches a hundred years ago. There are accounts of two that were burned while on a journey, the passengers barely escaping injury. The fire caught from the tallow candles of the lanterns burning too short; so that, in addition to the inconveniences of their method of transportation, our ancestors incurred some of the perils of our.

Changes in Methods of Election.

[Chicago Inter-Ocean.] Fifty years ago the Governors of New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and North and South Carolina were chosen by their Legislatures. In Louisiana a complex system prevailed, under which there was a popular vote, and the Legislature then selected the Governor from the two candidates who had received the highest number of votes. All the rest of the twenty-four States, which then composed the Union, elected their Governors by direct vote of the people.

The terms were for a single year in the New England States, New Jersey, Maryland and North Carolina; two years in New York, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Ohio; three years in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia and Indiana; and four years in Louisiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Missouri.

At the present time Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island are the only States electing a Governor annually. Of the thirty-five others, sixteen elect biennially, four triennially, and fifteen quadrennially.

In 1830 the lowest salary paid to a Governor was \$300, by Georgia, and then came Rhode Island, with \$400; Vermont, \$750; Indiana and Illinois, \$1,000; Connecticut, \$1,100; New Hampshire and Ohio, \$1,200; Delaware, \$1,333.33, which sum seems to have been arrived at on the theory that three Governors were worth \$4,000 for the lot; Maine and Missouri paid \$1,500; New Jersey, North Carolina, Alabama, Tennessee and Kentucky, \$2,000; Mississippi, \$2,500; Virginia, \$3,333.33; Maryland and South Carolina, \$3,500; Massachusetts, \$3,666.66; New York and Pennsylvania, \$4,000, and Louisiana \$7,500.

On the whole, Governors' salaries have advanced somewhat in the half century, though in New Hampshire it has dropped from \$1,200 to \$1,000, and in Maine it has remained stationary at \$1,500. Of the other States, two now pay \$1,000; one, \$1,500, two, \$2,000; one, \$2,500; one, \$3,700; six, \$3,000; two, \$3,500; seven, \$4,000; two, \$4,500; six, \$5,000; four, \$6,000, and two (New York and Pennsylvania), \$10,000.

Wool in Wool.

[New York Commercial Advertiser.] The United States census of 1810, which was the first one where elements other than that of population were introduced, shows twenty-four woolen factories that spun yarn, and 9,268,269 yards of woolen cloth woven in families, valued at \$4,418,000. In 1860 woolen establishments had increased to 2,020 employing 46,000 work people of various grades, and producing goods valued at \$67,800,000 annually. The demand for blankets and clothing for soldiers during the rebellion caused a general advance in prices, and a corresponding increase in factories, so that in 1870 persons employed in the manufacture numbered 97,000, who produced goods valued at \$177,000,000.

The demand for woolen fabrics naturally increases with the population. Since 1833 this country has imported wool, either manufactured or in the raw, to the value of over \$1,200,000,000, and for the past four years, in the aggregate, \$170,000,000 has been brought in; while the export has been comparatively trifling.

In 1875 the total duties on wool and woolen textures amounted to \$30,914,036, which is the largest annual revenue the government has received on these articles, with the exception of those of the four years previous to 1846.

By this exhibition it will be seen that the wool grower in the United States meets with a remunerative reward for his labor. In fact, it is another evidence that almost any legitimate occupation in this country "pays" when properly attended to.

The Home Life of German Girls.

[Cor. Detroit Free Press.] Their life is far different from that of American girls, and we could hardly fancy anything more prosy than the home life of the high and well born German girl. They are educated precisely alike, the range of study being limited. The common branches, French, sometimes English, and a few small ornamental accomplishments, comprise the list. The statement that American girls study the sciences and sometimes Greek and Latin causes from them manifestations of surprise. The traditions and prejudices of their class are carefully inculcated. Any woman who does think or act in opposition to the conventional standard is looked upon with distrust. But their domestic education is carefully attended to; whatever their rank they must master all branches and steps of housekeeping. Their wedding trousseau and outfit in bed and table linen is extremely beautiful in texture, and usually made up by their own willing hands. An engagement with them is as solemn and binding as a marriage contract, and unfaithfulness in either sex is an exception that meets hearty condemnation. Their simplicity and quietness of life is a reproach to the lives of most of the idle, ease-loving, frivolous girls of many other countries.

Not a Product of His Time.

[Indianapolis Herald.] It was a favorite theory of Gibbon, the historian, that the coward will fight for food when hungry, and that no nation or people can be such abject slaves as to starve to death quietly and peaceably.

But Gibbon never knew the American tramp--the pure, genuine article--the ones who tramp because they hate the drudgery of work. They are too indolent and nervous to fight. They have not even the energy of organization. They will steal bread, but they will never fight for it. These dissolute beings who harbor themselves upon the country are not to be classed with the honest poor, who are destitute by necessity, and idle because they cannot find work. They have an excuse.

THE GOLDEN SILENCE.

What though I sing no other song! What though I sing no other word-- Is silence thine? Is patience weary? At least one song of mine was heard! One echo from the mountain air-- One ocean murmur, glad and free-- One sign that nothing grand or fair In all this world was lost to me.

I will not wake the sleeping lyre; I will not strain the cords of thought-- The sweetest fruit of all desire Comes its own way, and comes unsought. Though all the birds of earth were dead, And all their music passed away, What Nature wishes should be said She'll find the rightful voice to say!

Her heart is in the shimmering leaf, The drifting cloud, the lonely sky, And all we know of bliss or grief She speaks, in forms that cannot die.

The mountain peaks that shine afar, The silent stars, the pathless sea, Are living signs of all we are, And types of all we hope to be.

CONSTANT CHANGE.

The sea has its ebb and flow; The sun also rises and sets; Then how can you blame a heart If it for a moment forgets! But the sea returns again To kiss the pebbly strand, And the sun shines out once more And floods with glory the land.

Then if sea and sun are true Though sometimes they do know change, If our hearts echo nature too, Do you think it very strange?

Baby's Bow Legs.

These need not cause anxiety in all cases. If the child is healthy, and has good, nourishing food and pure air--the two great essentials for making pure blood--it will probably outgrow its bow legs naturally enough as its strength increased.

Rubbing the legs with your hand in the morning may help to strengthen and straighten them, holding them straight as you rub them. If the case is pretty bad, the two legs may be bound together with comfortable bandages during sleep, rubbing them well before and after binding them.

If the child is still quite young, it may be kept from standing on its feet for a few months, giving nature time to straighten the crookedness while the limbs are growing stronger. A carriage and high chair are helps towards carrying out this plan. All the things that have been mentioned as curative agencies may well be used as preventives. A healthy child, without wholesome food, and pure air to breathe, if kept from standing and walking while too young and weak, will not have bow legs.

Scrofulous children are more likely to suffer in this way, and those that are very fleshy. Don't take pride in your fat baby. Excess of fat is really a disease instead of a sign of health. Fatten your pigs as much as you fancy, but do not deliberately fatten your children. Give them plenty of good growing food, and they will be plumb enough for symmetry and not too heavy for comfortable activity. It is no wonder that the little legs bend under the heavy weight of some fat little toddlers. Such children should not be encouraged to stand or walk until they have grown strong enough to do so of their own accord, and then should not be allowed to walk too much.

Slander.

[Dean Stanley.] False witness, deliberate perjury, is the crown and consummation of the liar's progress. But what a word, Lie! Careless damaging statements, thrown hither and thither in conversation; reckless exaggeration and romancing, only to make stories more pungent; hasty records of character, left to be published after we are dead; heedless disregard of the supreme duty and value of truth in all things; these are what we should bear in mind, when we are told we are not to bear false witness against our neighbor.

A lady who had been in the habit of spreading slanderous reports once confessed her faults to a good and wise man of her acquaintance, and asked how she could cure it. He said: "Go to the nearest market-place, buy a chicken just killed, pluck its feathers all the way as you return and come back to me." She was much surprised, and when she saw her adviser again, he said: "Now go back and bring me all the feathers you have scattered." "But that is impossible," she said; "I cast away the feathers carelessly; the wind carried them away. How can I recover them?" "That," he said, "is exactly like your words of slander. They have been scattered about in every direction; you cannot recall them. Go and slander no more. As a rule the person, man or woman, who will deliberately slander will bear the closest watching."

Truth.

One of the sublimest things in the world is plain truth.--[Bulwer.] Truth is the foundation of all knowledge, and the cement of all society.--[Cassaubon.] Truth, whether in or out of fashion, is the measure of knowledge, and the business of the understanding.--[Locke.] He that finds truth without loving her is like a bat, which though it have eyes to discern that there is a sun, yet hath so evil eyes that it cannot delight in the sun.--[Sir Philip Sidney.]

General abstract truth is the most precious of all blessings; without it a man is blind; it is the eye of reason.--[Rousseau.] After all, the most natural beauty in the world is honesty and moral truth, for all truth is beauty. True features make the beauty of the face, and true proportions the beauty of architecture, as true measures that of harmony and music.--[Shaftesbury.] Truth will be uppermost one time or other, like cork, though kept down in the water.--[Sir W. Temple.] Truth can hardly be expected to adapt herself to the crooked policy and wily simony of worldly affairs, truth like light travels only in straight lines.--[Colton.]

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One Case, better goods, for 8c per yd. ¾ Brown Muslin for 4½c per yard.

100 pieces Oil Color Calico for 8c per yard.

One lot of Calico at 4c per yard.

We keep the Quaker City Carpet Wars, the best.

Don't Forget We Allow No One to Undersell us in Anything.

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KID GLOVES

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This is one of our great specialties. In order to meet the demands of our customers we keep the following world renowned makes: Alexandre Kid Gloves, Foster's Patent, Lace Kid Gloves, Lupin's Best Makes.

3 Button, - - - \$1.00
 4 " - - - 1.50
 6 " - - - 1.75

Also Gents' Kids for \$1, \$1.25, and \$1.50 per pair.

Ladies will find in this department a splendid assortment of Silk Gloves in Black and Colored, Lisle Thread Gloves and Lace Mitts.

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100 pair Camila Corsets, all long bone, with side steels, for 50 cents. Worth 75 cents.

100 pair Flora Corset, white and colored, double bust, side steels, all long bones, nicely embroidered, for 85 cents. Cheap at \$1.00.

100 Real French Coutille Corsets, full of bones, for \$1. and \$1.25.

Beckel's Finest Corset, such as La Marchioness, Marie, P. D., and 500 bones. These goods are too well known to require any comments.

HANDKERCHIEFS

These goods will speak for themselves, if customers will only take pains to see them.

50 doz. all Linen Hem Stitch, for - 10c
 50 " " " " " " " " - 12½c
 50 " Hem Stitch, finer goods, for 20c

50 doz. Ladies' Hem Stitch, extra fine, for 25 cents — as good as usually sold for 40 cents.

50 doz. Ladies' Hem Stitch, with fancy border, for 25 and 35 cents. Ladies can rely in finding the latest novelties in Fancy Ribbons, Sash Ribbons, New Shades, Ties, Fichues, and fine Laces.

EMBROIDERIES.

500 pieces Embroideries, bought direct from the manufacturer. Narrow, for 2c; 3c, 4c, 5c, 8c, and 10c. Medium width, for 10c, 12½c, and 15c.

500 pieces wide and skirting Embroideries on Jackonet and Nainsook. Ladies will please notice the cloth, the design, pattern and prices.

Hosiery!

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50 doz. Ladies' Cheap Hose for 10 cents per pair.

50 doz. Ladies' Colored Hose for 10 cts. per pair.

50 doz Ladies' Fancy Hose for 12½ and 15 cts

25 doz Ladies' full regular fine Hose, extra long, for 25c.

25 doz. Hair Striped, fine goods, for 29 cts.

25 doz. Balbriggan for 35 cts

25 doz. Ladies' solid colors, Hose, silk clock for 50 cts.

100 doz. Ladies' fine Hose, in Fancy solid black, Lisle Thread, and fancy.

Children's, Misses and Gen's Hosiery in great variety.

LADIES' GAUZE UNDERWEAR.

LADIES' COTTON UNDERWEAR.

Our Muslin underwear is made of good muslin, well made. the seams all fell, the styles the latest.

Ladies are astonished to see such Good Skirts for 75 cts. and \$1.00.

Night Dresses for 90, 1.00, 1 25 and 1 50.

Pantelets for 50, 75 and 1.00

They all say that they can not understand how we can sell such garments so neatly made for that.

For the Material Alone will Come to as Much.

Spring Cloakings!

Water Proofs!

Flannels!

Woolens!

Ladies' cloth for children's Blouse wastes always at the Lowest Prices.

Casimere for Men's & Boy's wear, all wool, good styles, for 65 and 75 cts

Heavier goods for 85 & 1 00.

10 Pieces, all wool, filling Jeans at 40 cts. worth 60.

Shawls.

Paisley Shawls in Open and filled Centres, double and single, this spring purchase.

Good single shawls for \$1, \$5 & \$6. Special Bargains in Single and Double Shawls for \$10, \$12, \$15, \$20 and \$25.

Wool Shawls,

Fancy Spring Shawls, Drop d'ete Dolmans and Silk Dolmans.

BEST GOODS! LATEST STYLES! LOWEST PRICES!

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Rich Body Brusse's just received at the

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Beautiful patterns in Roxbury Carpets just received at the

Boston Store.

An elegant line of Tapestry Brussels, new styles, at the

Boston Store.

A splendid line of Ingrain, three-ply Carpets at the

Boston Store.

A good assortment of Rag Carpets, very cheap, at the

Boston Store.

New patterns of floor Oil Cloths, at extremely low prices at the

Boston Store.

Handsome Rugs at the

Boston Store.

Cheapest Store,

Boston Store.

Finding our present large room too small to accommodate our stock of goods, we have just added the upstairs for our Carpet Room and Oil Cloths, making the nicest and best lighted room in the city.

NO

Misrepresentations.

Goods as Advertised

We will not attempt to use old time-worn advertisement, but will simply state these facts: All our goods are marked plainly; we have but one price; any goods bought from us if not satisfactory can be returned, exchanged or money refunded. In other words, we mean that we want our goods to stand on their merit or intrinsic value, and that we will back every ascertainment we make.

Don't Forget

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Boston Store, SOUTH BEND, IND.

Boston Store, NILES, MICHIGAN.

Boston Store

The Old Bender Farm.

The surroundings of the old Bender place have changed so since 1874 that one who was familiar with the place and household premises would not recognize them now.

A TERRIBLE ILL.

The man who could not breathe, said Cooley O'Leary as he returned from his friend's funeral.

HOUSEKEEPERS' HELP.

No soap that injures the hands should ever be used for clothing; it is sure to do harm in the end.

George I. Blowers, South Bend, Ind.

NEW STYLE and OLD STYLE. The Chapman Tubular or Bored Well as shown in the "New Style" differs materially from the Driven Well or the "Old Style."

If You Want a First-class

GO TO BRADLEY'S. CHICAGO OPTICIAN. THE GREAT BURLINGTON ROUTE.

THE MYSTERY OF FIRES.

Spontaneous Combustion of the Chief Cause. Many a hundred fires yearly remain unexplained, even after the most diligent and exhaustive investigation.

The Education of English Girls.

English girls are taught or were, in my time by a kind of system which tends to multiply "accomplishments" rather than useful knowledge.

Prince Napoleon's Boot-Maker.

A diverting story, humorously illustrated in the London Standard, tells of the boot-maker who made the boots of the prince.

For Catarrh.

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W. H. TALBOT, MACHINIST, THE BERRIEN COUNTY RECORD. The Haskins Engine, Gardner Governor, Utica Steam Gauge.

CHICAGO OPTICIAN. THE GREAT BURLINGTON ROUTE. MRS. LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND.

Yes; the dramatic stage is improving.

Sarah Bernhard will bring with her from Paris twenty-seven new dresses for the stage, which will cost her \$10,000.

Bit of Colorado Romance.

One of the richest towns of this city at the present date looks as if, were he in Paris at the proper moment, he would wear a bonnet instead of a hat.

Boys Inventors.

Some of the most important inventions have been the work of mere boys. The invention of the valve motor by the steam engine was made by a mere boy.

Popular Monthly Drawing of the Commonwealth Distribution Co. APRIL DRAWING.

Dr. V. Clarence Price HAS VISITED NILES TWENTY YEARS. CHRONIC DISEASES OF THE THROAT, LUNGS, HEART, STOMACH, LIVER.

Use Good Language.

A writer, advising the youth to abandon slang and acquire the plain English, says: "The longer you live the more difficult the acquisition of good language will be, and if the golden age of youth, the proper time for the acquisition of language, be passed in abuse, the unfortunate victim of neglected education is very probably doomed to talk slang for life."

TUTT'S HAIR DYE.

Black Hair of Whiskers changed to Gray Hair by a single application of this DYE. It is the only hair dye that does not injure the hair.

Bowditch's American Florist.

Bowditch's American Florist. A MONTHLY ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE devoted to the art of floriculture and the household; it is the only magazine of its kind.

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In a Whale's Mouth and Escaped With His Life.

Here I met Captain Wood, who has been a long time in the water. He was rescued from the jaws of a whale, and he has a story to tell.

What did you think when you were rescued?

"What did you think when you were rescued?" asked the listener, as the Captain paused. "I thought I had a good chance of getting out, but I was wrong."

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