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Boom the Town and
your trade will grow.

BUCHANAN RECORD.

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The time to advertise
is all the time.

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SEE WHAT YOU BUY

DO NOT TAKE THE CATALOGUE
STATEMENT FOR IT.

CASE OF A MAIL-ORDER BUGGY

The Purchaser Was Ashamed to Use
It and Sold It to His Hired
Man—it Pays to Buy
at Home.

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The East End of London is an example of what the city does for humanity in creating poverty, misery, disease, drunkenness and crime. Jefferson was right when he said: "Great cities are great sores upon the body politic." Is it any wonder that lovers of their kind are horror-stricken at the grinding of these gigantic mills whose grist is the bodies and souls of men?

But there is another movement connected with this current setting cityward which, like it, is full of grave menace to the welfare of humanity. This is the dry rot now invading thousands of villages and towns. It is not lack of capital or business energy in the towns, or discrimination in freights or exhaustion of the soil in the surrounding country that is bringing about this change, but a new and dangerous form of competition, and the caprices of those who buy. Go into these towns and you will find them at a standstill or going backward. Inquire of their business men or commercial travelers and you will learn that business is not as good as formerly and that the prospect is for a continued shrinkage in trade. An observant commercial traveler said to the writer: "I believe the day of the village and town is over. The big fish are everywhere eating up the little fish. A few small lines of business that cannot be done by mail, such as

barbering, blacksmithing or the serving of soft drinks and ice cream may survive, but such lines of trade cannot sustain a decent town." The cause of this widespread loss of business is the aggressive and destructive competition of the catalogue houses in the big cities. It has been possible for 40 years or more to buy of some houses in the cities, if one felt that the merchants of his town were exacting too much profit, but this effort of the mail order houses to cut the retailer altogether is a new thing, the growth of the past few years. Starting with a few lines of trade, this form of competition has come to cover almost everything that can be sold in a country town and it is even asserted that a savings bank department is to be added by one of the catalogue houses.

The claim that the mail order houses of Chicago are doing an annual business of over \$200,000,000 may seem large, but one house alone has sold goods to the amount of \$29,000,000 in the past six months and is now incubating a new plan to increase its enormous business by selling shares of stock to thousands of people in the hope of making them regular customers.

The skillfully worded advertisement and the big catalogue, with its pictures of articles in a hundred lines of trade, are very alluring to buyers, most of whom are not familiar with prices and qualities. Some of the articles below the usual prices are of an inferior quality, while the average price is usually fully up to what would be paid to the home dealer. As was shown last winter in a speech in congress, articles for the mail order trade are often misbranded at the request of the mail order people with deliberate intent to deceive. One of the instances given by this congressman was of some thousands of finger rings stamped "fourteen carats" when they were in reality only ten.

The buyer who orders from his catalogue, or from an advertisement, does not see the articles till they come and is often disappointed in the quality of the most of them, but there is no redress as there would be if he bought at home. He does not like to own that he is disappointed, so he makes the best of it and tries to persuade himself that he has saved money. In many instances he is not well enough informed in values to know that he could have bought as cheaply and selected much more satisfactorily at home. On a rural route with which I am familiar and over which most of the incoming letters are from mail order houses and the outgoing ones carry back money orders, lives a friend of mine who bought a watch from the catalogue at what he considered a rare bargain. The watch came, to be sure, but it did not go, that is at the right speed, and, although money enough was spent on it to bring the price up to a good figure, it was no better as a timekeeper than that famous watch of Capt. Cutler's. Another friend bought a buggy at \$34 and was elated over his purchase until it came and he saw that the top was a very ordinary article of all cloth instead of

leather, and he was so ashamed of it that he sold it at a loss to his hired man and bought a better one in a neighboring town. A lady and her two daughters bought shoes from the catalogue and when asked why they had trouble with their feet said it was because of ill-fitting shoes. But such instances of the bad effects of buying "sight unseen" are daily occurring all over the country. It is only natural and inevitable that such things should happen.

Let us see what will be the effect of this formidable diversion of trade, if carried to its logical conclusion. Nearly all the business houses of the smaller towns will become bankrupt, the value of town property will decline, churches and schools will receive a feeble support and the towns, instead of being centers of business and social activity, will almost cease to exist. The country in general will become like many portions of the south where the large plantations, by getting their supplies in the cities, have kept the neighboring towns down to the cross-roads type—dreary, unpainted little places of a half dozen ramshackle houses. The evil effects of this loss of trade and destruction of the value of town property will react upon the value of farm property by cutting off the home market. They will add to the taxes on lands by reducing taxable values in the towns. Surely it is not to the interest of anybody, except the bloated corporations carrying on the mail order business, to see the towns and villages fall into decay. A live town is not only of value to the lands surrounding it, but its well stocked business houses are a convenience and a benefit to the buyer. Even if money could, in the long run, be saved by ordering everything from the city, the inconvenience and uncertainty of it would always make such shopping unsatisfactory. Ordering from a catalogue is a leap in the dark, except in the case of a few articles whose color, shape and quality are always the same.

To the man who can soberly look on both sides of the question and who can put himself in the place of "the other fellow" the query will come: Is it best from mere whim, or even for a certainty of saving from one to half a dozen dollars in a year to turn my back on the old, convenient ways of doing business, and to do my part toward ruining the business of my old acquaintances and friends, and of destroying the value of property in the town where my friends live?

F. B. MILLER.

Didn't Suit Him.

People who patronize the cars running out to Forest Hills are familiar with Conductor Crowley, the man who wears six service stripes on his sleeve, says a writer in the Boston Herald.

On the afternoon of election day in November one of his passengers was an old man who had been imbibing enough to make him go to sleep in the corner of the car.

Just before it reached Dudley street the conductor announced with his usual rich roll of the r, "Clir-r-cuit and Guld."

"Yer a liar! It's John B. Moran!" shouted the sleepy one, waking up suddenly.

New Metric Chart.

A new metric chart representing geographically measures of the international metric system of weights and measures has been prepared by the bureau of standards of the department of commerce and labor, and will be furnished free to any school teaching the system.

Belated Vindication.

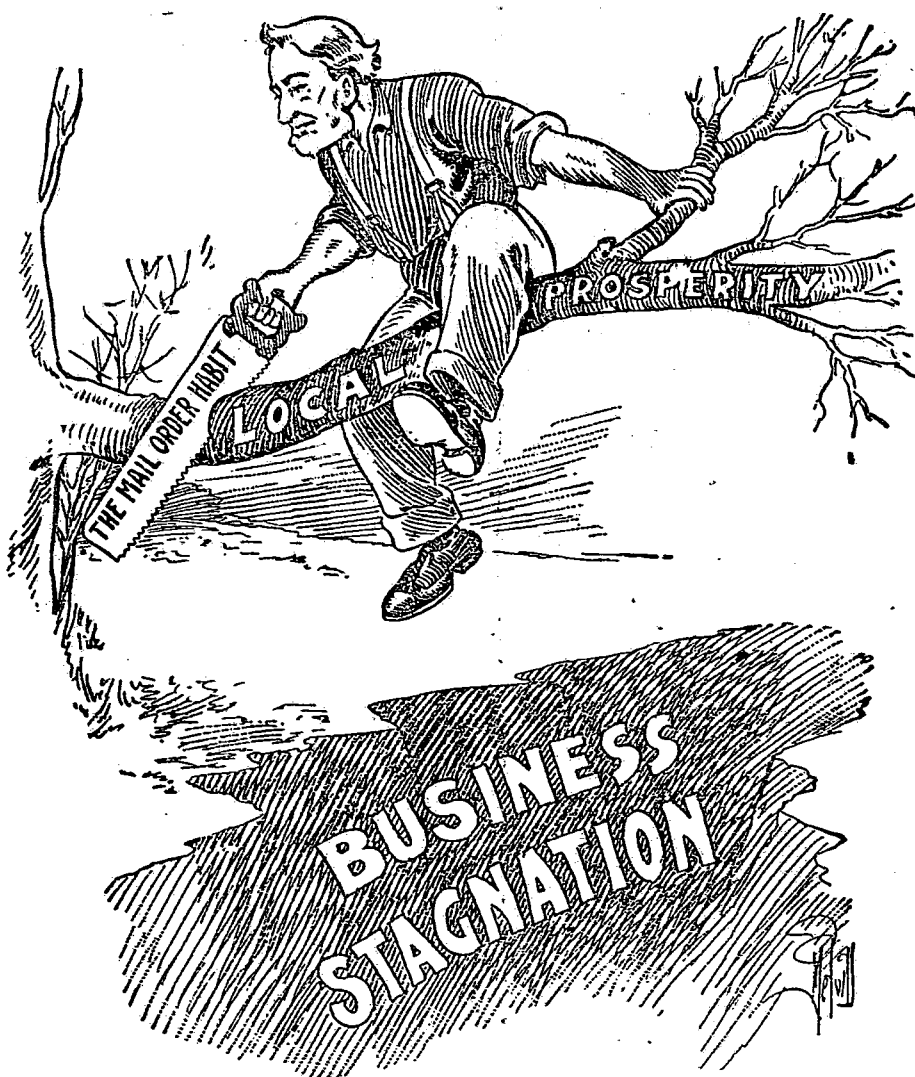
If there is one thing more than another which from our childhood we have heard was grossly unwholesome and opposed to all medical advice, that thing certainly was Christmas pudding. Now it seems (by the best medical advice) that to call Christmas pudding wholesome is entirely a faint and approximate expression of its merits.

Tough On the Musicians.

Students with long hair, which is looked upon as the outward sign of advanced Socialistic views, are being arrested in large numbers in Sofia as a result of recent rioting between the police and university graduates and undergraduates.

HOW TO REMAIN YOUNG

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at W. N. Brodrick's drug store." Price, 50c.



The mail-order habit will cut the limb of local prosperity from the tree of national life and drop you and your community into the bottomless pit of business stagnation. Are you wielding the saw that means certain disaster to you and your community?

BEN'S FIRST TACKLE WITH THE LAW

Dissatisfied Flying Roller Makes Demand for Household Goods

For the first time since Benjamin and Mary established the Flying Roller colony outside of Benton Harbor city limits, they have collided with the law.

Helen Kraft, a former devotee of the Israelites, through her attorney, I. W. Riford, secured a writ of replevin from the circuit court and with the assistance of Sheriff Tennant seized a large part of the household effects to which Mrs. Kraft laid ownership and which she claims were unlawfully withheld from her.

No resistance was offered when Sheriff Tennant made his trip to the House of David. Some of the chattels were found at the main quarters of the Flying Rollers and the others at different parts of the large farm.

This is said to be David's first trouble with the authorities when a real sheriff with a writ to execute made his appearance.

Berrien Springs Excited

Probably no city in the state of Michigan ever had the same opportunity to receive an electric light and water works plant absolutely without cost to the citizens as now looms up before Berrien Springs. The people are excited over the liberal proposition made by the Berrien Springs Power Company to spend considerable money towards making extensive changes. The company agrees to pay as much additional taxes into the village coffers when the dam is completed as the entire village now pays. They will furnish free water and lights. These matters account for the intense interest the people are taking in the coming election.

STRAYED OR STOLEN

From my residence three miles northwest of Buchanan, a black and white spotted hound, slim built. The return of said dog to the owner or information as to his whereabouts will be rewarded. WM. W. WRAY. 10 p

N. P. L. Annual Reports

The executive board of the National Protective Legion of Waverly, N. Y., held its regular January meeting at Waverly, the entire board of twelve men being present.

The January meeting of the board is always the most important meeting of the year for at that time a review of the past year's work is had and the dividend is fixed for the ensuing year. The report of the national president, George A. Scott, was received with especial interest. The order has two classes of membership, the class B, providing for disability and dividend benefits, and the class A, which is the insurance class. The president's report revealed the fact that while there has been the usual progress in class B during the month of December, 3,000 members have been added to class A during that month, with an aggregate insurance of \$1,900,000. For the order to write \$1,900,000 of insurance in a single month was considered the climax of the year's work.

When the board met a year ago, it was estimated that after paying all claims that would mature for the year 1906 the surplus of the order would be increased \$700,000. The president's report, however, showed that the assets of the order had increased during the year 1906, \$795,500. The membership in class B had increased during the year 38 per cent and the assets of the order had increased in the same period 41 per cent. After a careful review of the entire financial condition of the order the dividend for 1907 was fixed at \$250 on a full rate class B certificate as heretofore.

The order has its funds divided into three classes—the general fund, from which the expense of management is paid; the benefit fund, from which disability and accident benefits as well as dividends are paid, and the mortuary fund from which death benefits are paid. It was found at the recent meeting that the general fund continues to accumulate a surplus, and as these funds were not needed in the expense of management, \$55,000 was transferred to the benefit fund after which it was voted to invest \$100,000 in approved, interest-bearing securities.

With a total membership of 190,000 and assets aggregating \$3,200,000 the order begins its work for the year 1907.

Campaign Notices

Election Notice

To the electors of the village of Buchanan, state of Michigan:

Notice is hereby given that the next ensuing general election of said village will be held on Monday, March 11, A. D. 1907, at Hose House No. 1, in said village, at which election the following officers are to be chosen, viz: one village president, three trustees for two years, one village clerk, one village treasurer and one assessor.

The poll of said election will be opened at 7 o'clock in the forenoon and will remain open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, of said day of election.

Dated this 27th day of February, A. D. 1907.

P. A. GRAFFORT, Village Clerk.

Registration Notice

To the electors of the village of Buchanan, state of Michigan.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration, of the said village, will be held at the office of P. A. Graffort, village clerk; within said village on Saturday March 9, A. D. 1907, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose, and that said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 8 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated the 27th day of February A. D. 1907.

By order of the Village Board of Registration.

Village Caucus

The Republican Village Caucus will be held in Rough's Opera House on Monday evening, March 4th at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the village officers to be elected March 11th and for such other business as may come before it.

H. F. KINGERY,

A. A. WORTHINGTON,

JOHN HANOVER,

Village Committee

Democratic Caucus

Notice is hereby given that the Democrats of the Village of Buchanan, will meet in the office of John C. Dick, on the 5th day of March 1907, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating one President, one Village Clerk, one Treasurer, one Assessor, and four Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

Committee.

Prohibition Caucus

A Prohibition caucus for the village of Buchanan will be held at A. C. Roe's office Saturday evening, March 2nd.

Committee.

Boats to Open Next Week

The Graham & Morton Company have announced that they will send out their steamer Pontenac next week, providing the weather remains favorable to lake navigation. The company will not take any chances should the weather be unsettled.

The season generally opens the first of March and under favorable weather conditions there is not much ice to interfere with the opening of the boat season. The Frontenac will make tri-weekly trips between St. Joseph and Chicago.

Chapin Power an Issue

The question as to whether the Chapin electric power shall be allowed to enter the city or not is bothering Niles people. This is the issue for the coming spring election. Niles Star is in favor of it arming that the power from the dam can be sold cheaper and be an inducement to locate factories there.

The Record has the largest circulation and is the best advertising medium in the county.

DIVORCE RECORDS TO BE PUBLIC

So Announces Judge Coolidge in Giving His Opinion

Judge Coolidge has cast a gloom over the prospects of any married couple seeking to conceal their divorce troubles. Judge Coolidge in an interview declared that when a divorce decree is granted it necessarily becomes part of the record and as such is public property.

No longer will the public be kept ignored of the doings of divorce matters if Judge Coolidge's opinion carries any weight.

It was the practice among many of those who secured divorces to have the knowledge of their matrimonial troubles kept from the public. They would request their attorneys to do this and the attorneys in turn would request the county clerk to stamp the decrees "don't publish." This method of stamping has no value and the newspapers cannot be lawfully prohibited from printing the divorces granted.

BRIDGE QUESTION STILL UNSETTLED

Benton Harbor and St. Joseph Bridge Committee Unable to Agree

The bridge committees of the two cities have each presented different propositions. St. Joseph wants a 24 foot bridge, while Benton Harbor wants a 40-foot structure.

Unless the committee come to a final agreement and send in favorable reports to their respective councils, it is likely the highway bridge proposition will be shipwrecked altogether. Benton Harbor's council will meet next Monday to listen to the committee's report. The Benton Harbor-St. Joseph railway company have announced their agreement to contribute one-third of the cost of the bridge, providing the total cost does not exceed \$60,000.

Wedding Anniversary

The twentieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cauffman was very pleasantly celebrated on February 23rd, at their country home near New Carlisle. Exactly 127 of their neighbors, old friends and relatives from far and near began to arrive at ten o'clock in the morning and proceeded to make the most of the one short day which was a most beautiful one. At 12:30 dinner was announced and a bountiful menu was served by the two daughters of the home, the Misses Laura and Mabel, assisted by eleven of their friends.

The remainder of the day was given over to music and social conversations. Many beautiful and costly tokens of esteem were left the happy couple who have shared life's joys and sorrows for twenty years. A beautiful set of Haviland china consisting of 104 pieces were presented by the neighbors and friends of New Carlisle and vicinity, while the old friends from Portage Prairie showed their appreciation of the lasting friendship of Mr. Cauffman and his family. At the close of this memorable day the happy company dispersed, wishing the host and hostess many returns of the day.

HOW'S THIS

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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That Young Fogey

The Niles Star of Thursday devoted almost a quarter of column of precious space in its editorial columns to the vapors of a hireling who has presumed in the past, and in fact, now presumes to instruct the people of Buchanan in what they want and how to get it—as if we found it necessary to draw upon a vacuum for brains.

This budding infant has really taken seriously to heart a little paragraph of ours in which we were congratulating ourselves upon a reviving spirit of progress in Buchanan.

We did not pretend to criticize "Niles boom", in fact, the spectacle of a cemetery coming to life is too extraordinary, not to say uncanny, to become an object of mirth, especially so when that sepulchre of buried hopes is covered with the dust of age. But we did state that we believe ourselves fully capable of knowing what we want, when we want it, and of knowing how to get it without drawing on the overtaxed mind of a Niles newspaper man, whose brain is now threatened with destruction by being overloaded far in excess of its known capacity. The novelty of doing a little business seems to produce a condition akin to intoxication in Niles.

The purport of this article would seem too insignificant for us to notice were it not for the last sentence which is: "Furthermore, we draw the 'color' line." Not only does this person lack a spirit of fairness and equality, but he relies upon the last item in the category of spite which could be resorted to. Besides, this is equal to an accusation which that thoughtless fogey is bound to prove or take it back.

Personally, we do not believe the Niles Star "draws the 'color' line," else it would have dispensed with the services of its editorial writer long ago.

If we mistake not this "gentleman" possesses a streak of yellow which could be easily identified by the trained horse in Van's Dog and Monkey Show, though we have no knowledge of their having been formerly associated.

Trade at Home Talks

Advertisers will appreciate the "trade-at-home" talks now appearing regularly in the Record. Our object is to make this paper an excellent advertising medium. In bringing up these special features which are calculated to educate the people to dispense with the voluminous mail-order catalogues, we shall expect a goodly share of those merchants who have of late forgotten the value of persistent advertising.

The Record has during the past few weeks received orders to place foreign advertising and each order guaranteed cash with copy. Tempting as they are, we have been obliged to refuse them until our own merchants learn to assert their independence from their "web-interwoven" corners.

Our circulation department is undergoing a thorough overhauling. That means an increase in advertising rates and a better medium for our advertisers.

The old time-worn "haven't-got-the-time" excuse won't stand. The Record has on its staff a competent and experienced advertising writer who will gladly act as attorney for all advertisers, gratis—providing they place their advertising in our paper.

Concentrate Your Efforts

Buchanan has a new Board of Trade—not the speculative variety—with a glorious political future for the men who are in it.

There have been several commercial associations in the past but, unfortunately their efforts were barren of results.

The new Board of Trade probably have some new plans for the village's material advancement—to do more and better than was accomplished in the past.

The purpose is to do all that can be legitimately done to bring to this village both enterprise and capital.

Concentration of effort has ever been found efficacious and fruitful of results.

Scattering of forces, on the other hand, has had the very opposite effect.

The Board of Trade as soon as it demonstrates its influence and efficiency, should have the united support of all Buchanan citizens for a progressive, factory-booming and population-developing city.

"United we stand, divided we fall!" This Board of Trade promises to do exceedingly well, and, therefore, should not be hampered by diversions and the scattering of forces.

Keep booming the town and you will keep out of that foggy political atmosphere.

A little "ventilation" in the council chambers now and then will keep the aldermen from an attack of fossilism.

Advertise the town persistently and the future will take care of itself.

Advertise in Your Local Paper

The other day a local merchant happened to see a farmer receiving some goods at the depot and noticed that they came from a Chicago mail-order house. He noticed also the goods were right in his line and the same he had carried in his store for years. He immediately approached the farmer and said: "I could have sold you every article you have there for less money than you paid the Chicago house and save you freight besides." "Then why in the devil didn't you say so?" answered the farmer. "I have taken two local papers for a year and have never seen a line about you selling these goods. This mail order house sent advertising matter to me asking for my trade and they got it. If you have any bargains why didn't you have them put in the paper so we can see what they are?" That ended the argument and the merchant went up to corral other merchants who never advertise and explain to them that the mail order house was ruining their business. Here's a moral: "If you don't advertise your wares with a liberal use of printer's ink, you will give your trade to the other fellow."

Workers Encouraged to Sing.
At the works of a Warrington (England) firm of soapmakers the girl employees are encouraged to sing part-songs while at work. The object is to relieve the monotony. In the departments that number more than 30 girls and have not noisy machinery they are encouraged to sing during the last hour of work in the morning and in the afternoon.

Cat Skins Worn as Fur.
According to a Philadelphia paper the securing of cat skins is something of an industry in that city. The skins are sent to France, where they are dyed and returned to this country as popular fur. Good cat skin looks very much like squirrel and is used in a similar way, being especially popular for hats and hat trimmings.

Railroad for Ecuador.
A railroad to the eastern part of Ecuador is being surveyed by a commission of American engineers, employed by the government. The railroad is to commence at Ambato, running thence to the Curaray river, traversing a district containing very rich and productive soil.

Under All Moods.
We are so apt, when everything seems desolate, to think that there is nothing in the world but our own mood. It comes like sunrise, sometimes, to remember that under all moods is the will of God.—George H. Mortimer.

The Good on Hand.
Never be discouraged because good things get on so slowly here; and never fail to do daily that good which lies next to your hand. Do not be in a hurry, but be diligent. Enter into the sublime patience of the Lord.—George MacDonald.

Correspondence

BENTON HARBOR

The steamer Frontenac will attempt to break her way out of the canal next week and open navigation. The ice is now 8 or 9 inches thick.

Mrs. Gertrude Breslan Hunt, a socialist lecturer of considerable ability, gave a two-hours' address at the Bell last Sunday afternoon to a large audience. This was her fourth visit here.

Dr. Edgcombe of the college gave a most interesting and instructive lecture last Monday night in the Assembly hall, on "The End of the World." If he ever gives it in Buchanan give him a full house.

Mrs. Wm. Robinson, who has been seriously ill with grip is very slowly recovering. Her daughter, Mrs. Dora Thayer and daughter-in-law, Mrs. D. Robinson, of Laigouier, Ind., have been caring for her.

John Allmendinger lost a \$1700 government draft last Friday, but it was found by A. M. Clark and returned to him next day. A few months ago Mr. Clark found a \$1000 check belonging to William Stewart.

This community was greatly shocked last Monday when word was received from Denver, Cal., of the death of Mrs. Ben Wright and 5-year-old daughter, Genevieve. They were poisoned by the husband and father. He likewise poisoned himself and is in a serious condition. They were former residents of this city and Mrs. Wright's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hull, live on Park street. Reports stated that the crime was discovered Monday morning by a painter and paper hanger who went to the house to do some work. Being unable to obtain an entrance he looked in a window and saw the dead bodies of Mrs. Wright and her little girl lying on the floor in the bath room. He gave the alarm and the house was entered. Mr. Wright was found lying on a bed apparently dying. He was quite expert in hypnotism and had thrown himself into this state, but upon being taken to a hospital, placed on the operating table and a stomach pump produced he immediately revived, and not until then did the doctors discover the deception. He was then taken to police headquarters, put into the sweat box and in half an hour the confession was wrung from him that he had murdered his wife and child, but would not tell what kind of poison he used. Mrs. Wright, nee Cora Hull, was one of Benton Harbor's very best girls, a graduate from our schools and a teacher in the M. E. Sunday school and had a face of unusual purity and sweetness. The child also was very bright and lovable and it is hard to conceive how Mr. Wright could have fallen so low as to take their pure and inoffensive lives. The bodies of the victims will arrive here this afternoon and the funeral will be held tomorrow at the parents' home. Revs. Hoffman and Meader will officiate and interment be made at Crystal Springs. Mrs. Wright leaves besides her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

THREE OAKS

Miss Martha Bratt of Lakeside, spent Saturday with her parents.

Mr. Donald Unruh of St. Joseph, visited his mother Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Chamberlain are moving into their new home, "Elmont" this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Andrews have rented part of the house owned by Miss Amelia Helmholtz, and will go to housekeeping in the near future.

Mrs. Dewey Ehle entertained her Sunday school class Tuesday evening.

Miss Bertha Throckenbrod spent Sunday at her home in Niles.

Miss Mable Olds, who has been ill at her home in Charlotte for the past six weeks, has sufficiently recovered to again resume her duties as stenographer for the Warren Featherbone Co.

Mr. Charles Klute is in St. Joseph this week.

Rev. and Mrs. M. J. Norton entertained the members of the Bible study class at their home Wednesday evening. Mirth provoking games were played and all enjoyed the evening very much, especially the fudge, which Mrs. Norton provided very generously.

SAVED HER SON'S LIFE

The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppee. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when, by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept this treatment up for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold remedy by W. N. Brodrick, druggist, 59c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Just for Fun

TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE NEEDED

"There's one thing I'd like to ask you," said the victim, after the foot pad had relieved him of his portable property. "First, though, have you any kick to make as to the amount of stuff you have found on me?"

"No," answered the footpad. "It was about all you expected from a man of my general appearance, was it?"

"Yes. What are you drivin' at?"

"Well, this is the third time I've been held up, and I begin to suspect that I carry more loose change about me than is really necessary. What I want to know is this: What is the smallest amount a man can carry in his pockets and yet be sure of not being beat up for having too little when some fellow like you goes through him?"

But the highwayman stiffly refused to give him the information. It would have been giving away one of the secrets of his trade.—Chicago Tribune.

Confessions of An Autograph Fiend.
First Autograph Fiend—I don't see how you got autographs from all those great poets.

Second Autograph Fiend—Easy enough. I would write some "Sweet Singer of Michigan" sort of verses, and print them in our local paper under the name of the poet I wanted to strike. Then I'd write to him, asking if it was true that they were written by him. I'd get a red-hot letter in reply every time.—N. Y. Weekly.

Long Distance.

"Where are you going, old chap?" asked the first youth.

"Going to send Myrtilla a kiss through the telephone," replied the second youth.

"Why, you are slow. Don't you know a kiss through a telephone loses its flavor?"

"Just why I am using the telephone, old man. I have been eating onions."—Chicago Daily News.

Charon.

Charon, the boatman of the Styx, was thought by many to be of Irish blood.

For invariably, as he was casting off from the hither shore, he would call out to his cargo of souls:

"Now, then, look alive!"

This was doubtless as near an approach to an Irish bull as the then state of civilization permitted of.—Puck.

He Had.

"Women have a great deal to endure for the sake of fashion that you men never know anything about."

"What, for instance?"

"Well, for instance, you have never had your ears pierced."

"You evidently have not heard that the daughter of our landlady is taking singing lessons."—Houston Post.

Below the Level.

Jimmy—Where's yer brudder, Micky?

Micky—He's got a job in New York.

Jimmy—Job in New York? Why, only de udder day yer sed, "On de level, me brudder won't work."

Micky—Well, he ain't workin' on de level. He's workin' in de subway.—Chicago Daily News.

Uncertainty.

"Tis not permitted unto man. The climate's way to know. One minute you must wield a fan, And next you shovel snow."—Washington Star.

INTERMITTENT.



"Does your boy stammer all the time?"

"No; only when he talks!"—Lustige Welt.

Luxury, Indeed.

Sam Sunflower—Dat Misteb Burbanks out in California am a great man, pard. He kin graft a sweet 'tatch on a white 'tatch.

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Estate of Betsey A. Metzger, Deceased

STATE OF MICHIGAN, the Probate Court for the County of Berrien.
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of St. Joseph in said County, on the 25th day of February A. D. 1907.
Present: Hon. Frank H. Ellsworth, Judge on Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Betsey A. Metzger deceased.
JOHN A. WHITE having filed in said court a petition praying that said court adjudicate and determine who were at the time of her death the legal heirs of said deceased and entitled to inherit the real estate or which said estate should be divided.

It is ordered, that the 25th day of March, A. D. 1907, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.
It is further ordered, that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Buchanan Record, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.
(A true copy) FRANK H. ELLSWORTH
ROLAND E. BARR, Judge of Probate
Register of Probate

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On the Right Tack.

The petition of the unmarried women of a Massachusetts town for a tax on bachelors shows that they have some idea of the tax question. It wouldn't be possible to add any more taxes to the married man's bunch.

Local Happenings

The M. E. ladies will have a baked sale at Runner's drugstore, Saturday, March 2.

Mrs. Jno. Perrott is reported as being very sick with heart trouble. Dr. Gorland is attending her.

Treat & Perrott, real estate dealers, have successfully closed a deal whereby the Jno Houseworth farm was sold to Mr. Schroder of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Runner have sold their Clark street residence to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnhurst, who will move here from Niles before the 1st of April.

On account of the necessity of undergoing an operation for appendicitis, Clyde Stearns left for Ann Arbor last Wednesday.

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The Clendenning property has been transferred to Theo. Tremel through the real estate agents, Treat & Perrott.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Vern Fourje of Durand, Mich., announce the arrival in their home of a wee bit of humanity—a girl—weighing eleven pounds.

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Mr. Elmer Swisher, who had the misfortune some time ago to have a piece of steel enter his eye, is improving and in a few days will be able to resume his duties at the Cabinet works.

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B. R. Desenberg & Bro's. administrators sale closes tomorrow. The store has been swamped with bargain seekers for the past two weeks necessitating extra help. This speaks well for this enterprising firm's wise and business like management.

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Uncle Ben Crawford, noted for his rare instinct for gathering flocks of nature, has just brought to the Record office a very fine specimen of the famous Japanese variety of apple known as the "Rambo." This was grown on a tree grafted with sprouts brought from Ohio.

After the auction sale on the Leiter farm south of town was over, yesterday, Mr. John Leiter, while doing chores in his barn, met with a very painful accident as the result of a trap door falling on his head rendering him unconscious for many hours. Medical aid was summoned and this morning he is reported as doing nicely. Dr. Emmons is the attending physician.

Mrs. Rynearson was the charming hostess of an entertainment to her Sunday school class at the Frank Smith home, three miles over the river, last Wednesday evening. The occasion was in honor of Longfellow's birthday. Warm taffy, dear to all candy lovers, intermingled with delightful music were the features of the evening. The pleasure of the evening was one long to remember.

The local reporter omitted mention about the girl's part in tonight's basketball in Tuesday's issue. There was no intention to slight the girls, as the promoters overlooked giving us full details until after the paper was issued. There will be a double basketball game tonight—the Hinchman girls vs. Buchanan girls and Hinchman boys vs. Buchanan boys. A lively and exciting time is in store for all who attend. Admission 20c.

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Mr. D. N. Walker, editor of that spicy journal, the Enterprise, Louisa, Va., says: "I ran a nail in my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound." Heals sores, burns and skin diseases. Guaranteed at W. N. Brodrick's drug store. 25c.

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Societies and Churches

Preaching by the pastor at the U. B. church 10:30 a. m., March 8. Text, Timothy 7: 5, 24, 25.

The 30 Club will hold "Japan Day," March 6 at the residence of Mrs. Glenn Smith.

The Rev. F. C. Watters, pastor of the M. E. church, will preach on the subject, "Hope's Harvest" next Sunday morning. In the evening the subject will be "The Forgotten Water-pot and the New Convert's Sermon." Everyone cordially welcome.

A Pot luck Dinner probably guaranteed to bring luck—will be served by the Lady Maccabees at the residence of Mrs. Geo. Huff on Lake street, Wednesday, March 6. It will be an "unlucky" calamity if all the members fail to come.

The Monday Literary club met with Mrs. S. Smith. History lesson conducted by Mrs. M. Johnson. Mrs. J. East's paper "Congo Atrocities," covered the subject well and thoroughly, and proved to be of great interest to the members present. Roll call, current events (foreign). Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Graham March 4, and use lesson as signed for March 11.

The Maccabees held their regular meeting last Tuesday evening. When the tedious business was disposed of, the ladies sauntered into a spacious reception room, where a February party was the feature of the evening. Music of the sweetest character penetrated the hive all through the happy evening. A word contest was indulged in, which was a form of test as to which person can dig out the most words. Mrs. Will East won the prize with the longest string of words ala Webster. Before the merry making began to wane a dainty luncheon was served by the ever-willing-to-please-you committee.

"Mr. Hopkinson" a Success

In the Grand Opera House, Chicago, the clever English farce "Mr. Hopkinson," with Dallas Welford and the excellent London company under the direction of James K. Hackett, began the second week of its engagement in that city, Sunday night. It has been many a day since a play so funny has come across the Atlantic. Everyone who reads knows by this time that the story of "Mr. Hopkinson" describes the snobbish vicissitudes of a grocer's clerk who has suddenly become wealthy. His former sweetheart is deserted by Mr. Hopkinson while that gentleman proceeds to become betrothed to the daughter of an impecunious nobleman. The story details materially with the converting of the grocer's clerk, but he proves to be a stingy little cad. The upshot of the whole business is that his noble fiancée wearies of his caddishness and runs away with another man, leaving Mr. Hopkinson to return to Eliza and his own proper sphere.

As for Dallas Welford, who plays the title role his performance speaks for itself. From the standard of low comedy character acting it is superb. Not a detail is missed. In appearance, acting, facial expression, voice, inflection and action his Hoppy is a memorable contribution to the satirical stage. Assisting this comedian is one of the best companies engaged for the production of farce ever seen in this city.

Buchanan's Figures—?

According to the report of state inspectors in 1905, Niles had 34 factories employing 679 hands, and the average wage was \$1.50. This was the average wage paid in every city and village in the county, save Buchanan, where it was \$1.75. At present there are about 900 hands employed in the local factories—Niles Star.

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Personal Mention

Mr. Frank Mitten spent Tuesday in Niles.

Miss Fay Burbank spent Tuesday in Niles.

Mr. M. L. Hanlin was in Chicago Tuesday.

Mr. John Bishop went to Glendora Tuesday.

Mr. H. H. Porter went to Dowagiac Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Rough returned from Chicago Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Frederickson went to Chicago Tuesday.

Mr. Joe Beistle was a Niles visitor Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Wood left for South Bend Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Guyberson went to Niles Wednesday.

Mrs. H. H. Davis went to Dowagiac yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Roe were in Niles Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Pears went to Niles on business Wednesday.

Mrs. Sam Hurdle spent Wednesday in South Bend.

Mrs. Harry Weaver left Wednesday for South Bend.

Mr. Frank Mason, Jr., left for Pokagon yesterday.

Mr. John Most and daughter, Pearl, were in Three Oaks Wednesday.

Mr. Will Porter has gone to Chicago where he will stay a couple of days.

Mrs. S. E. Bolton of Niles, was the guest of Buchanan relatives Thursday.

Mrs. Will Watson of Three Oaks, visited her parents the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradbrook of South Bend, were guests of Mr. Richard Kean and wife yesterday.

Mr. H. M. Collins of Blissfield, Mich., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James DeVinney, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Helmick were in Three Oaks several days visiting their daughter, Mrs. Fred Gelow.

Mrs. J. E. Dumont and Mrs. Thos. Dumont went to Chicago Wednesday for a several week's visit with Mrs. J. E. Dumont's daughter, Mrs. C. E. Fisk.

Where Men Bungle.

Woman likes to play the "go between" where a man and a maid are concerned. She will endure personal discomfort, risk snapping friendship's ties, and plot and scheme and plunge up to her ears in morasses of mendacity just to bring about an understanding between some particular he and she whom she imagines to be suited in some way to each other. Men bungle this sort of thing.—Lady's Pictorial.

Quite a Difference.

Dr. Story, the late principal of Glasgow university, taking a holiday in the country once, was met by the minister of the district, who remarked: "Hullo, principal! You here? Why, you must come and relieve me for a day." The principal replied: "I don't promise to relieve you, but I might relieve your congregation."

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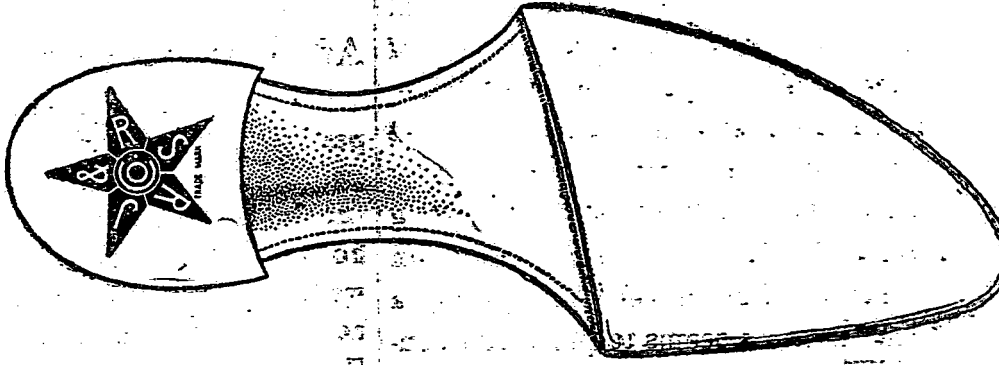
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Susie Armstrong's Mission

OR
One Night in the Enemy's Line
By J. I. YORK

(Continued from last issue)

CHAPTER XIV

The message Mose had brought Hill was in substance; "That said old lady feared she was being watched and the reason she did not come back was that one of old Squire Jones's negroes was at General Grant's headquarters and he would deliver the message to him and return with his instruction." "The message was written by Old Mose, who could imitate any hand-writing. They had found papers written by the old lady when captured; a letter was sent to General Hill with a part of Grant's plan of actions and some of the real papers, also a skeleton map of Grant's movements that he had purposely placed in her reach. The message further stated that "Old Mose was perfectly trustworthy; she had seen him many times at his former master's house; and if this reached Hill in time to send Mose to her to night with a note in cipher; she will meet him, if possible at the half-way house; if anything should detain her and she is not there, he must come to Grant's headquarters, as she meant to stop as close to headquarters as circumstances would permit."

The above plan of Grant's movements were as follows, Grant was moving south of the James river and the force that was now in front of Petersburg were small, for troops had been sent south of the river and were still moving in that direction." But it did not reveal the whole plan for as Grant moved his troops in broad daylight across the James river, he counter-marched them by night and was massing a large force north of Petersburg to cut the railroad that lay some twenty-five miles or more north of his present position.

The decoy worked all right, for Grant captured the railroad without firing a gun. (But we will not go into detail as the reader is already acquainted with the results, but will follow Old Mose to Hill's quarters.) Hill gave him a sealed envelope with some figures on the outside, but Old Mose had learned that General Lee had been notified of the message, that Hill had received, for an orderly had been sent to Petersburg and late in the afternoon, troops could be seen tearing down tents and stealthily moving southward under cover of the large timber belt that hid the rebel army from view of the Union forces. It was now near sun-set and as Old Mose took the letter he says, "Massa Hill I kinder feel the cholera coming back agin, for my ribs am gettin sore." The General understood his meaning and poured some Confederate whiskey in his canteen, but was careful not to give him too much. Mose then moved off by way of the carriage road and when he had gotten over the raise of ground that hid him from the sight of the rebel army he saw just ahead of him a young negro girl, with an old calico dress on that came just below her knees; white stockings, an old cape thrown over her shoulders; her head covered by a shaker sunbonnet, that was so much in vogue at that time; her shoes were pretty well worn; she carried a little pail in her hand and a bundle tied up in a red handkerchief. The young lady was coming toward Old Mose, but just before meeting him turned into a path that ran through the woods, and when he came along she was no where to be seen.

Old Mose looked back on the road he had just traveled, but there was not a person in sight and he began to fear that Tommy Strong had been delayed or watched and dare not leave the camp; so he walked along very slowly, looking back every little while, but it was now growing dark and he must push forward and pass the rebel picket as soon as possible; he having learned that General Hill's wife was at the house where the old lady wanted a safe guard. Mrs Hill had gone there to carry a message to the spy that was now a prisoner at Grant's headquarters. In the meantime Susa Armstrong had not been idle; after Old Mose had gone she sauntered about among the colored people, still smarting under the insult that the rebel officer had inflicted and as she was passing one of the soldier's tents she saw a newspaper lying on the ground

and asked a soldier if she might take it. He said, yes and she still has it in her possession. It proved to be of great value to her, for it contained news that made her very happy. The paper was the "Richmond Gazette," its most important contents was the Exchange of Prisoners. She hurriedly ran over the list of names and there found that of her brother James, and also that of her dear friend and lover, William Townsend. Several of her friends that lived at White-plain were among the number, as well. She could hardly refrain from shouting she was so happy. The paper stated that they would be landed at City Point at a stated time and now she was anxious to be inside the Union lines. She decided to risk her all in order to carry out her plan, so she at once set about to contrive some way to go along with Old Mose; she being sure that he was a Union spy, but never dreaming that he was not a darky. Susa put the paper in her pocket and finally came across an old colored woman whom she thought she could trust; and told her her story. The old woman says, "Neber min honey I fix yer up as my Sara; she am ober at Petersburg, but she comes home once in a while and has got some clothes dat will jist fit yer Massa. I will show you how to fool dem officers and yer kin go ober to the Union, if yer please; for I specs Massa Lincoln will soon gib dis chil her freedom, den she will come north and be a Yankee." At this she took Susa into an old dirty hut and after fumbling over some well worn and soiled clothing, found a suit all ready for her. "But yer am too white; specs I better black yer up a little." She was not long in transforming Susa into as black a personage as Old Mose and after completing her task told her to pass up the road to the second hill and there stay until Old Mose started from camp. "Den," said she, "Come and meet im, but when he am pretty close to yer turn off in de woods and let im pass, den yer foller mighty close, for he will hab to turn off the road jist between the two hills. Do yer understand me, honey?" "Yes," says Susa. "Now yer name am not Tommy Strong, for yer am a gal agin. If anyone 'quires yer name jist tell em dat it am Sara Hodges; dat am my chil's name, and nobody will specs any difference; I jist can't tell no difference myself." Just at this point of the conversation one of the soldiers came to the cabin to get his washing. The old colored woman looked up as she saw him and shouts out, "Sara dun yer hear when I speaks ter yer;" at the same time giving her a box on the ear, that nearly made the tears come, "Now, git dat pail and go arter dat air milk or Ise mash yer nigger head off un yer; now be spy and don yer git foolin round de road, for is yer does when yer git back I'll mash ebry bone in dat last body ob yourn; taking her by the arm and hustling her out of the cabin, she kept up a shower of threatening as long as the girl was in sight. No one suspected she was the Yankee girl or Tommy Strong either.

Susa went as directed in the edge of the woods where she could see Old Mose, as he left the camp; she did just as the old woman had told her keeping Old Mose in sight until he had come to where the roads forked; waiting to see which one he would take, then hurrying on until she came up with him. They were nearly a mile from headquarters and it was getting quite dark, when the negro girl came up and passed Old Mose. "Good Eben, Missa," says he "Whar am yer goin?" "Ise goin ober here to Massa Thomas's, Ise bin down to de gentry at Massa General Hill's; he gits milk ob Massa Thomas." "Oh," says Mose, then I almost met yer jist as I started from the Giner-ale." "Yeh, I saw yer but Ise keeps mighty scarce ob niggers now-a-days and wite trash too." "Oh, well dat am right I specs yer am a nice gal,

but did yer see a white boy down de road anyware as yer was goin along?" "Why?" "Oh, nuffin only I was specing a wite boy to go 'long wid dis here chil." "Oh, I know who you mean?" "No, yer don." "Yes, I dose, it am dat Yankee gal dat hab her clothes stold last night and am dressed in boy's clothes." "Who tol you dat?" "Oh, Ise no fool I has eyes and ears too; specs I know more 'bout yer den yer think." "What does yer know 'bout me," he says rather gruffy. "Oh, Ise knows where yer goin, I dose." "I bet yer don, fer dis here chil don know hisself." "Yer does, persisted the colored girl." "What does yer know, now if yer know so much jist tell me and ib you am right, I'll own de corn." "Ib I tell yer will yer take me wid yer, for Ise dun gone quit staying wid de Confederate rebs; Ise sick and tired ob dem and I har Mas a Lincum am going to gib all de darkies dar freedom." "Dat am so, but yer didn't say whar Ise goin," says Mose. "Well, hol on, does yer specs dat I kin say ebertying to onct." "No, but yer go on." "Wal den yer am goin ober to de Yankees and Massa Hill am sendin some word ober to de Union." "Yer am a smart gal." "And ib yer wan to go over wid dis here chil?" "I specs yer may, but yer mus tell me yer name and whose nigger yer are."

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