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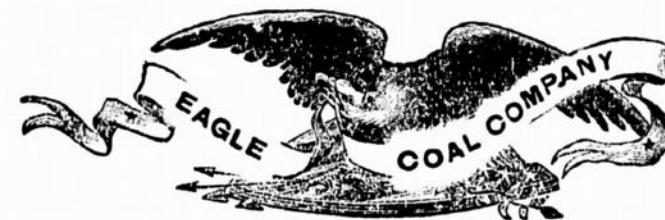
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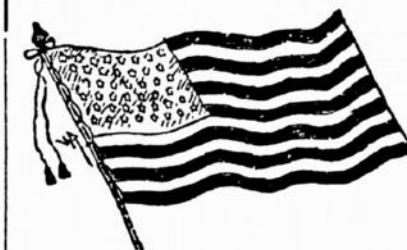
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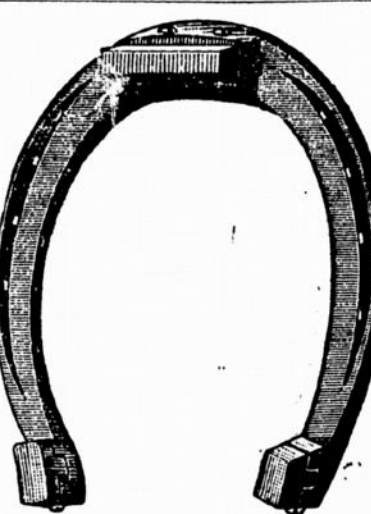
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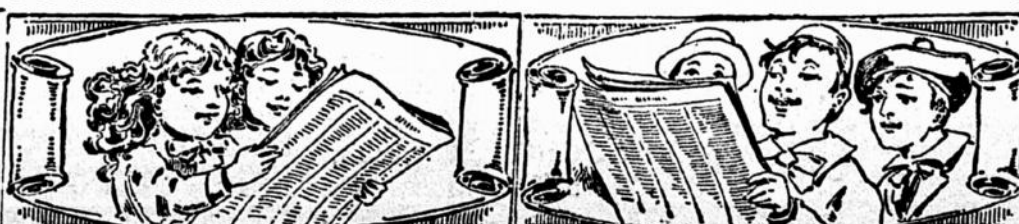
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Set a bad example and it will hatch out mischief.
Narrow minds overlook a charitable act and search for the motive.
Some people are never so happy as when they have bad news to tell.
A fool may be able to answer questions that a wise man wouldn't ask.
If General Joubert is dead his soul is certainly marching on with great success.
When men have more money than they need they think they need more than they have.
All a man has to do to obtain social success is to put a fair value on himself and live up to it.
A competitor to the Illinois State Paviors' society is in the field, and there will soon be two of these low priced loan associations in active operation in Chicago. Competition is, in this case at least, the surest proof that the new idea is a success and has already achieved popularity among "gentle borrowers."

It has been discovered in St. Paul that electric ground connections, made by attaching wires to water pipes, not only ruin the pipes by electrolysis, but seriously interfere with the operation of the water meters. In one case a meter through which a large quantity of water was discharged failed to register. This was an extreme case and easily detected, but in other cases where the current is not so strong the officers of the water board have no means to determine. To protect themselves, however, they have ordered the removal of all electric wires from the water pipes.

Personal reserve is sometimes lost sight of in the far West, as a famous sugar merchant from the East recently discovered. He had business in a Missouri town, and was lurching at a table with a native. "Hi, stranger," asked the other, "where you from?" The eastern man, having a stud farm in Kansas City, mentioned that place. "What's your business?" "Well, horses," came the reply. "Say, what's your name?" "None of your business," rejoined the disturbed sugar-dealer. Even in Ohio, settled largely by Massachusetts and Connecticut colonists, the eastern man sometimes finds himself in an atmosphere of frankness. "You are all talking about your western reserve," said one recently remarked. "Blessed if I see any!"

A wheat calendar, giving the time of ripening in various countries, shows how the grain has all seasons for its own. Dwellers in the United States, for example, where so much of the land is resting during the winter months, find by the calendar that wheat is at the harvest point of growth in December for Burma and New South Wales agriculturists. January witnesses the same stage of development in Australia, New Zealand, Chile and Argentina; while February and March are wheat harvest months for Upper Egypt and India. The list for June, July and August is the fullest. There is one feature, almost inevitable, in the world's annual wheat story. A shortage, real or fancied, is apt to be reported in some quarters, and then speculation sees its opportunity quite as soon as legitimate dealing.

The biograph is doing good service to science. A hospital in New York is adapting a machine to record minutely the actions of persons in epileptic fits and similar affections. Moving pictures have been taken showing the walking movements in persons afflicted with locomotor ataxia. When these films are reproduced on the screen doctors can study the symptoms carefully in the laboratory. The movements of all kinds of microbes are also being photographed, as well as the action of healthy and diseased corpuscles. When these pictures are magnified and thrown on the screen the improvement or decline in the condition of the patient can be told. One of the most interesting uses of the biograph is to grow and flowering show minutely from the time of planting until in full bloom. A picture is taken every half-hour continually for about thirty days and nights. In order to secure a uniform light for every view a powerful electric light is employed. Sometimes 1,000 pictures will be made of one subject. Should the subject be a lily the pictures at one stage will show the opening of the lily, while at another stage its fading away is seen. By quickening the time of the pictures on the screen the plant is actually seen to be growing.

Another cherished theme of the college orator and essay writer—the swift extinction of the American Indian—receives a shock when studied in the light of statistics, the figures in the case from the recent annual report of the secretary of the interior. According to that document there are now 267,417 Indians in the United States, while the census of 1890 showed a total aboriginal population of 249,472. "Poor Lo" has evidently taken a fresh grip on life and calmly and with exceeding stubbornness refuses to "pass away with the buffalo."

Eleven hunters were killed and seven wounded in the forests of Wisconsin and Minnesota during the season just ended. Considering the small number of people engaged in the sport the list of casualties is rather worse than that of a South African battle reported by the English.

ACCOUNT SYSTEM IS FAULTY.

State Board of Control's Report On the University.
DES MOINES, Dec. 19.—Chairman Larabee and T. G. Kinne, of the state board of control, visited and examined the accounts of the state university and their report is made public. The board confines its report to criticism of the method of keeping the financial accounts of the institution, which, in the opinion of the board, are not a sufficient check upon the officers handling the funds. The demonstrator of anatomy is allowed \$3,000 a year for procuring dissecting material, and there is no showing that the money is expended. The board proposes to send bodies from state institutions for this purpose where it can lawfully be done. It is charged that bills are sometimes paid before they are properly audited, and that contractors have received money for buildings without the proper showing from the architect.

CONTEST WEBB BYERS' SEAT.

His Recent Opponent Files Notice of Contest With Secretary of State.
DES MOINES, Dec. 17.—Papers have been filed with the secretary of state inaugurating a contest for the legislative seat to which Webb Byers was recently elected in Shelby county by the narrow margin of twelve votes. George Battey is the contestant. The papers filed with the secretary are sealed and directed to the house of representatives, so that the specific claims made by the contestant are not known. It is presumed, however, that the usual claim of counting illegal votes is made.

MARION THOMPSON SHOT.

According to His Story Footprints did the Deed.
OSKALOOSA, Dec. 20.—Marion Thompson was held up just south of the Iowa Central passenger station by a couple of well dressed men. He was ordered to throw up his hands. As he did not comply, the men commenced shooting at him at close range. Thompson was hit twice, once in the right arm and once in the left leg. His wounds are not serious and the balls were removed this morning. The officers pursued the fellows. "Cell," or Monroe Wilson, who recently came from Marshalltown, was arrested this morning on information of Thompson. Other arrests of local parties will follow.

TRAIN WRECKER CONVICTED.

Man Who Attempted to Wreck B. & O. & N. Passenger Found Guilty.
MASON CITY, Dec. 21.—Frank Fay was found guilty in the Floyd county court of attempting to wreck the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern "cannon ball" passenger train on the night of October 30. Brockert, his companion in crime, confessed and turned state's evidence against Fay. It is thought that Judge Clyde will give both Fay and Brockert life sentences.

Farmer Robbed of \$370.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 21.—Two men on a single horse committed a robbery near Smithland, a few miles from Sioux City, which netted them about \$370. The victim is Wayne Warner, a farmer who lives a few miles from the town. He had been in that afternoon to sell his crop of corn, and had received the cash. He started home just after dark and after driving a few miles was accosted by two men, one riding behind the other on a horse. One alighted, and the other drew a revolver, which he shoved at Warner's head. The money was demanded and it was promptly turned over. Both men on the one horse then rode off in the darkness, and so far they have not been caught.

Defaulting Cashier Surrenders.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 20.—Defaulting Cashier Kendrick, of the Citizens' bank of Sioux Center has returned and surrendered to the officers. He was at once released under a \$2,500 bond, which had been signed by a number of Sioux center citizens. The bank has received a draft for \$10,000 from the American Surety Company of New York, in payment in full of the bond of Kendrick. Kendrick's default is not fully known, but it is said to be in the neighborhood of \$1,800.

School District Loses \$50,000.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 17.—The Iowa supreme court has rendered a decision which costs the Sioux City school district \$50,000. The district had secured judgment in the lower court against the American Surety Company for \$50,000, which was surety on School Treasurer Hubbard's bond for that amount. The money was lost by failure of the Home Savings bank. The supreme court reversed the lower court's decision.

Pleading Guilty of Theft.

ROONE, Dec. 21.—John Quinn, who stole an express package from a Northwestern baggage car and was arrested for the crime, pleaded guilty and was placed in the county jail to await the January term of court. The amount stolen was \$38, which was found in the toe of his shoe.

Serious Fire at Marshalltown.

MARSHALLTOWN, Dec. 21.—A fire at midnight destroyed the stock of dry goods of the R. C. Peterson company, damaged the Haradon block \$1,000, and other tenants were damaged \$1,000 more. Peterson's loss amounts to fully \$21,000, with an insurance of \$12,000.

Bill to Protect Mail Trains.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Congressman Lacey of Iowa introduced a bill in the house providing that any person who shall be found guilty of obstructing any train carrying United States mails shall be punishable by a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for ten years, or both. It is stated that the little mining town of Coalfield, twelve miles south of Oskafoosa, in the corner of Monroe county, is afflicted with smallpox. Five cases are already reported, and Dr. John A. McKivern, of Charleston, a member of the state board of health, who was sent to the little town, reports all the cases genuine, although of a comparatively mild type.

WILSON IS ALL RIGHT.

Nothing in the Rumor of His Illness and Resignation.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The report sent out as to the illness of Secretary Wilson was simply born of the imagination of an irresponsible reporter on an evening paper. In speaking of the matter Mr. Wilson said: "There is not a word of truth in the statement. I am as strong as a bull calf. I do a hard day's work every day, although I do sometimes get tired after being at it for a long time. I have not seen the president about it or talked with anyone on the subject, nor have I any intention of doing so. I have worked every day this summer and after getting out my report I intend to go a little slower. The clerks in my department had vacations. I had none and I felt I was entitled to a little rest. I think they might have telephoned me and asked me before publishing such a statement."

A Glass Factory for Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Dec. 21.—Chas. Bryant and Levi Pierce, of Anderson, Ind., appeared before the directors of the Commercial Exchange with a proposition to locate a window glass factory in Des Moines, or rather to hear any proposition which the Commercial Exchange might make to them for the location of such a plant in Des Moines. The proposition has been taken under consideration.

BREVITIES.

Des Moines dispatch: The State Horticultural Society elected the following officers: President, C. F. Gardner, Osage; vice-president, M. J. Wrang, Waukeet; secretary, Wesley Greene, Davenport; treasurer, W. M. Bomberger, Harlan; directors, C. J. Blodgett, Mt. Pleasant; Abner Bransom, New Sharon; N. K. Fluke, Davenport; A. L. Plummer, Ivy; R. P. Speer, Cedar Falls; P. F. Kinne, Storm Lake; Eugene Secor, Forest City.

The 3-year-old child of C. S. Argo, of Chamberlain, S. D., was fatally burned a few days ago in Sioux City. The child had evidently been playing with matches in a room alone, and when her little sister came in, attracted by the screams of the baby, found her wrapped in flames. Aid came at once, but it was too late, as the child's body was frightfully burned. Even in its mouth were great blisters. Her father is a prominent attorney at Chamberlain.

The Novak case is ended, so far as the public is interested in it, for the supreme court has overruled the petition of Novak's attorneys for a rehearing in the case. This means that Frank A. Novak, made famous by the fire in the little village of Waldorf three years ago and his famous flight to the Klondike regions, will have to serve out the remainder of his life sentence for the killing of Edward Murray, unless the chief executive of Iowa may sooner or later see fit to look upon him with clemency.

Jack Shields, arraigned at Council Bluffs recently for forgery in the district court, owes his liberty to his ignorance of the different kinds of revenue stamps. It appeared in the trial that he had put a proprietary stamp on a forged check, which he passed. Judge Green held that inasmuch as the check bore a proprietary and not a documentary stamp, it could not be the subject of forgery and having no legal efficacy, could not have been passed as a forged instrument. He accordingly dismissed the case and ordered the jury discharged. The case will be passed up to the supreme court.

At the state horticultural society convention at Des Moines recently the San Jose scale came up for consideration. The last legislature passed a law providing a method of protecting Iowa orchards against the ravages of this pest, but the members of the society fear that still more is necessary. They believe the danger to Iowa orchards is serious, and that the state law cannot fully meet the demands of the occasion. For example, the state cannot exercise any control over plants and seeds sent by mail, and yet in these there is serious danger. The result was the adoption of resolutions calling on congress for protection. The scale has not done any serious damage in Iowa thus far, at least none has been reported. But its ravages have been discovered in other states of the Mississippi valley and Iowa is threatened.

Des Moines dispatch: The state geologist is in receipt of a report that the Allamakee county iron ore, of which two train loads were shipped to Milwaukee for smelting, proves much richer than expected. The percentage of phosphorus is so small it can be used for Bessemer steel, which was not expected. It ran from 50 to 55 per cent pure iron, and is a light, easily reduced ore. Capitalists have been buying options on mineral rights on considerable areas of the iron-bearing land. The amount of the mineral is said by the state geologist to be almost unlimited. A large part of Allamakee county is underlaid with it from 60 to 100 feet thick. It is now proposed to erect furnaces next year near Waukon and reduce the iron there instead of shipping it. Capitalists are investigating and endeavoring to buy mineral rights enough to support the plant.

Gov. Shaw and Adj. Gen. Byers have gone to Washington, D. C., where they will arrange for the proper disposal of the Iowa war claims. The government owes the state about \$40,000 on account of the Spanish war. Governor Shaw said that his plan was to induce congress to pass a law general in its terms providing for all claims on account of the recent war which may be endorsed by the governments of the different states. This will include all the states, and it is thought that such a general measure will receive the unanimous support of the government. Congress has been passing laws authorizing the war department to pay war claims for specific items which have been named in the acts. The department, of course, has promptly interpreted the act as closely as possible and paid nothing that it didn't have to. The general law will be the proper thing in this case.

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First Snap
California Wool Wrapper Pattern Blankets for Bath Robes and Slumber Robes—these are Xmas novelties, of which we have to many—Wednesday we will sell

Our Blanket Department
We buy nothing but fresh, clean Blankets, direct from the manufacturer, and not the shelf worn, moth eaten Blankets of the jobbers. Below we offer a few of our many bargains in this department.

\$10.00 quality for \$3.25.
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Great Clearance Sale
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Annex Clearing Sale price—\$7.50 to \$8.50 a pair.

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At the Annex 35c each, 5 for \$1.00

At the Annex Thursday

Big sale of Knit Goods—bought at 50c on the \$1.00—will reach here this evening by express for Xmas shoppers—

Ice Wool Fascinators, hand made—50c on the \$1.00.

Wool Toboggans—50c on the dollar.

Silk Hoods, Wool Hoods—for ladies and children, all sizes—50c on the dollar.

Wool knit Skirts for ladies, 50c on the dollar.

Wool knit Jackets without sleeves, the very thing for ladies to wear under capes—50c on the dollar.

At Our Annex Thursday
150 dozen men's work Gloves and Mitts, sample pairs, both lined and unlined, all kinds, large sizes—Thursday 50c on the dollar.

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Opposite the old stand, Seventh and Walnut streets.

Worshipping the Tearful Onion.
The onion was worshipped by the ancient Egyptians. The cauliflower is a parlician among vegetables and was taken from its Cyprus home to Italy and England in the reign of Elizabeth.

Queen of Portugal, M. D.
The queen of Portugal has begun the study of medicine as a "hobby," has taken her degree of M. D., and is now the chief physician of her consort, herself and her children.

The following extract, from a most interesting article, is taken from the New York Sun:

"A southern woman, whose family is the one white family on a cotton plantation in lower South Carolina, a tract embracing 5,000 acres and peopled with colored tenants numbering thirty-five families in all, maintains that the negro is as chivalrous and kindly by nature as the white man, and that the assumption that his presence is a menace to the white women of the south is most unfair. In speaking of recent disturbances in the south and the comments and statements which they have provoked, she said:

"I and my girl friends, young women who have never seemed to visit us, habitually walked and ride and drive everywhere on that plantation and in the surrounding country, in out-of-the-way lonely roads in the woods and tracts, wherever we happened to want to go. We never met with anything but respectful and kindly treatment, and the men of the white race seemed to apprehend that we would be in danger. The negro has as much chivalry and courtesy in mind for the native southern people as the white man has, and is willing and ready to do her service on the slightest intimation that she needs such."

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"A serious schism between the races is out of the question; there are too many ties to bind them together, and we hope to report to the contrary, the people who have studied the negro and know him best will maintain that he is kindly and straightforward and tenacious, the reverse of the brute that he is commonly supposed to be. He loves peace and sunshine and rhythm, and would far rather be docile and pleasant than sulky. He is easily led, and that is the chief stumbling block."

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES.
When Christmas comes, and from the steeples far and near, bells are ringing sweet and clear, To welcome in the thirday morn, Of One in lowliest manger born, Who died for men, and reigns a King, All hearts take up the theme and sing, As angels sang, o'er Bethlehem's hill, ancient shepherds, o'er the midland vale, Peace on earth; to men good will, When Christmas comes.

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And holy hangs upon the wall, Of lowly men and their kindred, Then men put by, for one brief day, The cares that frighten peace away, To think that the next and next morn, Comes in this best day of the year, To gladden hearts and homes and make Man better for his brother's sake, When Christmas comes.

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This article will no doubt be of interest to the American people and perhaps of great surprise to the casual reader of history, but to the close student of American history and college man will perhaps be of but little service except in renewing the facts and dates to their minds. Some of us have forgotten that the first slaves in the Western hemisphere were Indians.

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Oglethorpe, the first governor of Georgia, was opposed to slavery. After he had resigned and returned to England, before the trustees of the colony surrendered their charter to the crown, and in 1733 Georgia became a royal colony, and slavery was introduced.

METHODIST.
John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, declared slavery "is the sum of all villainies." The slavery question caused the disruption of the Methodist church. This was the first time that communists among the poor and despised classes. The general conference of the Methodist church held at Cincinnati in 1844 refused to give ministers who had delivered abolition lectures, and declared the opponents of abolition "true friends to the church, and the slaves of the United States."

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Invitations are out announcing the wedding of Mr. Lommie of this city to Miss Daley Hannan of Rock Island, Ill. out of town girls seem to be in great demand here of late. Keep the good word going.

WOMAN'S COLUMN.
Special for the Bystander.
"The Christmas Bells," by Katherine Davis Tillman.

The happy Christmas bells are ringing,
The heavenly choir their anthems singing,
The sweetest words of love and peace,
Peace on the earth, good will to men!

A Savior born in poverty,
Brings to the world true liberty;
We sing the song angels sang then—
Peace on the earth, good will to men!

The song the angels sang of peace,
Its heavenly strains shall never cease,
Till discord from our earth shall flee,
And men shall know soul harmony.

Till man his brother's care shall feel
And labor for his brother's weal,
And men of every tongue and race
The truths of Christ's great life embrace.

With heavenly hosts Him we adore,
Who all our sins and sorrows bore,
And upward still our songs ascend—
Peace on the earth, good will to men!

Another year filled with its attendant
Joys, hopes and fears has almost gone
and the happy yuletide season has
come again. The time when the world
joins in a mighty celebration of the
greatest event in its history—the birth
of the Christ.

Into a world of heathen superstition,
cruelty and ignorance, Christ brought
light and life, and taught us that the
true secret of happiness is in service to
our fellowmen. May this Christmastide
bring His peace and joy into our hearts
and inspire us to make glad many
hearts by our kind words and merry
songs.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett is sus-
taining her reputation as the foremost
woman of the race on the lecture plat-
form and in private life, as a leading
factor in all movements to suppress
lynchings and other forms of outrage
directed against African-Ameri-
cans. Mrs. Barnett is an able, influen-
tial woman.

Mrs. Booker T. Washington is editing
a little monthly in the interest of the
National Colored Woman's association,
known as the National Association
Notes, published at Tuskegee, Ala.

Mrs. Lillian Price, a graduate of the
Chicago Musical college, also a promi-
nent composer, is setting to music M. S.
Tillman's poems, "The Black Boys in
Blue" and "In a Southern Cabin."

The Phyllis Wheatley club of Boston,
of which Miss Irene Juris is president,
is furnishing a home for friendless
colored girls.

Mrs. Fannie Hall Clint of Chicago has
a good reputation as a reader.

Miss Mary Butler of Cool Spring,
Fayette county, is mail carrier from
Jumonville to Uniontown, Penn.

Mrs. Georgia Debatiste Faulkner has
a thousand dollar a year position in the
Chicago postoffice.

Miss Harper, a graduate of the Provident
hospital of Chicago, has gone to
Philadelphia to take charge of a hospi-
tal there.

Amanda Smith is now well establish-
ed in her Orphans' home at Harve, Ill.,
and solicits the patronage of the race.

Dr. Golden, Cooper and the rest of
Chicago Afro-American female physi-
cians are doing well.

The Philadelphia Tribune says Mrs.
Dr. Bentley of Chicago. That she is well
known in literary circles throughout
the country, was for years employed
on the Philadelphia Press and Philadel-
phia Times, represented these journals
during the world's fair. It adds that
Mrs. Bentley is a woman of great
depth of feeling, readiness of expres-
sion, and a keen student of human na-
ture.

Henrietta Vinton Davis is winning de-
served laurels as a reader during her
western trip. She is superb.

of the practical results that have come
from the agricultural department; 1,000
bushels of acorns were bought last fall
and fed to hogs, horses and cows. The
experiment was most satisfactory. It
has been made the subject of a bulletin,
which is free to all on application to
the school. An experiment in sweet po-
tatoes was made last year. The yield
was 266 bushels from an acre. After de-
ducting cost of labor and fertilizer,
there was a net profit of \$121 from the
acre; the price last year being 50 cents
per bushel.

This year, from one acre, a bale of
cotton has been picked, with some still
unpicked. This is the acre on which the
potatoes were planted last year and has
had no fertilizer this year. Before the
fertilizer was applied, the land was not
worth anything. The average yield of
cotton is 400 pounds from 1/4 acre.

A plot of 4 acres gave \$423 worth of
cabbage, corn and asparagus, turnips
and hay.

Experiments have been made during
the year with the soja and velvet beans,
with six standard varieties of strawber-
ries, 15 varieties of grapes, crimson
loupe, kershaws and others, making \$139,
making \$430 from 1/4 acre.

The demand for an educated Chris-
tian ministry is constantly growing
throughout the country. To meet this
need a generous New York lady has
erected at Tuskegee, a building known
as the Phelps Hall Bible Training
school, containing a chapel, library,
reading room, office, 3 recitation rooms
and 400 sleeping rooms. Each room is
comfortably furnished. The teaching is
wholly undenominational and is free.
In the rapid growth along academic and
industrial lines, the spiritual side of the
school has not been neglected. For ten
years there has been a regular
appointed chaplain to look after
the religious interests of the school.
A Sunday School, a regular preaching
service, a large and enthusiastic Chris-
tian Endeavor society, a Young Men's
Christian Association, besides a mission-
ary society, a Young Women's
Christian Temperance Union, a Hu-
mane Society, etc., makes Tuskegee a
real fountain of Christianity, under the
influence of which so many young men
and women have been brought to Christ
and have been influenced to nobler liv-
ing and more determined striving after
the highest ideals. Last year more than
100 students were converted during the
week of prayer and the week succeed-
ing.

Evolution of Tuskegee.

It was last May, 18 years ago, that
Prof. Booker T. Washington (then un-
known, now so noted) went into the
back woods of Alabama, and founded
what is now known as the Tuskegee Nor-
mal and Industrial Institute, at Tuske-
gee, Ala., then a little hamlet. The
story of the institution reads more like
romance, or an Egyptian fairy tale,
than a real fact. Prof. Washington
first rented a shanty school with him-
self as teacher and 50 pupils. It has
now become one of the most successful
educational institutions in America.

It now has \$200,000 worth of property,
with no mortgage; 42 buildings, almost
all erected with student labor; 2,287
acres of land; 85 officers and teachers;
and an attendance the year past of 1,
164 students—801 young men and 363
young women. The students came from
24 states and territories, and from
Porto Rico, Africa and England. More
than 1,000 others applied, but were
not admitted because of lack of
remarkable abilities. Truly a most
singular success.

The school seeks to teach the dignity
of labor to its students, to afford them
the best possible opportunity for the de-
velopment of their mental faculties, and
emphasizes systematic industrial train-
ing, and fosters the habit of right
thinking and right living. The idea is
kept constantly in mind, that the need
of the great masses of the negro race,
is a system of education which shall
enable them to hold on to the basic
and fundamental employments, without
which no people can hope to win a per-
manent place, either of respectability,
wealth or power. For this reason, in-
struction in 26 industries, largely of the
south, is given, in connection with thor-
ough normal and religious training, as
follows: Agriculture, blacksmithing,
brickmasonry, carpentry, carriage trim-
ming, cooking, dairying, drawing—archi-
tectural, free hand and mechanical—
plain sewing, housekeeping, harness-
making, plastering, plumbing, printing,
sawmilling, foundry, horticulture,
laundrying, machinery, mattressmak-
ing, millinery, nurse training, painting,
shoemaking, stock raising, tailoring,
tinning and wheelwrighting.

The officers of the school are: Book-
er T. Washington, principal; Warren
Logan, treasurer; John H. Washington,
director of industries; J. D. McCall, di-
rectress academic department; George
W. Carver, director agricultural de-
partment; Major J. B. Ramsey, com-
mandant; Mrs. L. L. Kennelbrew, lady
principal. The heads of each division
of the several departments are compe-
tent worthy men and women, who have
had every advantage at the foremost
academic and technological schools of
the country. The whole constitutes an
aggregation of perhaps one of the best-
equipped and most thoroughly con-
centrated bodies of workers in the cause of
Negro education in America. The in-
tellectual and social atmosphere of
these teachers is remarked by every
visitor who carries a moment at Tuske-
gee to get an insight into its work-
ings.

THE ACADEMIC DEPARTMENT.
The urgent demand for trained teach-
ers and educated artisans has made
Tuskegee essentially a normal as well
as an industrial school. Co-related
and designed to assist the other
departments of the school in the train-
ing of skillful, economical and self-re-
specting men and women, the academic
department finds its usefulness.
Throughout the south, the graduates of
Tuskegee are at work, and in many in-
stances, in the very darkest sections of
the south, have wrought marvelous re-
sults in the uplifting of their unfor-
tunate fellows. They easily take rank as
leaders wherever they go, and are wel-
comed by all classes of the citizenship
black and white. The academic course
is constantly being lengthened and
made more useful to the student. The
class rooms are commodious, labora-
tory almost complete, and every ap-
paratus provided to make the instruc-
tion most valuable to the student.

THE INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.
There are hundreds of schools where
the students can receive literary
training, but those in which young
men and women can learn trades in ad-
dition to their literary training are
very few. It is Tuskegee's aim to help,
as far as its resources will permit, to
supply this great need of industrial
training, among the colored youth of
the south. In the industrial depart-
ment it is sought to reach the dignity
of labor; to teach students how to
work, giving them a trade when
thought best, and to enable students to
pay a portion of their expenses in la-
bor. Beginning with next year, in the
twenty-six divisions of the industrial
department will be located in the new
Trades building, now nearing comple-
tion, shown in the background and to
the left of the view of the grounds. The
plans and specifications of this build-
ing were drawn by Mr. R. E. Taylor,
under the general supervision of the di-
rector of industries, and the instruc-
tors in carpentry, brickmasonry, paint-
ing, etc. In plan, it will be rectangu-
lar in shape, with a court in interior.
The outside dimensions are 283 feet by

The Quinn Chapel, A. M. E. Church
Cor. Twenty-fourth and Wabash
Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

REV. A. J. CAREY, D. D.

CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.
Misses Emma Oliphant and Myrtle
Cooper entertained their friends at a
Cracker-Jack party last Friday evening,
at the home of Miss Addie Price, every
one who attended, speak of a good time
and plenty cracker jack and hope to be
entertained by these ladies.

Be sure and attend the Christmas exer-
cises at the A. M. E. church Monday
evening and the tree ought to be loaded
down with presents.

Rev. Bass is expected home this week
from a visit to his family in Ohio.

Miss Jessie Martin entertained a few
friends Thursday evening in honor of
Miss Myrtle Cooper of Knoxville.

We were much surprised as well as
pained to learn of the very unexpected
and sudden death of Wm. Unsley, one of
the oldest colored citizens of the Rapids,
which occurred at the Soldiers' Home in
Marshalltown where he was an inmate.
Mr. Unsley was quite favorably known in
our midst and left a wife, two daughters
and a son besides many friends to mourn
his loss.

Mrs. R. C. Ousley and daughter Maude
have departed to Muscatine to remain in-
definitely.

Mesdames Lowery, Hawkins and Wade
were appointed by the Sunday
school to purchase presents for the school
department of short duration.

A Searcy has returned home after
a tour of short duration.

A list of names very fully filled the
times in one case during Rev. Bas-



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meeting of Mr. Lommie of this city to
preach at Hannan of Rock Island, Ill.
His girls seem to be in great
demand here. Keep the good
girls.

The sewing circle met at Mrs.
Barnett's last Saturday.

The borrowing papers, but sub-
scribe for the Bystander yourself.

The committee will entertain her friends
at Christmas morning at her
home on Harrison street.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle of the Third Baptist church

WANDER
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Big Bankrupt Sale!

Beginning Monday morning of the

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Furniture, Stoves, Dishes, Pictures, Carpets, Rugs, Jar- dinieres, and Fancy Goods.

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Rev. Reverdy C. Ransom D. D.
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—MRS. ANNIE HALL'S—
Boarding House

GOOD MEALS 15 Cents

ROOMS TO LET

304 W. Walnut Street.

A refractory domestic refused to
leave when discharged by a Chicago
housewife, but as she did not insist
that the lady who employed her must
vamoise fairly reasonable in view of her
calling.



**MAJOR TAYLOR, the Champion Bicy-
cle Rider of the World, having recently
received the decision from the Judges
of the L. A. W. Association as win-
ning the first place, and thus lowering
the world record for fast riding.**

RAM'S HORNS.

Growth makes the glad Christian.
A half success may be a whole fail-
ure.

The place of prayer becomes the bosom
of God.
He who falls before Him will be
raised beside Him.

The greatest motive forces are the
ones that cannot be moved.
To jump down a man's throat is a
poor way to get to his heart.
If our hands would touch humanly,
our hearts would touch Heaven.
God may deny you many toys, but
He will certainly give you the king-
dom.

There was more dancing over the
golden calf than over two tables
stone.

THE LATEST MOMENTS OF JOHN BROWN.

"John Brown of Ossawatimie, they lead him out to die,
And lo! a poor slave mother with her little child, pressed nigh;
Then the bold blue eye grew tender, and the old harsh face grew mild
As he stooped between the jerring ranks, and kissed the Negro's child!"
JOHN G. WHITTIER.

The above cut was loaned to us through the courtesy of our venerable and
beloved fellow townsman, Isaac Brandt, who was a bosom friend of John
Brown and aided him in every way possible. Mr. Brandt is a true friend of the
Negro race.

Not Exceeding... (age 5) - Our... (age 4) - It's anything to...

The Typewriter... (age 5) - Our... (age 4) - It's anything to...

MANAGER... (age 5) - Our... (age 4) - It's anything to...

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Xmas cardies 15 cents to 75 cents a pound at Gus Rehkopf, druggist, four north of waiting room.

Read Harris-Emery and Co.'s large Ad and go there to make your Xmas purchases.

BYSTANDER HOLIDAY RATES. from now until January 1, 1900 we will send the Bystander to any address in America or Canada for only one dollar (\$1.00) the entire year.

NEW DISCOVERY. O. K. Danduff Cure and Hair Renewer. It will positively turn gray hair back to original color.

WANTED-SEVERAL BRIGHT AND honest persons to represent us as Managers in this and other counties.

Wanted Several Persons for Dist. Office Managers in this state to represent us in their own and surrounding counties.

Summary of Mileage of the Chicago & North-Western Railway System.

In the case of Myra Harding against the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, was tried in the district court.

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COLORED MUSICIANS OF IOWA ATTENTION! An effort is now on foot to bring together in one Grand State Assemblage all of the most talented and artistic colored vocalists and instrumentalists of the state of Iowa.

This proposed affair will be for the benefit of the new Auditorium, situated in the city of Des Moines, being the most capacious as well as the most convenient convention and entertainment hall in the state.

Dr. Peterson's sermon last Sunday to the young men was very interesting, his subject next Sunday evening is "The Result of Unrighteous Sport" all are cordially invited.

The Ladies Sewing Circle Rally at the First African Baptist church Sunday Dec. 24th. Praise Service at 11:00 A. M.

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deas, we can say that we endeavor under existing conditions to give the reading public a clean healthy wholesome and interesting matter pertaining to the public in general and our race in particular.

We are sometimes ashamed and often embarrassed to meet or see some of our people, especially upon the streets and public highways, not because they are colored, but because of their action noise, untidiness and boisterous again we must emphasize that it is we will ever make the race we hope for, to be respected and considered like other races.

The Senatorial Question. The contest for United States Senator to succeed Hon. John H. Geaf is becoming quite a lively little contest.

Senator Tilman, condemns the use of money in the Northern election. He no doubt thinks that the shotgun method which is in use in his State and several of the other Southern States is much cheaper and more effective way of controlling election.

How shall the young people of our race be employed, is the one great question which is puzzling the brains of the leading men and women, more and as the years comes and go.

SOME GREAT MEN THE RACE HAS PRODUCED. It is an inevitable truth that all races and nations will honor the achievements of their country or race.

This world is not a play ground in which men and women dance and to play in all the time. If it would be proper for us to spend our time at the Theater, or at the ball and such places.

Remember that every star in the heavens is essential for a perfect universal, every brick in the great building is essential for a perfect wall.

The family of post master Baker who was murdered in South Carolina, by those brutes who has more prejudice than brains, because he had been appointed post-master, now lives in a nice ten room house in Chelsea, Mass., which cost \$1,250 given them by kind friends.

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The Sunday School Christmas Programme, Monday evening Dec. 25th at 7:30 P. M. Music, Organ Solo Sunday School Organist Sophia Bass; Recitation, Ethel Stewart; Singing, Sunday School classes led by Mrs. J. H. Shepard; Reading Mrs. Viola Ferguson; Address, Pastor Why We celebrate Christmas; Singing Sunday School led by Mrs. J. H. Shepard; Recitation, Ethel Stewart; Letter from Santa Clause by Superintendent Shepard; A Antoinette, The children assisted by Mr. A. J. Vaughn and Mrs. H. J. Lewis; Recitation, Irwin Clark; Reading, Mrs. Luella Wilburn; Music, The Church Across the Way; Appearance of Santa Clause, for distribution of presents, assisted by committees; Singing by audience Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

CHRISTMAS. Before another issue of The Bystander Christmas will have come and gone forever, never again to be seen in this century. But as we think to men to deepen with each passing year. Since we last stood at this our annual and customary festival around the sun 500 millions of miles, and each December ask the sun to look down upon a greater and better human race, larger cities, greater achievements, better homes and richer fields.

CHARACTER. "Character," says one one, "is a distinctive mark-a letter, a sign or quality which distinguishes one person from another. Good qualities or virtues are the letters which the world judges your past history and predicts your future. It is an axiom that a good name is rather to be desired than riches, silver and gold.

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have mentioned and with such promising young men in college as H. O. Tanner, son of Bishop Tanner, the architect in France, Lewis Douglas, grandson of Fred Douglas, studying violin music in Italy, and Roscoe C. Bruce, the son of the late United States Senator Blanche Bruce, at the head of his class in Harvard, who recently represented his college in the great Harvard-Princeton debate.

FIVE GREAT NEEDS OF THE RACE. There are many things needed that are essential to the development of the negro race and some things that all races need; but today the five things most needed for our race are: Wealth, family training, the church, the state and the school.

HISTORY OF THE NEGRO. In this time of rapid development of the American Negro, under very embarrassing environments, leads the way to the origin of the Negro, his ancient history, if he has any, and what influence did he exert during these centuries.

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SOME GREAT MEN THE RACE HAS PRODUCED. It is an inevitable truth that all races and nations will honor the achievements of their country or race.

This world is not a play ground in which men and women dance and to play in all the time. If it would be proper for us to spend our time at the Theater, or at the ball and such places.

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BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

public schools at the age of 17 years. He took up the study of photographic art, entered the employ of Sante & Temple, his advanced very rapidly and has the trade well learned. He is quite an active church worker, holding nearly every office in the church. He was elected an alternate lay delegate to represent Iowa in the general conference next year at Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Gertrude J. Ervin tells the happenings from Clinton, she was born in Stanton, Va., Dec. 18, 1889. In 1882 her parents came to Lucas county, Iowa, where Miss Ervin attended the common school. Later she entered the high school, where she graduated in the class of '98. She has a talent for elocution and music, and is yet progressing nicely.

From Mt. Pleasant we read the happenings as reported by Miss Louise Atwood Mason, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Mason. She was born in Mt. Pleasant where she attended the common schools. Next she entered the high school, from which she graduated in June, 1898. Immediately thereafter she entered the University, where she graduated from a classical course, receiving the degree of B. A. in 1894. She went to Missouri, where she is very intelligent; has a bright literary mind and a willing worker in the church and society.

The Boone folks are sent here by young Fred A. Anthony, a clerk in the Webb & Tucker grocery store. He is a native of Boone county, where he graduated from the high school in the class of '97; then he was soon employed in the store as a delivery boy; has been promoted up to a clerk. Fred is a steady and reliable young man, with a bright future before him.

The Galva folks are written by Miss Sadie A. Bentham, on the banks of the Mississippi. She was born and raised in Keokuk; graduating from the Keokuk high school in the class of 1898, receiving first honors. In the fall of 1893 she accepted a school in Shelby county, Missouri, teaching two terms. Then she taught two terms at Keokuk, Mo. In 1897 she entered the Keokuk Business college, taking shorthand, stenography and bookkeeping, where she graduated in 1898. She stands first on the eligible list for a clerical position in the postoffice, having obtained the highest percentage of any candidate.

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Oskaloosa, sometimes known as the Quaker town, is now represented by Miss Christina Grant, who was born on August 6, 1882, in Oskaloosa. She moved with her parents to Omaha and when she was 4 years old her father died. In 1894 her mother died, and she was left an orphan girl. She came back to Oskaloosa to live with her aunt, Mrs. Jones. She is now in the Oskaloosa high school.

The city limits of Dubuque is chronicle by Miss Blanche Robo who was born in Dubuque in May, 1883, after finishing the common school she entered the High School where she is now, she was Sunday School Delegate and is Secretary of the A. M. E. church. Miss Blanche's friends expects much of her.

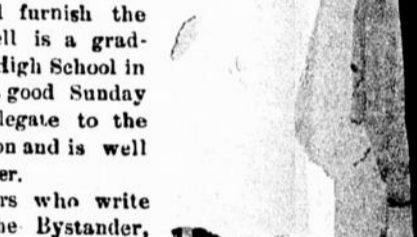
Miss Maggie Mason a charming young lady represents the Bystander in Iowa City, where she attended the public schools and graduated from the High School. She is an enthusiastic christian worker, very influential in church and Sunday School worker and several times a delegate to the State Sunday School Convention.

Miss Blanche May Bell furnish the Ottumwa news. Miss Bell is a graduate from the Ottumwa High School in the class of '98. She is a good Sunday School worker, was a delegate to the Sunday School Convention and is well liked by all who know her.

There are many others who write letters occasionally to the Bystander, whom we have not mentioned.

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Advertisement for \$2.75 BOYER COAT, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the coat's quality and price.

Listen for the Christmas Sleigh Bells.

If not these bells some other bells may do better (but not any old bells, that will not fill the bill).

Christmas Week.

All week at the Grand Old Store. If any of "oldest inhabitants" do not feel "at home" else where, but sigh for the old familiar haunts of other days, come to us and rest a while, and we will certainly do all in our power to make you comfortable until the daisies and the buttercups come again.

If the same conditions of weather prevail as did in the winters of 1891-92 when the Harris Emery Co. made their debut in Des Moines; we will be "at home" to you on April 1st, 1900—when hearts are young even in what this sense calls old bodies. Hope revives and promises cheer, even amid the gloomings of this life dream.

Christmas Week.

From Monday forward but little thought will be given to any subject, but the happy and joyous one of making all hearts happy and the older hearts young again.

We know of no other place where this beautiful thought and desire can be carried to its full fruition but at the Harris-Emery Co.

Would remind our friends and other old patrons that notwithstanding our present congested quarters that whatever we have to offer will be as cheap as any place in this city. If in the whirligig of competition some one may mark his goods below their value for effect—if our friends will kindly inform us they will always obtain goods of us that will meet any and all competition. This we always have done. Not only have we led in low prices (for we believe in them) but we also say that we want to trade with you, and there is no price that can or will be made that will not be met by the Harris Emery Co. promptly and effectually.

Therefore every facility will be offered by the Harris-Emery Co. in the arrangement of their store, and their goods, with plenty of help—to handle the trade and prompt delivery of goods up to 5:30 Christmas eve by wagon, and after that up to 10:30 by special delivery, and if anything should go wrong, telephone No. 3, or 1235 any time before 10 a. m. Christmas morning. This is only a safeguard—as mistakes have always been known to occur in the best regulated families, especially in our mercantile family as now constituted.

To detail for you some of the good things for Christmas week we offer

A Table of Dress Goods 49c.

Every yard worth 75c to 89c and all new stylish goods. Will cut them in lengths just as you want them, at the low prices of 49 cents.

Dress Patterns

and skirt lengths in blacks and colors, silk and wool and all wool fabrics at half price or less. As an illustration, goods that sold at \$10.00 a pattern will be offered at \$4.95. Another table of high class colored dress goods worth \$1.25 up to \$2.00, Christmas price 89c.

Another Attractive Table.

containing advance ideas as to styles and colorings in French flannel, challies, embroidered Henriettes for both fancy waists and house gowns from 59 cents up to \$1.25 per yard—the finest thing made.

(Open every evening Christmas week until 9 o'clock.)

Young Men.

Would you like to send to another or sister a good substantial Christmas gift? Can buy for another one of our guaranteed goods in staple styles of the celebrated Priestly Black Fabric—department of wearing goods ever made. List of carrying sister one of our grand class in pairs of black silk or

the H. E. Co. guaranteed Brand—or of the C. J. Bonnet & Co. Celebrated Black Silk—all of which are warranted not to crock, slip or crack and will agree to make good any claim made within six months (even if in hard service). Drop in and see what we can do in either of these lines.

Guaranteed silks at 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.25 and \$2.50. Fanco silk waist lengths just as good. A grand array of styles at 87c—\$1.00 up to \$2.00, in both plain and fancy styles.

Evening costumes—to be made from rich brocades up to \$2.50 per yard or in the modest Crepe de Chenes and satin crepes in the New Pastel shades, \$1.00 per yard. Get ready for the grand Charity Ball that is now slated for a January, 1900, event. All merchants can be reached in a tender spot when you talk of these great social events.

Before we leave the first floor we must call attention to the great array of Christmas Goods that are plainly in sight at and about the front door great values will be offered in Men's Furnishings.

Ladies' handkerchiefs, neckwear, men's and ladies' umbrellas, some elegantly mounted handles—large assortment of jeweled hair goods and toilet articles of all kinds, and last but not least, our "Toy Land" in basement—entrance, just to the right at the front doors—you will find many things that are warm in the hearts of our boys and girls.

Back by the Elevator.

Mr. Jack Wohlberg holds the fort and is selling lots of fancy linens and table pieces, and if you have only a few minutes to devote to our Jack, just stop a minute and hear what he has to say about things, any way.

He will Tell You

of a 72-inch bleached double satin damask he'll sell at 85c, and a 34 napkin of equal value, worth \$3.25—Christmas price \$2.45.

Or those of heavy knotted fringe imported Marseilles spreads—Christmas price \$1.89 and \$2.50. And a lot of \$1.00 spachtel pillow shams Christmas at 69c. And a full assortment of fancy linen pieces in tray and lunch cloths, table scarfs, any size or shape in plain open work and Roman embroidery.

(Open every evening Christmas week until 9 o'clock.)

Comforts and Blankets

For Christmas presents nothing more useful or better appreciated many married friends, one to another—dainty comforts, tufted and tied, \$1.75 to \$3.50.

Blankets.

The best that is going, from \$4.00 up to \$16.50.

Our Carpet Department.

Large additions to stock just at hand—135 rolls of (three quarter) carpets, 30 rolls of (yard wide) ingrain and 20 bales of rugs, all bought before the great advance. All carpets will be 20 to 25 per cent higher (at the mills) after January 1, 1900. Thirty cases of Linoleums and oil cloths. These figures give you only a partial list of the goods received during the past two or three weeks.

Bear in Mind

this entire stock is all new patterns. All our old styles were sold to the fire insurance companies on the morning of October 3d (and they didn't pay full price either).

Monday a Leader.

Oil cloth stove aug, 1 1/2 yards square with zinc binding corners and tacks, for 75c each.

Drapery Department.

Finest line covered pillows—pillow covers and cords at Christmas prices for luck. \$4.00 slumber robes for \$2.75.

Substantial Christmas Gifts on the Second Floor—Ready to wear garments and small and large furs (the old Younker Building) all of which will be offered on Christmas week to aid our friends in making presents practicable and possible.

Item No. 1—Four different styles of Cloth Jackets in the latest cut and fine tailor made—Retail price, \$12.50, 15.00, 16.50, 17.50—at the very low and popular price of \$10.

When you can get such styles and such values as we offer today don't fail to respond to our generous offer.

Item No. 2—To those who do not wish to put \$10.00 or \$20.00 into a garment—you want style, fit and finish at lower prices—they can buy six different styles of Cloth Jackets that are cheap and have been good sellers at \$8.75 and \$10. Christmas week price, \$6.95.

Come Monday and take your dividends in jackets that are all new and bright since the fire.

New Tailored Suits Shattered Christmas week.

(At the old Younker Building) Nothing old—all bought since the fire.

Item No. 3.—There are 43 of these dresses—ready to be put on. The styles and colors are correct. Jackets lined with silk—you can take no exception to these handsome gowns, sold at \$15.00 and \$17.50—Slaughtered price Christmas week, \$10.00.

Furs for Christmas Week.

Item No. 4.—10-inch Electric Seal, Collarlette; 10-inch Electric Seal, edged with imitation Chinchilla—Satin lined—worth \$3.50 and \$4.50—They are yours Christmas week, \$2.95.

Item No. 5.—For Scarfs—imitation brown Marten with eight (8) cluster tails, stylish in effect—worth \$9.50 to \$7.50—Christmas week, \$5.00.

Second Floor Offerings.

Not restricted to any one line. This is to entice willing feet and eager buyers to the old familiar haunts of the "Grand Old Store"—made new—(inside).

163 Silk and Velveted Waists—Nothing offered in this ad of better value, or more stylish, more dressy, than this splendid collection of ready to put on garments. Jaunty effect, fashionable—worth anywhere \$6.75, \$7.50 and \$8.50. All colors and black—we've 't—that's why this price is made—Christmas week, \$1.95.

French Flannel Waists—Nothing more desirable for the house or street—nothing that will please the wearer better—\$4.50 and \$5.50 was the price until Christmas week, \$2.95.

Our stock is full in better grades—just as cheap in proportion.

(Open every evening Christmas week until 9 o'clock.)

The Children.

Are in it too! Christmas week you can buy more for your money in this department than in any other in this town—always could—you can now—and that means today.

Reefers and Jackets—Sizes 2 to 14 years. Everything new—all received since the fire—styles and colors just what you want. You'll find no better about town at \$4.00 and \$5.00, but here Christmas week, \$2.95.

Another Big Lot all bunched together—Cloaks, Reefers, Jackets, Boucle and Kersey cloths, braid and fibre trimmings, stylish and effective—sizes 4 to 14 years, worth in other places \$6.00 and \$7.50—our price Christmas week, \$4.50.

Great Bargains Christmas week in high class underwear. A specially favorable deal gave us a lot of Underwear very cheap. We offer the entire line Christmas week—

\$1.50 all wool Black Union Suits .98
2.00 all wool Black Union Suits 1.19
2.25 all wool Black Union Suits 1.48
2.75 all wool Black Union Suits 1.98

Black Wool Underwear is very desirable and at these price they are real good values. You can buy "The Jaeger," "The Ypsilanti," "The Portage," all high class, Underwear as cheap as can be bought anywhere on this continent of us right here in Des Moines, and don't you forget it!

Special drives in Hosiery Christmas week. Fast black fleeced hose—two for 25 cents.

Fleeced lined, full fashioned, spliced heel, double sole—good 35-cent stockings, Christmas week, 25c.

Miss Lummis would like to see her friends at the Glove Counter—

Christmas comes apace—acceptable presents here. High class goods can be had of us. Every pair warranted. The latest style in coloring and stitching in Piques at \$2.00.

Centemri—an old standard—you know them—all colors, at \$1.75. A drive for Christmas week—A \$1.00 kid glove for 65c.

Ribbons.

5,000 piece purchase bought cheap—Satin and Gros-Grain Ribbons—all silk, all colors—the biggest snip of the season—you'll want them for all sorts of fancy work, and we'll give you them at half price, just for luck.

Look at the prices—you can buy 4c
Nos. 5 and 7 at 6c
You can buy Nos. 9 and 12 8c
You can buy Nos. 16 and 22 8c

Holiday Jewelry.

We are strictly in the lead. gold Gold jewel set Rings for \$1.00 and 45c.
\$2.00 and \$1.48 jeweled Pompadour Combs, 98c
Ebony Brushes and Rubber Combs, in sets, with sterling silver mountings—sold everywhere at \$2.00 and \$2.50, \$1.50. Fine Sterling silver mounted, real ebony sets, real value \$10.00, our price \$7.98.

Fine manure sets—fine smoking sets, \$1.50 up
Dog Collar Belts, tan, mode and black—worth double, 69c.

Leather Purse—High class goods for holiday gifts, at \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50—also a good line of \$1.00, 50c, 25c, 10c and 5c each. We meet the needs of any pocket book.

Men's Furnishings—a special mention for Christmas week
Gents Mufflers.
The very latest effects in fancies and reversible quilted, at \$1.00 each Monday and all the week if they last. Black Satin and silk Mufflers, the \$1.00 kind for 75c—a few left at 50c.

Harris-Emery Co.

A Vanderbilt in Black.

New York Press: "Whenever my glance falls upon those sticks," said the importer of rare woods, surveying a pile of mahogany logs carefully selected and stacked, which faced the East river, "I am reminded of their shipper, a man who is sending more mahogany to market, just now, than any other man in the world, and whose history reads like a romance or a page out of the 'Arabian Nights.' His name is Don Juan Knight. Guatemala is virtually the financial ruler of the Central American states. His wealth is estimated popularly at anything from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Ever so much of this money was earned by this man, and the remarkable part of the whole thing is that Don Juan Knight, which is Spanish for plain John Knight, is a native of New York and was born in slavery in Alabama.

"There is no one in all Guatemala who does not know the name of Knight, and the financial and commercial interests in Central America recognize his power and court his friendship. He is about five feet eleven, weighs 160 pounds, has dark eyes and a high forehead, a complexion that he would be mistaken for a dark Central American, only for his hair. He speaks English fluently, is thoroughly conversant with the news of the day, and continues to take great pride in America. His characteristics are energy and force, even to this late day in life, and despite his enormous accumulations, he has scores of schemes for increasing his riches, and he has never before he retires permanently from the money-making business.

"Don Juan's annual income cannot be less than \$500,000 at the present day, and of this he spends more than \$150,000, for his is a large family, and the negro loves to live in mahogany. He gives liberally to various charities. His tremendous income is derived from great coffee plantations, immense tracts of mahogany logs in the mines, an extensive banana plantation, and investments in wharf, boat and banking stocks. But not content with this, Knight is actually engaged in some great financial project which adds to his capital.

"His handsome residence near Guatemala City is one of the finest in the country to see. It is three miles west of the suburbs of the queer, straggling city, and is a grand, two-story house, with something like thirty-five large rooms. The rich Central American, I discovered, while on a recent trip to Guatemala, where I met Knight, bankers for the largest rooms it is possible to get into a house. The drawing room of the Knight mansion is about ninety feet long, and the other rooms are in proportion. Costly furniture of rare designs is stored in the house from top to bottom. The shafts of mahogany and iron, there are grand pianos and magnificent mirrors galore from Paris, and velvet carpets from New York. The rooms were decorated by a colony of artists from the United States, who were half a year at their work. The dining room represents the expenditure of what many rich men spend in a lifetime. It is finished throughout in polished mahogany and plate glass mirrors; the floor is a mosaic of the rarest hard woods, and the walls are covered with floral paintings. The dining room is not to be found in the New World. The sounds about the mansion are about three hundred, and are embellished with beautiful and perfect copies in statuary from France and Italy, and an artistic tangle of marble, which is beyond the reach of any other flowering plants, artificial grottoes and singular designs in lawns and vines.

"Out in the mountains Knight has another place, where the coffee and the coffee flourishes. The entire property is under cultivation, and the finest orchids in the country are there. There are here also acres of roses, lilies in rows half a mile long, fine winding roads among the coffee, banana and pineapple fields. Besides for the laborers' families and fruit harvesting and packing houses and coffee curing plants have been erected on this estate at a cost of \$150,000. There are seven children in John Knight's family, and all were educated in the United States. Two of his boys recently completed a course at a military academy in Mississippi, while one of his daughters is a portrait painter in Boston. Once every two years Knight has to take a trip to New Orleans. They have been in Europe two or three times and frequently send their children abroad.

"Knight, who is proud of his rise from a slave boy to great wealth and commercial power, told me the story of his life, and in some particulars it is almost beyond belief. He never knew his father, because the latter was sold in a lot of slaves who went to Georgia a few months before John Knight was born. His mother, who became by inheritance the property of a tobacco grower, Daniel Upton, who lives at Dadeville, Ala. Upton, who is a kindly, kindly man, so Knight said, who treated his slaves well, and his wife, who had been a school teacher, believed it was her duty to protect and protect the black people on her husband's plantation. Mrs. Upton had a brother, John S. Knight, after whom she named the little black boy, and he was born in an outbuilding one spring day in 1815. The child was unusually bright, and Mrs. Upton discovered that he had an absorbing interest in the instructions given to her children. In the bright weather, when the children and teacher sat on the piazza of the house, John would take up a station near by and listen to all that was said. His apparent zeal for an education appealed to Mrs. Upton, who determined to give the little slave boy sufficient lessons to get him started on the road to independent studies. Eventually Mr. Upton became interested in John's education and helped him along.

"When old enough Knight worked in other slaves, but he had special privileges in the evening, and while the other small boys were kept around the place he was allowed to read and study. When about 16 years old Knight was the most promising negro in Tallapoosa county. Mr. Upton died at that time, and at the executor's sale at the Upton plantation in 1830 Knight was auctioned off to Hannibal M. Judson of the adjoining county of Chambers, for \$1,600, which was rather a stiff price for a negro at that time. But slave boys who read and figured were at a premium. Knight went with his new master to a coffee plantation in Central Alabama. Next spring the war broke out and Mr. Judson entered the Confederate army. Knight then was made an overseer of part of the plantation, and for four years superintended the gathering of the cotton and the shipment to New Orleans. When his master returned from the war Knight declared his freedom, and walked to New Orleans, where he secured a berth as a laborer for a firm which handled fruits from Central America. He saved his money, and one day in June, 1866, he was sent by his master to Guatemala, where he was to be a fruit shipper on his own account. He learned of the immense tracts of fertile land adapted to fruits south of San Cristobal, Guatemala, and scattered there. An energetic person was something not only unique, but weird, in those days in that region of revolutions and civil wars. Knight, however, was not such a man. He was a fruit shipper on his own account. He learned of the immense tracts of fertile land adapted to fruits south of San Cristobal, Guatemala, and scattered there. An energetic person was something not only unique, but weird, in those days in that region of revolutions and civil wars. Knight, however, was not such a man. He was a fruit shipper on his own account. He learned of the immense tracts of fertile land adapted to fruits south of San Cristobal, Guatemala, and scattered there. An energetic person was something not only unique, but weird, in those days in that region of revolutions and civil wars. Knight, however, was not such a man. He was a fruit shipper on his own account.

in—to go to New Orleans and get the wholesale fruit dealers, who controlled the southern markets about thirty years ago, to agree to buy \$2,000,000 a year of fruit from Guatemala's plantations. The government accepted his proposition, and within three months Knight had put his deal through. This was the beginning of a trade which eventually became worth several million dollars annually.

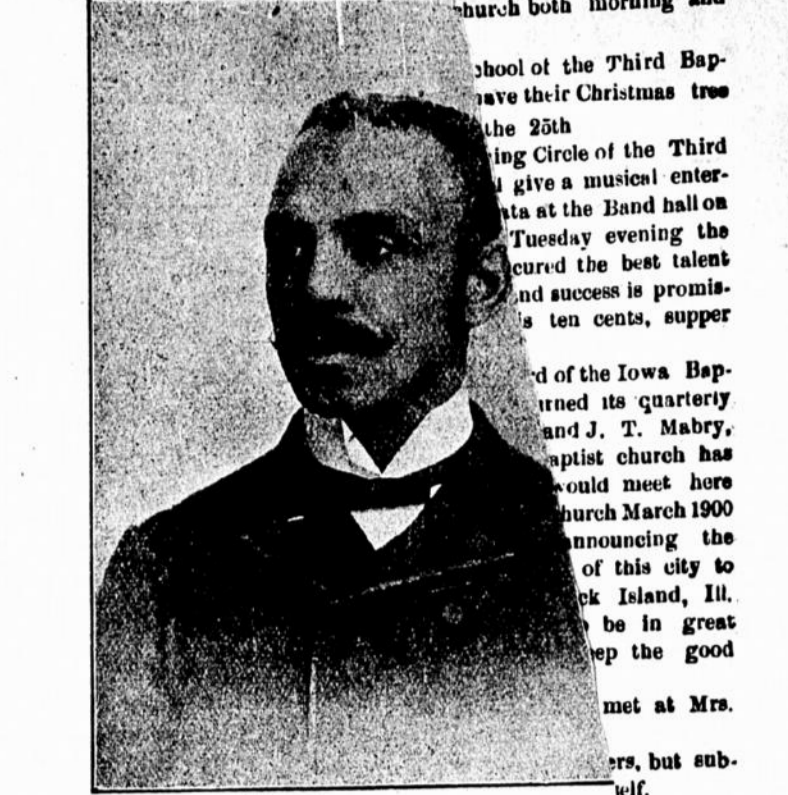
"This first success opened Knight's eyes to other possibilities and opportunities. Subsequently he obtained valuable concessions from the Guatemala government, when he demonstrated the profit there was in fruit for the markets of New York, New Orleans and San Francisco was tremendously enlarged. By 1887 Knight was the largest employer in Northern Guatemala. White men had often despaired of getting work out of the lazy, improvident and careless natives of the rural districts of the state, but Knight's experience among them stood him in excellent stead.

"Don Juan was rich and something more than thirty years old when he married a young native woman, a marriage which was a great help to his fortunes. About twenty years ago he had a change of heart, and he decided to embark extensively in coffee growing in Guatemala, and invested at the time \$150,000 of his own money. As various concessions were made to him by the government for his successful efforts in bringing capital into the country. For many years coffee grew so many tens of thousands of feet of mahogany annually for ten years. Then he returned and bought up great tracts of mahogany trees in Nicaragua and Guatemala. At one time, and he may be today for all I know of the contrary, Knight was the second largest dealer in mahogany logs in the world. His was a Midas touch. Everything which fell into his hands resolved itself into gold. He was the boom friend of the most famous revolution which was killed in battle in An. 1855. In the course of one of those charming little revolutions the natives of Central America were so fond of getting up when they have heavily on their hands. Had Barrios succeeded in unifying the Central American republics there as he contemplated, it would have more than doubled Knight's property and increased his influence in Central America. With Barrios, Knight formed a partnership which built the first telegraph line in Guatemala, and he bought his estate and induced American coffee planters to come to Guatemala to plant coffee near the Gulf of Mexico with Guatemala City.

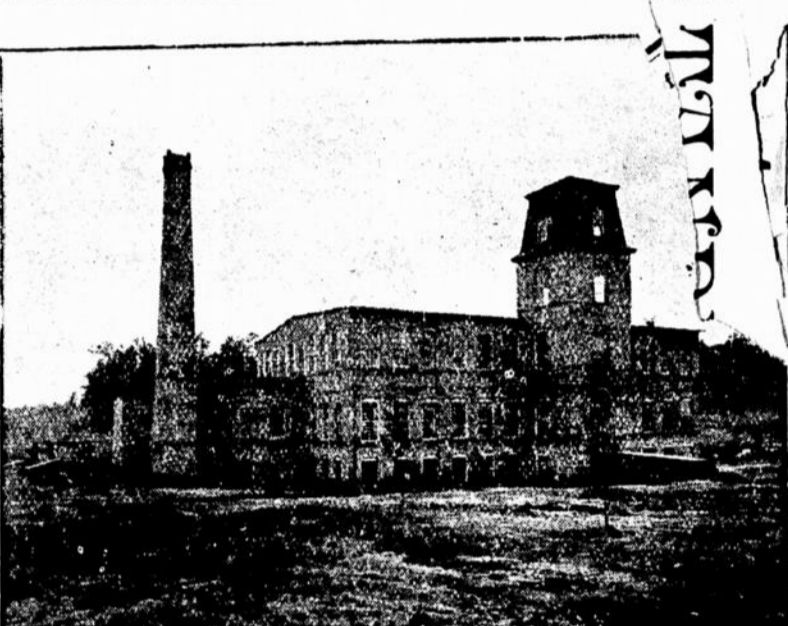
"For years Don Juan Knight has been interested in the mines, and in 1886 he shafts and tunnels which he had been boring for a long time without great success began to develop valuable veins of gold and silver in Northern Guatemala. He owned 100 men busy every day in the week and has visited in many of the mines in Central America, with the exception of two in Honduras and one in Costa Rica. He has invented machinery for crushing the peculiar ore which comes from his mines, and has extensively employed the natives by his system of tramways, by which he saves one-fourth the labor of hauling ore to the stamps.

"In many ways is the influence of Knight felt in Guatemala. His opinions are sought after, and his advice is followed. He gave liberally to the national hospital, which was founded by Barrios about fifty years ago, and to his individual efforts are due the establishment of the central for the new railway now stretching across Guatemala. He is as popular as any one from the United States can be in a Central American state.

"Knight has diverse peculiarities which might be set down as superstitions. On no account will he allow any one to photograph him, nor will he venture forth by day in anything but a red shirt or a shirt which has come of that brilliant color in his ornamental make-up. No matter what the fabric or what the occasion, there is sure to be a thread of red in the garment, and he has shirts of all degrees of redness. It is said by those who are particularly intimate with Knight that years ago, when he was a poor, ragged 'coon' in New Orleans, he was told one day by an old negro that red was his lucky color, and upon putting it to the test he became convinced that red was all the old woman said it was. Knight is fond of music, and frequently has an immense orchestra at his home. But he will never allow the flute to be played in his presence. He will not pay a bill on the 13th of the month, nor will he undertake any financial transaction on Friday. He will never permit any light at night in his magnificent sleeping apartment or in his private office, except that supplied by a common, flickering tallow candle.



J. Frank Blagburn, whose cut appears above, is our either friends and candidate for re-election. He is Master of North Star Lodge at her in the Iowa Grand Lodge; member of the Executive Committee of the Afro American Council. He is coming young man.



COLEMAN COTTON MILLS.

For one who may visit Concord the capital of North Carolina and just before he arrives at the depot of the Great Southern Railroad, he beholds a large three story commodious brick building with a smokestack towering one hundred feet in the air, it is the new Negro enterprise known as the Coleman Cotton Mill. The stock company that owns it, was perfected on the 23rd day of February 1897, having obtained their charter from the legislature. One of the policies of the company was not to go in debt and for this reason the company is out of debt. The company owns nearly one hundred acres of valuable land



W. C. Coleman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Cotton Mill.

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In giving Xmas presents make no mistake by giving goods that are not practical. Nothing is better than a pair of "COWNIES BEAUTIFUL GLOVES."

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Beginning Monday we will give with each pair of gloves a handsome box free

We have dress gloves in ladies' and gents', at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. The glove store is the place to get your gloves—every pair guaranteed.

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308 SEVENTH STREET,
First door north of Younker's new store.

Demand for Wares Increases. Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—An amended scale of wages has been decided upon by the cloth weavers of this city and will be presented to the manufacturers during the current week. The scale calls for a general increase of 15 per cent. The weavers announce that if their demands are not complied with before Jan. 1 a strike will be ordered. (About 3,000 weavers and 7,000 mill hands will be affected if this action is taken.)

Reports from the university of Minnesota indicate that its total number of students will this year reach, or even pass, 3,000. Two hundred and fifty-nine university of Michigan men were in service, either at the front or in camp, during the recent Spanish war. The Presbyterians of Tennessee are striving to establish a college at Memphis to be known as the Cumberland Presbyterian university.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

Not Exclusive. Our family is awfully fine. Is yours? (aged 4) — No, indeed! We're anything to be ashamed of.

The Typewriter Invention. Statistician has proven that the nation of the typewriter has given employment to 500,000 people, but he states how many cases of weak lungs it has induced. All people of ordinary occupation need Hostetter's Cherry Pectoral. It helps nature to get rid of the strain which ensues from the use of the typewriter.

Those who love always have no leisure to pity themselves, or to be unhappy.

All except bad ones!

There are hundreds of cough medicines which relieve coughs, all coughs, except bad ones! The medicine which has been curing the worst of bad coughs for 60 years is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Here is evidence:

"My wife was troubled with a deep-seated cough on her lungs for three years. One day I thought of how Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved the life of my sister after the doctors had all given her up to die. So I purchased two bottles, and it cured my wife completely. Only one bottle to cure my sister. I can see that three bottles (one dollar each) saved two lives. We all send you our heartfelt thanks for what you have done for us." — J. H. BURKE, Macon, Ga., Jan. 13, 1899.

Now, for the first time you can get a trial bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

When a camel wants water it roars continually. It is pitiful at night in the desert to hear the ceaseless wailing of thirsty camels.

Vaccinate Your Hogs. Reliable man wanted to vaccinate swine with Dr. Gillett's Hog Cholera Serum; liberal offer to field operators; inclose stamp for particulars. W. J. Gillett, M. D., Parsons, Kan.

In wishing for his neighbors' possessions, the covetous man loses his own. Each package of PUTNAM FADE-LESS DYES colors either Silk, Wool or Cotton perfectly.

Affliction—What everyone can carry for someone else.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A blind man's world can be measured with a walking stick.

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That Mysterious Major...

BY... ETHEL A. SOUTHAM

CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

But all thoughts of a stroll in the town had entirely forsaken him now. He also, like Miss Luttrell, had suddenly been seized with a longing for a quiet afternoon under the trees. In his case to pursue an interesting debate in the Times; and, with this idea in view, he immediately turned away from the window, caught up the first paper which came to his hand, and went out into the hall. Yet five minutes later, as he sauntered leisurely across the lawn, glancing cursorily from side to side, a slight feeling of guilt for the first time came over him as a gap in the trees revealed a glimpse of a familiar white parasol.

Fiddleticks! Because Miss Luttrell had chosen to bring her book into the garden was no reason why any of the other inmates of the "Royal George" should not feel something of the same inclination.

Ruminating thus, the Major moved slowly on his way, passing first one entirely shady nook and then another, until he reached a high overhanging bush about 20 yards from the group of trees which Miss Luttrell had selected, where he threw himself down upon the dry burned-up grass and gave himself up to the delights of a peaceful summer afternoon.

And yet, as he took out his cigar-case and lighting a fresh cigar, glanced casually down the columns of the newspaper, it was evident that something besides the usual of the Times had brought him to that secluded spot, or he would have at least exhibited some annoyance when, instead of finding himself in possession of that star of London daily literature, he discovered himself aimlessly scrutinizing the visitors' list and the many advertisements which occupied at least two-thirds of the Salticre Chronicle.

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LYING BACK ON THE GREEN SWARD.

No wonder therefore that after some minutes he quietly discarded it, and lying back on the soft green sward, tilted his hat far over his eyes and prepared to enjoy the perfect calmness of the day.

But half an hour had passed quietly; his feelings of perplexity had given place to hopelessness, and hopelessness to a general sense of lassitude, which had brought him to that stage when the sights and sounds around him had grown vague and indistinct, and he lay long in the land of sleep.

Thus he was quite unconscious of the fact that a little black French poodle had discovered him and had sniffed suspiciously round him for two or three minutes, and also quite unconscious that, when that little black French poodle had disappeared, his cigar-case, which had been lying on the grass at his elbow, had disappeared also.

Meanwhile Miss Luttrell, who had comfortably ensconced herself in a large bamboo chair, was deeply absorbed in the thrilling incidents of her three-volume novel. So deeply was she absorbed that she had not the remotest idea that Major Brown had even crossed the lawn, or that Sambo, who had been lying on the rug at her feet, had grown tired of making little grabs at the army of gnats and flies which had been hovering round his head and had gone trotting off to pay a visit to that hapless individual.

Yet, when he returned again, and settled himself in silence by her side—a silence which was perhaps ominous of coming evil from the fact that any unusual calmness in Sambo's part generally forebodes mischief—she bent forward and, raising her eyes from her book, asked what he was doing.

"Sambo!"

Horror and dismay were depicted upon her countenance, her tones were laden with the keenest reproach, as she sprang up from her chair and gazed in consternation at the sight which met her eyes.

CHAPTER V.

There was Master Sambo literally surrounded by a mixed collection of cigars and cigarettes, whilst between his paws was calmly reposing a silver-mounted Russian leather cigar-case, at which he was gnawing with apparently as much enjoyment as if it had been one of the most tasty bones.

"Sambo, where did you get that? Oh, you bad dog! Whose in the world can it be?"

In an instant Evelyn had seized hold of the cigar-case and dragged it away

"Then do not trouble, please!" said Major Brown courteously. "It is mine, certainly; but it does not matter in the least. What is of more importance is, has he eaten any of it? Because I should think that Russian leather is not the easiest thing in the world to digest."

"No," Evelyn gave a dubious shake of her head. "Sambo knows better than to swallow anything of the kind. He is too fond of gnawing my shoes not to have learned by experience that leather is a bad thing for his digestion."

"Ah—so this is not his first offense?" He asked the question anxiously, fearing each moment Miss Luttrell would bring the interview abruptly to a close by walking off imperiously with her head elevated as she had done on the previous morning.

"Oh, dear, no! He destroys something every day; but as a rule, he takes care not to spoil anything that does not belong to me. That is one good thing, or he would be everlasting in disgrace."

"I see; he evidently considers it a sort of mark of esteem, which he reserves entirely for his mistress," was the Major's reply, made in a somewhat speculative tone. "If that is the case, I must look upon myself as an honored individual, since he has condescended to bestow his attention upon something of mine. Come, Sambo, shake hands."

"Yes, Sambo—put out your paw and shake hands like a gentleman, and say you are sorry for what you have done. But please let me have that unfortunate cigar-case," she added suddenly, coloring slightly, as the Major bent forward to take up the remains of that once elegant article. "There will be so many different kinds, I suppose, and, if possible, Sambo would like to get another exactly like it."

"It is very kind of him, I am sure"—there was a gleam of amusement in his eyes—"but the same, I shall value this one far more than I ever could a new one of Sambo's choosing; and, if I may be allowed, I shall always keep it in remembrance of him and—here he hesitated and glanced down admiringly at the disturbed pretty face before him—"his mistress!"

And so at last Fate had been kind to him.

As, five minutes later, the Major tucked his newspaper under his arm and took a leisurely stroll round the garden, he came to the conclusion that, even had the French poodle devoured a hundred cigar-cases, he would have been perfectly compensated by that rather short interview with Miss Luttrell of Luttrell court.

(To be continued.)

The True Pearl.

The origin of fine pearls was the subject of an interesting paper lately read by M. Leon Dignet before the Academie des Sciences, Paris. The author believes the true pearl to be pathological calcification, or "stone," induced by parasites. The spherical pearl formed in any part of the shellfish except the mantle, and has no connection with the shell itself, but begins in a small sac of humor. This becomes gelatinous, and finally solidifies in a series of concentric layers. A pearl thus formed consists of alternate layers of crystalline matter and a substance resembling chondrioline, and it has a central cavity containing calcareous crystals and the remains of some organized creature, presumably the parasites which have induced the disorder in the bivalve. The small sac in which the pearl has been made, after a lapse of time, becomes thin, and can be easily broken by the oyster and the pearl ejected. It has been held by many investigators that pearls were caused by shellfish coating foreign bodies, such as grains of sand or insects, with nacre, and, although undoubtedly such intrusive bodies are so coated and are often sold as pearls, M. Leon Dignet maintains that these are quite distinct from the true "orient" pearl. They always occur between the mantle and the shell, and are usually attached to the shell by a neck of pearly matter, and they have not the fine iridescence and luster of true "orient" pearl, but only that of mother-of-pearl. These "pearls of nacre" are the result of accidental intrusion and probably an effort on the part of the mollusc to ally the irritation caused by the presence of a foreign body in contact with its soft flesh, but are quite distinct from the spherical pearls formed in the shellfish itself.

What Sleeplessness Means.

Medical scientists have now demonstrated that a brain cell actually loses part of its substance during action. The cell of the exhausted brain, instead of being plump and full of nervous matter, is found to be hollowed out, or "vacuolated," a cavity having formed without its substance, which has become filled with water. This means that a part of the cell substance has been actually consumed, precisely as coal is consumed when one gets heat from a furnace. It has been found that if an animal whose brain cells are thus exhausted be permitted to sleep, its cells readily recuperate, new material is supplied from the blood until the cell is as good as new. The brain of a person, therefore, who is beset by sleeplessness is in the condition of a locomotive which runs night and day without going to the repair-shop.—SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

Fed by the Eye.

A lady went into a pastry cook's shop the other day. On the counter were displayed all sorts of toothsome dainties. The only attendant was a little girl about 10 years of age. "Isn't it a great temptation to you my dear," asked the lady, "to see all those nice things? You must always be wanting to eat them." "Oh, no, ma'am," was the answer; "it is enough for me to see them made."

An Innovation.

"In our house," said the base ball crank with a new baby, "the rules of the game are reversed. Four bawls put me off my base."—Philadelphia North American.

Weak-Souled Carnivora.

It is a somewhat curious fact universally noted by travelers that lions, tigers and other fierce carnivora are too weak in lung power to run more than a half mile.

There is a Class of People Who are in every city who sell coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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The season approaches when one's thoughts turn toward a place where the inconveniences of a Northern winter may be escaped. No section of this country offers such ideal spots as the Gulf Coast on the line of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad between Mobile and New Orleans. It possesses a mild climate, pure air, even temperature and facilities for hunting and fishing enjoyed by no other section. Accommodations for visitors are first-class, and can be secured at moderate prices. The L. & N. R. is the only line by which it can be reached in through cars from Northern cities. Through car schedules to all points in Florida and New Orleans are also perfect. Write for folders, etc., to Geo. B. Hovess, D. P. A., St. Louis, Mo.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN S. WOOLSON.

By S. H. M. Myers.

What—dead? and the coffin set man of all. The knight with his armor on. The prince of all kindreds? Is he? The prince of all kindreds? Is he? What—brought the/ him on his shield, at a battle but half begun. The night gone off that had burned so fast. And the day of his life had almost passed. Yes—into the room where the lilies stand, And there was e'en the moirine gown. Aye, him they brought of the iron hand, And him of the heart of steel. "Dead—dead," they said, and they gazed the while. With eyes that were growing dim. Yet, at midday, he came, and dimly smiled. For they knew it was well with him. O! thanks for a life that had not a stain, For the chivalrous soul in his gown. O! thank O! thank, like a sweet refrain Is the voice not sounding on: O! never a sun like his went out, Or a field behind—'neath his hill. But the ringing of a bell, all about With the joy of his radiance still.

Several members of the Scottish Reserve, before leaving for the Cape, were entertained at a farewell supper by their fellow-workers in Dundee. "Now boys," said the chairman, after an appropriate speech, "treat this as on the table as you would the Boers." As the feast ended one of the reservists was observed stowing away a bottle of whisky in his pocket. "What's that ye're doing?" shouted the chairman, good-humoredly. "Oh," replied Tim, "I'm only obeyin' orders." "I tell ye to treat the supper as we would the Boers, and ye ken, what we dinna kill we tak' prisoners."

Vaccination caused severe inflammation of the arm of Annie Ackels, of Brewsters, N. Y. A few days later lockjaw resulted, and the child died.

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The B. & O. R. R. has just placed an order for 43,500 tons of 85 pound steel rail for delivery in 1900. The contract price is about \$3 per ton or 87 per cent more than the Receivers paid for rail during the time they had charge of the property. The total amount just ordered by the B. & O. R. R. will get 26,000 tons, the B. & O. S. W. 12,700, the Pittsburg and Western 4,000, and the Cleveland Terminal and Valley 1,000.

Mrs. Byron Alfred, of Eldred, Pa., owns and operates a nitro-glycerine and dynamite factory.

PERSONALLY CONDUCTED TOURS

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Amos Gillard, trombone player, of Charleston S. C. joined the big Minstrel Festival.

Chas. H. Gant, musical artist, with the Old Southern Life company sends regards to all friends.

Oberton is a village Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, of about 500 inhabitants, of whom are Negroes. The postmaster is a Negro, the notary public is a Negro, and there is a Negro marshal.

Perhaps no woman in Washington has devoted more time, and labored more zealously in everything that looked toward the up-building of our people especially the women and girls, than Miss M. R. Bowen.

The Sojourner Truth Home, for working women and girls was organized in 1896 with the following officers: M. R. Bowen president; J. E. Wilkes, secretary; and C. J. Lyne treasurer.

Head-waiter W. Forrest Cozart, of the Spaulding Hotel, has turned author and he has turned out a very creditable work entitled "The Waiters Manual."

Gertrude Idalia Harper, Michigan; Carrie Smith Barnes, Missouri; Nettie Emma Butler, Texas; Alex Edna Fepper, Mississippi; Eliza Virginia Caldwell, Kentucky; Evangeline Greenwood, Illinois; are the six young ladies who graduated from the Provident Hospital, at Chicago, as trained nurses.

The silk mill at Fayetteville N. C., is in operation. The owner has bought 140 acres of land nearby, and says he will establish a \$2,000,000 silk plant there, moving it from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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Mrs. John Woods will give a concert Monday evening. Mrs. Stella Hall will give a concert for the benefit of her church Thursday night.

ALBIA NEWS. Mrs. Josie Meadows made her usual trip to Muehakeenock this week. The small-pox is rumored to be in Coalfield and about the vicinity of Albia so that it is making our people somewhat shy.

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Rev. Bates, Pastor. St. Paul A. M. E.—Corner of Second and Center Streets. Preaching at 10:30 A. M.; Sunday School at 11:30 A. M.; preaching at 8 P. M.

Baptist—East Second Street—between Walnut and Court avenue. Service at 11:30 A. M.; Sunday school at 9:30 A. M.; Bible services at 6:30 P. M.; Young Peoples League at 8:30 P. M.; preaching at 8 P. M.

First African Baptist Church—Corner School and St. streets. Rev. J. Underwood pastor. Preaching at 10:30 A. M.; Sunday school at 11:30 A. M.; Bible services at 6:30 P. M.; Young Peoples League at 8:30 P. M.; preaching at 7:30 P. M.

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SECRET ORDERS. North Star Lodge, No. 2, A. F. A. M.—Meets Third Thursday in each month at Masonic Hall—East Second and Walnut. J. P. Hingburn, W. M.; G. H. Clegg, secretary.

King Solomon Commandery, No. 6—Meets Second and Fourth Thursday in each month at Masonic hall. Fred Jackson, M. C.; G. H. Clegg, Reg. Sec.

Charity Lodge, No. 2192, G. U. O. of O. F.—Meets First, Second and Third Tuesday each month at Odd Fellows hall on West Sixth and Walnut streets. D. Burns, N. G.; F. Brown, P. S.

Naomi Court, No. 3—Meets Second Monday in each month at Masonic hall. Mrs. J. H. Shepard, matron; Mrs. Flora Major, secretary.

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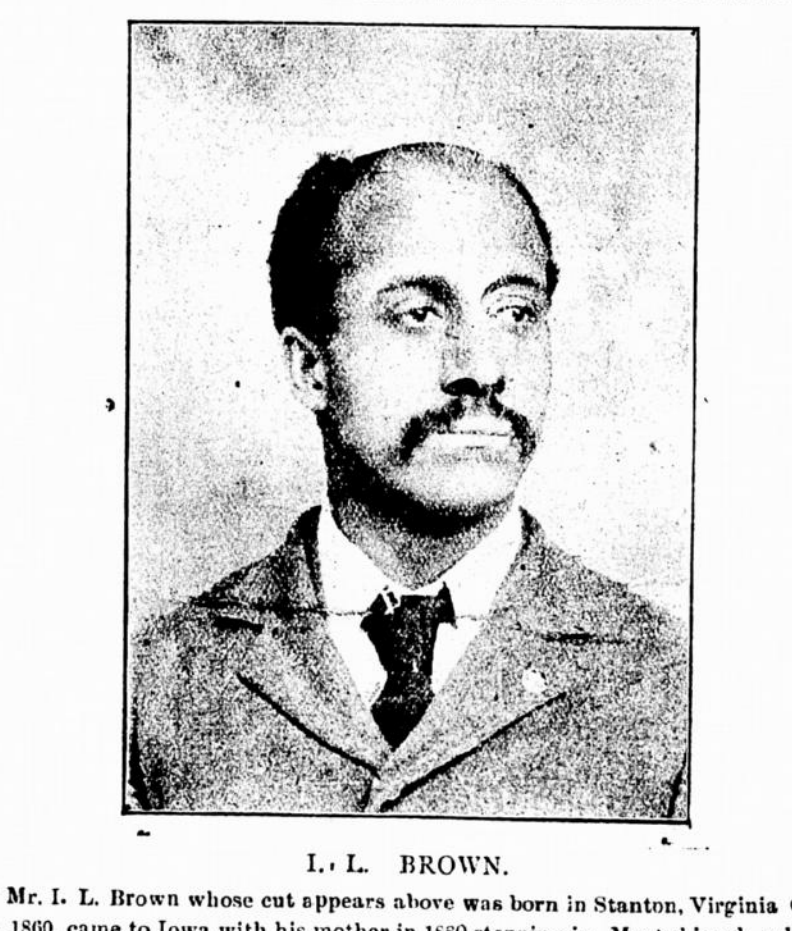
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