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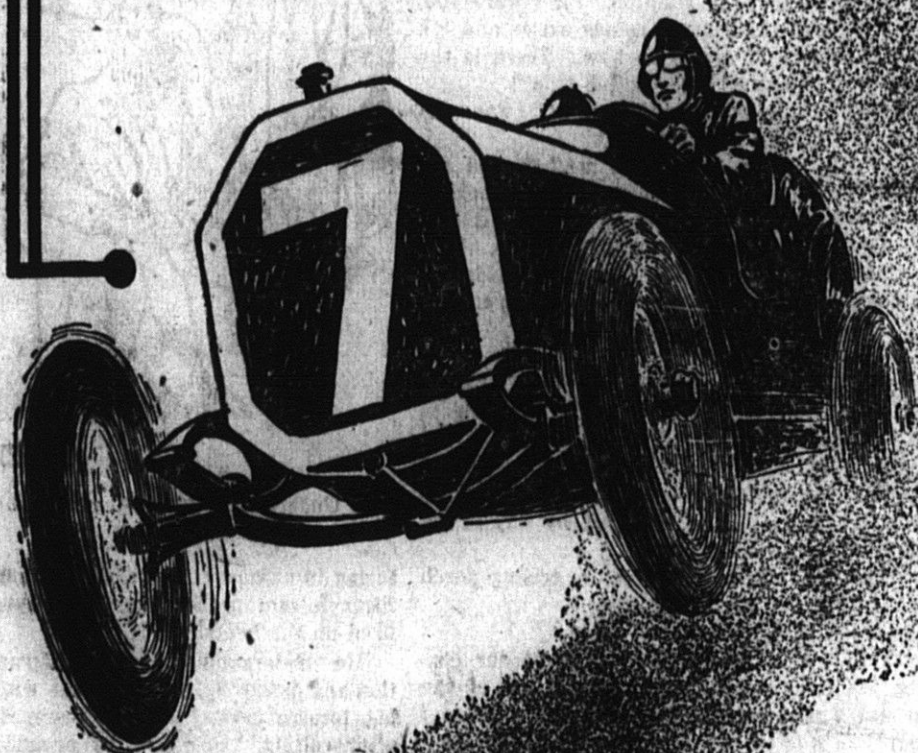
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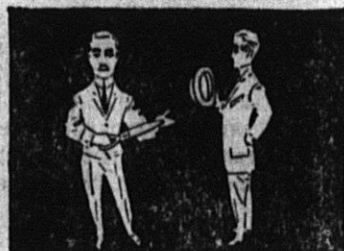
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AGENCY AMERICAN LAUNDRY

NICK DYKEMA,

TAILOR, FATTER, FURNISHER
Corner River and Eighth Streets

Miss Martha Blom has opened up Ladies' Tailoring parlors in the building formerly occupied by the City Library at 29 W. 8th. She also handles Rason & Dows furs and Ray City underwear.

Value of the Smile.
There is much religion in a good smile.

LOCAL.

Miss Della Van Dyke fell down a flight of stairs at Dumz Brothers' store and broke her leg.

Neighbors of George Myers, who lost his right hand in a corn shredder a few weeks ago, went to his home today and cut and split more than 50 cords of wood for him.

Attorney Thomas N. Robinson of Holland, a nephew of United States Marshal N. J. Whelan, has been admitted to practice in the United States courts on motion of Assistant District Attorney E. J. Bowman.

The Conestoga of the Crosby line has begun her winter trips. She will carry grain to the elevator. At present the Crosby boat has 400 carloads to move across the lake—an unusual fact—as the heavy traffic begins in January.

So great was the number of entries when the Holland Poultry and Pet Stock show opened that it will be necessary to rent additional space for the exhibits. Zealand alone sent a carload of birds. Grand Rapids exhibitors include Howard Winegar, L. Winegar, C. Bouwkamp, L. J. White and M. M. Louer.

The Kalamazoo Sample Furniture company, of which ex-Mayor Henry Brusse of Holland is president, has been forced into bankruptcy by its creditors. Judge Sessions has issued an order returnable on December 26 relative to the appointment of a receiver.

J. H. Daverman & Son, architects, have drawn plans for a story and a half bungalow for Artez G. Randall, located at Empire, canal zone, Panamo. It will be of frame construction and will cost \$3,000. The same architects have prepared plans for a story and a half bungalow for John Koopman of Holland, Mich., to cost \$2,500. The bungalow will be modern in every respect.

County School Commissioner Stanton of this city is preparing for a teachers' institute which will be held in Grand Haven in February. While the program for the meeting has not been completed, there are a number of good speakers on the program. The teachers of the county will be urged to attend and a most instructive arrangement of papers and talks by prominent educators in the state.

The Holland Rusk company presented each one of its employees with a chicken as a Christmas present. The local company has had a prosperous year and the presentation of a small gift to every one of the many employees was one of its attempts to increase the Christmas cheer in the homes of the men.

In appreciation of the work the fire laddies have done during the year in protecting the city against fire loss, W. H. Hanchett has provided them with cigars as a Christmas present. The boys accepted the "smokes" gracefully and paid no attention to the "not to be opened till Christmas" sentiment that some people observe religiously, but dived right into the box and began the enjoyment of the gift. And now they are gratefully acknowledging to their friends Mr. Hanchett's annual present.

From now on, all patrons on mail rural routes will be required to wrap their pennies intended to pay postage in a piece of paper, so that it can readily be picked up by the carrier. This is a regulation to facilitate the delivery of the mail, saves time and obviates much inconvenience and unnecessary trouble to the carrier. When pennies are not so wrapped for convenient handling the unstamped letter will not be taken out, but remain in the box until this postal requirement is complied with.

Telephones have displaced the telegraph for train dispatching on two divisions of the Pere Marquette railway running out of Grand Rapids. The telephone system has passed the experimental stage and now, instead of being auxiliary to the telegraph, the latter is auxiliary to it. More than 50,000 miles of railway have been equipped with the telephone system in this country. The Pere Marquette has 56.72 miles under that system now and more of their lines will be equipped soon.

Tuants in Allegan county who have positively refused to go to school have caused Truant Officer Allen and School Commissioner C. L. Goodrich much trouble, and as it is a statutory offense they propose to enforce the law and send all offenders to the state school. Today Brian Blaine of Dorris and George Snellinger of Casco were brought before Probate Judge L. L. Thompson. He sentenced each to two years in the state school, where they will be compelled to go to school whether they want to or not. A number of other offenders are to be brought in and dealt with.

OLD and NEW

by
HENRY K. PASMA

The muffled belfry chimes fall dull
Upon the dark-draped skies;
The days are passing, and the months are full:
The Old Year dies.
So withered flower of Spring;—and Summer's fruit
Grew near;
And Hope's enchanting whisperings are mute;
The ear no longer
Hears the songs of Promise;—in the heart a lute
All stringless lies,
The Year is dead.

A song bursts from the snowclad belfry. Out
Upon the clear, crisp frosty
Air the metal voices leap, and trembling shout;
"Hail to the new-born Year!"
In yonder naked linden lifts the thrush
From shielding wing
Its drowsy head, and marveling, vain would gush
With song of Spring
And Valley, purpled with young Summer's blush
And Heyday of the Heart,
And Joy, the Year shall bring.

Body of Edward Harrington Found

The body of Edward Harrington, drowned in Black lake nearly three weeks ago, came to the surface near the north shore yesterday and was discovered by Paul Van Vulpem who was patrolling the beach near the Gage Cottage at Waukazoo.

"Hub" Harrington, the father who with others had been dragging the lake and searching ever since the boy disappeared, was on the other shore at the time scanning the waters in the hope that the winds might bring the remains to the surface.

The body of the Harrington boy's companion, John Mattison, who was drowned at the same time, was recovered the next day.

On Holiday Tour

Next Tuesday morning the Hope College Basket Ball team will set out on its annual trip to win games for the state championship. The first team they will meet will be the Jackson "Y" at Jackson on Tuesday evening. Hope has met this team several times and it is a strong contender for the state championship. On Wednesday evening the local team will play at Saginaw, a game having been scheduled with the Saginaw "All Stars." This is the first time Hope will meet that team but it is said to be a strong aggregation of basket ball players. The trip will come to a close next Thursday evening when a game is scheduled with Mt. Pleasant. On Friday morning the boys will return home. A game had also been scheduled with Alma but this was later cancelled by Alma.

Rooster Escapes

Rural mail carrier No. 12 is out a rooster which some kind patron on his route had presented him with. The Pigrin father hen was jailed in a box with wooden bars and the day of his execution was set for Christmas eve, but Mr. Hen broke jail just in time and unlike the proverbial cat did not come back. Therefore H. V. Dekker and family were on a rolled oats diet all day Christmas.

While the bookkeeper at the Holland Lumber company was called into the yards a thief entered the office and took \$55 from the cash drawer. A man who had been loitering about the place was picked up by the police but was later released.

John Flieman and George and Harry Bliss while skating on Black River went through the ice and their cries brought John Arensman to the rescue in time to save them, but not until they had gone under water twice.

After the Christmas entertainment at the Vriesland Reformed church the mission boxes were opened and the amount of \$354 was found in them. It will be donated for Foreign and Domestic Missions. It was the largest amount ever given by the Sabbath school classes of that church.

Allegan and Ottawa County Bar Banquet

The Allegan and Ottawa County Bar will hold a banquet on Friday, Dec. 29, at the Hotel Holland to be given in honor of Hon. Judge Padgham who will retire from office on the first of January. The Hon. G. J. Diekema will be the toastmaster and the following will respond to toasts:

The Bar and the Public... Chas. R. Wilkes
"Justice renders to every man his due."
The Bar and the Bench... W. L. Lillie
"We, surgeons of the law, do desperate cures, Sir."

Reminiscences... Judge D. L. Stockdale
"Now let the merriest tales be told."
"A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market."

Our Guest... Arend Visscher
"The noblest Roman of them all."
Response... Hon. O. S. Cross, Judge Elect
"We cherish the old, we welcome the new"
Response... Judge Philip Padgham
"To do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly."

CHURCH NOTES.

In their attempts to secure regular pastors the various Christian Reformed churches have again made nominations and extended calls. Rev. J. H. Mokma, pastor of the church at Overisel was extended a call by the Classis Hackensack and Hudson to take up the work at Hoboken among the immigrants. The Cutlerville church has tendered its first call to Rev. L. J. Lamberts of Rochester, N. Y. Revs. J. H. Byleveld, J. H. Mokma and H. Tuls have been nominated on the trio by the church at Moline. Rev. H. Tuls, pastor of the Third church at Muskegon, has declined the call which was tendered him by the New Era church.

DATES BEFORE VAN RAALTE COLONY.

Attorney Perle L. Fouch of Allegan has a very interesting paper in his possession in the way of a land patent sent for by him to clear title to land located in Saugatuck township. The state of Michigan was admitted to the union in 1837. The land patent of which Mr. Fouch received a copy was granted April 24, 1820, and the patent was issued in 1839. It also shows how early Allegan county was settled, April 28, 1836. The land was located by Charles Butler in 1820. The patent was signed by President Martin Van Buren and M. Van Buren, Jr., in 1839.

Prof. R. L. Taft of the Michigan Agricultural College, the state superintendent of farmers' institutes, has made arrangements for a number of institutes in Ottawa county. The various meetings begin each day at 9.45 the afternoon sessions at 1 and the evening sessions at 7.45. On January 2 a meeting will be held in this city in the new city hall.

From the fact that the merchants who had window displays during the holiday season were not aware that a prize would be awarded by the Merchants Association for the best window, and that no rules regulating the contest had been laid down, the judges deemed it wise not to make an award but be fully prepared next year for the contest. There certainly were some fine window displays.

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ZEELAND.

Dr. Van Zoeren of Vriesland was in the city Friday visiting relatives.

School closed Friday noon and will be open again on January 2, 1912.

Mayor B. Kamps returned from Cloverdale after spending several days on business.

The Rev. Mr. Bloemdal of Muskegon conducted the services at the Second Reformed church Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roelofs and family are in Iowa to stay for a couple of months, visiting relatives and friends.

Mae La Huis, who is taking a course at Ypsilanti, is in the city to spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lahuis.

Nearly all the teachers of the Zeeland schools left Friday afternoon for their respective homes to spend the holidays with their relatives.

Miss Fielkind, who was manager during the season of the millinery department of the A. La Huis Co. store, returned to her home in Dor, Mich., Friday.

On account of the illness of H. Kamps at Drenthe, Rev. and Mrs. H. Kamps of Rudyard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Scheper and Mr. and Mrs. James Scheper of McBane, Mich., were called to his bedside. Mr. Kamps is in a serious condition.

The Zeeland High school first basketball team defeated the High School second team in a practice game by a score of 106-15. The first half ended by a score of 36-9 in favor of the first team. Fine work was done by Den Herder, Heasley, Roosenraad, Mulder and Drukkers. The referee was Prof. J. C. Hoekje.

The board of education has decided to adopt the departmental system in the lower grades of the city schools instead of the present unit grade system. After a thorough study of the system as worked in cities where it has been tried the members of the board are convinced that teachers in the grades should be specialists as much as high school teachers.

Jacob Van Hoven, G. Van Hoven, and Peter Verecke have formed a company to be known as the Van Hoven-Verecke company, to continue the B. Van Raalte business on East Main street. The new company has purchased the building and grounds and the complete line of far machinery, tools, wagons, buggies, harness, etc., from Mr. Van Raalte. Jacob Van Hoven and Mr. Verecke were former employes of Mr. Van Raalte and are well known in this community.

John Martine returned from South Dakota after a stay of several months visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Hattie Masselink, of Drenthe, was in the city visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. Masselink.

P. Semelink is ill at his home near Vriesland station. Mr. Semelink is well known in Holland as the donor of Semelink Hall.

Rev. P. Swartz, of Lafayette, Ind., has declined the call extended to him by the Reformed church at Beaverdam.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Van Toll, of Grand Haven, are in the city visiting friends and relatives.

The Rev. P. P. Cheff, of Zeeland, went to Grand Rapids yesterday on account of the death of Wm. Walker at the Soldiers' Home. Mr. Walker is the father of Mrs. Cheff and had reached the age of 89 years. He went to the Soldiers' Home last July. He served in the Civil war as a member of company L, 25th Michigan infantry.

Misses Hattie and Gerlie Gommers of Zeeland spent Christmas in Holland.

Deputy Sheriff John Klies was in Zeeland Monday.

Dr. N. M. Steffens of Holland conducted the Sunday afternoon services at the First Reformed church.

Prof. G. DeJong of Orange City, Ia., Academy is in the city to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. DeJong on Central avenue.

Miss Ina Hayward is visiting her parents and friends in Alma.

Emerson De Spelder is spending his Christmas vacation in Alma.

Dr. W. J. Rooks for the past year part owner of the livery stable formerly belonging to the late D. Van Eensam of Zeeland bought the stock of his business partner Wm. Witvliet and will operate the livery alone from now on.

The American Athletic Basketball club of Zeeland defeated the Independent Athletic club by a score of 22 to 7. The first half ended in a score of 12 to 3 in favor of the A. A. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lunguist of South Haven were in the city visiting at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Cheff.

At the Poultry exhibition held at Holland several of the Zeeland fanciers received prizes. Among the Zeeland fanciers who received prizes were Wm. Glerum, John Hartgerink, Wm. Visch and others.

A Christmas entertainment was given Christmas afternoon at the First Reformed church. The first part of the program was the beautiful cantata, "The Shepherds Story." Between the numbers by the choir, the Misses Hendrieta Boone and Anna Benjamin gave readings. Soloists were: John L. Huyser, Van De Haan and Miss Anna Ver Laere. The second part of the program was given by the primary class of the Sabbath school. This was the only entertainment given in Zeeland on Christmas day.

HAMILTON.

Fannie Kooiker left Holland for McKee, Ky., where she will spend the

holidays with her sister, Sena Kooiker, who is a teacher in the mission school at that place.

A substantial fender has been built along the west side of the embankment north of the bridge. That place was a dangerous one, and a severe and costly accident would surely occur there some day but for this guard.

Dr. P. H. Fisher of Hamilton brought to Allegan, Tuesday, a Mrs. Schatzel, who had accidentally shot herself in the arm. She was pulling a shotgun toward her when it was discharged. The shot passed through a part of her arm, but the wads from the charge were driven under the skin and lodged there. Mrs. Schatzel was given an anaesthetic and the arm dressed. It is not a serious injury, though one that required careful treatment, and Dr. Fisher came to Allegan to get better facilities. The work was done in the operating room of the offices of Drs. Robinson and Smith. Dr. Fisher and the patient returned to Hamilton on the evening train.

Some improvements are going on in the Kolvord mill that mean much for the future of that prosperous concern. One is the placing of a new feed elevator of greater capacity than the one displaced. The old one could not carry off the feed as fast as the grinder could make it—and the grinder was not too capacious for the demand made upon it. The other is an addition to the bolting apparatus which will enable the mill to make every grade of flour known to the market. Heretofore it could not produce what is known as strictly "patent" flour. Now it will make that high grade and all other qualities. The mill is doing a fine business and is a most valuable feature of the town's prosperity.

SAUGATUCK.

Rollo Greenbaugh sold his furs, mostly muskrat, for \$232.50 a few days ago. Since that time he has had good success. Thursday he got 37 muskrats, and Herman Hirner got 30 the same day.

C. E. Bird and H. Perkins went up the river for a scow load of wood this week. One of the incidents of the trip was the finding of a dead cow in the river, which had evidently slipped off the icy bank and was drowned.

The board of education of the Saugatuck High school have found it necessary to put another teacher in the high school building, and are now looking for a teacher to teach the seventh and eighth grades, and expect to have one to begin the winter term, which opens January 2, 1912. Professors Lampen and Cowen will devote their entire attention to the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades. This will give those pupils who are doing high school work, an opportunity to get more individual attention.

BORCULO.

William Zonnebelt, principal of the Borculo public school and president of the South Ottawa Teachers' association, has issued a call for a meeting to be held in the Zeeland High school, January 13, 1912. In his invitation, President Zonnebelt invites all the teachers in this part of the county to "come and be a booster. Boost hard, long, and all the time, and our meeting will be a success." The program will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon. Professor Henry R. Brush of Hope College will deliver an address on "Some Other Thing" and another number on the program will be "Discipline by Moral Suasion" by the following: Etta Eskes, Chris. C. VerLiere, Prof. J. C. Hoekje, George Ritz, Cor. Evers and Rena Bylsma.

FELLOW STATION.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamert Post held a family reunion Christmas in honor of their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary, and 20 grandchildren were present. Appropriate gifts were distributed and a fine dinner was enjoyed. They are in charge of the telephone exchange, having gone there from Zeeland two years ago. They previously resided in Zeeland for 33 years.

DRENTHÉ.

Appropriate entertainments marked the closing exercises in many of the schools here. The Zeeland public school had three large Christmas trees. The West Drenthe school also had exercises and a tree. The Chesbourne school at Beaverdam and the Huyser school at Beaverdam had similar festivities.

FENNIVILLE.

Verne Osborn, claiming Fenniville as his home, got into trouble with the Holland police department last Friday evening when a little the worse for the liquor that was in him he threatened to make things lively on the streets there. He was arrested on a charge of being drunk and disorderly and Justice Miles gave him a straight jail sentence of fifteen days in the county jail.

VRIESLAND.

Cornelius Schermer died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Albertus Wentzel, 64 West Fifteenth street, Holland, at the age of 81 years. Schermer lived in Vriesland for thirty-eight years. About a year ago he came to Holland and has since made his home with his daughter. He is survived by eight children: Bastiaan, Anthony, Frederick and Mrs. Albert Wentzel, all of Holland; Cornelius, Teunis and Dick of Vriesland and Mrs. J. Wentzel of Hamilton. The funeral was held Saturday at 11 o'clock from the home at 64 West Fifteenth street, and a special car took the funeral party to Vriesland where interment took place.

The FLYING MERCURY

by ELEANOR M. INGRAM
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CHAPTER I.

The roaring reports of the motor fell into abrupt silence, as the driver brought his car to a halt.

"You signaled?" he called across the grind of set brakes.

In the blending glare of the search-lights from the two machines, the gray one arriving and the limousine drawn to the roadside, the young girl stood, her hand still extended in the gesture which had stopped the man who now leaned across his wheel.

"Oh, please," she appealed again.

On either side stretched away the Long Island meadows, dark, soundless, apparently uninhabited. Only this spot of light broke the monotony of dreariness. A keen, chill, October wind sighed past, stirring the girl's delicate gown as its folds lay unheeded in the dust, fluttering her furlined cloak and shaking two or three childish curls from the bondage of her velvet hood. The driver swung himself down and came toward her with the unhesitating swiftness of one trained to the unexpected.

"I beg pardon—can I be of some use?" he asked.

"We are lost," she confessed hurriedly. "If you could set us right, I should be grateful. I—we must get home soon. I have been a guest at a house somewhere here, and started to return to New York this afternoon. The chauffeur does not know Long Island; we cannot seem to find any place. And now we have lost a tire. I was afraid—"

She broke off abruptly, as her companion descended from the limousine. "We only want to know the way; we're all right," he explained. "This is my cousin; I came out after her, you see. Don't get so worried, Emily—we'll go straight on as soon as Anderson changes the tire."

He huddled his words slightly and spoke too rapidly, the round, good-humored face he turned to the white light was too flushed; otherwise there was nothing unusual in his appearance. And his caste was evident and unquestionable in spite of any circumstance. There was no anger in girl's dark eyes as she gazed straight before her, only pity and helplessness.

"I can tell your chauffeur the road," the driver of the gray car quietly said. "Have you far to go?"

"To the St. Royal," she answered, looking at him. "My uncle is there. Is that far?"

"No; you can reach there by ten o'clock. I will speak to your chauffeur."

"Do, like a good fellow," the other man interposed. "Awfully obliged. You're not angry, Emily," he added, lowering his voice, and moving nearer her. "Since we're engaged, why should you get frightened simply because I proposed we get married to-night instead of waiting for a big wedding? I thought it was a good idea, you know. It isn't my fault Anderson got lost instead of getting us home for dinner, is it?"

"Hush, Dick," she rebuked, hot color sweeping her face. "You are not well. And we are not engaged; you forget. Just because people want us to be—"

Too proud to let her steadiness quiver, she broke the sentence. If the driver had heard, and it was scarcely possible that he had not, he made no sign. By the acetylene light he produced an envelope and pencil, and proceeded to sketch a map showing the route to the limousine's chauffeur.

"Understand it?" he queried, concluding. He had a certain decision of manner, not in the least arrogant, but the result of a serene self-surety that somehow accorded with his lithe, trained grace of movement. A judge of men would have read him an athlete, perhaps in an unusual line.

"Yes, sir," the chauffeur replied. "I'll get Miss French home in no time after I get the tire on."

The indiscretion of the spoken name was ignored, except for a slight lift of the hearer's eyebrows.

"How long does it take you to change a tire?"

"About half an hour; it's night, of course."

An odd, choking gurgle sounded from the gray machine, where a dark figure had sat until now in quiescent muteness.

"Half an hour!" echoed the gray machine's driver, and faced toward the chuckle. "Rupert, it isn't in your contract, but do you want to come over and change this tire?"

"I'll do it for you, Darling," was the sweet response; the small figure rolled over the edge of the car with a cat-like celerity. "Where are your tools, your chauffeur? Quick!"

The bewildered chauffeur mechanically reached for a box on the running-board, as the young assistant came up, grinning all over his malign dark face.

"Oh, quicker! What's the matter, rheumatism? They wouldn't have you in a training camp for motor trucks on Sunday. Hustle, please."

There never had been anything done to that sedate limousine quite as this was done. Even the preoccupied

girl looked on in fascination at a rapidity of unwavering movement suggesting a conjuring feat.

"By George!" exclaimed her escort. "A splendid man you've got there! Really, a splendid chauffeur, you know."

The driver smiled with a gleam of irony, but disregarded the comment.

"Would you like to get into your car?" he asked the girl. "You will be able to start very soon."

"I see that," she acknowledged gratefully. "Thank you; I would rather wait here."

"Is your chauffeur trustworthy?"

"Oh, yes; he has been in my uncle's employ for three years. But he was never before out here, in this place."

There was a pause, filled by the soft monotone of insults drifting from the side of the limousine, for Rupert talked while he worked and his fellow-worker did not please him.

"Wrench, baby hippo! Oh, look behind you where you put it—you need a memory course. You ought to be passing spools to a lady with a sewing machine. Did you ever see a motor car before? There, pump her up, do."

He rose, drew out his watch and glanced at it. "Five minutes; I'll have to beat that day after tomorrow."

The driver looked over at him and their eyes laughed together. Now, for the first time the girl noticed that across the shoulders of both men's jerseys ran in silver letters the name of a famous foreign automobile.

"I am very grateful, indeed," she said bravely and graciously. "I wish I could say more, or say it better. The journey will be short, now."

But all her dignity could not check the frightened shrinking of her glance, first toward the interior of the limousine and then toward the man who was to enter there with her. And the driver of the gray machine saw it.

"We have done very little," he returned. "May I put you in your car?"

The chauffeur was gathering his tools, speechlessly outraged, and making ready to start. Seated among the rugs and cushions, under the light of the luxurious car, the girl deliberately drew off her glove and held out her small uncovered hand to the driver of the gray machine.

"Thank you," she said again, meeting his eyes with her own, whose darkness contrasted oddly with the blonde curls clustered under her hood.

"You are not afraid to drive into the city alone?" he asked.

"Alone! Why, my cousin—"

"Your cousin is going to stay with me."

She flung back her head; amazement, question, relief struggled over her sensitive face, and finally melted into irrepressible mirth under the fine amusement of his regard.

"You are clever—and kind, to do that! No, I am not afraid."

He closed the door.

"Take your mistress home," he bade the chauffeur. "Crank for him, Rupert."

"Why, why?" stammered the limousine's other passenger, turning as the motor started.

No one heeded him.

"By-by, don't break any records," Rupert called after the chauffeur. "Hold yourself in, do. If you shed any more tires, telegraph for me, and if I'm within a day's run I'll come put them on for you and save you time."

Silence closed in again, as the red tail light vanished around a bend. The gray car's driver nodded curtly to the stupefied youth in the middle of the road.

"Unless you want to stay here all night, you'd better get in the machine," he suggested. "My name's Lestrangle—I suppose yours is French?"

"Dick French. But, see here, you mean well, but I'm going with my cousin. I'd like a drive with you, but I'm busy."

"You're not fit to go with your cousin."

"Not—"

"Fit" completed Lestrangle definitely. "Can you hang on somewhere, Rupert?"

"I can," Rupert assured, with an inflection of his own. "Get your friend aboard."

Lestrangle was already in his seat, waiting.

"What's that for?" asked the dazed guest, as, on taking his place, a strap was slipped around his waist, securing him to the seat.

"So you won't fall out," soothed the grinning Rupert. "You ain't well, you know. Not that I'd care if you did, but somebody might blame Darling."

The car leaped forward, gathering speed to an extent that was a revelation in motoring to French. The keen air, the giddy rush through the dark, were a sobering tonic. After a while he spoke to the man beside him, nervously embarrassed by a situation he was beginning to appreciate.

"This is a racing car?"

"It was."

"Isn't it now?"

"If I were going to race it day after to-morrow, I wouldn't be risking it over a country road to-night. A racing machine is petted like a race horse until it is wanted."

"And then?"

"It takes its chances. If you are connected with the Frenches who manufacture the Mercury car, you should know something of automobile racing yourself. I noticed your limousine was of that make."

"Yes, that is my uncle's company. I did see a race once at Coney Island. A car turned over and killed its driver and made a nasty mess. I—I didn't fancy it."

A wheel slipped off a stone, giving the car a swerving lurch which was as instantly corrected—with a second lurch—by its pilot. The effect was not tranquilizing; the shock swept the last confusion from French's brain.

"Where are you taking me?" he presently asked.

"Where do you want to go? I will set you down at the next village we come to; you can stay there to-night or you can get a trolley to the city."

The question remained unanswered. Several times French glanced, rather diffidently, at his companion's clear, firm profile, and looked away again without speaking.

"I went out to get my cousin to-day, and my host gave me a couple of highballs," he volunteered, at last. "I don't know what you thought—"

Lestrangle twisted his car around a belated farm wagon.

"How old are you?" he inquired calmly.

"Twenty-three."

"I'm nearly twenty-seven. That's what I thought."

The simpler mind considered this for a space.

"Some men are born awake, some awake themselves, and some are shaken into awakening," paraphrased Lestrangle, in addition. "If I were you, I'd wake up; it comes easier and it's sure to arrive anyhow. There is the village ahead—shall I stop?"

"It looks terribly dull," was the doleful verdict.

"Then come with me," flashed the other unexpectedly; for a fractional instant his eyes left the road and turned to his companion's face. "Did you ever see race practice at dawn? Come try a night in a training camp."

"You'd bother with me?"

"Yes."

A head bobbed up by French's knee, where Rupert was clinging in some inexplicable fashion.

"Once I rode eight miles out there by the hood, head downward, holding in a pin," he imparted, by way of entertainment.

French stared at the reeling perch indicated, and gasped.

"What for?" he asked.

"So we could keep on to our control instead of being put out of the running, of course. Did you guess I was curing a headache?"

"But you might have been killed!" exclaimed French.

Even by the semi-light of the lamps there was visible the mechanic's droll twist of lip and brow.

"I'd drive to hell with Lestrangle," he explained sweetly, and settled back in his place.

French drew a long breath. After a moment he again looked at the driver.

"I'll come," he accepted. "And, thank you."

It was Lestrangle who smiled this time, with a sudden and enchanting warmth of mirth.

"We'll try to amuse you," he promised.

CHAPTER II.

It was a business consultation that was being held in Mr. French's firelit library, in spite of the presence of a tea table and the young girl behind it. A consultation between the two partners who composed the Mercury Automobile company, of whom the lesser



"The Journey Will Be Short Now."

was speaking with a certain anecdotal weight.

"And he said he was losing too much time on the turns; so the next round he took the bend at 72 miles an hour. He went over, of course. The third car we've lost this year; I'm glad the season's closed."

Emily French gave an exclamation, her velvet eyes widening behind their black lashes.

"But the driver! Was the poor driver hurt, Mr. Bailey?"

"He wasn't killed, Miss Emily," answered Bailey, with a tinge of pensive regret. He was a large, ruddy, white-haired man, with the slow and careful habit of speech sometimes found in those who live much with massive machinery. "No, he wasn't killed; he's in the hospital. But he wrecked as good a car as ever was built, through sheer foolishness. It costs money."

Mr. French responded to the indirect appeal with more than usual irritation, his level gray eyebrows contracting.

"We ought to have better drivers. Why do you not get better men, Bailey? You wanted to go into this racing business; you said the cars needed advertising. My brother always at-

tended to that side of the factory affairs while he lived, with you as his manager. Now it is altogether in your hands. Why do you not find a proper driver?"

"Perhaps my hands are not used to holding so much," mused Bailey unresentfully. "A man might be a good manager, maybe, and weak as a partner. It isn't the same job. But a first-class driver isn't easy to get, Mr. French. There's Delmar killed, and Georgia tied up with another company, and Dorian retired, all this last season; and we don't want a foreigner. There's only one man I like—"

"Well, get him. Pay him enough."

Bailey hunched himself together together and crossed his legs.

"Yes, sir. He's beaten our cars—and others—every race lately, with poorer machines, just by sheer pretty driving. He drives fast, yet he don't knock out his car. But there's a lot after him—there's just one way we could get him, and get him for keeps."

"And that?"

"He's ambitious. He wants to get into something more solid than racing. If we offered to make him manager, he'd come and put some new ideas, maybe, into the factory, and race our cars wherever we chose to enter them. I know him pretty well."

The proposition was advanced tentatively, with the hesitation of one ven-



"He Understands Motor Construction and Designing."

turing in unknown places. But Ethan French said nothing, his gray eyes fixed on the hearth.

"He understands motor construction and designing, and he's been with big foreign firms," Bailey resumed, after waiting. "He'd be useful around; I can't be everywhere. What he'd do for us in racing would help a whole lot. It's very well to make a fine standard car, but it needs advertising to keep people remembering. And men like to say 'my machine is the same as Lestrangle won the cup race with.' They like it."

"I don't know," said Mr. French slowly, "that it is dignified for the manager of the Mercury factory to be a racing driver."

"The Christine cars are driven by the son of the man who makes them," was the response. "Some drive their own."

"The son of the man who makes them," repeated the other. He turned his face still more to the quivering fire, his always severe expression hardening strangely and bitterly. "The son—"

The girl rose to draw the crimson curtains before the windows and to push an electric switch, filling the room with a subdued glow in place of the late afternoon grayness.



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Though the postoffice department has expanded its operations to an unusual extent during the past year, introducing for one thing, the postal savings bank, Postmaster General Hitchcock is able to report a surplus for the last fiscal year, the first time there has been a balance on the side of revenue for twenty-eight years. The business transacted for the year amounted to about \$238,000,000, with expenditures footing up \$219,000,000 less. As the postal deficit two years ago was \$17,000,000, Mr. Hitchcock has evidently proved himself to be as capable in financial administration as in widening the usefulness of the service. He refers to further opportunities for readjustment that will afford more revenue for improvement. It is recommended that the second-class rate be 2 cents a pound instead of 1 cent, and that the pay of railroads for carrying the mails be carefully investigated and revised. By this means, it is believed, 1 cent letter postage and other betterments can be soon brought about.

Again Mr. Hitchcock approves the immediate establishment of a less costly parcels post, beginning on rural routes and also in cities and towns having delivery by carriers. Further extensions can be gradually authorized without burdening too much the working system of the department. A document has just been published contrasting parcels post rates in the United States with those that are charged in Europe. The figures are surprising. A parcel, with weight restricted to four pounds, mailed between any two postoffices in the United States, pays postage at the rate of 16 cents a pound. But a parcel with a weight up to eleven pounds is sent from the United States to almost any foreign country for 12 cents a pound. In Germany an eleven-pound parcel mailed within the empire pays 12 cents postage. In the United States the postage on the same number of pounds would be \$1.76. This issue will be pressed at the present session of congress.

The gibbiness in explanation by the Reverend Gates shows why it is he holds his job. The jolt of the Merrill testimony did not even give Gates a jar.

If plowing is to be done with explosives why not make the Fourth of July not only safe and sane, but also the great annual carnival in shaking up the soil?

Col. Roosevelt has no part in the movement to bring his name before the public in connection with the presidency, but he is not incensed at such action. With Col. Bryan it is different—Bryan has a right to get mad.

MUNICIPAL GREENHOUSE COMPLETE.

Yesterday with the installation of the hot water plant, the new municipal greenhouse ordered in by the common council some months ago was completed. It is now ready for use and the city is in a position to withstand the rigors of the weather and still keep its plants in good condition for the planting in the parks next spring.

The greenhouse is located opposite the new Trinity church and is a building of 20 by 72 feet. It has walls of cement and is covered with double strength glass. The frame work is all of iron construction and the whole building is strongly built.

The greenhouse was ordered built by the council last summer when Mr. Kooyers sold his place. Hitherto the city's bulbs and plants had been taken care of in Mr. Kooyers' private greenhouse, but that was no longer available and the city of Holland was compelled to go into the greenhouse business on its own hook. The new building is for the propagation and housing of plants. A large number of bulbs and roots have already been planted and the city is equipped now for caring properly for its plants in the winter time. The greenhouse was built by the park board and is under the supervision of Park Commissioner Kooyers.

TURKEYS FAST DISAPPEARING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Unless something is done to rehabilitate turkey growing there will be no such thing as Christmas or Thanksgiving turkeys in the United States within ten years.

The census bureau has issued a bulletin showing that in 1910 there were only 3,668,708 turkeys on farms in this country, while in 1900 there were 6,594,095. At this rate the turkey will be in the dodo class by 1920.

Chickens increased the total for the country going from 233,566,021 in 1900 to 280,345,133 in 1910.

BUYS 100,000 STICKERS.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Adolphus Busch, wealthy brewer, broke all records for purchasers of Red Cross seals, when he invested in 100,000 of the stickers.

They cost him \$1,000.

ALL KINDS OF WAYS TO SPELL SAGINAW.

Mail Carrier There Discovers 162 Different Ones in a Year, Beside the Right Way.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 27.—Saginaw derived its name from the Indian word meaning the land of the Saugs, but there seems to be little reason why there should be over 100 ways of spelling S-A-G-I-N-A-W. But such is the case, and to be exact Arthur Ingledew, a mail carrier of the east side office, has discovered within the last year through actual observation just 162. They appeared on letters and postals which have found their way to this city. How some of them ever reached their destination is a mystery, but the fact remains they did which only proves the ingenuity of the postal employees in deciphering scrawls and misspelling.

BENTON HARBOR ALSO TALKING GAS.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Dec. 27.—Mayor Ryne has opened a war against the local gas company, with a view of getting a cheaper rate. The rate per 1,000 feet is \$1.25, less 15 per cent if paid before the first of the month.

It is believed the company has a vulnerable point in that its franchise is perpetual, in violation of the Michigan constitution, and some supreme court decisions which have been handed down. Under these the life of any franchise of a public corporation is 20 years. The local company's grant was given when Benton Harbor was only a village, over 20 years ago. Believing that the council has the right to terminate the franchise at any time, the mayor hopes to secure from the company concessions which will bring about a cheaper price.

Poultry Show a big Success

John Ver Hoef was the lucky man who carried off the grand prize at the poultry show that closed Christmas evening. He won a certificate on the big fifty dollar silver cup that for a number of years has been the ambition of all the poultry men in this vicinity to win. During the past three years the cup has been won by J. B. Hadden, R. Westveld and John Ver Hoef. One of the conditions is that the cup must be won three times before it becomes the property of the winner. This is the second time Mr. Ver Hoef has carried off the prize and one more "win" will land for him. In this contest all breeds competed and Mr. Ver Hoef won with a pen of Black Breasted Red Games.

The \$25 silver cup offered on the America class and donated by the Holland Dentists and Physicians was won by the White Wyandottes of the Lakewood farm.

The \$25 cup on the Mediterranean class, donated by the Holland Manufacturers was won by Mrs. A. J. Gordon of Dor, Mich., with a pen of Silver Spangled Hamburgs.

The \$25 Silver cup offered on the Asiatic and England class donated by the Holland Business men was won by Matthew Looker, of Zeeland, with a pen of Black Orphingtons.

The \$25 silver cup offered on the French and Polish class and donated by the Holland druggists, was won by Henry Du Mez with a pen of Houdans.

The \$15 silver cup offered on all varieties of Bantam and Games and donated by H. Van Tongeren and the Superior Cigar Co., was won by John Ver Hoef with a pen of Black Cochons Bantams.

The Studebaker Junior wagon offered by the Studebaker Co., of South Bend, Ind., was won by J. Esenbury of West Ninteenth street.

A two dollar and a half in gold prize for the highest scoring cockerel, particolored was won by H. Ryzenga with his Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, and a similar prize for the highest scoring pullet parti color was won by J. Ver Hoef with his Black Breasted Red Game.

H. Vanden Brink's White Leghorn, Single Comb won a prize in the highest scoring cockerel solid color and in the same class J. B. Hadden's Buff Rock Pullets also won a prize.

The hundred piece dinner set offered by the Van Ark Furniture Co., drew a tie between H. Vander Brink of this city and William Visch of Zeeland. This tie was decided in favor of Vander Brink, Visch receiving a raincoat as a prize.

CHAMPION WYANDOTTE IN ALLEGAN.

The champion Silver Wyandotte hen of the county lives in Allegan. She is the property of C. H. Hoffman and she took blue ribbon at the great New York show this week. Last week two of Mr. Hoffman's fowls took fourth and fifth place in Chicago among the choice of the land. His imported English hen "also won."



Mr. and Mrs. L. Van Putten of Hopkins were in Holland Christmas.

Miss Mae Brusco instructor in the Northwestern Classical academy in Orange City, Iowa, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brusco.

The Rev. and Mrs. James F. Zwemer left Tuesday for Chicago where they will spend a week with the Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Nettling. At the same time their daughter, Miss Minnie Zwemer of Kentucky, will also spend a week at the Nettling home.

Fred Dyke of Chicago is spending the holidays in Holland.

Leonard Ezra Kendell is spending a few days with his parents in Hamilton, Ontario.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardie and daughter Ruth, spent Christmas in Allegan. Mrs. J. Van Putten, Jr., and Sam Jack, are spending the week with parents in Chicago.

James Williams, of Windsor, Canada, has returned after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams. The parents were also surprised by a visit from their son George, of Seattle, Wash., who has been absent for some years. George holds a responsible position and is in the employ of the city of Seattle.

Miss Margaret Boukema spent Christmas with Detroit friends.

Jim Deto will be home from the life saving station at Grand Haven Monday.

A family reunion was held Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Johnson, 222 West Thirtieth street. Six families took part in the reunion at which Christmas cheer in its most pronounced form abounded. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. Gummer, of Sherwood, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fabiano are visiting relatives in Detroit. Their little daughter will accompany an uncle from Detroit to Naples, Italy, where she will receive surgical treatments.

"The Little Pilgrims and The Book Beloved" will be given by the Sunday school at Grace church this evening at 7:30. After this the children will receive Christmas gifts from their teachers. Parents or the friends of the Sunday school scholars are invited.

Dr. G. J. Kollen returned from an extended trip to the east last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Con Depree, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Klomparsen, Mr. and Mrs. John Vanden Berg, John Vander Poel, John Busby Miss Dena Dirks, Patrick Henry Halley, Casje Stroop, are among the Holland folks who spent Christmas in Grand Rapids.

The Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Whitman and daughter Ada, have returned from a two days' visit to Bear Lake, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Hiller, of Detroit, are spending the holidays with Mr. Hiller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hiller, at their home on East 12th street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Huizinga left to spend the winter in Miami, Fla. with their son. Dr. G. T. and son George of Zeeland accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preneau and son Fred have returned to their home in Jackson after spending Christmas with their parents Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Kleis and other relatives in Holland.

Mrs. D. J. TeRellor is spending a few days in Chicago visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. McBride left today for San Diego, California and other western points.

Rev. Henry Beets of Grand Rapids fell on the icy pavement Tuesday rendering him unconscious. His condition is not serious.

The Rev. and Mrs. P. E. Whitman and daughter Ada have returned from a two days visit to Bear Lake, Mich.

The two month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Barnard died Sunday morning. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon from the home at 3 o'clock.

Manager W. R. Buss of the Buss Machine company tendered the salesmen and heads of the departments a banquet at the Cody hotel at Grand Rapids last Tuesday night, at which plans were discussed for the coming year. Among those present were W. R. Buss, A. H. Coafield, M. E. Dick of Chicago, John Knoll, Paul Vanderlist, H. J. Sargeant, D. Ver Berg of Holland, W. H. Colyer of Cedar Springs, E. H. Wheeler, and Hadley Buss.

The Ladies' Literary club will meet with the Womans' club of Muskegon January 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vander Vusse spent Christmas in Allegan, where they attended a family reunion.

Friday Hope College and the schools closed their doors for the holidays. Many of the students and teachers have returned to their homes.

Miss Lillian Westerhof, daughter of Fred Westerhof of Grand Haven, was united in marriage to William G. Stephan, son of Mayor Stephan of Holland. Justice Daniel C. Wacks performed the marriage ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan will reside in Holland.

J. Jans Helder, who has just returned from New York City, where he has been studying with the noted voice teacher, Oscar Saenger, will be heard in a song recital in January in Grand Rapids. Mr. Helder is a versatile singer, gifted with voice and temperament. His program will embrace some of the newer compositions by American composers, in addition he will offer songs by Brahms, Schumann and Schubert.—Grand Rapids Herald.

PAYS \$3,000 FOR 112 TREES.

John Dozema of Oakland has sold 112 oak trees to the Grand Rapids Veneer works for a total of \$3,000, an average of nearly \$27 each, the largest price ever paid for timber in this section.

OLD CONDUCTOR DIES.

Richard Wren, one of the veteran conductors of the Pere Marquette and old C. & W. M. railways, and one of the best known railroad men in western Michigan, died suddenly at his home in Muskegon of heart trouble. He was seventy-two years of age and had retired from active work two years ago after forty years of service. Mr. Wren is well remembered by Holland people and for many years on the Holland and Muskegon run striking this city every day for years. Richard Wren, assistant coach of the Grand Rapids High school, is a son.

When Mr. Wren came to Holland passenger coaches were lighted with candles. In those days the passengers used to get out of the coaches and help load the engine with wood when it happened to run short of fuel and when braking was done by hand. About a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Wren took charge of the Pentwater run and there was hardly a person traveling regularly on that branch but was his friend.

One of his most novel experiences was when a railway ran down the Lake Michigan beach from Muskegon to Lake Harbor. Mr. Wren acted as superintendent of this enterprise for a year and during that time on one Sunday alone 3,082 people were carried to the summer resort and back by his train, operated with a little dummy engine.

While his daughter was helping him lace his shoes Tuesday morning Klaas E. Dykema died suddenly of heart failure at his home at 86 W. Twelfth street. Mr. Dykema had been suffering with heart trouble for some time but during the past few weeks had been improving. He had been out again several times and his death came as a surprise. He was 64 years old. Deceased was born in the Netherlands and came to this country in 1873. At first he lived in Grand Rapids where he followed his trade of tailor. Later he moved to Holland where he has made his home for the past 24 years. He is survived by five children: Edward of Zeeland, Nicholas of Holland, Mrs. Nicholas Kammerard and Miss Kate and Miss Hilda. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made but will be announced later.

What is undoubtedly the largest check for heathen missions ever given in the Christian Reformed denomination in this country was received Christmas by the Rev. John Dolfin, pastor of the First Christian Reformed church of Muskegon, and a member of the executive committee on heathen missions of the denomination. The check was for \$1,000. Announcement of the check was made Monday by the Rev. Mr. Dolfin at the annual Sunday school entertainment of the church. The Rev. Mr. Dolfin declared that the donor did not desire to have his identity revealed and that he would respect the latter's wishes. He further said that the donor with whom he is personally acquainted, is not a rich man, but possessed of moderate means. The check was given in Christmas remembrance of a deceased friend, announced the Rev. Mr. Dolfin.

CUBAN SUGAR CROP PROMISES BOUNTIFUL YIELD THIS SEASON.

Havana, Dec. 27.—That the coming sugar crop will break all records appears now to be reasonably certain. Conservative authorities, who recently accepted 1,700,000 tons as the highest possible production for the year, now predict 1,825,000 tons, which would exceed the record of 1910 by 25,000 tons.

Other authorities place the estimate as high as 1,875,000 tons. The increase is attributed to the continuance of warm weather, which is favorable to the growth of the cane. Indications are that the good weather will continue during the grinding season.

A HOLD-UP.

Four friends of Fred McEachron, former county clerk, cashier of the new bank at Hudsonville, thought to dress up as masked robbers and hold the cashier up as a practical joke. If the would-be victim got a tip, he never told it, but when the four appeared at the door, he waited until the last one was in the building and then covered them with a revolver. While their hands were pointed heavenward and some distance above their heads, their pockets were rifled of all their cash and the men were ordered to clear the town and be quick about it. They got out and they aren't the ones that told the story, either.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George De Young, 28, Minnie Coster, Holland.

William G. Stephan, 24, conductor, Holland; Lillian Westerhof, 21, Grand Haven.

COMMON COUNCIL.

(Official)

Holland, Mich., Dec. 20, 1911. The Common Council met in regular session and was called to order by the Mayor.

Present: Mayor Stephan, Aids. Van Tongeren, Lokker, Drinkwater, King, Kammeraad, Mersen, Lawrence and Brower, and the Clerk.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

PETITIONS.

Mrs. L. Mannes petitioned to have her taxes remitted for the year 1911.

Referred to the Committee on Poor with power to act.

Mrs. Hannah Zwemer petitioned to have her taxes remitted for the year 1911.

Referred to the Committee on Poor.

The Clerk presented a communication from the County Clerk relative to the new enrollment, to take place on the last Saturday in January, and the first Monday in April, 1912.

Filed.

The Hotel Holland Co., Lee Cummings and S. Cobb petitioned for permission to keep their respective pool rooms open until eleven o'clock p. m.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Herman Vander Veen presented a claim for extra excavating on Central avenue amounting to \$259.16.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Crosswalks and the City Engineer.

The Clerk presented a communication from the Grand Rapids, Holland & Chicago Railway Co., stating that it would be impossible for them to begin the fifteen minute city car service within seven (7) days from the receipt of the notice of same, as they were not prepared, and requested authority to tear up the pavement in front of their office in order to run a pipe line out to the tracks, for the purpose of furnishing the cars with air.

Referred to the Committee on Streets and Crosswalks.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts reported having organized the following claims and recommended the payment of same:

Richard Overweg, clerk.....\$50.00
Florence Kruisenga, asst. clerk 20.00
N. J. Essenberg, treasurer..... 25.00
Jerry Boerema, janitor..... 37.50
T. Nauta, street commissioner..... 29.17
E. P. Stephan, mayor..... 66.66
H. Van Tongeren, alderman..... 33.33
J. Lokker, alderman..... 33.33
J. A. Drinkwater, alderman..... 33.33
Vernon King, alderman..... 33.33
N. Kammeraad, alderman..... 33.33
J. Mersen, alderman..... 33.33
Wm. Lawrence, alderman..... 33.33
A. Harrington, alderman..... 33.33
D. W. Jellema, alderman..... 33.33
Benj. Brower, alderman..... 33.33
E. H. Sargent & Co., supplies..... 13.12
Henry R. Brink, supplies..... 1.20
Fred W. Jackson, brass polish..... 1.50
Van Dyke & Spruietsma, supplies 3.58
James A. Brouwer, door mats..... 7.20
Peter Boot, matches..... 25.00
Peter Boot, poor orders..... 23.50
G. Blom, freight and cartage..... .80
Sara Vander Meulen, typewriting..... 1.80
Western Union Tele. Co., clock rent..... 1.00
M. Bontekoe, poor orders..... 8.00
Richard Overweg, H. Van Ry for orders..... 40.00
Lokker-Rutgers Co., poor orders..... 15.40
J. Wolfert & Co., poor orders..... 2.00
Henry Olert, poor orders..... 26.00
J. & H. De Jongh, poor orders..... 40.00
West. Michigan Steam Laundry, fuel..... 4.50
Henry P. Zwemer, fuel..... 2.25
Holland City Gas Co., fuel..... 2.75
Jacob Lokker, use of auto..... 10.00
L. Lanting, steel bar..... 1.50
B. Olgers, labor..... 1.00
E. Beekman, labor..... 1.00
John De Boer, fuel..... 2.35
G. J. Van Duren, supervisor first district..... 8.00
C. W. Nibbelink, supervisor second district..... 8.00
Tyler Van Landegend, sewer pipe..... .66
Tyler Van Landegend, supplies..... 20.49
First State Bank, poor orders..... 18.50
Steffens Bros. & Co., poor orders..... 45.50
P. E. Haynes, services and expenses..... 44.00
Gerrit Ter Vree, washing streets..... 1.50
Egbert Helder, washing streets..... 1.50
Isaac Japiga, washing streets..... 3.00
Wm. Vander Water, washing streets..... 3.00
Thomas De Vries, washing streets..... 3.00
Henry Lokker, washing streets..... 3.00
H. Stoel, labor..... 22.00
Albert Aldering, labor..... 19.00
B. Olgers, labor..... 21.00
Peter Zanting, labor..... 22.00
E. Beekman, labor..... 19.00
Boone Bros., team work..... 11.25
H. P. Zwemer, team work..... 9.38
H. Plagenhoef, team work..... 33.94
J. Knoll, tea mwork..... 5.62
Holland City State Bank, poor orders..... 10.50
H. A. Naberhuis, city engineer..... 62.50
D. Ras, labor..... 17.10
Jacob Zuidema, asst. engineer..... 5.50
C. Vander Meulen, city attorney..... 37.50
Geo. H. Parks, auditor..... 48.00
J. E. Hardman, auditor..... 36.00
R. Mulder, poor orders..... 18.00
John Farma, poor orders..... 22.00

Allowed and warrants ordered issued.

The Committee on Claims and Accounts presented a claim of H. Haveman for \$12 for poor orders, and recommended that the same be allowed.

Allowed and warrants ordered issued.

The Committee on Poor reported presenting the report of the Director of the Poor, stating that they had rendered temporary aid for the two weeks ending December 20th, 1911, amounting to \$146.85.

Accepted.

The Committee on Poor to whom was referred several petitions for remission of taxes, reported recommending that the general taxes of the following persons be remitted for the year 1911: Mrs. C. Cremer, Mrs. N. Gilmore, Mrs. D. Tjepkema, Mrs. Alice Timmer, Mrs. Wm. Van Lente, Mrs. John Koning, Mrs. J. Serier, Mrs. Ida Forney, Mrs. G. Huysjen, Annie Alofs, Mrs. L. Manner and B. Wierda.

Adopted, and the taxes ordered remitted.

The Committee on Sidewalks reported that Klomparsen Bros. requested permission to place a sign over the sidewalk on West Tenth street.

Referred to the Committee on Sidewalks.

The Committee on Building Inspection reported having examined the Maple Street school and the Columbia Avenue school and recommended that the present fire escape be rebuilt on

the plan of the fire escape at the Van Raalte Avenue school.

Referred to the Board of Education.

REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS.

The following bills, approved by the Library Board, were ordered certified to the Common Council for payment:

H. R. Hunting Co., books.....\$ 15.12
Henry Malkin, books..... 289.49
Albert Hoeksema, services..... 10.00
Henrietta Plasman, services..... 30.00
Allowed and warrants ordered issued.

The following bills, approved by the Board of Park Trustees, were ordered certified to the Common Council for payment:

J. A. Kooyers, superintendent.....\$24.00
H. De Slegter, labor..... 11.00
H. Van Lente, labor..... 12.40
L. Kooyers, labor..... 6.12
J. Piers, labor..... 3.00
Wm. H. Vander Water, sexton cemetery..... 35.25
P. Vanden Tak, storing tools..... 5.00
Allowed and warrants ordered issued.

The following bills, approved by the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners, at a meeting held December 18th, 1911, were ordered certified to the Common Council for payment:

S. Meusen, patrolman.....\$33.60
C. Steketee, patrolman..... 33.60
S. Leonard, patrolman..... 29.40
John Wagner, patrolman..... 29.40
F. Kamferbeek, chief..... 38.50
D. Ras, extra police services..... 4.00
S. Meusen, special police services..... .72
C. Steketee, special police services..... .72
F. Kamferbeek, special police services..... 1.00
Ray Knoll, janitor and driver No. 1..... 32.50
Frank Stansbury, driver No. 2..... 30.00
Citizens' Telephone Co., messages..... .65
Richard Overweg, advanced fares..... 2.40
Richard Overweg, advanced fares..... 13.00
Board of Public Works, advanced fares..... 13.00
Peter Boot, polish..... .10
J. A. Vander Veen, supplies..... 1.23
B. Steketee, supplies..... 1.98
John Kruisenga, supplies..... 2.95
John Langevelt, services Engine House No. 2..... 15.00
John Nies' Sons, supplies..... 3.67
Van Dyke & Spruietsma, supplies 1.75
John Lampen, horseshoeing..... 3.50
Tyler Van Landegend, packing..... .60
Citizens Transfer Co., bus work 1.00
Austin Harrington, coal..... 18.90
Allowed and warrants ordered issued.

The following bills, approved by the Board of Public Works, at a meeting held December 18th, 1911, were ordered certified to the Common Council for payment:

R. B. Champion, supt.....\$ 62.50
Josie Kerkhof, stenographer..... 26.00
Dora Smith, clerical work..... 14.00
James Westveer, collector..... 10.00
Mrs. Minnie Coster, weekly payment..... 10.00
A. E. McClellan, chief engineer..... 55.00
Bert Smith, engineer..... 30.00
James Anns, engineer..... 30.00
Frank Crispell, engineer..... 30.00
John Borgman, fireman..... 26.25
Frank McFall, fireman..... 26.25
Fred Slikkers, fireman..... 26.25
John De Boer, coal passer..... 23.00
C. J. Rozeboom, 19th street attendant..... 25.00
Abe Nauta, electrician..... 35.00
J. P. De Feyter, line foreman..... 30.00
Hans Dykhuis, lineman..... 30.00
Chas. Ter Beek, lineman..... 29.25
John Van Dyke, lamp trimmer 31.38
Wm. Winstrom, stockkeeper..... 26.50
Peter Steketee, troubleman..... 13.00
Guy Pond, electric meterman..... 28.85
Lane Kamerling, water inspector..... 35.00
Ralph Van Lente, water meterman..... 25.00
General Electric Co., rep. certificate units..... 14.97
Western Electric Co., serial enclosed arc lamps..... 246.57
National Coal Co., coal..... 248.71
C. J. Litscher Electric Co., wire Standard Oil Co., oil..... 103.25
Monarch Electric & Wire Co., meter and plier..... 32.18
Fostoria Incandescent Lamp Co., steel reflectors..... 14.25
Illinois Electric Co., carbons..... 22.69
Pere Marquette R. R. Co., freight..... 519.84
J. A. Dogger, wiping rags..... 4.27
J. W. Fiehmman, blt. thread, etc..... .75
Citizens Telephone Co., toll service..... .30
Mrs. A. C. Van Raalte, gravel..... 15.00
Clinton Wire Cloth Co., brass Corder Photo Supply Co., photos..... 2.00
E. Vauell, sole leather..... .45
L. Lanting, repairs..... 16.35
Peter Boot, supplies..... 2.45
De Pree Hardware Co., supplies..... 38.51
Citizens Transfer Co., drayage..... 20.25
G. Blom, freight and cartage..... 14.92
J. Hazekamp, iron wood..... 3.00
John Ver Hoef, gravel..... 4.00
T. Keppel's Sons, supplies..... 131.10
Zeeland Brick Co., brick..... 18.85
Tyler Van Landegend, sheet iron and oil can..... 1.50
Holland Lumber & Supply Co., supplies..... 270.61
Board of Public Works, light and power..... 530.59
Art Reidsma, labor..... 1.70
Wm. Vander Water, labor..... .70
W. Wiebenga, labor..... 1.90
Fred Smith, labor..... 14.40

BIG CLOTHING CLEAN UP

IS FOR YOUR BENEFIT

We Start Tuesday Morning, January 2, 1912

JUST get this fact fixed in your mind. We will have the greatest Clothing Sale ever held in Holland. The cut prices below are bona-fide made on the closest priced merchandise in the city, together with our recent purchase of the entire surplus stock of David Adler & Sons and Alfred Decker and Cohn Co., America's foremost clothing manufacturers, which we bought at 33 1-3 off. All these goods must be disposed of at once as we don't want to carry over any stock, as our custom is to show none but the latest styles and materials, and we want no carried over stock if it will sell at any price. This includes our entire stock consisting of all our up-to-the-minute Mens, Boys and Childrens Overcoats, Suits, Hats, Caps, Pants, Shirts, Underwear, Hosiery, Heavy Gloves and Mittens, Sweaters, Neckwear, also our entire line of Shoes and Slippers, as we want no back numbers to cumber the following season.

Coming at this season of the year—Here is your golden opportunity to buy all this seasonable merchandise and at the prices given here below you should hurry

Every Article in Our Store Will Be Cut in Price

Mens and Young Men's Clothing

Right now is the time to buy a Suit and Overcoat for Winter. Our Men's Clothing is the finest production of the world's famous Manufacturers, and our cabinets are just brimfull and best of all at prices that you cannot resist—at cost or below cost.

\$10 00	Suits and Overcoats	Clean Up	Sale Price	\$ 7 25
12 50	" " "	" " "	" " "	9 15
13 50	" " "	" " "	" " "	9 75
15 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	11 25
16 50	" " "	" " "	" " "	11 95
18 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	13 85
20 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	14 15
22 50	" " "	" " "	" " "	16 65
25 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	18 95

Stiff and Soft Hats

\$1 00	Hats, sale price	\$.82
1 50	" " "	1 15
2 00	" " "	1 45
2 50	" " "	1 69
3 00	" " "	2 45
3 50	" " "	2 95
4 00	Hats, Sale Price	3.05



Boys and Children's Suits and Overcoats

We never had a better and more complete stock of Boys' and Children's Clothing and NOW is the time of your life to fit out the boys, whether it is Blue, Serge or Black, Norfolk or Plain Suit, we have them all and are included in this sale

\$2 00	Suits and Overcoats	Clean Up	Sale Price	\$ 1 45
2 50	" " "	" " "	" " "	1 65
3 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 15
3 50	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 35
4 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	2 95
4 50	" " "	" " "	" " "	3 15
5 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	3 95
6 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	4 35
8 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	5 95
10 00	" " "	" " "	" " "	7 25

Hosiery Values

50c	Values Sale Price	39c
25c	" " "	19c
15c	" " "	11c
10c	" " "	7c

Our Entire Stock of Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps and Shoes sold at Reduced Prices

This is where you save Money

Coat Sweaters	
\$1 50	Sweaters at \$1 15
2 00	" " 1 55
3 00	" " 2 35
4 00	" " 3 15
5 00	" " 4 05

Pajamas and Night Robes

\$1 00	Pajamas and Gowns	\$.89
1 50	" " "	1 29
2 00	" " "	1 65

Silk and Wool Mufflers

\$1 50	values at	\$.42
1 00	" " "	.82
2 00	" " "	1 65

Suit Cases, Trunks and Bags.

\$1 25	Sale Price	.98c
1 50	" " "	1 15
2 00	" " "	1 39
3 00	" " "	2 35
4 00	" " "	3 98
5 00	" " "	4 15
6 00	" " "	4 98
8 00	" " "	6 79

Some Real Bargains

Pants

Of the very best of the world's Manufacture

Worth \$1 00	Sale Price	.82c
" 1 50	" " "	1 55
" 2 00	" " "	1 55
" 3 00	" " "	2 15
" 4 00	" " "	2 95
" 4 50	" " "	3 15
" 5 00	" " "	3 95
" 6 00	" " "	4 35
" 7 00	" " "	5 25

Fur-Lined and Fur Caps

\$.50	Caps reduced to	\$.42
1 00	" " "	.83
1 50	" " "	1 15
2 00	" " "	1 63
3 00	" " "	2 25

Gloves and Mittens

50c	Values at	42c
\$1 00	" " "	82c
1 50	" " "	1 15

Shirts

50c	Shirts at	42c
75c	" " "	59c
\$1 00	" " "	85c
1 50	" " "	1 23
2 00	" " "	1 65
3 00	" " "	2 35

Tremendous Values in

Winter Underwear

Men's \$.50	Fleeced Shirts and Drawers	\$.39
" .50	Ribbed " " "	.42
" 1 00	Wool " " "	.89
" 1 25	" " " "	.98
" 1 50	" " " "	1 19
" 2 00	" " " "	1 59
" 3 00	" " " "	2 29
" 4 00	" " " "	3 15
" 5 00	" " " "	3 98

Our Entire Shoe Stock Will Be Sold at Reduction

Let us impress upon your mind the necessity of quick action, for you can just as well make your purchases now while the selections are best in every department. Remember this is all reputable merchandise and its quality is guaranteed by the makers and ourselves. You get only the *best quality* and for the *least money*.

P. S. Botter & Co.

16 W. 8th Street

Holland, Mich.

OLD TESTAMENT TIMES BROOKLYN TABERNACLE BIBLE STUDIES

HE IS FAITHFUL AND JUST.

Dec. 31.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."—1 John 1, 9.

WE KNOW of a heathen religion which teaches a God of mercy and love and kindness. Heathen deities are represented as powerful, atrocious, terrible. The people fear them as demons, but know nothing about the God of Love. Alas! that we must say it! but there are many Christians who, misled by the creeds of the darker Ages, do not recognize, do not worship the God of the Bible—the God of all Grace, concerning whom we have the declaration, "God is Love."

But God commended His love to us, and it is His love which constrains us to seek Him and to desire to serve Him and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. God's will meant the requirement of justice and He opened up the way by which He could still be just and yet be the Justifier of those who believe in Jesus, who become His disciples, to take up their cross and follow Him; and having thus arranged for the satisfaction of these, God prepares to give a blessing to Adam and his race in a way which would do them the most good. And this showing of the Divine character is not merely to bring laudation to the Almighty but specially for the purpose of making His creatures acquainted with His character, that they may have great confidence in Him throughout eternity, and that seeing the beauties of His character they may copy the same and thus be more abundantly blessed.

"It is just to forgive us our sins."

Salvation's First Step. The first step of God's Plan is the selection of a special class, a saintly few, from amongst mankind. They are chosen for a purpose. In them God would show forth the exceeding riches of His Grace and His loving kindness in Christ Jesus, in lifting sinners from the miry clay to so glorious a station as He has promised them—the divine nature, far above angels, principalities and powers. Additionally, He proposes to use them and their experiences with sin, and their victories over sin, by making them joint-heirs with Christ in the ruling and blessing and judging of the world by and by.

Following the completion of the Church of the First-Born will come the later borns. It is the Divine intention, not only that the Church shall attain to the liberty of the Sons of God on the spirit plane, like unto the angels, but it is His purpose also that humanity in general shall be granted an opportunity to become sons of God, during Messiah's Reign. "For the creation itself, also, shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption [death and sin] into the glorious liberty of the sons of God" [human sons, such as Adam was in his perfection, free from sin and death, possessed of full liberty which God provided for all in full fellowship with Him].—Romans viii, 21.

"Just to Forgive Us." Those who have become New Creatures in Christ by faith and obedience—those who have taken up their cross to follow Him and have been begotten of the Holy Spirit—God has agreed to forgive all their unwilling trespasses upon request. Reasoning upon the same subject St. Paul urges, "Let us come with courage to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."—Hebrews iv, 16.

At this, the close of another year and the opening of a new one, we urge that all Christians keep a daily record with the Lord and never retire to rest without obtaining this grace of forgiveness and help. But if any have delayed the matter and a cloud has come between them and the Lord, let them surely avail themselves of these promises in the close of this year, that they may start the New Year with a clean slate—with the smile of their Father's face upon them, and with the fellowship of their Redeemer and with fresh resolves for earnestness and carefulness in walking in His steps.

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Weariness and Heavy Laden. There are other Scriptures which apply to those of the world who have not yet become the Lord's people. The class we refer to are included in the Lord's words: "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

What more opportune time than the beginning of the year to make the one, great contract with the Lord which will make us disciples indeed—the covenant of self-sacrifice, self-denial, self-renunciation, taking up the cross to follow the Lord's leading whithersoever He goeth, knowing that the end of the journey will be glorious and blessed.

WHAT YOU SAW IN THIS PAPER

WHAT YOU SAW 35 YEARS AGO

Brother Moody, in one of his Chicago meetings, asked all to rise who would promise not to offer strong drink to callers on New Year's Day. Nearly the whole congregation stood up.

Buffalo Bill, in his travels with his new play, "The Red Right Hand," exhibits a scalp which he says was taken by him from the head of an Indian chief named Yellow Hand. The scalp forms a scene in the drama Buffalo Bill's sense of propriety is not very nice.

Geo. W. McBrice and J. Verplanke gave a nice little farewell supper to our city fathers on Christmas evening, at L. T. Kanters, before leaving for Grand Haven.

Hon. D. B. K. Van Raalte will leave for Lansing on Tuesday next, to take his seat in the State Legislature.

The Odd Fellows held an election of officers on Tuesday night, resulting in the choice of the following gentlemen: J. Kramer, N. G.; A. Welton, V. G.; N. W. Bacon, R. S.; J. Hummel, Treas. M. Harrington, Representative to Grand Haven Lodge.

WHAT YOU SAW 30 YEARS AGO

Mrs. G. J. Diekema, A. Niland, John de Bruyn, L. Van Putten, S. Sprietsma, Henry Ferry, Mr. Starling of Milwaukee, and several others whose names we could not learn, were in town during Christmas.

Mr. Henry L. Schepers and Dr. R. A. Schouten have formed a co-partnership for the purpose of manufacturing proprietary medicines and selling them at wholesale. Said firm will formerly commence operations on January 1st, 1882.

WHAT YOU SAW 25 YEARS AGO

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were unusually busy days in this city. Jacob G. Van Futen, cashier for Jos. Fixter, proprietor of the stove factory, reports that on Wednesday he paid ninety orders, presented by farmers who had brought bolts to the city from the surrounding country, some coming as far as eighteen miles. Besides this there were about one hundred loads of wood hauled to this city. On Thursday and Friday there were fully as many teams in town, and our streets were just full of vehicles and busy people.

WHAT YOU SAW 20 YEARS AGO

Francis Shriver, who lives thirteen miles north of Benton Harbor, took five kernels of corn from the craw of a wild goose which he killed last spring, and as a matter of curiosity he planted the corn, which grew and bore four ears, of a curious formation. The ear has no cob or husk, except that each kernel of corn is enclosed in its own little husk, completely identified from its fellows. It is probably a variety of wild Indian maize found by the goose in another region during a long distance flight.

WHAT YOU SAW 15 YEARS AGO

Engelbert Vanderwater and Miss Sijntje Van Huis will be married this evening (Thursday) by the Rev. K. Van Goor at the bride's home on Fifteenth street. They will reside on East Thirteenth St. east.

A. C. Van Raalte has rented the building of C. Blom, Sr. on River St. where he will carry on the sale of the well-known McCormick implements, for which he has the agency.

Daniel Berth and Miss Maude E. Carr were married at the home of the latter's friend in Grand Rapids, Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Adam Clark of this city officiating.

WHAT YOU SAW 10 YEARS AGO

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Kole, Sunday—a son.

WINS FIGHT FOR LIFE.

It was a long and bloody battle for life that was waged by James B. Mershon, of Newark, N. J., of which he writes: "I had lost much blood from lung hemorrhages, and was very weak and run-down. For eight months I was unable to work. Death seemed close on my heels, when I began, three weeks ago, to use Dr. King's New Discovery. But it has helped me greatly. It is doing all that you claim." For weak, sore lungs, obstinate coughs, stubborn colds, hoarseness, la grippe, asthma, hay-fever or any throat or lung trouble it's supreme. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Walsh Drug Co., H. R. Doesburg, Geo. L. Lage.

To Cure Neuralgia. For neuralgia, try wet cloths of alcohol and water or laudanum and water, laid on a hot water bottle and the part steamed over.

Electric Bitters

Success against everything else fails. In nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified. **FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE** it is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

PYTHON MADE THINGS LIVELY ON SHIPBOARD

Reptile Held Prisoner by Iron Ring After It Had Swallowed Two Monkeys.

New York.—Lieut. Tom Donohue, R. N. R., chief officer on the Muncaster Castle, was glad to make port here and get rid of a 30-foot python he brought from the far east. The python got loose several times, but Donohue did not mind it much until one day when five days out of Gibraltar, Ah Sing, his chief helper,



Had Swallowed Two Monkeys.

showed up with a toe gone and blamed it on the snake.

"We found the python an unwilling captive in the monkey-house," said Donohue. "We found he had crawled through a large iron ring that was attached to the deck and on either side of the ring he was bulged out to such an extent that he could get neither in nor out. I looked around, counted the monkeys, and found two of them missing."

"Evidently the reptile had swallowed one of the monkeys and in his frolicking joy had gone through the ring until the bulging monkey inside of him would let him go no further. I suppose he was mad and swallowed another monkey. That put him in an awful fix, because the iron ring was between the two monkeys he had devoured. Ah Sing and I jammed his head down with a forked stick, and when we had him tight Ah Sing removed the other monkeys to a safe distance. Then we built a sort of cage around Mr. Python and left him there to digest his food."

"We stopped further trouble, however, by giving him some dope, and after that I had some sleep and less worry."

HAWK GRABS DIAMOND STUD

Man Beats Off Big Bird and Game Rooster Pecks Its Eyes Out.

New York.—A hen-hawk tried to pluck a diamond stud from the shirt bosom of Thomas Norwood of Brookdale, N. J. It is supposed the bird thought it was dealing with a glow-worm.

Norwood tried to beat off the bird with his hands, but failed, and then



Rooster Attacks the Hawk.

Jonah, a pet game rooster, flew to its master's aid and pecked out the hawk's eyes.

Finally Norwood wrung the hawk's neck, but not before the bird, whose wings measured four feet between the tips, had torn most of the clothes off him. It had also got in one grab on the faithful rooster, and torn out most of the latter's tail. Jonah was still game enough to put to flight a neighbor's bulldog that had butted in to see the fracas.

Fat Girl Stuck in Hole. Dalton, Ga.—Two slim girls and a fat one dug a hole in the wall of the county jail and tried to escape. The thin ones, Mary McCall and Nettie Walls, slipped through, but Sarah Crow stuck in the aperture. She was caught when the laughter of the other girls awoke the guard.

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ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Pro-
bate Court for the County of Ot-
tawa.

At a session of said court, held at
the probate office in the city of Grand
Haven, in said county, on the 9th day
of December, A. D. 1911.

Present: Hon. Edward P. Kirby,
Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of
DERK MEISTE, Deceased.

Jan Harm Meiste having filed in
said court his petition praying that
said court adjudicate and determine
who were at the time of his death the
legal heirs of said deceased and en-
titled to inherit the real estate of
which said deceased died seized, it is
ordered that the

8th day of January, A. D. 1911,
at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said
probate office, be and is hereby ap-
pointed for hearing said petition;

It is further ordered, that public
notice thereof be given by publication
of a copy of this order, for three suc-
cessive weeks previous to said day of
hearing, in the Holland City News, a
newspaper printed and circulated in
said county.

EDWARD P. KIRBY,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy.
ORRIS SLUITER,
Register of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Pro- bate Court for the County of Ot- tawa.

At a session of said court, held at
the Probate office, in the City of Grand
Haven in said county on the 18th day of December,
A. D. 1911.

Present, Hon. Edward P. Kirby, Judge
of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of
James L. Fletcher, Deceased.

Fred T. Miles having filed in said court his
final administration account and his petition
praying for the allowance thereof and for the
assignment and distribution of the residue of
said estate.

It is Ordered, That the
15th day of January, A. D. 1912,
at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said
probate office, be and is hereby ap-
pointed for examining and allowing
said account and hearing said peti-
tion;

It is further ordered, that public notice there-
of be given by publication of a copy of this
order, for three successive weeks previous to
said day of hearing, in the Holland City News,
a newspaper printed and circulated in said
county.

EDWARD P. KIRBY,
Judge of Probate
Orrie Sluiter
Register of Probate

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Pro- bate Court for the County of Ot- tawa.

At a session of said court, held at
the Probate Office in the City of Grand
Haven, in said county, on the 22nd day
of December, A. D. 1911.

Present: Hon. Edward P. Kirby,
Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of
James G. Sutphen, Deceased

Martha W. Sutphen having filed in
said court her petition praying that
a certain instrument in writing, pur-
porting to be the last will and testa-
ment of said deceased, now on file in
said court be admitted to probate, and
that the administration of said estate
be granted to herself or to some other
suitable person.

It is ordered that the 22nd day of January
A. D. 1912 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at
said probate office, be and is hereby appointed
for hearing said petition.

It is further ordered, that public notice
thereof be given by publication
of a copy of this order, for three suc-
cessive weeks previous to said day
of hearing, in the Holland City News,
a newspaper printed and circulated in
said county.

EDWARD P. KIRBY,
Judge of Probate.

A true copy:
ORRIS SLUITER,
Register of Probate.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Pro- bate Court for the County of Ot- tawa.

At a session of said court, held at
the Probate Office in the City of Grand
Haven, in said county on the 22nd day
of December A. D., 1911.

Present: Hon. Edward P. Kirby,
Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of
Antonie Ver Hulst, Deceased.

Coraelius Ver Hulst having filed in
said court his fifth and sixth annual ac-
counts as trustee of said estate, and
his petition praying for the allowance
thereof and that the United States
Fidelity and Guaranty Company of
Baltimore may be released and dis-
charged from all further liability and
responsibility as surety on his bond as
trustee, a d that he may be required to
give a new bond in such sum and with
such sureties as the court may direct
and approve.

It is Ordered,
That the 22nd day of January, A. D. 1912
at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate
office, be and is hereby appointed for hear-
ing said petition; and for examining and allow-
ing said account;

It is Further Ordered, That public
notice thereof be given by publication
cessive weeks previous to said day of
hearing, in the Holland City News, a
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STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Pro- bate Court for the County of Ot- tawa.

In the matter of the estate of
Tijetje S. Tijetjema, alias Tijetje
Tijetjema. Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that four months
from the 30th day of December A. D. 1911,
have been allowed for creditors to present
their claims against said deceased to said
court for examination and adjustment,
and that all creditors of said deceased are
required to present their claims to said
court, at the probate office, in the City of
Grand Haven, in said county, on or before
the 30th day of April, A. D. 1912
and that said claims will be heard by said
court on the 30th day of April, A. D. 1912
at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated December, 29th, A. D. 1911.
Edward P. Kirby,
Judge of Probate

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PRETTY SCHOOLMA'M WHIPS 9 HUSKY BOYS

Comes Out Victor in Pitched
Battle and Puts Quietus on
the School Bully.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Just because she
walloped nine husky pupils in one
day Miss Roberta Atkinson, the pret-
ty and athletic new teacher at the
Sandy Creek school is to be put on
trial by the Penn township school
board. The bully of the school started
the rumpus. He wore cowhide
boots, homespun jacket and breeches,
is big enough to get a job moving
pianos, and insisted on keeping a



Schoolma'm Whips Husky Boys.

painted false face mask in his desk,
which he would put on for the amuse-
ment of the pupils when her back
was turned. Tops and slungshots also
were among his schoolroom effects,
and the new teacher decided that he
must leave these things at home.

The rupture came one afternoon at
a spelling bee. When the bully re-
fused to give up the false face the
plucky teacher used the rattan on
him. Other big fellows laughed.
Their turn came next. Three min-
utes of hot fighting left the plucky
school teacher master of the situa-
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very bad at my stomach. Whatever
I would eat made me feel worse, and
my heart beat very fast. But thanks
to Dr. Miles' Heart Remedy, I am
all right now. I eat good, sleep
good, and feel like a new man, al-
though I am almost 68 years old. I
have been a soldier in the late war
of the rebellion, and was badly
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LOCAL

The funeral services of Edward Harrington will be held at St. Francis Catholic church, Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment will take place at the Graafschap cemetery.

The Holland High School Alumni association banquet was held in the K. of P. hall last Tuesday night was attended by about one hundred members. Members of the Senior served the banquet. After an interesting program the following officers were elected: Pres., Al Van Duren; Vice-pres., Bert Cathcart; Secy., Rena Raven; Treas., Ruth Post.

Kole and Coal

The secret why Joe Hadden raises such nice speckled hamburgs is out. He feeds them coal and that's the reason why they have such nice black specks. But then Joe is not the inventor of this new chicken feed, he hit upon it by accident. It was not his original invention to feed his hens English coal, for he started out and purchased some Dutch kole and placed it in a sack, when along came some scallawag of a boy and substituted it with the English variety. Joe is now looking for a boy with a cabbage.

TAKE TWO DAYS TO GO TO FENVILLE.

When the Pere Marquette railway company arranged their last train schedule they were not thinking of Allegan people who wish to go for a day to Fennville or any of the smaller places along the main line. If any one in Allegan wishes to go to Fennville in the near future he would better plan to take a week off. By reason of the fact that the noon train from Grand Rapids to Chicago does not and will not stop at Fennville under any consideration, an Allegan man must go to Holland the night before, remain there during the night, and go to Fennville in the morning. If he hurries or his business is quickly done he can get back to Holland in the afternoon and get home at night; but quite likely his errand may hold him in Fennville until after half-past three o'clock and then he will be there for the night and can get home the third day. A fine arrangement for business men! This inconvenience is probably a little retaliation for the recent victory the Fennville council gained over the Pere Marquette before the railway commission. Prosecutor Stone had a few hours' business in Fennville recently and he said he had to spend a good portion of the week in the journey.

EGGS.

On the same day that Master Hull was telling the annual convention of the Michigan state grange at Kalamazoo that "the adoption of the (reciprocity) treaty would have ruined the farmers of the United States" by reducing farm products to the level of Canadian prices, the people of Toronto, Ontario, were importing American eggs, in spite of the tariff, and have lately bid them up to seventy cents a dozen. At this writing eggs in Detroit, Michigan, are bringing less than fifty cents.—Nino (Detroit Saturday Night.)

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The Knecker Abroad.

When you hear a man start to boast by saying: "I wouldn't knock anybody, but—" just make up your mind it ain't goin' to be no boost.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of Allegan and Ottawa counties, will be held at Streeter's Opera House in Allegan, on Thursday, the 11th day of January, 1912, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the election of officers, and for the transaction of any other business that may lawfully come before the meeting.

W. F. Harden, President
G. L. Hicks, Secretary

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HERE'S ONE OIL INSPECTOR WHO SAYS GASOLINE IS NOT "EXPLOSIVE."

National Petroleum News:

At last we have an oil inspector—State Inspector Neal of Michigan—who talks with sense and knowledge of gasoline and kerosene "explosions."

In the following statement recently issued by him to the people of Michigan, he says these products are entirely safe if handled with care and judgment, and that they do not explode. For so many years most oil inspectors have been trying to make their jobs more secure by scaring the life out of the public as to the "great danger" in handling petroleum oils. Mr. Neal is a welcome relief from the usual run of politicians who hold such offices, and he is one of the very few state oil inspectors who has shown honesty of thought and a knowledge of his subject, in addressing the public.—The Editor.

State Inspector Neal says: "Liquid stove polish is all right; in fact, I know of no better polish made. The only trouble is to impress upon people that it must not be used while the stove is hot or when there are coals in the stove or ashpit, or while there is a lighted lamp or a flame in the same room."

"By insisting on a prominent red-letter caution label on each can, calling attention to this fact, the oil department hopes to lessen these accidents. To this end we have started a canvass of the state and are insisting that merchants sell only cans which are properly labeled. Manufacturers are aiding the department in this work by printing and sending out new labels as fast as we notify them of the location of their cans."

"Naptha and gasoline are practically the same thing except that the former is a trifle less inflammable. Either can be handled with entire safety if people will use ordinary care. Gasoline when lighted is a good deal like a hive of bees; if let alone or smothered out, the damage will rarely result, but attempt to fight it, and it becomes active, and, like the bees, it will sting in all directions."

Easily Put Out.

"A gasoline or kerosene explosion is rare, and yet almost every day the daily press records one or more 'explosions.' Gasoline is highly inflammable, and so is excelsior, cotton, and the like, but one never speaks of these as exploding. A lighted match dropped in a five-gallon can of gasoline would not cause an explosion, and the result would only be a huge bonfire if left burning long enough, while the dropping of a handkerchief over the top of the can would instantly put out the fire. On the contrary, to throw the can outdoors might cause death and disaster."

"Take the same five-gallon can and put a small teaspoonful of gasoline into it, drop a match in the opening, and off goes your head, and out go your windows. It's the vapor that explodes, and not the liquid; even at that the vapor must be mixed with just the right amount of air to get any explosion."

"The so-called gasoline and kerosene explosions are almost invariably simply cases of the oil catching fire because of its high inflammability, and then the person upon whom some of the oil has been spilled, or the furniture or home, is more or less seriously burned. But there is no explosion, and as soon as the public can be educated to the fact that gasoline fires are very easy to put out by the smothering process and very hard to extinguish by any other means, fewer accidents will result."

Modern Business Idea.

"You still assert that competition is the life of trade!" "Oh, yes," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "But we don't care to compete for a chance to sell our goods. What we want is to find people with their money out competing for the privilege of buying them."

The Question of Gas Rates

The gas rate in Holland now is 90 cents per thousand cubic feet. Even at this price the Company never has been able to earn its operating costs and a fair rate of interest on the actual value of its property.

But, even so, the franchise provides that the rate shall be cut to 80 cents when the total consumption reaches 50,000,000 cubic feet a year, and to 75 cents when the total consumption reaches 65,000,000 cubic feet a year.

Such rates as these would mean certain failure in any city of Holland's size, and similarly situated. They would make successful operation impossible anywhere, except perhaps in two or three of the largest cities of the country.

New York, Chicago and Philadelphia each have millions of population. In those cities gas is used in such immense quantities that the costs of making and distributing it are much less than they could be in any place of small or even medium size.

Philadelphia uses enough gas in one day to supply Holland for a whole year; yet the net rate there is \$1. Many of the other large cities have rates as high as this. Nearly all of the smaller ones have higher ones.

With the future reductions provided for in the franchise, Holland would have lower rates than either New York or Chicago, to say nothing of smaller cities throughout the entire country.

The Holland City Gas Company is willing that its rates should be just as low as it would be reasonable to make them. The Company asks only to be allowed to conduct its business on sound business principles.

The Company does not seek large profits. It is satisfied to pay expenses and earn legitimate interest on a fair valuation of its property.

This is no more than the Company is entitled to ask. It would result in greater benefit to the City of Holland, and the People who use gas, than any reduction of rate.

Unfair Conditions of Gas Franchise

In addition to rates that are unreasonably low, the Holland gas franchise contains other provisions that are unfair to the Company and interfere with its efforts to give good service.

One of these is found in the clause that requires the Company to furnish free service connection as far as the meter for a light customer and all the way to the appliance for one who uses gas for cooking.

In nearly all the other cities throughout the country gas companies lay pipe only as far as the curb, or to the property boundary. In each case the customer or property owner must pay for his own service connection beginning at either the curb or the property line.

It is only proper and right that the costs of laying pipe on private property, and installing and connecting fixtures and appliances, should be paid by the owner or occupant of the property. This rule is observed in at least 98 per cent of the gas franchises.

Gas pipes for cooking, as well as lighting, are necessary in the equipment of any modern house. They are fixtures and should be included with the property and become a part of it.

When a gas company is compelled to pay for such improvements on private property, the cost becomes a burden on the Company's service. Money is spent in this way that should be used in building up the Company's service.

The Holland City Gas Company has been obliged to spend many thousands of dollars to provide the free service connections now in use in this city. The money to pay for this work has to come out of the general funds of the Company, that are maintained by its revenues from all its patrons.

This expenditure has been of no advantage to the service in general. The benefit in each case has been confined to the particular property where the service connection has been installed.

This plan is unjust to the Public. It increases the production cost of the entire gas service. The benefits are enjoyed by only a portion of those who use gas, and even they do not share them equally, for in some cases the free service connections cost much more than in others.

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DORA'S RESOLUTIONS.

A New Year's Story For the Children.

"WISH you happy New Year!" called Dora from her pillow to her sister Agnes, who stood before the dressing table brushing her curls. "What makes you get up so early? It isn't breakfast time yet. It is so warm and cozy here in bed I'm going to lie here and think up lots of good resolutions



DORA WRITES RESOLUTIONS.

for the new year. Then I can write them out after breakfast. Why don't you make some resolutions, Agnes?" "I don't know. I hadn't thought about it," replied the little girl. "I have been hurrying to get dressed, for I was afraid mamma would want me. Freddie has been crying all the morning."

"Fred is such a cry baby!" returned Dora. "Well, perhaps I'd better get up, seeing you are all ready to go

down. Tell mamma I am coming right away." And she crawled out of bed as Agnes closed the door. Dora reached the dining room just as mamma and sister set the breakfast on the table. Freddie had been restored to good humor, and everybody seemed very happy as all gathered around the first morning meal of the new year. Bright faces, merry voices and good wishes made it a charming family group.

Dora and Agnes cleared the table when the meal was finished, for there was no servant in the house, and the two sisters helped much with the work that mamma might get more time to sew.

"Shall I wash or wipe the dishes?" asked Dora.

"Oh, I'll wash them, and you can wipe them," said Agnes, "for you'd rather, and I don't care."

"Well, then, I'm going upstairs to write out my New Year's resolutions. I'll be down by the time you have the dishes ready to rinse." And Dora ran up to her room.

Dora spoiled several sheets of paper before she had her resolutions written to suit her. Finally she read them over with a certain degree of pride:

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS OF DORA BUCKINGHAM PRESCOTT.

- I will get up early in the morning and help mamma with the breakfast.
- I will go to bed at night without making a fuss about it.
- I will dress Freddie every morning.
- I will take my turn at washing the dishes even though I like better to wipe them.
- I will dust the parlor every day and not leave it for Agnes.
- I will not forget to make the beds when it comes my week.
- I will take care of my bird every morning.
- I will amuse Freddie and not be cross to him once this year.
- I will sew on my buttons without being told.
- I will not let Agnes do my share of the work just because she is obliging.
- I will always be pleasant to everybody.

"Dora, mamma wants you!" "Oh, don't come bothering me now, Aggie!" "Mamma wants you to see to Freddie." "Oh, dear! Why can't you?" "I've got to go down to the postoffice."

Her Sort.

Alice—What kind of a girl has Jack engaged himself to? Rose—Oh, she's the sort of woman you never dare ask to luncheon for fear she'll stay to dinner.—Harper's Bazar.

Warned in Time.

A soft answer sometimes disarms. A story is told of a landlond on the North shore. A guest, seldom satisfied, came to him and said: "Mr. Smith,"—that was not the landlond's name—"Mr. Smith, your coffee is rotten." The landlond shook him by the hand. "Thank you, sir; thank you. I haven't had my breakfast yet, and I'll skin the coffee this time. Much obliged."—Boston Herald.

"Oh! Why, have you finished the dishes?"

"All done," said Agnes, with a little smile that had not a mite of superiority in it.

"But I meant to come and wipe them," said Dora, with a fush.

"Never mind," said Agnes. "I knew you were busy."

Dora followed her sister downstairs, thinking she would put the rooms in



AGNES WASHES DISHES.

order and feed the canary before Agnes returned. But, to her surprise, the parlor and sitting room were dusted. Dick was eating fresh seed with great relish, and it was 10 o'clock. How long a time she had spent over those resolutions!

After making Baby Fred happy with a big block horse Dora slipped upstairs and brought down her paper of "New Year's Resolutions" and quietly laid it on the parlor fire.

"I'll keep my eyes and ears open, as Aggie does, and do everything I see that needs to be done and try to be as pleasant as she is. That will be better than writing out a thousand resolutions!"—Youth's Companion.

SETS MOTHER'S BED AFIRE

Philadelphia Boy Playing With Matches Endangers Home and His Own Life.

Philadelphia.—Harry Nutall, Jr., was playing with matches at his home and set fire to his mother's bed. When the firemen arrived, put out the fire and saved the house from destruction, there was no trace of Harry. Mrs. Nutall feared he had been burned.

Finally Joseph Nagle, acting foreman of engine company 19, saw a little foot protruding from a coal bin



Sets Bed on Fire.

in the cellar. He pulled on this and out came Harry, crying for fear his mother would scold him for burning her bed.

368,000 MILES BY STAGE

Kentuckian Has Driven 40 Miles Every Day for the Past Ten Years.

New Albany, Ind.—Without going further north than Paoli, Ind., or further south than New Albany, Oscar Bowman of Paoli has traveled a distance equal to ten times around the world. Bowman, a Kentuckian, is the driver of the New Albany and Paoli stage. He has held the position for ten years and has seldom missed a day during which he covered the distance of 40 miles over the pike between Albany and Paoli.

Bowman has just completed his three thousand two hundred and seventy-sixth round trip, in which he drove a total of 368,000 miles. He has driven over the pike on the coldest and the hottest days recorded by the weather bureau in a decade, and has never stopped for rain, snow or sleet.

Knows Value of Good Roads. England spends nine million dollars a year to maintain her public roads.

HOW LATIN-AMERICANS CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S.

NO other people take so many holidays as the Latin-Americans, but to them New Year's eve is "the maddest, merriest day of all the glad some year," writes William Thorp in the Washington Star. If a peon has only a single bolivar in the world he will spend every centavo of it on that greatest of all feasts. Every man in the country, from the president in his palace to the beggar in the streets, has a very large and splendid time seeing the old year out and the new year in.

I happened to be in Caracas, the capital of Venezuela, at the year's end not long ago. A couple of days after Christmas I asked an attache of the American legation:

"Do these people celebrate the New Year much?"

"Celebrate?" he said. "Well, I should say so! Imagine the Fourth of July, election night, Thanksgiving day and an English 'Mafeking night' all rolled into one, and you will have some faint idea of a Venezuelan New Year's fiesta."

"There are so many fiestas in this country that a man can never get his work done," added an American coffee planter—who was talking with us. "When I first came here my laborers used to take off two or three days a week for holidays. If it wasn't some saint's day it was the anniversary of the victory of Corobobo or the birth of Bolivar. They didn't seem to want to earn money. If they could just get enough money to buy food and cigarettes and a little aguardiente they were satisfied."

"I have stirred up their ambition a bit, made them cut out a good many of the fiestas, but there are some holidays which you dare not say anything against in Latin-America, and the chief of them is the New Year. My men won't work on New Year's day or the next day, and it will probably take them all the week to get fit for work again."

It is impossible to sleep late on the morning of Dec. 31 in any South American city. I was awakened soon after dawn by the clanging of a hundred bells. In Caracas there is an ancient church on nearly every street corner. All of them are tumbling into ruins, and all their bells are cracked. When New Year's eve dawns those bells are rung with a vigor that threatens to wreck the crazy steeple, and their amusing discords effectually murder sleep.

AT THE OLD YEAR'S GRAVE.

By FRANK L. STANTON.

BY the grave of the Old Year stood a little child with an armful of flowers. The light of the Morning was on his brow, the faith of the Future in his radiant eyes. One by one the flowers fell upon the grave till it was hidden beneath a crimson canopy. Some were flowers of joy, and some were flowers of tears; some were the roses of sweet song, and some were memories of sighs. But over all there fell the lilies of Love and that fair flower whose sweeter name is Hope. And gloriously streamed the Light from the far eastern hills. Glad voices floated heavenward. There was a sound of silver trumpets, a melody of bells. And the child still faced the Future, and if a teardrop trembled in his eyes it was kissed away of Light. And he passed, singing, into the hearts and homes of men, heralded by Hope and welcomed by the music of the rejoicing bells.—Atlanta Constitution.

Two Facts About Leap Year.

As for the name "leap year," it seems to be a misnomer, since on leap year February, the changeable month, does not leap a day, but takes on one. However, the most plausible tradition as to the origin of the name is to the effect that the law knew but 365 days to the year and that when every four years the 29th of February appeared on the calendar it was not counted as a day in the eyes of the law, but was "leapt" over.

The year is now just exactly as it was after Gregory had corrected it. Even after his correction, however, there remains a slight mistake, but it is so very small that it will amount to only a day in 3,900 years. The error is one of excess, so it is proposed to make the year 4000, otherwise a leap year, a common year. After that the calculations are so minute that the length of the year will so exactly correspond to the earth's revolution around the sun that it will not differ more than a day in a thousand centuries.

Ten New Year Resolutions.

- Resolved throughout the coming year To cherish those unto us dear.
- Resolved, to hold them each day fast As if afraid it were the last.
- Resolved, to have one self, one mind, And that to gentleness inclined.
- Resolved, whatever our defeat, To ever keep serene and sweet.
- Resolved, to let no west'ring sun Descend upon unkindness done.
- Resolved, to speak no evil word Of any—whatsoever we've heard.
- Resolved, that conscience tell us what We ought to do and what should not.
- Resolved, no rank is higher than Are lady mere and gentleman.
- Resolved, that it is what we give To life that makes it good to live.
- Resolved, each day in solitude To render God our gratitude.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

HOW DEATH COAXED LITTLE COOING TOT

Paralytic Mother Sees Skeleton Fingers Beckon Prattling Child Within Their Reach.

SIMPLE HOME TRAGEDY

Unable to Move, Woman Is Forced to Sit in Helpless Agony and See Her Little One Gleelessly Eat Deadly Strychnine Pills.

Philadelphia.—In the old days when men's hearts were hard there was a hellish rivalry in the invention of torture. Because the emperor must amuse the brutish populace, because the conqueror must gloat over the agonies of the subjugated, because men differed in politics or religion—because of these things men were fed to wild beasts in the circus, men were burned at the stake, and the rack, the thumbscrew, the boot and the iron maiden were invented. But with all their ingeniousness these inventors of the means of inflicting torture fell short, far short, of what accident, or fate—call it what you will—achieved in a simple little home in this city recently. Of physical pain there was none, but measureless was that refinement of poignant agony which comes with the breaking of a mother's heart as, helpless, she was forced to sit and see the skeleton fingers of grinning death beckon her prattling babe within their reach.

Mrs. Charles Griffiths lives at No. 1326 South Spangler street. Paralysis of the limbs chains her to her chair. Her heart is weak and for its strengthening the physician prescribed strychnine pills. At an appointed time one of Mrs. Griffiths' older chil-



Eats Deadly Pills.

dren gave her one of the pills, set the box on a table a few feet away and went out to resume her play.

The paralyzed mother sat in her helplessness and smiled and cooed to her prattling babe of fifteen months as the little one crept about the floor. The baby's head touched the hanging table cloth and with gleeful gurgle the child grasped the cloth and began to draw itself to its uncertain feet. Then the bright eyes espied the box and a dimpled hand reached for it.

"Baby! baby! Oh, my God, baby, don't touch it!"

But the pills rattled in the box and with an exultant coo the little one settled back to the floor, baby like, carrying its new toy to its moist mouth.

The frantic woman coaxed and pleaded and scolded; She used all the gentle persuasion of a mother's baby-talk to coax the child nearer. She commanded. She did everything an anxiety-torn woman could do to induce the baby to drop the box. But to the little one it was all part of a game.

Then the box came open and the deadly pills fell into the child's lap and upon the carpet. A pink little thumb and finger reached for one of the deadly sugar-coated pellets!

Chained to her chair, the mother sent forth shriek after shriek for human help and appeal after appeal to her God, while only three feet away death coaxed her darling nearer and nearer to its embrace.

The sugar tasted good and the baby smiled and cooed. Then it reached for another pill—and another.

Finally help came, but too late. The baby is dead and the doctors are trying to save the sanity of the paralyzed mother.

Largest Family in America.

Decorah, Ia.—In the family of Mrs. H. J. Hoyden no trace of race suicide can be found. She is the mother of 13 children, all of whom are living and today it is known there are 1,000 descendants of the original Hoyden family who came to America from Norway.

Beauty Fats Killed Young Woman.

Chicago.—Miss Dorothy Martyn died of malnutrition recently as the result of using "beauty fats," which she, in common with a number of other young women, took up as a fad a year ago

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