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turb his inspiration, then."

simply said. "Of course." He sat down. "Ermay I ask how the great play pro-

gresses?" No answer. It had come back him." that morning for the fourth timedeclined. She pretended to sew until the position grew unbearable, and then rose and tapped at the door of that inner room in which at the Jollity-some new and won-

she liked to total. No reply. "Gilbert, dear, don't start," was again-that Mr. Mainwaring. What sented, and accordingly that next topple him off the first rung. shall"_

Why, he was not scribbling away feverishly. His head had fallen failedforward-asleep? When she touched almost shrank.

work, husband!"

sublime! Only go away—do! He found his pen and started. engrossed by the play, she whisper- shown. Awed, apprehensive, too, she hung | ingly implored : there as though hesitating whether to obey or snatch his precious manu- It's nearly over."

script away. Finally she stole out "My plot-my play!" he said. and stood guard at his door. "My husband cannot see you to- brains!" night."

this house was furnished with the pered back. "It is safe." Alkinds of legal papers draws. The coolly borrowed through members a specialty. Charges reasonable, seem pathy means for bearance. As you dence; Evanshing to sales. Evanshing to purchase in Collegeville and repetition of those wishing to purchase in Collegeville and repetition. The place in the form of those wishing to purchase in Collegeville and repetition. The place is a specialty. Charges reasonable, seem pathy means for bearance. As you defined in the proposite that the first activate after the first activate activate activate activate activates and activate a

plot-the great idea he has missed shoulder. for months. There !"

chances. "Bah! That was to have thrilled creation long ago. I will call once again next week, and there. What name shall I say?" then"- He went out without fin-

ishing it. In a sort of stupor Marion sat ecstatic. Not even her white and woman barred their way. hopeless face struck his attention.

coming to wake you. They-they | man who writes himself the author say that every man is capable of of that play." one stroke of genius. Listen to this-but the room seems-why, pen to be the author of that play. Marion, I_I"_

The manuscript fell. She real-

Twelve hours later found him in the heat of unmistakable delirium. And the play! It was lying neglected upon his study desk. Weeks said, before his sanity could return. It meant that the home must van- to the roof. ish, bit by bit-but what of that? Night and day she hovered over him. He had tried and failed. Only to save his reason! And then she would try, herself.

In the first excitement she quite forgot Mainwaring and his last veiled threat, until, precisely seven days after his previous visit, the girl informed her that that gentleman and a "friend" were waiting in the sitting room. Both frightened and desperate, she went down as

Sarsaparilla. We concluded to do so, and | study in supplication. "He knows snapped. "What did I say? A tion and said: planned affair. My friend here stay until I see your husband."

her throat. Then she ran back and locked the bed-room door.

"They've gone ma'am," came mumbled away for a time, and then of the unsuccessful author play- they were suddenly quiet. I think

Marion, sitting back from Gilbert's wild stare, found temporary relief in a stream of tears.

The first gleam of sunshine came erate step. Both were unpleasantly at the end of three awful weeks. to sit staring vacantly through the enough. "Indeed? He is very busy," she | bours and Christmas was close at hand—dear, joyous Christmas!

"It's most strange," said the doc. crept up behind her husband and miles from Dearborn. The Mason scalper's ticket from Mendlebaum." tor, one day. "I've been thinking placed a twisted sprig of holly upon what mild excitement would rouse his tired head.

"Oh, the theatre-the play." she little alliteration, dear-my king,

answered mechanically. "Then take him. Here. There's even !" a matinee advertised for to-morrow thing!"

day, Christmas eve, found them both seated in the Jollity. If this

The play commenced, but Marion

"Try, try and keep calm, dear!

For the moment she was stupefied.

knew how he has slaved and tried ! scene. So, holding his hand still, he would keep it a secret till death. Let me tell you something. Wait she followed him out into the cor--and his play will be accepted. ridor. Before she could prevent it you come in-" Yes! To-night he has found his he had gripped an attendant's

"Your manager-at once!" he "Found his plot?" He stared in- breathed. "Your manager!" he recredulously, appearing to weigh the peated, as a swell of applause drowned the man's reply "The manager is in the box over

this play!" They followed him around winddown and waited-waited hour after ing corridors and up to the door of the victim practiced it all the way hour. Then at last Gilbert came a box. Two gentlemen were just groping out, one hand pressed to emerging laughingly when the his head, his face haggard, but white-faced man and whiter-faced

"Not yet! I demand," said Gil-"Done it!" he gasped. "I was bert, pointing, "the identity of the "Why," said one, coolly, "I hap-

Anything amiss?" "You!" Hartley, looking like one ized something and sprang forward. just risen from the grave, put out He had swayed and then toppled two working hands. "Come here! Look me in the face. I wrote it-

almost as it stands. If my manuscript is gone you-have stolen it." The finale was at hand. The audience, little dreaming of that side would pass, the bluff old doctor drama, sat spellbound. Then a

> crazy, unmistakable cheering rose "Author! Author!" went up. The situation was critical, the man-

The "author," with Marion's wide, pleading eyes upon him, hesitated aisle to hide the smile that wreathed and then blurted out:

"No fraud at all! I bought that manuscript in a crude state from a man who claimed to have produced it. There is nothing discredit-

"He is ill," she said, her face a it and I am willing to divide all-" seat near the door and his instructor his eyes on me and at times whis-The cries for "Author" were nothing-perhaps never will again." growing deafening, when Marion | There was a different conductor on, "There!" Mainwaring's teeth gave that little scream of realiza- and the railroad man knew there

"He was here-Gilbert, lookwants his money-or some equiva- Mainwaring! He came for his lent. There is the agreement. I money that day! He stole the papers for spite, thinking that you Marion managed to get, "Then might never know! Deny that you must stay" past the lump in name if you can!" she finished breathlessly, staring into the man's

"Madam, I can't." Swallowing a through the keyhole at last. "They lump, he gripped Hartley's hand. 'Sir, my reputation is at stake. I must appear with you as joint wright, was torturing her wits they were frightened. They almost author, but I promise you twothirds of all royalties."

The audience was upon its feet, staring about in wonderment when the curtain waved. Two men stood bowing in the footlight glow, and Hartley, physically safe, could the foremost was Gilbert Hartley. "Good evening," he said, bowing cross his bed-room. Only it terri- Neither ventured a speech, and not studiously. Tall, broad and per- fied her to realize that he was a liv- a few people were puzzled afresh fectly dressed, he possessed a face ing automation. Six weeks, and when next day a joint authorship only spoiled by its expression. "Is the mysterious stupor showed no was publicly announced, but the he accessible? Ah, yes, I see his signs of lifting. And when he play itself was unanimously voted light in there. Afraid I must dis- crept down stairs again it was only a thrilling success, and that was

Enough-yes! Later that day,

"Laureled!" she whispered, "A my king, crowned on Christmas the fields.

And Mainwaring? Well, they simply allowed him to slip into obher husband spent more hours than derful drama to be tried. The very livion. A long way up the ladder of literary fame, and climbing still, Gilbert, never seeming to wonder | Gilbert Hartley can easily afford to whispered fearfully. He is here where the money came from, as- be merciful to the man who tried to

HIS SIGNS DIDN'T WORK.

"How is it you don't have to pay him, he slowly roused to stare past herself had not come to be thrilled, any fare?" asked an unsophistiher with eyes so dilated that she holding her husband's hand tightly, cated youth of a prominent emshe sat stealthily watching for a ploye in the Michigan Central "Gilbert, don't!" She was un- sign of dawning comprehension. In offices in Detroit as the two came consciously on her knees now. "Oh, vain. During the first and second in from Dearborn on one of the give it up, if it's killing you! I'll acts his expression remained all but company's trains the other mornlifeless. Suddenly, however, Mar- ing. The boy from the farm had "Eh? There! I was dreaming ion almost cried out. His thin fin- several times noticed the railroad my plot was just coming to me, gers had been quivering. Now, man on the train and always oband you - you disturb me so!" he half way through the last act, they served that the conductor nodded said, putting her arms away. "If I closed upon her own crushingly, pleasantly but never asked him for ose grip to it this time, it—it—may The lights were low, but she could a ticket. His pastoral curiosity mean madness! Marion, it was see his eyes dilating. Only too was aroused and he decided to learn thankful that every one appeared why such apparent favors were not have been a Mason."

"Why, I am a Mason," answered the man who held a pass, in a confi-"Gosh! it's a good thing to be a

'You-vou have let them steal my Mason, isn't it? Save a lot of fare. eh? Wish I was one." "Well, you seem to be a pretty

"Oh, very good, madam! Half Then, "Nonsense, dear," she whis- decent sort of a fellow and I don't nations of the world held a yearly mind putting you on so that you festival called Yule. They wreathed

"I'm coming to Detroit to-morrow morning," broke in the gullible individual, his face radiant with

"That so? Well, when the con ductor asks you for you ticket just raise your right arm to the should er, point your thumb straight be "Gilbert Hartley, the author of hind you and wink the right eye slyly. He will just pass on." The tip was illustrated by the joker and into the city and innumerable times after be arrived.

The following morning the newly made Mason was one of the first to board the incoming train at Dearborn. The man with the pass saw him. The conductor was called to one side and put "next."

"Here's the fare for that chap." said the perpetrator of the joke 'so you will not get into trouble over it."

When the train started the young nan occupied a seat in the forward coach and the railroad man sat in the rear of the same car. Presently the door opened and the conductor shouted "Tickets."

The youth straightened up and prepared himself. The man in charge of the train was soon at the Mason. He held out his hand for the fellow's ticket, and up went the latter's right arm like a lever and he winked. The conductor turned abruptly to a customer across the his features. The Mason's bosom swelled with satisfaction. The man with the pass drew his morning paper before his face and vainly endeavored to repress a burst of

In the evening the two took the "I-I can not give it. He was train at the Michigan Central de- style. here just now. Prove that he stole pot. This time the youth took a

> The ticket puncher asked the young man for his transportation as soon as he entered the coach. Again the arm shot over the shoulder and he winked as before. "I want your ticket !" rather petulantly said the conductor.

The same tactics on the part of the Mason were gone through again, he believing that the man of the punch did not detect the sign. "What's the matter with you are you crazy?" angrily asked the trainman.

"I'm a Mason," answered the vouth, and the passengers near by smiled audibly. "I don't give a d-n what you are; you'll pay your fare or else

The office man was in a paroxysm of laughter at the other end, but the conductor's face was flushed

The youth had not a cent and he so informed the man with the colored lantern. There was a violent jerking of the bell cord, and the when the bells were pealing, Marion train came to a sudden stop four my mind never to buy another was assisted, none too gently, to the ties below, and walked the remainder of the distance to his home, taking a short cut through

The next evening he and the rrilroad man met on the street at

"That was a nice job you put up on me," sheepishly said the youth. "Why, what was the matter?" asked the man who had witnessed the very amusing incident of the

night before. "The conductor put me off the train and I had to walk four miles,'

he answered. "That's funny; what did you

"I did as you told me and it went all right going in, but it would not work coming back; there was a

"I did just the same both times my right arm and wink." "Ah. now I see. You should have

used your left arm and left eye

coming back. Then again, he might

"Are you sure you made no mis-

ORIGIN OF YULE TIDE.

THE FESTIVE SEASON CELEBRATED

LONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS CAME.

Once upon a time when Christmas was yet unknown, the northern | versed."

loaded down with pretty things, "All right, then, the next time just as we give to our children upon

Christmas Eve. Jesus Christ, in the reign of the Roman Emperor Commodus, that Yule became Christmas, and it was Constantine the Great and of Diocletian, that there lived Saint Nicholas, whom boys and girls know as Santa Claus. The legend of the children placed ready for him. grew

> English-speaking nations have the story from the Dutch. A DRUMMER'S EXPERIENCE.

> > "Just came from St. Louis," remarked a well known commercial traveler, as he alighted from the train, "and had one of the funniest

young people the world over. We

"Relate it, and be quick," replied his fellow drummer, who was

about to catch a train. "Well, you know Mendlebaum. board the train he came to me and do you say to that?" offered to sell a first class ticket for so low a figure that I was obliged to take it for strictly business reasons. My time was limited and I neglected to look at the name of the original purchaser, so I boarded the train and took possession of the seat in the smoker. First came a cigar and then being thirsty, I took out that old flask of mine from the satchel and proceeded to quench my thirst in good old-fashioned

"All the while the conductor kept pered to the brakeman, who was sitting quite close to me. They were both strange on the run and consequently I did not pay much attention to them. I then got and told one or two stories which would not pass the ordeal of the press censorship. Finally the conductor came around and whispered in my ear. He asked me how the Sunday school was getting along, and allowed that church matters were brightening up a bit in my section of the country. His talk was all Greek to me, but I managed to look wise until we had reached

Chicago. "The whole business dawned on me then. He told me I should have been more circumspect on the journey up, and warned me against one of my congregation. He said it was bad form for a clergyman to smoke, play cards and drink whisky from a flask in full view of the passengers on board a train. I asked him if he knew who I was, and he pulled that scalper's ticket from his pocket and informed me that I was the Rev. Mr. Phineas Basmo, of Hannibal, Mo. I have made up -Chicago Chronicle.

THE FORMAL ADDRESS.

IT DID NOT MATTER MUCH TO THES TWO PEOPLE.

"I never have been able to get it through my head," she said as the lights burned low, "which is the more formal in beginning a letter-'dear' or 'my dear.' Of course, I

mean preceding a name." "It depends upon circumstances to a large extent," he replied.

"But 'dear' is unquestionably term of endearment," she protested. | clapper.' Then he suddenly cracked sence may make an endearing phrase | christened me." -a love message, if you will-

doubly significant." "I fail to see how," she returned, blushing prettily merely because of the course the conversation was taking. "I should say rather that it became the more significant as one approached the superlative de-

"In a measure it does," he ad-

"I don't see how."

Tappe every Sunday morning.

HENRY YOST, News Agent,
Collegeville, Pa. | know it. I simply say—if you but struggling past. There would be a | The youth pledged his honor that children yule gifts from fir trees how about that? Does it not mean fore, to penetrate metal and excite lines.—Phænixville Messenger.

more than the other in my case?" luminosity in cardboard. "While you are about it," she there is nothing between the sensisuggested, again blushing, "why tive plate and the glow worm the It was not until 180 years after might you not say, 'Dearest Girl?'" rays are said to behave like ordin-"The superlatives are used so ary light; but in traversing some

"that they lose much of their force acquire properties like that of X. in the fourth century, at the time of and often do not seem to have the rays, or it may be that the ordinary strength found in lesser degrees. glow worm emits X as well as or-As love terms, 'Dear Heart' and dinary rays. This account savors 'Sweetheart' have stood the tests of somewhat of the improbable, and years and any attempt to put them in regard to the latter part of it jolly old fellow traveling with his in the auperlative, as 'Dearest there may be a third explanation. reindeer to fill the stockings, or, in | Heart' and 'Sweetest Heart,' insome countries, the shoes, which stead of being more effective would be simply farcical and would defrom the fact that Saint Nicholas tract from, rather than add to, was regarded as the patron saint of their significance."

"But how about withdrawing the days approach the point in such a word 'dear' entirely?" she asked, matter of fact way and after so for being a woman, it was only natural that she should wish to make a liberation that there's no more study of the intracacies of these | thrill in the thing so far as the girl terms, "You spoke of that, you is concerned than in the stage

"Certainly," he answered, "and can prove the truth of what I said. Again, let me illustrate with you, experiences of my life on the way 'My Dear Mamie.' It may mean much; it may mean little. It depends upon circumstances. It may seem patronizing, or it may not. | ance of the contract and fire off the That also depends upon circum- proposal like telling a lie to an instances and the tone. But you the ticket scalper," replied the take away the word 'dear,' and then cent. are too nervous to know what other. "Just as I was about to I say to you, 'My Mamie.' What they're doing at all, and 4 per cent.

before, "but you might have found into one another. out whether I was or not without adopting such a roundabout method."

case and accomplished his purpose, sent that unit in the 1898 statistics. he proceeded to take possession.

AN ODD CHRISTENING.

HOW A BABY PICKED UP AT SEA RE-CEIVED A NAME. There lives a man in Detroit, intelligent prosperous, and happy, according to the Free Press, who does not know that he has a living relative anywhere in the world. mixed up in a hot game of seven-up | He bears this deprivation philosophically and seems to regard it approach. as something of a distinction to be

alone in the world.

"Nearly fifty years ago," he relates, "I was picked up by a slow sailing vessel some 600 miles out of Liverpool. I was a lusty youngster of 5, lashed to a mast, a pleasing assurance that the parents whom I barely recall loved me and had a care for my safety in the catastrophe that must have caused their own deaths. I was cold, hungry, thirsty and sleepy when taken aboard the old-time trader. My appearance was, of course, against me, and my clamor for creature comforts did not please the gruff captain, who had a dense ignorance of children and their management. His first order was to give me the rope's end, but there was successful intercession, and I was cared

for while he growled at his hard "But the captain took sick and than in anything else provided for in the case of children. Of course there was no chaplain aboard, so the captain himself undertook the ceremony. He gathered the crew about and with a mixed knowledge of his duties he glared about him and asked whether anyone knew just cause why I should not be christ-

"'If there is,' he roared, 'speak up like a man or forever hold your "And yet," he asserted, "its ab- a bottle of wine over my head and

Here the citizen laughed and addied, and had made his own way

THE GLOW WORM.

have been shown to be due to the claimed, "Darn it, then, be a Methemission of rays similar to the mitted: "but much depends upon Roentgen's, says the Review Scienthe circumstances and the persons | tifique. Three hundred glow worms involved. If an old gentleman were caught near Kioto and placed writing to you addresses you as before the photographic plates 'Dear Miss Brown,' it seems a trifle screened from the light by several patronizing and fatherly, and to thicknesses of black paper, together sively. A man is ever welcome, but that extent is more friendly. But with plates of brass, copper and if a young man uses 'Dear' and 'My aluminum. A piece of cardboard Dear' the conditions seem to be re- with a hole in it was placed between the metal plate and the pho- lobby, corridor or dining room. Not tographic place, and for two days "Then let me illustrate," he said. the arrangement was kept in a dark

much by some Americans," he said, metals and card-board they seem to

HE POPPED.

Seventy per cent. of the young fellows who pop the question nowamuch undisguised and serious demurder of a vile amateur Cæsar. They have so carefully arranged all minor details beforehand that the important question dwindles down

to a mere by the way inquiry. Another 20 per cent. pay too little attention to the solemn importcome tax commissioner. Five per more buck themselves up for the "Why, I-I guess I am," she re- ordeal with ardent alcoholic mixplied, blushing a deeper red than tures until they run their words

It is only 1 per cent. of the whole lot that knows how to do business, and Gilbert Topping withy Gaffin-Nevertheless, having proved his brook made up his mind to repre-He would do a little acting. He would pose when she came into his presence as though he had never seen her looking sweeter than she did that night. Then, raising his right hand to his hip as if struck by a sudden happy thought, he would proceed, as though unable to restrain himself any longer, to

throw himself at her feet. At five and twenty yards he appeared wholly indifferent to her

She drew nearer—ten yards

nearer. He turned. His face lit up with joy, and he chucked away his hat. anybody swiping it. They were alone in her father's meadow.)

She was within a couple of feet of him and she courtesied divinely. Then it was that he cast himself at her feet. A piercing yell rent the air. "Ooh! Ooh! you clumsy bound-

down on my only corn, and you've driven it half way through the sole of my boot!" Gilbert Topping withy Gaffinbrook

er !" she shrieked. "Clean, slap

will try the thing again next week, but on the five per cent. principle.

BE A METHODIST THEN. In a quiet little village not far from town lives a Baptist preacher and his family. The preacher is found more comfort in my prattle blessed with one son, a lad of four years, who has inherited all the trahim. He took a great liking to me ditional baptism by immersion prinand called me his son. As soon as ciples, and who by the close attenhe was up he decided that I must tion given to the ceremony as perbe christened, one of the few things formed by his fond parent, is able that he knew should be attended to to repeat it word for word. A few days ago he filled a tub with water in the back kitchen, and catching the kittens, proceeded to inculcate them into one of the Baptist churches. At the end of the ceremony each of the kittens took its immersion with calm forbearance, but when the mother was poised on her back and the "dip" commenced, there was a splutter and a scramble and two long red lines from the cat's claws were left along the little fellow's hand. Realizing only the importance of his work, he soon had the mother cat again poised ded that he was 9 when the captain over the tub of water, and, after repeating the ceremony for a second time, the plunge was started, but result was more disastrous than the former effort. The scratching, biting and clawing was too much for the little boy, and as he disgustedly The glow worm's light is said to threw the cat from him he exodist if you want to."

A CRUSTY BACHELOR DOUBT-

There is a hotel in Philadelphia that is run for the male tribe excluhe can't bring with him his wife, mother, sister or aunt. Since its portals were first thrown open no woman's face has ever been seen in only are female guests rigidly excluded, but women are boycotted as help about the hostelry. No woCOLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY CO. PA

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, Dec. 22, 1898.

THE editor heartily wishes every reader of the INDEPENDENT and every child in every home where the Independent is read, a very Merry Christmas!

THE members of the American Peace Commission are on their way home from Paris.

John A. Farr, of Lackawanna. is a strong favorite in the race for the Speakership of the House of by vote of the House. In 1803 Mr. Representatives at Harrisburg.

THE speeches delivered last week at points in the South by President in the District of Columbia militia, McKinley were models in the expression of excellent sentiments. His purpose seems to have been to spread the feeling of fraternal friendship and further increase the ties which bind together the North bins, of Pennsylvania; Colson, of and the South. The President has Kentucky, and Campbell, of Illidone well.

THE pension bill, which authorizes the expenditure of \$144,000,000, excited but little debate in Congress, Thursday. Congressmen are not overly anxious to adversely criticise pension bills. Lawmakers soon learn that even speaking the truth at the right time and place isn't always half as popular as jingoism and the patriotism of territorial expansion. In an extended sense public officials are what the people, their constituents, make them.

ristown Times, quit your scolding; on to his military commission until pressions of good cheer and hope- begins. fulness, and be sure to attend the second annual meeting and banquet raised when Commissary General of the Press League of Bucks and Eagan stated in effect in his testi-Montgomery counties. The League mony before the War Investigating needs your cordial support and all Commission, that General Miles the sunshine you can give it. In had no sense. It was in connection tle down to a fixed line of action; bad beef furnished the soldiers dur- Tesla has made during a number of the speaker, too. and between now and then be ing the Porto Rico campaign that years of incessant labor make it

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GRAHAM has first class beef, but that after it was filed his answer to the petition of on the ships to be carried to Poto Senator Quay and others before the Rico, General Miles telegraphed Supreme Court. The answer flatly him that he could get all the beef denies the statements contained in needed on the island, and added: the petition, and asserts the regu- "No one with any sense could hesilarity of the proceedings in the tate to favor refrigerated beef as case, and he further contends that against native Porto Rico beef." the prosecution "does not depend upon verbal testimony, but upon be liberal on the public building written evidence created by the de- question. This week, for the third fendants themselves." The Supreme | time, it passed a bill to acquire the Court now has possession of both square opposite the new Library sides to the legal controversy, and Building as a site for a United the Supreme Court is entirely able | Seates Supreme Court building; to decide the points at issue rightly, also a bill appropriating \$2,500,000

THE practical lessons of Christmastide relate with particular emphasis to Charity; not merely the charity that has to do in a measure with the giving of gifts, not alone to substantial kindnesses upon the which prevents men and women in thought or deed toward others. needs much more of than it has in will pass the House. Senatorial stock to-day; the world needs the sentiment hasn't made itself apparcharity that is just, the charity that ent to a sufficient extent to indicate forgives, the charity that stands for and lifts up the fallen, the kind of will pass. charity that prompts men and womuch in the story of Christ's life mittee: "I have no more ideaa that that will make humanity better and | we will give up Manila than that happier and wiser, if what is told is we will give up Bunker Hill." correctly and directly applied where most needed.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16, '98 .-The debate on the Morgan Nicaragua Canal bill in the Senate, as far as it has gone, has brought out two things very clearly-general friendship towards the construction of the canal, and bitter enmity towards the Maritime Canal Co., on the part of some Senators. Several amendments have been proposed, among the most important of which is one by Senator Berry, which he stated Senator Morgan would accept, to strike out the bond clause and appropriate the money directly for the construction of the canal, limiting its cost to \$115,000,000; and one by Senator Rawlins, that the construction of the canal should not be commenced until this government had secured the right to fortify the canal and to close it to any nation with which we might be

engaged in war. The Lodge Immigration bill, passed by the Senate at the last just about to begin the campaign borhood together, and placed the session, was virtually killed when the House by a vote of 104 to 101. When I received a slight tap on the situation before them. The nearest A United States Wall Map SUCCESS WANTED

Bliss, there are no good reasons for accepting it as true. Secretary sidered his connection with the administration temporary, from the first; he never took a Washington house, but left his family in New half his time. It is stated that the President intimated before leaving for the South that the new Secre- just possible that I can restrain nothing. tary of the Interior would be a

Public sentiment, both in and out good-hearted schoolboy, but I knew of Congress, is largely against the what was expected of me. I drove covered them there and started stand taken by Representative through that window like a streak after them with a horsewhip. Congress, who accepted positions the train for Chicago, If I had in the volunteer army forfeited their that man's nerve I fear I never would have reformed.'

A STARTLING DISCOVERY.

HOO NIKOLA TESLA WILL TRANSMIT POWER THROUGH AIR

From the Electrical Review. As civilization advances and our needs multiply, the demands on the toilers in the various departments of science constantly increase, and naturally the activity in the direction of providing new resources becomes more and more intense. But the severest burden is undoubtedly on the engineer, mechanic or inventor, whose task it is to produce motive power.

The problem of providing economical power has ever taxed the nventive mind, and with the introduction of electricity a great stride in advance has been effected. But still, many limitations were encountered in the difficulties of efficiently transmitting the energy of great sources of power, which exist in abundance in Nature, to remote places of utilization.

Here it is that Nikola Tesla did his first great work by discovering the rotating magnetic field and applying it to a practical system of electric power transmission, now used in all parts of the world. As we were then, so now we are privileged to record another forward step, which if successful on a large day get ready to illuminate that classic his term in the next Congress, to scale, will prove of astounding concountenance of yours with ex- which he was unanimously elected, sequences, for it will open up unlimited resources of practically

costless power. Tesla now proposes to transmit, without the use of any wires, through the natural mekia-the Niagara will become available in any part of the world, regardless of

A MARKET FOR OUR MEATS. Germany's meat famine is spreading apace. In many places, notably pickled pork, 3,369,900 against tions of an extra-priced limited train, there 1,859,800; of bacon, 15,948,300, is no additional fare except the regular Pullagainst 7,139,300; and of lard, 64,356,400, against 57,446,600. The demand for all of these still exceeds the supply, and if the general mass of Germans can be convinced that American meats are always of standard quality and can be had at a reasonable price, the sales can be

TURNED INTO A LITTLE

From the Detroit Free Press. "I was only 10 years old when I secured my first contract," said the a talkative mood.

the little creek that ran through the farm into a hollow near by, thus here in Detroit. No matter how it forming a pond from which to cut ice during the winter.

and finding that it amounted to more than he had thought it would was about to give it up, when I looked the situation over, and told him that I would take the contract as quickly as any glazier could for \$10. He laughed and told me

from the Cabinet of Secretary in his eyes and his color was per- a little work, we could have a place to skate right at home. They fell "'Glad I happened to notice your in with the idea, and we went to

"We were over a month working at it; that is, the other boys were, while I stood around and bossed

"I was proud of the work when of hospitality,' he laughed, 'but I it was finished, and I think my York, where he has spent more than have an irresistible impulse to bang father was too, although he couldn't away, and you're standing right | see for the life of him how I manwhere I am going to shoot. It is aged to secure so much help for "With the first heavy freeze there

> was a rush for the pond by the boys that was only equaled by the rush away from it when father dis-"He said that he wasn't goin' to have a lot of fine ice spoilt by a pack of pesky boys skatin' on it. "I think the incident had a cer tain influence upon my choice of a profession, as it taught me there

A Groomsman and Bridesmaid of Fifty Years Ago.

Bellefonte, Dec. 17 .- Yesterday Lawrence B. McEntire and wife, of Fillmore, Centre county, celebrated their golden wedding. Among the sixty or more guests were Jonathan Shuey and wife of College township, who were groomsman and bridesmaid respectively at the Mc-Entire wedding a half century ago.

A Very Old Bridegroom.

ANN HARBOR, Mich., Dec. 16 .-Joseph McGee, aged 110 years, of Ypsilanti, got a license to wed here vesterday. He will make Amelia Day, fifty years old, his wife. Mc-Gee's extreme age is vouched for by the citizens of his own town. His habits are frugal, and notwithstanding his extreme age, his black eyes sparkle brightly; his hearing s good, and he does not use glasses. He says he has never taken any rich food or used tobacco. Old McGee served in the war of 1812, in the Mexican war and in the Civil

A Suggestive Tip.

A Sunday school speaker tells of a comical experience. He was invited to make an address at a Sunschool festival, and having nothing prepared to say, he tried to picture to the children the dolefulness of his position, and asked them this question: 'What would you do if you were compelled to stand on a platform before so many bright boys and girls, who expected a earth and the air-great amounts of speech from you, and you had nothpower to distances of thousands of ing to say?" "I'd keep quiet," miles. This will appear a dream - said one bright boy; and his ana tale from the Arabian Nights. swer immediately brought down the due time the organization will set- with the complaints because of the But the extraordinary discoveries house, and quickly brought down

> His Wife Cleared Up Matters. "Are you a native of this town?" asked a traveler of a resident of a sleepy little hamlet. "Am I a what ?"

> "Are you a native of the town?" "Hey? "I asked if you were a native of

this place.' At that moment his wife, tall and sallow and gaunt, appeared at the open door of the cabin, and taking her pipe from between her teeth,

"Ain't ye got no sense, Jim? He means wuz ye livin' here when ye wuz born, or wuz ve born before ye begun livin' here? Now answer

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> man charge. The train leaving Reading Terminal 5.55 P. M. week-days, and 5.49 P. M. Sundays, is discontinued and replaced by fast trains leaving 6.00 P. M. week-days and 3.10 P. M. Sundays. Passengers on all trains, except the 12 05 midnight, on arriving at Jersey City have choice of two ferries to New York to foot of Liberty Street or to Whitehall Terminal (South Ferry), where under the same roof as the ferry, connection is made with any of the Elevated Roads or the cable cars, reaching quickly any part of New York, and with Ferries to Staten Island. Brooklyn, Bay Ridge, &c.

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the House by a vote of 104 to 101 refused to take it up.

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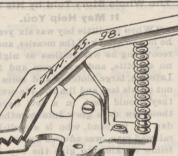
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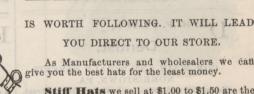
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Western man.

Bailey of Texas, that members of seats, but the Constitution, which expressly says that no person holding office under the U.S., shall be a member of Congress, is on Mr.

Bailey's side; also two decisions Van Ness lost his seat, by unanimous vote of the House, because he accepted a Major's commission and during the Mexican war the same thing happened to Mr. Yell, of Arkansas, who was a Colonel of volunteers. There are four members-Wheeler, of Alabama; Robnois-who hold volunteer commissions. None of these have participated in the proceedings of the House at this session, and Mr. Bailey has given notice that he will object and demand a vote of the House on their right to do so, if they attempt it. The Attorney General has given an opinion to the effect that a volunteer officer is not a United States officer, in the Constitutional sense, but it has not been accepted as good law. General Wheeler is a poor man, and, if his acceptance of a volunteer commis-

for the remainder of this session, COME, Editor Nocton, of the Nor- no one can blame him for holding Quite a flutter of excitement was

the incident occurred.

sion forfeited his seat in Congress

The Senate is always disposed to

Eagan said that he had purchased

without the aid of the newspapers. to build a municipal building for flesh butcheries are being established Washington, on public ground, half the money to come out of the Distaict of Columbia revenues. General Schofield, retired, and General Miles and a number of minor officers of every branch of have been closed against foreign that worthy impulse which prompts | the army have told the House Milithe well-to-do or the rich to bestow tary Committee, at its hearings this hand, there is a great and thriving week, why they consider it neces- trade in preserved American meats, poor, but also that form of charity sary that the regular army should despite the government's obstacles be increased to 100,000. That the from indulging in uncharitableness Committee will make a favorable report on the bill providing for of 1898 amounted to 1,964,800 kilo-This form of charity the world that increase is certain; also that it grammes (a kilogramme is about The train is composed of Observation, Par-

how the bill will fare in that body, mercy, that helps support the weak, but its friends are confident that it There is no doubt as to where men to speak good rather than evil General Miles stands on the expanof those about them. There is sion question. He told the Com-

> miral in the navy, and the sentiment of the committee appears to be in favor of providing for all the new

The House Naval Committee has

endorsed the bill to create the

grades of Admiral and Vice Ad-

BURGLAR MET SOME NERVE. HOUSEHOLDER HAD THE DROP AND

MADE THE MOST OF IT.

warships recommended by General

From the Detroit Free Press. "Coolest man I ever met." tells the reformed burglar, "was right was done, I got a line on his house. knew where the silver and jewelry were kept and also knew that he had some wealthy visitors with diamonds and other costly trinkets well worth gathering in.

"I went through the rear window

have done and the burglar alarm to go ahead, not dreaming for an never chirped a note. I sat down instant that I would have ambition to satisfy myself that no one in the to begin on the work, as up to that house was stirring and to smile at time I had not shown a liking for a little iron safe that an expert hard labor. could open with a hair pin. I was "I called the boys of the neigh-

fectly natural. entrance," he remarked, in a pleas- work to carry out the plan.

Bliss has acted as though he con- ant voice. 'Anything I can do for "'For heaven's sake, don't shoot, managed to stammer. "'Sorry to violate the etiquette

> myself for a couple of seconds, but not a moment longer. "He was grinning like a of lightning, never stopping for my kit, ran three miles and just caught

> > was money in contracting."

evident that his work in this field has passed the stage of mere laboratory experiment and is ready for a practical test on an industrial scale. The success of his efforts means that power from such sources as

in Saxony, cats and dogs are being slaughtered and eaten by the poor. In some villages several families club together and buy a fat dog, to be killed and divided among them. The consumption of horse flesh is increasing phenomenally. Horsein towns where they have never existed before. There has been a continuous increase of arrests and convictions for selling unwholesome ordinary meats since the frontiers cattle and swine. On the other

extended fivefold. A CONTRACT JOB. THE CREEK WAS QUICKLY

well-known contractor, who was in "My father was living on a farm at the time, and as winter drew nigh he conceived the plan of turning

"My father figured up the cost,

Thursday, Dec. 22, 1898.

John H. Bartman is authorized to collect amounts due The Independent, and receive the names of new subscribers.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Episcopal service at St. James', Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 3.15 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector. On and after Sunday, December 4, morning

service will be resumed at St. Paul's Memorial. near Oaks, at 10.45. Afternoon worship throughout the year at 3.30. Sunday School at 2.30. Holy Communion the first Sunday in the month. All welcome. Benj. J. Douglass, rector.

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Evansburg M. E. Church, Rev. J. S. Tomlin son, pastor. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Preaching, Sunday, at 10.30 a.m. and 8 p.m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting, Thursday at 8 p. m. St. Luke's Reformed Church, Trappe, Rev. S. L. Messinger, pastor. Weekly services as follows: Sunday School at 9 a. m. Preaching every Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior C. E. prayer meeting on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Y. P. S. C. E. prayer meeting at 6.30. Congregational prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Catechetical class on Saturday at 2 p. m. All are cordially invited to

Lower Providence Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. R. Brodhead, pastor. Sunday School, 9.30 a. m. Preaching, 10.30 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E., 7 p. m. Preaching, 7.30 p. m.

Lower Providence Baptist Church. Preaching services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., every Sunday, Rev. Wm. Courson, pastor. Bible school, 9.30 a.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening at 7.30. Shannonville Mission, every second Sunday evening at 7.30; Bible school Sundays, at 2.30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.; Rev. S. O. Perry, pastor.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, prayer meeting, 7.30 o'clock. No catechetics on Saturday. Sunday: Sunday School at 9 a. m., and preaching at 10 o'clock; the Junior C. E. prayer service at 2 p. m.; the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, Mr. D. H. Bartman. leader, at 6.30 o'clock. The special Christmas service by the Sunday School in church auditorium at 7.30

A student of Princeton Theological Seminary will preach in the Skippackville church on Sunday morning, said student being the guest and relative of Elder S. H. Orr.

Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe. S. S. Christmas celebration on Saturday evening at 7.30. Regular services on Sunday at 10 a. and 7.30 p.m. Luther League meeting at 6.30. The pastor desires to meet all who wish to attend catechetical lectures in the Bible class room, immediately after morning service next | Brewing Company have finally been

United Evangelical Church, Trappe. Services next Sunday at 10 a. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. J. Max Longsdorf, pastor. Christmas services of the Sunday School Monday evening, December 26, at 7.30. Special program.

HOME AND ABROAD.

_A Merry Christmas

_To all!

what Santa Claus will bring them. Heebner and child were drowned

-Monday next, the day after Christmas, will be generally observed as a holiday.

_J. W. Rahn, of Philadelphia, was in town last Friday.

-The first crop of ice has departed from the Perkiomen.

-Landes Brothers, the millers of Yerkes, are paying from 60 to 70 cents per bushel for wheat. Their mills will be closed on Monday next. -The holiday number of the

about \$900 in the saving fund every

nish, this borough, will be closed ket, Philadelphia. It was the tenth from Saturday, December 24, to annual service of the Society. January 3, 1899.

-The Norristown correspondence arrived too late for publication this week.

-Elias Detwiler, son of John G. Detwiler of Lower Providence, has started to learn the trade of boot and shoe making with A. Loux, this borough.

high, sat down by the roadside to nix Company were \$145,000. sleep near Freeland, Luzerne county, and was frozen stiff. He cannot recover.

notorious firebug, was sentenced sinus College, in Bomberger Me-Saturday to six years in jail.

-In order to observe Christmas and New Year the store of Beecher & Son, Pottstown, will be closed on Monday, December 26, 1898, and Monday, January 2, 1899.

sale to Jacob Gerhab, of Philadelphia, for \$6825. -Creolol, the great disinfectant,

for sale at Culbert's drng store.

Of the 17,000,000,000 letters forwarded annually in civilized countries, the United States contributes 5,000,000,000.

lent form in St. Thoms, Peters and burg, Pa. Montgomery townships, Franklin county, and the deaths of forty cat- WHEN SUNDAY SCHOOLS WILL tle have been reported in those sections.

_Morris Fisher, a Fort Washington lad, lost his life in the fight before Santiago. His body will be brought home and buried in the family graveyard.

E. H. Sacks, P. O. address Yerkes, is ready to do auctioneering.

-To one who enjoys the sport, it is better to travel muleback after a fox than walk, any day. -H. U. Wismer, of Trappe, will

take your order for a Christmas turkey.

-The Conshohocken Woolen Company has received a Govern- Sunday evening, December 25. ment order for 100,000 yards of cloth.

-Isaiah Reifinger, of Skippack, 24. recently shot a fine large white owl measuring nearly four feet from tip day evening, December 25.

-John Groom, of Steinsville, Berks county, recently slaughtered a hog that weighed 738 pounds.

-The Lukens Iron and Steel Works, of Coatesville, are working on an order for 4000 tons of steel to be shipped to Australia.

burned to death on Monday, while butchering. A large kettle of fat boiled over and her dress was ignited by the sudden outburst of flame.

_"What is the use of this article?" asked a shopper. clerk. "I think it is intended to be sold as a Christmas present."-Puck.

St. James', Evansburg. Christmas service and communion next Sunday morning at 10.30, and Sunday school celebration in the

evening at 7.30. Cows Burned. Thirty-six cows were burned to departments of the Collegeville death Thursday night by a fire that | Carriage Works have been leased

Willets in Concord township, Delaware county.

Matrimony. Wednesday evening, December 14, at the Lutheran parsonage, Trappe, by Rev. W. O. Fegely, Mr. Jacob K. Rann and Miss Dora R. Wanner, both of Upper Providence, were united in matrimony.

Protracted Meeting. A series of meetings will be held in the Mingo Dunkard church, Upper Providence, commencing next Pottstown to Phænixville via. Lim-Saturday and to continue two erick Square, Spring City, and weeks. The public is invited to at- other places. George F. P. Wanger, tend the meetings.

Numerous Applications. Thirty young men have filed applications with Congressman Wanger for the cadetship at the West Point Military Academy, and examinations will be held at Norristown on December 28.

Claims to be Paid.

The insurance claims of the Gulf ceive \$37,000 under their policies cal position in the Custom House ance from a distance were: B. F. of \$40,000; some of the personal at Philadelphia. Mr. Kratz has Saylor, of Lancaster; Mrs. Aaron property not having been consumed been engaged for several years in Hartranft, F. A. Hartranft, Esq., by the fire.

A Bridge Recommended.

The recent Grand Jury recommended the erection of a bridge -The children are wondering It is the site where Mrs. Daniel

Fire in Lausdale. A frame stable on the premises of J. S. Geller, Lansdale, was destroyed by fire Saturday evening. The adjacent store and other property narrowly escaped destruction on account of the inability of the firemen to promptly connect the hose with the fire plugs.

Valley Forge. Sons of the Revolution commemor- reduced the trustees' claim to Sellersville Herald is very attractive. ated the 121st anniversary of the \$4,553.30. This was accordingly -The children of Norristown put going into Winter quarters of the the exact amount involved though American army at Valley Forge in the claim was \$30,000 more, as be-1777, with fitting ceremonies Sun- fore stated. day in the ancient edifice of Christ The dental room of Dr. Cor- Church, Second street, above Mar-

Lowest Bidder for the Work.

The Phenixville Bridge Company | was held at the Tremont House, is the lowest bidder for the con- Lansdale, last Saturday afternoon. struction of the superstructure of It was decided to hold the annual the Gray's Ferry bridge, Philadel- meeting at Doylestown on Saturday phia, and a pavilion over the new afternoon, January 21, at 4 o'clock, Chestnut street pier. The piers for when an election for officers will be the new bridge are completed, and had and some features of newsthe superstructure is to be of steel. paper work discussed. The annual -Peter Steroski, of Upper Le- The figures submitted by the Phœ- banquet will be held at 7 o'clock in Schaff Society's Anniversary.

- John Pierman, Pottstown's the Schaff Literary Society of Urwas a very successful Society the annual address. event and a fitting finale to the fall term at Ursinus. The attendance was good and much interest was taken in the various exercises. The

HOLD THEIR CHRISTMAS-TIDE FESTIVALS.

cember 25.

day evening, December 24. Augustus Lutheran S. S., Trappe -Saturday evening, December 24. United Evangelical S. S., Trappe Monday evening, December 26.

Lower Providence Baptist S. S .-Sunday evening, December 25. Lower Providence Presbyterian S. S.—Saturday evening, December

Episcopal S. S., Evansburg-Methodist Episcopal S. S., Evansburg-Saturday evening, December

Ironbridge Sunday School—Sun-

all, with particular reference, as his charred body was found. It is signed

Hurled by a Train.

Franz Helme, seated in a baker's wagon, narrowly escaped death near Schurr's lane, five miles below Pottstown, last Friday. He was about to drive over a crossing of the Reading R. R. when a freight train struck his team, demolishing -Mrs. Rudy Frankhouser, West the wagon and throwing him to the Hempfield, Lancaster county, was roadside. He was severely injured about the head.

Damaged By Fire.

Wednesday night of last week the machine and pattern building of John Wood's iron works, Conshohocken, was damaged by fire to the "I really don't know," replied the extent of \$10,000. After battling for almost five hours the firemen of St. Luke's Reformed Church, succeeded in saving several frame Trappe, will hold a public missionflames at the machine and pattern ary 1, 1899, at 7.30 p. m. A special formation is at hand. tirely gutted. The origin of the are cordially invited. fire is unknown.

> Leased a Blacksmith Shop and Paint Room.

The blacksmithing and painting destroyed the large barn of Frank by Wm. J. Ogden from Mrs. Moore, the administratrix of the estate of Harry Moore, deceased. Mr. Ogden has taken charge of the property leased and will do his best to serve the patrons, old and new, of both departments in a satisfactory manner. Mr. Grater will continue carsame place.

A Charter for an Electric Railway Granted.

A charter has been granted for a proposed electric railway from of West Chester, is at the head of the enterprise. The idea is to eventually bring the line on from Phoenixville to West Chester. Time will determine whether the line proposed will materialize, or whether it will simply remain an electric railway line on paper.

Appointed to a Lucrative

Position. his success.

of a Hospital. The trustees of the State Insane | friend will live to enjoy many more Hospital at Norristown on Thurs- birthday anniversaries. day won a suit involving over delphia for the maintenance of indigent insane, which the defendant claimed was over-charges. Judge Simonton, of the Dauphin county Councils directed their controller The Pennsylvania Society of the to pay \$31,472.70, which being done

Meeting of the Press League's

Executive Committee. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Press League of Bucks and Montgomery counties the evening. A committee of arrangements to have full charge of program, menu, etc., was named as follows: Messrs. Thomas, Hotch-The twenty-eighth anniversary of kiss, Sellers, Doylestown, and J. Wilmot Harvey, Lansdale. It was decided to invite Talcott Williams, morial Hall, last Thursday evening, of the Philadelphia Press, to deliver

Wedded in a Meeting House. The historic Friends' Meeting oratorical part of the program was House at Plymouth Meeting was -The Farmers' Hotel, Skippack- as follows: Salutatory, Harry Koch- the scene of a marriage ceremony ville, was recently sold at public enderfer, 1901, Ickesburg, Pa.; The Thursday for the first time in half Greatness of Goodness, Lewis a century. The contracting parties Royer Thompson, 1900, College- were Dr. William George Miller, of ville, Pa; The Practical Politician, Henry Beck Reagler, 1900, Mt. Coroner's physician, and Miss Anna Bethel, Pa.; Music and Its Mission, Childs Livezey, of Plymouth Meet-Minnie Olevia Mensch, '99, Penns- ing. The event, which was notable burg, Pa.; Eulogy-William Ewart apart from the social prominence of Gladstone—B. Franklin Paist, Jr., the bride and groom by reason of '99. Cornwells, Pa. Schaff Oration the place of its observance, at-The Aristocracy of America- tracted a large number of Friends -Anthrax is prevalent in viru. Harry Ursinus Leisse, '99, Orwigs- to the house of worship. After all had been seated the groom arose and standing erect with the bride of Almighty God and this assemblage, I, William George Miller take thee, Anna, to be my lawful Trinity Reformed Sunday School, wife." A corresponding declaration this borough-Sunday evening, De- was made by the bride, after which they signed the marriage certificate St. Luke's S. S., Trappe-Satur- and resumed their seats. Addresses exhorting the contracting couple cents per pound for chickens, were made by several members of the meeting. Rev. J. H. Sechler, a former pastor of Blue Bell Reformed Church, was present and offered prayer.

A Boy Burned In a Stable. LANCASTER, December 10 .- A stable owned by Jacob Sandoe, an aged resident of East Earl town- when the animal was caught in the ship, near the Welsh Mountains, vicinity of the railroad station at stituents are watching you. You same old Coon" played about the was burned late on Sunday, to- Collegeville. Charles Garber pro- will be tried in the balance; if door, on the porch, while two bargether with its contents. Martin cured the brush. On the return of found wanting you will be laid rels of hard cider completed the Sandoe, a 6 year-old grandson of the owner of the property, perished the holder of the brush was prein the flames. The boy had dis- sented with a fine bouquet of cut appeared from the house shortly flowers. The Sunday Schools above mentaged and struction and interest to siding at Limerick, suffered a stroke side at the structure of Mrs. Cora Lafferty, responsible to the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure to the best of my knowledge and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure to the best of my knowledge and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the night at New Holland, about nine miles from the structure of the day before the parade and balted for the structure of the day before the pa

Lost a Horse.

of inflammation of the intestines. The animal was a very serviceable

Roll Call at 2 O'Clock.

26th, the roll will be called at 2 members is desired.

Missionary Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Society shops. These buildings were en- program has been prepared. All

Apples Scarce.

It is many years since the scarcity of apples was as marked as during the present season. Prices for this music, good recitations and responfavorite fruit of the orchard rule sive readings will be the leading high, and apples only ordinary in literary features of the service. quality are selling at \$4.50 per The church will be appropriately barrel.

The Ravages of Diphtheria.

The Ladies' Aid.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the church of this borough will hold its forthcoming monthly meeting next Tuesday evening, the 27th inst., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lachman. The usual good attendance is desired and expected, and an enjoyable literary and musical program will be rendered. Imclaim the attention of the society.

Birthday Surprise Party.

Last Thursday evening John D. Saylor, of Trappe, was completely surprised at his home by the entirely unexpected arrival of near Chester A. Kratz, son of John relatives and neighbors who came Kratz, of Lower Providence, has to celebrate his 69th birthday annibeen appointed to a lucrative cleri- versary. The relatives in attend teaching. He has relinquished his and wife, of Philadelphia; Mr. and position as preceptor in a public Mrs. Wm. Todd and daughters, school in Gwynedd township to Misses Lizzie and Katie, of Norrisenter upon his duties in the Cus- town. Among good things provided tom House. In competing for the for the happy occasion was a prize he has secured he passed a large cake baked by C. Keller, of over the Skippack at Hartzell's difficult civil service examination Trappe, a son-in-law of Mr. Saylor's, crossing, the wooden bridge having with distinguished credit. We and the numerous gifts bestowed been swept away two weeks ago. congratulate our young friend upon upon the victim of an unlooked for invasion will long serve as mementoes of an altogether pleasant event Judgment for \$50,000 in Favor in the journey of life. These evidences of esteem included an armchair of oak. We hope our old

\$77,000 against the county of Phila- A Suggestion Worthy of Application. We have at hand a letter from a well-known clergyman which concourt, rendered the decision. After tains the suggestion that the clergysuit had been brought Philadelphia man of the middle section of the county be invited to contribute to the INDEPENDENT whatever thoughts or opinions they may entertain in relation to questions of a religious or secular character, having a bearing upon the good of Society in general. The INDEPENDENT has always afforded space to contributions involving the consideration of timely topics or the promulgation of thoughts upon the more serious questions of life, and we are ready now to devote one column every week (if the copy is forthcoming) in carrying into effect the suggestion noted. The editor of the INDEPENDENT thus proposes to give the gentlemen of the pulpit every opportunity to speak to the public n general in as direct and forcible manner as is possible, only reserving the right to reject all matter not strictly confined to the subjects of practical religion and morality, or to questions relating to the intellectual or economical welfare of the readers of the INDEPENDENT. With this provision only the Reverend gentlemen are cordially invited to forward their contributions, which will be published in the order in which

FROM FAIRVIEW VILLAGE.

Miss Mary Zimmerman is sufferng severe pain from a felon on her

they are received.

J. C. Morgan received a car load of salt on Monday. Christmas exercises of the Lower Providence Presbyterian S. S., on

Saturday evening, December 24. NOTES FROM TRAPPE.

The Christmas Festivals of the Lutheran and Reformed Sunday Schools will be held on Saturday evening, December 24, and both schools are making special preparaby his side, said: "In the presence tions, including attractive decora-

Over 2000 turkeys and chickens were disposed of at public sale at the two hotels the past week. The prices ranged from 10 to 13 cents per pound for turkeys and 8 and 9

Mrs. Emeline Bechtel is having her house improved by a coat of paint. M. H. Keelor is doing the

hotel on Friday. It was the occa- Article. sion for a large gathering of people. About 40 riders and 50 dogs followed sly Reynard for two hours the riders to the place of starting,

beast on the farm and on the road. by fire early yesterday (Wednesday) of the above amount in postage at morning. The operator of the ordinary letter rates would give you mill, Geo. H. Shoemaker, in looking At the annual meeting of the Jeffer- out from his bed room window at son Horse Company to be held at about 4.45 o'clock, discovered the your oaths. See that every demand Jeffersonville on Monday, December flames issuing from the mill build of the Constitution is complied ing. The fire progressed rapidly o'clock p. m. A full attendance of and it was impossible to save the mill. The Schwenksville Fire De- expenses of running the State govpartment responded to the alarm and succeeded in saving some ad joining property. The loss is about \$8000. The owner of the property is George Kramer, of Kulpsville. sweeping over the land improper the school room at Green Tree, this buildings as well as subduing the ary meeting Sunday evening, Janu- As to the origin of the fire, no in- uses of public money should be

Trinity's Christmas Service.

The special Christmas service by the Sunday School of this borough will be held on this coming Sunday, the 25th inst., at 7.30 p. m. Good decorated by an able committee having the same in charge. An envelope collection by the school The family of Ezra Heist of and congregation will be lifted for Pottstown has suffered the loss of the benefit of the 135 precious orthree children from diphtheria. The phans, the wards of the church, first child died about a month ago, now being so well cared for by beriage building and repairing at the and Sunday morning two other ing well sheltered, fed, clothed, children, aged 3 and 5 years re- taught to work as well as instructed spectively, died of the same disease. in secular and religious knowledge in the well arranged and conducted Bethany Orphans' Home, at Wormelsdorf, this State. A good collection is fully expected, because it is needed.

> Reported for the INDEPENDENT. MATRIMONY. At the home of the bride's parnesday, Dec. 14, 1898, Rev. A. E. united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. O. Perry, the father of the bride, assisted by of a flourishing Baptist church.

Geo. W. Zimmerman, trustee for

Harriet Rambo, vs. Marcellus R. Rambo. On the 6th of September, 1897, Harriet Rambo caused execution to be issued on a judgment for \$4000 confessed to her by her husband, sentative of the fourth generation, engineers. Marcellus R. Rambo. On the same day, about three hours later, Mary Mrs. Frank Highley, who was Sallie P. Thomas had execution issued on Brower, was indisposed and could fraudulently confessed. A special verdict, finding that

The jury in John G. Bean vs.

the members of the next Legisla-ture is proper, but you might with dent. During the Presidential camsafety have added a few more don'ts. You might have added:

Don't shirk your duty? Remem- of logs cut from the trees which ber you are sworn to support the grew on the Valley Forge Hills,

fifty letters to write every day of

Above all, gentlemen, be true to out in it. with. Give us a course of honest, economical legislation. Reduce the the chapel at Shannonville for the benefit of the Sunday School of ernment to the very lowest point, that place. consistent with decency and good order.

While the wave of reform is Friday evening. Proceeds will be justly condemned. We feel it not for the library fund. only a privilege, but an absolute duty to call the attention of the coming Legislature to the fact that a strict compliance with the demands of the Constitution is expected at their hands during the IRON GREY. officers on Saturday evening last. coming session. Did not hear who were nominated

FROM OAKS.

ents near Eagleville, Pa., on Wed- slip through our fingers only by portant business matters will also Finn and Cora Reiff Perry were down on paper. But it is worthy Rev. Wm. M. Courson. The fol- a scene of sociability, enjoyment are the most perfect match in the lowing were present: Rev. and Mrs. and happiness. It was an occasion Wm. M. Caurson, Rev. and Mrs. C. | which does not very often happen, R. Brodhead, Rev. Theodore Hey- where four generations of the same sham, Ph. D., Miss Mary J. Perry, family tree meet together, and it Miss Jane Major, Miss Kate Major, may not happen again. Three large Mrs. M. L. Montgomery, Miss turkeys, with several pairs of chick-Florence B. Montgomery, Mr. ens, were in evidence at the ban-Frank G. Reiff, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. queting board, and those who sat M. Rogers, Dr. J. H. Hassenplug, down to the table were the vener- nesses of a feat of insect engineer-Miss Ella Reese, Miss Mary Saylor, able couple, (in whose honor the ing near the road on which they Mr. E. A. Bush, Mrs. Joseph P. feast was prepared,) Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. S. O. Perry. John E. Brower, Mr. A. H. Brower The ceremony took place at high and wife and family, Abe Brower, ging along the ground a dead noon, and after cordial congratula- Jr., and Alice Brower, of Oaks; swamp spider, one-quarter the size tions had been extended to the Mr. Frank Highley and daughter of a full grown tarantula. Whether happy pair the company repaired to Beckie, of Phila.; Mr. James the wasp killed the spider or found the dining-room to partake of re- Brower and wife and family, May, it dead, is a question beyond solu-

CIVIL COURT PROCEEDINGS.

there was no fraud in the confession every grandchild contributed, as he ran around the body, examining ment the sum of \$4200 was ren-

sum of \$22.20. ders, deceased, who were assignees of Isaac Warner vs. J. Quincy Hunsicker, administrator of Garret D. Hunsicker, deceased, with notice to Sodom, or Republicans in Monroe John R. Thomas, terre tenant, a county. Captain Brower commandverdict for the plaintiff, in the sum ed a large company of dragoons,

mitting any evidence. In the case of Henry H. Yellis vs. John D. Alderfer, by agreement, Brower, a most worthy and estimjudgment was entered for plaintiff in the sum of \$487.95.

Correspondence. ADDITIONAL ADVICE TO THE | Brower's Landing at one time. One other brother was killed by a tree | sult, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to the normal condition, hearing will be destroyed MEMBERS OF THE NEXT LEGISLATURE.

ter of James Horning, who is in his FRIEND MOSER: Your advice to 74th year. Mr. Brower's first vote paign of Wm. Henry Harrison Mr. Brower, who had not yet attained Don't charge the taxpayers 40 his majority, was one of a delega-

Don't accept a free pass. The Constitution, Section 8, Article 17, positively forbids any railway, railroad or any other transpor- twenty-seven horses in line, each tation company issuing free passes, or passes at a discount, to any person excepting their officers and employes. Section 12, same article, ter, of Phonixville, was chief teamdeclares that the General Assembly | ster or wagon master. One feature shall, by appropriate legislation, en- of this delegation was a completely A fox was let out at Beckman's force the provision of the above built log cabin-windows, doors, LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:

> Constitution. Don't forget this. Your con- cabin was loaded on a wagon. "That

Don't accept a free pass under the log cabin started from Joseph the flimsy excuse that the railroad B. Pennypacker's residence just company is the only guilty party. across the river from Brower's at

his condition is serious.

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A Large Mill Destroyed By Fire. 12. Article 3, of the Constitution. There is but one other family who The large grist and flour mill in Don't ask the State to pay you have had family gatherings where a valuable bay horse belonging to Perkiomen township, on the east \$100 in postage stamps, when, in four generations have been reprevery truth, you know you do not sented, and that is the Rev. Jacob Irwin Weikel, of this borough, died side of the Perkiomen, nearly opponeed one-tenth that amount. Re- Z. Gotwals, who has four greatsite Schwenksville, was destroyed member that in order to make use grandchildren. The snow and rain on Saturday

the one hundred days' session.

That was a grand surprise party, a most fitting tribute of reverence and respect on the part of the sons | ruary, but March is to be a nice and daughters, grandehildren, and even a great-grand-daughter, which was paid to "The Old Folks at Home"-Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brower, on Thanksgiving Day last. Some people object to any publicity of such affairs or to have any pub ic mention made of the same was one reason we were slow about reporting it to the INDEPENDENT; but this surprise party, which could be properly called a re-union of Mr and Mrs. John E. Brower's children, their children and their children's children, deserves particular mention, and as the Brower family is widely known, we were determined not to let a report of the same way of the point of the pencil of mention even if it is a little late. There were four generations present, and the lordly old mansion was

freshments furnished by Stritzinger John, Jacob, Mattie, Jennie Brower, tion. He was having a hard time of Norristown. About 2 p. m. the and Mrs. Albanus Roland, of Port dragging his prey along, and presbridal party, amid a shower of rice Providence; Mrs. Fanny Parsons ently left it to go prospecting for and discarded shoes and slippers, and children Edgar, Sadie and Bes- his abode. started on their wedding trip to sie, of Perkiomen; Mr. Frank The discoverer of the wasp called Washington, D. C. Upon their re- Brower and Miss Clara Carey, of his companions, and one of them Collegeville. C. TYSON KRATZ, turn Mr. and Mrs. Finn will reside | Phoenixville; Miss Mazie Brower | stepped upon the wasp's ground in Cherryville, near Flemmington, and Frank H. Jarrett, of Perki-N. J., where Rev. Mr. Finn is pastor omen; Mr. Norris Brower, wife and dried grass across it. This caused family, Maud, Mazie, Rebecca J., no little trouble to the insect, which, Jesse, Laura, Norris and Helen upon locating the hole, nipped away Apply to Steel Brower, of Perkiomen; Mr. Joseph at the obstructing stalks with his L. Hopson and wife, and family strong mandibles until he had Josph Hopson, Jr., J. Brower Hop- cleared a passage. Then he went son, and Howard G. Hopson, of back and sized up the spider, walk-Phila. Little baby Beckie Brower ing around the big body and sur-Roland, daughter of Albanus Ro- veying it from all sides. land, whose wife is the daughter of "He's reckoning that the hole James Brower, was the only repre- isn't big enough," said one of the

'That's all right; he'll fix it, the great-grand-daughter present. said another, as the insect went back and commenced vigorously a judgment held by her against the not attend. Mrs. A. H. Brower was widening the entrance to his domisame party. From the execution the prime mover in the affair, in cile. was realized the sum of \$779.44, getting up the surprise, which was Again he returned to the spider, which amount was paid into court. a most successful one, as the old seized it and dragged it to within a Each of the execution creditors folks were taken completely by foot of the orifice. To the spec- At Carriage Works. claim the proceeds, the latter claim. surprise. In a short and pretty tators it was evident that more ing that the former judgment was speech, Mr. Frank Highley pre- work would have to be done before sented Mr. and Mrs. Brower a cup, the spider could be dragged in. saucer and plate each, for which This struck the wasp, too, for again

which he was cutting down. John

E. Brower married Ann E., daugh-

tain Brower. Joseph B. Penny-

of the judgment by M. R. Rambo their present to grandma and it carefully, and returned to the to his wife, Harriet Rambo, and grandpa. John Edwards Brower hole to take measurements. He that there was due on said judg- was born Dec. 3, 1821, and has went to digging a second time. passed his 77th mile post on the Having dug for two minutes, he journey of life. His recollections brought his prey to the edge of the of the days that are past and gone are most vivid, and his memory still serves him well. His father, Captain Abram Brower, was an old line White and well are and skillful labor disappeared under the same without delay to sent the same with sent the same without delay to sent the Henry B. Boyer rendered a verdict are most vivid, and his memory here, cut away a grass stem there, in favor of the defendant in the still serves him well. His father, and after fifteen minutes of hard In the case of Wm. II. Anders, line Whig, and was elected State ground, dragging the spider after Edwin S. Anders and Isaiah S. Senator by a very large majority, him, doubtless to form the "piece Anders, executors of Andrew An- when Montgomery county always de resistance" in a winter storegave overwhelming Democratic victories, and when Whigs were as their work, exchanging comments of

scarce almost as righteous men in admiration.

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9 A. M. attended the entertainment given in the change of Shannonville for the

Quite a number of Oaks people

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school will give an entertainment in

The Enamel Brick Works re-

The Upper Providence Republi-

We have had our Emberdays,

and according to signs we will have

bad weather for January and Feb-

Mrs. Meyers, wife of Rev. J. T.

Lewis Marbelstauffer, who resides

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munity are rejoicing over their

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to burn the mortage at a public

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FRESH COWS! ALSO HOGS, TURKEYS AND DUCKS.

Will be sold at public sale, on THURS-DAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898, at Beckman's Juniata county. These are g od cows and I will sell every one of them. Come and give the auctioneer your bids. Also a few fat hogs, turkeys and ducks. Sale at 9 o'clock a. m. Conditions by D. L. SWARTZ. L. H. Ingram, auct. J. M. Zimmerman, cl'k.

DUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property! Will be sold on the premises of M. C. Rambo, in the township of Lower Providence, Montgomery county, Pa., on the road leading from the Baptist Church to Evansruary, but March is to be a nice month, only cold weather will prevail.

Mr. John B. Dettra was taken suddenly ill on Sunday evening, but was somewhat better on Monday.

leading from the Baptist Church to Evansburg, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., the following personal property, to-wit, A large crib of corn containing about 300 bushels, 1 sorrel horse, 8 years old; 1 bay horse, 10 years old; 9 black horse, 10 years old; 9 black horse, 100 pounds; 1 hog, weighing about 200 pounds; 1 hog, weighing about 200 pounds; a lot of hay and straw, a fallingtop carriage, about 50 chickens, extension laccarriage, about 50 chickens, extension lac-der, 2 cows, a farm wagon with bed, hay

ladder, roller, etc. Conditions will be made known on day of sale by

E. L. HALLMAN,

A. R. PLACE, L. H. Ingram, auct.

DUBLIC SALE OF

Personal Property!

Will be sold at public sale, on THURS-DAY, DECEMBER 22, 1898, on the premises of Daniel Buckwalter, deceased, late of Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, in the village of Evansburg, the following articles belonging to said decedent. county, in the village of Evansburg, the following articles belonging to said decedent: One horse, 8 years old, good working horse, a woman can drive him; fallingtop wagon, express wagon, good spindle wagon, sleigh, 2 sets harness, good fly straps, hay, corn, fodder, wheelbarrow, lot of wood, rails; also lot of chickens by lb.; full set of carpenter tools in good condition, such as saws chicals planes. market. Everyone who has used

> 2 ladders, horse blankets, and a great many articles not mentioned. Sale to commence at 1 o'clock p. m. Conditions at sale. JACOB BUCKWALTER,

> good condition, such as saws, chisels, planes, wood screws; office desk, 3 stoves and pipe,

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JOHN A. KINDY, Administrator,
Or his attorney.

Oaks, Pa. Or his attorney, Oaks, Pa F. G. Hobson, Norristown, Pa. 22dec.

ESTATE NOTICE. Estate of John O. Zimmerman, late of Lower Providence township, Montgomery county, deceased. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same without delay to
M. W. ZIMMERMAN, Executor,

1522 Locust St., Phila., Pa. Or his attorney, F. G. Hobson, Norristown, Pa. 17no. Estate of J. Harry Kindy, late of Upper Providence township, Montgomery Co., deceased. Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having legal claims, to present the same without delay to

ADAH B. KINDY, Administratrix,

Or her attorney.

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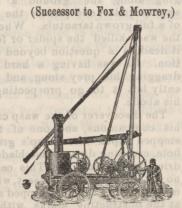
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CROPS FOR NINETY-NINE.

What to plant as a profitable crop for 1899 requires good judgment and a knowledge of the transactions in farm products for this year. It s possible for farmers to keep a close watch on the markets, compare reports of prices and preserve all statistical information to arrive at a conclusion in regard to the opertions for next season so far as the selection of crops is concerned. The farmer may not be able to anticipate the amount of production of any kind of crop, the acreage, rainfall, etc., but he will know more than the one who puts in his crop blindly, without observing what has been occurring during the year. There are many matters of interest to farmers which they do not observe, and yet there is no class that should be more careful in being at all times informed than farmers. Business men are always alert. They know the conditions of all the markets in the country, the average prices for the year, the visible supply on hand for the previous year the yields in other countries, and they even carefully estimate the quantity of any article required for duces the erops-the farmer-who should be equally as well informed, is negligent in that respect, and does not improve his opportunities. Intelligence is as potent in agriculture as in mercantile pursuits, the condition of the farmer largely depending on his management of the farm and the marketing of his crops.

It is the custom among farmers to always attempt to supply that which was in demand the previous year, but which was lacking, and in that respect they work with more unanimity than in any other line. If the potato crop is short one year the area devoted to potatoes will nearly always be increased the following year, and if there is an overproduction of any particular crop farmers will abandon it for the one that was short. Such a course on the part of farmers appears as a wise one to pursue, but experience proves that it is where one of the gravest mistakes are made. In the growing of wheat, which has a world-wide market, the farmer has some advantages, but in the growing of perishable crops he must sell quickly or suffer a loss. The policy short the coming year. An old fruit grower, who nearly always had high, gave as his reason for being so fortunate the following: "I always plant those crops that others reduce or leave off, because as they lessen the area and vields the following crops will be correspondingly smaller." His rule, therefore, when a crop-for instance, strawberriesis abundant and prices low, is to make strawberries his main crop

leave them out. year, because low prices drive farmopinion, the result is an overpro- made even stronger. duction. Like a mob, all rush to the point of success willingly, but, not being organized or using judgavoided is just what happens. But there is one line of action which every farmer can safely follow as an individual and without regard to what other farmers may do, and that is to grow all products of best quality, shipping to market in the most attractive form, and gaining, by higher prices for special excellence, that which may be lost by an overstocked market. There is no such thing as a "fixed price" for any kind of articles, simply be cause there is such a thing as quality, and no two articles are alike. Buyers will seek the best, and will willingly pay an extra price therefor, because the "best' never reaches perfection, and is always scarce, hence improvement can be made every year. Study the markets and compare prices for several years, and larger profits will

MISTAKEN ECONOMY.

trying to be too economical. Of course, we must count the cents, but money is certainly well invested when it goes to buy a good machine to save time and labor, and which will be a comfort forever. So many struggle on with poor farm implements or depend upon borrowing from their neighbors. What would the lawyer say if the other lawyer in town were to de-Bell'Phone at Shepard's Perkiomen Bridge a little inconvenient. A friend of

a poor crop in the fall. This summer my cut hay lay burning in the field before I could have my horse rake sent home. After many such experiences I am resolved to have tools of my own or do without them. Then farmers, too, often try to economize in hired help. A few days ago I chanced to be at a neighbor's when his only son, a boy about 12 years old, came dragging in and threw himself wearily on the porch. He was a delicate child, and his face was grave and sad. I thought of the contrast between this weary, lifeless child and my him if he were sick. 'No,' he replied, trying to smile bravely, 'only me pitching wheat bundles all day, he said I was no good.' Now, I I wondered how he could be so cruel as to make the frail lad do the

CARE OF HEIFERS.

to yield little else but tallow, because all the tendencies of her

And then a heifer should be bred will be all the better milker. She should be fed liberally with food fatten. Do not feed with corn, but some oats may be given, if the milk production is large enough to keep

the heifer thin in flesh. As already stated, intelligence is needed in the development of a heifer to a profitable dairy cow. This has been proven in thousands of instances, and every farmer should give the matter more the next year, because others will thought than has heretofore been the case, bearing in mind that fall When a crop is heavy one year it calves thrive better and make betis usually much smaller the next ter cows than those dropped in the spring. Better results will be obers to the growing of some crop tained from four calves dropped in Concentrating the manure on a

small area may appear as a waste, favor of so doing. The Massachusetts Board of Agriculture calls attention to the fact that the keeper of a livery stable applied the manure from 15 horses on an acre and a half of land for several years and harvested two and three crops of hay each year, the aggregate being seven and a half tons every season, or more than three times as much as the land would have produced without such treatment. To distinguish butter from oleo-

margarine, according to Prof. Taylor, of the Department of Agriculture, have on hand a small vial of sulphuric acid, using a glass stopper for safety. A few drops combined with butter will turn it first a whitish yellow and in ten minutes a brickish red. If oleomargarine is treated in the same way it first becomes of a clear amber and in 20 minutes turns to a deep crimson. Use a small glass rod when making the experiment and also compare the results by using both articles at the same time.

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own strong, merry boys. I asked just so stiff and sore. Father had and because I could not do it fast knew that man loved his child, and work of a man on that hot July day. So many farmers' sons do not grow up strong and hardy now as of old; it may be because they are overworked. Give your children plenty of employment, so they will not grow up idle; but do not forget they love fun and play. Too much hard work may be the cause of many a boy deserting the farm for

the town or city.

The development of a heifer depends very much upon the intelligence of the owner, says H. E. Lewis in "Market Basket." Some owners indulge in a fattening, others in a starvation policy. By the latter the animal is stunted, and its digestion impaired, so that it is little good for any particular purpose; by the former she is only fit for the butcher. If you feed on grass, which is a flesh and fat producing food, she may be expected

being will be away from the develment of her maternal organs. Starting in with a good dairy ancestry as the foundation, she can be easily spoiled or profitably developed. Abundance of succulent, nutritious food will stimulate the glands that carry the milk. Ensilage is good feed for heifers, mixed with a dry clover hay, or wheat bran mixed with corn ensilage is

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