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THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS, BY EVELYN MALCOLM.

In the chill of the October twilight the fire of twigs in the huge front fireplace at Holly farm was as welcome as a rosy face.

Deb sat before it and impatiently kicked her small, rough boots against the clawfooted andiron.

Deb, absolutely colorless, leaned against the mantle, her thick soled, ugly shoes protruding with pathetic incongruity from beneath the shimmering, silken skirt.

"I hate myself—just! I hate most everything! Aunt Ann sez there's nuthin with a cuss on this air, but Miss Mirabel Vane has showed me it ain't so!

"The ache of longing darkened Deb's eyes as she leaned closer, as if the blazing twigs could furnish an answer to the questions tormenting her.

"The city! How I wish I could go just onct! Hiram sez he'll take me there on our weddin journey—but,"

"As if this audacious statement even shocked the twigs! They crackled the louder and sent up fiercer orange and purple flames that transfigured the lovely, rebellious face watching them.

"The outside door closed sharply and brought Deb to her feet with a bounce in time to see a natty, feminine figure in blue serge pass the window.

"Ain't she lovely—just?" sighed Deb, not dreaming that her own face was so much lovelier than Miss Vane's, whose coloring on cheeks, eyelashes and hair was distinctly manufactured.

For a moment Deb stood in thought; then obeying a sudden impulse she slipped from the room, just dodging Aunt Ann at the foot of the stairs.

Steadily, as if she were committing a crime, she dropped to her knees before Miss Vane's door and took the key from beneath the mat.

When she stood within the room her eyes were excited as a cat's; the pulsations of her heart ached her throat.

Oh, how sweetly the place smelled of violets! How pretty the toilet table was draped with lace and ribbons!

Deb crept to the wardrobe and cautiously opened the doors. A shimmer of silks of delicate colors met her enraptured gaze.

With almost religious awe she leaned her flushed cheek against them and gave a great sigh. In all her life she had never had more than two gowns—one to work in and one for Sundays.

There were fully twenty—and such gowns! With trembling fingers Deb took

one from its hook, mastered its intricacies and stood arrayed in it before the mirror, regarding her reflection with rapture, almost with veneration.

It was the first time she had worn a low necked gown, and the effect of her white throat and shoulders in contrast to her little sunburned face was positively dazzling.

A smile rippled over her lips as she recalled grandiloquent phrases which she had often overheard Miss Vane reciting. She struck an attitude of hauteur and in a sepulchral whisper hissed: "Rather would I lie dead at your feet, Sir Algernon, than desecrate my father's secret memory by becoming your bride! Hearst thou?"

Aunt Ann's shrill voice rose in a shriek. "Deb! Debby! D-eb?"

But she paid no heed. She grew serious again as she gazed at this new Deb—one who acknowledged her own beauty, whose pulses leaped, whose brain teemed with chaotic, dazzling visions of an existence as yet unknown, but where women wore gowns like this and were—happy!

"Tain't no use! I might wish my heart out, and it wouldn't make a bit o' difference! I'll only be Deborah Tompkins all my life, and not in no ways like a beautiful Miss Vane."

The abrupt opening of the door broke in upon her suppressed, tempestuous sobbing, and a horrified scream, with the sharp fall of a broom handle across the threshold, had the effect of a thunderclap.

"Le! me set down!" shrieked Aunt Ann, her gaunt and greasylip-like proportions looming in the doorway, iron gray curls bobbing like wire springs, eyelids fluttering, upraised hands quivering in horror.

"Le! me set down, I say!" and although no one prevented she continued to flutter on the threshold, emitting weak screams.

Deb, absolutely colorless, leaned against the mantle, her thick soled, ugly shoes protruding with pathetic incongruity from beneath the shimmering, silken skirt.

"What in thunder's the row?" cried a hearty nasal voice, and Deb was confronted by her lover.

"Look at her, Hiram!" yelled Aunt Ann, holding her skirt back, as if even at a few yards' distance Deb might contaminate her.

"Look at that exposure of pusion; at that ungodly disclosure—oh, vanity—vanity! Heaven forbid that my dear sister should look down on this 'ere sad sight—her own offspring gone over to the washup of Baal. Deborah, Deborah—you air a lost soul! Worm of the dust, whar will that vain heart of yours land you?"

"Lordy!" was all Hiram could say as he stood dazed, but full to the lips with admiration, suffering from a sudden consciousness of her loveliness and his own uncouth ugliness.

"Deb"—he commenced, but the girl, stung to open revolt, threw up her little head and stamped her foot.

"Don't you commence preachin, Hiram Pond. I won't stand it from you. What if I did put on one of Miss Vane's dresses! Guess it's no affair of yours! I love 'em! I love Miss Vane. I wish I was her—I wish I never seen you—nor Aunt Ann—nor this old, stupid place!"

She broke into wild sobbing and flung herself on her knees beside the bed.

"Oh, how I wish I was dead!" she cried in heartfelt bitterness.

There is a look that death brings to the human face—there is a look that love brings—and neither can be counterfeited. It was this look of love that flashed over Hiram's rugged face, giving it for a moment a pathetic beauty absolutely real while it lasted.

Deb's words went through him like a knife. Unable to speak he went slowly from the room to shut out the sight of that sobbing, kneeling figure, to forget her words, if possible.

But he could not forget. As he strode blindly along the road he saw the truth so plainly—Deb was growing cold to him—she was changed.

"Deb—Deb—that look on your face to-night stabbed me! 'Tain't like as ef I wuz alive quite. I'd r'ther you'd killed me, Deb—killed me with those dear little hands—than look at me ag'in as you did to-night!"

A sob broke in his throat. He stopped at a familiar stile on the edge of the red October woods, and covering his face with his old soft hat prayed that it might not be true—this awful thing—that Deb no longer loved him.

It was the cold gray and blue twilight of the next day when Hiram again went hesitatingly up the path to Holly farm. In the interval his generous heart had argued out Deb's cause, and he had forgiven her absolutely.

"'Twas just a longing for fine clo'es and things like that such as makes gals frackious at times that made her say what she did to me. Praps to-night,

arter she's hed her cry out, she'll say ag'in she loves me—dear, sweet, little Deb!"

Aunt met him in the doorway. She was as pale as a piece of bleached linen and she looked at Hiram with eyes that chilled him to the core of his heart.

"Aunt Ann! What is it?" he gasped. "Oh, Hiram, don't blame me! I warn't to blame!" she groaned, holding out shivering, appealing hands.

"I was mad, I allow, and I told Miss Vane to get out; that I might a'known a curse would come from renting my room to a play acting, godless critter who could wear sech clo'es, but"—

"But Deb?" interrupted Hiram fiercely. "What about her?" and he fairly shook Aunt Ann until her false teeth rattled.

"She's gone with that Vane woman! Deb's gone!"

"Deb!" came in a heart broken, quivering cry from Hiram's white lips, and he clasped his great, strong arms hard across his breast as if longing to shut her close within the shelter.

"Echoes of the strife and sin of great cities had stolen to the green solitude where his life had been spent, and it was to New York, that far-off place of glitter and pain, that little Deb had gone. Suddenly his eyes narrowed and flashed.

"I'm going to git Deb and bring her back!" he said.

"Ef you can, Hiram—oh, ef it ain't too late. And tell her I won't never preach ag'in," wailed the old woman as she clung to his hand; "we air all worms of the dust, but I'll never call her that. Deb never useter like to be called a worm!"

"I'll git her—or die myself!" and Hiram was gone.

Half-past eleven o'clock. The bell that gave the one beat had a mournful sound.

The old year was dying, snowflakes pattering in icy kisses upon its old, scarred face.

The great noisy pantomime at the Crystal opera house had been played for the last time, and at the narrow, dark stage door a group of discharged chorus girls stood shivering.

They disappeared in twos and threes until one was left. It was Deb—but how changed! Something hard and reckless had come to her young face, the lips and eyes still smirched with the grease paint, her brows bent.

As she waited there a coupe drew up at the curb, and a man much older than herself and very fashionably attired went toward her.

"Dear little girl, have I kept you long?" he asked in a drawing tone. "Tell me—are you discharged?"

"Yes," came in a hard, bitter sigh from Deb's lips. "Yes—there's nothin but starvation now or going home to be pitied," and the last word came with indescribable bitterness.

Her companion drew her close to him and looked into her face.

"There's something else—there's my love! Say the word I'm longing to hear and I'll take you far away. Say it!"

"No, no!" she whispered, her face paling under the rouge. Oh, I could not!

"It would kill Aunt Ann! And—Hiram—it would break his heart."

"Nonsense, dear. You'll just disappear and they never know."

Then something heavenly poured in a misty ray from little Deb's eyes.

"And even if they never knew I would know—I myself," she whispered.

The snow muffled the footsteps of passersby, and she did not hear the man who had approached and who stood very quiet in the shadowy angle of a porch.

He only waited to hear her last words; then he sprang forward and caught her to him, looking the fashionable stranger in the face.

"I'm the Hiram whose heart would break—got anything to say to me?" he asked in a voice of fury.

Attention, Husbands. I saw, the other day, a newspaper article telling wives of their duty to their husbands, and the burden of the whole prose poem was the wife must not be a woman at all, but only a working automaton, to be lifted up or "sat upon" by the masterly hand of the "great lord of creation" to whose coats-tails (he don't wear apron-strings, as it happens,) she once credulously chained herself, thinking to be led, perhaps, into better days.

I saw this the other day, and I have seen other such one-sided lectures to wives on many other days. The papers are full of them, so much so that it looks as if there must be a great many obstreperous wives lying around loose in the world, and thence the suspicion arises that if this is so there must be a reason for it. And the tone of these masculine lecturers point plainly to it. Because, be you sure, my sister, that these complacent lecturers are masculine. You will never find a woman addressing other women in such style. They know the other side of the story too well. And that brings us to the query, "Why is not this other side, the lecture to the husband, present oftener than it is?"

Certainly it is not because they don't need it, is it? No, but because it is principally the men who are the journalists, and have more ready access to the press lecture-room. Of course it would never do for lecturers husbands, for most of them come under that category themselves.

Some of the wives might come to the rescue and return the compliment, but for obvious reasons they don't care to lest it should be said that they were attacking their own husbands and "making personal reflections."

And that, you know might not be pleasant, either indoors or out.

And so it chances that the men usually have all the (public) lecturing to themselves, and much good may it do them—and those from lectured wives.

But when there comes along, as happens occasionally, a woman who feels free to speak her little speech on this one-sided question, without fear or favor, then these husbands hear a few wholesome truths that it is good for them to heed. And here is one of those very women "right now" at the other end of this pencil ready to talk a little to the genus, husband, collectively and individually.

You men are prone to think that you have done a wonderfully nice thing for some woman when, to start with, you have given her your own name, an ownership brand, as it were.

If her original name was Jones and the new contract makes it, say Montague, for instance, then she has gained a more grandiloquent one, certainly. But it is just as likely to be the other way.

As to her board and clothes, she could probably have earned as good or better for herself, with less work and worry than she has as your wife and housekeeper.

When you see something that you would like to buy to lessen your labor in field or office, don't forget to look around at home and see also what you can find to lighten the never-ending toil of the patient, faithful laborer who is ever thinking and planning for your comfort and welfare and that of your children.

Don't forget that quality in all things should reign between you and your wife. When you swore before God's altar to cherish her, when you solemnly, before the same dread Witness said to her, "With all my worldly goods I thee endow," did you suppose it was all a joke, and that it meant nothing at all?

Then be assured that the Witness who heard and recorded you now does not think so.

You have no right to make a beggar of your wife. When you withhold from her her just share of your receipts, you are quite as guilty of fraud as if she were some outside creditor, aye, you are more guilty, because she cannot defend herself as that outside creditor can, she cannot sue you and bring the law to compel you to a just division. And she would not, if she could, because she is foolish enough to love you in spite of your injustice and want of thought and generosity, and then, too, she does not wish to bring discord into the home circle, for the sake of the children, who must be taught to look up to their father, even when he don't deserve it.

Make your wife a regular allowance for house expenses in proportion to your means, and when you have done that don't stop there. Remember that "house expenses" are general expenses, and that you get quite as much out of that fund as she does; even more, for she does the work, and bears the care in connection with its expenditure; and remembering this, hand her as much as you can afford for her own personal expenses, outside those of the general household. And then don't ask her what she has done with it, un-

less she calls you to account for every dollar you spend yourself. Morally and legally she has as much right to your money as you have.

It hurts a woman's pride, her heart, her self-respect, to have to ask for money that she knows belongs to her, and the sense of the wrong rankles and corrodes the love and trust that should be perfect, if the home is to be a happy one.

And another thing, don't hang up all your smiles and cheery laughs in the office, or store, or barn and take into the house a pocketful of cross looks and impatient words. The faithful wife and mother must needs be weary, and requires bright looks, and loving, appreciative words to strengthen her for the unremitting task before her.

And yet again, don't think to oil the wheels of domestic life by telling her how much better your mother's pies and cakes and cooking were than hers. Would you enjoy her telling you how much better her father conducted his business than you do, how much more successful he was than you?

And when you look upon your wife's face with tired wrinkles creeping upon it, and the hair above it growing gray, remember that weariness and broken health and grey hairs have all come from working for you. And so let your voice be gentle and loving, and once in awhile imagine that the "courtin'-days" have come again and "make love" to your wife, and see how her eyes will brighten and her step grow lighter. Husbands are men, you see, and men are apt to be heedless of the gentle things of life.

For more offend from want of thought, Than from any want of feeling."

And it is to these numerous brothers that this lecture is addressed. Just to set them to thinking, you know.

Meaning of the Months. HOW THEY CAME TO BE NAMED—EVOLUTION OF THE PRESENT CALENDAR.

January begins the year and looks both ways—toward the year just past and that just coming. It was therefore named by the Romans for their god of war, Janus. He had two faces, and was therefore called Janus Bifrons, which may be freely translated "Holy Two-front."

Originally this was only the eleventh month, and the four preceding were named from Septem, Octo, Novem and Decem, as they then were the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth months. It would take a small volume to explain how, as a quaint old almanac says, such sixes and such sevens the months were knocked to ten became translated into Octo. Suffice it to say, January begins the year now, and the other months are to be explained in their turn.

February was an unfortunate month from the start. The Romans did not at first intend to have any such month, but finding the year all askew they added some days at the last of it, and designated them as the days "to purify" (februare in old Latin). Finding they had set the time too early, they put the new month after January and measured it by the moon. When they began to "purify" for the coming summer they ate beans instead of meat, and therefore named the season Lent ("lentes"—beans). By his counting the days, however, their year soon got two months behind, and Julius Caesar overhauled it again.

March is a name of war. The Romans named it for Mars, their war god, perhaps because winter and spring contend for the month. We owe the Romans one for making this the third month, for this laid the basis for some of our finest old crusted jokes, such as "March forth!" addressed to the retiring president, and the chestnutty minstrel command to the stage soldiers, "January, February, March!"

Let us remember the Romans, even for this little. On second thought, let us remember them all the more as they were not in a general way a humorous people.

April is supposed to be so called because things open about that time (Latin "aperire"). It is the aperient month, so to speak. Having no mythology the month is in this latitude sacred to catarrh. When the new humanity does away with all old superstition and re-establishes a pure Saxon language, as it promises to do, this will probably be called Springchicken-month or Kuchleinmonth or Sneezecreeper or some tender little name of that instructive sort.

May is by common consent the synonym for flowers and poetry, women and children, music and moonlight—everything sweet and soft. As a matter of fact the popular poetry for the month would suit the last half of it and the first half of June much better. The Romans named it from Maia, daughter of Atlas and mother of Mercury. The Romans seldom got married in May, as the festival of the dead was celebrated early in the month. It is a bad omen to be taken sick in this

month—especially for farmers and gardeners.

June was the wife of Jupiter in classic mythology and made it hot for him—hence June. Some say, however, that it was so called because it was the month for young men (juniores). Juno was the great goddess of motherhood and growing nature, and so the Romans honored this month with her name. She was also subject to sudden storms of wrath and jealousy and was very vindictive, which led Virgil to ask—

In heavenly minds can such resentments dwell?

August, with its thirty-one days, is a perpetual reminder of how Augustus Casar (Octavius) slipped up on his uncle Julius. He insisted on having a big month named for himself also, and so pulled the whole calendar around so as to bring two thirty-one day months together in midsummer, as in midwinter, at the same time changing the name from Sextilis, or the Sixth (which it then was), to Augustus. "Dog days" prevail in this month, because the sun is in Canis Major, and Sirius rises about the same time as the sun—at least so the ancients thought—but it is now known that the heliacal rising of Sirius is peculiarly indeterminate, and therefore every dog now has his day.

September is the month, and the 14th the particular day, on which the creation of the world was completed, according to the old rabbins. The Russian priests added that man was created in this month, because more fruit ripens in it than in any other. That was when they had no ideas of south latitude and had never heard of the equator. In the Roman calendar it was the seventh month, and so they named it from septem—"seven."

October was the Romans' eighth month originally, and therefore named from octo—"eight." In the old legends it was set down as the month in which Adam and Eve were expelled from paradise.

This was ninth (novem) month to the Romans. It has long been a notable month for signs and omens, as well as religious dates, though no one can show why. The Saxons called it "blood month," because they slaughtered cattle and salted away all their winter's beef in this month. The old Romans had many important religious observances in this month, and the Christians have adopted some of them. It closes most appropriately with a general thanksgiving for the fruits of the season past.

The tenth (decem) month in the old Roman calendar, but now the twelfth, is the month of holy memories in all Christian lands. The yule log and the Christmas tree, Kris Kringle and Santa Claus, the vacation, the home coming, the gifts and the holidays—these are of December. Christmas has conquered all classes. The old Puritans fought against it in vain. So by the triumph of faith and civilization combined the season of cold and often of sleet and rain, the time of shortest days and longest nights, is turned into the season of greatest cheer and hilarity.—J. H. Beadle.

The Ravens of Alaska.

The Alaska raven is a fine looking bird, as large as a turkey, and, on close acquaintance, a real handsome fellow. His coat is a glossier black than silk, and softer than velvet, while in a semi-shade the features are tinged with that peculiar color so often seen on well preserved blue-black bronze.

It is funny to see these birds holding a conclave. Ten or a dozen alight on the ground and walk to the meeting place with a stately, erect step, every movement cool and assured. Then an old bird steps gravely into the middle and the meeting begins with a series of harsh croaks, which gradually swell in volume until all the birds have joined in the debate. Along comes a dog, and for him they scatter, resuming their positions when he passes, until the meeting terminates, and they fly off to the beach and hills. These birds are seldom killed, unless it be by some sailor in pure wantonness. If you examine the bills of these ravens, the peculiar construction is remarkable. They are a combination of chisel, scissors, dagger and gimlet. The bill forms an important factor in the raven's existence; for he has to dig on the beach for clams, bore the hard shell by repeated chipping, and again in pure mischief he will tear and break anything that his bright, unerring eye lights upon.

Domestic Repartee.

Mr. Plummer. "I just found my hat on the refrigerator. I wonder on what ridiculous thing I will find it next?"

Mrs. Plummer. "Probably on your head, dear."

And Mrs. Plummer smiled sweetly as Mr. Plummer slammed the door and rushed down stairs.—Judge.

To All: A Happy New Year!

Mr. BLAINE is reported to be better. He is much stronger than he has been, takes more nourishment and rests comfortably.

The Secretary of the Treasury said Thursday that the financial flurry seems to have passed. Out of the \$11,000,000 in gold exported the Treasury had sustained a net loss of \$3,000,000, which would be, he thought replaced before the first of next year.

The cold wave which has emphasized the last week of the dying year reaches from east to west and as far south as Florida. In some of the far western states snow has fallen to the depth of from two to five feet. An "old-fashioned" winter in reality, to be sure.

The State Board of Public Charities meets in Harrisburg next month to pass on all applications by charitable institutions for State aid. In the aggregate the State spends about \$12,000,000 annually for charity. Pennsylvania is a charitable commonwealth, evidently.

Both branches of the Pennsylvania Legislature will inaugurate the session of 1893, at Harrisburg, beginning of next week. The greater part of the week will doubtless be occupied in electing the officers of the House and Senate. The friends of A. D. Fetterolf, Esq., throughout this county, hope that he will succeed in securing the Chief Clerkship of the House.

The Allegheny county delegation to the Legislature recently met in caucus at Pittsburgh and passed a resolution endorsing Congressman John Dazell for the United States Senate. Six of the delegation, who favor Mr. Quay, bolted the caucus. Mr. Dazell deserves credit for his courage in making a hopeless fight against the Quay regime, and he deserves the vote of every Republican member of the coming Legislature who is not under positive obligations to vote for Mr. Quay.

It seems to be pretty generally admitted by the Democrats of eastern Pennsylvania that the honor of the Democratic complimentary vote for United States Senator is due to Senator Ross, of Bucks. It is the custom for the minority of the Senate to compliment their leader with the Senatorial nomination. Senator Ross is the undisputed leader of his party in that body and has rendered distinguished service as a legislator to the Commonwealth. These are sufficient reasons why the honor should be conferred upon him.

Under the new election law the important matter of nominating candidates for the various township offices, to be voted for in February, will have to be attended to somewhat earlier than has been the custom heretofore. Ample time should be allowed in which to perform all the work preliminary to the election. This will give candidates an opportunity to be heard from and give the voters a chance to compare the respective merits of the candidates. All of which is necessary by way of securing the best home government obtainable.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GRAHAM, of Philadelphia, wisely declines to be a candidate for United States Senator in opposition to Senator Quay. He gives several reasons for this course, the most important of which is that the coming Legislature was elected expressly to elect Quay. That's it. Mr. Graham is willing to be Senator, but he is not willing to lead a fight which is hopeless from the beginning and which could only work prejudice to the interests of the few who would follow him to defeat. In short, Mr. Graham doesn't care to commit political suicide.

The annual report of the inter-State Commission is very interesting and instructive in the completeness of its railway statistics. According to this report we now have 168,403 miles of railway, and a total mileage of tracks of 216,150. Pennsylvania has 23 miles of railway for every 100 square miles of territory, while the only countries in Europe which have an excess of 10 miles for every 100 square miles of territory are Germany, with 13 miles; England, with 16 1/2 miles; France, with 11 miles; Belgium, with 28 miles; Holland, with 14 miles; Switzerland, with 12 miles. No country in Europe, Sweden alone excepted, has 10 miles of line for 10,000 inhabitants, while in this country but two States have less than 10 miles of railway for every 10,000 people. There are now in use on our various railway lines 32,139 locomotives, and the total number of cars belonging to railways is 1,215,611. The increase in equipment during the last year, including locomotives and cars, was 47,943. The number of men employed on railways in the United States is 784,285. The engineers carry an average of 369,977 passengers one mile, and 2,329,639 tons of freight one mile. The number of passengers carried during the year were 581,183,

and the tons of freight carried were 675,698,323. The average journey per passenger was 24.18 miles, and the average haul per ton of freight was 120 miles. The number of persons killed by railways during the year was 7,029, and the number injured was 33,881. Of these totals the number of employees killed was 2,660, and the number injured was 20,140. The number of passengers killed was 293, and the number injured was 2,972. It will be seen, therefore, that fully one-half of those killed on railways were persons who were crossing or walking on railway tracks.

A host of enterprising citizens, actuated by patriotic and other motives not altogether unselfish, are still engaged selecting a Cabinet for Mr. Cleveland. The material presented represents an interesting assortment of qualities, all guaranteed to wear well and give satisfaction. Thus far Mr. Cleveland has not indicated, directly or indirectly, any disposition whatever to accept any of the slates prepared by his somewhat mentally intoxicated friends, or the suggestions gratuitously advanced by those who are not in any sense infatuated with the incoming President. It is entirely safe to assume that Mr. Cleveland will name his Cabinet advisors when the proper time comes, and that in the meantime all the nominations emanating from other sources will be the merest guesswork.

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With lobbyists from the whiskey men who object to any increase in the tax on whiskey, lobbyists from the ocean steamship companies who object to any suspension of immigration, lobbyists from the great grain and cotton exchanges who object to the passage of the anti-option bill, and lobbyists representing all sorts of private schemes all extending invitations to Senators and Members to become their guests during the whole or a part of the Christmas recess, Congressmen who had not made their plans in advance had some difficulty in deciding just how and where they should spend their two weeks holiday. Very few remained here.

Before the recess this week an attempt was made to side-track the anti-option bill, and the vote which is regarded as an exact indication of how the Senators stand on the anti-option measure, was 41 to 13, and 12 Senators were reported as paired. Notwithstanding this overwhelming sentiment in favor of the bill its friends seem unable to force it through the Senate and some of them admit their fears of not being able to compel a vote upon it. Senator Washburn isn't one of the doubters. He says the bill will certainly go through at this session.

The sub-committee of the Judiciary committee of the House, which investigated the Homestead trouble and the connection of the Pinkerton's therewith, has never been able to agree upon the nature of the report which must be made to the full committee. There are five members of the sub-committee, and unless some of them change their will have to be five reports in order to cover their opinions.

The opposition to the Nicaragua canal bill has reached such large proportions in the House that it is believed by many that unless some of the heavy-hitters in the opposition ranks can be won over during the recess the canal people will have the bill withdrawn for the present session, to escape the black-eye which defeat in the House would give the scheme in the financial world. This opposition did not, however, prevent the bill being favorably reported to the Senate before the recess. Senator Sherman has given notice to his intention to call it up and press it to a vote at the earliest opportunity after the reassembling of the Senate.

The democratic and republican Senatorial caucuses "steering committees" are getting themselves laughed at on account of the very thinly disguised game of bluff they are playing against each other on the question of electing U. S. Senators from the northwest states in which neither party has a clear majority in the legislatures. Neither committee can really do any more than to throw its moral influence in favor of its party, and it must be confessed that moral influence is not a very powerful or dangerous factor in modern politics. All day and all night ever since last Sunday when Mr. Blaine came so near to dying the street in front of his residence has been crowded, mostly with newspaper men, by those anxious to

get the latest information from the sick room. He has held his own for the last two or three days, but his physicians plainly intimate that his chance for surviving another attack like that of last Sunday is hardly one out of one hundred, and there is little hope of his ever getting up again. Jerry Simpson left for Kansas early this week, and his friends say that he will enter the fight for the Senatorship if his party can upset the lottery arrangement by which the republicans obtained control of the lower branch of the Legislature, which they are hopeful of doing.

BURNED AND SCALDED TO DEATH.

WILMINGTON, December 25.—Mary Adams, colored, 74 years old, was burned to death here to-day, while making a fire in the kitchen stove.

MECHANICSBURG, December 25.—Yesterday at noon, preparatory to cleaning a turkey, Mrs. John Stover, of this town, poured a pot of scalding water into a small tub and left it standing in the room, where her little son, James, aged 3 years, was at play. Suddenly Mrs. Stover heard a splash and a scream, and, on looking around, was horrified to see her baby boy struggling in the scalding water. He had fallen backward, and when he was stripped the flesh from his shoulders to his feet pecked off. The little fellow suffered the most agonizing pains until 7 o'clock this morning, when he died.

PIERCED STORMS AT SEA.

INCOMING STEAMSHIPS COVERED WITH ICE FROM WATERLINE TO MAST HEAD.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Incoming steamships report fierce storms and bitter cold weather at sea. Every vessel that came in to-day was a mass of ice from waterline to mast head. Several members of the crews smashed and frozen to death. The tramp steamship Laestrandia, from Bremen December 3, came in with deck and sides covered with ice two feet thick in places and with huge icicles hanging from her yards.

Her captain says the weather was so severe that all three of the ship's compasses froze in their alcohol baths, and he was obliged to make his course by the stars. The Heins Mauritius, from Venezuela ports, met a hurricane on December 24. A high sea broke over the vessel and masses of water were frozen by the intense cold until the ship was a floating mass of ice. The deck railings were broken and the rigging damaged. The steamship Archimedes, from St. Lucia, was covered with icicles. Several of the crew had hands and feet frozen. The City of Berlin also met the hurricane. She was over eleven days making the passage. The steamship Croft came in six days late from Leith. The tramp Strathleven, which started from this port Sunday for China, put back yesterday to readjust her cargo of case oil.

THE READING'S OPERATIONS.

The report of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company was filed at the Department of Internal Affairs last week. It gives the gross earnings from operations, \$32,942,216.97; operating expenses, \$18,853,188.19. The expenditures are divided up in four sections as follows: Maintenance of way and structures, \$5,367,121.38; maintenance of equipment, \$3,277,929.68; conducting transportation, \$10,670,245.66; general expenses, \$1,537,872.49. The total cost of railroad and equipment is given as \$105,668,006.87. The lease of the Lehigh Valley Railroad system is reported as having been made in February, 1892, to take effect from December 1, 1892.

PAYING THE PENALTY OF BOSS RULE.

From the Reading Herald. Philadelphians are complaining that there has not been a representative of that city in the Senate of the United States for a period of sixty years. If there is any hardship in this, they have only themselves to blame. The bosses have made the senators, but Philadelphia has always stood up for the bosses, when other people wanted to smash them.

A FATAL FALL.

ASHLAND, December 25.—Mrs. Thomas James, an aged woman residing in the East ward, fell down a stairway at her home at 4 o'clock this morning and broke her neck. She was about to answer a summons from a neighbor, whose child was dying.

WOULD LIKE TO THROW THEM OUT.

From Puck. "Did you marry your wife on account of family?" "Oh, no; the family was thrown in!"

REPEAL THE SILVER LAW.

From the New York Herald. It has failed to sustain the price of silver, has undermined confidence in the stability of our currency, is driving gold out of the country, contracting the volume of the circulating medium and threatening general disaster.

AN IMPORTANT PROVISION LEFT OUT.

From the Wyalusing Rocket. A North Carolina man proposes a plan by which the endowment of a college can be managed. He would insure the lives of fifty prominent citizens for \$10,000, but does not suggest what would happen if the wives of these citizens would object, or how the premiums were to be paid.

A CORN STALK FINANCIER.

From the Kansas City Journal. Congressman Otis is not only in favor of fiat money, but of fiat currency. His bill provides that anyone who refuses to accept his paper billions at their face value shall be fined and imprisoned, the same as for counterfeiting. If Kansas fails to get Mr. Otis in as Secretary of Agriculture she can urge Mr. Otis for Secretary of the Treasury.

BIG SHORTAGE IN THE HOG SUPPLY.

CHICAGO, December 25.—There is a dullness about Packingtown nowadays that has not been paralleled for many years. Since December 15,000 men have been discharged and the plants of the big packers are hardly working half their capacity. The indications are that unless the supply of hogs is speedily increased further reductions will be necessary. This condition of things has been brought about by a most unusual shortage in the hog crop,

THE DEADLY GRADE CROSSING.

From the Chicago Herald. The grade crossing juggernaut crushed the lives out of four victims Thursday. All were instantly killed. On the same day a man who had attained the great age of 104 years was struck by a Baltimore and Ohio engine and received injuries from which he will probably die. It is pitiable indeed that a man who had lived that long could not have been allowed to die a natural death. But all victims are welcome to the juggernaut. It is no respecter of persons and does not deal in sentiment.

Deafness Can't be Cured.

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to the normal condition, hearing will be lost forever; in nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that we cannot cure by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. E. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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Article of Merit

and worth, from which he or his family have been signally benefited, and whose commendation may serve to extend their benefits to others by increasing their confidence. My wife has for many years been a sufferer from severe

Nervous Headache

for which she found little help. She has tried many things that promised well but performed little. Last fall a friend gave her a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It seems surprising that so simple a medicine could do so much for her. The attacks of headache decreased in number and were less violent in their intensity, while her general health has been improved. Her appetite has also been better. From our experience with

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I have no hesitation in endorsing its merits." A. A. WILLIAMS.

HOOD'S PILLS are the best family cathartic, gentle and effective. Try a box. Price 25c.

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If you have decided, YOU HAD BETTER VISIT US. You will find either what you want or something that will satisfactorily take its place.

IF YOU ARE WONDERING

what to give, our painstakingly bought and generously displayed stock will help you out of your trouble. Holiday Knick-knacks—useful and ornamental—in great plenty surround you HERE. From some crowded corner or overflowing shelf a pretty something or other will speak to your eye and, without argument or dispute, convince you that it is JUST THE RIGHT THING. It's worth trying.

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Triple X Confectioner's Sugar, and German Walnuts are some of the things we HAVE that are not on sale everywhere. Of course, we have everything USUAL for the season.

Kulp & Wagner,

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Our reduction sale continues and attracts so many customers and enables us to sell so many MORE GOODS than can be done at regular full prices, that we have decided to keep it up until thousands of new customers have been made to realize the fact that OUR STORE is the place for RIGHT SORT OF GOODS at the LOWEST PRICES POSSIBLE.

We have a choice and varied assortment of

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And a great variety of other new sorts, from the lowest priced up to fine French Silk and Wool novelties in beautiful combinations of shades in

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In much FINER GRADES than are kept anywhere else in Pottstown.

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Our 25c. and 50c. DOLLS as leaders are the prettiest in the market.

We have Dolls from 1c. up to \$1.00. Genuine Bisque Figures from 5c. up.

Children's Silver-plated Knife and Fork Sets, 25c. Much handsomer ones for \$1.00 and \$1.25.

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Was never so complete, such as Cups, Saucers and Plates; Children's Cups and Saucers, 10c. Beautiful Glass Baskets in all colors. Mustache Cups and Saucers; elegant large Vase Lamps for \$1.00; Hanging Lamps; Baby Ruth Lamps for 35c. and 50c. Lovely Water Sets, \$1.25, 2.25 and 3.25.

Games of Every Description.

Christmas Books of all kinds from 5c. up. Perfumery and Handkerchiefs in abundance.

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Choice Mixtures, 10c. lb.; Fine French Mixtures, 25c. in 10c. boxes. Hand-made Candy Toys, 15c. lb. Assorted Sifted Candy, 10c. lb. English Walnuts, Almonds, Dates, Figs, oranges, Raisins, Apples, etc. XXXX Lozenge Sugar for making candy.

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Our 50c. gal. Rock Candy Syrup takes the cake; 40c. gal. Sugar Syrup is heavy and fine; New Orleans Molasses is the finest we ever had; Pure Sweet Cider, Mince Meat, Hoveker's Buckwheat, 3 cans of Choice Corn for 25c., 3 cans of Tomatoes for 25c., 4 lbs. best Head Rice for 25c., 3 lbs. Ginger Snaps for 25c., 3 lbs. best Water Crackers for 25c.

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Having in View the Purpose of Quilting Business, we have Determined upon

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TO REDUCE STOCK!

We will sell you goods at prices that will surprise you, quality considered. Of course you won't miss an opportunity to save money. Remember our stock is large and varied.

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Hosiery, Crashes, Table Linen

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All who have been wishing for a crop of ice ought to be happy, and get down to business, now.

The laddies and lassies, who know how to skate, are skating, and those who don't know how are trying hard to learn.

There was a large party of skaters on the dam at the Colledgeville Roller Mills, Monday afternoon.

It is reported that the village butcher had a fall, and that the shock caused by his weight made a break that reached from shore to shore. The inference is that the butcher is a heavy weight.

Information relating to the holding of the February election is given in another column.

Collector of taxes, James R. Weikel, requests us to state that 5 per cent. will be added to all taxes not paid before January 1, 1893.

M. Elmer Rambo, of Lower Providence, is canvassing for the Authentic World's Fair Journal, of Chicago, an excellent publication.

Daniel Zimmerman, proprietor of the saw mill at Grater's Ford, is doing a lively business. The work of converting logs into posts, rails, slabs, &c., keeps him constantly engaged.

A charming New Year's story and other interesting reading matter will be found on the first page.

A mortgage seven feet long from Pinegrove was recorded at Pottsville, and the sum it called for was only \$600.

There were 1,286,413 logs rafted into the Williamsport boom this year, which furnished 182,784,838 feet of lumber, according to the Sun's annual figures.

Erie County Commissioners have paid this year \$3,400 for sheep killed by dogs.

A venison lunch will be served at C. H. Dawley's Central Hotel, Royersford, next Monday.

The Assessors have completed their December assessments and their returns show in many instances increased registrations.

First class potatoes now retail at \$1 per bushel.

Mrs. Hannah Guldin, who is the oldest resident of Pottstown, was 94 years old Christmas. She is physically in excellent health, a very strong and active woman, but her mind is very seriously clouded.

Until a man starts in to build a house for himself he has no idea how much gratuitous advice the neighborhood he lives in can produce.

Jason Sexton, of Lower Gwynedd, has received the appointment to represent Montgomery county as its member on the State Board of Agriculture, vice H. W. Kratz, Esq., of Norristown.

The admiration of all Pennsylvania sportsmen must fall upon John J. Conner, of near Centralia, Columbia county. So far this season he has bagged 357 rabbits, 10 foxes, 18 raccoons, 93 quail and 4 groundhogs.

A small child of Peter Bachman, of Schaefferstown, while sitting on a chair at the table, pulled off the cloth, causing a lamp to overturn and explode. The child's clothes were set on fire, and before relief came the flesh was burned from its body.

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

New Year's sermon next Sunday morning at Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, at 10 a. m. No evening exercise.

Preaching at St. Luke's Sunday morning at 10.30. Subject: New Year Thoughts. Public Missionary meeting Sunday evening at 7.15. Prof. Isaac of Frederick township, attended services at Keelor's church. When he departed from home he was in his usual health. While in church he fell to the floor and expired before tender hands could lift him up. His sudden death, under the circumstances, caused considerable consternation among those present at the services. The deceased was a brother of Mr. Jonathan Noyce, of this place, and of Samuel Noyce, Deputy Prothonotary of Norristown.

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DEATHS. Irwin F. Kalb died on Monday at his residence in this place, aged 40 years. Mr. Kalb had been failing in health from pulmonary disease for some time, and over a month ago he was compelled to quit his position as teamster for Paist Bros., at the Colledgeville Roller Mills. He leaves a widow and two sons. The deceased was faithful in the discharge of every duty imposed upon him, and leaves behind many friends who sincerely regret his demise and sympathize with the afflicted family. Funeral Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment at Lower Providence. Friends are hereby invited to attend without further notice.

Geo. H. Hobbs, proprietor of Spring Mountain Health Resort, opposite Schuylkill, died suddenly Sunday afternoon, aged about 72 years. The deceased leaves a widow and a daughter. Some years ago Mr. Hobbs was one of the proprietors of Prospect Terrace, this place.

Specimen Cases. S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, W. S., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Spicker, Catawba, O., had five large Felt sores on his leg. Doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at J. W. Culbert's Drug Store.

Horse Stolen.

THE THIEF CAPTURED. Early yesterday (Wednesday) morning a horse was stolen from D. W. Longacre's place, Lower Providence. The thief fed the horse at Perkiomen Bridge Hotel and then proceeded to Ironbridge, where his actions aroused suspicion and he was placed under arrest. The Ironbridge people deserve much credit for their promptness.

POSTPONED. The public school entertainment of Bechtel's school, which was postponed on account of the weather will be held on Saturday evening, December 31, at 7.30, regardless of the weather.

A SNEAK THIEF'S HAUL. A thief secured an entrance by a rear window to the bakery of Thomas Fleming, of Pottstown, Thursday, and carried off a tin box containing between \$300 and \$400, besides a gentleman's gold watch.

WILL PAY A DIVIDEND. The prosperous Farmer's Creamery Association of Centre Point, Worcester, has declared a dividend of 10 per cent., payable January 2d. This creamery receives ordinarily 17,500 pounds of milk per day, and on Mondays 25,000 pounds.

LUTHERAN LYCEUM. A regular meeting of the Lyceum of Augustus Lutheran church, Trappe, will be held this (Thursday) evening, December 29. An excellent program has been prepared for the occasion. Exercises will begin at 8 o'clock. All invited.

MECHANICS WILL ATTEND CHURCH. The Junior Order of American Mechanics of Royersford and Spring City expect to attend Episcopal services at Winter's Hall, Royersford, next Sunday evening, New Year's night, at 7 o'clock. Rev. A. J. Barrow, of Evansburg, will deliver the sermon.

W. C. T. U. The regular meeting of the Colledgeville Union will be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Stibitz on Wednesday Jan. 4, at 3 p. m. All are invited to attend.

W. C. T. U. of Yerkess will hold its regular meeting at the residence of Mr. John Reiff on Monday evening Jan. 2. All are welcome.

TRAINS DELAYED. The engine of the southbound mail train on the Perkiomen railroad Monday morning became disabled at Green Lane, causing a delay of several hours, and occasioning considerable discomfort on the part of those in waiting for the belated train.

SCHAFF ANNIVERSARY. The twenty-second anniversary of the Schaff Literary Society of Ursinus College was held in Bomberger Memorial Hall, Wednesday evening of last week. An interesting program was well executed in the presence of a large audience. The Winter term of the College will open Tuesday, January 3, 1893.

AN AGED THIEF. Michael Mooney, a very old man, was committed to the county jail at Norristown Thursday by an Ardmore magistrate charged with the larceny of some contents, valued at \$10 from James McAleehan, of that village. On being asked his age by Acting Warden Moyer, Mooney said he would be 107 years of age next Easter.

MAIL CAR BURNED. The baggage car of the mail train of the Perkiomen railroad was destroyed by fire at Allentown, early Tuesday morning, before the train was started. It was reported that the fire was caused by overheating the stove in the car. As a consequence of the disaster Mail Agent Kratz was unable to handle the mail matter, which was not distributed along the line until Tuesday afternoon.

PURCHASED A FARM. Mr. Frank Brunst, clerk at Gross' Colledgeville hotel, purchased last week of his mother Mrs. Wilhelm Brunst, the old homestead and farm of the Brunst family, located near Fagleyville in New Hanover township, and containing 105 acres of land, for \$5,500. Frank intends to relinquish his position at the hotel and take possession of the farm next spring. He has had considerable experience at farming and he will doubtless succeed at his old home.

FELL DEAD IN CHURCH. Sunday evening Isaac Noyce, aged 70 years, of Frederick township, attended services at Keelor's church. When he departed from home he was in his usual health. While in church he fell to the floor and expired before tender hands could lift him up. His sudden death, under the circumstances, caused considerable consternation among those present at the services. The deceased was a brother of Mr. Jonathan Noyce, of this place, and of Samuel Noyce, Deputy Prothonotary of Norristown.

DEATHS. Irwin F. Kalb died on Monday at his residence in this place, aged 40 years. Mr. Kalb had been failing in health from pulmonary disease for some time, and over a month ago he was compelled to quit his position as teamster for Paist Bros., at the Colledgeville Roller Mills. He leaves a widow and two sons. The deceased was faithful in the discharge of every duty imposed upon him, and leaves behind many friends who sincerely regret his demise and sympathize with the afflicted family. Funeral Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment at Lower Providence. Friends are hereby invited to attend without further notice.

Geo. H. Hobbs, proprietor of Spring Mountain Health Resort, opposite Schuylkill, died suddenly Sunday afternoon, aged about 72 years. The deceased leaves a widow and a daughter. Some years ago Mr. Hobbs was one of the proprietors of Prospect Terrace, this place.

Specimen Cases. S. H. Clifford, New Cassel, W. S., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Spicker, Catawba, O., had five large Felt sores on his leg. Doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold at J. W. Culbert's Drug Store.

SOMEbody GETS A SHOT.

One way to build up a town is to see that other business men be prevented from locating in it. And again, when a railroad company occupies a piece of worthless ground for commercial purpose, to make believe it is as valuable as a gold mine and persuade a jury to grant that much for it. -Phoenixville Messenger.

SEVENTY-EIGHT INQUESTS. The returns of Coroner, H. B. Long for the year 1892 to date show that he has held seventy-eight inquests during the last year of his term. During his term of three years he has held two hundred and thirty-four inquests. These do not include the numerous cases investigated by Justices of the Peace.

CHAPEL TO BE DEDICATED. The new chapel of the Menonite Brethren in Christ, at Grater's Ford, will be dedicated on New Year's Day. Services will begin Saturday evening, Services New Year's morning, afternoon and evening. Revival services will be held after that evening until further notice. The dedication takes place New Year's afternoon, when, in addition to Rev. Wm. Gehman, the pastor, Elder Moses Weber, of Canada, will assist.

INSANITY CAUSED BY THE WRECK. All of the patients in St. Timothy's Hospital, Philadelphia, who were injured in the Reading Railroad wreck at Rose Glen on October 24, have gone to their homes excepting Ann E. Kemp, of Reading, who had a leg broken. Thomas Fitch, of Auburn, the engineer of the passenger train, who was removed to his home by his relatives in opposition to the management of the hospital, has gone insane. Mrs. Annie Sides, of Reading, who was injured by a stone falling on her, was taken to her home and the management of the hospital received word the other day that she, too, had lost her reason.

WINTER IN EARNEST. The latter half of December 1892 will be remembered as a period of low temperature and cold winds. The frigid wave which held full sway over Christmas revived in the minds of some of the older inhabitants memories of the blizzards of winter long ago. The thermometer registered 0 at the post-office at 9 o'clock Monday night, and at no time between Saturday morning and Tuesday noon was the temperature above 20. Consequently the Perkiomen and all the minor streams are ice-bound, the ice measuring from four to six inches in thickness. The youths who love to skate are making the most of the opportunity and the ice dealers are preparing for the harvesting of a big crop.

CHRISTMAS, 1892. Snow and ice and frigid weather added zest to the festivities of the Christmas season of 1892. Both Sunday and Monday were observed as holidays, thus affording ample opportunity for all to make the most possible out of two gala days. The usual family reunions and the gathering together of relatives and friends around festive boards were at high tide, and the little folks who had anxiously awaited the coming of Old Santa Claus were not disappointed. The exercises at all the churches, in keeping with the announcements made last week, were fully up to previous years in point of interest and attractiveness. In the Reformed, Lutheran and Evangelical Sunday Schools of Trappe, and the M. E. Sunday School, Evansburg, the children were kindly remembered and the exercises throughout proved interesting to all in attendance. We have received in addition to the foregoing the following:

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FOR PHILADELPHIA AND POINTS SOUTH.
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Accommodation..... 8.02 a. m.
Market..... 12.56 p. m.
Accommodation..... 4.13 p. m.

FOR ALLENTOWN AND POINTS NORTH AND WEST.
Milk..... 7.53 a. m.
Accommodation..... 9.02 a. m.
Market..... 12.30 p. m.
Accommodation..... 5.40 p. m.

SUNDAYS—SOUTH.
Milk..... 6.36 a. m.
Accommodation..... 8.30 p. m.

NORTH.
Accommodation..... 7.54 a. m.
Milk..... 5.33 p. m.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING R. R.
SHORT AND DIRECT ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, NEW ENGLAND, THE SOUTH AND WEST.

On and after Nov. 15, 1892, TRAINS LEAVE COLLEGEVILLE (Via Perkiomen R. R. connecting at Perkiomen Junction) as follows:

FOR PHILADELPHIA—week days, 6.27, 8.02, a. m., 1.02, 4.13, p. m. Sundays, 6.36, a. m., 4.20, p. m.

FOR NEW YORK—week days, 6.27, 8.02, a. m., 1.02, 4.13, p. m. Sunday, 6.36, a. m., 4.20 p. m.

FOR PHOENIXVILLE, POTTSWOM AND READING—week days, 8.02, a. m., 4.13, p. m. Sundays, 6.36, a. m., 4.20 p. m.

Trains for Baltimore, Washington, the South and West, via D. & O. R. R., leave Grand Avenue Station (P. & R. R.) at 3.50, 8.01, 11.27, a. m., 3.56, 5.42, 7.16, p. m. Sundays, 3.50, 8.01, 11.27, a. m., 3.56, 5.42, 7.16, p. m.

ATLANTIC CITY DIVISION.
Leave Philadelphia, Chestnut Street Wharf and South Street Wharf, FOR ATLANTIC CITY.

Week days—Express, 9.00 a. m., 2.00, 4.00, 5.00 p. m. Accommodation 8.00 a. m., 5.45 p. m. Sunday—Express, 9.00 a. m. Accommodation, 8.00 a. m. and 4.30 p. m.

RETURNING, LEAVE ATLANTIC CITY Depot, corner of Atlantic and Arkansas Avenues: Week days—Express, 7.00, 7.45, 9.00 a. m., and 4.00 p. m. Accommodation, 8.10 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Sunday—Express, 4.00 p. m. Accommodation, 7.30 a. m. and 4.30 p. m.

I. A. SWEGARD, C. G. HANCOCK, General Manager, Gen. Pass. Agt.

COLLEGEVILLE BAKERY! JOHN T. KEYSER, Prop'r. FRESH BREAD, ROLLS, etc., etc. EVERY MORNING. Ice Cream, etc. Different flavors, during the season. Parties, Pic-Nics and weddings supplied at short notice, on reasonable terms.

Harness Store! A FULL STOCK OF HARNESS AND Horse Goods Always on hand. New Harness of every description made to order of the best material promptly. Good stock and good workmanship guaranteed. No matter what you may want in the line of harness or horse goods in general, I can furnish you with the same at right prices. Light and heavy Collars, Whips, Blankets, Horse Covers, Fly Nets, etc., etc. Repairing of Whatever Description Promptly and neatly done. Favor me with your orders. W. R. Wersler, TRAPPE, PA. Smaly

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STORMY VACATION DAYS MADE PLEASANT—Did you ever have a vacation without some stormy days, when you did not know what to do with yourself? Reading the Waverley Magazines, of different dates, for \$1.00 postpaid, will supply you with about 400 short, clean and complete stories, jokes, etc. The same amount of reading in the trashy 25c novel would cost you \$12. Send stamp for sample. Address: WAVERLEY MAGAZINE, Box 172, Boston, Mass.

A WORD TO WOMEN.

From One Who Suffered.

SCOTTSDALE, Pa., March 18th, 1892. DR. DAVID KENNEDY, DEAR SIR:—From a growing girl, I suffered with female trouble or weakness peculiar to my sex. I consulted with several different physicians, but found no relief. Was so reduced in strength and flesh, that I weighed but 68 lbs. I chanced to learn of the wonderful cures Dr. David Kennedy's Mrs. Carrie Bouton. Favorite Remedy was performing, and tried it. The first bottle produced marked improvement. After taking five bottles, I was almost a well woman and weighed 121 lbs. I THINK OF MY SUFFERING SISTERS, such a gain in weight and better in health than I ever was. It is my desire to tell every woman in the world who suffers from any of the complaints common to our sex, of the benefit and cure to be derived from the use of Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. Mrs. Carrie Bouton.

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Department of Agriculture.

FEEDING IN WINTER.

After it becomes necessary to feed dry feed entirely, good care is necessary to keep the animals with a good appetite. If fed too largely or too long upon any one thing they are apt to tire of it and will not do as they should. This is an indirect loss that should always be avoided. In nearly all cases and with all classes of stock a variety will give better results in every way, keeping the animals with a better appetite and assuring better results in proportion to the amount of food supplied.

It always pays to feed sufficient to keep the animals thrifty. Any other way of feeding increases the cost without a gain, in fact, it is not economy to keep stock during the winter unless they can be kept gaining. But in feeding only what they will eat up clean should be given, any other plan means a loss of feed. On the farm by planning ahead there should be no difficulty in supplying all of the stock with at least a fair variety. A good plan is to use the feed that is stored outside first, as there will be more or less loss by leaching and drying. It is best generally to save some of the best roughness for late winter or early spring feeding. Stock need more care at this time than at any other, although they must be kept thrifty all of the time. If the supply of corn is scarce, keep some of it for extremely cold weather; there is no gain that will equal or at least is superior to corn for maintaining animal heat and for this reason a supply can be used to a good advantage during the winter, especially when the weather is cold and stormy, bran and oil meal will also be found helps in making a variety and can be used to a good advantage during the winter with roughness. So far as it is possible it is nearly always best to feed twice a day. There will be less loss of feed, while the stock will keep thrifter than if only fed once. It is necessary to give a heavy feed when feeding and when they eat all that they want will pick over and waste more or less of the balance and then they will get very hungry before the next meal. Much less feed will be needed if they are kept thrifty if care is taken to feed regularly twice every day. The same applies to watering while they will get along very easily on one good drink a day; yet, better results from the feed will be secured if they are fed and watered twice every day. Sheep and horses, whether young or old, need exercise every day, or as nearly so as possible. Breeding sows and calves come next in this respect, while fattening hogs and cattle and milk cows need very little, if any. But it is never a good plan to turn out to exercise when it will be exposing them to cold, keep comfortable and it will be less difficult to keep thrifty.

LOOKING AT FOOD.

It has long been said that the road to a man's heart lies through his stomach, and not a few men insist that lovely woman is equally susceptible to the influence of good food. The best proof that both ideas are correct has just been afforded by a great "food exhibition" which recently closed in New York. This exhibition was held in the largest building in the city—a structure covering an entire square, and greatly favored by managers of enterprises which depend for success on numbers of visitors, but neither horse shows, political conventions, religious meetings, prize fights nor walking matches ever drew so many people and for so many days, as the food show. The visitors were not merely curious people, either; the great majority were men and women who eat to live, and who felt themselves repaid for their outlay in time and money if they discover one new bit of raw material, or a new way of preparing the old. Of course there was a brave display of each manufacturer who wished to attract the attention of consumers; cooking was done in plain sight by noted experts, and dishes might be sampled for the asking, but all this would have come to naught but for the display of public interest. Time was when "hog and hominy" three times a day was considered good enough for anyone, although graveyards would have been so rapidly filled had there been anything to vary the monotony which ruined weak digestion; cookery-books have invaded the lands since then, saving many lives, tempers and pockets, but that much remains to be done is shown by the way in which food material is transformed into unattractive food in millions of homes. The great service of the food show was the teaching that the best, the most nutritious and most attractive food is as cheap as the poorest, how to prepare it is the secret of the difference. For a quarter of a million of people to have studied this subject anew in a single month, and paid gate-money for the privilege, shows that at least a portion of the civilized world is comprehending one of the secrets of happiness and success.—The Search Light in December Godey's.

RATIONS FOR FATTENING.

A good grain for fattening sheep is shelled corn, one-half; barley or rye, one-quarter—all by weight. Or, better still, substitute 1/4 of the corn with cottonseed meal.

To the majority of the farmers corn is the most available feed, and corn may be fed to great advantage alone, provided a sufficient amount of cooling and laxative coarse food is given with it, such as clover hay. After

several trials we do not think it profitable to crush or grind any kind of grain for sheep that are young enough to make good feeders, though it is advisable in the case of old ewes with poor teeth. From the time the flock is put into the yard to begin the fattening process, it should be two or three weeks before the ration of shelled corn is increased up to its full capacity to consume.

An increase of two quarts per day will carry the feed in that time from one bushel up to three bushels, and that is about as much as 100 merino weathers can be induced to eat with an abundance of cornfodder or clover hay. It is best to divide this amount into three feeds per day, and every feed should be given under the eye of the master himself, or of some experienced and capable feeder.—Sheep Breeder.

Will hogs eat hay? Try the following method and you will adopt it. Cut good clover hay into short lengths, and steam or scald it, allowing it to remain over night. In the morning add enough boiling water to warm the cut clover, and also sprinkle the mess with bran and oatmeal. The result will be the best and cheapest food you can use, and the pigs will eat it greedily. It will assist in promoting health, aiding digestion by distending the stomach and affords an agreeable change from the concentrated grain diet.

Apples grow best and yield the finest colored, highest flavored fruit on high, dry, clay and limestone ridges. They do well on north slopes also. Southern side hills of sandy clay or loam produce fine grapes. South slopes and exposures will yield small fruits a week earlier than north slopes, especially if the soil be sandy. By taking advantage of altitudes, soil, slope and varieties, the strawberry season may be prolonged two and sometimes nearly three weeks.

The following plan of storing sweet potatoes has been very successful with me for many years: "Take a common flour barrel, line it with two thicknesses of newspaper, also bottom; sprinkle one-half inch of dirt in bottom. Put in a layer of potatoes, then cover with fine dry dirt, perfectly dry, then a layer of potatoes, and so on. Place the barrel in a dry, warm place where the mercury will not fall below 30°, and keep the barrel six inches from the floor.—D. L. Cover.

A word to the farm hand. You can secure the best wages, create a demand for your services, and be as contented as with any other occupation, by simply following this rule—make yourself indispensable to your employer. Every farm laborer should aim to so understand his duties as to create an interest in the success of the farm, and to make it so that the employer feels that he cannot do without him.

Don't disgrace the lawn with a coat of course barn manure. Instead, make an application of dry, hard wood ashes, that will at the first rainfall, however slight, fall down in and among the spires of grass, forever out of sight. The application will be easier, the cost less, while the effect will be equally productive of a thick, green turf, and without the unsightly covering of the stable manure.

Pork barrels should be thoroughly washed with boiling water and concentrated lye. Add a pound of the lye to four gallons of water and scrub the barrel with a brush, using sand also, if preferred, and rinse well with plenty of boiling water. Leave the barrel full of water until ready for use, and scrub it again. This work is necessary, as pork barrels are not easily cleaned.

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