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Volume 22.

Collegeville, Pa., Thursday, October 22, 1896.

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VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC,
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to those wishing to purchase in Collegeville and
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LIZZIE FRY,
Dressmaker,
Near EAGLEVILLE, PA. Will take sewing
in at home, or can be employed by the week.

Published by Request,
ELIZA GARFIELD, THE PIONEER'S WIFE.

A PAPER READ AT A MOTHER'S MEET-
ING OF THE W. C. T. U., OF PORT
PROVIDENCE, PA.

It has always been the way of
the world to honor heroes and sing
the praises of great men. It was a
rare circumstance to accord the
same honors to women, the latter
resulted probably from two causes,
one that women were crowded into
the background, and the other the
prevalent opinion that women were
not good for much anyway.

We are happy to know that
public opinion is changing. We are
more happy to know that it is
being changed by the women them-
selves. Ideas long adhered to are
tenacious of life. They do not lose
their grip without a struggle.

Much has recently been written
and published about the mothers of
great men. Much more could be
told than has hitherto been repeated.
But the thought must not obtain
that only great men have great
mothers. Thousands of mothers
have lived and died, whose self-
denials, sacrifices, and sufferings
in behalf of others are scarcely re-
membered, much less chronicled
with that minuteness which attends
the acts of many men, the memory
of which had much better mouldered
away with their bodies.

America has produced many
phases of civilization, one of which
is passing away, but yet remembered
by the older heads among us, I
mean the pioneer's wife.

To the brave and venturesome
woman, who in company with her
husband pushed her way into the
trackless wilderness, and by her
toil helped to turn it into a garden
of plenty, we are indebted for that
type of American manhood and
womanhood which is the pride of
one age and the object of just
emulation.

One example will serve for the
history of many. When the first
history of the sad news conveying
the tidings of the death of our
second martyr—President had sub-
sided, the public eye was turned
toward his despairing mother.

Eliza Ballou came of good
Huguenot and Puritan parentage.
The revocation of the celebrated
Edict of Nantes drove her ancestors
to seek safety on these shores. Her
father died when she was a child.
The mother moved to Janesville,
Ohio. Here Eliza at the age of
eighteen loved and married Abram
Garfield.

They lived happily together. The
husband cleared his land; the wife
was busy within her cabin. Four
children were born to them, the
pride of the mother's life, but her
special favorite was the baby boy
James, who as President, became
the mark of the assassin's bullet.

A prairie fire which threatened to
destroy their home and growing
grain, was fought so desperately by
Abram Garfield that overexertion
and a cold which he contracted
therefrom, together with the services
of a quack doctor who prescribed
for him, laid the strong man low.
Just before he died, he called his
weeping wife to his side and
whispered, "I am going to leave
you, Eliza. I have planted four
saplings in these woods, and I must
now leave them in your care."

Behold the situation! A widow
with four small children dependent
upon her, thrown upon her own re-
sources in the midst of a wilderness,
upon a half cleared farm, from the
poor soil of which she was to wrest
a scanty living for herself and little
family!

Did she despair? Did she wring
her hands in helpless agony and
give up the struggle? Not she, the
strength of character, the energy,
and perseverance of her race were
too strong within her. She sought
not the advice or help of kind and
interested friends. She determined
to take up and place upon her own
shoulders the mantle which her
husband laid down. She determined

to keep her home, to keep her chil-
dren with her and rear them to man-
hood and womanhood in such a way
that they should be for her an ever-
lasting crown of joy.

She was small of stature, lithe
and supple. At the time of the
death of her husband she was thirty
years of age.

The farm was not fertile and was
weighted with debt. Many a person
would have flattered before this
mountain difficulty, but it seemed
only to spur the Widow Garfield to
greater energy. She worked early
and late; she toiled without a mur-
mur. She had a purpose to accom-
plish, as the thrifty woman added
little comforts to the home, it took
upon itself airs of cheerfulness. As
the children grew they were eager
to help the mother, and added to
her life many little touches of sym-
pathy which she, lone woman, seldom
received.

With all her toil and scanty
means, she did not forget her
husband's dying words with regard
to the "saplings" "and I must now
leave them to your care." She gave
much attention to their develop-
ment, for after all, what was she
living for but for them and their
welfare?

The old well thumbed Bible was
her readiest companion, and her
custom was to assist them with
their simple little lessons for the
next day's school, then all gather
around the hearth, and in it's glow,
tell the beautiful stories of that life
all the way from Bethlehem to
Calvary. Tales of the border life
would rouse their enthusiasm, and
James would continuously ask for
stories of "that great soldier,"
meaning Napoleon.

Her children grown to manhood,
and womanhood, their fondness and
love for the mother was as ardent
as her devotion had been to them,
this was particularly the case with
her youngest son.

You will remember that proud
moment just after he had taken the
oath as President of the United
States, standing there in the en-
raptured gaze of thousands, his
first act was to stoop and kiss his
mother.

During that long summer of 1881,
from the second of July to the
19th of September, who of you can
know the anxiety of that mother's
heart. But when she read the fatal
telegram, her great heart broke, and
she fell back moaning and wringing
her hands in an agony inexpressible.
When she had recovered herself she
said, "To-morrow I will be 80 years
old, but I will not see the beginning
of another year, James has gone,
and I shall not be long after him."

Such was the Pioneer's wife,
Eliza Garfield. Toil, sorrow, and
privation in early life; in later life,
ease and competence, with gratifica-
tion at the success of her training,
manifested in her children; but
greater sorrow and desolation at
the going out of days. With cir-
cumstances altered, the story of her
life, is the story of many another
heroine, who toiled and conquered
in the Wilds of America, but in
that quiet and unheralded manner,
that none but God himself knows
how great shall be their reward.

BOYS AND GIRLS.
NETTIE LOVICA WHITE, WASHING-
TON, D. C.

Boys, as a whole, know more
about things generally than girls.
Why? Because boys, from the
first, are given by their parents
more opportunities for seeing and
knowing. If there be but one col-
lege privilege for the family, the
boy enjoys it; if there can be but
one bicycle in the family, the boy
owns it; if there is a fishing ex-
cursion, the boy goes; if only one
ticket for the theatre or circus can
be afforded, the boy goes; if but
one of the children can accompany
the father to the neighboring town
without an extra fare, the boy is his
companion.

Thus the boy gets more outdoor
exercise, with resulting muscle,
strength and endurance; sees more
things, and, consequently, knows
more about things, than the girl
whose life is narrower, yet from her
own choice. She may be ahead of
him in book studies; but, notwith-
standing that fact, he soon realizes
his superior general, practical
knowledge—and not always hesi-
tates to speak to her of it,—without
knowing that, all the way along,
his father and mother have, thought-
lessly, given him an unfair advan-
tage over his sister. It may not
even occur to him that he has put
forth no more effort than she has,
but that, instead, he has had many
more advantages, pleasures and in-
vigorating recreation, than has
fallen to the lot of his sister.

As the girl grows older, and finds
ambition in her soul, she must work
many times harder than the boy to
make up the lost opportunities for
the application of her book learning.

If the mothers would carefully
guard against this injustice to their
daughters, dividing equally among
the girls and boys the college
privileges, the bicycles, theatre
tickets, excursions, and athletic
exercises, our girls would make
women so well developed physically
and mentally, so public spirited, and
possessed of such knowledge of
humanity and its doings, that their
opinions would command respectful
recognition, and nobody's brother
would have reason to say that the
city, State and country would not
be better with women's unprejudiced
voice in legislation; and her own
patriotic interest in the public wel-
fare of her country would prompt
her everywhere to steadily demand
her right of suffrage—forever lay-
ing in the dust the old, familiar
barrier that, "When women want
the ballot, they will get it."

"No, I thank you," said she. "I
am not used to having fine ladies in
my kitchen."
"But if you will lend me an
apron—"
"No, I thank you, Mrs. Oswald
Piercy," repeated the housewife.
"You will find the newspaper in the
hall. Perhaps the advertising col-
umns may interest you."

"We are sisters," said the young
widow, with a quivering lip. "Will
you not call me Plume?"

"Oh, no; we're no relations at
all, in reality!" said Mrs. Abel
Piercy, weighing out ounces of
sugar and pounds of flour with an
unerring hand. "And really your
name is such a very peculiar one.
Jane, or Martha, or Eliza, would
have been more to my taste. Per-
haps, however," with a keen, side-
long glance, "you have been on the
stage?"

"No," said Plume; "I was a
teacher when Oswald married me.
But what did you mean about the
advertising columns of the papers?"

"Situations, you know," said Mrs.
Piercy, reaching over to the raisin
box. "Bridget, you have been at
the raisins, as true as I live! There's
half of 'em gone since I was here
last!"

"No, mum, I haven't!" sharply
replied Bridget, who was used to
these kitchen skirmishes. "Sure I
never lived in a house before where
they counted the raisins and the
lumps of coal, and if I don't suit,
mum, it's a month's warning from
to-day, if ye please."

"Situations!" repeated Plume,
half afraid of Bridget's warlike
demeanor, or half puzzled at the
sister-in-law's words.

"Yes," said Mrs. Abel, tartly pay-
ing no attention to Bridget and her
skilful—"in a glove factory you
know, or in a fancy store, or even
an nursery governess or attend-
ant to some elderly invalid. For
of course you know," with another
of those oblique looks that made
poor Plume feel so uncomfortable,
"you expect to work for your living.
We are not rich enough to support
all our relations. Abel's salary was
reduced last year, and no one knows
how strictly I have to economize in
order to make ends meet. And a
strong young woman like you ought
to be ashamed to sit down on a
sickly man with a family, like my
husband—"

"Stop—oh, stop!" said Plume,
lifting up her hand, as if to ward
off some invisible terror. "He
said I was welcome. He told me—"
"That's just like Abel!" said Mrs.
Piercy, scornfully. "He'd take in
all creation if he could. He never
stops to think whether he can afford
it or not."

"I am sorry that I intrude," said
Plume, with dignity. "It shall not
be for long. I will look at the news-
paper at once."

"Yes, that's a deal the best plan,"
assented Mrs. Piercy, ungraciously.
"Of course you won't mention our
little chat to Abel. He might be
vexed; and, after all, I'm only
speaking for your good."

Plume looked at her with an ex-
pression of face which somehow
made Mrs. Abel Piercy feel as if
she were shrinking up like a
withered walnut in its shell.

"Yes, I know," said the young
widow. "But you need not be
afraid; I am not a tale bearer, to make
mischievous in any one's family."

Mrs. Piercy felt very uncomfort-
able after this little conversation
was ended.

"How she did look at me!"
thought she. "But I only spoke
the truth, after all. We can't be
burdened with her support, let Abel
talk as he please. And no matter
what she says, I believe she has
been an actress. No one but an
actress could ever put on such royal
ways as that."

Half an hour afterward, when the
bell rang, and some one inquired
for Mrs. Oswald Piercy, Mrs. Abel
nodded her head to the cake she
was taking out of the oven.

"Company already," said she;
and gentlemen company, as I live!
Well, if this is the way she intends
to go on, the sooner she suits her-
self with a situation the better!"

Mrs. Piercy had been secretly
anxious for an opportunity of quar-
reling with her sister-in-law. Here
it was at last; and when the old
gentleman with the glossy broad-
cloth suit was gone, she bounced
into the parlor with a red spot on
either cheek-bone like signals of
war.

"So you have been receiving com-
pany, Mrs. Oswald?" said she.
"Yes," Plume innocently an-
swered.

"Gentleman company, too?"
cried Mrs. Piercy.

"It was Mr. Van Orden, my hus-
band's lawyer," exclaimed Plume.
"Oh, I dare say!" said Mrs.
Piercy. "All that sounds very
well; but I have the character of
my house to look to, and—"

"He is coming back with a car-
riage," hurriedly spoke Plume. "I
am to go to his wife's house at once.
Mrs. Van Orden is willing to give
me the shelter which my own hus-
band's relatives grudge me!"

"I wish her joy of her bargain, I
am sure," said Mrs. Abel Piercy,
with a toss of the mountains of
false hair that crowned her head.

And so the two women parted in
no spirit of amity.

"I dare say she'll go straight to
the store," thought Mrs. Abel, "and
invent a pitiful story for my hus-
band's benefit. And Abel will
make a great fuss—Abel always
was soft about his relatives—but I
shan't mind it. I always have been
mistress in my own house, and I
always intend to be, Oswald's
widow or no Oswald's widow."

Nevertheless, she could not help
feeling a little apprehension when
her husband came in to tea. For
when Abel really was angry, his
anger signified something. But to
her surprise he entered all smiles,
and rubbing his palms, gleefully.

"So Plume has gone?" said he.
"Yes," said Mrs. Piercy, pretend-
ing to be busy with a knot in the
second child's shoe. "She has gone.
But how did you know it?"

"Van Orden stopped at the store
to tell me," answered Mr. Piercy.
"Strange, wasn't it? And quite
romantic, too."

"What on earth is the man talk-
ing about?" said Mrs. Piercy,
aroused at last into something like
active interest.

"Why, didn't Plume tell you?
It seems that those last investments
that poor Oswald fancied he had
begged himself with, have turned
up trump cards after all. And Van
Orden tells me that Oswald's widow
is worth a hundred and fifty thou-
sand dollars."

Mrs. Abel Piercy turned first
green, then crimson. Alas for the
fate blunder she had committed!
Alas for the ruined chances of her
three little girls to inherit their
aunt's money! She made some
trivial excuse about a forgotten
pocket-handkerchief, and went up
stairs to weep the bitterest tears
she had ever shed.

It was a lesson to her, but it was
an expensive one. For Plume
Piercy, although she always re-
mained on the most excellent terms
with her kind little brother-in-law,
never crossed Mrs. Abel's thresh-
old again. She had been too deeply
stung—too bitterly insulted there.
"And it's all my own fault,"
sadly reflected Mrs. Abel. "Oh,
dear I oh, dear I why can't we see
a little way into the future?"—*Satur-
day Night.*

**THE BEAR AND THE MAIL
BAG.**

In the old mining days, says a
Western paper, the mail between
Strawberry Hill and Bluff City had
to be carried miles over the hill
twice a week by a man on foot.
One day the carrier came into
Strawberry Hill without the mail-
bag, and the hundred men of the
place at once gathered about him
and demanded an explanation. The
carrier was bleeding from a dozen
wounds.

"I'll tell you how it was," he
said. "Up thar by the bend I was
tackled by a bear."

"An' you killed him?"
"No, I didn't have my gun."
"Then you dodged him?"
"No. Tried to dodge him, but
he was right thar."

"Then you ran away?"
"No chance to run! The critter
was after me or that mail-bag, an'
so I heaved him the mail-bag an'
go I away. He clawed me a few
times, but it don't amount to much."

A murmur of indignation passed
through the crowd, and Judge
Watkins stepped to the front.

"Stephen Jackson," he said,
solemnly, "do you mean to tell us
that you gin up that mail-bag to
that bear?"

"Had to, judge."
"Didn't that bear seem to prefer
you to the bag?"
"I reckon he did."
"An' you felt that he did at the
time?"
"Yes, I felt purty strong that
way."

"An' yet, after swearing to uphold
the Constitution of the United
States and defend that mail-bag
with your life, you calmly fed it to
a bear!"
"Judge, I had to get away."
"Who said anything about your
getting away? It were your solemn
duty to perish right thar! It were
your duty, sir, as a patriot an'
mail-carrier an' a government official,
to hang that mail-bag to a limb an'
let that bear go ahead an' take your
carcass!"

The crowd uttered cries of ap-
proval.

"An' now," the judge went on,
"you have escaped the bear, but you
have the outraged feelings of this
here camp to deal with. Stephen
Jackson, how do you prefer to
die?"

"By hangin'!"
"Well, Stephen Jackson, before
we proceed with that formality we'll
send a couple of men up to the
bend. If they find the bag an' the
mail we'll spar' your life. If the
bear have devoured it we shall pre-
ceed to pass sentence on you!"

The men who went up to the bend
found the bag, unopened. The bear
had scorned it as an article of diet.
So Jackson's life was saved, though
he was discharged from the govern-
ment service. Singularly enough,
the bag contained only one letter,
and that was a dunning letter for
Judge Watkins.

CASH AND CREDIT.

From the reports made to the
Comptroller of the Currency from
66 of the 78 clearing house associa-
tions of the country, it is shown
that on a given date, the first of
July last, the total clearings
amounted to \$227,035,464; the bal-
ances, settled in cash or cash ex-
changes, were but \$19,152,834, or a
little over 8 per cent. And even in
these settlements the actual amount
of cash employed, both of coin and
currency, was only about \$12,000,
000, or less than 5 per cent. of the
total clearings.

The annual report of the New
York Clearing House, the largest
of these associations, has just been
published, and is particularly in-
structive. The average daily transac-
tions in the past year were \$102,
270.013 and the average balances,
settled chiefly in legal tenders or
currency certificates, were \$6,043,
571, or 5.9 per cent. This is a
higher percentage than usual, the
record of forty-three years showing
an average percentage of balance to
clearings of but 4.65.

These figures agree closely with
the results of investigations made
by the Comptroller of the Currency
and others at various times in
previous years, which go to show
that of the ordinary daily business
of the country only about 5 per
cent. requires the direct employ-
ment of cash, 95 per cent. of the
payments being made by checks.

When A buys goods of B, he
pays him in a check, an order upon
the bank where he has money on
deposit. B may use the check to
pay a debt to C, or he deposits it
in his own bank, where the amount
is put to his credit, and draws
another check in favor of C, who
in turn deposits that in a third
bank. At the close of the day the
accounts of the three banks are set-
tled in the clearing house and only
the balance due from one to the
other upon the various checks they
have handled requires the actual
transfer of cash.

Thus, as we have seen, in ordi-
nary times when business is moving
naturally and credit is not disturbed,
five dollars in money is enough for
effect a hundred dollars of exchange,
so that the amount of actual cur-
rency in use bears but a small pro-
portion to the daily transfers of
value. It is only when credit is
disturbed and there may be a doubt
as to the standard by which these
values are to be measured, that
people hesitate to accept checks
and demand money, and then money
is hard to get.

The stability of the standard,
therefore, is the first essential of
sound money. On that depends
credit, which does not mean debt,
as many persons suppose, but confi-
dence that the property transferred
by the credit instrument will realize
the value attached to it. With that
assured, we need worry very little
about the "volume of currency."
Without that the business of the
country cannot go on.—*Philadel-
phia Times.*

PAUPER MILLIONAIRES.

A young millionaire drove one
day his four-in-hand from New
York to the country town which
had been his home when he was a
boy, before his father had piled up
the money the young man was now
recklessly spending. He had three
or four friends with him and plenty
of champagne. No time was spent
in visiting the old homestead or his
mother's grave. He and his com-
panions took possession of the inn,
and drank and sang and howled far
into the night.

The next morning the young man
went to the old doctor, with whom
he was acquainted, for a cure for
his sick headache. As they stood
at the doctor's gate some roughish
boys came up, and laughingly
begged for a dime. A man with
millions of money at his command
did not often fall in their way.

"Be off with you!" said the
young spendthrift. Then taking
the matter seriously, he said,
"There's no excuse for begging of
any sort. There's plenty of work
for all. If a man won't work,
neither should he eat." That's good
doctrine, eh, doctor?"

"Very good," said the doctor,
looking at him thoughtfully.

"The begging habit is, I'm sure,
increasing in this country," pur-
sued the young man. "Paupers
abroad are like vermin feeding on
a live body. Now they are becom-
ing more numerous here. My father
had no patience with beggars. Let
them earn the right to live; he used
to say, 'I earn it. I pay my toll
of work to the world.'"

"Very good," said the doctor.
"But a man need not earn money to
prove his right to live. The man
who makes a tree grow on waste
ground, or who finds out a new
fact in science, or who writes a
book, or sings a song, or helps a
cause which betters the world pays
his toll to it."

"That's so!" said his listening
patient, winking his bleared eyes
and looking sober.

"But a man," said the doctor,
looking carefully across the field,
"whose pockets bulge with money
which he never earned, who lives to
amuse himself, who helps no country
nor cause nor man, what toll does
he pay? How does he differ from
a pauper?"

"I don't understand you," said
the young millionaire, growing red.
"That

HOME AND ABROAD.

—Delegation after delegation of Christian Endeavor people
—Passed up Broadway Monday afternoon
—To attend the annual meeting of the Schuylkill Valley Union.

—The fraternizing, social features of modern religious work constitute an important factor in the life of denominational organizations, and therefore cannot be too highly commended.

—Upon this line, it is proper to note that the members of Trinity church and their efficient pastor will maintain a prominent position.

—Mrs. Wm. C. Gordon, of this place, is recovering from a severe attack of vertigo.

—Mr. S. Angee, of the lower ward, is on a visit to a brother residing in the vicinity of the Blue Mountains.

—Races at the Collegeville Driving Park this (Thursday) afternoon.

—Geo. W. Bach, harness manufacturer, has commenced doing business at L. H. Ingram's place. He is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line and supply his patrons with whatever they may need in the way of harness and horse goods. See adv.

—Customer—"You are using a different kind of soap from what you were using, isn't it?"
Barber—"What makes you think so?"
"It doesn't taste the same."—Life.

—The government found Abraham Lincoln's hat recently, but up to the hour of going to press it hadn't found anybody to wear it.—Chicago News.

—There are many things in a man's life that he will never forget, but they are not the things his wife told him to remember.—Truth.

—Daughter—"Papa, what does this 16 to 1 mean?"
Mother (interrupting)—"It means that everywhere you go you will find sixteen people talking politics to one who isn't."—Truth.

—A variety of winter blankets and a large lot of whips, all at bottom prices, at W. E. Johnson's harness store, Providence Square.

Children's Day.

Trinity church, of this borough, will observe Children's Day next Sunday morning, services commencing at 10 o'clock. Holy Communion, Sunday, November 1, 1896.

Death Caused by Bleeding.
A six-year-old son of Ulysses Alderfer, of Norristown, while visiting in Lower Salford, accidentally chopped his knee with a hatchet a few days ago, and bled to death. About a month ago another child of Ulysses Alderfer bled to death from biting his tongue.

Philadelphia Markets.

Winter bran, \$10.00 @ 10.50; flour \$2.85 to \$5.00; rye flour, \$2.75; wheat, \$5.00 to \$8.00; corn, 30c; oats, 27c; butter, 17 to 21c; poultry, live, 9 @ 10c; dressed, 9 @ 10c; turkey, 15 @ 20c; mixed, 10 @ 12c; straw, 24 @ 41c; beef, cattle 3 @ 65c; sheep, 24 @ 41c; lambs, 3 @ 67c; hogs, western, 54 @ 55c.

RELIGIOUS.

On and after the first Sunday in June, the 7th morning service will be held (D. V.) at Union church near Shannonsville, Wetherill corners at 10.30. Worship in the afternoon as usual at 3.30 in St. Paul's Memorial church near Ochs. All welcome. Benjamin J. Douglass, rector.

Episcopal school at St. James', Evansburg, every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Royersford at 6 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, rector.

Evansburg M. E. church, Rev. A. L. Cooper, pastor. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. Preaching Sunday at 10.45 a. m. and 8 p. m. Epworth League service Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Prayer and class meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

Trinity Church: Wednesday evening, prayer service, 7.30 o'clock. Thursday evening, choir practice, 7.30 o'clock. Sunday, "Sunday School," 9 a. m. "Children's Day" services in church auditorium at 10 a. m.; Junior C. E. service at 2.45, the "preliminary prayer meeting," 6.45, the Y. P. S. C. E. prayer service, at 7, Mr. G. W. Kerstetter, leader; and, preaching at 8 o'clock.

St. Luke's Reformed church, Trappe: Preaching next Sunday at 10 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by Mr. J. G. Kerchner of the Theological Department of Ursinus College. Wednesday evening prayer service at 7.30. Y. P. S. C. E. on Sunday evening at 6.30. Junior C. E. on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Ladies meet on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to prepare garments for orphans.

Ironbridge: Preaching next Sabbath evening at 7.30, by Mr. E. T. Lentz, of Ursinus School of Theology; Sunday School at 2 p. m. and C. E. at 6.45. Strangers made welcome.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the whole of small and completely derange the system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is fearful to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents.

A Legacy Paid.

Jacob Pegley, of Pottstown, paid Monday to Rev. C. J. Cooper, treasurer of the Muhlenberg College, \$10,000, being the amount of the legacy for the endowment fund of that institution, left by the late Isaac Pegley.

Open to the Public.

We have been authorized to make the announcement that future regular meetings of the Town Council of Collegeville will be open to the public. The last Friday evening of each month is the time fixed for such meetings.

Football.

The Ursinus College eleven and the team from Mt. Airy Institute for the Deaf and Dumb played an interesting game on the College grounds last Saturday afternoon. Neither side scored a victory. Score: Ursinus, 16; Mt. Airy, 16.

Hydrophobia.

Patrick Henley, aged 32 years, of Lower Merion township, died of hydrophobia Wednesday of last week. About four weeks previous he was bitten by a mad dog on the wrist of the arm. The wound was slight and at first no grave results were anticipated.

Wedding Reception.

A wedding reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Hunsicker, on their return to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Haldeman, Ironbridge, Saturday evening. A large number of friends of the newly married couple were present to make the occasion a happy one.

Lutherans in Conference.

The Norristown Conference, comprising the Lutheran churches in Montgomery, Bucks and Chester counties, convened Sunday in the historical Lutheran Church at Swamp for a two-days' meeting, with a large attendance of ministers and laymen.

A Large Contract.

The Meyer & Erwin company at Ogontz in Cheltenham township, has received an order from South America for 15,000 dozens of digging forks, and preparations are being made to run the works to their full capacity. This order will give the concern steady work for several months.

Awarded Damages.

In the case of Frank W. Birmingham and Emma W. Birmingham, who were injured in the bridge wreck on the Trenton Cut-off, against the Schuylkill Valley Traction Company, a settlement was reached at Norristown, Saturday, by which the plaintiffs were awarded \$1,100 damages.

New Place for Holding Elections.

The court has made a decree designating Daniel Shuler's hall as the place for holding the election in what remains of the Trappe election district since the incorporation of the borough of Trappe. The court has appointed Walter F. Longacre judge and Milton Schrack and Daniel Shuler majority and minority inspectors respectively.

Those \$3.00 Blankets.

In our advertisement of last week we called attention to our \$3.00 wool blanket, \$4.90, weighing ten pounds, which we had been understood by some parties as meaning all wool, which is not the case; it being part wool and part cotton; but it is nevertheless the best, largest, and heaviest blanket for \$3.00 that has ever been offered in this market. N. H. Benjamin and Company, Phoenixville, Pa.

Dr. Stibitz Elected Pastor.

At a recent congregational meeting of the Presbyterian church at Glenolden in Delaware county, Rev. George Stibitz was unanimously elected pastor. Dr. Stibitz is a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., a graduate of Yale and Ursinus Colleges, and subsequently was elected professor of Hebrew and Old Testament theology in the latter, which chair he filled for several years. The reverend gentleman has a number of warm friends in this locality.

Norristown's New Burgess.

Saturday morning Judge Swartz appointed Elroy Williams to succeed his deceased father, John H. Williams, as Burgess of Norristown. The appointee is the eldest son of the late Burgess, and is in all respects a worthy young man. With all due regard for a number of applicants for the honorable position, we heartily commend Judge Swartz for the choice he made. The new Burgess will fill the position until after the election, next February.

Ladies' Aid Society.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Trinity church, this borough, was held at Ladies' hall—the home of Rev. and Mrs. Lentz—Monday evening. The program presented was as follows: Piano duet, Miss Sophie and Mr. Stanley Casselberry; Reading, Mr. Hottenstein; Vocal solo: Mrs. Jones; Reading, Miss Mench; Piano solo, Miss Sara Hendricks; Recitation, Miss Grace Gristock. After the program games were played. Miss Eva Bowman won the prize in the game "observation."

METHACTON LITERARY SOCIETY.

IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?
The Methacton Literary Society of Lower Providence will debate on the above question on Saturday evening, October 24, 1896. Married and single, old and young, bachelors, and those contemplating marriage are cordially invited to attend. In addition to the debate an interesting program of literary exercises and music will be rendered.

Bucklen's Arnica Salva.

The Best Salve in the World for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fovex, Scabs, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Joseph W. Gilbert, Collegeville, Pa.

MEETING OF CITIZENS.

THE MATTER OF WIDENING STREETS ENCOURAGED.

A meeting of the property holders residing along Broadway and School street was held at the Council room, Thursday evening, to take into consideration the project of widening the thoroughfares named. F. G. Hobson, Esq., on behalf of Town Council, explained the plan proposed and reviewed the various legal methods of procedure in relation to the widening of streets in boroughs. It was also shown to what extent the new street lines would affect the various properties, and how much land would be taken from each individual property owner. After discussing the matter for some time, a large majority of the directly interested property holders present signed a petition requesting Town Council to proceed and pass the ordinance proposed and released all claims for such damages as may be done their properties in widening and straightening Broadway and School street. It is thought that but little difficulty will be had in obtaining the signatures to the petition of two-thirds of all the property holders along said streets. This will be a long step toward making a much-to-be desired improvement to the new Borough. We think property owners are thus taking a very reasonable and correct view of the situation. The small amount of land each will dedicate to public use, will be more than compensated for by the additional attractiveness which will be made to their homes, and to the town in general.

\$4,000 Worth of Diamonds Stolen.

Early on Friday morning thieves entered the country house of Craig Lippencott, at Bethayres, in this county, and took away about \$4,000 worth of diamonds and other jewelry. From all appearances the thieves took plenty of time and made a careful selection of the most costly pearls, diamonds and other gems, and all were lifted from the different boxes so noiselessly as not to disturb the sleepers in the next room, less than ten feet away.

FARMS SOLD AT PUBLIC SALE.

A farm of twenty acres, together with modern improvements, near Trappe, belonging to the estate of John G. McFarland, deceased, was sold Thursday to David Reiner, of this borough, for \$2315. The purchaser is at present engaged with Gristock & Vanderville, lumber and coal merchants, and will take possession of his farm next spring. The personal property also sold at the sale brought fair prices.

The same day the large and desirable farm of 126 acres, located near this borough and belonging to Frank Brunst, of Eaglesville, was sold to Geo. W. Bartholomew, of Whitemarsh township, for \$5,560. The purchaser is known to a number of our readers, having resided a number years ago at Upper Providence Square.

Death of Mrs. Jacob C. Gotwals.

Sallie P., wife of Jacob C. Gotwals of near Lansdale, was attacked with apoplexy, Tuesday afternoon, of last week, and died in the evening about 7 o'clock, aged 53 years. She was in the cellar in company with a daughter, apparently in the mean time of health, attending to her household duties. Mrs. Gotwals was carried to her room and Dr. S. C. Moyer summoned. Mr. Gotwals was absent from home, having left for Philadelphia at noon Tuesday, to attend market. He was telegraphed for but failed to get the summons in time to reach home before his wife died. Mrs. Gotwals, who was well known in Upper Providence where she resided with her husband for many years, was a daughter of the late Israel and Hannah Place, and was a sister of J. W. Place, A. R. Place, Esq., of Royersford, and Mrs. L. Wilson, of Schuylkill county, and a daughter of Mrs. A. B. Schultz, of Centre Point, and Laura, first wife of John G. Grater, of Lansdale. She is survived by her husband and nine children, as follows: John, of Phoenixville; Laura, wife of Charles Adson, of Worcester; Samuel and Warren, of Philadelphia; Albert, Lizzie, Charles, Sadie, all of whom live at home, and Edward, who is a pupil at the Williamson School, Delaware county. The funeral was held Sunday. Interment at Green Tree, where a large concourse of sympathizing friends gathered to pay their last respects to the memory of the devoted wife and mother. Rev. J. H. Hendricks delivered the main discourse at the church, and Rev. Jacob C. Gotwals made a brief address. The preachers were Jesse Davis, Milton Detwiler, Thomas Griffin, John G. Gotwals, H. S. Ellis and Anthony Auer.

Life Insurance Money Disposed of.

At court last week the case of Mrs. H. G. Kulp in a suit against T. J. March, executor of the estate of her husband, Henry G. Kulp, late of Pottstown, was decided. Suit was brought to recover the amounts of two life insurance policies held by the husband of plaintiff, amounting to almost \$29,000. One policy was for \$20,000 in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York; another for \$3,000 in the Penn Mutual Company of Philadelphia, and accretions made the total almost \$29,000. After Mr. Kulp's death there was found in the safe at his place of business, an assignment of the said insurance policies to his wife. T. J. March, executor of the estate, declined payment of the policies named to Mrs. Kulp, and hence the suit. Pending legal settlement of the matter, the insurance companies had been notified of the assignment. The court directed a verdict in favor of defendant executor, and the insurance money was accordingly paid to the estate. The court also stated that the assignment of the policies, to be valid, should have been recorded in the books of the companies issuing them.

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY UNION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES CHRISTIAN ENDOWOR OF THE SCHUYLKILL VALLEY, IN TRINITY CHURCH AND MEMORIAL HALL.

The annual meeting of the Schuylkill Valley Union of the Societies of the Young People's Christian Endeavor, in this borough, Monday afternoon and evening, was a most noteworthy success throughout. The attendance at the afternoon session required every inch of available space in the large auditorium of Trinity church, while over one thousand persons taxed the capacity of Bomberger Memorial Hall in the evening. Delegations from various societies came to town from all directions, and the program was the scene of unusual animated activity. Between 5 and 7 o'clock p. m. over 500 visiting Endeavor people were very substantially entertained at lunch in the basement room of Trinity church, the chairs and benches having been previously removed. The Trinity church and C. E. Society members fully sustained their enviable reputation in the matter of hospitality to visiting visitors among them. It is not a surprise, therefore, that the annual meeting of the Endeavor people, Monday, is conceded to have been the most successful from every standpoint of view ever held since the organization of the Union.

Rev. J. F. Sheppard, President of the Union, presided at the afternoon session, the devotional exercises being led by Rev. T. R. Beeber, D. D., of Norristown, and Rev. J. F. Sheppard, of Conestogokene, spoke upon the subject of "Christian Citizenship." Vocal music by a quartette. The concluding address—"The Best Way of Vanquishing" was delivered by Rev. Wayland H. Hoyt, D. D.

At the business meeting in the afternoon, the devotional exercises were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. D. Hunter; Vice-President, Mr. F. G. Hobson; Secretary, Miss Anna B. Beard; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lillie Springer; Treasurer, Rev. S. H. Seeme.

POLITICAL MASS MEETINGS.

The crisp October air is charged with politics—politics here, there, everywhere. It is the chief topic of conversation, and the voters are preparing to cross-mark their ballots and once more help save the country.

As previously announced there will be a Republican meeting at Eaglesville this (Thursday) evening.

Monday evening of this week a Republican meeting was held at Black Rock. The attendance was good and much interest was taken in what the speakers had to say.

Last Friday evening a Bryan meeting was held at Sheeler's hotel, Trappe. The Humane Band, of Royersford, furnished the music. One of the speakers who advocated the "free coinage or silver" was Mr. Hiltelbeitel, of Greenlane, a candidate for the Legislature. The meeting was not altogether an orderly affair, we regret to state. In civilized communities it is to be expected, and reasonably so, that legitimate public gatherings should be conducted by peace and good order. The right of free speech, the right to express sincere opinions in relation to any subject whatsoever, is a sacred right, not to be infringed upon by those who may happen to entertain dissenting opinions. We repeat this much is to be expected in a civilized American community. The presence at the meeting of a number of college boys and several others who do not understand civility, and their loud cheers for McKim and deep, guttural groans for Bryan, proved to be the disturbing element at the gathering Friday evening. The result was embittered feelings on the part of those who were in sympathy with the political purpose of the occasion, together with a disposition to do the boys bodily harm. The close of the meeting some of the latter were forced to travel toward Collegeville at a pace considerably faster than an ordinary walking gait. Several of them received painful injuries, and it is fortunate indeed that the physical harm done was not more serious. Various reports have been circulated by partisan papers in relation to the affair. The Republican papers going to an extreme, the Democratic papers to the other extreme. So far as this report is concerned it is essentially correct, and easily substantiated. It is to be hoped that hereafter the young men of Ursinus, and those who are influenced by them, will not allow themselves to be the cause of a public disturbance and place themselves in such a position as to invite unfavorable criticism. The young men of Ursinus are not "bad boys" by any means, but like all boys and all men, they make mistakes. Their conduct Friday evening was a mistake, the like of which they should not be guilty of again—for their own sake, for the sake of the community, and for the sake of Ursinus College.

Barn Destroyed by Fire.

The large barn on the premises of Samuel Neiffer Jr., Limerick, and its contents of hay, grain, farming implements, etc., was destroyed by fire Tuesday last week. On account of the rain the adjoining buildings were saved. The barn on the same premises was burned about 15 years ago. There is evidence that the fire was of incendiary origin. The most dastardly piece of work was the placing of several dynamite cartridges under the wheels of the caps wagon so that when it was moved these caps were discovered just as the wagon was moved from the premises. The fire was caused by an explosion of dynamite. Structure and contents were insured in the Goshoppen Fire and Storm Insurance Company.

FROM EAGLEVILLE AND VICINITY.

Miss Stella Smith, daughter of John Smith, Esq., had a finger bitten by a mad cat. The young lady is being treated by Dr. Fry.

Miss Mary Longacre, daughter of Daniel Longacre, who has been suffering from an attack of typhoid fever, is able to be about again. Her sister Emma is afflicted with the same disease, and her father has been indisposed for several days.

Miss N. B. Schmuck who had been confined to her bed with bronchitis is now able to attend to her usual duties.

The Trolley Company has commenced to build the fence on the Presbyterian church property. No one will file an injunction on this delayed proceeding.

McKinley and Hobart meeting at Eaglesville this (Thursday) evening. We think the weather is rather cool for outdoor speaking. We furthermore believe that a large majority of voters will take a common sense view of the political situation.

Rev. C. R. Brodhead exchanged pulpits with the Rev. Shepard, of Conshohocken, Sunday; and Rev. W. C. Courson, of the Baptist church, with the Rev. Keefer, of the Centennial church. Our ministers were on "change, so to speak."

The bicycle craze has reached Schuylkill county, the wheels of the village having been pedaled to a wheel. Since the lady is a fine musician, we do not expect to hear music on wheels?

On Saturday evening Economy Lodge No. 397 I. O. O. F. initiated and conferred degrees on five candidates, and elected one. The Rev. Mr. Stoddard's recent opposition to secret organizations seems to have increased the interest taken in the same.

FROM OAKS.

Some people wonder why the young ladies up and around Geisinger do not take kindly to the young men of Eaglesville and many of the invitations to attend the opera and other entertainments given in Music Hall, Norristown. Try some other place; do as one young man did—go to Philadelphia for a change. Faint heart never won fair lady.

Who killed the rat? I, said Johnny Forker, I jabbed him with a fork—er, and don't you think I order just punch him like the dickens for killing our chickens. I killed that air rat. They'd better heed this proclamation, without further declaration, that all rats will get killed, wherever they are found, long-eared rats, bob-tailed rats, wherever they come round that they hadn't better come too close to Johnny Petr, but go with the silver party and hunt some other stamping ground.

Because a town is a borough, that's no reason any young man should wear a false moustache just to make the girls laugh.

Rastus says the Republican meeting which was to be held at Black Rock last Wednesday night one week ago was postponed because one of the speakers was sick and the other'n couldn't come.

The Philadelphia papers are filled with Crow, but John B. Dettra has a rooster—you ought to see him flap his wings and crow, knocked all the feathers off his sides flapping his wings just to crow. There will be a job for the coroner to subdue that crow. He is not a sandy rooster either, but a Plymouth Rock; but it makes little difference what platform he stands on, no boss will rule him, for he will crow for spite.

Mrs. John Lane and daughter of Hagerston, Md., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Scott of Perkiomen. Mr. Scott's wife is a daughter of Mrs. Lane.

Rev. Jacob Gotwals and wife celebrated their golden wedding on Wednesday last. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson, Mr. Isaac Price, Miss Leila Price, Mr. John Francis, Sr., and wife, Mr. John Francis, Jr., and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eno Deery and daughter Frances; Mr. John Gotwals and wife and daughters Edna and Jennie; Dr. Milton Rambo and wife, and Chester Rambo and Myrtle Rambo; Mrs. Rebecca Yarnall and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dittis. A very nice and pleasant time was had. Three generations were represented.

There was a very large attendance at the funeral of Mrs. J. C. Gotwals at Green Tree on Sunday last.

On Friday evening a number of our young people met at the Green Tree School House and reorganized the old and famous Green Tree Literary Society. The next meeting will be held at the school house on Saturday evening, Oct. 31, when the committee will be prepared to report and perfect an organization, and a short program will be rendered. All persons wishing to join are invited to be present.

Mr. John Davis, son of Milton I. Davis, has taken up his residence at Perkiomen.

On last Thursday night or early Friday morning, McAvoy's brick plant, about a mile above Perkiomen Junction, was destroyed by fire. The fire originated in the dry shed and in thirty minutes from the time the fire was discovered about every thing was burned. The buildings were built but temporary, as it was an original idea of Mr. McAvoy that brick could be made from the shale which could be had in great quantities, right on the ground. The experiment proved a success. The buildings are to be rebuilt at once. We hear there will be no insurance. Several men were thrown out of employment by the fire.

Two Lives Saved.
Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was sold by her doctors that she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she is saved her life. Mr. T. E. Eggers, 138 Florida St., San Francisco, writes: "I suffered with a cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which there are many, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Collegeville Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

Montgomery County Teachers' Institute.

The annual Teachers' Institute of Montgomery county will be held at Pottstown next week. County Superintendent Hoffecker is arranging the final details of an interesting and profitable program of exercises. Among the prominent lecturers engaged we observe the names of Prof. Angelo Heilprim, Prof. M. G. Brumbaugh, and Dr. H. T. Spangler. The first named is a distinguished geologist who is identified with the Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia. He will lecture Monday afternoon at Ringing Rocks Park, where the afternoon session of the Institute will be held, upon the geology of the Ringing Rocks. This is certainly an interesting and a most profitable program to all who are interested in Natural Science problems.

Compulsory Education.

Dr. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has sent a circular to school directors concerning the compulsory education law. He says:

"The law does not designate any specific time in which children shall be required to enter school, whether at opening of the term or at some subsequent time during its continuance. In order to avoid the best possible results it is advisable for School Boards to take such preliminary steps as are necessary to obtain the names of the children of the required age not in attendance, and to adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be deemed proper to enforce attendance in such cases. It is undoubtedly wise and proper to require attendance at the opening of the school term in cases in which no satisfactory excuse for absence is given by those in charge of a child between 8 and 13, inclusive."

Dr. Schaeffer counsels directors that they must rely on their good judgment in deciding mooted points in the new law. He has also issued a circular to the directors in the contagious disease act and compulsory vaccination of school children, in which he says:

"School Boards have full authority, under the general powers conferred upon them by the law, to enforce the vaccination of school children and to make a compliance with this requirement a condition of admission to the public schools."

He counsels discretion in enforcing the law, in order to secure a gradual compliance with its provisions all over the State.

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AN ORDINANCE

PERMITTING THE KEYSTONE TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANY OF NORRISTOWN, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA., TO ERECT POLES ON THE STREETS AND ALLEYS OF THE BOROUGH OF COLLEGEVILLE, AND TO PLACE WIRES THEREON.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Town Council of the Borough of Collegeville in Town Council assembled, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same:

Section 1.—That permission be and the same is hereby granted to the Keystone Telegraph and Telephone Company of Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa., its successors, lessees or assigns, to erect telegraph and telephone poles in, along and upon the streets and alleys of the said Borough of Collegeville, and to place wires thereon for the purpose of establishing a telephone exchange in the said Borough of Collegeville.

Section 2.—That the poles shall be erected at such places as may be approved by the Street Committee of the said Borough, and where the same shall be erected on sidewalks the said Company shall repair the part of sidewalk so disturbed, and shall so repair as to said poles and wires, which shall be of sufficient height so as not to obstruct the free use of said streets and highways, which height shall from time to time be determined by the Street Committee of said Borough.

Section 3.—That the Keystone Telegraph and Telephone Company shall pay the cost of the publication of this ordinance, and shall at all times furnish, free of all charges, one telephone for the use of the said Borough of Collegeville, and in place wires thereon for the purpose of establishing a telephone exchange in the said Borough of Collegeville.

Section 4.—That the poles shall be erected from time to time directed.

Adopted and enacted into an ordinance at the meeting of said Council, this second day of October, A. D. 1896.

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Approved Oct. 6, 1896.

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Will be sold at public sale, on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1896, at the residence of the undersigned, in Upper Providence, Montgomery County, Pa., half-mile west of Trappe, the following personal property: 1. A shoats, lot wagon with bed and ladder, rakes, push cart, wheelbarrow, plows, hoe, rakes, double tree, spade, grubbing hoe, rakes, forks and chains; work bench, lot of planes and augers, broad ax, a lot of chickens by the bushel, a lot of corn by the bushel; corffolder, when straw by the hundred, hay by the ton, a lot of apples and vinegar. Household goods: Cane-seated and Windsor chairs, tables and benches, beds and bedding, lounge, stands, rag and fugel carpet, bureau, desk, chest, wolf's head, a lot of dishes, pots and pans, parlor and stairs, wash and meat tubs, clothes wringer, Domestic sewing machine, and a lot of articles not mentioned. Sale at 1

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Milk	8.06 a. m.
Accommodation	9.06 a. m.
Market	3.17 p. m.
Accommodation	5.46 p. m.
SUNDAYS—SOUTH.	
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The cost of improvement is the first consideration. It is the aim of every farmer to make his farm better, as it is well known that as the fertility of the soil passes away the value of the farm decreases. The farmers of today are better educated than their fathers, as they have the aid of experiment stations and cheaper sources of literature relating to agriculture, and they are adopting the suggestions given them by those who are working in their interest. All progress made by farmers, however, is very gradual, as it requires a year or more to demonstrate facts that have been presented, and there are many details to be observed, according to climate, soil and other conditions, which prevent farmers from adopting radical changes too hastily. Many of them, however, fail to recognize that a gain to the soil is a benefit as well as the sum derived from the sale of the crop, and that when the soil is enriched it then contains additional wealth or invested capital which may bring in satisfactory returns in the future. This cannot be refuted, as every farmer knows that a fertile farm is more valuable than one that is impoverished, and that a poor farm requires an outlay of capital to restore it to its proper condition, while the other has capital lying idle in the soil, but safely invested.

AVAILABLE FERTILITY.

In all soils is an abundance of certain plant foods, though there may be a deficiency of some kinds; yet this abundance, like gold in the earth, must be mined and brought to the surface. It is useless until made available, and to obtain it is an object which should always be kept in view. The roots of plants are useful agents for that purpose, as they go down into the subsoil and bring plant food to the surface. This can be accomplished by growing plants, because they are capable of secreting organic acids which dissolve the insoluble substances of the soil, which are immediately distributed through all portions of the plants. Farmers who grow clover are aware that clover enriches the land and that it can utilize potash in the soil to better advantage than by the use of nitrogen, yet it is a nitrogenous plant and returns nitrogen to the soil plowed under. The advantage of growing crops to be turned under, therefore, depends upon their capacity of dissolving inert matter in the soil and making the land more fertile by rendering the plant food more available.

PURCHASING FERTILIZERS.

The soil may be well supplied with nearly all kinds of plant food, but it is impoverished in proportion to the strength of its weakest link. If there is a purchase of some fertilizer which the soil does not require, the cost to the farmer will be increased above the sum really necessary to supply his land. This may be demonstrated by referring to the fact that as clover takes potash from the soil and nitrogen from the atmosphere, a potash fertilizer will be cheaper for the land that has produced clover than will a supply of nitrogen; but all crops that produce seeds will be benefited by phosphates, though even in those cases much depends upon the kind of soil, and for that reason there is no possible mode of treating all farms alike, which renders it imperative that every farmer study his soil and observe the conditions to which it is subject. When there is an abundant growth of wood, with intense green foliage, nitrogen is seldom lacking in the soil, and if the stalks of plants are strong and the seeds well filled out and plump, lime, potash, and phosphoric acid may not be required. These rules are not infallible, however, but they will assist the farmer to a certain extent when he has under consideration the matter of procuring fertilizers.

AGRICULTURAL TOPICS.

A hedge is both useful and ornamental, and also adds value to the farm. In starting a hedge it should be protected by a fence until the plants have become of sufficient height to turn stock. Osage orange, with its prongs, can be made to keep the smallest animals out of a field if it is properly attended to during the first three years of its growth. The plants should be cut back severely, or partially cut and the branches interwoven, a process which is tedious but necessary if a closed hedge is desired. The only objection to hedges is the fact that they "draw" the land and require trimming every year, but they are cheaper than fences and will last for many years.

The roads would be much better if wide tires were used on all wagons, as they do not cut up the roads, but rather serve to pack the gravel. The State of Pennsylvania has a law exempting from certain taxes those who use wide tires, and as metal wheels are largely coming into use it is probable that in the future nearly all wagons will have wide tires.

Among the fruits that are seldom seen on farms may be mentioned the quince. Quinces bring good prices in market, and they are never plentiful. In some cities it is difficult to obtain them. The quince can be grown as easily as pears or apples on suitable soil, but will not stand neglect. It offers a favorable opportunity to those who have room for a quince orchard.

Pedigree does not give quality, but pedigree enables one to know to which family an animal belongs. In establishing a herd of cows the bull should have a pedigree embracing cows noted for their excellence, as he may be capable of transmitting the merits of his ancestors to his offspring. To use males with no pedigree, or which are from families with no records, is to accept chances in breeding which may prove disastrous. Pedigree is the guide, and should influence every farmer who purchases an animal.

Professor E. B. Voorhees, of the New Jersey Experiment Station, is of the opinion that the higher renders used in the country schools should contain mostly articles devoted to farm matters. The characteristics of breeds, soils, plant foods, cultivation of crops, and other subjects would prove not only interesting reading to pupils, but also at the same time instruct them in the very lines which will in the future be most beneficial to them.

If manure is intended to be used in the orchard, let it be applied to old trees instead of around the younger ones. Many old orchards can be renewed by careful pruning and heavy manuring, and it is an advantage to use an old orchard if possible, as it takes many years to bring up a young orchard to the bearing capacity of one that is established. Good orchards have been permitted to become useless because of neglect in not manuring the land, and as orchards pay better than some crops it is profitable to use manure on them.

Experiments at the Pennsylvania station show that as corn approaches maturity the amount of nutrition it contains and the digestibility increases rapidly, the total yield of the digestible food by the matured crop being two or three times that of the same crop in the silk, and 20 per cent. greater than when the ears began to glaze.

Peach trees can be cut back very low, which makes them stocky, but such trees, when two or three years old, are not as easily cultivated as trees that are higher. The low trees stand heavy winds better, however, and shade the ground around the trunks from the sun.

Where it is desirable to keep the dirt in place on any situation where the dirt may become loosened and fall away, it has been suggested by one who has tested them to use the Japanese honeysuckle or Virginia creeper, as the vines root as they grow, forming dense thickets of growth and take the place of sodding.

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