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OUR YEAR'S SUPPLY OF

**50 CENT JAPAN TEA.**

More and more every year.

We have been compelled on account of our increase of

**Tea Trade**

to buy in larger quantity and direct from New York importers. One Sample of this

**New Line**

will convince the most skeptical that our choice this year is unsurpassed by anything in Oakland county.

**COFFEE.**

We have changed our grade of 25 cent roasted coffee and find

EVANS & WALKER'S

**Aromatic Mixture**

will take first premium.

Try a pound of this choice MIXTURE.

**F. B. RAYNALE & CO, Birmingham, Mich.**


### Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—For fruit farm near Birmingham, house and two lots on Mill street, know as the Mercer place; also 60 acres of heavy timbered land. For full information apply to J. R. Corson, Jr.

FOR SALE—Cheap for cash, 1 one-horse wagon in good as new; half-springs; under-bottom; two spring seats; 1 buggy, 1 cutter, 1 plow, 1 harrow. The buggy and cutter will be traded off for wood. Inquire of Robert Baum, Birmingham, Mich. 12

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—situated one mile east of Southfield Center. 1½ acres of land, good cellar under the house, good well, fruit etc. For particulars call on or address, L. M. Dunbar, Southfield, Mich. 12tf.

FOR SALE—I offer my place for sale, consisting of a good dwelling and twenty acres of land, opposite the Birmingham grist mills. For particulars call on or address Chas. Wilson, Birmingham, Mich. 13 tf

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—I offer for sale my House and Lot on Saginaw street in this village, or will exchange for small farm. Good house, barn, well, cistern, small fruits, etc. For particulars inquire at this office. Lewis B. Moore. 2asp

Sixty acres choice land for sale or exchange for small farm near Birmingham. For father particulars call on J. R. CORSON & SON.

TAKE NOTICE—Having purchased a new chart of the Combination System I am prepared to do Dress Making, and will be pleased to see all my old customers and new ones, too, at the residence of Mrs. McBride, Martin street. Everything done at low prices. Call on Maggie McBride. 24 tf p

FOR SALE—Two new milch cows and a calf with each one. Can be seen at Grove Todd's, two miles east and one mile south of Birmingham. Prices to suit purchasers. Will sell cheap. Come and see them. F. W. Millerd. 19 tf.

FARM FOR SALE—I offer for sale at a very low price, my farm of 80 acres 1½ miles north and ½ miles west of Birmingham; good well, cistern and springs, young orchard, good farm buildings. Terms easy. Inquire on the premises or address, V. N. Dennison, Birmingham. 20tf.

BLACKSMITHING—I would respectfully announce to the people of Big Beaver and vicinity that I have just opened a blacksmith shop in connection with my wagon shop at the above place, and have a competent hand ready at all times to do any and all jobs of blacksmithing that may be offered. Charles Schlaack. 20 t

FOR SALE—A new milch cow. Inquire of Fred Stephens, Birmingham, Mich. 20

CHANCERY ORDER—State of Michigan, sixth Judicial Circuit in Chancery. Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Oakland in Chancery, at Pontiac, on the 31st day of July, A. D., 1884. In a case wherein Henry F. Meredorf is complainant and Mary A. Meredorf is defendant. It satisfactorily appearing to me from the affidavit of said Henry F. Meredorf, on file, that the said Mary A. Meredorf is not a resident of this state and that her residence is unknown, therefore, on motion of Miss T. Dean, Esq., complainant's solicitor, It is ordered that the said defendant, Mary A. Meredorf, cause her appearance to be entered in said suit and answer the bill of complaint filed herein within five months from the date of this order, and in default thereof the complainant's bill of complaint be taken as confessed by the said non-resident defendant. And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date hereof the said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in The Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed, published and circulating in said county, and that such publication be continued therein at least once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that he cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said non-resident defendant at least twenty days before the above time prescribed for her appearance.

CASS E. HERRINGTON,
Circuit Court Commissioner in and for Oakland County, Michigan.
SILAS T. PENN,
Complainant's Solicitor.
Dated August 1st, A. D., 1884. 8t, p 13.


## ELEGANT NEW LINE OF LADIES' NECKWEAR

in Cotton, Linen and Silk. The largest line of Children's, Misses' and Ladies' we have ever shown and at prices to discount them all.

It will pay you to make your purchases from our stock. We are also opening a very nice line of Ladies' and Gents' UNDERWEAR and offering them at prices to attract attention.

We are offering a very pretty line of mixed plaids for children's wear at far below last season's prices.

## To our Notion and Fancy Goods Department

We have added very largely and are opening this week. Ribbons, laces, novelty braid, snake braid, hair nets, garter webs, linen thread, bleached and unbleached, hair crimpers, invisible hairpins, rubber hairpins, crochet hooks, new buttons in great variety, towelings, table oilcloths and other articles too numerous to mention

## Are you going to paper your walls this fall?

## Buy your Wall Paper of us. Very cheap.

## Floor Oilcloth, Rugs and Stove Boards.

Remember that we are closing out on Hardware Stock at 10 off, and you can secure bargains in all kinds of Hardware and Tinware.

## IN GROCERIES

We can offer you inducements that are worthy your attention. We roast our own coffees and always have them fresh and as low as any in the county.

Teas, Coffees and Spices are our Specialties in the Grocery Department.

## CROCKERY, GLASSWARE and CLOCKS.

Highest Market Price for Butter and Eggs.

We invite your patronage.

## J. R. CORSON & SON, Birmingham - - Mich.

## OUR FALL CAMPAIGN IN FULL BLAST.

We are enabled to show a complete a line of Dry Goods as any house in Oakland County.

Our stock of Silks, Velvets, Velveteens, Cashmeres and all wool Plaids and plain all wool Flannels are all new styles and patterns and just received from New York markets. We have bought these goods at the very lowest market price, and shall sell the same at close margins in order to beat Pontiac or Detroit prices, as we are convinced that we can show the ladies of this vicinity as fine a line of

## DRESS GOODS

as any house in the county, and we propose to make low prices, as we believe a nimble sixpence better than a slow shilling.

We have the most complete line of Dress Ginghams.

We have the most complete line of Indigo Prints.

We have the most complete line of cheap Dress Fabrics.

We have the sale of the celebrated Broadhead Dress Goods.

We have the sale of the celebrated Buffalo Flannels.

We have the most complete line of the best Table Linen.

We have the best assortment of ladies' Silk Ties, Fischus, Collars, Hair Ornaments, etc.

Our stock of Men's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's

## UNDERWEAR

will be the largest in town and all of the best quality.

Our line of Men's, Ladies', Misses' and Children's

## HOSIERY

is the largest and best the factories offered.

We would respectfully ask an inspection of our Dry Goods Stock by the ladies of Birmingham and vicinity. Satisfied that we can save you money we offer as good goods at as low prices as any house in the county.

## IN BOOTS AND SHOES

we were never better prepared to meet the wants of our patrons than now, as our stock is the most complete in town, both in Fine Ladies' wear and Men's Serviceable wear in both Shoes and Boots. Our Men's Whole Stock Kip Boots take the cake at $2 50.

**A Full line of Men's and Boys' Hats and Caps. Our Stock of Gloves and Mitts has arrived. Fresh Groceries received daily.**

Now remember we have the best general Line of Merchandise in town, and are prepared to offer new Styles and Novelties in every line.

**F. BLAKESLEE & Co.**


## HOME NOTES.

*PERPETUAL NOTICE!*

*You will please notice date after your name as it points out when you will owe when your Subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.*

Drummers are thick.

Farmington fair this week.

Politics are ripe in this section.

What's the matter with Julia Crow?

We've had the last Roast of Summer," sure.

Hear Steve Trowbridge at National hall to night.

Miss Florence Whiting visited in Detroit last week.

Oakland county fair had a very bad week. Too bad.

Will Crombie of Detroit vacationized in town last week.

Miss Ona Furman spent last week with friends in Detroit.

The melancholy days are come—hold on! We agreed we wouldn't.

William Flinn made a flying trip to Commerce and Osseo last week.

Hyamith bulbs for sale at Mrs. I. F. Furman's at 75 cents per dozen.

There is trouble enough about it without airing it in our columns. Shame!

Eugene Brooks and Frank Reed returned from Wyoming territory last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bassett visited Eli Reynolds and family at Armada a part of last week.

James O. Beattie is chock full of deputy sheriff work of late and he does it up extra well.

The best remedy to keep a lady's hands free from chaps is a report that she has no money.

Correspondents should have their favors in by Tuesday morning. "Old Grumbler" is jaded.

Rev. G. W. Lowe will deliver a temperance lecture at Big Beaver on Monday evening next.

Mr. George Warner of Boyne City, Charlevoix county, is in town and will remain for some time.

Rev. S. N. Hill formerly of this place, will preach at the Presbyterian church on Sunday next, Oct. 12.

Mrs. Kate Alger is home from Pennsylvania. Mrs. C. W. Bruce went to Bradford, Pa., and returned home with her.

Mr. A. Muldraugh of Southfield is under the treasment of Dr. Gaily at Harper hospital, Detroit, this week for a sore hand.

Arthur Blakeslee has taken all the book accounts of the old firm of McBride & Blakeslee and will also pay all debts of that firm.

Mrs. D. C. Selleck and daughters, Mrs. Nellie Davis and Miss Eva Selleck, of Alpena, are in town, the guest of Mrs. P. H. Sherman.

Mrs. J. W. Fenn (nee Fanny Winslow) of St. Louis, Mich., niece of Mrs. S. T. Boyd, is at present the guest of that hospitable lady.

The polo club will choose sides and play a game of this enchanting game on roller skates, at the rink on Friday evening of this week.

Mushrooms have been the regular food of the blue-blooded epicures the past two weeks. Ask Mack Randall and Whitehead for particulars.

A fine flowing well now spouts forth a steady stream on E. A. Crawford's farm in Southfield and Johnnie is as happy as a bay steer in a 60 acre corn field.

The roller skating contest advertised elsewhere will be postponed one week if the weather is stormy and disagreeable enough to prevent a full attendance.

Union temperance meeting at the M. E. church on Sunday evening next. Address by Rev. Mr. Frazer of Holly. Good speaker. Everybody invited.

Julie Rundel has been doing a land office business in the thoroughbred sheep business, shipping small flocks of them in crates by express every day or so.

Don't forget to attend the meeting at National hall to-night. Go hear the Hon. E. S. Lacey and Steve Trowbridge. Ladies are especially invited.

Davenport brothers of Troy have the finest lot of Hubbard squashes for sale we ever saw. If you want any call on them and get a genuine Hubbard squash.

Mrs. E. A. Randall has returned from her western visit, of which trip she visited southern California, Colorado and other states, and had a most enjoyable time.

The Rev. H. O. Parker will try to inculcate the tenets of christianity in the hard hearts of the Rochesterites this coming year, from the pulpit of the M. E. church of that burg.

Johnnie Todd, son of James Todd of Troy, captured first premium at the county fair with his gallant three-year old Percheron colts, and of course Johnnie is proportionately happy.

Miss Maggie McBride has secured the agency for the combination system of dress fitting and cutting. She advertises elsewhere and gives terms and other bits of information. Read it.

S. B. Wattles of Troy can see thirteen of the electric light towers in Detroit and can count them plainly. These much abused flights must shine some in order to be seen that distance.

Special communication of Birmingham lodge No. 44, F. & A. M. on Thursday evening, Oct. 16, at 7 o'clock. Full attendance requested. Work on M. M. degree. By order of W. M. E. Brooks, secretary.

Bert Blodgett is home for a few days from East Jordan, Mich. He report Mr. Wilber and family as doing nicely, and that Mr. Wilber's health though not of the best, is from fair to middling. Bert looks thin.

On Monday evening last Miss Bertha Flinn was taken with congestion of the lungs and for a short time it was thought she must die. At present writing Tuesday afternoon she is in a very precarious condition.

That Bloomfield Centre pole will be raised on Saturday afternoon next and Bing a Blaine and Logan streamer to the breeze. Good speakers will be present and everybody is invited to come and help hoist 'er.

"You want to come down and see my Sy pound girl," is the proud exclama. tion that Will Fall is now shouting to the citizens of this place. She arrived Monday and doing nicely, and some all interested in the event.

Our readers will notice a change of ad. this week for Arthur Blakeslee, calling attention to his new line of wood and coal stoves and other seasonable goods. He is prepared to repair, clean and put up stoves in all cases.

John Rule, son of John Rule who not long ago lived here a year on the Trowbridge farm, is expected in from a five years' life in Texas. He expects his brother Will and family doing nicely. He brought with him two prairie dogs—great curiosities for this place.

At first we thought Beavis with his Great Eastern candy wagon had driven up in front, but upon closer examination we found it was only Cohor with his new and stylish wagon for the careful and proper distribution of pins, needles, yankee notions, etc.

William Gage, who has spread considerable paint in this vicinity, received a six years' sentence in state prison at Jackson at Pontiac last week for a criminal assault upon a ten-year old girl near Auburn. The sentence was good, but should have been for life—the unhung wretch.

Will A. Coomb has been visiting his relatives and friends, enjoying a short vacation before entering upon his new field of labor, that of billing clerk in the wholesale drug house of J. J. Dodds & Co. of Detroit. We have no doubt but that he will prove entirely satisfactory in his new undertaking. Success.

Gen. Wm. A. Throop, a well-known citizen of Detroit, shot himself through the head about 1:30 last week Wednesday morning. No cause is assigned for the deed which may prove fatal. He served in the first regiment called from Michigan by President Lincoln, and earned a splendid record as a soldier.

Rich men who have pretty daughters and keep good-looking coachmen have their tribulations as well as less favored sons of toil. Just now there appears to be an epidemic of foolish young girls eloping with their father's coachman. The disease first appeared in New York and has rapidly spread to all eastern cities.

"Good morning, sir; I called to see if you were in need of a coachman." "No sir! I am a millionaire and have pretty daughter, and I want no coachman" "Ah, kind sir, I am poor, but of noble birth, and—" well the now makes a noble effort to sit down once in a while, and the attempt is not graceful, to say the least.

Mr. Blaine will pass through this place on the D. & M. road on his way from Pontiac to Detroit on the 17th inst., Friday, at about 6.30 p. m. it is uncertain about the train stopping. However, perhaps this distinguished visitor will pop his head out of the window or in some way show himself to the Birminghamers.

At the peaches and cream festival at the residence of John Baldwin recently, a most enjoyable time was had and the success of the affair was mainly due to a certain few, whom the young ladies of the Brownell band wish to thank publicly for efforts which made the affair both pleasant to the participators and profitable to the band.

One day last week as the threshing machine of Schanite and Todd was coming out of the lane on the old Crosby farm, the horses ran away and upset the separator upon a horse and buggy containing John Donaldson and Judson Shuert, both of whom were injured, the latter receiving some severe bruises. The buggy was a total wreck.

Died at her residence in this place, Saturday morning, October 4, Mrs. M. J. Lacey. The funeral was held Tuesday, October 7, from the house, Rev. Thos. Middlemis of Wyandotte officiating. A very large number of sympathising friends were present and thus proved their deep love and attachment for this most estimable lady We are promised for next weeks issue an extended obituary notice of the deceased.

Sherman Brush and wife, while en route for Rochester last Sunday, and in front of the Hamlin farm, the breeching broke and frightened the horse, Mr. Brush being dragged out of the buggy, bruising him considerably. He succeeded in holding the horse and no great damage was done. They were soon on the way again, though some the worse for wear.

On this (Thursday) evening at National hall, Hon. E. S. Lacey and Steve Trowbridge will address the people upon the political issues of the day. Mr. Lacey needs no recommendation from us, as he is well known as a decidedly popular orator, while Steve Trowbridge will be kindly greeted by a host of his Birmingham friends who will remember his excellent speech in the last campaign.

The Rev. G. W. Lowe and wife have returned home for another year, become fully settled and seem to be as happy over their return and prospective years as their whole congregation can be. On their return a number of friends tendered them a neat little reception at their home, at which time they were the recipients of numerous pound packages—only that many of them weighed more than a pound.

G. F. Aldrich, our gentlemanly ticket agent, has, after considerable spearing around and bargaining, secured the last and only vacant lot this side of P. H. Sherman's, on Saginaw street. It was purchased of Mrs. Eliza Dolson of Ontario, at a cost of $100. Ground has been broken for a dwelling to cost $1,400. F. Matthewson, contractor, will begin the work immediately and we predict a cozy home for George and family in the near future.

Whitehead and Mitchell have a new scheme to benefit a close buying cash trade. They have issued credit checks with amounts from 25c to $1, and every customer who trades with them and pays cash will get one of these checks with the amount purchased punched out. When $20 worth has been punched out the customer gets $1 worth of merchandise free. Old customers benefitted and new ones are invited to come and be benefitted. Low prices and good goods is our motto.

"Mother," said a Maple avenue girl the other evening, "I think I might go out in society this winter. I am sixteen years old." "Hush, dear," said her mother, "you'd better wait until you know some of the duties of life." "Oh, ma," returned the aspirant for social honors, "I know all the duties now. There's Cholly Smith, and Jawgie Shadbolt, and Willie Stephans, and Cholly Hoffman, and Johnnie Cochell, and ——" "There, there," said the parent, "go to bed, dear, you bother me."

Don't fail to go to the skating rink to-morrow (Friday) evening as everyone who attends will be sure of having a good time. Ten Birmingham ladies will skate for a prize which will be awarded to the best skater. After this feature of the entertainment a match game of polo will be played by the two home clubs. We will say right here that anyone who has never seen this unique and highly interesting game played, should not fail to be present. The price of admission on this particular evening will be 15 cents, and also 15 cents will be charged for use of skates.

Mr. Samuel I Slade has begun a season's engagement under the management of Brooks and Dickson in their new play "Carbonier." He is now playing a three weeks' engagement in Philadelphia; from thence he will play in Albany two weeks, and sometime in November he will play a weeks' engagement in Detroit, at which time we have no doubt a great many of Mr. Birmingham friends will attend and see him in a professional point of view. We'll wager our dust that Sam will be along with the crowd at the head of them all.

J. L. Hudson, the popular clothier of Detroit, appears this week in a brand new ad. This house takes its place among the very first of all in this part of the state. His ad. tells its own story, his stock is very large and complete, prices wonderfully low, his salesmen polite and accommodating, and taking the whole business together it is a very desirable place to buy a hat, coat, pair of pants, a whole suit, an overcoat, gents' furnishing goods, or any of the fashionable line of goods which this live house carries. Call on them, tell the clerk the ECCENTRIC sent you and you will be well treated.

## COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE

### TOWN LINE

Mrs. Blair visited in Detroit last week and on returning brought her daughter and grand daughter home with her for a short stay.

Mrs. Emma Shoesmith is now visiting at A. C. Patch'

John McKinstrey has his grapes all marketed and a nice crop they were, too. Everybody went to the fair Friday.

A number of Young folks met at Patch's for a little dance Friday night—quite a surprise to the hostess.

Were you not in a hurry Will?

MY PENCIL.

### POVERTY X ROADS

Miss Lizzie White is to teach school at Cold Raine this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Bookham and Miss Jesse are visiting Mr. H. C. Parker.

Bert Blodgett has arrived home.

Wheat is looking finely, but a very small average has been sown owing to low prices and the drouth.

Why don't the parents of the scholars in this vicinity stir themselves and see that the school house is put in proper and comfortable shape for the coming cold weather. During the past vacation it was a resort for tramps who made good use of the desks and seats for fuel, and it is in a far worse condition than ever before. It should be replaced at once with a new building for the health and comfort of the little ones the coming winter.

Delusions: That water will run up hill; that we are to have a mild winter; that business will not be brisk after Presidential election; that Maxwell's sister is not red headed. MAXWELL.

### FRANKLIN.

Albert Herrick, in the employ of John Donovan, is about to depart for the north. He is engaged by Mr. Chrysler, formerly of Franklin, for clerk in his store at Harrison. Albert will be missed by the many friends he has made while here.

Bill Barrett is in town looking up the cause of the Prohibitionists.

Rev. C. W. Stevenson of Franklin lectured at Southfield last Thursday evening on prohibition. He reports thirteen converts to prohibition, all from the Republicans.

The people think that Partridge will have a walk away for treasurer, around here.

Mel Sly has got back from New York and looks refreshed over his journey. He says that all the people are for Blaine.

While Mel Sly was in New York he met Sam Slade on the street, arm-in-arm with two girls. Sam is going it in dead earnest.

### CLARKSON

The wheat sown has been greatly benefited by the recent rains.

Bowers is rushing business, but others find it rains too frequent to do much.

John Buell has a fine crop of Peachblow seedlings. He has a late Rose potatoe on exhibition at the store here, measuring 1 foot 1 inch in length.

Henry Blair is building an addition to his shop.

Born to Mrs. Wm. O'Donnell, October 5, a fine girl. Mother and child doing well.

Will Bell is fixing up his place which indicates something to take place in the near future.

Miss Alice Martin of Tuscola county is visiting her uncle, D. Kaiser.

Warm reception at Davenport's.

Bachelors, arouse and and onward is the battle cry of the determined. Remember what has been done can be done again.

### WARREN.

J. C. Mason wonders where the intemperate people of Warren get their whiskey to get drunk on. Answer next week.

C. S. Beebe, postmaster at Warren, refuses to give out mail on Sunday. Charley is getting awful pious all at once. Wonder if he knows how to play draw poker?

The whiskey sellers of Warren want Mr. Carlton of Ft. Huron for representative to Congress, free trade and free whiskey.

Mr. W— and family will soon leave town. They intend to spend the winter in the country.

Matie Ames, the young lady who has been sick for the last two or three months, died Monday, Sept. 29.

The preacher sent to this field of labor arrived last Saturday afternoon. Hope he is a good and sound man. Why? So he won't have to read all of his sermons.

The M. P. church is being repaired. Brother Crandle is in charge of the work. Give'im a quarter and see'im smile.

D. D. Ronan of Romeo addressed the Republicans of this place last week Monday evening. After his address the Canucks and half-breeds gathered in the hall way and gave three cheers for Butler.

OLD GRUMBLER.

## A Popular Weekly.

The Detroit Commercial Advertiser is the most popular weekly that reaches our sanctum, and we find it necessary to lay it by in some safe place, lest the "exchange fiend" always on a lookout for best exchanges should depart with it before we have had an opportunity to read it ourselves. It is a handsome 8 page paper, 7 columns to the page, exceedingly well printed from new type; and as adapted to the general demand for a first-class family paper, is unrivaled.

The first page is devoted to miscellaneous articles, wise or witty; the second page to an unusually full instalment of a first-class continued story; the third page to a very successful department of interest not only to the ladies but to their gentlemen friends; the fourth and fifth pages to current news of the day and editorials; the sixth page to the young people; the seventh page to a concise market report and general mercantile news; and the eighth page to the interest of agriculturists.

We unhesitatingly commend the Detroit Commercial Advertiser to all who desire a good general weekly in connection with their own local paper; and advise our readers to send a postal card request for a sample copy, which will be cheerfully forwarded by the publisher, Wm. H. Burk, Detroit, Michigan. Subscriptions received by Whitehead & Mitchell at the post-office.

## A Great Discovery.

Mr. William Thomas, of Newton, Ia., says: "My wife has been seriously afflicted with a cough for 25 years, and this spring more severely than ever before. She had used many remedies without relief, and being urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery, did so, with most gratifying results. The first bottle relieved her very much, and the second bottle has absolutely cured her. She has not had such good health for thirty years." Trial Bottles Free at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Large size $1.

### Zeb Vance's Denominational Experience.

I heard Zeb Vance telling how he captured he vote of a backwoods settlement in North Carolina when he first ran for Congress. He said he had never been in the settlement and did not know the boys. He rode over the mountains and found about sixty sovereigns at a cross-road grocery, and he got down and hitched his horse and began to make their acquaintances and crack his jokes around, and thought he was getting along pretty well with them, but he noticed an old man with shaggy eyebrows and big brass spectacles sitting on a chunk and marking in the sand with a stick. The old man didn't seem to pay any attention to Vance, and after a while Vance concluded that the old man was bell wether of the flock and that it was necessary to capture him, so he sidled close up to him and the old man got up and shook himself, and leaned forward on his stick and said solemnly:

"You are Mr. Vance, I believe."

"Yes, sir," said Vance.

"And you have come over here to see my boys about their votes, I believe?"

"Yes, sir," said Vance, "that is my business."

"Well, sir," said the old man, "afore you proceed with that business I would like to ax you a few questions."

"Certainly, sir; certainly," said Vance.

"What church mout you belong to?" said the old man.

That was a sockdolager—Vance did not belong to any church. He knew that religion and meeting was a big thing in the backwoods and cultivated their politics, but he didn't know what their religion was for North Carolina was a powerful variety spoiled. But he squared himself for the responsibility, and says he: "Well, now, my friend, I will tell you about that, for it is a fair question. Of course I is. Well, you see, my grandfather was born in Scotland, and you know that over in Scotland everybody is a Presbyterian." Here he paused to note the effect, but saw no sign of sympathy with his grandpa.

"But my grandmother came from England, and over there everybody belongs to the Episcopal church." He paused again, and the old man marked another mark in the sand and spit his tobacco way off.

"But my father was born in this country in a methodist settlement, and so he grew up a methodist." Still no sign of approval from the old man, and so Vance took his last shot and said: "But my good old mother was a Baptist, and it's my opinion that a man has got to go under water to go to heaven."

The old man walked up and taking him by the hand said: "Well, you are the first Mr. Vance, that ever came nigh unto the crowd, said: "Boys, he'll do, and you may vote for him. I thought he looked like a Baptist." And the old man slowly drew a black thread in his coat-tail and handed it to Vance to seal his faith.—*Intl Art to Atlanta Constitution.*

Something akin to free love flourishes in Arizona. Ordinarily wedlock is governed by the usual Chinese rules, but few of the couples living together are legally married. If a woman fancies a stranger she lives with him and does not lose caste. When the relation becomes irksome they separate, and if children have been born there are amicably divided. A child assumes the name of the parent who takes charge of it. In the village and country districts a peculiar form of hospitality exists. The head of the family is bound to offer a male guest the choice of his unmarried daughters. This is only common politeness. In the mountain districts exists a sect who consider sex as symbolic of the divinity, and who perpetrate obscenities in their temples.

### Plantation Philosophy.

De whitest shirt am sometimes got in de blackest way.

De pusson dat brags er fool mouf is er pusson wid er foul min'. De groun' itse'f is rank where de smartweed grows.

Er soft voice ain't allus de sign o' er tender soul. Some times it's a mighty pitiful cry, but, good Lawd, he's rank sizen.

I never seed a pusson so ignorant dat he couldn't pick out flaws an' find fault. Er c'un'fiel' nigger ken say dat de President am er fool.

Ef de aberage man had as much 'sire to tell de truth ez he has ter tell er lie, truth would become so plentiful and lies so scarce dat de numerous ob 'e lie would outshine de virtue o' de truth.

Honesty may run fur er long time in er family, but it sometimes runs out. De wust thief I ever seed wuz de son o' er hones' fadder an' mudder. It ain't right ter raise er chile ter believe dat he's boun' ter be honest jes' 'cause his fadder was. Honesty wid er man is like pacing wid er hoss. It may run in de family but de right sort of trainin' helps it mightily.—*Arkansaw Traveler.*

A Georgia gentleman is reported in the Atlanta *Constitution* as saying: "I can take forty Jersey cattle on a good farm and make more money than any other farmer ever made with forty negro slaves on the same farm. A man who owns a herd of registered Jerseys and a Georgia farm is richer than a man who owned the same number of slaves before the war. If every freed slave in Georgia," said he, warming with the subject, "was replaced to-day with a good Jersey, in ten years Georgia would be richer than if the emancipation proclamation had never been written. I am not a Yankee, let this, though: for if you do the Yankees might take a notion to come down and free the cows."

A Brooklyn bridge policeman says: "It is a curious thing that I am never asked the way by the Chinese. All other nationalities bother with their questions about the bridge, the railroad, etc., but John Chinaman, strangely enough, every time knows where he is going and the way to get there."

### GLEANINGS.

Fanny Fern's once popular books are now out of print.

Miss Mary Anderson says that it takes a heroine to be economical.

There are said to be 1,871, 217 illiterate voters in the United States.

Montreal policemen are required to speak both English and French.

Eighty million dollars is spent annually for public schools in the United States.

Twelve petrified clams were found at a depth of 250 feet while boring oil at Parisinia, Ohio.

Dr. Koch has received a grant of $100,000 for his labors in the cholera infested districts.