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CENTRAL STANDARD TIME.

GOING WEST.

Morning express	7.35 a. m.
Mail	11.10 a. m
Steamboat express	5 20 p. m.
Night express	11.20 p. m.

GOING EAST.

Night Express	4.30 a. m.
Holly express	7.10 a. m.
Grand Rapids express	11.10 a. m.
Mail	4.00 p. m.
Evening Express	9.00 p. m.

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W. J. SPICER, Manager.

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Toys and Fancy Goods, Toilet Sets, Vases, Colored Glass-ware in Amberina, Craquelled Glass, Rose Tints, Polka Dot in Amber Green and Blue.

Decorated Tea Sets, the most beautiful in the market at $5 00, $7 50, $10 00, $11 00 and $14 00 each. Toy Tea Sets, all styles and prices, Napkin Rings, Tool Chests, Rockers, Doll Carriages, Cradles, Sleighs, and Wagons.

Dolls in endless profusion from 1 cent to $1 25 each. Tin, Wooden and Iron Toys Banks from 5 cents to $1 00. Fresh

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Suitable for presents for both Ladies and Gentlemen. Beautiful Hoods, New Styles and many other goods in the line of Dry Goods. Buy a

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For your wife, mother or sister of us. Fancy Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Colored Lamps, Hanging Lamps, and Clocks from $1 25 to $8 50. All warranted. Look at our

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At $1 00, $1 50 and $1 00 each.

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Of every description at Lowest cash prices. You can save from 10 to 20 per cen on your Holiday Goods at

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One year ago this month we put forth a new idea to the retail trade and found much satisfaction in it to our customers as well as ourselves.

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Six per cent discount on every dollar Cash Sale.

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From Oct. 15, 1885, to Jan. 1, 1886.

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Plush Photograph Albums,
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Perfumery in Bulk.
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And a large and handsome line of 25 cent Goods, such as

Slippers, Drums, Match Safes, Pepper Boxes, Paper Weights, Brass Placques, Card Holders, Bronze Toys, Ash Receivers, Napkin Rings, Butter Plates, Ink Stands, Gilt Paint ready for use, White Holly Wood Shapes for painting and ornamenting, such as rolling-pins, stockings, hatchets, moons, fans, keys, etc.

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A Domestic Sewing Machine.

Send a postal card and have a first-class machine brought you on trial and get instructions in operating. Every one warranted to give satisfaction.

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Anyone not satisfied will have it made right by making it known. When we began selling these goods, there was a number of agents in the field, selling inferior goods, which all appear to have gone to a more congenial clime. When you buy a Sewing Machine, get a good one, made of case-hardened steel, high arm, light-running, and noiseless, with improved attachments. One that will do any variety of work, heavy or light and do it THE BEST.

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Dr. Ware's Sure Cure For Heaves.

Accomplishes what its name implies, and no medicine is equal to it for Epizootic. A trial of one can cause cure for heaves will produce greater results than four times the expenditure in any other remedy and convince the most skeptical of their real worth and reliability. Remember that these remedies are put upon the market as the best in the world. They are used by the most prominent Livery, Sale, Transportation and Express stables in Chicago, Detroit and other places as the Sale Dr. WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTIONS.

Times are hard. Then buy only useful Holiday Gifts of which you will find the best assortment and newest novelties of Men's and Ladies' Fancy Slippers, Fur Caps, Silk Handkerchiefs, Neck Scarfs, Hoods, Fancy Mitts, and a general line of Warm Goods that will be both useful and comfortable. Remember that we have something that will suit the purse of all. Call and examine our Holiday Goods, as we have taken pains to meet the needs of all.

F. BLAKESLEE & Co.

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

You will please notice date after your name on paper and re-report this tells you when your subscription expires. If your time is out please call and settle.

Miss Emma Scott was in town over Sunday.

Examine our Christmas stock. F. B. Raynale & Co.

Roller rink open all Christmas afternoon. Come and have a good time.

Prices for crazy work, 5c; fine Lisse Ruching 20c per yard at Mrs. Furman's.

Miss Etta Gray of Pontiac and Miss Jennie Thorne of Detroit spent Sunday with Miss Cora Brown.

Lost, between Birmingham and Franklin, a whip. Finder please leave at this office and oblige the owner

Somebody put a package of sugar in the wrong wagon a while ago, and the owner can have the same by paying for this notice.

Wanted: A strong active girl for general house-work at Norris. Wages $2 per week. Apply to Mrs. Barley, Norris, Mich.

Frank Cutting, township treasurer of the township of Troy, will be at the store of F. Blakeslee & Co. on Thursday, December 24.

Luther Stanley was a little under the weather last week, but is now nearly as good as new, for which everybody is happy.

Married, at the M. E. Parsonage, Monday December 21, by the Rev. G. W. Lowe, Mr. Almon H. Parks to Miss Bertha Flinn, all of this place.

Married, at the residence of the bride, December 17, Mr. August Miller to Miss Evelyn Park, both of Bloomfield, the Rev. H. Hood officiating.

Mr. Lon. Ferguson of Otisville, Mich., was in town the forepart of the week looking hale, hearty and well fed, and the same old Lon as of yore.

TAKE NOTICE.—All those knowing themselves indebted to L. B. Peabody will please call and settle either by cash or note by the 1st of January, 1886. L. B. Peabody.

Mrs. Ed. Lamb will pass her holidays with her own people in Ontario, visiting at St. Thomas, London, Paris and other places, and be back again ready for sewing a week from Saturday.

Lost, south of Franklin on Friday last, between Kern's and Ben Johnston's a pair of pantaloons and six silk handkerchiefs. Finder will be rewarded by leaving them at this office.

Whitehead and Gibbs have been very busy the past week putting up the telphone wire between this place and the glorious burg of Franklin, so now the people of Franklin can "hello!" to all parts of the state as well as anybody.

A very beautiful solid gold badge offered for the champion two mile racer at the Birmingham roller rink is on exhibition at the postoffice. It is a handsome affair and the winner may well be proud of his badge—when he gets it.

The report that our worthy comp put into the columns of this great moral engine that one-half of the rink had been sold to F. P. Beakman, is untrue in every particular, as Edson is sole manager and proprietor now and forever more.

For sale: Another 50 head of cattle on Lute Stanley's farm, one-half mile south of Birmingham. You will find calves, yearlings, two-year olds, and three new milch cows. James Todd will tell you the price and they are cheaper than ever. 2

I will be at the post-office in Birmingham for the purpose of receiving taxes, every Friday during this month (December) and at the office of the county treasurer in Pontiac, Saturdays, December 19 and 26, 1885. Geo. H. Mitchell, township treasurer.

A week or so ago Miss Hattie Leach had the misfortune to lose a $10 bill between the postoffice and the residence of Mr. C. Warner. If any one has been fortunate enough to find it they will be kind enough to leave it at this office and relieve the anxiety of the worthy young lady.

Hosiery, mittens, hoods and ladies' skirts at and below cost. Mrs. Furman.

Messrs. Farnsworth and Kelcher will sell at auction from the effects of the late Joshua Shuler, on Wednesday, December 29, at ten o'clock A. M., the following property: One horse, 2½ tons of hay, 175 bushels of oats, 225 bushels of corn in ear, 1 ton of coal, fanning mill, farm implements and many other articles. Terms easy. Sale absolute.

Finest cream candy stock in town for Christmas at F. B. Raynale & Co's.

At the annual communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. and A. M., held last Thursday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Eugene Brooks, W. M.; James B. Hunt, S. W.; Wm. H. Smith, J. W.; M. K. Taber, Treas.; Ira J. Chatfield, Sec'y; Augustus C. Tibbils, S. D.; Walter North, J. D.; Samuel Jarvis, Tyler; Phillip Durkee and Julian Leet, Stewards.

Last Friday night two tramps hailed M. K. Taber on the street asking him for assistance, a place to stay all night and something to eat, with a kind of a threatening air that they couldn't live without eating, and they couldn't stay out doors all night and freeze, and what was more they wouldn't, so M. K. ambled them up to the hotel and left them there. Shortly after that Moses, in reading the Evening News, read the account of the death of Con. Flinn by being struck on the head with a boat bolt in the hands of Thomas Davis, aboard the steamer City of Detroit, while at the dock in Detroit some three weeks ago. One of the men answering so nearly to the description of Davis that James O. Beattie was notified. The telephone was brought into use and at midnight Policeman Hard of Detroit came out to interview the prisoners. Morning came and the men were inspected by the policeman, who had arrested Davis at the time of the fight. Mr. Hard at first sight said it it was not Davis it was his twin brother, but on close examination it was found that this man had no scar on his right hand as Davis had, so the men were let go and they quickly left town.

A truly artistic, elegant and convenient work in chromolitography and the letter press is the Columbia Bicycle Calendar for 1886, just issued by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Boston. Each day of the year appears upon a separate slip, with a quotation pertaining to cycling from leading publications and prominent writers on both sides of the ocean. The notable cycling events are mentioned, and concise opinions of the highest medical authorities, words from practical wheelman including those of elegymen and other professional gentlemen; the rights of cyclers upon the roads; general wheeling statistics; the benefits of tricycling for ladies; extracts from cycling poems; and much other matters interesting to the public in general, and the cycler in particular, appear from day to day. In fact, into a little measure is crowned in a highly attractive way the past present and future of cycling—a virtual encyclopedia upon this universally utilized "steed of steel." The calendar proper is mounted upon a back of heavy board, upon which is exquisitively executed, in water color effect, a charm-combination of cycling scenes by G. H. Buek of New York. A mounted bicycler in uniform is sounding the bugle call while speeding past an echoing lake. In an other view a party of bicyclers are enjoying a spin by the light of the moon. In another a sprightly and pretty, and daintily attired lady tricycler bears evidence of the delightfulness of this health-giving exercise. As a work of convenient art it is worthy of a place in office, library or parlor.

Nice pickels in vinegar at the post-office for sale at five cents per dozen.

Trimmed hats marked down to 50c, $1 and upwards at Mrs. Furman's.

Notice to Tax Payers.

The treasurer of the town of Southfield will be at the store of A. A. Rust in Franklin, every Friday during the month of December, 1885, for the purpose of collecting taxes; and at Wm. Erity's mills, Thursday, December 24; at the residence of H. D. Hyde, Tuesday, December 29; at the town hall, Wednesday, December 30.

M. D. SLY, Town Treasurer.

From the People.

HE IS WILLING IF THE MAJORITY IS.

EDITOR OF THE ECCENTRIC.

Gents—Your article concerning the removal of the polls from Bloomfield Centre to Birmingham at first struck me as being wrong to move the polls from so near the center of the town off to one side. Now I am a resident north of the Centre, and still I think, after I have hitched up to go vote, that to drive to Birmingham would not be such a task after all—only a few minutes drive and then, when there, we could all have a place to go, our horses would be under shelter and cared for, and everything conveniently arranged, far different from what we now have, and generally the weather is cold, disagreeable and sloppy. By all means bring it to a vote and if the majority wants to move the polls, why let the majority rule.

A NORTH ENDER.

HE CAN'T SEE IT.

Gents—As to moving the polls to Birmingham I can't see it. Why should we go off to one side to vote when the proper place is in the center of the town, I should like to know? In the language of the late demented I say no! no!! no!!!

Yours negatively
THOMAS HOLLOWAY.

BIRMINGHAM, Mich., Dec. 21, 1885

HE IS FOR THE CHANGE.

Gents—For all I know I cannot see the consistency of our getting into a wagon every year and often twice a year and riding three miles to vote, and when we get there have no accommodations for man or beast. Most always the weather is deplorable and I have no doubt but that if the people north of the Centre would come to our village once or twice, they would wonder how they ever managed to go to the school house to vote. By all means let us have a vote on the subject and see the result. I am for the change.

BIRMINGHAMMER.

AN ENTERPRISING RELIABLE HOUSE.

Whitehead & Mitchell can always be relied upon, not only to carry in stock the best of everything, but to secure the agency for such articles as have well-known merit, and are popular with the people, thereby sustaining the reputation of being always enterprising and ever reliable. Having secured the agency of the celebrated Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, they will sell it on a positive guarantee. It will surely cure any and every affection of throat, lungs and chest, and to show our confidence we invite you to call and get a trial bottle free.

Detroit bread at Mrs. Furman's at 7c per loaf.

LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.

A literary entertainment and oyster supper will be held at the Covenanter church in Southfield, on Tuesday, December 29, 1885. Doors open at 6 p. m.; exercises commence at 7 p. m.

PROGRAM:

PRAYER BY THE PASTOR	Rev. J. McCracken
MUSIC.	
ADDRESS	Rev. J. A. Sherrard
MUSIC.	
RECITATION	Miss Lizzie Cannon
MUSIC.	
DECLAMATION	Mr. Pollock McDonald
MUSIC.	
SELECT READING	Miss Delia Stewart
MUSIC.	
ORATION	Mr. Will McCracken
MUSIC.	
SUPPER.	
Admission	
Single ticket	$ 40
Per couple	75
Children's tickets	15

Bold Burglary.

Last week Wednesday night, between the hours of 9 and 1 o'clock, some person entered the house of James Esmond and stole his pocket book from under his pillow while he slept, and took for his trouble and risk $152—the savings of a hard-working, deserving man, who can ill afford to lose the amount. Entrance to the house was made through the back door by boring a hole under the bolt and over it, then pushing in a wire upon the under side, raising the bolt and sliding it back, thus easily getting inside. It is thought by the family that chloroform was used, as Mr. Esmond's pillow was taken from under his head and stood up against the wall on the opposite side of the room. The amount of $150 was in the wallet under the pillow, and $2 in change was in his pant's pocket. A clean sweep was made, and no clue to the thief. It was kept quiet the day following in hopes that something would turn up, but it was of no avail up to the present writing. It is too bad, as Mr. Esmond cannot afford to lose that amount of money.

No More Trouble.

The Chicago Times under date of December 17, contains the following:

"Telegrams have been received by the Chicago and Grand Trunk railway officers at Chicago, to the effect that the health officers have been withdrawn from the trains at the Niagara frontier. Inasmuch as the health department is always exceedingly vigilant in matters protecting the general public, this is the strongest possible evidence of the discontinuance of small-pox in Canada. The traveling public will be glad to know there is no longer anything to fear on this account, either from danger of infection or any inconveniences that might arise from a rigid application of quarantine rules at the Niagara frontier."

OBITUARY.

DIED: In this village, Thursday December 17, 1885, Mr. Josiah Alger in the 77th year of his age.

His funeral took place at the M. E. church on Saturday last, Rev. G. W. Lowe and R. Bird officiating. A very large number of old friends were present and followed the remains to their last resting place in the Crook's cemetery. Deceased lately took a severe cold which settled all over him, and from which he never recovered but gradually sank away to his final rest.

Josiah H. Alger, son of Josiah, was born in Ontario county, N. Y., December 3, 1809. Came to Michigan with his parents in 1823; he remained at home, helping to clear up the farm, until the age of 22. He then started out for himself with a fair education, mostly self-acquired, and an abundant capital of physical strength and energy, which have made their record all along his line of march. He commenced by taking jobs of chopping, rail splitting, etc., until he acquired the means to buy 160 acres of land in Macomb county. In the spring of 1836 he located four lots of land on sections 29 and 30 in Mundy, Genesee county.

He was married April, 1837, to Mary A., daughter of Wm. and Susan F. (Howland) Stanley, of Troy, Oakland Co. Worked his father-in-law's farm for four years. Selling his Macomb lands, he moved on his own lands in Mundy, Genesee county, in March 1841, being compelled to cut a road one and one-half miles to reach it; but, by dint of persevering energy and the impetus of a strong will, he soon had a trail to his land, a log house staked, chinked, a stone and mud fireplace, to which he improvised a mud and stick chimney, a floor of split stuff, doors, etc., after occupancy. The first year he grew of potatoes, roots, corn and oat fodder sufficient for self-use and some to spare. In the fall he sowed some 20 acres of wheat, which, when harvested, he threshed with a flail on a ground floor, taking it to Pontiac and Detroit and exchanging it for store pay at three shillings and sixpence per bushel. Those were the times that tried the souls of men, even of iron nerve, to meet the demands of nature and taxation—the latter of which often periled all. As but little of the wild-cat money had an exchange value and nearly all business was transacted by barter and exchange of produce commodities, the pioneers experienced trials which only an indomitable courage and an abiding faith in the future enabled them to meet, and to persevere until the dawn of "better times."

In those days there was no social ostracism. The crotch dray and ox-sled were the principal means of transit, and with those neighbors used to get together, winding their way through the woods to each other's homes to dance, scrape a turnip, exchange hunting tales and other life scenes; speculate on new projects, public and private, and after the midnight banquet of biscuit, (baked in a tin oven, there being no stoves) and wild honey, with a bit of dried venison, or perchance bear, they repaired to their several homes, without bickering, happy and content with each other and their surroundings. The men and women then wore homespun for common and nice, with factory, colored with butternut and oak bark for a change.

Mr. Alger was spoken of as a very estimable neighbor, and universally esteemed by all in his old home, where he resided for sixteen years, during which time he filled the office of supervisor and that of commissioner for several years. Having, in 1849, by heirship and purchase, become owner of the Wm. Stanley farm in Troy, he rented his Mundy farm and removed there in 1857, where he remained until 1870, when he purchased a fine residence in Birmingham, three miles from his farm, where he ended his days. Mrs. Alger, was born February 29, 1820, and died November 26, 1874. For his second wife, Mr. Alger married Mrs. Clarissa Armstrong November 1, 1875, a most estimable widow lady, with whom he lived until his demise, surrounded by a host of friends and with every needful comfort in his declining years.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to return our sincere thanks to the many friends who aided and assisted us during the late illness of our husband and father.

MRS. C. ALGER AND FAMILY.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

POVERTY X ROADS.

Mrs. Bert Blodget has been very sick, but is now improving slowly.

Charlie Leach, who has been out west the past six months, is home and he tells some pretty wild stories.

Mr. Schuyler starts east on a visit this week to be gone five or six weeks.

Frank Denderson visited at James Sharp's over Sunday, ditto Henry Landeun.

Miss Grace Parks is the happy owner of a new organ.

Charles McRoberts of Ionia visited at Wm. Parks' the past week.

TOWN LINE.

Mr. Ed Brooks and daughter May have been visiting Mrs. Frank Swan.

Our school is progressing finely. We will have two weeks' vacation during the holidays.

Dennis Kelley left last week for Traverse City, where he has a situation in the N. M. A.

Frank Swan is numbered among the farmers in Pontiac. New business for a farmer.

Mike McCann's sentence will take him to Ionia for nine months.

Mrs. Hodgden spent several weeks in Chicago lately.

Mr. Leuton has dismissed his former house-keeper and taken a cheaper one. We predict that Joe will be the cheap one in a few weeks.

COUNTY LINE.

Charlie Gamble is laid up by a fall from a building.

Mrs. C. McRoberts of Ionia is visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mrs. John Harris has bought 40 acres of land near Lexington.

Mrs. Wm. Hawthorn intends spending the holidays with her brothers at St. Joseph, Mich.

Sam Hawthorn has bought a new carriage from Charlie Schlanck at Big Beaver.

The Rev. J. A. Sherrard has been calling on the far-east members of his flock the past week.

Wm. Truesdale, James Bigham and Tom Brace are in Tuscola county on a visit and hunt.

SOUTHFIELD.

J. K. Adams is recovering from his recent illness. He has moved to his Bloomfield residence.

Al. Prindle has purchased the farm of Mr. Reed, formerly owned by Alex Neil.

Miss Lizzie Rush is monarch of all the surveys in district No. 7.

Mr. Boyd spent Sunday with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Neil have agreed to disagree. What's that?

Wonder if Robbert Hanna is happy now? His house is relathigled, and chimney topped out, and a good wife in the house to drive him about.

Elmer Monroe will spend Christmas with friends in Genesee county.

John Croft has gone to Saginaw county for the winter.

The third of a series of socials given by the young folks of the U. P. church was held at John Erwin's in Southfield last Friday evening. A pleasant evening was spent by all and a goodly sum placed in the treasurer's hands.

AN ANSWER WANTED.

Can any one bring us a case of kidney or liver complaint that Electric Bitters will not speedily cure? We say they cannot, as thousands of cases already permanently cured and who are daily recommending Electric Bitters, will prove. Bright's disease, diabetes, weak back, or any urinary complaint quickly cured. They purify the blood, regulate the bowels and act directly on the diseased parts. Every bottle guaranteed. For sale at 50c a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

FRANKLIN.

Charlie Sly and Ed Stehle are visiting friends near Linden.

George Durkee is convalescent under the careful treatment of the Drs. Buel.

Edla Park stayed with Addie Sly Wednesday night and attended the donation.

Hattie Durkee leaves this week to visit friends in Tiffin, Ohio.

The magic lantern show Friday night was a complete success. Come again Will.

Telephone line number 2 on the mail route will soon be able to say, Ah there!

George Beemer from Romeo has been visiting Frank Park for two weeks past.

George Gordon and Walter Durkee expect to take an extended tour through the Western states this winter.

The donation for Rev. Long, the Methodist minister, was held at James Cox's Wednesday night and everyone had a good time.

Many of our young folks will take in the first club dance at National hall, January 8th.

The band is progressing finely. There is talk of having a social at Frank German's for their benefit.

A Christmas tree at the U. P. church next Thursday effening. Come one and all.

WEST BLOOMFIELD.

Gadway of the Orchard Lake hotel is in a peck of trouble. He has had warrants served on him for four different complaints, viz: For selling liquor within two miles of the M. M. A.; for selling to minors; for selling on Sunday, and for selling without a license.

The tax gatherer is once more among us with his smiling phiz.

We hear some complaint about the tardiness of the building committee in district No. 7.

Card parties are coming in fashion again.

Sidney Barton has gone to Iowa to deliver some Holstein stock which he sold to his brother.

Byron Bigelow started last week on a western tour.

Lyceums have commenced at the Green school house.

Miss Adaline Harris is visiting relatives at Four Towns.

W. T. Coulter has been to Michigan City and Chicago visiting his brothers.

The register of deeds must have had a picnic a week or so ago. Within a radious of three miles there were seven farms changed hands.

Feminine cyclones are all the rage at present and one of them came near striking us last week.

All we yearn for now is a brass band to match Franklin.

Alfred Browning is very low at present.

Mrs. Wm. Worthington is failing very fast.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, 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 Whitehead & Mitchell.

A Japanese Baby.

When Kine, the little Japanese baby, was one hundred days old she was carried to the temple, just as some American parents take their children to the church to have them christened, though Kine's parents do not know or worship the true God. The priest wrote a prayer on a piece of paper and put it into the prayer-bag, which was small and made of red crape, embroidered in white flowers and drawn together by silk cords. This bag containing the prayer was the "guard from evil," and it is devoutly believed by all Japanese to have the power of keeping children from evil spirits, from delusion by foxes,—for the people think that foxes can cheat or enchant people,—and from all dangers. This little red bag was attached to the girdle behind. After bestowing a gift in money upon the priest, the parents and relatives returned home with the little girl and held a great feast in her honor. Kine was carefully nursed, and carried on the back of a faithful servant, who fastened her there by a long string or bandage drawn around the waist and legs of the child, and crossed over the neck and shoulders of the maid. Her little head and bright eyes would bob on every side as her nurse walked and ran, and here she would go soundly asleep, or play as any baby would. She was never carried in any person's arms. Japanese babies seldom are. When Kine's aunts or cousins wished to coax her away from her nurse or mother, they would hold their backs invitingly, and she would put out her little arms and go to one or another as she chose. Clasping tightly the neck of the favored one, and held there by the feet or legs, she would be as happy as if cuddled up in the arms. As the baby grew and began to walk, little sandals made of straw were put on her feet. These were fastened on by putting the great toe through a loop. When she was a year old her hair, which had been shaved, was allowed to grow a little, and then tied on the top in a very funny fashion. Every year it was worn differently.—*M. C. Griffis, in St. Nicholas for March.*

Mrs. Farman sells newspapers and magazines and would like to increase her subscription list; also sells Franklin Square and Seaside publications.

New winter millinery at Mrs. Furman's.

I shall close out my winter millinery goods at lower prices than was ever before known in Birmingham. Call and see for yourselves. L. T. Furman.

A variety of fine velvet bonnets will be sold very cheap; also a fine line of hoods. Mrs. Furman.

The greatest foe of American people is consumption; its victims number many thousands each year. Physicians and druggists have at last found a remedy they feel justified in recommending. It is Dr. Bosanko's cough and lung syrup, which cures consumption in stages that other remedies are of no benefit. It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lung diseases speedily and safely. Price 50c and $1. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.