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Our expected invoice of 50 cent Japan

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has arrived. If any of our customers wish an excellant drink just try our

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We have made a grand effort to secure a fine supply and bought a large quality because we knew it was

GOOD.

Choice new mackerel in pails	$0 65
Choice tea dust, 2 lbs	45
Pure paris green, 5 lbs	1 25
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Best cream cheese	10
15 boxes matches	25
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Diamond Dyes and other dye stuffs now ready for the season. We give bottom prices on the above.

We are now able to do any kind of

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in a careful manner and desire to make a specialty of this branch.

F. B. RAYNALE & Co.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

FOR SALE. The McLaughlin homestead lots 8 on Pierce street, are left in the hands of A. Partridge for sale. They will be sold separately or together. Apply to Mr. Partridge for particulars. tf

I WANT to sell or trade for a good span of work horses a new Birdsall Thresher, (run only one month). Also my traction engine new (run only ten days.) Both of these pieces of machinery are really new, and some one can get a bargain by calling on Henry S. Becker, Big Beaver, Mich. 6tf

NEW BARBER SHOP, in Birmingham. I offer my services as Barber and Hair Cutter, and ask the patronage of the people of Birmingham and vicinity. Shop will be open every evening and I will be ready to work from six o'clock out. Saturday open all day. Hoping by strict attention to business, courteous treatment of my patrons, with a clean shop, and new tools, I am Yours respectfully,
CHARLES R. HOFFMAN.
Shop opposite postoffice on Pierce street.

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CORNER CONGRESS AND BATES STS.,
DETROIT, MICH.

RATES $1 to $1.25 per Day Single Meals, 30c. Lodgings, 35 to 50 Cs

We make a specialty of Dinner and it is ALWAYS ready at 11:30 sharp. Come early and be served promptly.

KERMOTT'S PILLS.

These pills have been prepared and used by the doctor in his extensive practice for more than quarter of a century. Compounded from simple roots and plants, they have this advantage over all others, that NO HARM CAN POSITIVELY RESULT FROM THEIR USE. Their action on the liver and Kidneys is thorough, thus cleansing the system of impurities, with none of the injurious effects of powerful and dangerous minerals. They will positively cure

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They are a vegetable Tonic Purgative, absolutely harmless under all circumstances, never injuring the weakest female or the youngest child. They may be used as a Mild Laxative, and by increasing the dose they will act as a brisk cathartic, making them the best Family Medicine in the world. For sale by Druggists.

I HAVE just bought a new St. Paul Self Binder and offer to my friends and neighbors my service with machine for the coming harvest. Satisfaction guaranteed. For particulars, call on me or write a postal to E. F. Joyce, Birmingham Mich. 7tf

FOR SALE, a desirable vacant lot on the corner of Fremont and Henrietta streets. For further information inquire of D. W. Hewitt, Birmingham, Mich. June 25 4 wks

FOR SALE, a horse, buggy and harness all in good order for only $100. A bargain for anyone wanting such a rig. Will sell together or separately. Address, G. F. Aldrich, Birmingham, Mich. 9 1m

FOR SALE.—I have for sale one Halliday Stan d feed wind-mill, pump, tank, etc. Have plenty of water without priming it; also one platform spring wagon with pole and shaves; also one middle pony, weight about 500 pounds. Mason Leonard, Troy, Mich. 5 7t

We offer this Month

The largest line of Ladies' Gloves in Lisle Thread, Silk, Cotton and Kid in town, and at prices that will sell them quick. Ladies, look at our line and prices of Hosiery and Handkerchiefs before you buy. We are offering bargains. Be sure you see our White Goods, they will please you. Look at our Gauze Underwear. Fine and common grades of Rick Rack, Feather-edge Braid, Ladies' Linen Collars, Plush Ornaments, Chenille, Arrasene, Ribbons.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

this month on Dress Goods.

Look at our Goods.

Get our Prices.

It will pay you.

We can please you.

For low prices on Parasols we will take the cake.

Fans! Fans!

Embroideries, Veilings, Jersey Jackets, Shirts, Towelings and Tablenigs.

Elegant, Beautiful, Lovely Lap Dusters.

LOOK AT THEM.

Whips from 15 cents to $2.00. Hammocks, Hammock Ropes and Stretchers, Furniture Fringe, etc., etc. Our prices on Groceries are winning us trade every day. Crockery, Clocks and Glassware at very low prices. Trade with us and save money.

J. R. Corson Jr., & Co.,

Birmingham - - Mich.

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F. Blakeslee. V. Nixon.

OUR REDUCTIONS.

In order to make room for our Fall Stock we will sell

Men's Plow Shoes at $1, former price $1 40.

Men's Canvass Shoes at $1 25, former price $1 75.

Men's serg Congress Shoes at $1 50, former price $2.

OUR EN TIRE LINE OF LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS AND WALKING SHOES AT A REDUCTION.

INSPECT OUR BOOT AND SHOE STOCK BEFORE YOU BUY.

DRY GOODS.

Best check ginghams 8c, former price	$ 10	Best gingham chambrays 10c former price	$ 12½
Best dress ginghams 10c, former price	12½	Best figured muslins 20c, former price	25
Best summer lawns 10c, former price	12½	Good figured muslins 15c, former price	20

Our line of White Dress Goods at a discount of 10 Per Cent to Close Out.

We have the best selection of Dry Goods in town and can save you money.

Our entire line of Men's and Boys' Straw Hats at cost to close out.

We have the best assortment of Men's Overalls, Cottonade Pants and Jumpers in town.

FRESH GROCERIES

always on hand and prices the lowest in town. Call and inspect our stock, as we shall make very low prices for the next 60 days. We MUST have the room for our Fall Stock.

F. BLAKESLEE & CO.,

Birmingham - - - Mich.

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

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

To Mrs. Frank Hollister last Sunday—a boy.

Fishing and camping out is the general order of the day.

Miss Lillie McMaster of Detroit is visiting friends in Chicago.

Joe Stockwell and wife visited relatives in town over Sunday.

Levi Wooster of Clyde, made his friends a brief visit last week.

Tom Wiley and family of Owosso visited relatives in town the past week.

Reduced prices on straw hats, fine assortment, at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's.

Rev. G. W. Lowe and wife contemplate a visit to Petoskey for a short time.

Services at Library hall Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. Subject, "Let's Wife."

The Bill Poster starts out on its eighteenth year full of health, happiness and prosperity.

Mrs. M. Hawley and daughter of Syracuse, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corson.

A girst class cow and heifer calf for sale. Can be seen in at my place in Birmingham. Ed English.

I shall close out my stock of trimmed hats and bonnets at very low figures. Shawls at cost. L. T. Furman.

Mrs. J. L. Robinson and son of East Tawas, Mich are visiting with Mrs. R's father, H. H. Chatfield, in Troy.

Julian Leet is back again with Ira Slade at the depot, where he will be pleased to see all his old friends.

All who want to get red raspberries of Sam Alexander will please leave their orders with J. R. Corson jr. & Co.

If you want to buy a 2-year-old Percheron colt, read Jim McKinley's advertisement in cheap column this week.

Samuel Alexander is shipping immense quantities of red raspberries to Detroit and gaining much wealth from his enterprise.

Moses is talking Harbor Springs again and wouldn't wonder but he'd start some of these days on a five minutes notice to his family and none to his friends.

A Sixth District Press Association to be held at Orion is now talked of. Think it will materialize and no doubt Owosso will get there this time How is it?

Mr. Geo. C. Wallace formerly of this place has returned to his first love and opened a first-class grocery store at Winfield, Kan., and is doing very nicely.

Two mammoth heads of lettuce, the largest we ever have seen, were brought to us by Mr. E. Benedict. Not only being a curiosity for size they were delicious. Thanks.

A. R. Donaldson who has long been in the employment of Ira Slade at the depot, has gone to Davisburg to embark in the same line of business on his own hook. Success Albert.

Lost, a large black silk parasol a week ago last Saturday evening between Birmingham and Mrs. John Lowes'. Finder please leave at this office and receive the thanks of the loser.

Dame rumor saith that a prominent, life long democrat of this place will soon take possession of a desk in the U. S. Land Office at a nice snug salary and light work. Good enough.

Despite the reports to the contrary, the hay in this vicinity has been generally secured with but little rain and the farmers say that corn and other crops are looking most excellent.

Died, at his residence in Royal Oak, July 8th, of congestion of the lungs, Mr. John McBride, aged 77. He leaves a wife and six children, and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss.

Joe Beltz the sturdy young man well known in these parts was laid up the fore part of this week by sickness, but Dr. Campbell with his medicine bag, straightened Joseph out in a jiffy.

Rubbers for fruit jars and pint, quart and two quart jars, cheap at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's.

Mrs. Wm. Allen has gone on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Green of Brainerd, Minn. She will make an extended visit and on her way home return via Lake Michigan, making a most enjoyable trip.

Messrs F. Durkee and I. Maybee are seeking the seclusion that a visit to Petoskey, Harbor Springs and other summer resorts grants—and are doing a great double visiting act in good shape and most enjoyable manner.

A man employed by Dan Barwise in Troy, one day last week cutting brush, was bitten by a rattlesnake and would have died from the bite but for a liberal supply of whiskey, perhaps on the home plan of "simlia sunibus curantur."

Full cream New York cheese 10 cents per pound, granulated sugar 7 cents per pound, fresh butter crackers, Boston crackers and vanilla wafers at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's

Somebody from this postoffice sent some money to a music publisher in Toronto for some sheet music, but failed to sign their letter, so the honest publisher has sent the music to Whitehead, postmaster, to give to the owner when he or she can come and prove property.

Mrs. A. Miller has been on a visit with her sons Charles and Mark at Vassar, but being taken suddenly ill was forced to return to her daughter's, Mrs. John Snow of this place on Thursday evening of last week. We sincerely hope her illness may prove only temporary.

Week after next the good ladies of the M. E. church will give a harvest lawn social at the residence of Dr. C. M. Raynale. Further notice will be given and ample preparations made for the pleasant and interesting entertainment of as great a crowd as may possibly attend

An interesting programme is on the docket for next Sunday evening at the M. E. church. We understand that Rev. Lowe and wife will do some singing and six young ladies and little girls will do some speaking. Some of the choir will also add to the interest of the occasion by solos, etc.

Will Masters rejoices over a grand flowing well struck last week for him by Messrs Flinn & Randall, after boring 147 feet. The water comes in a three quarter inch stream, eight feet above the ground, being sufficient to carry it to all parts of the house for any use wanted. Verily it is a great blessing.

The Ladies' Library Association are rejoicing that without the aid of any horrid men or Moses, they have themselves and with just cause and provocation hired J. H. Carter to dig them one of his never failing drive wells and he has done so successfully, as a good pumping well is now ready for use.

The Panorama of the Battle of Gettysburg, on exhibition in Chicago, is considered by everyone the greatest attraction of the Garden City. It is visited daily by hundreds of people, and everyone says it is the greatest exhibition they ever saw. We can only say that nobody should fail to visit it while in Chicago.

Mrs. Willie C. Jenks presented her husband with a fine little baby girl one day last week. Mr. Cooper immediately raised Will's wages as manager of the Cooper Farm but told him distinctly that he must not let it happen again as nothing short of a boy would be noticed in this way hereafter. Will is happy as a lord, just the same.

Wm. Jones of Novi found a tramp plundering his house and consequently filled said tramp chuck full of shot, inflicting wounds resulting in death. The coroners jury brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide, fully exonerating Mr. Jones from all blame in the matter. Perfectly. That's the way we serve burglars and that class of cattle in this vicinity.

Some low minded, mean slink put seven iron rods around in a meadow belonging to O. Poppleton and when the mowing machine began to run they were all found. Fortunately the team was steady and with a careful driver no great harm was done; but such work is below any crime we know of and the perpetrator ought to be discovered and severely punished.

One day last week lightning struck the house of Major Jones', in Troy. Miss Florence was standing back of the house letting the rain drop on her head from the eaves when the bolt arrived, and for an instant she seemed to be completely enveloped by a blue flame but strange to say no shock was felt or injury sustained by her. It will cost about $25 to repair the house.

All Michigan prospective post-masters are on the qui vive, for their wishes, it is promised will soon be gratified, that is, one to each office. Wilbur S out has the promise of the Pontiac office, and A. J. Bateman has his commission for the Rochester postoffice. Whitehead comes down every morning and looks into the store and if the office is still there, he marches in and officiates, but is ready to step down and out at any moment.

Coffee roasted every week; best grades at lowest prices, and choicest teas, the cheapest in the county at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's.

Mr. James S. Hunt of Winfield, Kan, a brother of Mrs. C. Harris of this place after an absence of eighteen years, made his worthy sister a visit of just eighteen minutes one day last week. Mr. Hunt would have made a longer stay but a prospective county office at home causes him to visit over forty places in twenty-five days, hence his hasty appearance and departure. Geo. C. Wallace and Mr. Hunt passed the long dreary winter chess playing, greatly to the pleasure of both, who are experts at this fascinating pastime.

It is said that Dr. O. W. Hewitt will sell out all of his property in this village on account of the roller rink and the determination of the village officials to plow up and disturb the ground in front of the doctor's residence on Pierce street. We think he has good ground for complaint and if Moses persists in opening a street through his swamp lands on Pierce street to Saginaw, "ye janior" will join the doctor and the ladies of Bates street and call on the voluble and erratic, "find" of Pharaoh's daughter and vigorously protest. That's what we'll do.

Our old friend Andrew Wallace had an unexpected and pleasant surprise party at his house on Saturday last, given by the members of his bible class. He was detained at home by a ruse, planned by Judge Hoyt who suggested to him the propriety of his remaining to meet an old resident of Orange county, where Mr. Wallace spent his childhood days. Instead of the person putting in an appearance about twenty women swooped down on him with baskets of provisions. These were devoured and twelve baskets could not have been gathered up after the repast. He was thoughtfully received by the doners in a brief and touching speech.

Almost every one of our exchanges are loud in their praise of Hannah, Lay & Co., and Traverse City, as well as the several other towns visited by the editorial army during their recent jaunt in the western and northern part of Michigan. We sincerely hope the wholesale advertising that this part of our grand old state has received, will be the means of giving it a boom such as will amply repay our hospitable entertainers for the immense expense which must have been consequent upon the princely manner in which they conspired to make the trip a most enjoyable one, to a class of people whose proverbially short incomes would never permit them to enjoy the pleasures of the lovely country to which we were introduced in such a charming manner.

Oranges, lemons, bananas, figs, raisins, nuts and fine candies very low at J. R. Corson jr. & Co's.

Elsewhere in our columns this week, our readers will find the statement of the standing of the Citizens Savings Bank of Detroit, which gives an excellent showing for this comparatively new institution. The banking firm of Roberts, Austin & Co., has been favorably known among the solid business firms of Detroit for the past fifteen years, but the savings bank branch is a more recent enterprise. The management have taken pains to select for their tellers and other employes who come in direct contact with the public, men who are courteous and patient, and ready and willing to explain matters to patrons who are not used to the ways of banking institutions. Besides the references furnished by the bank, of well known men in Detroit and elsewhere, Messrs A. Partridge, M. K. Taber and Whitehead & Mitchell, with whom our readers are generally familiar attest their belief in the soundness of the institution and are loud in their praises of the employes in general and the cashier, Mr. E. K. Roberts in particular, as gentlemanly and courteous to every one. If you want a safe place to make deposits of any sum, from one dollar up, try the Citizens Savings Bank of Detroit, where you will get a little larger rate of interest than at other banks, and everything pleasant, safe and agreeable.

GRANGE NOTES.

Resolutions adopted at a meeting of the Birmingham Grange July 18, 1885 on the death of James M. Hunt.

WHEREAS, it has been the will of the Divine Master to remove from this Grange, on the 23rd day of June, 1885, our brother James M. Hunt, reminding us the harvest of time is sure and certain; therefore

RESOLVED, that while we mourn the loss of a worthy brother, we shall cherish his memory and will miss his presence in our fraternal circle,

RESOLVED, that we tender our earnest and heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deseased brother,

RESOLVED, that our charter be draped in mourning for 60 days, and these resolutions be placed on our records, and a copy be sent to the Grange Visitor and local paper for publication.

MR. AND MRS. G. C. GIBBS,
MR. AND MRS. J. H. PEABODY,
Committee.

Death of Ned Gillet.

On Saturday a dispatch was clicked off in the telegraph office that Edward W. Gillet, formerly of this city, had died in Chicago that morning. G. B. Martin, his brother-in-law, accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. W. A. Newton and Mrs. Chas. Christopher, who were called to that city by the news of his serious illness, arrived at his bedside about half an hour before he passed away, and accompanied the remains back to Lansing, where they arrived during Saturday night. Mr. Gillet had numberless friends in his old home, and the news of his death occurring just as he was entering upon the prime of a life gifted with genial impulses and wonderful business ability, was a painful shock and surprise.

He was 31 years of age and was born in Troy, Oakland county. When Ned was 12 years old the family removed to Lansing township and settled on the property known as the Gillet farm. Two years later he entered the employ of J. I. Mead and from there went to the Mills Bank now known as Second National. Some time afterwards he accepted a position in the Lansing National bank, where he remained several years, his total term of employment in both banks exceeding 11 years. He then went to Chicago as book-keeper for D. Hemming's wholesale house, and afterwards tendered his resignation to accept an offer to become head book-keeper for W. F. McLaughlin & Co., wholesale dealers in teas and coffees, which important position he held until his death.

The rare faculty of winning the friendship of every one with whom he came in contact, which made him so universally liked in this city, served him in good stead in latter years, and combined with his strict integrity, generous nature and unusual business tact and energy made him a pronounced favorite with every employe of McLaughlin & Co., as well as the members of the firm.

He was taken ill on July 5 with typhoid pneumonia, and from that date until his death the most thoughtful care and attention was lavished upon him by the firm. On Thursday he was removed to Alexian Bros. hospital, where the most skillful medical attention was bestowed, but despite the fact that he could not have received more thorough and careful treatment had he been the child of any member of the firm, he grew steadily worse until death ensued.

The funeral services were held at the residence of Chas. Christopher on Cedar street, on Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. K. Spencer officiating, and the interment took place at Mt. Hope cemetery. The floral decorations were especially numerous and elegant, including a beautiful tribute from his office comrades. The pall bearers were John Adams, Frank Kedzie, Mate Buck, Walter Edwards, J. Ed Roe, Dell Dane, all warm peronal friends of the deceased. Mr. Gillet leaves four sisters in this city, Mrs. W. A. Newton, Mrs. Geo. B. Martin, Mrs. Chas. Christopher, and Mrs. J. Gillam, and a brother, Herbert Gillet, in Atlanta, Ga.—[Lansing Republican.

Short Work with a Tramp.

Last Sunday evening a bloody tragedy was enacted at Novi resulting in the killing of an unknown tramp by Wm. Jones, a well-known resident of Novi The man was seen hanging around the depot during the afternoon, and in the evening applied at the residences of Calvin Grace, Mrs. Sleford and S. Bloomer for permission to stay all night, which was refused him. He then went to the residence of Wm. Jones where he made the same request, and on being refused became greatly enraged, and began breaking and tearing down every thing he could lay his hands on. The inmates of the house, becoming alarmed, left the house, while Mr. Jones went to a neighbor's for assistance, procuring while there a shotgun. Returning with the hired man of his neighbor he found the tramp in his house rumaging through the dining-room and kitchen, and under the excitement of the moment fired on him, the charge taking effect just above the hip and killing him almost instantly. Nothing was found upon his person by which to identify him. He is believed to have been a German from Saginaw on his way to Detroit having made his way from Flint to this point. The authorities are investigating the matter and will thorougly sift it to the bottom. Public opinion is strongly in favor of Mr. Jones. It is reported that since the tragedy the town is swarming with tramps who have vowed vengeance on Jones, and that the incendiaries' torch has already lighted a building belonging to him.—[Milford Times.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

On Friday afternoon of last week, an old man who was known as "Old Harry" who was working for Spencer Lawrence, in the township of Southfield, was loading hay and after drinking some water out of a tin pail and reaching the pail down to a little daughter of Mr. Lawrence's, who stood on the ground, turned around with the evident intention of sliding off the load feet foremost. The little girl was walking away when she heard a slight noise and turning around saw the old man suddenly make an effort to save himself and then losing his balance, fall suddenly off the load and strike on his head on the ground.

The attention of the other men was called and the old man was found unconscious and as every possible means failed to restore him, Dr. Holcomb was summoned who found that his neck was broken; consequently, death must have ensued almost instantaneously when he struck the ground.

Nothing is known of his other name, or where he was from and very little is known of his precedents.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

COUNTY LINE

Mrs. George Hallam of Detroit is visiting Wm. Hawthorne's family.

Samuel Martin is putting up a shed 20 x40. Charley Gamble superintending.

Mrs. Charles Babcock of Bay City, is visiting her mother Mrs. Wm. Hawthorne.

Jerome Megigin made a flying visit to his friends last week.

Doctors Galbraith and Hurd of Pontiac visited Thurston Barr last Sunday.

William Pallister has bought a new hay loader of Sam Herbison.

Mrs. Joseph Lee of Utica, visited at S. Martin's last week.

Franklin Skinner and wife are visiting relatives at Gaines.

Mrs. Wm. Hawthoane sr. is slowly improving.

We would say to South Sterling, that we were at the corners last Saturday evening and if the meeting then held is a fair sample of salvation meetings, we would rather be excused. We do not think the street is the place to hold meetings. One of the speakers said he had spoken in most of the western states and before audiences of the very lowest stamp but never had been insulted worse than at Warren. But a few half grown boys don't comprise all the people of that burg; let them hold their meetings in a building and then there is a law to restrain people from insulting and breaking up meetings.

Charley Gamble is going to commence a new house for Mr. Street east of Warren next week.

Wm. Brown has traded his farm up at Harbor Springs to Davy Todd of Bloomfield, for 40 acres of other land.

SOUTH STERLING.

Wheat harvest has begun in good earnest.

The hot weather is bringing the late corn on in fine shape.

Mrs. Stanley of Warren has been very sick since the 4th but is better at present.

Hiram Skinner who has been ailing all winter is now confined to his bed most of the time.

Porter Hoard while on his way to the burg last Saturday night had the accident of breaking one of his buggy springs.

The Ladies Aid Society say they can not make any profit selling ice cream at 10 cents per dish. We should think they would either quit the business or raise on the price.

While the Salvation Army of Warren were holding their meeting on the street one of the leading members of the M. E. church and also merchant of that place pointed to the eggs and said "you deserve them". Of course he did not tell them to take any; but they did just the same.

PONTIAC.

I am a dude and my name is Clarence Bradford. Good enough.

The Congregational Sunday school had an excursion and picnic to Orion last Friday, the Pontiac Cornet Band furnishing music for the occasion.

Porter C. Hitchcock and wife, Dr. R. E. Lellaron and wife, and Mrs. Johnson, are rusticating up north.

The Georgia Minstrels gave a first class entertainment at Clinton Hall last Thursday evening. Pontiac's dude will recover.

Miss Annie Chamberlain has gone to Three Rivers to reside.

The conductors of the D., G H., & M. and G. T. railroads held their annual picnic at Orchard Lake last Wednesday. Big crowd. Big time.

Rev. L. S. Stevens of the Zion church of this city officiated at Henrietta, Mich. last Sunday.

Miss Lutie Dwinnelle leaves town this week for a visit among friends.

Johnny Breyer is feeling happy over the arrival of a bran new daughter.

Misses Sarah and Eva Palmer have gone to Ohio on a visit.

Turner of the Gazette and Kelly of the Bill Poster and their better seven eights are home from a trip up north.

The remains of C. R. Mabley were taken from the Bascom vault last week and interred in the family vault.

A. J. S. Beer of the ice cream parlors is doing a thriving business.

DEATH IN PERSIA.

The Correct Way to "Shuffle off this Mortal Coil"—Curious Customs.

The sick man lies in extremis on a thin mattress upon the floor, covered by a quilted silken coverlet. Twenty or thirty persons are in the room where he is dying. The smoke of many hubble-bubbles clouds the air, whispered conversation is general. The doctors have declared their patient's condition hopeless, and, as a last resort, certain charms suggested by a weird-looking dervish have been tried. But the crab broth, prepared from the tiny crustaceans that inhabit the streamlets round Shiraz, the patient has been unable to swallow; and the dervish points out to the relatives of the dying man that his pancocs has only not proved infallible because it was tried too late. A veiled woman, the wife of the dying man, sits weeping at the side of her husband's pillow. She frequently holds to his face a moistened piece of mud torn from the wall (this wetted mud is supposed to have a very reviving influence, and is used by Persians as we use smelling salts.)

Tea is handed round in small cups; the crowd in the room becomes greater; every window is shut, and, as the outside temperature is ninety degrees, some idea of the heat within can be formed. The crowd is not here from mere curiosity. A man is sick; then where should his friends be, they say, if not by his bedside? The samovars (Russian tea urns) steam and bubble; the room is filled with clouds of tobacco smoke and the steam from the urns, and now, just as 200 years ago was done in England, a fowl is killed and placed warm and bleeding on the patient's feet. All is of no avail, however. The man has breathed his last.

The wife yields her place by the bedside. Moistened cotton-wool is placed in the mouth of the dead, in the orifices of the nostrils, and in the ears. A moollah begins to read aloud the prescribed portion of the Koran, commencing "O man, I swear by the instructive Koran that thou art one of the messengers of God sent to show the right way," etc. This portion of the Mussulman's sacred book was called by Mohammed himself "the heart of the koran." And now all present witness aloud that the dead man was a good and pious Mohammedan. The limbs are composed and a cup of water is placed at the head of the corpse. No sooner is this done than a moollah ascends to the flat roof of the house and begins to read in a shrill monotone certain verses from the holy book. This announces to the neighbors that the man is veritably dead; and at the same moment his relations shriek and wail, "Wo, wo! he is dead; he has passed away." These are the expressions of a real grief.

The house is soon filled with friends and neighbors, who add their cries to the screams of the mourners. The women of the family hasten to array themselves in "bitter" (i. e., sombre) garments—not in actual black, but in sad colors; neither they nor the men wash or dress their hair until the funeral and the first days of mourning are over. The male relatives do not literally rend their garments, but give them the right appearance by opening certain seams of their coats and cloaks with a penknife; and instead of casting dust upon their heads they dab mud on their hats.

And now come the "washers of the dead." To each parish are attached a family of these people, who get a despised livelihood by performing the last offices for the dead. The corpse having been washed at an adjoining stream, the hands are placed across the chest, and it is wrapped in the shroud of cotton cloth that the deceased has probably had by him as a sort of memento mori for years. Camphor (real vegetable camphor is placed beneath the shroud, and the body is laid in a rough coffin made of thin planks and brought back to the house. The coffin in Persia is of a thin and unsubstantial kind, and the burial always takes place within twenty-four hours of decease.—*St. James' Gazette.*

By the recent Spanish earthquakes, a village in Granada has been moved bodily some sixty feet in a northward direction, a deep semi-circular crevasse appearing on its former site. The course of the little river near which the village stood has been blocked up, and a lake is being formed. Many of the sulphur springs with which the region abounds suddenly ceased flowing, but reappeared a day or two after in a state of unusual heat, indicative, no doubt, of the character of the force at work below.