SOME SUGGESTIONS ON HATS.

How They May be Looked Upon as Exponents of Character.

'Tis the hat that makes the man and want of it the fellow. Not the entire absence of hat is necessary to mark the fellow—that is indicative of the savage. It is want in the sense of a shortcoming in the headgear that makes the fellow. The lower a fellow falls in the social scale the more glaring do these shortcomings grow. As he climbs up from fellowship to manhood the more does his head-thatching coincide with the standards of taste. This is shown even in the extremest case—that of the savage. The moment the dawn of civilization breaks upon him he breaks for a hat. Generally it is a battered specimen of the genus "stovepipe" that first falls into his hands, and no better exponent of his first groping, tottering steps out of barbarism can be imagined than the utter incongruity of the big chief's appearance in a cast-off hat of a previous fashionable age. The negro in the rougher regions of the south betrays a similar condition of imperfect development by the worn and well-ventilated slouch hat that has dropped down to him through many years and social layers. In the swamps he wears none, and his matted locks are like the coarse hair of the beast. An old and battered hat smacks of the gutter and the bar-room floor. It is not necessary to smell the breath and other bodily odors of the wreck who approaches one on the street or to get within earshot of his supplicating whine. One glance at his hat and his whole history can be written.

What character there is in a hat! How the Mexican's curious mixture of dash and lax ness is portrayed in his broad sombrero! Of equal expanse but diametrically opposite effect is the quiet broad-brim of the Quaker. How much of the fierceness of war's grim visaged front was due to the spiked helmets of the soldiery. Stern immobility is written all over the huge bearskins of the Imperial guard, while catlike agility and adaptability flutter from the saucy cap and tassel of the zouave. No surer insight into national character can be obtained than that afforded by the broad, flat, boardlike hat of the Chinaman, that has been the same for centuries, awkward, useless, and essentially artificial, or by the high hat of the fashionable Norwegian, who betrays his shallow vanity by braving the rigors of his Arctic climate with the latest Paris style of headdress.

In the outlook tower of the Western Union company at Atlantic Highlands there is, or was, an aged man who had not left his elevated station for forty years. His eyes were worn with looking for incoming vessels, and his mental perceptions were in much the same state of mental collapse; despotic and crotchety in his family, careless and scornful of the world, he was a relic of the past half century. But to one who saw him no lame explanation was necessary. His hat told the whole story. Tall and straight in the crown, worn in the nap, and narrow in the brim, during all his hermit life it never left his head except when he slept.

Just why there is so much character in the hat is a little difficult to explain. It must be because the hat is largely independent of a man's surroundings and work, and is therefore an exponent of the man himself. There are occupations and situations in which old, dirty, and torn clothes and muddy shoes seem unavoidable; but nothing less than a presidential fishing excursion will warrant a respectable man in wearing a dilapidated hat. The perfect hat, correct in color, shape, weight, and material, worn at just the right angle, caps the personal appearance of the self-poised, perfect man. Tipped forward over the nose, it denotes the rowdy. Tilted backward, it tells of a hurried, reckless character. Slouched to one side, it betrays good-natured, under-bred humanity trying to put its best foot formost. Punched at the top, it marks absent-mindedness. There is no article of apparel that so combines all the others into an effective unit for good or ill. There is none in which a little false taste can more completely ruin an otherwise faultless outfit.—*New York Tribune.*

Sea Birds.

She stood in a garden by the sea,
And watched the white gulls flicker by;
There were tall, white lilies at her knee,
And a cold, red sunset in the sky;
And the gulls sail by on the wind,
Leaving the shore behind,
One by one they follow the sun
On the wings of the salt sea wind.

She leaned on the terrace wall and sighed;
"Love stays a little while at best,
Leaves like the surely ebbing tide,
Flies like the wild birds to the west."
And the gulls sail by on the wind,
Leaving the shore behind,
One by one they follow the sun
On the wings of the salt sea wind.

Pale grows the sunset sky and gray,
Chill sweeps the wind across the lea;
Gone is the glory of the day;
Sad is the story of the sea.
And the gulls sail by on the wind,
Leaving the shore behind,
One by one they follow the sun
On the wings of the salt sea wind.

—*London Society.*

A Scotchman Never Tires of Eggs.

The council of hygiene in the department of the Seine have been taking the great egg question into consideration. Among their discoveries are these: that comparatively few persons prefer their eggs in "the earlier stages of decomposition," that eggs "can not be eaten when putrid beyond a certain extent," that a bad egg can be disguised by its smell, and that where you have a choice between a fresh egg and a rotten one it is on the whole advisable to prefer the former. Stale eggs can be used by bakers—we had thought as much—but very bad eggs should be destroyed. These revelations are noteworthy, but evidently the council are unaware of one use to which any egg can be put. In a country which hardly requires to be mentioned eggs are sometimes served on Sunday in the inns to guests, who, on account of a certain act of parliament, dare not call for "a drink." These eggs are full of whisky, the meat having been blown out and the whisky put in its place. Then the egg is hermetically sealed and ready for use. A Scotchman never tires of eggs.—*St. James's Gazette.*

Doubtful-looking guest: "Landlord, have you a fire-escape in this hotel?" Experienced landlord: "Yes, sir, but we generally keep the bull-dog chained at the bottom of it.

GRAND CLEARING SALE.

HAVING purchased the interest of MR. E. T. ADAMS in the business of Kenny, Adams & Co., we have inaugurated a Special Clearing Sale to effect the immediate reduction of stock.

We will sell many lines of goods far below manufacturers' prices: We are selling 12½ to 15c Dress Goods at 8c. We are selling 35, 36 and 40 cent Dress Goods at 25c. We are selling a splendid quality ladies' cloth at 35 cents. We are selling 75 and 85c and $1 Dress Goods at 50 cents. We are selling $1 25 and $1 50 Dress Goods at 75 cents.

The Biggest Bargains in Black Cashmere ever shown in Detroit. We are selling our Imported Suits at just half price. We are selling all our Parasols at just half price. $10 Parasols for $5; $5 Parasols for ~~$2 50~~ $2 50 Parasols for $1 25.

We have some special bargains in Silks, among which we would mention one lot black and colored Satin Rhadams, worth $1 25, which we are offering at 95c—no such values ever before shown.

SPECIAL VALUE IN GLOVES AND HOSIERY.

All our 25c gloves at 19c. All our 50c gloves for 39c. 100 dozen special value Ladies Hose at two pairs for 25c, worth nearly double. 50 dozen 2nd black Ladies' Hose at two pairs for 25c, worth 15c per pair. 50 dozen Ladies' split foot, fine gauge, full regular made, at 25c. 25 dozen Ladies' Linen Collars, remnants of stock, worth from 10 to 25c each, at 5c each.

Five Hundred Pieces

of heavy yard wide cotton at 5c per yard, worth 6c. 50 pieces extra heavy Shirting at 9½c, sold everywhere at 12½c. Big Bargains in Table Linens, Napkins, Bed-spreads, Towels, etc. We have arranged several counters with

ODD LOTS OF GOODS,

remnants of stock of various kinds, which we are selling at from ½ to ½ former prices. Bargains will be found on these counters which cannot be duplicated. We intend to make this a memorable sale. Our stock is large and consists of

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New Fall Stock

is now on the way, and is the largest and most complete stock we have ever shown. We advise all in need of Dry Goods to take advantage of this sale.

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COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE. In the matter of the estate of Lafayette Phillips, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, and six months from the 2nd day of August, A. D. 1886, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will attend on the 4th day of September, 1886, and on the 2nd day of December, 1886, at 10 o'clock a. m. of each day, at Whitehead & Mitchell's store, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

LUTHER STANLEY, } Commis'rs.
M. K. TABER, }

ALANSON PARTRIDGE, Administrator.
DATED August 5, 1886. aug2

PROBATE ORDER.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Oakland, } ss. at the Probate office, in the city of Pontiac, on Wednesday, the 18th day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six. Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Dan Toms deceased. On application of Alanson Partridge, the administrator for the examination and allowance of his final account and settlement of the estate. Thereupon it is ordered, That Saturday, the 18th day of September, 1886, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, be assigned for the hearing of said application, and the heirs at law of said deceased, and all other persons interested in said estate, are required to appear at a session of said court, to be holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, and show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the applicant should not be granted: And it is further ordered, That said applicant give notice to the persons interested in said estate of the pendency of said application, and the hearing thereof, by causing a copy of this order to be published in the BIRMINGHAM EXPRESS, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county of Oakland, three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
(a true copy.) Judge of Probate.
Aug 26 to Sep 16.

DRAIN LETTING.

Notice is hereby given that I, Reuben A. Russell, township drain commissioner of the township of Royal Oak, county of Oakland, state of Michigan, will, on the 11th day of September, A. D. 1886, at the sections along the line of the drain to be laid through said Royal Oak, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the cleaning of a certain drain, known as the "Robinson Drain," and established in the said township of Royal Oak, and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point 33 links west of the west links west of the quarter section corner on east side of section 29 in said township, thence running north 80½ degrees, west 28 chains, 95 links; thence north 58 links; thence north 86 degrees, west 11 chains, 80 links; thence north ¼ west 5 chains and 1 link; thence north 80½ degrees, west 2 chains, 95 links; thence north 19½ degrees, west 84 links; thence north 29½ degrees, west 2 chains, 95 links; thence north 80 degrees, west 1 chain, 30 links; thence north 64½ degrees, west 1 chain, 30 links; thence north 85 degrees, west 14 chains, 90 links, to the upper end.

Said job will be let by sections or divisions. The section at the outlet end of the drain will be let first and the remaining sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, as bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work in a sum to be fixed by me. The date for the completion of such contract and the time of payment shall be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given that at the time and place of said letting the assessment of benefits made by me will be subject to review.

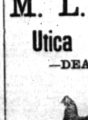
Dated this 21st day of August, A. D., 1886.

REUBEN A. RUSSELL,
Township Drain Commissioner of the Township of Royal Oak. Supt-ecw

M. L. RICE,

Utica - Mich.

—DEALER IN—



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DRAIN LETTING.

Notice is hereby given that I, John W. Bassett, township drain commissioner of the township of Southfield, county of Oakland, state of Michigan, will, on the 11th day of September, A. D., 1886, at the premises of the Beebe drain on the east half of the southwest quarter of section 12, Southfield, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the deepening and extending of a certain drain, known as the Beebe drain, located and established in the said township of Southfield, described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a point 5 chains north and 25 links west of the S. W. corner of section 6 of Town 1 S. R. 9 East Michigan, thence south 12 east 20 rods, thence south 7 east 16 rods; thence south 6° west 26 rods; thence south 3° east 6 rods; thence south 12 east 8 rods, thence south 22 rods; thence east 3 4 rods, thence south 12° east 40 rods, thence south 2° east 32 3-4 rods, thence on new route for extension, north 89° east 4 2-3 rods, thence south 2° east 12 2-3 rods, thence south 6° east 36 2-3 rods, thence south 46 east 16 2-3 rods to its intersection with old water course.

Said job will be let by sections or divisions, the section at the outlet of the drain will be let first and the remaining sections in their order up stream, in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said drain, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work in a sum to be fixed by me. The date for the completion of such contract and the time of payment shall therefore be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given that at the time and place of said letting the assessment of benefits by me will be subject to review.

Dated this 2d day of August, A. D. 1886.

JOHN W. BASSETT,
Township Drain Commissioner of the Township of Southfield. Aug26-Sep2.

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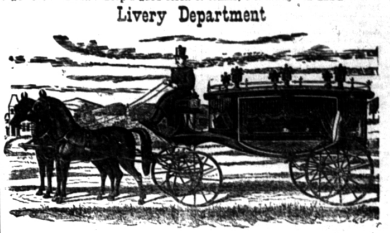

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THE BEEHIVE.

A Short Statement from the Man who does not disfigure the fences and natural landscapes of this beautiful county of Oakland.

To the People of Oakland and Adjacent Counties:

Ladies and Gentlemen: Our great surprise came off as per advertisement on August 3 and it proved, if we may use the French word so to speak, "A Grand Denouement," or culmination of an event in those lines looked for, for about three weeks. The good ladies of Oakland county were out en masse and many were the good natured compliments most graciously bestowed upon The Beehive and its inmates, on account of the grand display exhibited upon the "Special Sales" tables all through the store and more especially upon the ladies muslin underwear displayed attractively near the center end of the Beehive. It was a busy scene and one to be admired, no one lost their temper, all were agreeable, cordial and jovial even to jollity. All appreciated the bargains we had untiringly exhibited and such was the admirable discipline of the Beehive corps of employes, that upon this extraordinary occasion for a greater number of persons were never within the walls of the Beehive at any one time, everything moved with clock like regularity and precision.

To our customers were all happy, hence very agreeable, and we shall continue to wait on them with the same promptness, swiftness, speed, celerity, dexterity and dispatch.

The Remnant and Muslin Underwear Special Sale will continue from day to day for 22 days, August 3. The prices in all cases remain the same until closed. I am, Yours truly,

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