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Saturdays Express	5.20 p m
Owosso Accommodation	8.55 p m
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Evening Express	8.55 p m
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Remember we are headquarters for the newest and best line of Corsets, Ruchings, Ladies' Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs Oriental and Torchon Laces, Embroidery, and general line of Fancy Dry Goods.

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NEW LINE OF VASSAR FLANNELS.

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Birmingham, Mich.

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

HOUSE FOR RENT OR SALE—I offer my place in Birmingham, situated just west of the school house, for sale or rent. Good house and barn, with well and cistern, all complete and handy for housekeeping. Price $900. Call on or address Henry W. Kendall, Birmingham, Mich. tf

WANTED—A good new Milch cow, for which I will pay spot cash. Address with description and price, Box 201, Birmingham, Mich.

FARM FOR SALE—Eighty acres, 1½ miles east of Birmingham, good buildings, 35 acres of heavy timber, 40 acres cleared. No waste land, good soil. Price low, terms easy. Call on or address, William Taylor, Birmingham, Mich.

15 REGISTERED MERINO STOCK RAMS for sale. J. H. Snow, Birmingham, Mich

FOR SALE—Village lots for sale cheap boarded by Chester, Townsend and Merrill streets, lying just south of the school house and will be sold to suit purchaser as regards price and terms. For particulars call on or address Samuel Jarvis, Birmingham, Mich.

We can send your money to any part of the United States at as low rates as any bank in the country. Our banks we draw on are the National Bank of the Republic of New York and the First National Bank of Detroit. Whitehead & Mitchell, Proprietors of Birmingham Exchange Bank.

STONE BOATS—Stone boats and stone boat plank for sale. Call on or address Wm. H. Smith, Birmingham, Mich. 51

TO LET—Horse and buggy, boat, tent and camping outfit. J. E. Corson.

FOR SALE—Commodious house in Birmingham, with well and cistern, water in the house, wood-shed attached, garden containing about ½ acre with fruit trees; well fenced, desirable family residence. Apply to M. Irving, Birmingham Mich.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. A good place for a good girl. Apply to Mrs. J. E. Quick, Birmingham, Mich. 21

The best way to remit money is by a draft on New York which can be bought at the Birmingham Exchange Bank at very low rates.

Get your drafts cashed at the Birmingham Exchange Bank. Whitehead & Mitchell, proprietors.

FOR SALE—Dwelling house in village of Birmingham, situated just east of the Presbyterian church and now occupied by E. Sanchi. Good well, cistern, small fruits, etc. Inquire of or address John E. Benedict, Birmingham, Mich. 50

Drafts cashed and sold at the Birmingham Exchange Bank at low rates.

SHEEP FOR SALE—I offer for sale cheap, fifteen sheep and wethers for feeding. Anyone desiring stock of this kind will do well to call on me. Wm. Bell, Chesaning, Mich.

The Birmingham Exchange Bank will sell you drafts on New York or Detroit as cheap as any bank. Whitehead & Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

OUR CASH DEAL

is a success. We have had a large increase in our sales the past two weeks. There is a magic in cash that tells in buying, and we can afford to sell cheaper than any one on the credit basis. Our terms are uniform to everyone, rich, poor, friend or stranger.

SPOT CASH.

All School Text Books at wholesale list price. Remember this when you want books. Splendid line of Tablets and Stationery at low prices. Turkey Red Tablings 25c per yd., worth 40c. Parasols to close out at half price. Lisle Thread Gloves, Silk Gloves, Cotton Gloves, to close out at half price. Best line Ruchings and Ladies' Collars in town. Ribbons, Laces, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Dress Goods and everything in Dry Goods cheaper than the cheapest. Handled cups and Handled Cups and Saucers, 45c per set, Decorated Tea Sets at greatly reduced prices. Full line of Groceries at very low prices. Matches 1c per box. Yeast Cakes 5c per paper. Best 50c Tea at 40c. Mixed Candy 10c per pound. Roasted Peanuts 10c. Everything cheap and best in market

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BIRMINGHAM, MICH.

GENUINE BARGAINS
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PRICES
that will tell you where to buy Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes
CHEAP.

White Goods from 5c to	25c.
Seersuckers at	12½b.
Lonsdale Cotton	9c.
35c Dress Goods for	25c.
15c Dress Goods for	12½c.
Broadhead Dress Goods from 20c to	28c.
$1 Dress Flannel for	75c.
All Wool Cashimere for	45c.
Our Ladies' 50c fancy striped Hose for	37c.
Our Ladies' 50c Balbrigan Hose for	35c.
Our Ladies' 35c fancy Hose for	25c.
Our Ladies' 25c Balbrigan Hose	20c.
Roman Drapery Cloth at 12½c former price	20c.
Turkey Red Damask fast Collors	45c.
The best White Shirt in Birmingham for	50c.
Kid Gloves from $1 to $1 50 a pair.	
Our Ladies' 25c Silk Gloves	20c.
Our Ladies' 50c Silk Gloves	38c.
Our Ladies' 75c Silk Gloves	50c.
Home Comfort Tobacco, per pound	28c.
25 Boxes of Matches for	25c.
Magic Baking Powder Try it.	25c.
Babbitt's Soap. per bar	4½c.

Call and see our PRICES and STOCK.
No trouble to show Goods.
Yours respectfully,
V. NIXON & Co.

75 pairs of Ladie's Slippers only $1. Former price $1 25 and $1 50.

Men's whole Stock Kip Boot $2 50 per pair.

HOME NOTES.

PERPETUAL NOTICE!

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

Our readers who have legal advertising to do should always bear in mind that it requires instructions from them to insure its publication in the Eccentric. A request to the probate judge or your attorney, that the advertisement be sent here, will be promptly complied with.

A first class compartment dinner pail only 20c at Corson's.

Call at Whitehead & Mitchell's for your lecture course tickets.

Twelve dollars will buy a good one horse wagon of J. R. Corson.

Flower pots as low as 2c each and all sizes at reduced prices, at Corson's cash store.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Newman were recently the guests of E. S Wooster and family.

Those who have signed for the Birmingham lecture course can now secure tickets at this office.

Whitehead and Gibbs drove their bicycles 54 miles each last Sunday, visiting Detroit and Grosse Pointe.

Mrs. Shanahan of Clayton, with her children, is visiting with her father, Fred Moore of Sterling, Macomb Co.

Mrs. Era Durkee of near Franklin is visiting her daughter, Mrs Dr. Morley of Huron, Ohio. Her visit will be of about two weeks duration.

Regular communication of Birmingham lodge, No. 41, F. and A. M., next Thursday evening, September 29. Work on 1st degree. Ira J. Chatfield, Sec'y.

Is it men or boys who are stealing the fruit? When they are stealing from widow women they ought to have a dose of shot.

Mrs. Casper Case is not so well. The cool weather is not so good for her as the warm weather, and she suffers from the change.

The Ladies Aid Society meets at the residence of Mrs. Utley, Friday, Sept. 30. All ladies are requested to be present. Mrs. J. F. Stephens, secretary.

Fourteen coaches filled full of people from Detroit passed through our village on their way to the dedication of the new Catholic church at Pontiac last Sunday.

Rochester tickles herself most to death now because she has direct telephone communication with Detroit without asking permission from Pontiac. Think she would be.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. Owen Shalbolt reaches us. Owen has been married less than a year and he has the sympathy of a lot of warm friends in this place.

Mrs. Clark Harris attended the annual meeting of the Michigan Baptist association at Rochester last week. A large attendance was present and a hearty good meeting was held.

W. S. Jeffreys of Southfield captured a $20 melon prize offered by Mabley & Co. of Detroit. Mr. J. has long been a subscriber of the Eccentric to which no doubt he owes his good fortune.

Morgan Rundell has returned to his farmer life well satisfied with his city experience and is confident that for solid enjoyment and acquiring wealth country life is preferable to city life.

From an article in the Rochester Era of last week we must allow that Judge Hoyt, now of Detroit, does not feel favorably inclined towards the bustle—in fact, sets his face right against it.

Elsewhere will be found a card from Dawson Bros. of great interest to our farmer friends who have grain to exchange and need custom milling. Read their announcement and profit thereby.

Our sympathies go out to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Slocum, of Caro, Mich., who lost their first born babe Sept. 5, a beautiful boy. Only those who have passed through the same sorrow can fell their grief.

On Tuesday last the many friends of F. B. Raynale had the pleasure of shaking him by the hand. Bert does the manufacturing for J. D. Dodds & Co. of Detroit, and he does it very nicely and well.

On the 25 inst, a new law goes into effect prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons, except by peace officers and night watchmen. The penalty for violating the law is $100 fine or three months board with the sheriff.

Thomas Laughran who formerly lived with Mrs. Cromwell, but whose home is now at Bay City, was in town the fore part of last week. Thomas is soon to make his home at Salt Lake City. May the Mormons never get him and he always prosper.

Notaries and others making mortgages should bear in mind that the new law requires the full address, township, county and state of mortgages to be mentioned in the instrument, and unless this is done the register cannot receive such instrument for record.

A new law, passed at the last session of the legislature, authorizes justices of the peace to draw orders for witness fees directly on the county treasurer, thus avoiding delay of waiting for the board of supervisors to pass on the account as required by the old law.

Mrs. Jennie Kelly and her sister, Miss Mary Brown, of Detroit, visited their aunt, Mrs. Agnes Rogers, over Sunday. They drove out from the city and were quite pleased with Birmingham, as all good city people are who look over the "loveliest village of the plain."

The Village Improvement Society will make our village one of the finest in the state. Their latest success is to move all hitching posts out from the sidewalks far enough to plant a row of maples between the hitching posts and the sidewalks. Good. Let the brave work go on.

Please look and see if you have a copy of last week's paper, Sept 15. We would like to get for Mrs. J. B. Cartwright, ten copies, and if you are not keeping the files of the paper, you will greatly oblige her by handing the same to her or by leaving it at the Eccentric office.

Last week we received a very short and hasty visit from the bustling and hustling manager of the W. U. Tel. Co. at East Saginaw, Mich. Mr. J. F. Cooper. He came, he saw and absorbed our entire stock of Rhinegold that we had put down for family use during the coming winter.

John Rainey has been sick for some time, but is on deck again and playing good ball. His many friends go in to-day (Thursday) to see him play and we will not be sorry if Detroit does lose the game, providing John does the winning. He will play Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Perhaps you think that Billy Hawthorne and Isaac Brace did not have a jolly time at the reunion of the army of the Tennessee in Detroit last week. If you think so you are badly left. It makes one's side ache with regret to hear Billy tell of the highfalutin' time he had in the City of the Straights during that eventful period.

They came in staggering under the weight of their load, both Andrew Graham and Arthur Carpenter. Their load consisted of three enormous stalks of corn with from two to four ears largely developed on each stalk, and standing the stalks on the floor, our devil although pretty tall, could not hang his hat on the lower ears.

The finest, nicest and largest potatoes we have yet seen come from James A. Clark, who raised them on land belonging to Wm. H. Smith. They are of the variety known as the Pride of America and their eating qualities cannot be surpassed. Another which Mr. Clark laid on our table must be seen to be appreciated.

Mrs. Ed. Lamb, Mrs. W. H. Camp and Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Mitchell attended the play at Clinton hall, Pontiac, last week, given by the ladies' library association of that city. "The Gypsy's Warning" was the play presented, with Miss Florence Gillett, formerly of Rochester, as leading lady. The attendance was large and the play was well acted in all its parts.

On Tuesday last our good friend, G. Frank Randall, left for Groton, Dakota, where he has real estate which has taken a recent boom in consequence of the town becoming an important railroad centre. His property is now worth from $7,000 to $10,000 and is increasing in value every day. On his return from Groton, in about two weeks, he will start for California.

If you have an earring found, bring it to us instanter; it may be found upon the ground, perhaps down in the water. At any rate, what e'er its fate, it belongs to Jones' daughter, who misses it quite sadly, and wants it, oh, so badly, so please be good, do not be rude, but return it to its owner, who will reward the action and bless the finder to his, her or its dying day.

On Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baker of Detroit drove out to J. F. Randell's and Mrs. Baker sat in the buggy while Mr. Baker went into the house. The horse was unchecked and by some means got the bridle off and started on a run. Mrs. Baker was thrown out, but received no serious injuries. The buggy was made into infinitely small splinters and was returned to the city on Monday by freight.

The Housekeeper for October will contain a full account of the wedding of the manageress of that paper, in the Minneapolis, Minn., Exposition, on the evening of Sept. 28, together with accurate descriptions and illustrations of the participants' wedding dresses and presents. A copy of this issue will be mailed free to any of our lady readers sending their address to the Buckeye Pub. Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Robison Beardsley, who lived for forty years near the Waterford Mountain, was hit by a trad dog 37 years ago. He never felt any bad effect since it was done until last Saturday he was taken with hydrophobia barking and frothing at the mouth. It took three men to hold him, he recognized no one, and died the next Tuesday, Sept. 13. He was 80 years old. Frank Durkee attended the funeral at Waterford.

The flowing well craze is slowly but surely approaching our village. The latest owner of a well is Stephen Cooper, for whom those careful, energetic workers, Messrs Flinn & Dennis, secured one last week. This is a dandy stream of water flowing from a depth of 160 feet a beautiful stream of clear, cold water, three-quarters of an inch in diameter, thereby making glad the hearts of the well-drivers, the heart of the owner and the hearts of the farm tenants, Hugh Morehead and family.

G. H. Turk, in a large and well displayed ad on our fourth page, makes his fall announcement of clothing, gent's furnishing goods, trunks, valises, etc. The phenomenal success of this hustler is due to his terrible brain, active energy and his liberal use of printers' ink, and to the fact that he never promises more than he can perform. A large corps of salesmen will politely wait upon you and should you not purchase, no offense is taken. All he asks is, when in Pontiac call and see his stock and get his prices.

"Gur-r-r-r! r-r-r-r! r-r-r-r!" said the telephone bell on the Franklin line the other day. "Hello," said Frank German "I want you to send out and get Patridge or Converse. I want to borrow a pair of their pants." Of course we inquired what was the cause of his sudden growth and urgent need of bi; nether garments. "Well," said the joyful German "I am the father of a great big ten pound boy and my pants won't fit me any more" Later dispatches say that Frank is still growing.

The season of the year when the dressmaking trade is full of business, is right here. Realizing this fact, Miss F. E. Curtis has made every preparation for it by taking a thorough course in a new system of dressmaking and fitting from a modiste in Detroit, secured able assistants and more than anything else, purchased a new and latest improved White sewing machine with all the recent attachments. If our lady friends wish anything in the line of dressmaking and want it in the latest style and done well and quickly, call on Miss Curtis.

One of our good quiet widowers whom the town gossipers have had married at least five times begins to show signs of yielding up the ghost and maybe he will soon take the final step of matrimony. This is the latest sign of approaching the state of traveling double hereafter. One of our widows knowing his critical taste in such affairs engaged him to come and hang some pictures for her. He did so one evening and (horrible to relate) the next morning three out of the five pictures were bottom side up. Who can explain the difficulty?

The following good natured paragraph was written by a correspondent during the recent great teacher's institute at Chicago: "The school ma'am is in Chicago thousands and thousands. The cool, level eye, the exact propriety of speech, the neat plain apparel, the self confidence which comes of self support The School Ma'am. She is conjugations and equations preserved in sugar. She is dignity and propriety after the similitude of ripe peaches and whipped cream. In these days everybody cannot marry a school marm, but the time was when everybody who was anybody did, because all the nice girls took their turn at it

The most energetic worker and persistent hustler on the road for any Detroit house is C. W. Bruce, who "slings a grip sack" for D. D. Mallory & Co. He works for the interest of his firm every minute of the time and although he receives a large salary, he earns every single cent of it. He doesn't have time to indulge in any amusements, but it is a continuous "get there" pace with him at all times. He has had time to have his dwelling very much improved of late, however by the erection of a substantial addition thereto, a new coat of paint over the entire house and numerous other improvements.

We were lately allowed to see a photograph of the home of Mr. J. Brown of Detroit, Minnesota. The photo shows a beautiful cottage home with all the modern outside decorations that go to make up a handsome house. The family of John, consisting of his wife and three sturdy children, show that the climate is healthy and adapted to the wants of the people, and John himself with office cap on taking ease and comfort in an easy and comfortable chair, speaks as well as words that "all is well." We are glad of John's prosperity and hope he may live long to enjoy his homelike home.

While Whitehead and Gibbs on their way to Grosse Pointe last Sunday in their bicycle outfits of Jersey jackets and knee-breeches, were working their passage down Woodward avenue, they met a bevy of young ladies and Hal, feeling in a jolly and sociable mood, sang out "Ah there, girls!" One beautiful blonde answered with an "ah there, my lemon!" while her looks fairly dazzled the boy, but when the brave brunette exclaimed "Oh, girls! Just get onto those legs. Ain't they perfectly lo-v-e-l-y!" Hal just sank back into unconsciousness and he is still somewhat dazed.

The boot and shoe advertisement of Merritt & Harris of Pontiac was received last week too late for a change. Meanwhile the firm still kept on furnishing to the public of Oakland county the best value of leather for the money that can be found. Call on them during fair week and see their endless variety of the best goods from the most celebrated manufacturers in the United States. Ask to see the great and only Pauli who, given nice out door weather and the material, can build, construct and get together such magnificent structures as the pedal covering of our illustrious Whitehead, or his excellency, Ex-County Treasurer J. Partridge. Gaze on these noble "feets" of engineering, skill, patience and daring.

Whitehead of the Birmingham Eccentric has the name of being an honest man, but it seems strange to us that an editor who claims to be such would collar a better hat than the one he was wearing when the opportunity was afforded. While he and Worth Wendell were in Clerk Wieland's office in Pontiac last week Whitehead walked off with Wendell's $8 derby.—[Holly Advertiser. Huh! "Three dollar derby," indeed! Now, here's the truth: Our hat was a $2 straw Mackinaw, bran new, and when we left the clerk's office the only hat left was a 3-cent "chip" with a shoestring band and brim torn half off. It was that or nothing and we wore it home, and were subjected to the derision of the whole town. We leave conclusions to a discerning public.

Owners of the "drive well patent" are seeking to collect a penalty of royalty wherever the wells are found. Concerning these claims a prominent Ohio lawyer says in the Dayton Herald: 1. A well that was put down more than six years is out lawed. 2 In a claim of less than $500 cannot be taken to the United States Courts. 3 No patent is now involved, it is out. 4. Wells put in before Bennet got the patent are merely personal claims and did not "pass" by sale of patent. 5. The patent being "dead" no action will lie for a "violation" in the past. Action can only be taken "under a patent in force." 6 All actions, if any can be brought will necessarily be personal actions, and as the claims will be under $100, must be before a justice of the peace, with security for costs and a jury to find the damages, and jurors are not fierce on innocent users of "drive wells."

R. S. Peal & Co., Chicago, have now in press a new edition (the eleventh) of "Ragnarok: The Age of Fire and Gravel," by Ignatius Donnelly. In this work the celebrated iconoclast attacks the old established ice theory and endeavors to show that the Drift Age with its vast deposits of clay and gravel, its decomposed rocks and its great rents in the face of the globe, was the result of contact between the earth and a comet. A notable part of book is its relation to the Bible. It claims that the story of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire falling from heaven, is simply one of the traditions of the Drift Age; that the "fall of man" and his expulsion from paradise mean the change which came over the condition of the world and mankind when the pre glacial climate—during which, as the geologists prove, tropical plants grew in Spitzbergen and Greenland—gave way to the horrors of the Glacial Age; and that the book of Job is a description of the same great event.

Everything at reduced prices at Corson's cash store.

The September number of the Cosmopolitan opens with an unusually interesting illustrated article on "How the Persians Live," by Wolf von Schierbrand, the private secretary of Minister Winston, while the latter was the American representative at the Persian court. "The Hurricane Island" is another handsomely illustrated article, by Herbert H. Smith, the distinguished naturalist, on St. Thomas, noted for its destructive hurricanes, its reconciling court, its shocking coaling gangs, its picturesque scenery, etc. The conclusion of George H. Fitch's wonderfully absorbing article on "The Millionaire of the Pacific Coast" is accompanied by several handsome portraits, by J. Reich. The second installment of Arnold Burges Johnson's recollections of Charles Sumner contains many facts in regard to the great statesman that are now published for the first time. It is accompanied by a fine portrait of Sumner by Tietze; the frontispiece of "Sumner and Longfellow" is engraved by E. Clement. William Westall, the well known English novelist, explodes the old established ideas relative to Kaspar Hauser, the title of his article being "New Light on an old Mystery." Olive Thorne Miller contributes one of her delightful bird sketches, "The Rival Orioles." "Shall America have Ambassadors?" is a question that Moncure D. Conway answers in the negative, showing how useless they are, and how favorable is the influence of court life upon them. The fiction in the number is unusually excellent, Harriet Prescott Sophford's "Uncle Mason's Money" being very sprightly, Ludovic Halevy's "A French Marriage" being very witty, and Edmondo de Amicis' "The Sardinian Drummer Boy" being very pathetic. The poetry is by Bessie Chandler, W. H. H. Allen, May Riley Smith and E. A. Dumble.

A CARD TO OUR FARMER FRIENDS.

The unusually large demand for our ROLLER FLOUR this season compelled us for a time (in order to supply the the greatest number of our patrons) where the grists were large to exchange but a portion of the grist while it some times was a disappointment to parties coming from a long distance, we were obliged to adopt the policy of "the greatest good to the greatest number." We are now prepared to meet the wants of our exchange customers for any size grist they may wish to exchange.

Very Respectfully,
DAWSON BROS.
Pontiac, Mich.

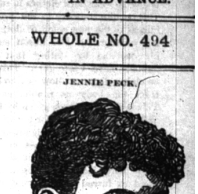
Good bright, brittle, green cucumber pickles are always desired by the thrifty housekeeper, and the only way to get them and keep them so is to buy Alden fruit vinegar (warranted) of Whitehead & Mitchell, who also keep pure cider vinegar. f

Don't Experiment.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems at first only a cold. Do not allow any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make a little more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist on getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all throat lung and chest affections. Trial bottles free at Whitehead and Mitchell's drug store. 6

New goods, gloves, handkerchiefs, buttons, collars, ruching, Painer's cor, sets, millinery and wall paper at Mrs. Furman's.

JENNIE PECK.



Some time ago an article appeared in the Evening Journal, stating that one of the "smartest little women" in the state of Michigan, lived in East Saginaw. We are glad that our contemporary said "one of the smartest," as we do not wish to engage in a wordy warfare with him, not because we are afraid by any means, but we were always too modest to dispute and also because we have one of the smartest little women in Michigan living right here in Birmingham. We are certain too that every man, woman and child in this "loveliest village of the plain," who is acquainted with Miss Jennie Peck, whose portrait we here show, will agree with us. Miss Jennie is the best kind of a witness to show the efficiency of the state institution for the blind. Her pleasing manners and fine powers as a conversationalist win all who are fortunate enough to have the pleasure of her acquaintance. In musical accomplishments Miss Jennie is without a peer in the town and surrounding country. She excels as a vocalist and her performances as a pianist would credit many professionals. Every Sunday morning and evening she presides at the organ of the Baptist church to the extreme satisfaction of the congregation. It may seem strange and incredulous to those not acquainted with her, but we know whereof we speak and can prove it, if necessary, that we have seen this young lady busily engaged in crocheting and other varieties of fancy work so dear to ladies hearts. She can take the pattern and produce it exactly without a single mistake. This is more than many young ladies, who have their eyesight can do, and is enabled to perform this work through her delicate sense of feeling.

Our reporter was caught in the very act of purloining the photograph from which the above portrait is taken and as he feels rather bad about it, he is not in a condition to write any more about this fair subject.

ASTONISHED.

"John," said Mrs. Snow to her liege lord on Tuesday evening of last week, as he was tinkering around the barn with a saw and hammer, "I wish you would come into the house and change your clothes and get into your fine boots, for we are going over to neighbor John's to tea." "Not to any serious extent I wont," said John "I've sold my sheep and this rack is going to be finished to-night and go on the wagon too, so I can get an early start with 'em in the morning. Get me the lantern, and don't be fooling about high teas and such nonsense." The good wife could do no less than get him the lantern and keep quiet.

Pretty soon some friends drove up and went in the house and when the men folks came out to the barn with their horses, John apologized and let the hired men attend to them and kept grinding at the sheep rack. Then some more folks kept coming and all at once it dawned upon his Snow blind instincts that it was his 40th birthday and that his wife had worked up a genuine case of surprise party on him,—a thing which he had always declared "couldn't be did.—No Sir-e-e!" He threw the hammer under the work bench, hung up the saw and went to the house where he was full fit into about forty of his personal friends whom his wife had invited and who had brought with them a very fine upholstered plush rocker as a testimonial of their brotherly and sisterly love. He then stood aghast for about a minute and then disappeared and shed his working clothes to appear in a guise more becoming to the occasion.

The evening was most agreeably spent in social converse and a supper such as one would naturally expect from Mrs. Snow's reputation as a house-keeper, was discussed with a keen appreciation of its obvious merits. All the delicacies of the season graced the board and the display of fruit, the products of the home farm, was especially fine. When the early morning hours were approaching the guests took their leave, each and everyone feeling that they had been most agreeably entertained and heartily wishing Mr. and Mrs. Snow many years of peace, plenty and happiness in their lovely home and that the returning birthdays of our host should be vouchsafed to him until the three score and ten of mankind's portion should be left away behind in his memory of a happy past.

I have a lot of hats marked down to 25 and 50 cents. A lot of trimmed hats and bonnets at $1 each. L. T. Furman.

I shall sell the remainder of my trimmed summer millinery at astonishingly low prices, to make room for a large and elegant stock of new fall goods. Don't fail to call and look over the bargains. School hats 35c. L. T. Furman.