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We are agents for the

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James Means $4 Shoe is light and stylish. It fits like a stocking and requires "no breaking in," being perfectly easy the first time it is worn. It will satisfy the most fastidious.

James Means $3 Shoe is absolutely the only shoe of its price which has ever been placed extensively on the market in which durability is considered before mere outward appearance.

Ask for the James $2 Shoe for boys. Call at our store and try a pair of these shoes.

V. NIXON & Co.

FIRE

Is a good Servant but a hard Master.

The best paint in the Market is Boydell Bros' Mixed Paints.

We sell Boydell's Paint in any quantity from a quart up to a barrel, at the lowest possible price that good paint can be sold for.

Fahenstock, Hazlett & Schwartz strictly Pure White Lead always on hand; also pure Raw and Boiled Oil, Glass, Putty, colors, etc.

FURNITURE!

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We have a nice new stock of Bedroom Suits from $20 up. Chairs, Extension Tables, Woven Wire Spring Beds, Mattresses, etc., which we will be pleased to show to anyone desiring to inspect our stock.

Drugs and Patent Medicines. Staple and Fancy Groceries.

We have opened a large stock of fresh Garden seeds from the well-known Seed House of Hiram Sibley & Co. Call on us.

Whitehead & Mitchell

Wants, Lost, Found, etc.

TO RENT—House on Saginaw street. Good well, cistern, etc. Inquire of Mrs. English, Birmingham, Mich. 52

HORSES FOR SALE—One Royal George brood mare, 11 years old; one 3-year old Handy Andy colt, one 4-year Handy Andy colt; also one 2 seated carriage which will be sold cheap, having no use for it. Call at Martin Wilde's, one-half mile north of Birmingham, for prices and particulars. 52

FOR SALE—A three-year old colt, 16 hands high, for sale cheap. Call on or address J. Lawson, Clawson, Mich. 52tf

CROCK WELLS—I am prepared to take orders for putting down best crock wells at lowest prices. Work guaranteed. References: Anyone for whom I have done work. For terms etc., call on or address, Wm. H. Midgley, Franklin, Mich. 50ytm

FOR SALE—Several desirable village lots in the south part of the village of Birmingham. One corner of Fremont street and Stanley and six on the plat of Hood's addition adjoining Birmingham. For particulars enquire of H. Hood, Birmingham, Mich. 50

RESIDE FARM FOR SALE—Located upon the south bank of Elizabeth Lake, 5 miles from Pontiac. About 150 acres of land, plenty of orchard, no buildings. This farm is known as the "Whitehead Farm" and will be sold cheap and on easy terms. Eighty rods beautiful lake front. J. Allen Bigelow, executor, Birmingham, Mich. 51tf

FOR SALE—Horse for sale cheap. Anyone desiring to buy a horse cheap can find one by calling on Wm. L. Shadbolt, Birmingham, Mich. 51ml

For sale. Valuable piece of city property situated on Saginaw st. in the village of Birmingham, Mich. 86 feet front. The two stores known as the Jennings store and the Leach building. For price and terms apply to F. Hagerman, Birmingham, Mich.

FOR SALE—About 12 cords of stove wood, hard maple, first-class; also about 300 pounds hard coal, at the residence of the late Mrs A. D. Stickney. For Particulars call on or address Albert Adams, Birmingham, Mich. 51tf

HORSES FOR SALE—I wish to sell at a very low price, two fine Tom Allen Colts 4 and 5 years old; also two good mares 11 and 12 years old. Darius Hoxsie, Birmingham, Mich. 1

ATTENTION—A two-year old short horn bull from the Colonel Frank herd of registered stock, can be found at my premises in Big Beaver. For terms and particulars apply to I. S. Pearsoll, Big Beaver.

NOTICE—Any one having drives making to Detroit, can obtain work, and be accommodated by calling on Mrs. Mary McKown Clark's Harris' house on Saginaw st. I will sew at very reasonable rates and guarantee satisfaction. Mrs. Mary McKown, Birmingham, Mich.

SPRAY YOUR TREES.

Having made favorable arrangements with the Field Force Pump Co., I can furnish the trade at their celebrated outfit for spraying fruit trees; also principal directions telling how and what to use to destroy the codling moth. F. A. Park, Birmingham, Mich. 50m2

BUILDERS, ATTENTION!

Until May 1, 1888, I will receive proposals for the building of a two-story frame house on my farm in Troy, to be finished before August 1, 1888. Plans and specifications can be seen and full particulars learned by calling at the premises, two miles east of Birmingham. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. Albert Todd. 50m1

A. PARTRIDGE,

Agent for the Citizens' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Oakland, Genesee and Shiawassee counties. Best company in the state to insure in. Purely mutual. Insures churches, school houses and dwellings. For rates and particulars apply to A. Partridge, Birmingham, Mich.

M. G. JONES,

Agent for the German-American Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties. It will be to the interest of those wishing to insure to call on me. We insure stores, churches, school houses, mills and all first-class risks. M. G. JONES, 48tf Birmingham, Mich.

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D. M. Johnston, L D S

Gas and Vitalized Air used for the painless extraction of teeth. Office first door west of Presbyterian church. Hours 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

DRESS GOODS!

JUST RECEIVED.

New Spring Shades and Weaves in Broadhead Dress Goods, only 50c.

38 inch all wool Dress Flannels, popular Shades and Colors. Very neat.

38 inch Dress Flannels only 25c. This is a

BARGAIN

Spring Novelties in Dress Trimmings.

Seasonable Shades of

SATINS, PLUSHES, VELVETS, VELVETEENS.

WALL PAPER.

Good paper 6c, 8c and 10c per roll.
Gold paper 8c, 10c, 12½c and 20c per roll.
Embossed paper from 20c upwards.
Everything New, Fresh and the latest Novelties out at

F. BLAKESLEE'S.

YOUR ATTENDANCE

Is invited to our new stock of

DRY GOODS,

BOOTS & SHOES,

Including the largest assortment of latest styles, best qualities and most desirable goods in American, German and French Sateens, White Goods, Seersuckers, Ginghams, etc.

One lot Broadhead Dress goods, one yard wide, at 25c; former price 50c. A bargain.

25 dozen ladies' regular made Hose at 20c per pair, or three pair for 50c. They are worth 25c per pair.

25 dozen men's Cotton Hose at 5c per pair. You cannot buy these goods for less than 10c per pair of other merchants.

Great Bargains in Dress Goods, Trimmings, Jerseys, Gent's Furnishing Goods etc,.

IN BOOTS AND SHOES

we have the largest Line of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes in town at prices that will defy competition. We have the exclusive sale of the Means

$3 AND $4

shoes. These are by far the best line of men's shoes ever offered to the trade at these prices in Birmingham. No trouble to show goods. Yours resp.,

V. NIXON AND 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.

First of May. Now is the time to move.

Frank Ford is sick with the measles in Chicago.

Arthur Lee, Esq., of Royal Oak made us a pleasant visit.

Dri Hoxsie advertises his horses for sale in cheap column this week.

A little rain now and then is gratefully received by the worst of men.

Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan nee Ada Spears is very sick with rheumatism.

John Pound is not "giving up business," as you will see by his new ad this week.

Elmer Phillips was in town the fore part of this week for a short visit to his parents.

George Kemp of this village, had an enjoyable time at Orchard Lake last Sunday.

Frank Condon and Thomas Akin of Detroit Sundayed with Cyrus Akin of this place.

Ed Hamilton has some choice six weeks registered Suffolk pigs for sale. Price $5 per pair. 2

Jno. F. Guilloz has received his pay from the school board and receipts we suppose have been passed.

Flora Perkins is visiting her sister Marry Wooley, at Owosso, and will make a six weeks' visit.

A new side-walk on the north side of Willits Street, running from Saginaw to Bates Street, would be the proper caper.

The junior class of the Birmingham high school will soon give a very fine entertainment. Full particulars in due time

G. F. Randall and his mother, Mrs. E. A. Randall, returned home from three month's sojourn in California on Saturday last.

L. O. Trowbridge was in town this week and sold Will Masters a beautiful white bronze monument to be erected in Greenwood cemetery.

Spence Reynolds ("Take one you take two gosh darn it.") was in town last Tuesday with a load of household goods on his way to Detroit.

Mr. Ebenezer Robinson, a former resident of Troy and a brother of Jane Robinson, died at his home in Orleans township, Ionia county, last week.

The members of the Birmingham High School Alumni are requested to meet with Miss Mollie Smith, Wednesday, May 9, 1888. Order of Sec.

A prospective wedding on Maple ave detracts a good deal of gossip from the late Saginaw street nuptials. Well, it's real good to have a change once in a while.

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To-morrow (Friday) May 4, the Woman's Working society of the M. E. church hold their monthly meeting at the spacious residence of Mrs. C. M. Raynale. A full attendance is earnestly requested by the ladies in charge.

On the first of May put aside the five cents for the Improvement society's boy. The honorary membership is now sixty. Can't we find one hundred people in this town who will pay five cents a month to be expended in lights, trees, street cleaning, etc ?

Jno. Baldwin having had three troubles on his mind begins to "breeve free." The troubles, two law-suits and the selection of a new spring carpet, are being overcome in that beautiful and discrete style of Jack's that is one of the eight wonders of the world.

The happiest boy in Clawson now is Bert Buell over the arrival of a ten and a half pound babe. Bert was so enthused over the safe arrival of the little stranger that he failed to tell us whether he is a happy father or mother and we can't tell either.

There is a law forbidding people to hitch horses to shade trees; also to leave them loose on the street. The latter experiment was tried a short time since and the result was a ruined tree, and the owner of the horse was informed that it would cost him one dollar.

George Sanders of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, visited many old friends here last week. He was a member of the 1st Mich. Cav., which gained a world reputation during the late unpleasantness, and his meeting with old army friends was most enjoyed by all hands.

Our old friend James McCollum has embarked in business at Wilmot. Here's success to Jim in his new departure. His sale at Deford before going to Wilmot brought in the neat little sum of $508. Hay brought $16 per ton, which is considered a good price in that county.

Wm. Brown, wife and family, who went to Helix, Cal. a short time ago, are all back again among friends well and growing better every day. Mrs. Brown has been very ill and it was reported at one time that she had died. We are glad that she can disprove this statement herself.

By a decision of the supreme court recently it was settled that the owner of a walk was liable for all damages caused by a defective walk, that if a person sued a village for damages caused by a defective walk, as a natural result the village looks to the owner of the walk for the cold cash, and in the future will not seek in vain.

Chas. R. Hoffman bought from White head & Mitchell a beautiful Alleger organ this week, and is now a proud and happy possessor of a first-class instrument with plenty of players about the house. Surely the tonsorial business must be paying finely for Charles is constantly adding to his worldly store in a quiet and modest manner.

A recent letter from John Rainey, dated Manchester, N. H., April 25, reports him in excellent health and spirits, but a little dissatisfied with the cold weather, the hills being covered with snow, and cold rains and snow every day. He is playing ball with the Hamiltons this season and seems to be having a pretty good time all around.

Bonuses being in order, F. W. Sherman will receive just $300 from the summer resorters at Orchard Lake which will enable him to sail his boat soon. Frank says in about two week the steamer starts for Orchard Lake on trucks six Pontiac, after which the engine will be placed and the boat ready for business. Good enough. Wish the bonus had another 0 on the end of it.

Thanks are hereby donated to the friends who attended the donation at the M. E. church, one evening last week, but we fear the party was affected by the moon's phases, as we have since heard that the moon was not right for a donation party success. Receipts of the evening amounting to some $6 50 are thankfully received, and especially thankful are we to the non-members who contributed over 50 per cent.

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right about it He returned to the bosom of his family on Friday night last, and gave every evidence of being awful glad to get back again. He is to be pitied rather than blamed perhaps, as his health is not the best in the world and this gives rise to fits of the "blues," during which time he is ready to do almost anything to get rid of himself.

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The Detroit Music Co. has immortalized itself by one of the firm, Mr. Harry R. Williams, composing a grand march and dedicating the same to General R. A. Alger, and, like its namesake, it is wonderfully popular, and has the "git thar" stroke in every detail. Already the first edition is exhausted and the demand unprecedented. It is arranged for the piano at 40 cents, and for a brass band at 50 cents. It is written in 2-4 time and so arranged that a small band can play it effectively. Send for it, you band boys, if you want a piece of music that is up with the times.

Everybody knows "little Billy Brown" who used to live in Troy and went to Harbor Springs to get rich, then came home and last spring he took a new start for California, having had "enough of this blasted Michigan climate." On Monday last he returned to Michigan again and will be contented. While he was gone he had the misfortune to be very sick, and his wife lay at death's door for several weeks and indeed, was reported dead among her relatives. Now he has returned to God's country and says he would like to see the combination of circumstances that could yank him out of dear old Michigan again.

Last Saturday the Improvement society put out twenty trees in different parts of the village, the people before whose places they were planted agreeing to water and care for them. Of course they found some people who didn't want any trees—some who thought a tree on the outside of the walk was going to ruin a garden, but these were only exceptions to the general rule. Most people were very thankful to the society, and one old lady with tears in her eyes said: "Please thank the society for me and if I can ever do anything for them let me know." We think you would all feel paid for the trials and tribulations of Mother Goose, could you have witnessed this old lady's gratitude.

Notice change of time on the D. G. H. & M. R's this week. The "old reliable," with its customary accommodation, has put back the night express going west, which arrives here at 11 50 p. m., and the limited express going east at 10.55 p. m. Particular attention is called to the fact that a fast limited express will be run from Grand Haven to Detroit, connecting with the fast limited express on the Grand Trunk railway, leaving Detroit daily at midnight, for all points in Canada and the east, both via Montreal and Niagara Falls. There will be through parlor and sleeping car service between Grand Haven and Detroit and between Detroit, Toronto, Montreal, New York and Boston without change.

On Saturday last Luther Stanly tendered his resignation as supervisor to the township board of Bloomfield. The board accepted the resignation and appointed William Satterlee to fill the vacancy thus created. Mr. Stanley's health has been very poor since his return from California, and it was only at the earnest solicitation of friends that he witheld his resignation as long as he did, they hoping against hope that he would become better as spring advanced. On Thursday night he was taken worse again and his condition, while not considered exactly dangerous, was such as to put his ability to take the assessment of the township out of the question. Mr. Satterlee took the oath of office on Saturday evening last and immediately entered upon his duties.

The wedding tour of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ford will no doubt be remembered by that worthy couple for some time, if not longer. Frank had been so much afraid of "catching the measles" that he hadn't been home for a week on account of his daughter being sick with that dread disease, and was married in Pontiac where they didn't have any measles, but grim fate was after him like a hawk after a hen, as it were, and when the bridal party was in the midst of a hilarious honeymoon in the city of Chicago, the fell disease swooped down on the devoted bridegroom and claimed him for its own, and the bride of a week had her hands full with a patient sick with the measles. And that is the reason Frank's friends are all smiling over his new fashioned wedding tour.

As we go to press we learn of the somewhat unexpected death of George Sly, Jr., of Bloomfield township, near Franklin. Last summer he went to St. Croix Falls, Wis., to visit his sister and obtained employment in office work of some kind. His health was excellent until about six weeks ago when he was taken sick and grew gradually worse until quite recently his family became alarmed and on Saturday last he was brought home. The physicians pronounced his disease an internal abscess and on Monday last it was decided to have a surgical operation performed, and Drs. J. A. Buell of Franklin and R. LeBaron of Pontiac were summonde, but before they had commenced operations the patient suddenly died. He was in his 21st year and his sudden death comes like a blighting frost upon his devoted relatives.

Moncure D. Conway writes in the May Cosmopolitan, a lively article on "The Pedigree of the Devil" which is illustrated with a number of rare and wierd pictures, including four pages in color. The colored pictures of the Faust legend, showing Mephistopheles with Margaret and in the witch's kitchen, and of Japanese demons and Persian devils are the most finished and attractive color work that has yet appeared in this enterprising magazine. Mr. Conway is presumed to be on intimate terms with his subject, having formely been a Methodist divine, and having written the best book published on Demonology. The article is opportune just now, as it is exactly 300 years since Mephistopheles made his first appearance (in the English "Faust" book). So important a character in the world as his Red Majesty surely deserves a memorial now and then, and no doubt he appreciates the compliment of so bright and entertaining description of his portean career.

The good work of Birmingham's boom goes bravely on, and a person who cares to look at the probabilities of things in general, cannot help seeing the sure signs of a rapid advance in the prospects of our village. Now just think of it. Here is the new industry of the Birmingham Tack Co., which is now an established fact and will be running in dead earnest in less than a week. Then in a very short time you will see a new roller process mill in place of the present ordinary old one, the necessary arrangements having been made by Jones & Fredericks of the Birmingham mills, the change to cost at least $5000. Then we, ourselves, will moderately but nevertheless surely and deliberately build a new double store and bank on our present location, in the spring of 1889, at a cost of not less than $4,000. All these things are good for the town, and now, we ask our citizens, if they can't say anything good of our booming little village, for heaven's sake not to say anything against it, but keep their blessed old mouths shut as tight as they do their pocket books.

Ten years ago to-day we had the temerity to start the ECCENTRIC. From the size of our postage stamp it has grown to its present proportions and from a circulation of 000 it has grown to—oh, well, editors will lie about their circulation anyway, but when you get down to business and bottom facts, we have, without doubt, the largest circulation in old Oakland outside of the county seat. During the past decade we have met with many incidents both pleasurable and otherwise, and could, if we chose, give a tabulated statement like unto our brother editor out west, who had been "asked to drink 2179 times, drank 2179 times; threatend with a licking 1973, got licked 2 times, licked the other fellow 1971 times," etc., but we will spare our readers any such infliction and merely say that we hope to give our readers ten volumes more of the same kind of diet, and if they're not all dead by that time, we'll keep right on as long as they roll in the dollars. We don't ask any one for any contributions for charity's sake, but ask them to try the ECCENTRIC a couple of months and see if they dont get their money's worth.

OBITUARY.

DIED—On April 29, 1888, at the residence of her son in Troy, Mrs. Mc-Roberts, in the 71st year of her age.

She was born in County Down, Ireland; was baptized and admitted into the United Presbyterian church in her youth; she came to this country with her husband and six children in 1849, where she remained up to the time of her death. About the year 1852 her son Samuel was called away by death and in 1855 her husband was taken from her, still she has remained with her children until now, when it has pleased God to take her home, leaving three sons and four daughters to mourn the loss of a loving mother. She was a member of the U. P. church.

The funeral took place from the U. P. church in Troy, Rev. J. A. Sherrard officiating.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the post-office at Birmingham, Mich., for the month ending April 30, 1888.

Miss Millie Bennett, Henry Fay, Miss Phebe Lioney, Mrs. S. Linton, O. M. Olson, C. R. Richardson, Mr. P. J. Walsh, Norton Windslow, William Wilkins, Mrs. Clara Woolston (3)

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

F. HAGERMAN, P. M.

STEAMER CITY OF MILWAUKEE.

The Grand Haven route will be opened for passenger business, commencing Tuesday, May 1, 1888, when that magnificent iron side wheel steamer "City of Milwaukee," will commence her daily trips, leaving Grand Haven at midnight, daily, connecting with the D. G. H. & M. train leaving Pontiac at 5.35 p. m., arriving at Milwaukee the following morning about 6 a. m., connecting with all morning trains for the west.

Returning, leaves Milwaukee at 11.30 a. m., arriving at Grand Haven at 5 30 p. m., connecting with the D. G. H. & M. train leaving that station at 5.30 p. m.

Sleeping berths are free to all west bound passengers holding first-class tickets, and the patrons of this popular route will be served excellent meals at the rate of 50 cents per meal.

Reed's Gilt Edge Tonic is a confection of roots, herbs, barks and seeds. Try it. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

RESOLUTIONS.

Passed by the Birmingham High School Alumni.

Departed from this life April 16, 1888, Mrs. Ona S. Wilde in the 25th year of her age.

WHEREAS, The great Reaper, Death, has again entered our midst and taken from our circle a beloved member, a loving wife and only daughter, therefore,

RESOLVED, That in the death of our friend Ona, the B. H. S. Alumni association has lost one of its most respected and earliest members, and that we will ever hold her in fond remembrance.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Association, extend our earnest sympathies to the stricken husband and little child, and to the lonely mother to whom this falls with peculiar sadness though they know that from that hushed and darkened room two angels issued where but one went in.

RESOLVED, That, as a token of respect, a copy of these resolutions be presented to the bereaved family and also be sent to the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC for publication.

Signed { MARTHA E. ALLEN, Pres. JESSIE L. KEIST, Sec.

DEALINGS IN DIRT.

Fred Dahlman, jr, to John C. Frank, the e ½ of the n e ¼ of sec 4, 105 acres, Troy; $6,400.

John C. Frank to Fred Dahlman, jr., the e ½ of the s e ¼ of sec 26, Avon; $3,000.

Geo. W. Smith to Carlton Beardslee, lot 14, Orchard Beach in West Bloomfield; $1 and other considerations.

Carlton A. Beardslee, to Geo. W. Smith, lot 16, Orchard Beach in West Bloomfield; $1 and other considerations.

Joseph Grace by heirs to Orpha M. Grace, 100 acres on sec 36, Farmington; $4,500.

Thos W. Marsh, to Ed. W. Marsh, 20 acres on sec 5, Farmington; $1,400.

Wm. Serviss to Laura Jane Marsh, parcel of land on sec 5, Farmington; $2,000.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Richard McRea, deceased; commissioners' warrant and report and affidavits filed.

Estate of Harmon Vermilyea, deceased; bond filed and letters issued.

PROGRAM.

The following is a program of the Adelphi literary society to be held at the high school room, on Monday evening, May 7.

MUSIC.

Select Reading ..... Ezra Matheson.
Paper ..... Grace Kneeland, Addie Houghton and Tom Cooper.

MUSIC.

DEBATE.

Question—Resolved, that the discovery of gunpowder is a benefit to our country.

Aff—Bruce Randall, W. H. Hawkes, C Reynolds and Daisy Sibley.

Neg—Marion Millard, Frank Blair, Geo. Kemp and Stella Mills.

Admission free.

HE'S NOT DEAD YET.

SODUS, N. Y., April 26, 1888.

Editors of the Eccentric.

I bade farewell to Michigan on Thursday, the 19th, a state to which I came to reside on July 4, 1842. I assure you when I left Birmingham, probably for the last time, I had a sorrowful heart filled with many sad thoughts. "There is a destiny that shapes our ends rough hew them as we will," so I patiently submitted and went on my way eastward. I staid at Buffalo until Monday noon and took the New York Central and arrived at this place at 5 o'clock p. m. of the same day.

Wife and I found warm friends to greet us and we are now stopping with a niece in a beautiful country village home. This is an old town, some larger than Birmingham, and was probably first settled in 1800. I our stands some ancient buildings which reminds me of some I have often seen in Birmingham. On Tuesday morning I saw the old homestead where I wooed and wedded my better half 48 years ago. I say wedded, but I was married in an Episcopal church, now standing, a little quaint looking edifice which anyone would take to be of that denomination. Most all the people who saw wife and I stand up before the minister have crossed the great river.

After recovering from my weariness my first move was to find a shoe-shop where I could pass away the time as comfortably as I did at Billy Manser's. I did not look long, for in the rear of the the post-office I found a spectacled Crispin occupying a bench and hammering away on the lap-stone. He seemed to be a clever fellow, a little disposed to be witty, but he couldn't begin with Billy. I tried him a few times, but I found his jokes rather dry. His accommodations for setters consists of two rickety chairs, only, and when sitting down on one I came near falling over, which reminded me of my comfortable resort in Billy's parlor. I asked him if he didn't have any better sitting places and he replied: "No, for with good soft seat friends would be too numerous." I then thought of Gun Shutes, George Shain, Frank Durkee, Hod Leet and Mose Taber, all good and worthy members of the setters' society of Birmingham. Long may they wave.

Yours truly, W. C. HOYT

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