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

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## 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.*

Will Taber is in Petoskey and all along the shore.

Another crowd of jolly campers left here for Pine lake this week.

Mrs. G. C. Gibbs is visiting her sister, Mrs. Pearce, at Howell.

Franklin band bowery dance at Franklin on Friday evening, Aug. 10.

At last it is dawning on some of the people that water is what we want.

Dr. Raynale was quite sick the latter part of last week, but is around again.

Quite a number of our citzens attended the races at Hamtramck last week.

Five cents Aug. 1st for the Improvement boy. We want a few more lamps.

Wait for the ECCENTRIC excursion when takes place this month some time.

Mrs. Willitts and the Misses O'Keif of Detroit are summer boarders in our town.

Mrs. Dale of St. Louis, Mo. is spending a few weeks with her father, Mr. H. Irving.

The Happy Family ball club play a game Friday with the Giants on our grounds.

Examinantion of teachers in all the grades at the court house, Pontiac, Aug. 2 and 3.

The account of the base ball game at Clawson, Saturday, was too late for this issue.

There will be an ice cream social at Mrs. Beddow's of Southfield next Tuesday evening, Aug. 7.

The band will play at the lawn social at E. C. Poppleton's next Friday evening. Come everybody.

The Michigan state agricultural society's 40th annual fair opens at Jackson, Monday, Sept. 10, 1888.

Any one wanting to sell or exchange village property see adv't of M. W. Ellsworth in cheap column this week.

After a long absence Mrs. Linabury has returned to spend some time with her sister, Mrs. Henry Bloomburg.

On their return home from a delightful trip to Duluth, Mr. and Mrs. C. Millis of Pontiac spent Sunday last with Mrs. J. Baldwin.

The 40th annual union fair of the Oakland county Agricultural and Horticultural societies, takes place at Pontiac, Sept. 25, 26, 27 and 28, 1888.

A. Whitehead has secured the agency for the old reliable Phoenix insurance company. If you want reliable and cheap insurance call at this office.

Hoffman, the barber, is shaving democrats for 20 cents or nothing from now until election. Cleveland elected—nothing. Harrison elected—20 cents. See?

The Birmingham Grange will call to order next Saturday evening at 7.30, sharp. The program for that evening is exceptionally good. All members are requested to be present.

Special communication of the Birmingham lodge, No. 44, F. & A. M., this (Thursday) evening. Work on the third degree. A full attendance requested. McA. Randall, Sec'y.

We forgot to say anything about that elegant white team of F.A. Ford's, last week. They are dandies and Fred is now prepared to furnish as stylish a livery rig, single or double, as any livery-man in the country.

Mrs. A. Whitehead and son and Miss Jennie Keyes left for Alpena on Monday last via steamer "Mackinaw," where they will make a two weeks sojourn with Mrs. Chas. Howard, Mrs. White head's sister.

The Franklin band will give a grand bowery dance at Franklin on Friday evening, Aug. 10, 1888. Fine music, good floor, excellent company and a grand old time. Who could wish for more? Everybody take it in—sure.

Bowman, the only son and child of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Beekman, died at the residence on Saginaw street, Pontiac, last Tuesday morning, after a week's illness, of inflammation of the bowels, aged ten years the first of last May.

As noted in these columns some six week since, the P. O. & P. A. R'y, including all the rights and franchises of the company, will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house, in Pontiac, on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Our citizens who have occasion to go to Orchard Lake either on business or pleasure will find our good old friend, Mr. Moody of South Lyon, ready to welcome them at Harger's Orchard Lake House. It seems something like to have a good hotel at the lake.

Jno. D. Crawford of Middletown, N. J., a cousin of Mrs. B. A. Thorne, made a visit here one day last week. He is visiting numerous relatives in this state and says Michigan is a good country. He will make an extended southern and western tour before his return.

The young people's Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will hold a lawn social and literary entertainment at Mr. E C. Poppleton's, Friday evening, Aug. 3. Admission 5 cents. Refreshments, ice cream and water melon. Everybody invited.

Said a stranger in town the other day: "If you would put your monument in the cemetery where it belongs, take your stone pile off the corner and make one or two of your business men clean up their very conspicuous back yards, you would have the prettiest village in the country."

Miss Chloe Mitchell of Hamilton, Ont., has been visiting with the family of Dr. D. M. Johnston and was also the guest of Miss Lena Blakeslee. She expresses herself pleased with this part of Michigan, and if indications prove any thing, this part of Michigan was not displeased with her.

Mrs. Joseph Mead, living two blocks east of the school house on Merrill St., has newly fitted up her rooms, which she formerly rented to scholars, on the ground floor. Plastered and papered, can sleep below or up stairs, and pantry and wood-shed with the rooms. Call early and see them.

Mr. and Mrs. Valroy of Rockford, and Mr. and Mrs. Depew of Detroit, visited their friend, D. Shadbolt and family last week. They all enjoyed the ride after that elegant white team of F. Ford's and Mr. Ford said a more jolly load he never carried. They returned home on Saturday.

It is strange how some great events go unnoticed while others are frequently spoken of; for instance, Sheridan's illness is reported in every detail. The deaths of Presidents Lincoln, Garfield and Grant have been reported. But Frank Park has been sick a whole week and no one has heard of it.

Last week Will Taber took leave of Geo. Moebs & Co. of Detroit in whose employ he has been for some time past, and after a brief vacation in the Mackinaw region, will go on the road for the Birmingham Tack Co., selling goods of their manufacture. He has the very best testimonials from his recent employers.

The annual meeting of the Detroit district camp meeting will be held at Belleville, beginning Tuesday, Aug 7, 1888, at 3 p. m. Rev. L. P. Davis of Detroit, preaching the opening sermon, and continuing until Thursday evening, Aug 16, with a closing sermon by Rev. J. F. Berry of the Michigan Christian Advocate, Detroit.

Drs. Brown and Manton of Detroit, stopped for a brief rest, en route from Detroit to Pontiac on Wednesday, and as Dr. Brown wore knee breeches and broad soled shoes our bicycle crank asked him if he was a L. A. W. man and they both answered, "No sir!! We scorn the bicycle. We walk!!!" And walk they did, from Detroit to Pontiac, 25 miles, in a very brief space of time.

The amount of stones, sticks and paper the village improvement society have taken from our streets during the past month, would be a surprise to most people. Will the time ever come when people will appreciate the work enough to to keep papers, tin cans, etc. off their street fronts, and will they learn that the street is not the place to throw weeds, green apples and refuse that might be buried from sight.

Truman Patch received a severe wound from a pitch fork while drawing wheat one day last week. The fork was thrown across the barn floor by his son Arthur, with the intention of sticking it into the hay mow, but Mr. Patch received it full in the face one tine going through both lips and requiring eight stitches from Dr. Raynale's needle to make it all right. It is very much better now but Mr. Patch can't whistle yet.

A bicycle tour among the various campers at Pine, Orchard and Watkins lakes last Sunday, revealed the fact that Daines and Hoffman, and Merrell, Wild and Wheeler at Pine lake are having a delightful time; Palmer and Frank Sherman at Orchard Lake are getting their boat well under way and living in a tent meanwhile, and Bigelow, Durkee & Co. at Watkins lake are having a full amount of enjoyment, pure and simple.

Birmingham boys are sure to get to the front. Now it is Steve Trowbridge who comes to the front. The republicans of Ionia county will ask the state convention to nominate him for attorney general in the coming election, and we hope to see old Oakland supplement the request with a rousing vote for Steve. The mere family name will carry Oakland county at the polls, and when Steve asks for your franchise his hundreds of friends in this part of the state will make his opponent feel dizzy.

One day last week Rev. Thomas Middlemis was hastily telephoned for at Wyandotte, to attend the bedside of Mrs. Wm. Parks of Troy, who lives on the old Alger farm, as she was considered in a critical condition. Mr. Middlemis administered such religious comfort as is usual in such cases, and Mrs. Parks bade him good bye. At the present writing, however, we are pleased to note a decided change for the better in her case, and if the improvement continues she will soon be comparatively convalescent.

August 28, 29 and 30, the Soldiers and Sailors' Veteran association, G. A. R., of Oakland county, will hold their first annual re union at Stony Lake, one mile north of Oxford village. Many distinguished visitors will be present, among them Gov. Luce, Gen. Alger, Col. Duffield, Hon. J. D. Norton and Col. Mathews. Half fare on all railroads. There will be three days of recreation for the boys who, a quarter of a century ago, escaped carnage of both flood and field. Everybody is invited to participate in "the union of hearts and the union of hands."

The launch of the "Winnie," the little dainty steamer belonging to G. E. Daines, took place at Pine lake one day last week. The minature cunarder was built by Henry Bassett and the engine and all the machinery was put in by Mr. Daines. It was taken to the lake on an ordinary wagon, backed down into the water with a full head of steam already on, took to her natural element like a duck and steamed across the lake like a thing of life. She measures about 20 feet long, with an awning over all and to say that Ned is proud of the little beauty is putting it mild. Vive la Winnie.

On Monday last, V. Nixon & Co. took an execution from Judge Jones on Wm. Stevenson for debt, and placed it in the hands of officer Beattie for service. He went to Stevenson's stable in this village and told him that he had come to take his horse on the execution. Stevenson at first said he had no objections, but subsequently went for Beattie with a scythe. Beattie took the scythe away from him and then Stevenson struck him on the head with a whetstone, when, evidently the time had come for the majesty of the law to save its reputation from the demition bowwows, and Beattie's fist flew out like a mule's hind leg, and when Stevenson got up, about 3 minutes later, his lip was cut in a shocking manner, and Beattie's man was leading the pride of his heart, the Clydesdale stallion, "Young Lord Douglas Castle," from the premises. Dr Raynale sewed up the injured man's lip and William is as well as ever; but he says he is "bound to 'ave 'is 'orse back again."

The August number of Scribner's magazine is a fiction number, containing contributions from Robert Louis Stevenson, Henry James, Sarah Orne Jewett, Octave Thanet, F. J. Stimson, and Maria Blunt—a very notable array of story writers. There are in addition two richly illustrated articles of unusual importance. The railway series, which has been received with the warmest approval of the general public as well as of railroad men of all grades, is continued in this issue with an acute and luminous account of the evolution and present wonderful perfection of "American Locomotives and Cars." "The Fate of the Georgiana" by Maria Blunt is a love story of the Rhode Island coast. There are a score of illustrations, showing some of the most romantic scenery in this country, in Prof. N. S. Shaler's paper describing "Rivers and Valleys." A sympathetic sketch of New England rural character, full of delicacy and beauty, is entitled "Fair Day," by Sarah Orne Jewett. There are poems by Helen Gray Cone, A Lampman, and Thomas P. Conant.

### SOUTHFIELD SIFTINGS.

Mrs. Russell's neices, Mrs. Groton of Detroit and Mrs. Abrams of Chicago have returned to their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs Marvin of Lawton were the guests of Mr. Hatch last week.

Miss Kate Sherman of Detroit is visiting relatives in this place.

Mr. Lakie of Toronto, Ont., visited his daughter, Mrs. Holcomb, last week.

Dr. Huntingdon of Howell amputated two fingers for Carl Tibbitts last Saturday.

The picnic in Mr. Crabb's woods was a very enjoyable affair.

We are ready for the annual ECCENTRIC excursion. Let it come!

Mr. Doty returned from his visit last week and has been sick ever since. It don't seem to agree with some folks to take a vacation.

Miss Sadie Hutton attends the summer term at Ypsilanti.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge of Commerce visited over Sunday with Mr. Hodge.

Mrs. Alfred Adams and children of Detroit have been making a short visit at W. Sturman's.

There was a fishing party and picnic at Walnut lake last Saturday, and now we hear nothing but fish stories.

Mrs. A. Jenks and children are the guests of L. Jenks.

Fred Jenks is calling on numerous friends in this vicinity.

Miss Mary Hyde of Chamberlain, Da., has been visiting at H. D. Hyde's.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard of Detroit are the guests of Mrs. Beddow

Mr. Wood and son Eddie Sundayed with L. C. Phelps. Eddie will spend the rest of his vacation here.

The Misses VanDyke are the guests of Mrs. C. V. Babcock.

Mrs. F. H. Chapman and children have gone to Toledo on a visit.

The young people will give an ice cream social at Mrs. Beddow's next Tuesday evening, Aug. 7. Everybody go and have a good time.

### COUNTY LINE CLIPPINGS.

Two of Mrs. Blunt's grandchildren from Port Hope are visiting her.

Mrs. Trenor of Detroit is visiting at R. Megigans'

Mrs. B. Harmon died Friday, aged 71 years. Deceased was one of the earliest pioneers. She leaves a son and a daughter.

Frank Reddick is dealing in milk. He ships it to Detroit.

The ham of the threshing machine is heard in our neighborhood.

The Wilson boys have bought a new threshing machine.

Bert Wilson is working in a hotel in Kentucky.

Steve Cooper has bought a new McCormick Binder.


I commence this week to close out my stock of summer hats and bonnets fast greatly reduced prices. Call and see my trimmed hats at $1 and $1.50. L. T. Furman.


### A STRANGE, STRANGE WILL.

BY ANNA SMITH WILLITS.

"How came I by this beautiful home?"

"Indeed my little cousin I do not wonder that you ask. For a poor old woman to own so grand a home as the 'Kindwood', is indeed strange; but it is truly mine and of its ownership I am proud."

"Yes, I am wondrously surprised for I little knew or suspected this elegance. Your note of invitation was a great surprise but your home, a far greater one. Before I can feel truly at home you must tell me of your fairy-tale fortune."

"To your room, Lottie, make yourself more comfortable by a refreshing bath, then come to the east veranda, where you will find two chairs in waiting, and you then shall hear of my 'fairy tale fortune.'"

This obeyed, soon Lottie was seated upon a great broad veranda in a comfortable rocking chair. The view to the eastward was a grand one of hills and vales, fields and woodlands.

"Lottie, you know not of Hans Ristau; but to him and one little deed, my $30,000 are due. Some ten years ago I was nursing a lady in the wealthy village of T——in New York state. At the close of a tiresome day's care, I was given a half hour for an out door walk. The sun was just setting behind the hills and all nature seemed beatiful as I strolled along the village street. I had crossed a bridge and was about climbing a hill, when before me I saw a very old man tottering along, every step seemingly his last. I hurried, thinking I might aid him."

"Are you going far?" I asked.

"Yes, yes, a drink of water," said he.

I looked, how could I ever give him that. I knew no one and all the houses looked so richly cold. However, I assisted him to the nearest residence and rung the bell. Presently a richly dressed lady came forward.

"Madam, this old man wishes a drink, may I be allowed to get him one?" I asked.

With a haughty air she answered: "There is a town pump up the road, there you will find a cup."

A thousand obstacles rushed through my brain. The greatest, how could he ever reach said pump. I full well knew food was far more necessary than water, but if water were refused what of food? I aided him to the pump and on the way he told me his story. It was but the old, old story. Father of five sons, one given the homestead for his life support. Trouble followed, he was turned from home and was then on his way to the poor house. What next to do for him I hardly knew, but my good sense whispered "supper" and "bed." I took him to the village hotel, secured both and upon parting he asked my name. Fortunately I had my card and on handing it to him I said: "Hans, if ever you are in great need and your children come not to you, send for me and I will do for you as a child should."

Why I said this, Lottie, I know not; but I could not refrain from it, for his face told me a sad, sad story. Three years passed and I had entirely forgotten my little episode with poor old Hans, when I received a letter from a noted New York lawyer, telling me of money left me and asking my immediate personal reply. I read and reread that letter and in a few days called upon Lawyer Teeman. I was greeted by a very pleasant faced gentleman who said: "Miss Wilmar you are indeed in surprising good fortune. A client of mine, Hans Ristau by name, has lately died and left to you his home upon the Hudson and $30,000. The will is strange for it states that the bequest is in return for a deed of kindness done, also that if you are not living it is to go to your nearest kin. May I now ask the nature of this deed?"

When I had sufficiently recovered my senses and memory I told my simple story. Lawyer Teeman then told me how he found Hans in the poor house and announced to him the grand news of wealth belonging to him from the settling of an estate in Germany; also told me of Hans' after life until his death, how bitter he ever seemed toward his sons and how reticent he ever was regarding his wealth after his death.

It was indeed days and months before I could realize that my wealth was something truly substantial. But Lottie, I often think that every deed of kindness in simple honesty given, brings for its reward rich gifts from earth and Heaven.

### TROY TWINKLES.

Rev. John Hamilton will preach at the M. E. church next Sunday forenoon. The following Sabbath Rev. D. Whitely of Orion will officiate.

Mr. Edward Peck of Pontiac and his daughter, Mrs. Backhout of Saginaw, were the guests of Mrs. Geo. Niles, Saturday.

The Utica nine were defeated by the Troy nine last Saturday.

A bowery dance in Cutting's yard this week Friday evening. Bill 50 cents.

Mrs. Hiram Terry visited her cousin Mrs. Ella Dusenbury of Pontiac, last week.

Geo. Durdle, who was pricked in the leg with a fork several days ago, is now able to be around a little.


Bucklen's Arnica Salve.
THE best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.


### A DRAMA BY TELEPHONE.

Hello, Detroit!
Hello!
Give me 1417.—H. E. Kenny & Co.
Hello!
Hello! Is this Mr. Kenny?
No, but I will call him.
Hello!
Hello! Is this Mr. Kenny?
Yes. Who are you?
This is the ECCENTRIC.
Hello ECCENTRIC! Glad to see you. What can I do for you?

What is your object Mr. Kenny in making such a reduction in the prices of your goods as announced in your ad.? Our object is to sell all seasonable goods, to exchange merchandise for money. One of the fundamental principles of our business is not to carry goods from one season to another. We believe the first loss is the best loss, and in this way we are able each season to present to our customers entirely new goods.

Do you mean then that you are selling goods for less than cost?

Most decidedly. Look at the prices announced in our adv't and your own judgement will tell you that we are not only selling them for less than cost but for less than they could be manufactured.

Are the reductions announced bonafide in every instance?

Under no circumstances do we allow misrepresentation of goods in our store, the same principle is adhered to in our advertising. It is a very poor policy on the part of any merchant to try and build up a business on fictitious announcements. He will find that he has no foundation and that he can not retain his trade.

Would it not pay better to carry goods over than to make such a sacrifice?

It might some merchants, it would not us. It depends largely on the class of trade a merchant is catering for. As I said before, we offer an entirely new stock every season. It is a matter of pride as well as business policy with us. Then too, we are aiming for first-class trade and they demand the latest the market affords.

Are not the prices at which you are offering goods about as low as a cheap grade of goods can be bought?

They are. We do not handle cheap goods, that is cheap as regards quality. There would be no satisfaction to us in selling them nor is there any satisfaction to the person who buys them. It is the poorest kind of economy for any person to buy cheap qualities. This sale of ours gives those who can not afford to buy the best goods, a chance to buy standard qualities at less than the price of cheap goods, and gives everybody a chance to buy first-class goods at the prices of inferior qualities.

Do the people who get these bargains remember you and come for other goods?

Now you have struck it. It is the best kind of advertising, better even than the ECCENTRIC. We are determined in each instance to give every customer such a quality of goods that they will wear a long time, and such a value that they will be struck with the cheapness. In that way we have a lasting advertisement. Why, just a few days ago there was a lady in from Marine City who wanted one dress and she found our goods so cheap she bought five all wool dresses and went home happy. She is now using all her influence in our behalf with her neighbors.

Seems to me it must take a good deal of nerve to cut prices as you are?

It does take nerve, but when we consider the lasting good we get from it we feel that it is a first-class policy. But good bye, I cannot talk with you longer; but always remember that any announcement made by us means just what it reads.

We were sure of it before, we are positively certain now. Good bye.

Good bye.


### Wonderful Cures.

W. D. Hoyt & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome, Ga., say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Bucklen's Arnica Salve for four years. Have never handled remedies that sell as well, or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of pronounced Consumption have been entirely cured by use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in connection with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.


### CLAWSON CULLINGS.

Camp meeting at Jonathan Todd's last Sunday evening. Another next Sunday evening at Mr. Robert Sault's.

Miss Lottie Rose of Royal Oak is visiting Miss Nora Bean.

Ren. McKinney Sundayed with Jacob Lawson.

Mrs. Ellsworth of Detroit spent the past week with Mrs. H. J. Bowers.

Codnor boardeth again. Won't marry under any condition whatever now.

James Starrett and wife of Detroit Sundayed with John Bell.

Buell and Chase, two old cronies, dug up the hatchet last week and called each other all the gentlemanly names imaginable.

Mrs. Foster of Chicago is visiting at David Cromie's.

Myron Bailey is happy over the arrival of a ten pound bay last week.

Base ball at Clawson last Saturday between the Birmingham Giants and the Clawson Red Pants. Score, Clawson, 13; Birmingham, 12.


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