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A 25c tea good as most 50c.	
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PRICE 50 CTS.
IT IS THE BEST. EASIEST TO USE, & THE CHEAPEST.

For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell. This remedy is as good for Catarrh as Piso's Cure is for Consumption. It has an enormous sale.

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(The little church around the corner.)

Sabbath services: Preaching by the Rev. C. C. Miller, pastor of Pontiac church, who will preach here until further notice at 3 p. m. Sunday school at 4 p. m. Prayer conference and bible study each Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, conducted by Mr. Miller. All are cordially invited. Seats free. tf

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev E. P. PRINCE, pastor. Sunday morning service at 10.30; Sunday school at 12, M.; Class meeting at 12, M.; Young People's Epworth League at 6 p. m.; Preaching at 7 p. m.; Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. on Thursday.

You are cordially invited to unite with us in all these services. Strangers are always welcome. If you do not attend the pastor please leave your card and remember with the ushers.

NOTICE—Who wants to make a good, safe and profitable investment? Owing to ill health I will sell my land on Bates street in the village of Birmingham, consisting of four lots and containing nine acres. This land will cut up and make a number of fine building lots and will pay to anyone doing so a large return on its investment. Will sell in any way or quantity that purchasers desire. To a buyer of the whole I will throw into the bargain a good cow, horse, wagon and harness. Call and see me. Address C. Wallace, Birmingham, Mich. Nov21

Notice to Poultry Fanciers.

I have for sale a few thoroughbred Plymouth Rock Cockrels, 1 B. C. Brown Leghorn Cockrel, a few pairs of guineas, pure White Pekin Ducks. I have as fine a breeding pens of B. C. Brown Leghorns as can be in the state of Michigan, and I shall soon be ready to book orders for eggs from these, and also pure bred Plymouth Rocks. A. H. Carpenter, Cellar place, Watkins Stock Farm, Birmingham, Mich 27

NOTICE—I take this way of informing the A ladies and gentlemen of Birmingham that I do laundry work of all kinds and wish their patronage. Work equal to city laundering will be given. Satisfaction guaranteed. Mrs. H. Peters, in Mrs. Hall's house, Maple st. 2714

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FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Chester White Pigs for sale cheap. W. F. Crombie, 1¼ miles east of Birmingham. 26w4

NOTICE—C. F. Crouch has a list of No. 1 Nebraska farms for sale cheap. It will pay those who want a reliable investment to see him.

FOR SERVICE—A yearling Victoria Boar of the best strains of blood. Terms $1. M. W. Rumble. 29w4

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Terms reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed. Call on or address L. O. Trowbridge & Co., Pontiac, Mich. Office opposite court house. 27w4

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Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental MUSIC!

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WE OFFER THIS WEEK

The best assortment of Ladies' and Children's 25 cent Mitts ever seen.
The best assortment of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Underwear at 50c.
The best assortment of Ladies' and Misses' Fall and Winter Gloves.
The best assortment of Children's Plush Hoods at 75c, $1 and $1 50.
The best assortment of Ladies' Fascinators, Scarfs and Hoods in town
The best assortment of Ladies' Fancy Silk Mitts at 50c and $1 per pair.
The best assortment of Ruchings, Collars, Collarettes and Neckwear.
The best assortment of Gents', Ladies', Misses and Children's Hose
The best assortment of Ribbons, Plush Ornaments, Cords and Laces.
The best assortment of Men's Flannel and Knit Shirts at $1, $1.50, $1.75.
We are headquarters for all kind of Stamped Goods at very low prices
We are constantly receiving new Novelties in the Dry goods Line.
They come from the Eastern Markets and are new and fresh.
Remember we handle German Knitting, Vassar, Spanish, Saxony, Shetland, Germantown and Midnight Yarns at the very lowest prices.
Full Line of Wall Paper, Lace Curtains, Shades, Poles and Fixtures.

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CROCKERY!

We have received a new line of Dishes at $4, $4 25 and $4 50 for Tea Sets of Fifty-six Pieces.

Dinner Sets, 101 Pieces, from $8.50 to $13.

We have an elegant new line of Pitchers, Plates, Bowls, etc., to sell singly or by the dozen.

YELLOW AND ROCKINGHAM WARE.

The good old-fashioned kind that we all like to use. Come and see an

EARTHEN TEA POT,

a regular little dandy, for only 20 cents.

A Nice Assortment of Fine China and Glassware.

HANGING LAMPS.

Take a day off and look over our Crockery Annex.

Yours respectfully,

Whitehead & Mitchell.

"PHURNICHURE."

We have a nice line of Bedsteads, Chairs, Mattresses, Woven wire and Spiral Bed Springs, Extension Tables, Couches, Clothes Bars and everything in the furniture line.

Yours respectfully,

Whitehead & Mitchell.

HOME NOTES.

Morg Rundel has something to say about Victoria pigs in cheap column this week

Frank Crouch has been out west and has something of interest in our cheap column this week.

Read H. E. Kenny & Co's. great 2 in 1 sale. Their prices are truly stunners to purchasers of dry goods.

School supplies—slates, pencils, tablets, dialagues, Gospel hymns, etc. Perfumery and toilet powders at Mrs. L. T. Furman's.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a Thanksgiving supper in the basement of the church Thursday evening, November 28. All are invited.

A new lot of trimmed and untrimmed winter hats and bonnets. A lot of trimmed goods from 50c up to $2.00. Childrens hoods from 25c up. Mrs. L. T. Furman.

The great case of Sturgis, Nichols, Haines et al was started on its weary way last Monday again and adjourned one week. They do say it proves a great attraction.

For novelty in advertising note the illustrated reading notices of the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Co., appearing in our paper different every week. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Those Farmington ladies are equal to any emergency. Mrs. A. H. Murray an artist of the aforesaid town, hangs out a "small pox" sign while she instructs a pupil in painting. Smart woman, that.

Whitehead & Mitchell call attention to their new advt in this page telling of crockery. They intend to keep a full and complete assortment of these goods and will procure for their patrons anything in this line that they do not have.

Ruchings, gloves, mittens, beads, crochet and working cotton, embroidery, silks, thread, twist, needles, pins, fancy hair pins, sidecombs, zephyr, saxony shetland and other yarns. Mrs. L. T. Furman.

Pass Thanksgiving night with the ladies of the M. E. church. They hereby invite you to come and partake of a nice supper, have a social evening chat with old neighbors and friends and have a general good time.

A Boston man wants us to advertise a fit cure and take medicine for pay. Fit medicine is not a legal tender. We will take itch ointment and condition powders, or anything we need, but we don't want to have fits just to fill up a paper with advertising.—[Concord Independent.

Electric railway meeting at the Town hall in Southfield on Saturday evening, Nov. 23d, at 7 p. m. sharp. Prominent men will be present to explain the project and submit plans for a cheap and rapid communication with the out side business centers. Turn out everybody? now is our opportunity. By order of Southfield Railway Comm.

Special communication of Birmingham lodge No. 44 F. and A. M., Thursday evening, Nov. 21st, work on the third degree. Also a special communication of Birmingham lodge No. 44 F. and A. M., next Wednesday evening Nov. 27th, work on the third degree by Pontiac lodge No. 44 F. and A. M. A full attendance is earnestly requested. Mac. A. Randall, secretary.

Mrs. Mort Smith, in connection with her first-class bakery and confectionery shop, runs a knitting machine or two, and with Miss Hattie Smith as an expert operator, turns out mitts, stockings, etc., to order in a manner that pleases all her patrons. Call and see this machine in operation; it is wonderful and interesting, but not more so than the fair manipulator, Miss Hattie.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give a Thanksgiving supper in the basement of the M. E. church. A good social time will be had to which all are cordially invited. Let us all go and fill the tables. Oysters and turkey will be prominent on the table handleapped by chicken pie like our mother made. All come. There is room for each and every one.

It is very seldom that a home like James VanEvery's is offered to the public for sale at its actual worth. Mr VanEvery's farm at Wing lake demands all his time and attention and so he has decided to sell his Birmingham home. Read advt. in cheap column and should you think of coming to Birmingham, come now before this property and all the rest advances 25 per cent.

To day, Thursday Nov 21, 1889, at 4 p. m., Miss Alice Wiles, well known to the young people of this place and sister of John E. Wiles, marries Rev. James S. Youngs of Nicholsville, Ky. The marrige ceremony takes place at the home of the brides parents at Hillsdale, McIntosh Co., S. Dakota. Miss Wiles many friends here join in wishing the new pair a long and happy life.

A physician says this concerning drinking water: "If in any house there should occur a single case of typhoid fever or diptheria, test the drinking water, at once. Procure an ounce of saturated solution of permangate of potash from your druggist. If, when a drop of the solution is added to a tumbler of water, its color is changed to a brown, it is unfit to drink; if it remains clear or slightly rose colored after an hour, it is, commonly speaking, safe.

Notwithstanding the rain and mud of Wednesday evening of last week, a large crowd turned out to the harvest supper given by the Epworth League of the M. E. church. The basement of the church was filled to its fullest capacity by old and young. A good supper was served after which a fine literary program was presented. This is the first social given by the young people of this Lord worshiping society, and may all they undertake be attended with equal success.

James Casey, the well driver, struck a flowing well for John McClure at 130 feet below the surface, and it gushes a half inch stream three feet above the ground. Mr. McClure is proportionately happy.

Thanksgiving is coming. The time is now coming when all are about to give thanks and when those who are better off in this world's goods give to their less fortunate neighbors, and thus gladden others and make themselves twice happy in giving. This is what the Ladies Aid society are trying to do. This society was organized in the year 1883. Every year they have striven to make the "thanksgiving time" a time of rejoicing for at least as many as is in their power. Now they would like all of the people that feel as if they would like to help in the good work join in and help them. Every one can give something to gladden the hearts of some one. All things will be thankfully received by the Ladies Aid society at the home of Mrs. C. Utter. Mrs. S. C. Mills, secretary.

A great big auction is billed to take place to-morrow, Friday, November 22, at 10 o'clock a. m., at which time Martin Blunt, with the efficient aid of Sam Martin, clerk, and H. F. Daniels, proprietor, will sell on the premises, 1½ miles south and 1 mile west of Birmingham, near Erity's mills, 5 horses, 1 colt 6 cows, 1 bull, 25 wethers, 20 young ewes, wagons, farming tools, harnesses and everything that a first class competent farmer will have around. As Mr. Daniels will not farm it any longer, the sale will be absolute. Turn out and secure bargains.

Not very many attended the lecture given by Rev. Riley C. Crawford at the M. E. church last Monday evening. The night was very dark and rainy which kept many away, but those who were present heard just as good a lecture as if the church had been filled. It was a rare treat to hear the great north west discussed. Its greatness, wealth, power, climate, business, energy, growth and fisheries were all clearly and pleasingly described. The trip going from Chicago to Seattle, Salem and Portland Oregon, was nicely told and all present were taken from Michigan to the great north west and back again, after which with the song Michigan my Michigan, and a jolly anecdote, the description closed and all were greatly pleased.

Ha! ha! ha! We looked around the barn yesterday and there we saw our darling faithful Blue Cross (X). Here is what he will do for us soon. It's in the air and out of our pockets, and cold weather is rapidly approaching, coming nearer and nearer every day. It's money we are looking for to pay the Detroit man for his paper; our printer yearns for his pay, says he's married now and won't be stood off any longer, and is looking around among our many subscribers we feel that there is a slight hope. Not this week and perhaps not next, but the next issue, all those whose dates are in the rear, look out for the old blue cross. He is well, hearty and healthy; wants to come out, and we are going to let him go Gallagher.

The new election law places the people of isolated Manitou county in the soup, so to speak, and if the natives desire to obey the provisions of that damphool enactment they'll have to hold their caucuses and make their nominations for township officers before the close of navigation in order to receive their supply of election tickets from Lansing. It is only on rare occasions that the mail carrier is able to make his way across the ice to the islands more than twice during the whole winter, and sometimes he is unable to reach them at all. This is the only means the people have of communicating with the outside world six months in a year, and it will be simply impossible for them to do otherwise than they have done for years —write out their ballots, still if they do that all the work will be illegal and the townships without government, and if they don't do something of the kind the election will go by default. What are they to do, anyhow.—[St. Ignace News.

Worth Knowing.

Mr. W. H. Morgan, merchant, Lake City, Fla., was taken with a severe Cold, attended with a distressing Cough and running into Consumption in its first stages. He tried many so-called popular cough remedies and steadily grew worse. Was reduced in flesh, had difficulty in breathing and was unable to sleep. Finally tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption and found immediate relief, and after using about a half dozen bottles found himself well and has had no return of the disease. No other remedy can show so grand a record of cures, as Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Guaranteed to do just what is claimed for it.—Trial bottle free at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

A closing out sale of gloves and mittens is now being conducted at Whitehead & Mitchell's. This stock will be sold at cost price to close it out. Call and get prices. Bargains can be secured without doubt.

Bucklin'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.

THE IMMORTAL TWENTY-EIGHT.

Grand Rally! Your Liberties are Again Threatened.

The quiet of our village is once more in danger! Not content with forcing water upon us they now wish us to endure the contact with the outside world—in short, they would disturb our repose by the whiz, whiz of the electric car.

The fact that rents are low and the cost of having such that our merchants can sell their wares much cheaper than surrounding towns, has come to the ears of those envious people, and now by the means of this electric road they propose to share the privileges, for when that road is in operation what is to hinder the Pontiac woman from stepping aboard and coming here to buy her groceries, her oil, her flour, etc.?

Even the Detroit people may come out to do their shopping. The shelves of our dry goods stores will be bare; no eggs, no butter, nothing will be left.

Soon will cease our bright lights, and even now the plans for a Building and Loan association are maturing in those uneasy brains that have brought all this trouble upon us. This last act would bring the city vandals at once upon us. Yet here we are a town of fully 1000 people, and only 28 on whom we can rely. Let us sleep with our armor on and fight to the bitter end.

NUMBER ONE.

MISTAKES IN GRAMMAR.

Every Day Blunders Pointed Out—How They May Be Avoided.

Faults in the particular in conversation which are not particular in written compositions. But we must be careful not to take too much leeway in this regard, and not to make many mistakes in grammar or pronunciation. Some people are guilty of grammatical blunders, through sheer carelessness. Thus, a lady of my acquaintance, who understands trigonometry, and can translate Virgil, often says to me, "you was," and yet she knows perfectly well that this is an inexcusable mistake.

Other people who ought to know better, say "the don't" for "he doesn't;" "I don't know as I do," instead of "I don't know that I do." "Ain't" and "tain't" are not often used now by educated people, unless in a jesting way. It is an unwise thing, however, to be careless or inaccurate in one's pronunciations or use of language, since tricks of speech are easily caught and very hard to get rid of. Thus, when one is talking to servants, or other uneducated people, one is often tempted to adopt their phraseology, in order to be readily understood by them, but it is better to withstand the temptation, even if one should be obliged in consequence to take more trouble to express one's meaning clearly.

What shall be said of the woman who says "I done it?" She has certainly placed herself between the horns of a dilemma. Her hearers will infer, either that her education was neglected, or that she associated with uneducated people during her childhood. And yet this is a grammatical fault which seems hard to get rid of. Persons who never say "I seen it," or "she has went," or "them things," will occasionally betray themselves by letting slip the fatal "I done it."

It is quite an incorrect to use "he" and "I" for "him" and "me," or vice versa, as it is to say "I done it" and yet the first-named class of faults—that of using the wrong pronouns—is sometimes committed by educated people.

Indeed, I have heard the phrase "it is me," justified on the ground that it was a literal translation of the French "c'est moi." But our English grammar, does not, like its French namesake, justify the employment of certain pronuncial forms, merely for the value of euphony. "He is older than I" may not sound as well as "he is older than me," yet the former is the correct form. It is a very common mistake to say "between you and I," and yet a moment's reflection should convince any one who ever studied grammar, that he should say "between you and me."—Ladies' Journal.

Perds.

A ship full freighted sped away,
While rose clouds proclaimed the day.
The sea was calm, and o'er its blue
My vessel sailed, as pure in hue
As the white doves that flew before
Sea messengers from off the shore.

I watched the sea for many an hour,
From lonely beach and lofty tower,
Till in the distant, misty light
My ship sailed far beyond my sight.
And back its white sails came for me in haste
From the water's weary waste.

The hours have lengthened into years,
And joy has given place to tears.
Beyond the sight of longing eyes,
With all its wealth, beneath dark skies,
My ship went down. Never the sea
Can bring my treasure back to me.

The Drunkenness of Austrian Children.

Recent medical returns in Vienna show an alarming increase in cases of drunkenness among children. A child of 4 and another of 8 died a short time ago from the effects of drink. Four children became the victims of epileptic fits from the same cause. One child—a boy of 5—took two or three glasses of brandy a day; a boy of 4 was accustomed to drink daily sixty to eighty grammes of cognac. In a large number of cases of nervous affections the origin has been traced to strong liquor. Shocking to say, many children intoxicated by imbibing spirits simply drink part of what they have been sent to fetch for their parents, but perhaps the worst instance of the kind was one of a boy of 5 years of age, who was treated in a private hospital at Berlin, last year, for delirium tremens. His father kept a cabaret, but the business was conducted by the lad's grandfather. The latter had given him gin for two years, and it afforded the horrible old reprobate pleasure to see the child drink with the customers. His mother gave him a glass of Hungarian wine every day at dinner "to strengthen him," and in the evening the drunken Bavarian beer with his father.—London Standard.

ST. NICHOLAS.

The Century Co.'s Magazine for Young Folks Enlarged and Printed in New Type.

Since 1873, when under the editorial management of Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, the publication of St. Nicholas for Young Folks was begun, it has led all magazines for girls and boys. Nothing like it was known before, and to-day, as the Chicago Inter Ocean recently said, "it is the model and ideal juvenile magazine of the world." Through its pages the greatest writers of our time are speaking to the youth of America and England, and the best artists and engravers are training the eyes of the boys and girls to appreciate the highest in art. No-body knows how many readers St. Nicholas has. In the third largest public library in America,—that in Indianapolis,—more than 3000 people read each month's number.

Since the first issue Mrs. Dodge has remained as editor. Early in its history other young people's magazines, "Our Young Folks," "The Little Corporal," "Riverside," etc., were consolidated with it, and its history has been one of growth from the first. Tennyson, Bryant, Longfellow, Whittier, Miss Alcott, Mrs. Burnett, Charles Dudley Warner, W. D. Howells, and almost every well known writer of our times have contributed to its pages. There is only one way in which its conductors can make it better, and that is by making more of it, and so they announce that with the beginning of the seventeenth volume (November, 1889) St. Nicholas will be enlarged by the addition of eight and sometimes sixteen, extra pages in each number. This enlargement is absolutely required to make room for the rich store of new material which has been secured for the benefit of St. Nicholas readers. The use of new and clearer type will be begun with the November number.

During the coming year there are to be four important serial stories by four well known American authors. Athletics and out-door sports will be a special feature (contributed by Walter Camp of Yale, and others), and there will be stories of character and adventure, sketches of information and travel, out door papers, articles of special literary interest, suggestive talks on natural history, other scientific subjects, and the march of events. Both the December and January numbers are to be holiday issues.

The price will be the same as heretofore, $3 a year, 25 cents a number, and all dealers and the publishers (The Century Co., New York) take subscriptions. New subscribers should begin with November.

WHAT OUR REPORTER HEARD.

A reporter of the ECCENTRIC was rushing around in search of items when by a sudden turn, he found himself hard by a group of women, who seemed to have more to say than he had time to print; but who had met more in sorrow than in anger. He accordingly flattened himself against the wall with the following result.

The group was composed of some of the workers in our village cemetery society, and they had just heard that the bill sent to the village board, asking for part payment of the summer's work, had been laid on the table. It seems that about $100 worth of work had been done in the old ground, and that they had meekly asked for twenty-five plus an eight dollars that seemed to have gone over in cash, just how, the reporter did not "catch on"

"I don't care so much for the money," said one, "though we need it—but, what hurts me is to know that all the hard work we have done there is not appreciated."

"It hurts me," said another, "to think that the committee appointed by the board to help us on with the work, did not lift up a single voice in our behalf."

"No money?" said a third; "well, when I don't have wisdom enough to provide for my vicisitudes, I have to borrow and manage to meet them, and we fairly begged this board to raise a tax last spring, and were willing to help pay it, too."

"Shall we go on with the entertainment or not?" I am too discouraged for work, even, and feel as though we had no friends. Last year they had no right to help us; now they have the right, but not the will."

"Yes," said one who had not yet spoken, "we might as well take it up and try it alone."

The group moved on, and the reporter materialized with the reflection that the "guardian angel committee" appointed by the board would not be further troubled by the ladies, and that next year the association would probably care only for the lots and grounds of its members.

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 few 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.

New fall and winter hats. Call and see them. I have a lot of felt hats suitable for back and school wear at 50c each. L. T. Furman.

BOLTERS FROM THE W. C. T. U.

A New Organization Formed, and it May Prove Formidable.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—About fifty ladies, delegates to the National convention of the W. C. T. U., that has been in session at Battle Creek for several days, held a meeting at the Palmer house this morning in response to a call issued by Mrs. Elbee D. Watson of Pittsburg, Pa. The ladies at this meeting were from Maine, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Dakota, Illinois and some other states.

The object of the meeting was to organize a new Woman's Temperance society according to the ideas advanced by Mrs. Ellen Foster and others in opposition to the ideas of Miss Frances Willard and her followers.

In taking this step, which has been the subject of deep consideration for a long time, the ladies of the proposed organization say they are well backed by the people. The W. C. T. U. has a membership of about one hundred and forty thousand, including all who have belonged. Of this number at least four thousand or three-fourths of the temperance women of Iowa, will follow Mrs. Foster; Ohio will withdraw nearly as many, and Pennsylvania and Maine will give Mrs. Foster's organization a majority of their temperance workers. Chester county, Pa., has already withdrawn from the N. W. C. T. U. This county alone has 60 societies and its contribution to the National fund is $800 annually. The new organization will start with a membership of at least fifteen thousand, it is said.

Upon assembling, Mrs. Walker of Minneapolis presiding, a provisional committee of seven was chosen to prepare an address to the community and to perfect a plan of organization.

Five hundred dollars have been pledged to bear the expenses of the provisional committee. After an address has been prepared a national convention will be called.

A propos of the new organization, Mrs. Foster says:

The Iowa delegation deeply regret the course they were obliged to take in withdrawing from the W. C. T. U. convention. They have been associated in the national temperance union since its organization. They have had their full share of burdens and of reward in this war against the drinking usages of society. The organization has been growing in the W. C. T. U. of Iowa that separation must come sooner or later. The last state convention adopted a resolution empowering the delegation to take such action as the exigencies of the case demanded, with the possibility of separation in their minds when so doing.

We are still constitutionally auxiliary to the National union and must remain so until the next annual meeting of the Iowa society. The provisional committee to-day appointed by the non partisan women who met at the call of Mrs. Watson of Pennsylvania, are also women and will begin aggressive work at once. We shall make no war upon the old society: it is dear to us, for we have put many years of hard work into its development and wish for it all success in its many lines of Christian work. There are, however, large numbers of women who wish to do legitimate temperance work and will not consent to the mortage of their political influence. Hundreds of ministers who cannot give their support to a partisan organization have urged us to the step we have taken. For myself I expect our action will greatly modify the partisan course of the National union. The lines of partisanship being definately drawn will force many women to think critically and come to legal conclusions. We are so sure our position is the only consistent one for a moral reform association to take that we believe the Christian public will sustain us in it.

Modjeska.

A dozen years ago, says the New York Sun, Mme. Modjeska came to America, bought a big ranch in southern California, and settled down to bee culture and the raising of cattle. She had, after many successes abroad, retired from the stage. But the old fever so firmly implanted in all those who have once tasted the fruits of success, reasserted itself. She studied English and began a new career in the English tongue. A friend of Mme. Modjeska said the other day that her return to the footlights was inspired, however, from a wholly different origin. Looking out of her study window one morning she saw an odd spectacle. Three men were engaged in slaughtering a turkey. Count Bozenta, her husband, held the creature by the legs, a farmhand held the head, and a third man wielded the knife. She thought if it required three men to kill one turkey her hopes of the successful management of the ranch were destroyed. So she went back to acting.

The Church Spider.

Two spiders, so the story goes,
Upon a living bent,
Entered the meeting house one day,
And hopefully were heard to say:
"Here we shall have, at least, fair play,
With nothing to prevent."
Each chose his place and went to work;
The light was very scant,
One on the altar spun his thread,
But shortly came the sexton dread
And swept him off, and dead.
He sought another place,
Where surely he would be safe,
"There surely is a prize."
The desk appears so neat and clean,
I'm sure no sexton there has been;
Besides, how often have I seen
The pastor brushe there."
He tried the pulpit, but alas!
His hopes proved fruitless there,
With dusting brush the sexton came
And spoiled his geometric game,
Nor gave him time or space to claim
The right of sanctuary.
At length he started weak and lean,
He sought his former neighbor,
Who now had grown as sleek and round
He weighed a fraction of a pound
And looked as if the bar he'd found
Of living without labor.
"How is it, friend," he asked, "that I
Endure with toil and knocks,
While you have grown so very gross?"
"Tis plain," he answered, "and I vow
I've been since first I spun across
The contribution box."

Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Summer guest (impatiently): "I have found dead flies in every dish I touched this morning, and I think you might at least make a reduction in your charges." Hotel proprietor: "I can't reduce your bill, sir; but if you will come with me to the kitchen I'll let you hear me swear to the servants."—New York Weekly.

Making Assurance Doubly Sure.

Law-breaker—Sambo, would a $10 gold piece stop your mouth?

Sambo—It might, boss, but I'se pow'ful feared it 'ud stop mah 'dge-ship—you bettah try a twenty.

The Verdict Unanimous.

W. D. Suit, Druggist, Bippus, Indiana, testifies: "I can recommend Electric Bitters as the very best remedy. Every bottle sold has given relief in every case. One man took six bottles, and was cured of Rheumatism of 10 years' standing." Abraham Hare, druggist, Belleville, Ohio, affirms: "The best selling medicine I have ever handled in my 20 years' experience, is Electric Bitters." Thousands of others have added their testimony, so that the verdict is unanimous that Electric Bitters do cure all diseases of the Liver, Kidneys or blood. Only a half dollar a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

Not Altogether Happy.

Miss Gushing: "You are a widower, are you not, Mr. Newman?" Mr. Newman (of Salt Lake City): "Only partially, Miss Gushing. Three of my wives are still living."—Time.