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The English papers are still discussing "Laureate Austin's jubilee strain." It undoubtedly was severe.

It is needless to add that if Victoria ever comes to New York she will not be accorded the privilege to holler in Gen. Miles' rain barrel.

The day rapidly approaches when the Cheerful Idiot will console a broiled and baked population with the information that it is great weather for the corn crop.

The present address of America's most picturesque liar is Jacksonville, Fla. This is the obvious inference from the dispatch with a Jacksonville date alleging that the ministers of New Castle, Ind., have ordered a carload of alligators, to be placed in the New Castle ponds, for the purpose of keeping bad little boys from "going in swimming" on Sunday.

A recent writer notes that "a good orchard" is one of the most important and attractive improvements offered by one who has "a farm for sale." A rural nonagenarian, now dead for nearly half a century, made it a part of his chief industry to persuade his neighbors to start nurseries of future orchards by saving and planting fruit-seeds. A blessing has been pronounced on the man who plants a tree, in the generous hope that others will eat its fruit or sit in its shade. What a mighty debt we, who are "heirs of all the ages," owe to those who have come and gone before us! Oddly enough, we can only pay it to those who are to come and go after us.

A professor in the college of the city of New York said recently that the average schoolboy in that city "has to be taught English as if he was learning a new language." This is absolutely true. The vilest "English" spoken anywhere is heard from the lips of youngsters in the streets of New York. Many children of well-to-do people learn it, and in their play their speech is substantially the same as that of the "young tough." It may not be profane, obscene, or slangy, but it is characterized by a clipping and distortion of words, and by what may be termed an impudence of utterance, that make it the most offensive corruption of the English tongue to be heard anywhere in the world. No wonder that when these youngsters come to study correct English they have to begin at the beginning.

Trusts are not regarded as illegal combinations in Germany, as is evidenced by a recent decision of the Supreme court of the empire. Economic considerations appear to have played a prominent part in the deliberations of the court, which, in its opinion, says that it is not to the interest of the community that inadequately low prices should prevail in any branch of business or industry, and points out that attempts have been repeatedly made by legislative bodies to bring about higher prices for certain products by means of protective duties. The ground is taken that if this policy be pursued by the legislature agreements or combinations between manufacturers to prevent ruinous competition and check the downward tendency of prices cannot be regarded as generally and absolutely obnoxious to the interest of the community.

The total product of American manufactures is in excess of $7,000,000,000 a year, whereas the total values of the combined manufactures of Great Britain in a year amount to only $4,100,000,000, Germany follows with $2,915,000,000. France comes third with $2,245,000,000, Russia fourth with $1,815,000,000, and then the other countries having large manufactures as follows: Austria-Hungary $1,265,000,000, Italy $605,000,000, Belgium $510,000,000, Spain $425,000,000, and Switzerland $160,000,000. In respect to the product of manufactures by hand the United States are far in excess of all other countries. The average here is $1,888, in Great Britain $790, in France, in Belgium and Germany the same, $545; in Switzerland $433, in Russia $381, and in Italy $265. In respect to the amount of steam power used, the United States stand at the head of all manufacturing countries, with a total of 18,000,000 horse power. Great Britain has 12,000,000, Germany 9,000,000, France 5,000,000 and Austria-Hungary and Russia 2,500,000 each. Belgium, which has less than one-seventh of the population of Austria-Hungary, and less than one-fifteenth of the population of Russia, has 1,000,000 horse power, having increased at a rate more rapid than any other country in Europe. In respect to the wages paid, the United States again stand first, with an average of $348 a year, Great Britain following with $204, France with $175, Belgium with $165, Germany $155, Switzerland and Austria-Hungary $150, and Spain and Russia $120.

An exchange says: "Richard Harding Davis is at last recognized in England. He was engaged to report the jubilee for the London Times." Richard was recognized in the United States some months ago by his many photographs, taken while crossing the Cuban trocha on his untamed grammar.

A Cherokee Indian is taking the Keeley cure at White Plains, N. Y. If this experiment succeeds it will prove that the bichloride of gold is an antidote for sulphuric acid, of which agency whisky is mainly composed.

The English "society editor" is very frank and outspoken. The London Mail's chronicle of society movements has this item: "Among those one has seen about the streets are Mr. and Mrs. Lancelot Lowther, who were walking together, and she, although seldom well dressed, is extremely pretty, and was looking her best in dark blue."

The juror who asked a bribe evidently labored under the misapprehension that he had broken into politics, simply because he had been drawn on the panel

## HOME NOTES

Will Fall is visiting his father, Henry Fall, at East Tawas.

Will Keeney is working in Detroit these days at his trade.

Percy Pease and wife, of Detroit, were in town last Saturday.

Mrs. Mac Randall and daughter Nellie are visiting at Owosso.

Mrs. Gillett, Shain and Eadrs spent Sunday last in Detroit.

Mrs. Chas. Schlaack visited friends at Mt. Clemens the first week.

Mrs. James Robbins, of Pontiac, visited at Ford's last Monday.

Mrs. Roland Gillett, of South Bend, Ind., was in town last week.

Walter Gould, of Detroit, Sundayed with the Packard families.

Miss Ella Adams, of Detroit, is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sturman.

Mrs. Eugene Brooks visited in Detroit Friday and Saturday of last week.

The campers at Watkins Lake are happy, hearty, healthy and hilarious.

T. E. Crary and family were guests of Wyandotte friends last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Hoy, of Huntsville, Ala., is a guest of Birmingham friends.

E. A. O'Neill and wife returned Thursday from a ten days' visit in Canada.

Miss Ethel Dunbar, of Franklin spent Sunday and Monday at J. D. VanEvery's.

Miss Josie Clark and Miss Bird of Clarkston, are guests of Miss Delia Crosby.

H. M. Linabury, of Pontiac, called on his brother Albert one night last week.

Mrs. W. Nichols and son have gone to spend a few days with friends at South Lyon.

Miss Maud Sherman, of South Lyon, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. Nichols.

Miss Margaret Pepper, of Holly, has been a guest of Miss Maude Gates a few days.

Mrs. F. Hagerman starts today for Battle Creek to spend a week with friends there.

Will Adams of Detroit spent two days of last week at the Blakeslee cottage, Watkins Lake.

Misses Nina Fox and Mamie Cline, of Detroit, visited Miss Mable Leach Sunday last.

Mrs. Ellen Jones and son Joseph have gone to Cass Lake, where they will remain for several weeks.

F. Blakeslee, Wm. Manser and E. F. Waldo have been visitors at the Blakeslee camp, Watkins Lake.

Mrs. Maggie Keil and Miss Georgia Shaw, of Romeo, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Pinder Worth.

Rev. A. Marsh occupied the pulpit of the Woodward Ave. Presbyterian church last Sunday evening.

Miss Alice Packard is taking a vacation, after her long-continued course of musical studies in Detroit.

Mrs. A. P. Van Auken and daughter, of Potterville, were the guests of Mrs. B. Shain and other friends last week.

Arthur Jones, of Laramie, Wyoming, and Arthur Jones, of Detroit spent Saturday and Sunday at Thos. Quarton's.

Mrs. Chas. Howard returned Tuesday morning from her trip up the lakes, and reports a most enjoyable journey.

E. R. Smith left last week to join his wife, who has been visiting friends in Utica, N. Y., for the past three weeks.

Prof. W. D. Clizbe is slowly recovering his health and will be expected home the last of this week or the first of next.

Look for the new bargains in H. B. Merritt's change of ad. and then don't forget to visit their great Pontiac shoe house.

Miss Maggie Brown, of Detroit, while on her way home from Drayton Plains stopped over with friends one day last week.

The Bigelow cottage at Watkins Lake is occupied by Miss Bertha Bigelow and friends from Alma, Gratiot county, Mich.

Tommie Quick, Jr., of Cleveland, has been visiting Miss Mable Leach four or five days. He enjoyed Michigan air splendid.

Misses Ada Ferguson and May Carroll, of Cleveland, have been visiting Mrs. Luther Stanley and George Ferguson and family.

A much extended clover stem measuring 56 inches in length was handed us by Mrs. Pinder Worth as a specimen of their crop of '97.

Rev. F. G. Ellett, of Detroit, preached a very interesting sermon in the U. P. church at the union service last Sunday evening.

Miss Flora Keyes, of Ludington, is whiling away the happy hours of her summer vacation with her mother and sister in this village.

Waite Bros., of Pontiac, are making special prices on wash goods. Read their change of ad. and then hasten to secure some of their bargains.

We noticed some farmer reaping his wheat last Sunday and wonder if he will have any more at the end of the year for having worked on Sunday.

Several of the Birmingham people met at Pine Lake last Sunday, among whom we noticed Miss Grace Mills, Florence King and Mr. Joe Andrews.

Lost—A black silk umbrella, handle of wood, with silver top and name on it. The finder will leave the same at the home of Dr. C. M. Raynale and get reward.

The Oakland Electric Railway have hired two wagons from here to transport their passengers into Pontiac from the end of their line at the D. & M. crossing.

The new Telephone Co. are beginning to plant poles between Pontiac and Detroit. They will not follow the Saginaw road on account of the humming of the electric cars.

A. V. Urch, of the Starr farm, started for Springfield on his wheel, but had the misfortune to break it when he got to Drayton Plains, so he had to patronize the electric car home.

Dr. Christian, of the E. M. A., has bought the lot at Watkins Lake between Whitehead & Mitchell's and F. Blakeslee's and has built thereon a cozy, comfortable summer cottage.

Now is the time to buy summer corsets and shirt waists and you can do no better than to take a trip to Pontiac and go directly to John Pound's. For further particulars see ad.

Without doubt in two or three days the electric railway will be running into Pontiac. The diamonds have arrived and all the delay now that can be is the placing of them.

Does anyone want a set of the New American Encyclopedia, 35 volumes for only $15? Cost of the set $75. A rare chance for a bargain. Call on or address Mrs. M. L. Noble.

Lemuel S. Sawyer and wife are spending the summer at New York City, Boston and other places in the East. They intend to visit his former home where he has not been for fifty years.

Recent visitors at Fairholm: Mrs. Radford, of Detroit, Mrs. Rowe, of Ypsilanti; Mrs. F. T. McDonald, and children, of Springwells, Mr. Gilson and wife, of Delray, George Ford, of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Taber drove across the country to visit relatives at Sunfield, in the northwest corner of Eaton county—nearly a hundred miles' drive—which distance was made easily and comfortably.

Rev. Dr. Pope, of Detroit, occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church last Sunday morning. Mr. Allen being in attendance at the opening of the Saginaw District Pentecostal and Campmeetings at Assembly Park Orion.

Miss Florence Sawyer gave a tea party to eleven of her young friends Tuesday afternoon, at her home on Woodward avenue. Croquet and various other games were enjoyed and the afternoon sped by in a most delightful manner.

James M. Camp, the injured motorman, who has been rapidly convalescing at Harper Hospital, will be able to return home the last of the present week, when we hope to see his rapid return to good health and spirits again.

Bert Blakeslee entertained his graduating class "93" at their Watkins Lake cottage Wednesday of this week. As honorary guests there were present Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Brooks, of our village. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Most assuredly, we are fond of souvenirs and we wish, through these columns, to extend many thanks to Miss Minnie Hunt for the unique Epworth League Convention postal card sent us from Toronto, Ont. It is both artistic and comprehensive in design.

H. A. Poppleton has plans for and will build immediately a new home for himself on the north side of Maple avenue, near F. Ford's home on H. H. P.'s new subdivision The house will be large, roomy, and a most valuable addition to Maple avenue, east.

George C. Aldrich arrived home from Battle Creek last Monday morning where he has discharged the duties of chief clerk under the Asst. Supt. of the Grand Trunk Ry. for the past six weeks. He is now relieving the private secretary to Supt. Atwater.

There is nothing more useful in a home than a sewing machine. Why should it not be the best? You know what you are getting when you get the Domestic. Tested for 30 years. Endorsed by 2,000,000 users. The Domestic Bicycle is the best wheel made. July 30

Miss Ida Belle Corey at Watkins Lake is fast becoming an expert swimmer under the tuition of Prof. Mitchell. She has already swam trice across the lake and has sent her name into the city of Detroit for the coming Annual Belle Isle Woman's Swimming Match.

Come to Birmingham and enjoy being shaved by a lady barber, Mrs. Wheeler, who has a neat, tidy barber shop on Pierce street just back of John Hanna's meat market. She has put out a nice, barber pole sign that is ornamental and beautifully proclaims her profession.

George Ford, of Detroit, has bought two lots from the Purdy Bros. on their subdivision, and will immediately proceed to build two new houses thereon. Does our village grow? Ask the stone masons, carpenters and plasterers this question and you will hear a shout like thunder "yes."

L. C. Phelps of Southfield, is a rattling good miller and has as fine a grist mill plant as there is anywhere. All who want the best Michigan wheat flour should buy no other. Try a sack next time you buy. I have it fresh for sale continually at the following stores: The postoffice, John Hanna's and at Parks & Son's. L. C. Phelps.

The new foundations on the north side of Maple avenue, opposite the postoffice, are progressing finely under the personal supervision of Frank Ford. Whatever the buildings are to be, they will be one of the most decided improvements occurring on our street for years, shutting out the old unsightly ends of the buildings in the antiquated wooden row.

Jesse Marvin has a skinkery. It holds seven nice fat healthy young skunks. They are strong when occasion requires. Occasion required the other day when a cat got in amongst them and raised a perfume that wafted out upon the ambient air so healthy and strong that it stopped every clock in four blocks and turned the switch at the D. G. H. & M. Ry station.

Many pension cases are affected by the following ruling which have just been made by Asst. Secretary of the Interior, Webster Davis: In the the claim of Francis Frank, of Company H, Sixteenth Michigan infantry the department hold that a claimant who has attained the age of 65 years shall be deemed entitled to at least $6, unless the evidence discloses an unusual vigor and ability for the performance of manual labor in one of that age.

My! But business is booming at Edith Hamlin's this hot weather, especially in the ice cream and soda fountain department. We notice that a goodly number meander in that direction just at meal time and we have also noticed that these same people do not hasten away either. From all these observations one would naturally infer that they all find a good square meal every time. Their prices on bakers' supplies are lower than the lowest.

We have a new grocery store in town. Where is it? One block south of the postoffice, on Pierce street. The firm's name? Dove & Hopson. Do they keep much of an assortment? Indeed they do! They have everything in the grocey line and can sell goods at Detroit prices. They make a specialty of peanuts, selling last Saturday alone over fifteen pounds. Confectionery also in tempting varieties. You will find this new firm's ad. in this issue, which will be of profit to you to carefully read and then investigate.

The night owl lunch which has (dis) graced the corner of Maple and Woodward avenues for many moons, has been removed and instead, the proprietor, Frank Sherman, has removed his stock of cigars, soft drinks, ice cream, etc., to permanent and commodious new quarters on the west side of Woodward avenue, where "The Serman House" door will be open to all of Frank's old customers and as many new ones as possible. He makes a specialty of hand-shake lemonade. Bicyclers will receive prompt and satisfactory treatment. Call on him.

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We sell only the very best goods made, and those at the lowest possible prices. The money will be cheerfully refunded for any article bought from us that is not entirely satisfactory.

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## Dove & Hopson

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PEANUTS, - -

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For Sale Cheap.

One Kelly Potato Digger and one Disc Harrow as good as new, sold by Wm. I. McClelland. Anyone wanting one of the same will learn something to their advantage by inquiring of F. G. Pearsall, Birmingham, Mich. 6

## BIRMINGHAM BUYERS

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*Our styles always excellent*

*Our prices always reasonable*

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Made of pure Jersey Cream without the slightest adulteration, on hand and made to order.

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Made fresh every day, also Detroit bread on hand. Yeast (better than Fleischman) made twice per week. Try it.

Orders for Ice Cream for entertainments attended to promptly.

Yours respectfully,

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| A nice line of Calico and Ginghams at | 2½c |
| Coates' and Clarks' Thread at | 3c |
| Dress Lining at | 4c |
| Musquito Netting at | 5c |
| Best Oil Cloth at | 12½c |
| Best Bib Overalls for | 48c |
| Window Shades for | 10c |
| Ladies' and Gents' Hats at your own price. | |

Other goods in proportion.

Please remember that cheap John stuff we hear so much about is not to be bought at Levinson's.

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Who will give you Honest Goods and Right Prices.

Opposite First Commercial Bank, Pontiac, Mich.


A HAPPY GATHERING

Is the Family Reunion Held at Mrs. Harriett Mitchell's.

The past week has been most delightfully spent at the home of Mrs. Harriett Mitchell, on Willetts street, the occasion being a general family reunion of Mrs. Mitchell's sons and daughters, together with their husbands, wives, and children, as follows: J. W. Hoffman, wife and three children, of Dunkirk, Ind.; H. C. Hoffman and wife, of Elmira, N. Y.; C. H. Hoffman and wife, Deford, Mich; E. V. Bryant and wife, Chicago, Ill., and Mrs. Minerva McCall, of Detroit, sister of Mrs. Mitchell.

This is the first time in twenty-years that Mrs. Mitchell's children have assembled with her collectively, they having previously visited her separately or in small companies. It seems quite remarkable that during this whole quarter of a century death has only entered this circle of brothers and sisters once, which was about five years ago when the beloved daughter and sister, Mrs. G. E. Daines, succumbed to the fell destroyer.

One of the sons, C. H. Hoffman, for many years followed the occupation of a printer, and for some time was employed on this periodical, until the allurements of city life enticed him away from our little village. Several years ago, however, "Hungry" (as he is called by his old acquaintances) withdrew from the compositors' list and enrolled with the farmers. He is now clearing up a nice farm of his own and says he has good health, plenty to eat and lots to do. He still knows how to use a "stick" to good advantage.

To say that this family are enjoying themselves immensely would be a mild way of expressing it, especially in the case of the dear old mother, who enters into the spirit of the occasion with all enthusiasm imaginable. May she be spared to participate in many more of a similar order.

An unfeeling critic has discovered that when the question is popped to a Franklin girl she blushes and trembles a little and says she will give the matter careful consideration. The Southfield girl looks surprised and sits with lips parted for five or six moments, and then says it came sooner than she expected, but it's all right. The Big Beaver girl drops her eyes resignedly, pats the carpet with a neat boot and responds: "The Lord's will be done!" The Royal Oak girl grins very sweetly and says: "Wouldn't that kill me!" and then lays her head on his shoulder to think it over. The Birmingham girl looks him squarely in the eyes and says: "Why, cert. Do you reckon I've been letting you hug me around here for two months just for recreation?"