THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC

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BIRMINGHAM, FRIDAY, DEC. 9, 1898

HOME NOTES.

"December, crust white and cold,
You have grown so very bold
That you chill us through and through—
Paint our lips and noses blue—
Tho' we greet you, please remember
We do not love you—old December,"

Blue Cross.

Blue Cross is coming!

The small boy and the sled.

New England supper tonight.

The blue cross will soon be in the land.

L. B. Peabody has the latest and best school shoes.

Snow shovels have been in great demand of late.

Pontiac and its street railway systems have troubles of their own.

Remember the New England supper at M. E. church this evening.

Come and get your supper at the B. Y. P. U. bazaar at Library Hall.

The Blue Cross will soon come. Watch for it, but don't wait for it.

Read Taylor & Woolfenden's "starter for the holidays" in this issue.

Pounded oyster shells for chickens, $1.50 per hundred, at L. B. Peabody's.

The young men of Birmingham give their second party of the season this evening.

Mrs. Wm. Plouff, of Pontiac, was terribly burned by an accident to her gasoline stove.

Theron Smith is making his annual eastern business trip and visiting New Jersey friends.

Mrs. Margaret Keil, of Romeo, has been a recent guest of her sister, Mrs. Pinder Worth.

FOUND—A new pair of child's drawers, size 20. Call at the post-office and get the property.

Anyone wishing to purchase a Portland cutter call in and see Mrs. Z. Simonson on Fremont St.

Joe Andrews was summoned to his home in Howell last week by the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin, of Ypsilanti, were guests of Mrs. E. F. Peabody the first of the week.

Miss Carrie VanEvery is one of the large holiday force employed at W. R. Owen's bazaar in Pontiac.

Prof. McGahen and sister, of El Capitan fame, were welcome callers on Birmingham friends last week.

Jay Newman and family, of Livonia, were guests swept by Sunday's storm into the haven of Fairholm.

T. B. Eldred accepted a position with the Household Instalment Co. of Detroit December 1.

Mrs. H. D. Wood, of Angola, Ind., has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. A. Ward.

FOR SALE—Tubular Iron Sleigh, (cutter) cost $15 for $5. Mr. Harley, opposite 1st toll gate north. 32 t2

Four meat markets in town—they almost equal in number our barber shops. Who says our village has not grown?

No one can guarantee the results of an advertisement; for once printed, it never dies, and may bring results years hence.

Rev. W. H. Shields, of the Calvary church, Detroit, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church will hold a bazaar at the Library Hall, Dec. 16 and 17, afternoons and evenings.

Mrs. Z. Simonson was the recipient of a fine specimen of deer sent from Luce Co. by her son-in law, O. J. Whitford.

Is there a young lady in Birmingham who wishes to learn typesetting? If so call at the ECCENTRIC office for particulars.

Pontiac carriage manufacturers are talking of starting an axle factory which could be made to pay big returns on the investment.

Mrs. N. M. Corey and daughter, Ida, have gone to Toledo, O., to stay until after the holidays. They will visit L. Corey and family.

W. R. Owen's show window, representing the "dolls' carnival," is one of the most artistic among the Pontiac holiday displays this week.

Owing to a great expense attached to getting out weekly this great moral engine we must insist on having our pay in advance. Watch out for the blue cross, pay up in arrears and a year ahead and see how nice it will seem.

Rev. E. H. Shanks, Baptist minister at Flushing, satisfactorily accounts for his absence recently which created quite a stir around his home.

George Ford was receiving the farewells of his many friends Tuesday morning, having accepted a position at Cross Village, near Harbor Springs.

Ruser & Swift's Big Uncle Tom's Cabin Co. at Pontiac this evening. Popular prices and a stunner of a show. Don't forget, Friday evening December 9, 1898.

A heavy snow storm all day Sunday which broke off limbs from trees, upset the telephone poles and covered over everything generally with "the beautiful."

Misses Nott and Colby, representatives of Pontiac's educational interests, favored our school with a visit last Friday, giving their special attention to 1st grade work.

Owing to the blizzard Sunday night the Y. P. S. C. E. postponed their visit to Pontiac. They will make another attempt next Sunday eve All leave on the 5:20 car.

See Hutton, Church & Linabury's great inducements this week. This Pontiac firm is known the country over. Run into Pontiac and see what you can find at their store.

The next meeting of the Modern Novel Club next Saturday evening at the Library room at 7:30. The book under discussion, "Captains Courageous." Everyone invited.

On Dec. 15th, in the Baptist church, C. A. Fulton, of Detroit, will deliver his lecture, "What Will He Do?" Family season tickets now 40 cents; single admission 10c.

While the elements were raging without last Sunday evening an alarm of fire was rung in caused by an electric wire becoming too neighborly with the fire alarm apparatus.

A nephew of Mr. Ewing while on a visit here came within six inches of having the big saw go through his neck one day last week at the sawmill. As it is his hair won't lay down yet.

The W. H. M. S. of the M. E. church will hold their thank offering service next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 14th, at the home of Mrs. Bert Peabody. Everybody invited to attend.

Last March Dr. Riker, of Pontiac, operated upon the eyes of Israel Moore, of Big Beaver, removing a cataract and now our old Big Beaver friend can see quite well after nearly six years of blindness.

Everyone is breathlessly awaiting the appointment of the new postmaster. Who is he, and from whence he cometh is only a matter of conjecture as yet. Another week will no doubt settle this great question.

Mrs Frank Simpson had a very serious surgical operation performed on her Nov. 30, by Dr. J. L. Campbell. Under the skilled care of a trained nurse from Harper hospital, she is making a speedy recovery.

Birmingham has a new club, the Whist Club, with twenty members and meets weekly. Mrs. Bigelow entertained the club last Saturday. Tomorrow Mrs. J. F. Rundel is the hostess. Every member is urged to be present.

A RARE CHANCE.—A small lot in the old part of the Greenwood cemetery for sale. Located third lot west from the northeast corner of the old ground next to fence, 10 ft. long. Address ELMER E. COOK, Andersonville, Mich.

If you were compelled to give one-fourth of your property away you would think it amounted to something. Now Green & McGee, of Pontiac, are offering their cloaks for 1-4 off, so here is your opportunity, improve it. See ad.

Have you heard the "Washburn" two-step? Well it's a winner and you can procure a copy for only five cents by calling at Mrs. L. Sawyer's or at E. Farmer's music store in Pontiac. Don't fail to secure a copy at your earliest possible convenience.

Every store in the Ford block has a tenant and the offices overhead are fast being snapped up. Dr. D. M. Johnston, dentist, will have a complete up-to-date dental parlor in this handsome block and will be comfortably settled therein by the end of this week.

The deer hunters have all returned. Parks & Son had ten deer piled up like cordwood in their meat market last week, the result of Purdy Bros. trip in the upper peninsula deer hunting; while John Hanna had the prize buck of the season which was also killed by the Purdy's. This was a magnificent specimen of a deer and dressed 220 pounds. His antlers were very large.

Didst thou not see the quills on the fretful porcupine? If you didn't you ought to. This animale was brought home alive by the deer hunters and was a sight for several days at Parks & Son's meat market. Every young lady had to have a porcupine quill.

Did you know that the Household Instalment Co. of Detroit is one of the finest places in the city to purchase a Christmas present? They have many nice articles to choose from. Take a run out Michigan Avenue some day and find out for yourselves.

What is life without books, and is there anything more appropriate for a Christmas present than a good book? O. L. Backenstose, of Pontiac, has an excellent variety to select from at all kinds of prices. Take advantage of his cut rates. See ad and profit thereby.

Born to Mrs. H. M. Grinnell, of near Franklin, Monday, Dec. 5th, a daughter. This makes our old veteran friend, "Hank" Grinnell, grandpapa again, and say, the old chap is as tickled over the fact as if he had just closed a deal of Rambouilettes and cleared a thousand dollars.

Who said Christmas? Don't you hear dem bells? They are calling you to Frank Blakeslee's where you will find everything to keep you warm and comfortable and happy. Prices low, we should say so. Can't begin to enumerate the articles. Just read Frank's new ad, you will be glad.

John Barron, of Howell, who once was Whitehead & Mitchell's pharmacist, made us a short visit Sunday last. John is state commissioner on dairy matters, has a good job with a nice salary attached. John is just the same quiet, genteel, courteous gentleman he ever was. There are none better.

You all know just where to find Howlett's 99-cent store in Pontiac, of course, well then be sure that you give it a call right away for their Christmas bazaar goods are ready for purchasers. Notice new display ad with cut of solid oak table this week. That would make a handsome Christmas present.

Have you been in the new Ellenwood dining parlors? My but they look inviting. The dining room is fitted out with exquisite screens, which are both useful and ornamental. In fact everything is right up to date in city style. The store is well equipped and everything throughout is complete. See ad.

A dandy new furniture store in town, picture it, think of it. Our fellow townsmansman, W. A. O'Neal is the proprietor of the new business acquisition to Birmingham, and it is indeed an ornament to the handsome new block. Read Will's new ad on last page and then step in and select a Christmas present therefrom.

Cards are out announcing the 30th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rainey, of San Jose, Cal. This is a pearl wedding and the happy event takes place Friday, Dec. 16th, 1898, 8 to 1 p. m. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rainey in this vicinity all join in with us and wish the happy couple many returns of the occasion.

Chas. E. Pettit and wife, of Sand Beach, passed a week with Mr. Pettit's sister, Mrs. Hattie Todd, and enjoyed Birmingham life to their fullest capacity. Being on a wedding trip and right in the midst of the honeymoon, of course, Brother James L. Todd did all in his power to entertain his company, so that they would not grow homesick.

We have no fault to find with our living the past week. Just about the time the Joy farm sausage had been absorbed Purdy Bros. sent to us some excellent porterhouse steak cut from their prize deer. Anyone that cannot have venison for meals we are truly sorry for. The Purdy Bros. know when and how to do the proper caper at all times.

The Merry Chanters, a club composed of the choir of St. James church, will give an entertainment in Library Hall Tuesday evening, December 20, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth G. Caldwell. The program will consist of living pictures, musical and literary numbers by the club and a dramatic company from Detroit will give the farce "Dr. Kill-or-Cure."

Furniture is always in line and especially at this season. The next time you go to Pontiac (or you can go purposely) step into Wm. E. Williams' store and ask to secure one of those unique little center tables on glass feet. They are beauties, also many other articles equally valuable and attractive. Mr. Williams is enrolled on our advertising list. See ad.

William H. Collins died at his home on Charlotte St., Detroit, Sunday morning, Dec. 4th, of heart disease, from which he had been a sufferer for several months. His age was about 82 years. He leaves three sons and three daughters. His funeral occurred Wednesday a. m. at 10 o'clock, interment at New Hudson. Deceased was an uncle of the Misses V. L., J. L. and Xenia Post, also a brother of Mrs. Melvin Rose, of Pontiac.

Owing to the extreme bad weather of last Tuesday, Henry Foot, of Big Beaver was obliged to postpone his auction sale, and the date is now fixed for Saturday, Dec. 17, 1898. Sale begins at one o'clock, at which time will be sold one five-year-old bay mare, one lumber wagon, one pair bobs, hay rack, drags, cultivator, cradle, 14 bushels millet seed, etc., etc., etc. The sale is absolute, his lease having expired. Terms easy. M. H. Blunt, Auctioneer; A. Bayley Clerk, Henry Foot, Proprietor.

By mistake the following wedding announcement was omitted in last week's issue. On Tuesday, Nov. 23, Rena, youngest daughter of Wm. Allen, of this place, and Rolland Carter Eisley, of Holland, Mich., were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents. Only immediate relatives were invited. Mr. and Mrs. Eisley are visiting at Kent, Ill., and various other points. They will be at their home in Holland after January 1, 1899. The young couple have the best wishes of many friends in this vicinity.

While up north hunting D. W. Bray caught alive a fine specimen of a porcupine. The other night Alex Parks went into his meat market, "Porcu" had gnawed out of his barrel and was loose in the store. Gee whiz! how scared Alex was, his hair and whiskers stood right up straight as the quills on the same fretful porcupine. He rushed down to Webb's, got him out of bed, hustled out Cal Ellenwood and the three of a kind got the animal back into his barl, after which Alex took a good long deep breath and said: "Well, I'll be gol darned."

If you are in the city looking up Christmas gifts in the jewelry line don't miss calling on Adolph Enggas, who is one of the very oldest dealers in jewelry, watches, clocks, diamonds, etc., in Detroit. He has many patrons in this place who never think of going anywhere else for articles in his line. His location is central, rent low, and with an efficient corps of assistants he can give satisfaction and invites your patronage. Read his new advt. elsewhere. His watch repairer, Mr. Coates, is a gentleman in every way and stands high in his chosen line of trade. All watches entrusted to his care get a first-class job of repairing or cleaning. Don't forget Coates.

STOMACH TROUBLES.

Indigestion--Dyspepsia.

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The increasing prevalence of dyspepsia has been a matter of the gravest concern to the medical profession, and for years leading scientists have been experimenting to produce a remedy. Constant effort in this direction has introduced many preparations which barely afford temporary relief to sufferers. It remained for Prof. Drake, a chemist of many years experience, to produce a treatment which has proved to be a positive cure for the disease in all of its manifold forms, which is known as Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer. In order to obviate a common disadvantage to sufferers—that of buying medicine which has lain perhaps for years in drug stores as must necessarily be the case where all druggists handle the same article—the manufacturers are placing Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer with a limited number of druggists, consequently you are sure to always receive the treatment fresh, although being put up in tablets and tightly sealed boxes, it will retain its freshness longer than in any other form.

If you are troubled with indigestion, sour stomach, acid fermentation, water brash, headache, sleeplessness, or any form of nervous dyspepsia, call on F. Hagerman, leading druggist of Birmingham, and ask for Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer. A book on Stomach and Nerve troubles, their symptoms and cure, given free for the asking at the above-mentioned store.

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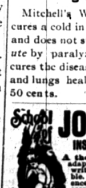

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Robes of Night, made of nice outing flannel in best of style, **75c** to **$1.89.**

Corset Covers, a varied assortment, at **25c each.**

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As a special inducement for the holiday trade we have decided to make **12 of our Best Dull Finish Cabinets and 3 Photo Buttons for $2.50.** This is $4 actual value. We will continue this special o ffer until Dec. 12th. Bear in mind you can have your sitting made for photos in any kind of weather.

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