

Rubber Goods.

Now is the time to buy Rubbers, Arctics, Felt Boots and German Socks.

REMEMBER

Our special sale on all Winter Footwear, Warm Lined Shoes, Felt Slippers, etc. We must convert them into CASH before inventory, March 1st, if prices will not. See the bargains we offer at 75c and 98c pair.

We have already received several new lines of Ladies' Fine Shoes for spring. At \$1.50, fine hand turned, inlaid yesting, lace stay, kid tip, coin toe, at \$3.00, silk vesting top, lace; at \$1.50, vesting top, fair stitch.

H. B. MERRITT, Pontiac, Mich.

17 N. Saginaw St., Detroit is following the lead of the great Eastern cities in the new methods of

SELLING WHEELS.

We wish to announce that we have been appointed exclusive agents for this territory for the following famous lines of wheels:

The Syracuse Cycle Co.'s The March-Davis Cycle

(Syracuse, N. Y.)

"Crimson Rims" and "Admiral"

This a very new departure for this part of the country, and could not have been accomplished last year, as both of these manufacturers held their best wheel at street price of \$100, and we have announced from the first that \$50 would be our highest price on any regular wheel. This year we have "got together" on our prices and announce them for the season as follows—1918 regular models:

"Ermson Rims" \$50. "Admiral" \$40 "March-Davis" \$35

Is not this a great deal for us to accomplish? We think so and hope you will do likewise and testify to same by dropping in to see "our rims"—we know then what you will do. Remember we have also the largest departments in the State devoted to Cameras and Photo Supplies, Gynasium and Athletic Goods, Hockey, Polo, etc., etc.

Archarena, \$1.47. Crokinole, \$1.07. Base Ball, \$1.07

The Mabley & Goodfellow Co.

The Hub of Michigan Commerce.

BIG BEAVE BILL?

Bringing theory home from that Honorable Little Bear-Victor's writings of "Proceedings in General."

For popcorn go to G. Campbell's. A dance at K. O. T. M. Hill Friday night, Feb. 4.

S. L. Robbins is having his apple trees worked up into wood.

A nice baby has arrived at E. Hatan's, the blacksmith.

Jayson Scott is working for Hatten in the blacksmith shop.

James S. Bigman recently killed two pigs weighing over 600 lbs.

Mr. Sneider is putting up a barn on his place that he bought of Bibling.

Mrs. Himes fell from a chair and received several injuries. She is on the gain.

A big taro at the industrial meeting at Wat's schoolhouse on Saturday night.

A little more snow and then we will have good sleighing, so folks can get to their logs to all, and F. R. Lamb will have something to do.

FRANKLIN PRINTERS

Small Talk Concerning the Proceedings of our Citizens—Miscellaneous Items.

Mrs. Case and daughter are spending a few weeks in Sanita county.

Will Clemens is again on the sick list and is threatened with an abscess.

Rev. Beattie has been spending the past week at Thomas assisting in revival meetings.

Herbie Broughton has secured the largest harvest and he is, safely packed for his summer trade.

R. C. Cummings is the owner of a high bred Irish Setter, which was sent to him by Dr. Smith of Bay City.

Messrs. German and Wood attended the race of Walk Lake a few days since. Wood's horse won a fine blanket in the running.

The "Arithmetic Man" has moved on, leaving a large and enthusiastic class in our village, also in the German and Hoese districts.

Joe VanVeyr and family took their departure from our village to take up their residence in Birmingham Monday.

We can ill afford to lose any of our citizens.

Nelson Coleman, another of Oakland's pioneers, has passed to the great beyond. Mr. Coleman had a long and painful illness and had attained a ripe old age.

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Reppin, editor, Tarkiva, Ill., "Chief" says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for permittment with Congas and Cold. It got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery in our home, as it will have a certain and sure cure for Congas, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc. It is able to expel phlegm with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not so good, and this remedy has a record of cures, and is guaranteed. It never fails to restore the afflicted free from all Whitehead & Mitchell's."

Well Children

that are not very robust need a warming, building and fat-forming food—something to be used for two or three months in the fall—that they may not suffer from cold.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda supplies exactly what they need. It will thrive, grow strong and be well all winter on this splendid food. Nearly all of them become very fond of it. For adults who are not very strong, a few doses of the Emulsion for a couple of months in the fall will put them in first-class condition. Ask your doctor for it. It is not so good, and this remedy has a record of cures, and is guaranteed. It never fails to restore the afflicted free from all Whitehead & Mitchell's."

Headquarters

For Bazaar Goods, Cracker, Books, Scarf Pins, Hair Pins, Cuff Buttons, Toys, Stationery, Combs and Brushes, and everything that makes a live bazaar store. When in Pontiac just step in and inspect the stock.

W. R. OWEN, Pontiac.

A BEAUTIFUL HOME

Is the New Residence of Jack Purdy on Pierce Street.

Some time during the present month of February, our well-known citizen Jack Purdy and family will take possession of their new home. The building is rapidly nearing completion, under the able management of Contractor Strong. The house is large, nicely constructed and extremely cheerful, owing to its fine location and numerous windows. There is a large veranda extending around the north and west sides, also a small one on the south side.

The first floor contains a kitchen and dining room, finished in oak ash, with immense cupboards, both ornamental and convenient; a sitting room, parlor and sleeping room, all finished in red birch, a very pretty finish. All of these rooms are spacious, and with their triple windows and other large ones of different design, plenty of light and cheerfulness pervade the atmosphere. There is also a storage closet on this floor.

The stairs are of black ash and the large hall above is finished in white maple. The second floor contains besides the hall referred to a bath room and four large closets, all finished in the good-sized clothe room in connection. These apartments are all finished in white maple and are light, cheerful and airy. There is a commodious attic over all, which furnishes ample storage facilities. Every bit of the lumber used in the construction of this building was procured from the Purdy Bros' farm, which makes it doubly attractive to its owner.

From various standpoints the Purdy home is complete in every respect, and will be an extremely fine live for years to enjoy it.

Sale of the Wooster Farm.

Whitehead & Mitchell effected the sale of the Wooster farm last week. This farm was a golden opportunity that at least three different parties were sorry that they let pass. Who bought it? Why a man called now living in his Wagner town. "I want to be a granger and own a piece of land," he said. He has money and there are other things at right angles and say "everything is busted and we are all going to the demonion bow-wow." This farm sold for an even \$1500. It was well sold and we hope so will make at least \$2500 on its speculation. Mr. and Mrs. Wooster felt that the care of the farm was a burden and they had to manage and have done the sensible thing, welcome to Birmingham and live and let those who "have to" work. We shall be glad to see this worthy couple back again in our midst and hope they will live long to enjoy the fruits of a life of hard work and persistence.

Baptist Church Reception.

At seven o'clock Friday evening (a week) about twenty-five representatives of the Birmingham Baptist church boarded an electric car for Pontiac; they were joined at Bloomfield Centre by another joyful crowd. Where were they going? Why to a social and religious gathering given by the B. Y. P. of Pontiac, in the Protestant Baptist church. After receiving a hearty welcome to the following program was listened to with great pleasure:

Prayer—Rev. F. Church
Song—"The Lord is my strength"
Solo—L. F. Church
Recitation—Albert Strain
Solo—L. F. Church
Music—L. F. Church
Duet—L. F. Church
Solo—L. F. Church
The Pontiac ladies then served delicate refreshments. At 10:30 most of us started home, after having a general good time. Many thanks to the Pontiac Society for the pleasant evening. A PARTICIPANT.

MISCHIEF

More than Meanness Took Our Village Lamp—The Boys' Mistake was in the Night—Should have Performed on Hallows' eve.

Errors of the Eccentric:—My attention has been called to a paragraph which lately appeared in your paper relative to stealing a street lamp by Alva Pangborn and Cameron Douglas. The parents of young Douglas are among our most respected citizens, and are greatly grieved over the affair. I am out of contact with the other family, but learn they are the same people.

I have known Cameron since early childhood and have ever regarded him as an exemplary young man. He states that young Douglas is a certain kind of a spirit of fun that anything else is not in the spirit of the act but without avail, and I have no reason to dispute his word. He says that Douglas had been told that he was going to be punished if he would not do so. I understand that Pangborn admits that he was the guilty party. If Douglas had pleaded not guilty and Pangborn had pleaded guilty, the statement on the witness stand as I understand it was willing to do. It would have given a different color to the whole matter.

DANAN'S SASSAPARILLA

"The Kind that Cures," will give you pure blood; make your stomach digest readily; your liver and kidneys active; your nerves strong. That's only assertion, but we back it up with this—YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOES NOT. This is an offer honest like the medicine.

EVERY bottle of DANAN'S is guaranteed to benefit you or you get your money back.

All Druggists Keep It.

Yankee Inventions

By Their Domestic Waste.

A French inventor who has been on a tour of inspection in the states was not impressed by the big things of the country, says Invention. "I shall report to my government," he says, "the biggest things in America are the little things. The French people are experts in domestic economy and live on their own savings, that averages families in the states throw away; but Americans are, on the other hand, experts in industrial economy. They make money in saving waste in business and lose some of it by wastage in domestic economy. The attention paid to small details in big works is amazing to me. I have visited some establishments where I believe that the profits are made not in the manufacture proper, but in the saving of material and labor by close attention to details that are with us unaccounted trifles. For example, I saw little grinders in operation at a big works automatically sharpening and grinding tools. These tools cost probably as much as 100 of our ordinary grinders cost, but I see that it automatically grinds all the tools for 300 grinders, mechanics, and it only costs one cent per day. The skilled mechanics in our country generally stop their regular work to grind their own tools, and then they do it imperfectly. This is one case where all accurately ground to the best shape by the machine, so that they do more and better work on this account in a given time. I have noted that machine has brains—the brains of the inventor—and it has no doubt revolutionized work of this kind in American machine shops. There is one case noted of man that I have noted. The visitor correctly detected a peculiar characteristic of American inventive genius. The great engineering establishments and the levitation machinery are, of course, most conspicuous and impressive; but these big things are comparatively few in number, while the novel improvements in little things—usually classed as "Yankee notions"—are legion, and each one of them contributes to the general sum of prosperity of the business of the country.

SIX CENTURIES IN JAIL.

Sentence That Might Have Been Inflicted on a Boy.

William A. Leibold, Lancaster, Pa., aged 17 years, was sentenced to six months in the county jail for the name of his employer to 67 cents, was sentenced by Judge Brubaker, who had indicted the maximum penalty, to be confined in the county jail for a term of 670 years. As it is the period of the lady's incarceration will depend, to some extent, on his behavior, the court sending him to Huntington reformatory for a term, addressing Leibold, said: "The maximum punishment for each of the 124 counts on which you were convicted is five years, but the court will take into consideration the commendation of the jury for mercy. Your sisters are much more hardened and older in sin than yourself. We are sorry to hear from their lips and the disgusting revelations concerning their relations with the prosecutor in his room and office, which they have made in the hearing of the jury, and we believe had much to do with the prompt verdict of guilty by the jury. It has shown such moral turpitude in all that were concerned in it that the court cannot but be shocked. As was the court. The tale told by one of your sisters makes her as vile as the most depraved of her sex. Your sister, which amounts to only \$200, is given to her children.

HONORS OF SHORTHAND.

The conference of shorthand writers in connection with the celebration of the diamond jubilee of Pittman's system of shorthand, an unusual spelling of shorthand, says the Westminster Gazette. One fervid gentleman enlarged on the advantages of the "short" art as a help to country. How much gushing affection, the speaker asked, evaporates in the process of writing long letters in longhand? The speaker said that he had written a certain number of letters in shorthand, and he had found that it was a great deal easier to write in shorthand than in longhand. He said that he had written a certain number of letters in shorthand, and he had found that it was a great deal easier to write in shorthand than in longhand.

HINTS FOR A HOUSEWIFE.

To remove black grease stains from clothing, wash with soap and cold water. Hot water will only set the marks. Colored enameled saucepans can often be made to look like new by boiling chloride of lime in the water with which they are filled. To test the purity of coffee pour water into a glass, add a few drops of a brownish hue. It may be concealed when it is leached with water. To clean an enameled bath take one heaped tablespoonful of kitchen salt, mix it with turpentine, wash with it the bath. Then rub up with a clean cloth. Before beginning operations take care that the bath is perfectly dry.

INTEREST TO WOMEN.

If after washing one's face she puts on a wash made of bicarbonate and one teaspoonful of alum. A novelty in guest cards for the table are minute dolls, very small figures of cardboard, which are introduced on the top of the table napkins. When folded in a pyramid form they appear to be standing and are delightfully attractive and convincing. If your face is this and steadily reverts all efforts on your part to make it still up, begin taking half a pint or more of water, as much as possible. Spanish women use a simple cosmetic for their eyes which Mlle. Mactell tells of her book on beauty. They squeeze the essential oil from the skin of an orange into their eyes. The effect is a little painful but very successful, only it must not be performed too often. It is a good idea to get the eye into a certain condition. Get a slow to the complexion.

Loose Bros.

WHITE FRONT SHOE HOUSE.

20 North Saginaw St., Pontiac, Mich.

Leaders in Fine and Medium-Priced Footwear.

We would be pleased to have you visit our store and compare our prices. Our Ladies fine Kid Shoes with stock and patent leather tips from \$3.00 to \$10.00 can be had in our store. A complete line of Children's School Shoes, all warranted, prices from 75c to \$4. For Gentlemen's fine wear we are showing the best \$2.00 shoes on earth.

All our razor and needle sets show for Ladies' and Gentlemen's wear will be priced out at less than cost. Great bargains.

Loose Bros. & Co., Pontiac.

DANCING.

The Egyptians resorted to dancing to express religious emotion; it was one of the cherished arts of ancient Greece, and it flourished there, disappearing with the fall of the empire and reasserting itself during the early period of the Christian church. During the last thirty years all this has changed. The opera ballet, which was the poetry of motion, is gone and nothing but the skirt dance remains. The two modern dances, the tango and the foxtrot, are not to be described as artistic, for when it is not merely a walk around the room it is a game of romps. At the time that the revolution of the populace danced the horrible carnage and twenty-three theaters and 1,800 public halls were open every night. For a hundred different dances, the stiler and Gris, and such enthusiasm for the dance has never been equalled in these latter days. Every one who has seen the art, and the ballet was admired from sheer love of the beautiful.

FADS IN FLOWERS.

Though the English have flowers and have great success in cultivating them, they have no taste in their arrangement. Really made cottage bouquets for women about in the way of wild flowers, and the poor blossoms are so maltreated with wire that no one has any right to believe they are real. Florists shops abroad are much different from the other in this country. In London, for example, funeral wreaths and emblems are displayed in the windows, and the shops are very attractive. Lichen is fashionable there for crosses and wreaths, and from this gray background call lilies and white roses.

Set pieces, the "gates ajar," broken columns and floral pilasters, are always painful, for in the first place, the natural grace and beauty of the flowers is destroyed, and in the next there is no excuse for the emblems. Flowers for the dead should be scattered in carelessly beautiful, but crushed. Some are paired, with their graceful beauty unimpaired. The modern custom of adding to a death notice the words, "I wish you will please come," may be traced to the reluctance of the survivors to be confronted with those ghastly net pieces which have lagged so long from the hearts of the bereaved.

HISTORICAL.

After that there was a hiatus of several centuries, and it is in the middle ages before we again have a trace of the dance, when it was associated with ecclesiastical functions. In the sixteenth century, the dancing of the French court was the center of new dances, and an academy of dancing added to the brilliancy of the reign of Louis XIV. For a month, the most spectacular stage dancing originated about this time also. After this the dance never died in favor, though it was not taken into consideration of the dance to the lately modest and gay gavotte.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

My father of 105-year-old Johnnie was a very handy man, and one day, after looking steadily at him for a long time, he exclaimed: "My papa, wasn't there no other men around when mamma got ready to marry?"

"Little Marie had heard her Sunday school teacher speak of backsliders and one rainy Sunday morning, when her mother thought it best for her not to attend Sunday school, she said: "I've been told to go, for that's what we don't come every Sunday our backs will be laid."

"Why, Willie," answered Tommy, "what the teacher told me of the juvenile backsliders, but I never thought of it."

"What do you think a boy ought to get who falls on a simple word like 'backsliders'?" "He ought to get vaccinated," answered Tommy.

"Why, Willie," exclaimed the uncle of a 5-year-old youngster, "what makes you cry so?" "C'mon, 'cause I'm fakin' my brother, has had a backslider, an ain't got none." "That's no," said his uncle. "But why is it that you have no vaccination?" "Cause if you ain't started to school yet," was the reply.

Tommy, aged 5, was the son of a minister and occasionally his father taught him to repeat Bible texts and would explain their meaning to him. One day he asked: "Tommy, what do you do when tempted to do wrong?" "Why," replied Tommy, "I just think 'bout my mamma and say, 'Get thee back behind little Satan.'"

Little Susan lived in the suburbs of a city where hardly a day passed that an agent or canvasser for some article didn't call at the house. One day her father called her into her mother's room and showed her a little baby brother that had just arrived. "Where does this come from?" asked her mother. "The doctor brought him," was the reply. "Why," she exclaimed, "I didn't know he was the agent for babies!"

HINTS FOR A HOUSEWIFE.

To remove black grease stains from clothing, wash with soap and cold water. Hot water will only set the marks. Colored enameled saucepans can often be made to look like new by boiling chloride of lime in the water with which they are filled. To test the purity of coffee pour water into a glass, add a few drops of a brownish hue. It may be concealed when it is leached with water. To clean an enameled bath take one heaped tablespoonful of kitchen salt, mix it with turpentine, wash with it the bath. Then rub up with a clean cloth. Before beginning operations take care that the bath is perfectly dry.

INTEREST TO WOMEN.

If after washing one's face she puts on a wash made of bicarbonate and one teaspoonful of alum. A novelty in guest cards for the table are minute dolls, very small figures of cardboard, which are introduced on the top of the table napkins. When folded in a pyramid form they appear to be standing and are delightfully attractive and convincing. If your face is this and steadily reverts all efforts on your part to make it still up, begin taking half a pint or more of water, as much as possible. Spanish women use a simple cosmetic for their eyes which Mlle. Mactell tells of her book on beauty. They squeeze the essential oil from the skin of an orange into their eyes. The effect is a little painful but very successful, only it must not be performed too often. It is a good idea to get the eye into a certain condition. Get a slow to the complexion.