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A little early, but we are receiving new goods almost every day. Here are a few in Ladies, Fine Shoes—we never offered such good values:

Fine Hand Turned Lace, Kid Tip,	Bull Dog Toe	$3.25
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" " " " "	vesting box stay	3.75
" " button	coin toe	3.50
" " "	patent leather tip, coin toe	3.00
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BYA OAK OBSERVATIONS

Miscellaneous Items Pertaining to the Proceedings of our People in General, Our sick ones—Social Events, etc.

The L. O. T. M's are preparing to give an entertainment and supper at the town hall Saturday March 19 Entertainment free; supper 10 cents.

The committee on arrangements for Decoration Day this year will be composed of the soldiers' wives. An old-fashioned picnic dinner will be served in the town hall, and everybody is cordially invited to come and contribute to the bill of fare. All soldiers will be entertained free of charge.

Miss Mary McDowell and Maude Harris, of Detroit, and Mrs. Truesdell and daughter Winnie, of Troy, were entertained by Mrs. L. H. McDowell Sunday.

Chas. Quick has purchased the grocery stock and meat market of W. A. Luttenbacher, and expects to take possession next week. Mr. Quick will be right at home there as he was proprietor and owner there at the time Mr. Luttenbacher purchased the stock.

C. G. Wilson has accepted a position with Chas. Quick in the store for one year.

Agnes Jansen is ill with typhoid fever.

Lou McDowell and Andrew Campbell are dangerously ill with Klondike fever. They solemnly vow that they will start for the gold fields April 12. Look out that you don't get April fooled, boys. "All is not gold that glitters."

The small-pox scare is over. No new cases.

The Ladies' Aid Society met at Mrs. Chas. A Quick's Wednesday.

About 30 members of the Epworth League tendered Miss Mattie Campbell a delightful surprise last Friday evening. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hall, of Troy, and daughter, Mrs. Percival Parmenter, of Toronto, Ont., were entertained at the home of Mrs. Ira P. Barnum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Detroit, visited Dr. Erickson and wife, Sunday.

Mrs. C. G. Jarvis, of Troy was a guest of her father, S. Alger, last week.

Mrs. Chas. Quick and Miss Maude Alger took advantage of the fine sleighing and drove over to Warren Friday.

The Ladies of the Helping Hand Society of the Congregational church, assisted by Detroit talent gave a musica in the Congregational church Thursday evening. There was also a graphophone and the whole entertainment was hugely enjoyed.

J. M. Lawson and wife attended services at the U. P. church in Birmingham last Sunday evening, conducted by their Southfield pastor, Rev. J. M. Cracken.

Little Grace Lawson, who has been visiting relatives in Birmingham, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Grace McKinney, of Birmingham, visited her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Lawson, on Saturday last.

Mrs. C. G. Willson and baby Johnnie visited Detroit friends Tuesday.

Edward Connor and wife drove into Detroit Sunday, returning the same day.

Mrs. Chas. Mitchell and two children, who have been spending the winter at Edward Connor's will return to their Northern home as soon as navigation opens.

Mrs. Alex Lawless is recovering from a two weeks' illness with spinal trouble

Mrs. L. A. Phelps and Mrs. C. G. Willson visited Rustic Hive, No. 508, Warren, last Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Whyte and children, of Detroit, were Sunday guests at C. G. Willson's.

Richard, how does it happen that you drove so slowly as to allow a certain young lady to freeze her feet while driving to Davisburg recently, then not being satisfied with this ill treatment, we hear that you dumped the same young lady out in the snow lately while en route for a surprise party.

Bert Russell, jr., who left here February 8t, to assist his brother, Reuben J., in the power house at Brooklyn, N. Y., writes home that he is well pleased with his position.

TROY TWINKLES

Telling Tales of Timely Tete-a-tetes—Twitterings—Sickness in our Midst.

Mrs. Geo. O. Clark was taken with grip Tuesday and is very sick. Dr. Anderson, of Big Beaver has attended her every day. Mr. Clark has a bad cold and sore throat.

Mrs. Wm. Clark is laid up with a hard cold.

Frank Phelps was sick most all of last week so that he was unable to work in the mill.

Charlie Clark, son of Erastus Clark, and a young man who has worked for Geo. Eliot two years, start for Seattle Wash., Monday morning. We hope good luck will follow them.

Rev. Appleton Smith set aside two nights of this week for revival meetings in the Troy M. E. church. Rev. Smith would like to have the parsonage and the barn belonging to it moved up to the church yards, but to do so and get the house ready for occupancy, besides building the required sheds would cost upwards of $100, which cannot be afforded.

(Too late for last week.)

Beautiful weather of late.

A son of James Smith, from Pennsylvania, has been visiting him recently.

Walter Blount is so that he can walk again. His foot that was cut last fall is most well.

Chauncey Newton, who is working for Elmer Mitrot, was calling at George O Clark's today.

Joseph Caswell is cutting wood for Henry Ackerman at the rate of 40 cents a cord. Mr. Erb is helping him.

The Epworth League gave an oyster supper at the home of Mrs. Frederick Conner last Friday evening. It was a success.

There was a very large gathering at Randt's H 61, Utica, Saturday evening, Feb. 26. The hall was packed full and the pieces were well rendered.

Rev. Appleton Smith, who has been trying for two weeks to start a revival in Troy, has been obliged, on account of throat trouble, to postpone it for a time.

FRANKLIN FRITTERS.

Several Social Shots Secured by Special Speculations of a Subtle Scribe.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grinnell, jr., visited in Howell recently.

H. H. Snowden was in town Friday, looking after school interests, and in the evening held an educational meeting in Green's school house.

The Y. P. S. C. E. were fortunate in securing W. N. Ferris for a lecture Thursday evening. The church was filled with an attentive audience and Mr. Ferris' practical ideas and truths on "Making the World Better," will leave a lasting impression with many of his hearers.

A series of revival meetings are being conducted by Rev. Beattie, who has been ably assisted by Revs. Fuller, Tyler and Dodd's.

The Misses Edna and Elsie Pickering entertained a few young friends on their birthday anniversary, on Saturday last.

Prof. Saltzer is here each Saturday afternoon giving instructions in instrumental music.

TOWN LINE TWITTERS.

Brief Talks that are Right in "Line" with the Proceedings of the Town

Mrs. Sarah Ford, of Kalkaska, visited friends here recently.

Geo. Mace has gone to Chicago; his family are at C. Beach's.

Mrs. T. C. Beach is quite ill. Dr. Galbraith is in attendance.

Vet. Lord's neighbors hauled the lumber home for his new house.

Mrs. Lenton and Mrs. Patch visited at Will Hetchler's, in Troy Sunday.

Fred Blair has come back to old Oakland county to stay. He will occupy the Shug cottage.

G. W. Johnson has moved from here to the Col. Brady farm.

Mrs. Hendricks is entertaining cousins from the city.

Gertie Patch has purchased the Shug cottage.

Will Carpenter is away working in a saw mill. He is head sawyer.

Prof. McColl held a school for mathematicts in our district last week.

Married, March 2, C. A. Kelley, of Troy, and Mrs. Annie Ashmon King, of Pontiac. May joy be with them.

Geo. Leet called on his Town Line friends recently.

BIG BEAVER BILLOWS.

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

Dr. J. W. Anderson is on the sick list.

Jason Scott is able to be around again.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Harris spent Saturday and Sunday in Detroit.

Delbert Smith has a fine driving horse and new top buggo for sale cheap.

A large surprise was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Measle last Friday evening.

Mrs. Will Clark, of Troy, spent last week at her father's, L. G. Smith's.

Miss Maud Blount, of Troy, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Maud Smith's.

Dr. Anderson performed an operation on a four-year-old boy of Mrs. Susenhil last Sunday.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Mrs. E. F. Peabody having rented her farm, will sell on the premises known as the Peabody farm, near Gilbert Lake, 4 miles northwest of this village, on Wednesday, Mar. 16 at 9 o'clock a. m. sharp, 10 Jersey and grade cows, 1 Durham bull, 2 yearling heifers, 6 calves, 52 young sheep, 10 fat hogs, 10 small shotes, 1 horse, farming tools, wagons, harnesses, etc. Free lunch at noon. Martin H. Blunt will do the talking and A. Bayley will push the pencil.

Going to rent your farm this year? Better have a regular lease made by some competent person and thus obviate any unnecessary misunderstanding on the part of either of the interested parties. If you want anything of this kind done you can be served promptly and correctly at the Exchange Bank. All kinds of conveyancing accurately and promptly done in a private office where no one not interested can interfere. Deeds, mortgages, contracts, bonds, wills or any other kind of legal business done by an experienced person, at rates as low as any competent notary public can afford to do.

COUNTY LINE ISPINGS

Commbnicated by our Chatty Correspondent—Coming Events, etc.

(Too late for last week.

Mrs. G Chipchase is visiting her son at Ann Arbor.

Mrs. E. Jones, of Utica, visited her daughter, Mrs. LaDecou this week.

Miss Blanche Tarrett, of Mt Clemens, is visiting relatives at Warren.

A large load of Lady Maccabees surprised friends in Fraser Friday evening.

Wm. Schrader has sold his farm to E. Bush; consideration $1,000. Will thinks of locating in Tuscola Co.

Mrs. Jas. Joiner attended the funeral of her brother at Wallaceburg, Ont., lately.

Gus. Drexel has bargained for the S. Norris place east of Williams schoolhouse.

I T Cross died not long since at the Dayton, Soldiers' Home. Deceased was a member of Co. B. 22 Mich.

Mrs. Kingscott of Bear Lake is visiting relatives at Warren.

Two tickets in the village election of Warren.

Quarterly meeting at the M. E. church last Sunday.

John McClure is very poorly at present.

Fred Bixoring reports another son.

Matt McBride is getting ready to build another large barn on his Creekdale farm.

Robt. Hawthorne was kicked by a colt recently, injuring him quite severely.

Bert Hawthorn has gone to help fit out his boat for the coming season.

Mrs. White, of Detroit, visited her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, at Warren last week.

An old soldier living three miles south east of Warren, killed himself with a shot gun last Sunday evening. The doctors in Detroit had told him he had a cancer in the stomach and they could do nothing for him.

S. Martin has commenced building a new house at Warren.

SOUTHFIELD SAYINGS.

News from our Neighboring Settlement—Entertainments Comers and Goers

Eugene Williams is working for Ernest Tucker.

Will Zimmer has gone to work for Charlie Hooper.

Nelson Woodworth, of Duluth, Minn., is visiting his cousin, Si Woodworth.

George Johnson has moved on the Fuller place.

Chas. I. Johnson is confined to his home with an attack of pleurisy.

Misses Bessie and Lela Tucker have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Marion White, the past week.

The Angle Road School gave a "shadow" social at the home of Marion White last Wednesday evening. The crowd was immense, the supper very good and the school realized $14 for their library.

Miss Viletta Douglas visited relatives in Pontiac one day last week.

DID EVE USE A FAN.

In Egypt fans were used in religious ceremonies, made of parchment or feathers;

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HUMORS OF CLERICAL LIFE.

One Boy Thought He Knew Why the Sea Was Salt.

Some of the ideas held with regard to ecclesiastical matters are as funny as they are extraordinary, though they cause one to reflect on the methods adopted by the church and the various religious bodies, says the Cornhill Magazine. A woman came to me one day to say she wanted her daughter to be confirmed. "Mr. ——," she said, "from the chapel over the way, 'as been a-trying to convert 'er, but I pretty soon told him what I thought 'bout it. I sea to 'im, 'I'll 'ave my gal confirmed, but I won't 'ave 'er converted, so now you know. I don't b'lieve in conversion.'" What the minister said or thought of this truly marvelous statement of doctrine I don't know. The monograms I H S and X P C, which are so often to be seen in our churches, sorely puzzle a portion of the congregation, a larger proportion, I am inclined to think, than is generally supposed. A certain vicar, soon after his arrival in the parish, placed a new cloth upon the altar upon the center of which was embroidered a large cross. Such strong opposition was raised to this symbol of Christianity that the vicar gave way before the storm and had the initials I H S substituted. A parishioner who was not at all in favor of the change, on being asked the meaning of the letters, replied: "Why, don't you know what it means? It means, 'I hope you're satisfied.'" 'Children's answers are always a fruitful source of amusement. A girl 15 or 16 years old, who had received what was supposed to be a good education, was describing to me her recent visit to the Tower of London. Among the many wonders which she had seen was a sword given to Henry VIII by Max Muller, an amusing though not altogether unnatural substitute for the Emperor Maximilian. If children are allowed to think for themselves their answers are amusingly original. "What do you think makes the sea salt?" was a question put to a national school class. A brilliant idea struck a boy. "Please, sir, the 'errings."

Couldn't Beat Him.

A little boy from California who has been about a great deal is spending the holidays with his Washington cousins. He has enjoyed the sights of the capital, but he hasn't permitted himself to be in the slightest degree overawed by anything he has seen. His cousins took him—"carried" him, they said of it themselves—to the National Museum one day, and called his attention to a great log of petrified wood lying just outside the door. The little Californian had been a little depressed, but he brightened up at the sight. "I've seen a whole tree like that," he said. The Washington cousins maintained their composure. "We've got a whole forest of trees like that out west," went on the young westerner. Still the Washingtonians were not at all impressed. The California boy drew a long breath. "We've got a whole woods of putrefied trees," he said. "Yes, and they's putrefied birds sitting on 'em and—and," with one last effort to disturb the calm self-satisfaction of his companions, "they're sing'ng putrefied songs, too."—Washington Post.

New York's Wealthy Bootblack.

A New York bootblack named Tony, who has five different branches in the city, does such a large business at one of these shops he has been compelled to employ a young woman as cashier. Tony pays more than $6,000 a year for rent alone. His total expenses annually are in the neighborhood of $15,000.—New York Evening World.

VARIOUS VEGETABLES.

The tomato is native to Mexico and South America. It takes its name from a Portuguese word.

Celery was unnoticed for many years in Great Britain until it was finally put on the table as a choice dainty.

The watercress and the sour-dock, which is used as a salad in Germany, for many centuries wasted as weeds before they were put on the table of civilized man.

Beans, native to Europe and the East Indies, have been cultivated from the earliest times. The pea is a native of Asia and was brought by the Aryans into Italy and Greece.

Lentils, which come from the Himalayas, were probably the first plants man ever cultivated. The lentil is cultivated in India, Persia, Syria, Egypt, Nubia and parts of Europe.

The turnip came from Rome. Spinach is from Persia, brought into Spain by the Arabs. Lettuce comes from the east and the ancients called it the food of the dead. It was eaten at the end of a feast to counteract the heating effects of the wine.

Asparagus has always been a favorite. It was originally a wild seacoast weed of Great Britain and Russia and the Greeks and Romans were very fond of it. It is closely related to the famous asphodel, which the ancients supposed was the leading flower of elysium. Asparagus is so plentiful on the Russian steppes that the cattle eat it like grass. In some parts of southern Europe the seeds are dried and used as a substitute for coffee.

ANSWERS.

Miss Willing—The idea of a 16-year-old girl sending a "Bless-Our-Home" motto to a young man is absurd.

Scribbles—There is a number of so-called remedies for writer's cramp, but probably the most effective is a publisher's check.

Sylvia—We may be wrong, Sylvia, but, confidentially, between us and ourselves, we believe the best time to marry is on the 31st of February.

Young Father—No, papa, the Dingley bill will not increase the tacks on carpets. The pleasures of your midnight walks will not be interfered with.

Farmer—Our experience in fence-making has grown somewhat rusty, but we think the best way to make fence posts last is to make the fence first.

Jaggsley—No, there is no earthly reason why you shouldn't use a shoe horn to aid in putting on your hat, after loving a sherry cobbler not wisely but too well.

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New England's cotton industry is the most highly protected of any in the country and yet some of these people are asked to accept a 22 per cent cut in wages.

Five is the sacred number of the Chinese, who have five planets, five cardinal points, five virtues, five tastes, five musical tones, five ranks of nobility and five colors.

As the governments of the United States and Spain are not in the hands of the sensational newspaper correspondents, and presumably not in the hands of featherheads, the De Lome incident would seem to be closed.

Mr. Tony Hope denies he ever said anything mean about America and American women. We didn't mean to go to war about it, but we did wish Mr. Hope or Lord Salisbury would apologize, retract, or deny before long.

It is announced that Hon. James B. Angell, United States minister to Turkey, will resign his position and resume his work as president of Michigan university at the opening of the school year next fall. The query naturally arises: "If it is so soon done for, why was it begun for?"

In Massachusetts but 638,680 marriages have taken place in the past forty years. Yet there are 2,250,000 people in the state. "The mean age for men to marry," says the official statistician, "is 29 years." If it is a mean age, asks an exchange, why proclaim it in a public document?

BRILLIANTS.

Love is the gentlest and kindest breath of God.

Thinking is an enemy to beauty, and no friend to tenderness.

Every woman has been several women if she has lived long.

The sweetest song ceases when the feathers have lined the nest.

Nothing is quite the same to the intellect of any two men, much less of all.

Great men too often have greater faults than little men can find room for.

He who first praises a good book becomingly is next in merit to the author.

Children are afraid of being left in the dark; men are afraid of not being left in it.

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