New Styles in Footwear for Spring

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
" " " "	inlaid vesting stay	3.50
" " " "	vesting box stay	3.75
" " button "	coin toe	2.50
" " "	patent leather tip, coin toe	3.00
" silk vesting top, lace, flexible, kid tip		2.00 and 2.50

Extra good value in Kid Shoes at $1.00, 2.00 and 2.50

All Winter Footwear, gent's and ladies' shoes at reduced prices.
All Warm-lined Shoes, Arctics and Lined Rubbers at cost.
Complete line of Rubbers (first quality) and Rubber Boots.

Neat Repairing by First-class Workman.

17 North Saginaw St. **H. B. MERRITT,** Pontiac, Mich.

THE STAGE.

AT THE EMPIRE.

"Mr. Michael Merton should be a happy man; he has set all London laughing." These are the words of the greatest of London critics. When the St Louis Republic said that his play, "Miss Francis of Yale," would develop a laugh in midwinter after a bad dinner, the piece had not been produced in England. An American critic was the first to draw attention to the high merits of a native product, since indorsed in Europe. Only one company is playing the piece in America. An enterprising English manager, Brenton Thorpe, was the first to discover the merits of this farce. Discarding the opportunities of importing adaptations from the French and German, he secured English capital to exploit an American product. Local play goers will see it at the Empire theatre the latter half of this week.

AT THE LYCEUM.

Not since "The Two Orphans" has there been a French melodrama produced in this country containing so much of the sympathetic element as may be found in "Two Little Vagrants." Chas. Klein's adaptation of Pierre de Courcelle's "Les Deux Gosses." The piece was seen at the Lyceum Monday evening, where it scored a pronounced success. Aside from its heart interest, which is such an important factor in the success of a drama, the play justifies its bid for indorsement by its interesting and skilfully told story, its terse and well-chosen dialogue, and its strongly drawn and diversified characters. The element of suspense is also handled with cleverness and the unfolding of the plot is remarkably direct and convincing.

AT WHITNEY'S.

A company of specialty performers whose trade name is Hopkins' Trans-Oceanics and whose proprietor is Robert Tulgora, occupies the stage at Whitney's this week. The entertainment is one of genuine merit, but the movement is slow and the element of "fun" is practically limited to a pair of "Dutch" comiques, Carlin and Clark. The other acts introduce the Herne Bros. in clever cabinet work, which they call theosophy in a nutshell; the two Putnam Sisters in ballads and comic songs; Ford and Francis in a rather startling operetta entitled "The Tryst;" Dudley Prescott, a genius in mimicry and an accomplished ventriloquist; Walter Ford in illustrated descriptive songs; the incomparable Adonis of the tight wire, whose theatre name Apollo; and Grimee in a series of enchanting fire dances in the style of Loie Fuller.

THE BIRMINGHAM POST OFFICE.

Eight Candidates Are Already in the Field.

The appointment of a postmaster for Birmingham postoffice is just now beginning to be agitated. There are eight aspirants for the position: Prof. W. D. Clizbe, H. P. Daniels, John Haina, McA. Randall, Alex. Parks, Ed. A. Parks, Volney Nixon and A. Whitehead.

No doubt Congressman Smith will adopt his plan of selecting a postmaster. That is he gets the people's choice direct from them as to whom they desire, and as the change is not to be made for a little while yet, each voter will have time to consider his choice.

CUBAN AID.

PONTIAC, Mich., Feb. 24, 1898.

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF OAKLAND COUNTY:

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Will you yourselves and your classes (all your scholars) send us your class offertories for the famishing and starving poor of the Island of Cuba? What is more stimulating and productive of good than a little energy spent for and in behalf of the poor and suffering. We will not further enlarge, the frightful facts of the case are too well known and too terribly authenticated. *We simply "state the case"* without effusively begging or importuning the public, we "rest it" and remain,

yours very faithfully,
JOHN POUND,
Sec'y and Treas. Cuban Aid Committee of Oakland County.

CUBAN RELIEF.

PONTIAC, Feb. 24, 1898.

To the Public of Oakland Co.:

Our committee met last night and decided to send $75 to E. W. Bassett, Cuban Relief custodian of funds and supplies for Michigan, at Detroit, and $75 to the Central Cuban Relief Committee at New York, which the treasurer has done this day, with instructions to these gentlemen to speedily forward the same. Remittances will be made weekly and all receipts acknowledged in the local papers, of both money and supplies. The list of donors of parcels of clothing and supplies of all kinds will be published next week.

JOHN POUND,
Sec'y and Treas. of Cuban Relief Fund for Oakland County.

CHARLES A. BRUSH

Will Teach His Last School this Eve., Friday March 4th.

Let Everybody Attend this Side-Splitting Rural Representation.

Tonight is the night" Chas. A. Brush, who has taught in this vicinity in every district adjoining this, within a radius of five miles, for more than thirty years, will wield the rod on this occasion. This will give all his old pupils, and their number is legion, a chance to see the grand old teacher once again at his life's work. Even if his old pupils only come the house will be filled to its S. R. at the very beginning of the entertainment. Many of his old Franklin, Southfield, Troy, Royal Oak Bloomfield and Birmingham scholars have promised to come and see the grand old Prof. lamblasate Samuel Sassafras, Willie Wanamaker and Grover Cleveland.

The Coming Woman

Who goes to the club while her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from Lame Back and weak Kidneys rise up and call it blessed. It is the medicine for women. Female complaints and Nervous troubles of all kinds are soon relieved by the use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c per bottle. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

THE BEAR GOT EVEN.

How a Grizzly Punished a Tormentor Who Thought He Was Smart.

The town of Medicine Hat, in Assiniboia, on the Canadian Pacific railroad, had, in 1894, an attraction in the shape of a captive grizzly bear. He was a hungry looking brute, about the size of an ordinary cow, and was chained to a post in the center of a strong log pen. The pen stood beside the tracks, about 200 feet from the station, and a recent rainstorm had made a veritable mudhole of it. The bear was an object of lively interest and curiosity to the townspeople, but more particularly to passengers of trains which stopped at Medicine Hat to change engines. One day early in August the eastbound overland pulled in, and in a few minutes the occupants of several coaches were viewing the grizzly, who was shuffling around his quarters, looking very innocent and unconcerned. His paws and shaggy gray coat were covered with mud, and bruin was not a thing of beauty, still he appeared contented and seemed to enjoy being on exhibition. Now, a miscellaneous crowd of men has, as a rule, at least one individual in it belonging to the class known as "smart Alecks." This gathering was no exception, and the aforementioned person soon manifested himself. He began by grunting at the bear and followed that up by throwing sticks and small stones at him. Failing to excite him by these means, he resorted to others. Fixing a handkerchief on a stick, he flaunted it in bruin's face and tickled him on the nose with it, then poked him in the ribs, but, save an occasional growl, the bear did not seem to mind his tormentor. One or two gentlemen now advised the funny man to desist, suggesting that his bearship's patience probably had limits. Ignoring the friendly warning, the fellow waxed bolder and, coming close up to the pen, thrust an arm in between the logs. Then the long-suffering bear saw his opportunity and improved it. Suddenly and with startling swiftness he reared on his hind legs until he loomed high above the astonished man, and then, with a deep growl of anger he struck fiercely at his persecutor. For a breathless second the man stood bereft of the power of motion; then, with a scream of fright he tried to draw back, but too late. The enormous bear caught his arm in a glancing fashion, shredding his coat and shirt sleeves and scoring several ugly scratches in the flesh, while an avalanche of mud and filth descended on his luckless head, fairly obliterating his features and thickly smearing the whole upper part of his person. The bear's revenge was complete. Swift and sudden justice had been meted out, and the smart man made his way to the train, while some unfeeling men in the crowd laughed outright, and the grizzly lay down with what resembled a sigh of relief. The Canadian Pacific east-bound overland bore that day a man who was not only sadder and wiser, but whose propensity for "stirring up the animals" had received a decided shock.

NEW FEMININE CRAVATS.

Oddities of the Moment in Pretty Ties and Unique Pins.

Oddities of fashion are seen between seasons, and in ties just now many is the throat encircled by a four-in-hand —not a simple masculine cravat of that species by any means, but a length of satin, maybe of silk or silk muslin, of any color, tipped with crisp double frills of tulle or a little wee of fur tails, or silk fringe. Fringe is the latest, and sometimes a long Roman striped or scarlet scarf is tied under the chin in a large bow-knot, while a flashing jeweled pin is fastened right in the heart of the bow. The pin is apt to be a small turtle, all of diamonds, or a tiny scorpion of rubies, else, wonder of wonders—a scrap of a mouse carved from clear pebble and set with jeweled eyes, claws and tail. This, though, is only an eccentricity of the moment.

The Original Handy Man.

A man living in National City, Cal., has inserted the following unique advertisement in the local papers: "The Original Handy Man Still lives and loves to labor. Makes Door and Window Screens, Files Saws, Sharpens Cutlery and Fits Keys. Repairs and Polishes Furniture, Makes Store Fixtures and Does General Jobbing. He is at home in the sick room to offer consolation to those who mourn and patiently nurses by day or night the sick in body. God bless the Handy man and keep him safe. He may be found at his old knoll on Street 8, near Avenue 2. N. B.—Makes a specialty of church and schoolhouse work."

The New Clerk's Mistake.

Druggist—"What do you mean by filling that prescription for $1? I always charged $4." New Clerk—"It was a rule with my former employer that when a thing costs less than twenty cents it should be retailed for $1." Druggist—"But you must remember, young man, that we give trading stamps. Don't make such a mistake again."—Detroit Free Press.

Thousands of Bushels of Locusts.

The war that was waged against locusts in defence of the crops and vineyards in Algeria last year is described as having been extensive as well as successful. Lines of defence 322 miles in aggregate length were constructed, and in the ditches placed to receive the pests as they fell from the barriers more than 270,000 bushels of young locusts were destroyed.

The Saving Reservation.

Washington Star: "I believe," said Mr. Meekton, "that all men are born equal." His outburst caused Mrs. Meekton to look sharply at him over the top of his paper, and he hastened to add: "You will observe, Henrietta, that I said 'all men.' Of course, I do not undertake to limit the heights of superiority which others may naturally occupy."

Any one may do a casual act of good nature, but a continuation of them shows it is part of the temperament.—Sterne.

S. C. Morgan, Tailor,

Of Detroit, now located in the Thurlby Block, Birmingham.

Will make to order any styles of Gents' Garments at as low a price as you can get them in any city. Please call and see his

Large Assortment

of samples. Also will do all kinds of repairing on short notice.

R-P-A-N-S

No matter what the matter is, one will do you good, and you can get ten for five cents.

A new style packet containing THE RIPANS TABULES in a paper cartoon (without glass) is now for sale at many druggists' stores—five cents. This low price will not be maintained long. The dozen of the five-cent cartons (the tabules to be had by any druggist) will be sold by mail, postage free, to the RIPANS CHEMICAL COMPANY, No. 10 Spruce street, New York, for a single carton (TEN TABULES) will be sent for five cents. Best medicine ever made since the world was created.

SOUTHFIELD SAYINGS.

News from our Neighboring Settlement—Entertainments Comers and Goers.

(Too late for last week.)

Marion Waite is hauling lumber from Birmingham.

Ice cutting on the mill pond again and good ice, too.

Cupid and the postmaster were busy St Valentine's day.

Miss Sadie Covell spent Sunday at the home of Joe Green.

Miss Josephine White spent Saturday with Mrs. Charlie Raynor.

Geo. Johnson is hauling lumber on his place for building purposes.

Will Shepard and wife spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. D. White.

Fred Harris and wife and Dan Hughes and wife took dinner with Ernest Tucker Sunday.

The entertainment given by Miss Edith Marsh and the Franklin Orchestra was well attended.

Mrs. L. C. Phelps and Elmer Klett have returned after a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Thurber, Detroit.

The Valentine social was a success in every particular; all who attended went home feeling they had had a jolly good time.

Misses Nellie Brooks, Sadie Covell, Hattie Williams and Jennie White took the 8th grade examination at Franklin Saturday.

Mr. Zimmer and family will move to Ogemaw County soon. He had an auction sale of farm tools and stock one day last week.

John Heyworth will move to Dakota in April.

Mrs. M. Palmer will move on the Hughes place this week.

Miss Mary Miller spent Friday with Mrs. Charlie Johnson.

Miss Clara Cox, of Farmington, spent Tuesday with Mrs. H. Beebe.

The Angle Road School had 21 visitors at their Washington Birthday celebration. A very good program was enjoyed by all.

Will Shepard is going to retire from the grocery business. He is selling out his stock of groceries now and intends to "farm it" this year.

The Gleaner Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Carl Tibbitts, Wednesday, March 9. All come and have a good dinner, only 10 cents.

James Harmon and wife, Will McCarroll and wife, Francis E. Williams and daughter, Miss Dora, spent Thursday with Mrs. Fred Kershaw.

The auction was a success from every standpoint. The Society realized $13.50 from the sale of their fancy work with Joseph Croft as auctioneer. The Southfield Cornet Band furnished excellent music.

Bert D. Wood, teacher of the Angle Road school, was given a birthday surprise party by his pupils last Monday evening, at the home of Hosea Beebe. Mr. Wood was presented with a gold watch chain, by his school, a watch charm, from Miss Fronie Zimmer, and a pretty pen-wiper from Miss Nellie Brooks. Music and games were indulged in till a late hour, after which the scholars and their parents to the number of fifty, sat down to a bounteous supper, served by Mrs. Beebe, and all declared they had the "mostest fun."

BIG BEAVER BILLOWS.

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

Jason Scott is better so he has gone home.

B. S. Houghton was in town last Sunday.

George Terry is working in the blacksmith shop.

Belle and Will Pallister spent Saturday in Detroit.

Mrs. S. L. Robbins has returned home after a visit in Milford.

Mrs. G. C. Gibbs has recently been visiting friends at Oak Grove.

Little Tilby Haight died last week of inflammation of the bowels.

Efforts are being made to make Big Beaver Postoffice a money order office.

A sleighload of our young people attended church at Birmingham Sunday night.

Mrs. Robt. Pallister of Detroit, visited at Wm. Pallister's the first of the week.

Floyd Smith spent Saturday and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Will Clark, of Troy.

L. G. Smith, F. R. Lamb and H. Foot took in the "Devil's Camp" at Utica last Saturday night.

The L. H. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. Annie Flinn last Saturday for the purpose of sewing.

Mrs. L. L. Houghton returned home Thursday from a visit with her daughter Grace, at Ypsilanti.

Lost—In Big Beaver church, a pair of black mittens. Finder please leave at Will Ebling's and receive reward.

A pleasant birthday surprise was given Miss Belle Pallister, on her 17th birthday, Tuesday evening, February 22. A large number were present and all enjoyed themselves.

Misses Maude Gates and Carrie Van Every of Birmingham, were callers at Big Beaver last Thursday.

Delbert Smith and lady spent Saturday and Sunday at Oxford.

A sleighload of young folks came to Big Beaver from Royal Oak, one night last week and tried to waken one of our young girls but there isn't life enough about R. O. to waken any girl in B. B. unless they make more noise than they did before. She hopes they will succeed next time, however, and she will try and make it pleasant for them. We hear that before leaving Big Beaver they had a tip over and were all spilled out. Come again.

WEST BLOOMFIELD BUSBLS.

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

Winter is almost over.

Mrs. J. S. Kyle made a short visit in Pontiac recently.

Somebody saw a wild goose and birds of passage will soon come home.

John Wilcox, of East Farmington, was buried Feb. 27, in the Franklin cemetery.

Mrs. Addie Highy is doing a rushing business selling groceries, etc., for Beagle of Detroit.

James Harmon, of Owosso, a former resident was visiting relatives and friends in this vicinity recently.

Mrs. H. Grinnell and Mrs. S. S. Higby went to Pontiac to see a nephew who is very ill at the E. M. A. one day last week.

The surveyors are making quick work surveying for the new electric road from Sylvan Lake to Detroit, via Walnut and North Farmington.

Wallace Congleton, an aged man living on the north shore of Lake Walnut, was found dead in his barn last Wednesday, having hung himself with a halter. Its was indeed very sad, as it would seem outwardly that he had no justifiable reason for such a deed.

Miss E. H. Haskins, of Walnut, was in Birmingham recently, visiting her brother, R. C. Haskins and family. Mrs. M. Hilliker, of East Farmington, and Mrs. Sherman and sister, Miss Kate Sherman, of Detroit, were also entertained at the same time.

We are sorry Circle is having such a bad time but just let the contractor carry it herself for putting in such a little bid. We hold that $150 a year is none too much; they pay mail trains great prices because they have to. Why not let an innocent carrier get a decent compensation?

BEDDOW BOOMINGS.

Mrs. Martha J. Brooks spent last Saturday at Pontiac.

A great many in this vicinity are suffering from bad colds.

Will Harmon will try farming, having bought the farm formerly owned by Will Bede.

A ten cent social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon last Wednesday night.

Rue Van Every, the blacksmith, and bride have left this vicinity for new fields of labor.

A large number of friends gave Joe Brooks and wife a pleasant surprise one evening last week.

Quite a number of ladies were present at the Missionary meeting held at Mrs. Volney Miller's last Saturday.

The auction sale of fancy articles belonging to the Gleaner society, which was held at the town hall last week, was a decided success, as nearly all the articles were sold and a neat sum realized.

Dana's SARSAPARILLA

"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 DANA'S is guaranteed to benefit or you get your money back.

All Druggists Keep It.

Report of the Finance Committee of the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, for the Year 1897-98.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 15, '97, balance on hand	$ 186 86
July 1, '97, received from General Tax	2740 40
May 21 '97, received from Liquor Tax	154 76
Feb. 24, '98, received from Licenses	45 00
Feb. 24, '98, received for wood sold	21 00
Total	$2248 12

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 8, '97, transfered to Highway fund	$ 450 00
April 26, '97, transf'd to Waterworks fund	450 00
Aug. 24, '97, interest coupons paid and on file	306 00
Feb. 24, '98, 35 vouchers paid and on file	823 66
Balance on hand this day	118 46
Total	$2248 12

HIGHWAY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 15, '97 balance on hand this day	$ 135 68
July 1, '97, rec'd from General Tax fund	1000 00
May 14, '97, rec'd from Waterworks fund	75 00
Nov. 8, '97, rec'd from Extra Expense fund	450 00
Oct. 11, '97, rec'd from roadscraper	21 00
April 12, '97, money borrowed	225 00
Total	$1906 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 24, '98, 127 vouchers pd and on file	$1787 82
Balance on hand this day	118 81
Total	$1906 63

WATER WORKS FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 15, '97, balance on hand	$ 181 68
April 3, '97, borrowed money	275 00
April 26, '97, rec'd from Gen'l Expense fund	450 00
Feb. 24, '98, rec'd from Water Rates and Tapping Fees	1391 15
Total	$2497 83

DISBURSEMENTS.

May 14, '97, transfered to Highway fund	$ 75 00
Feb. 24, '98, 75 vouchers paid and on file	2349 57
Balance on hand this day	73 26
Total	$2497 83

HANNA & FURDY'S SPECIAL DRAIN.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 16, '97, collected special tax	$ 279 00
Total	$ 279 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 181 68
Balance on hand this day	14 30
Total	$ 279 00

EAST SIDE DRAIN.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 15, '97, balance on hand	$ 10 80
Total	$ 10 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 10 80
Total	$ 10 80

INTEREST FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 11, '97, balance on hand	$ 2 15
Total	$ 2 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 2 15
Total	$ 2 15

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

On hand beginning of the year of all funds	$ 505 67
Raised by general tax	3240 00
" " liquor tax	433 73
" " licenses	54 96
For wood sold	21 00
For use of roadscraper	21 00
Borrowed money	500 00
Water rates and tapping fees	1391 10
Total	$6177 58

DISBURSEMENTS

From gen'l expense fund less transfers	$1729 66
" highway fund	1787 82
" water works fund	2349 57
Balance on hand in all funds, Feb. 24, '98	310 53
Total	$6177 58

We, the undersigned Finance Committee of the Village of Birmingham, Michigan, have carefully examined the books of the Clerk and Treasurer of this village, have checked and cancelled all vouchers, and find that the above is a true statement of the finances of said village, this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1898, according to our best knowledge and belief.

F. HAGEMAN,
EDGERS BROOKS, } Finance Committee.
GEORGE E. DAVIS,

ALBERT W. CAMPBELL, Village Clerk.
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Free of Charge to Sufferers.

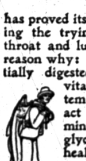
Cut this out and take it to your druggist and get a sample bottle free of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption Coughs and Colds. They do not ask you to buy before trying. This will show you the great merits of this truly wonderful remedy, and show you what can be accomplished by the regular dollar bottle. This is no experiment and would be disastrous to the proprietors, did they not know it would invariably cure. Many of the best physicians are now using it in their practice with great results and are relying on it in most severe cases. It is guaranteed. Trial bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1.

Persistent Coughs

A cough which seems to hang on in spite of all the remedies which you have applied certainly needs energetic and sensible treatment. For twenty-five years that standard preparation of cod-liver oil,

SCOTT'S EMULSION

has proved its effectiveness in curing the trying affections of the throat and lungs, and this is the reason why: the cod-liver oil, partially digested, strengthens and vitalizes the whole system; the hypophosphites act as a tonic to the mind and nerves, and the glycerine soothes and heals the irritation. Can you think of any combination so effective as this?



Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion. See that the man and fish are on the wrapper.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

EDUCATIONAL.

Prof. Carl Barrus, of Brown university, has been elected corresponding member of the British Association for the achievement of science.

A Phillips Brooks Memorial at Harvard college has been proposed. The sum of $50,000 has already been raised and a plot of ground in the northwest corner of the college grounds has been set apart for this purpose.

The Bruce gold medal of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific has been awarded to Prof. Simon Newcomb, of Washington, D. C., for his distinguished services to astronomy. This is the first award of the medal.

The National Summer School Association, which has been holding yearly meetings at Glens Falls, N. Y., has been dissolved by action of the stockholders on account of the unsatisfactory financial condition of the association.

Two physicians have been appointed on an annual salary to visit the schools of Plainfield, N. J., regularly to look after the health of the pupils and study the sanitary condition of the buildings. They are also to make an examination of the sight and hearing of each pupil in October and June.

An educational magazine called the Mistletoe, in the interests of American universities, is to be published under advice of five senior professors of the literary, law and medical departments of the university of Michigan. This will be the first real intercollegiate magazine in the country.

Bishop McLaren, on account of increasing diocesan duties, has resigned the position of dean of the Western Theological Seminary, at Chicago, which he has held since the establishment of the institution in 1884. The seminary has prospered under Bishop McLaren, and it now has $400,000 worth of property and no indebtedness of any kind.

The Women's Federated clubs of Missouri, in convention at Sedalia, voted to establish a traveling library in Missouri, and appointed a board of seven members to inaugurate the work. A library fund of $250 was quickly raised by subscription, and the three hundred delegates pledged liberal contributions of funds and books. It was decided to carry on the library after the plans of Wisconsin and Michigan.

Count Posadowsky, the minister of the interior, announced in the German reichstag that the authorities had decided that women henceforth should be allowed to attend university lectures as guests, with the permission of the rector and professors. He added that the imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, was arranging for the federal government's granting women diplomas, and, he continued, if the arrangement was successful further measures were probable.

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.

In 1666 the great fire in London burned over 426 acres, destroying at least $35,000,000 worth of property. In 1872 the Boston fire burned over sixty acres, at a loss of $1,000,000 an acre. If the same fire occurred to-day it would cost, at the very lowest estimate, $100,000,000. In 1893 the loss on the two and a half acres burned over was over $350,000,000.

It requires four years and four months for a ray of light to reach us from the nearest star, and yet light travels at the rate of 186,330 miles in a second. At this rate a first-class express train, running at the speed of thirty-seven miles an hour, would require a continuous run of 75,000,000 of years to reach Alpha Centauri. It would take 250,000,000 of years for a cannon ball traveling at the usual speed of such projectiles to reach the same point, which is our nearest star neighbor.

Maine is again to enter the list of copper mining states. The deposits, which are numerous and valuable, were worked more than twenty-five years ago, but a sudden and great decline in the price of copper made them unprofitable; improved and cheapened method of production is the cause of resumption of work. Copper is a metal with which the market is never overstocked; although consumption increases rapidly from year to year, a good copper mine is more valuable than a gold mine.

ODDS AND ENDS OF FASHION.

A striking visiting gown is of red silk checked with alternate squares of black-and-white satin and trimmed around the hips with a scroll design in black satin ribbon, this trimming being repeated on the bodice, where it outlines a white satin vest tucked.

A black cloth dress has a skirt made with a flounce at the back, a plain front seam, and bands of cloth, elaborately hemstitched, extending their influence from the front round to the back. There is scarcely any fullness in the flounce at the back, but it gives just that sweep which makes for grace.

A beautiful yet simple evening gown has a skirt of shot gray and white silk, with a surface like Terry velvet, and the bodice of ivory lisse cut into many tucks, striped with pale-yellow lace and edged with chinchilla. Round the waist of this is a belt of pale-blue moire, fastened with diamond buttons.

In regard to underskirts red is a very popular shade in which these, for day wear, are shown, while pink and yellow hold the field for evening skirts. Red is, indeed, becoming almost as popular as it was last season, and is beginning to supersede the beautiful violet shades, of which, however, we cannot but be rather tired now, seeing how much they have been overdone.

Every garment, more or less, is assisted to its effects by chiffon. Evening capes of the short order, which are still in favor, by reason, no doubt, of their usefulness, have second shorter capes, or panels, or vandykes, all of which are profusely flounced with the ever-decorative chiffon; while the aprons of party-going gowns are outlined again with frills and ruchings of the same, which, brought up over the hips, are continued in wide sashes to the end of the skirt at back.

THOUGHTOGRAPHS.

The ballet girl, like her age, is always a poser.

A person should never go out walking in a driving rain.