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Nothing inferior in our MEN'S SHOES. See our summer styles—in colors. They are "beauts." Made on latest and most stylish lasts. Willow Calf, Russia Calf and Vici Kid—all shades and in plain or vesting tops. Popular prices \$2.50 to \$4.00. Large line at \$3.50—well soles.

All Customers' Shoes Polished Free

## H. B. MERRITT,

PONTIAC,

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# Victor and Spalding Base Ball Goods

This week we will display one of the largest and most complete lines of the famous Victor and Spalding Base Ball Goods ever shown in Michigan. Our system of buying in large quantities for spot cash, thus getting all of the usual discounts and some unusual ones, enables us to quote practically wholesale prices on the complete line.



The most delightful part of the Camera season is just approaching. As in all other lines, our Photographic Outfits are up in quality and down in price.

Victor \$3.00 Mitt.....	\$6.00	Victor \$3.00 Glove at.....	\$12.50
Spalding's Best Mitt.....	\$6.00	Spalding's Best Glove at.....	\$12.50
Spalding's Balls at.....	\$6.00	Spalding's Balls at.....	\$6.00

Double Lens Camera (45) at..... \$4.75  
Daylight Loading Camera at..... \$3.00  
Best Folding Camera at..... \$4.50

## TOWN LINE

Mrs. T. C. Beach still remains very feeble.  
Lord moves into his new house this week.  
Mrs. Thos. Green is very ill at her son's near Pontiac.  
Mr. and Mrs. McKinstry are at home for the summer.  
Mrs. Will McKinstry also a daughter, born April 10th.  
E. M. Patch made a short call on his children last week.  
The Troy Farmers' Club met at Ed Niles Saturday, the 7th.  
Mrs. James Hutchins is the mother of a 9-pound girl, born May 5th.  
Verne Patch has improved the looks of their home by grading the front yard.  
John Tresseld, of Troy, and Jennie Burt, of Pontiac, were married May 4th.  
The Sabbath school in the Gray district has commenced for the summer at 3 p. m.

## COUNTY LINE

Mark Hall has bought H. King's and R. Renshaw's fat cation.  
Mrs. Chas. Wilson is convalescing slowly.  
John Stevens of Rochester, attended the funeral of J. Walker.  
C. Gerlach is putting a new cellar, under his house.  
V. Beebe visited relatives in Warren the past week.  
A meeting was held last Saturday in Warren relative to the electric road to Romeo.  
G. Davis has quit lumbering in the Stanley woods north of the Clements drier.  
Mrs. E. Tharrett, of Mt. Clemens, visited relatives in our vicinity last week.  
Harry White is going to plant 13 acres of tobacco this season. An expert is going to show the cultivation.  
John B. Jones, of Royal Oak, visited her sister, Mrs. McClure, this week.  
John Walker died last Saturday, aged 30. Deceased was a member of the funeral. Mrs. Macabees, who had charge of the funeral. Rev. Nixon preached the funeral sermon. John was born and has lived around Warren about all his life, and was in every way a most estimable young man and a universal favorite. The family, especially his father and mother, have the sincere sympathy of a wide circle of relatives and friends.

## SOUTHFIELD

John Heyworth and family have moved to Dakota.  
Eugene Williams has returned from Detroit and is working for John Bell.  
Miss Mary and Viletta Douglas have returned from their last week.  
Mrs. and Mrs. John Merritt, of Royal Oak, spent last Sunday at Mrs. M. Robinson's.  
Mrs. Geo. T. Code received a telegram Thursday announcing the death of her sister at Potosi.  
Berth McHugh and wife, Carl Tibbitts and wife and Joe VanWanery and wife spent Sunday at Camp Etan, Island Lake.  
The Angle Road school gave an ice cream social at the home of George Simmons last Saturday evening.  
Clyde Hooper and Miss Daisy Simmons took a flying trip to Detroit and Birmingham over the past week.  
Charlie Johnson has removed his store to the vacant lot. He owns opposite his home, where he will remodel it into a home for Rue VanWanery and bride. Rue was visited by Mrs. Johnson's blacksmith shop and is now ready for customers.

## Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from yellow jaundice for over six months and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail. Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters, and after taking two bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully indebted to Dr. J. H. Hagar, Lexington, Ky." Sold by Whitehead & Mitchell.

## Guaranteed to Cure.

That's rather strong, but we mean it. If your blood is impure, your nerves weak, your stomach, liver, or kidneys wrong, you can buy a bottle of

## Dana's Sarsaparilla

"The Kind that Cures." With this guarantee, NO REFUND—NO PAY. If, after using a bottle of it, you feel no benefit has been received, you can GET YOUR MONEY BACK. All Druggists Keep It.

# It's Funny

But true, that W. R. OWEN, Pontiac's live bazaar man, is selling Crockery by the wheelbarrow load—he is right in the swim. Those 100-piece sets that he is now selling are beauties. Drop in and look the goods over whether you wish to purchase or not. You are always welcome. Yours truly, W. R. OWEN.



## HOW TO KEEP COLD FISH.

A Few Necessary Rules for Preserving the Freshness of Fish.  
From the Cleveland Leader: It is remarkable how seldom people are able to keep goldfish for more than a month or two at most, and the reason is that they neglect a few first principles. Goldfish can be kept almost any length of time, accidents apart. If kept scrupulously clean, the air in the water is soon exhausted, and they should have fresh water every day. If possible, of course, in summer, though one will do if the water is fairly fresh. Fish usually tell when the fish are needing water. They stand on their tails with their mouths open, and the water, and move slowly in that position, generally making a bubbling sound. When you put the fresh water into the globe let it drain from a height, so that plenty of air gets in, too, and let your fish have a handful of shells or small stones. They look proper and are happy. They are unable to poke among them for bits of food, and it gives them something to do. A little interest in life. People frequently blame the mistake of thinking that the fish get enough food out of the water. This is not so. They are feeling when in captivity. Bits of fishes' food, chiefly consisting of dried ants' eggs, can be procured from any seed or naturalist's shop. As they require only a very small quantity one day, their board is not expensive. They will live on vermicelli, but this clouds the water, and consequently impairs the appearance of the globe. It is said that goldfish should never be handled. This is no doubt true, if they are kept for breeding purposes. Otherwise, it does them no harm. If due care is exercised—and you may pick them up one by one in your hands and pop them into the globe of fresh water. Never buy a fish unless it fins are erect and fully spread. Directly the fish is out of health the fins droop and more or less quantity when they are quite shut up against the body.

## LONDON'S SANDWICH GIRLS.

New Way of Advertising that Has started London.  
New York Journal: No longer can the "sandwich man" pursue his calling unmolested. The "sandwich woman" has entered the field of competition. This is in London, but the good thing there is speedily reproduced in the American metropolis. The young women are dressed in white hats and pantomime dresses, and the only thing about them that saves the least bit of an advertisement is the dainty way in which they carry their trays. They go in sixes and carry handbills—no, we will say souvenirs—which they distribute in such a charming way that everybody wants one. They look happy, too—well fed and well-treated—so that people look upon them with quite good approval. It might not seem quite proper for six such charming young women to parade the streets so publicly without a chaperone, or an escort, so the functionary of the office provided in the form of a handsome young man in uniform. He is rigged out in nearly his own office as possible without making any actual counterfeits that the police might seize. The swell looking escort walks the side of the line, and he supplies them with souvents to distribute from a big haversack. All the while he keeps a sharp lookout that they do not get into any mischief. He pays too much attention to his fair charges. Six pretty girls to look out for a pretty large task for any young man. This one man, however, is not the secret of his control of them was disclosed when a New York merchant in London advised him one day last week that he had been doing a little new departure in advertising. He flatters them. "Sir, these are ordinary girls," he exclaimed, with pride.

## TROY.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings, April 28th, a son.  
Rev. A. Smith exchanged pulpits with Rev. Clark of Royal Oak last Sunday.  
Wm. Vandoren of Utica, has been up to Geo. O. Clark's recently building a couple of chimneys for him.  
Farmers, look out for your oats. A good many are complaining that it is so cold they do not grow.  
Frank Phelps drove to Royal Oak Sunday with his daughter Maud, as she attends school at that place.  
Chafetz Blois had the roof of his house painted Saturday. George Scott did the job and Monday he did the same for Walter Blois.  
Mrs. Laric of Utica, was found dead in bed Saturday morning. Death supposed to be caused by heart failure. Burial Tuesday morning.  
Mr. Barber, who resided north and west of Troy, was buried last Thursday at Rochester. Funeral at Troy M. E. church, Rev. Smith officiating. Deceased was about 77 years of age.  
In these very advanced days it seems that anything that is not absolutely yellow can pass with ease as a virtue.  
The street way that make outsiders think a couple are incompatible is for them to be very attentive to each other in public.  
War talk as it affects mothers, wives and sweethearts is a bit more serious than even as it appears in the yellow journals.  
It isn't the person who knows how to do a half-dozen things well who makes money in this world. It is the individual who has a specialty and is a wonder in that particular line.

# Your Doctor Knows

Your doctor knows all about food and medicine. The next time you see him, just ask him what he thinks of Scott's Emulsion of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. We are willing to trust in his answer. If your doctor has prescribed our Emulsion for weakness, loss of appetite, or any of our other ailments, it is because it is the best of all remedies for all these ailments. Its creamy color and its pleasant taste make it especially adapted for thin and delicate children. No other preparation of cod-liver oil is so good. Don't lose time and risk your health by taking something unknown and untried. Keep in mind that SCOTT'S EMULSION has stood the test for a quarter of a century. SCOTT AND BOWNE, PHARMACEUTICALS, NEW YORK.

## A GRUESOME STORY.

An Incident of the Irish Rebellion of 1798.  
In Macmillan's Magazine, Mr. G. L. Linton Faulkner tells the story of the "French Invasion of Ireland." Here is a graphic incident of a terrible time. One pathetic picture remains of the last and terrible chapter in the abortive insurrection in Mayo in the records of the past—the "whitehead," and poorest of the poor and wild village of the Laggan. Here, where Downpatrick Head stands out against the ocean, a strange and ghastly scene called the Poolanahathana, a chair nearly half a mile in length, which was cleaned through the sea, and with the clear green water can be seen 80 feet below. Near the bottom of the chair and along its whole length runs a ledge of rock, upon which the men of a boat were covered by many feet of water when it rises. The presbyter, returned from the rebellion, was one October day endeavoring to save the remains of the neglected harvest, when suddenly the alarm was spread that the troops from Killyhaugh had landed. Well knowing that they had to expect from the rebel Fraser Penelope, the rebel baronet, surprised and unable to escape, the men made for the adjacent cliffs, whose rough faces they were used to climbing, and with whose caves they were familiar. It was with a constant danger that they descended to the ledge of rock at the Poolanahathana in pursuit of seals and "rabbits' nests," to which they could gain access by means of a rope let down from the top of the cliff. It chanced that at the moment of the soldiers' raid the tide was out, and quickly catching themselves that there was a place of safety in which they might find a temporary refuge, the men went to the ledge, the rope being held for them by a young woman, who was to return and release them as soon as the soldiers had withdrawn. Many hours they waited, expecting every moment that the rope would be lowered by their friend. But though the soldiers had retired long before the rope, the woman came not. Terified by the presence of the military, she had fled to the hills without remembering her charge, or apprising others of the very serious danger. Twenty and twenty stalwart peasants, night came on, and with it the remorseless running high above the level of the ledge, the men of the Poolanahathana, looking down into the chasm, saw the lifeless corpses of their women and husbands washing helplessly in the abyss of the Poolanahathana.

## FROM CONVICT TO GUARD.

Prisoner Who Made Himself Useful Employed by His Jailers.  
From the Louisville Courier-Journal: Henry Berner, who spent over twenty years in the penitentiary, is a man of which he always declared his innocence, is now wearing the uniform of a guard at the institution in Jeffersonville, where he is employed as a guard of a convict. Berner was attired by the board of managers of the reformatory in the uniform of a guard, but he failed to obtain employment required by the new parole law until last Wednesday, when it was announced that he had been appointed guard at Cumminville, O., a suburb of Cincinnati, and there reside, having complied with that important requirement. Berner, who had been in the penitentiary for a long time, had become almost indispensable to the institution, and after his departure his duties were assumed by another man, who was appointed guard of the reformatory. Berner, who had been in the penitentiary for a long time, had become almost indispensable to the institution, and after his departure his duties were assumed by another man, who was appointed guard of the reformatory.

## SEEKING FOR PEARLS.

Quest of the Elusive Gems Surrounded by Romantic Traditions.  
The history of pearl seeking has about it a romance and a possible gain that the difficulties and risks of the quest are not nearly so great as the reward. Knowledge of the Roman conquest men were sent to the East to find pearls. They covered rivers in search of the elusive gem, and one of the prime reasons for undertaking the expedition into the East was to find pearls. The "congealed dropwells" pierced by sunbeams," which poets and philosophers in all ages have made the emblems of purity and worth, and which the Roman women so much coveted. There is scarcely a sacred literature in existence in which pearls do not bear a prominent part. The pearl is a gem of place and favor have not been bought by the beautiful, lustrous products of the sea.

## Answer to Correspondent.

Hercules—You wish to become a strong man. Firstly, then, you must be in the best of all health. Secondly, you must do that. Do it twice if you like, but once will do. Then open your bedroom window and breathe freely. This will expand your lungs and give you a good supply of oxygen. If you have not a bedroom window borrow a bicycle pump and utilize it. Next eat a good meal of food, and if you are warm through with cold, drink half an ounce of stale bread. Do not drink any alcoholic liquid, nor tea, nor coffee, nor cold drinks. Water you may use to rinse the mouth with, but do not swallow any. Next take plenty of exercise; this will give you the best of all health. It is up five pairs of stairs forty times. At first you will tire at twenty, but persist until you can do it without tiring. Lifting—shifting will do to start with. At night do not eat anything but a light supper. Cold pork and buttered bread will make you sick in your sleep; and remember that every kick excites the rumorous and phosphenic nerves of the sport and we will advise further.—Sheep's Journal.

# Buy at Peck's Corner—Save \$\$\$\$

## MILLINERY---

We will have on display this week 100 trimmed hats for ladies and children. We will sell at any price, any face, any price. Hats from \$1.50 to \$15.00.

## HOSIERY---

You want something for the boy, double hose, knitted rib, we have them and at 10c a pair. Ironclad hose, never wear out. Socks, heel and toe, black or tan, 10c.

## DRESS SKIRTS---

Price all out. Black brocade, cut \$1.50 to \$10.00; same cut \$2.00 to \$2.50. Of West Gables, cut \$3.50 to \$5.00. Faded Goods, same cut \$1.50 to \$1.75. less than cost of materials.

## TABLE LINENS AND TOWELS---

Money saving prices on all these goods. Linens at 50c will surprise you. If you are looking for full value for your dollars visit the popular buy store. Will the conductor to let you off at "Peck's Corner."

# S. N. PECK,

Corner Saginaw and Huron Sts., Pontiac.

# A SNAP

It was a snap for Volney Nixon's big elephantine dog, Major, to begin to swallow Roy Montgomery. Now then, if you only had had your VIVE CAMERAS and got a snap.

# SHOT PHOTO

of the act would not have been worth money. But you don't have to always have horrible sights to photograph—their exception. With one of our cameras you can make pictures of everything—the baby, the home, stock, pets, etc., etc.

# WORTH

Well, their value is nameless in dollars. We also have a full line of Plates all sizes, with developing, taking solutions and everything needed in the business at city prices. You can get an outfit complete for \$7.00 that will do all the work one can do with an outfit worth.

# One Hundred Dollars

# Whitehead & Mitchell.

## WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL

## PRESIDENT IS GUARDED.

Mr. McKinley Is Warned to Take Extra Precautions.  
A metropolitan police from police headquarters has been detailed to attend all public receptions at the white house. It is said this detail will include a number of men, which will remain in an acute stage. At the reception given by President McKinley the recently a rather handsome young man, attired neatly in a black suit and wearing glossy patent leather shoes, stood a short distance from the executive in the reception line and closely scanning the faces and manners of those who approached Mr. McKinley. The watcher was one of the shrewdest detectives on Inspector McKinley's headquarters staff. He had been detailed for this work, it is said, by the president's special request, and will be similarly detailed at future receptions. It is hinted that Mr. McKinley has been warned by friends that some fanatic, goaded by sympathy for the late president, might attempt to do him bodily harm, and every precaution is being taken to prevent such an outbreak. It is known that threatening letters have been written, and it is feared some heavy may take it into his head to have a forcible personal interview with the president in reference to the war with Spain.

## The Asiatic Star Tree.

Among the curious forms formed by the plants of the world is not conspicuous, but among nature's freaks the tree class it stands alone. Its properties are entirely peculiar to itself. It is a tree which attributes to itself like anything seen in other trees. Enormously tall, a man of ordinary height is dwarfed into nothingness beside its trunk. It grows from the ground up to a distance of about forty feet, and puts forth at that place a hundred tangled limbs. From the latter there shoot out great numbers of long pointed leaves, which, bunching themselves together, exclude a kind of phosphorescent light at night, giving a strange spectral appearance to the glowing tree at night, frequently mistake the light-colored thing for the illuminated window of a house, or a house on fire. The light is not brilliant; it is subdued, but voluminous, and lasts until daybreak.

## Story of the Origin.

Philadelphia Press: During the old days of Sweden there were several bat men, and the term was applied in its full force to a man who was a cowardly beast in those times was to defend the groom and his prospective bride from a rival, who, accompanied by his retainers, was sure to meet, it being the wedding procession was on its way to church and make a stuporous fight for possession of the woman. The Scandinavian warrior considered it beneath his dignity to count a maiden's favor by gallantry and submission. It appears, however, that he preferred to wait until she was on her way to be married to another man, when the attempt was made to carry off his betrothed. The duty of the bat men—the best men—if they were the best men—came into good play. Hence the custom is still preserved in the "best" man of today.  
As Eastern Fling.  
A Chicago debating club is about to wrestle with the question: "Life is too good to lose." The man who has the duty of married of the day is divorced?—Yonkers Statesman.  
No More.  
Scott—If you ever see your case on expert testimony. What sort of an expert did you have? Doct—An expert who was "New York Journal."

Murder in the Nether-World Degree. The Observer—"Telling about the different emotions. He said that one of you boys felt his which is the proper time to gather him." When his "eyes" chanced up," replied Johnson.—Punch.