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Bowling a candle increases the effect and diminishes the cause.

A talkative person seldom fails to make one pneumatically tired.

Men are like chickens—they always want to get on the highest roost.

How little man knows of his fellow-man—unless he lives in a village.

Scorching is injurious physically—also financially if the policeman catches you.

Theories do very well as food for the mind, but corn beef and cabbage is better for the body.

A wife often thinks it funny that her husband ever fell in love with her and the husband often thinks it ridiculous.

There are three million Germans in this country who speak English while the fatherland is sweet it had better attend to its own business.

The only fighting that Spain prizes herself on just now is that which she sends a bull for the enemy and gives him not a chance for his life.

Henry M. Stanley looks for a re-organization of the Chinese army by Russian military experts; but the truth remains that it is blood that fights.

The Cubans are at present too much given to the removal of heads to be safe governors of Spain, or of any body else. That is a solemn fact which we ought to have thought of before.

Political prophets of evil are not unfrequently satisfied by the Washington Star when it represents one congressman as saying to another: "Don't you know that some of those islands in the Pacific Ocean are the work of coral insects?" But what has that to do with the taking possession of them? "My friend, you are wholly deficient in the foresight that makes a statesman! Suppose some ship with a cargo of insect powder were to founder in the neighborhood!"

Label-makers say that when one is ill a good-looking nurse is preferable to one that isn't good looking. That is the solemn truth and it is equally true when one isn't ill. Let us hope that the authorities who issue licenses will bear this important fact in mind and cease their discrimination against girls who, wanting work as nurses, are refused it because of the misfortune of being pretty, or good-looking. There is not a patient anywhere who wouldn't vote for their soothing and helpful presence if they were going to make them suffer for that of which they have a right to be proud.

No wonder the modern "funny man" is sometimes driven almost to distraction in his vain quest for an original joke, and that the ancient descent of "good stories" has become very gradual. Bruschi Pasha, the eminent Egyptologist, has discovered an ancient papyrus containing a lot of comic colored pictures, very much in the style of those today. They represent various animals dressed up as human beings, which is now a popular form of humor. Thus a tiger wearing a fashionable lady is taking a hand-mirror from a rat dressed as a slave, and a cat barber is shaving a rat attired as a fashionable dandy. Truly, if these things were current in ancient Egypt, we may literally say, with Mr. Kipling, "In the days of old Ramesses that story had parallels!"

The difference between enlightened and unenlightened rulership is indicated by some of the people in India, who leapt the widespread discontent that prevails there whenever the British government interferes with any half-civilized customs. A leading native paper, the Pioneer of Lucknow, writes: "We are yet far from true progress. Englishmen rule over us because they are possessed of the moral virtues of which we have not a vestige. Nor are we likely to acquire them for centuries yet. It is very essential, before we demand political rights and privileges from the Englishmen, that we should endeavor to acquire those virtues which alone have made Englishmen the dominant force in the nations of the world." Such a spirit as that prevailing among the people would make a tributary state responsible of living up to that estimate of it. There is no light for this country, which has just annexed a inferior state and proposes to govern it. High moral virtue in doing so, to give the Indian's phrase, is what can give us either justification or success."

For half an hour's playing on the piano forte the other day in London Paderewski received five hundred guineas. For half an hour's playing on a piano organ in the streets of London he was told to move on, another man in London, that same afternoon, was not paid at all, but was fined seven shillings. There is a problem for the specialists who believe, with Karl Marx, that all labor is of equal value, and that value is proportionate to the time consumed. Perhaps it is in this renewed proof of the need of universal revolution.

We do assure Mrs. Dominis that she will find it pleasanter to live in Hawaii under an American administration than it ever was under the management of herself or her predecessors, such may not gratify her ambition as she, but she will be far safer; and when she is safe after encountering numerous dangers she ought to be thankful. She may not be able to cast her hands, but she may at least congratulate herself that her own will be beyond the reach of any of her fellow citizens.

HOME NOTES

"Let the harbor lights be burning. Send a gleam across the deep; No more Spanish ships are coming; They've been safely put to sleep."

Claire Aldrich Sundayed in Fen-ton.

Mrs. J. D. VanEvery is on the sick list.

For Sale—Pug Pups. Enquire at this office.

Wednesday was a red letter day—it RAINED!

Enormous fruit crop in Oakland county this season.

Miss Odian Doty has been visiting friends in Cassopolis.

Mrs. I. N. Baker and Mrs. Chas. McKay are on the sick list.

The Baptist Sunday school are picnicking at Long Lake today.

Mrs. Ira Slade, of Detroit, called on Birmingham friends Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Raynole enjoyed last Sunday at Otten Lake.

Bold bad "buglers" are making themselves promiscuous in these parts.

Miss Dolores Cargill, of Port Huron, is a guest of Mrs. James Shan.

Miss Hila Montgomery has been enjoying a visit with Battle Creek friends.

School books are to be sold universally for cash only, throughout the state.

Mr. Ed Parks has been enjoying an outing at Pine Lake for several days past.

Miss Sadie Adams of Flint, was a guest of Miss Maude Gates a short time last week.

Old mercury ascended to 105° in the shade last Tuesday—Extremely warm.

A drop of printer's ink makes many thousands think—Try an ad in the Eccentric.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Douglas, of Ionia, were guests of Mrs. W. D. Clize last week.

Miss Fannie Adams, of Ohio, was a guest of Mrs. E. R. Smith the latter part of last week.

It seems quite natural to see George Hanna back in his Uncle John's meat market again.

Miss Ida McKinney has been spending a few days with Miss Eva Banghart, of Rochester.

John Althouse and family, of Pontiac, were Sunday guests of their cousin Mrs. Theron Smith.

Mrs. Sears Sawyer and daughter Miss Florence, are spending the week with relatives in Detroit.

TO RENT—Rooms to High School pupils. Enquire of Mrs. H. Russell, opposite schoolhouse.

Miss Winnie Blair has returned from a visit of several weeks with her Uncle Frank Blair, at St. Louis.

Allie Adams is home for a month's vacation after an absence of two years spent in Iowa and New Mexico.

Neil Blumberg made a flying trip from the Interlaken to see his mother, who is very ill at this writing.

Regular meeting of Birmingham Chapter No. 93, R. A. M. Monday evening, August 29. A. Partridge, Sec'y.

W. D. Clize attended the convocation of K. of P. Supreme Lodge, held at Indianapolis this week.

Mrs. Kate Eddy and daughter, Miss Marion, of Middleport, N. Y., are guests of G. H. Mitchell and family.

FOR SALE—Lots on Saginaw St. A bargain for anyone wishing to buy. For particulars inquire at the postoffice. 149.

WANTED—Dressmaking and all kinds of plain sewing. Prices reasonable. Mrs. Jennie Smith, Fremont street. 17 21

Our farmer friends will find a very concise and interesting report of the State Farmers' Institute on another page.

Mrs. Anna Filkins of Howell, is the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. A. Partridge, and will see all her old friends.

Lots of "secrets" revealed at the "Experience" social next Wednesday evening. Place, Baptist church. Price 5 cents.

Recent visitors at Fairholm: Missesabel and Edna Moore, of Greenfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Ford, of Dearborn.

FOR SALE—A '97 model bicycle, only used this season. In good condition, high gear, ram's horn horns, bell and lamp with it for \$23 cash; cost \$40 last March. Can be seen at this office. 24

Be sure and attend the "experience" social at the Baptist church next Wednesday evening. Admission only five cents.

Miss Emily Pauline Trowbridge, of Pontiac, is a guest of her cousin, Miss TITLE Trowbridge and other friends in this vicinity.

Persons who go around nights throwing dirt and other things on porches and against doors had better be in other business.

Floyd Gillespie of Grand Rapids has been visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Gillespie. The young gentleman made the trip on his wheel.

Regular meeting of the Order of Eastern Star next Wednesday evening, August 31. Members requested to be present. J. J. B. Hunt, sec'y.

Harry Simpson and wife, of Bad Axe, are the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Simpson, Harry is enjoying his annual vacation.

NOTICE—A lady collecting would like to buy old fashioned dishes and furniture. Address Mrs. Chas. F. Medbury, 568 Brush St., Detroit. 17 21

W. A. Hayes, the newly appointed Rochester postmaster, assumed his new duties Tuesday of last week, with Miss May Wilcox as assistant.

The McVittie children of Detroit, have been rusticated with their auntie, Mrs. Joseph Johnston, and taking an initiatory in the mysteries of thrashing.

Quality considered, Sloman's Diamond Wedding Pure Rye Whiskey is by far the cheapest, as it is the best. All leading druggists and dealers.

FOR SALE CHERRY—A good six-gallon Rainier. Reservoir, warming closet and late improvements. Call on or address Mrs. H. E. Bowers, Clawson, Mich. 17 21

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ruckman, of Washington, D. C., are visiting their parents, T. A. Ward and wife. From here they go to Saline, Mich., to visit relatives.

W. C. Hull, formerly superintendent of the Birmingham schools, late of Albion, has been awarded the superintendency of the Flint schools for the coming year.

TO RENT—A bran new house on Southfield Ave., equipped with all modern improvements, Good cellar and entrance. Also water works. Enquire of H. A. Hamlin. 17 21

James Geddes and Geo. H. Mitchell helped bring home the big crowd from the fireworks. If they hadn't been aboard we fear something might have been left.

H. A. Hamlin and family have been entertaining relatives from Hudson, Lenawee county, and their whole party have been enjoying the recent Orchard Lake Assembly.

"Don't fail to read the spicy Klondike letter this week, written by Will Benedict. It is one of the most excellent epistles that ever graced the columns of the ECCENTRIC."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gamble, of Pontiac, are the happy parents of a little daughter, whom they call "Miriam." Mrs. Gamble, who is well known in Birmingham, was formerly May Allen.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist church will hold an "experience" social at their church next Wednesday evening, Aug. 31. Admission only five cents. Everybody go and hear the fun.

Bicycling for the rest of the year means that the very best part of the year is yet to be enjoyed. You can get a very fine wheel (second hand) worth more than the price asked, \$10, at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Progressive Pontiac organized what is known as the Pontiac Improvement and Promotion Company last week, with a capital stock of \$85,000 and some of that city's best men for its officers. A good thing.

It is alleged that Postmaster Lacy and C. A. Wilson, of Holly, caught 23 black bass and two pickerel out of Kelly's lake in Rose recently, and it wasn't a good day for fishing, either? Does this sound a trifle fishy?

You just ought to see the Pontiac souvenir china in the window of W. R. Owen's bazaar, in that city. The designs, which are prepared exclusively for Mr. Owen's trade, are most artistic and will find ready purchasers.

The Baptist Assembly held at Orchard Lake last week was a noted event in the annals of religious conventions and immensely enjoyed by the great throngs in attendance. It is estimated that over one thousand were present at one session. The air closed with a eloquent address by the celebrated Dr. McArthur of New York City.

Next Tuesday, August 31, is the first annual "Field Day" of the Rochester fire department, and great anticipations are entertained for the event, which will terminate with a grand Firemen's Ball in the evening.

STRAWED—From my farm in Troy last Sunday, eight shot in ten weeks old, five white, two black, one white and black spotted. Anyone knowing of their whereabouts will at once notify Joe H. Pine, Birmingham, Mich.

"Lion," the large St. Bernard dog belonging to Geo. E. Danes, was killed last Monday evening by an electric car. The car was going down the hill and the dog walked in front of it and was carried about 30 feet.

The recent serious bicycle accident in Holly has caused an ordinance to be introduced in the city of that place prohibiting bicycle riders from riding faster than five miles an hour on sidewalks and ten miles an hour on the streets.

Mrs. M. E. Hemenway's new residence on the corner of Townsend and Henrietta streets is completed and ready for occupancy. This attractive domicile is right up to date in every respect and will make a pleasant home for some one.

Martha Dewey, of this place, aged about to years, met with a painful accident a few days ago. She was playing outside of the house and stepped on a spike, which penetrated clear through her foot, coming out at the top. It is an ugly wound.

Hiram Craft, shipping clerk for Gilmore Bros., of Milwaukee, has been a guest at Dr. N. T. Shaw's of late. Mr. Craft left Tuesday afternoon for his old home in Dawn Mills, Ont., accompanied by his sisters, Mrs. N. T. Shaw and baby Helen.

The D. & P. Electric Railway are doing a wonderful passenger business these days, carrying thousands every day without accident and almost right on time to the minute. John Busby is an efficient superintendent and commands the respect of everybody.

School books will soon be in demand and the dealers in our town, the same as in Pontiac and Detroit, will sell at less than list prices, but in each and every case the sale will be a spot cash deal. School books, like sugar and flour, now will be sold for SPOT CASH ONLY.

Several friends of Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Jackson perpetuated a surprise upon the worthy couple at their home last Tuesday evening, the occasion being their sixth wedding anniversary. Ice cream and cake were served and an enjoyable evening was the result.

Last Sunday morning the Baptist pulpit was occupied by a colored lay teacher from the south, who represented the schools of that locality. She was accompanied by the quartet from the Second Colored Baptist Church of Detroit, and a very interesting service was held.

Charles Thomas (alias Windy) has resigned his position as motorman on the D. & P. R. R. We are sorry. Windy had a name and was well known by more passengers than any other motoman. Well, here's hoping, old boy, you do better and live forever and never be sorry you quit.

E. S. Wooster, we are pleased to note, is once more able to be around the house, but Marion, his wife, the dear old soul, is nearly dead—from a vicious attack of one of old Job's healthiest afflictions. Drs. D. M. Johnston and Geo. H. M. have the case. N. B.—The "bible" is busted.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. E. E. Waldo, Sept. 2d. Committee to furnish the tea: Mrs. Faber and Mrs. Colby, biscuit; Mrs. Camp and Mrs. Chatfield, cake; Mrs. Lawrence, sauce; Mrs. Joseph Allen, butter. Everybody invited to come and get their supper for free.

Mrs. N. Lyon, who makes it her home with her sister, Mrs. R. H. Weller, has returned from a two months' sojourn at her old home, Kearney, Neb., also enjoying the exposition at Omaha. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Pooler. To say that Mrs. Tilson, the mother of these three sisters, who resides here, is enjoying having them all with her at one time is expressing it very mildly. Mrs. Tilson is 86 years of age.

Little Fannie Piper, aged six years, daughter of Frank Piper, who lives on the Watkins farm, was taken seriously ill Tuesday, and for a time he life was despaired of. At this writing, however, Dr. Shaw thinks her recovery quite possible.



Hubert DeLome's celebrated painting, "The Blacksmith," valued at \$50,000 on exhibition free, August 19th.

You are cordially invited

William H. Elliott,
Woodward and Grand River Aves., Detroit.

Umbrellas.

Wm. H. Elliott,
Woodward and Grand River Aves.

This month of August is a sort of clearing up time with us, all stocks are gone over carefully, and odd lots marked to sell quickly. You shouldn't ever miss coming in whenever in town, and if you're a satisfied or package you don't want to lug about we'll check it for you.

There's a \$5.00 white California wool blanket we're selling just now that ought to interest you—has lots of other folks—(as it's a regular \$7.50 article that we've put on sale to live up August.)

And we're closing out a lot of beautiful colored quilts that cost us more than we're asking—\$1.49—but they're only a small odd lot and we think better to sell them at once. \$5.50 was their price.

51x80 Hemstitched Sheets, excellent cotton and 50c each—hardly pays to make them nowadays—fact is this is the era of the ready-made.

51x83 heavy brown Sheets.....45c each 100 cotton things 45x36 Pillow Slips.....50c each 100 cheap, too.

Percale Wrappers, stylish, well made and \$1.25 each—you could not get them up so quick at home for less.

Real Jamestown Cloth Dress Skirts, novelty goods, stylishly made, ready to get into.....\$1.69.

Black Figured Mohair Dress Skirts, put together as only first-class makers know how.....\$5.00 each.

Cloth Jackets at prices too low to spend money advertising them.

Here We Are

AT QUICK'S CORNER

With a few Eye Openers:

10 Packages Soda	5c
10 Corn Starch	5c
10 Laundry Starch	5c
10 Cold Seltzer	5c
10 Cold Soda	5c
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Good Salmon.....10c per can
Good Baking Powder.....10c per lb
Lemon and Vanilla Extracts.....5c a bottle
No. 1 Common fine Salt.....10c per bag
Two or more barrels 70c each.

Full-Bledged Meat Market in connection with corresponding prices.

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Secs. Treas. Pres.
Office, 224 Michigan Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

The cause of her suffering is appendicitis with peritonitis.

At a recent meeting held for the consideration of Rev. Church's resignation, the Baptist society voted to retain him. He will enter the U. of M. this fall, however, and pursue his course leading to the A. B. degree, returning home each week to occupy his accustomed pulpit in the Baptist church.

Mrs. L. S. Sawyer was in attendance upon the Business Men's Convention, Tuesday, which holds forth in Detroit this week. Mrs. Sawyer speaks in glowing terms of the manner in which the guests were entertained, which included a delightful outing on the steamer "City of Toledo," with all kinds of refreshments, music, etc.

The pyrotechnical display from the top of the Majestic building, Detroit, Tuesday evening, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Detroit Evening News, was a brilliant affair and was witnessed by thousands of people. This vicinity was well represented and Supt. Busby, of the electric line, proved himself equal to the occasion in conveying the immense throngs to their respective destinations.

The progressive firm of Waite Bros., Robertson & Co., Pontiac, are building a cloak room, 40x42 feet on the east end of their capacious store. This room will be used exclusively for cloaks and is connected with the main store by an archedway. This will be a great acquisition to this mercantile house and we congratulate the above named firm on their successful business career during their three years' sojourn in Pontiac.

Since last Friday the Rochester Era is not the "only paper in the burr," for we now have before us a neat six-column folio, bearing the heading of "The Rochester Clarion." Evidently the editor is no "hayseed," altho' he responds to the name of Chas. S. Seed. He has secured the services of C. R. Barney (for three years connected with the Rochester Era) as business manager. The new sheet is neat in style and make-up, newsy and contains some artistic ads. May the enterprise ever flourish through "Seed-time and harvest."

Herr Harden Zukufft, which has been comparatively inoperative for some while past, has been again financed. Its offense lay in an article entitled, "Poodle Majesty," which makes the publication of a book in honor of the tenth anniversary of the emperor's accession and the reception of the author and the publisher by his majesty the theme of vulgar mockery.

FENWICK'S

Lunch Parlors.

77 Woodward Ave. Detroit, Mich.

Everything home made and palatable. Parcels checked free. Ladies Waiting and Toilet Rooms. Birmingham people especially invited to come to this Restaurant, and be at home. G. G. FENWICK.

BICYCLES FOR SALE.

We have on hand an 1897 Crescent Bike, gent's wheel, \$50, warranted, which we will sell to close out the business at less than its cost. Will sell for \$35.

Also a second hand Clipper in fine order for \$17.

Also a second hand Misses' Wheel, 25 inch, cost \$30, will sell for \$15. In good order and has lots of wear in it yet.

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL.

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Work clean, white and satisfactory. Careful attention paid to every article.

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Shirts, collars and cuffs white, stiff and clean.

Ed Montgomery,
Proprietor.

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I will make during August as a special advertisement.

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