THE

BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

Devoted to Our Own Locality--We Labor for Its Interests.

TWENTY-FIRST YEAR. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1899. NO. 37. WHOLE NO. 1079.

---THE PALACE---

CASH MEAT MARKET.

Oysters received daily.

When you buy, buy the best—they are the cheapest in the end. Our 25c bulk oysters are solid oysters. No water.

Choice Meats of all kinds, Beef, Lamb, Pork and Veal.

Poultry and Fish, Sausage and Smoked Meats. Fresh Vegetables.

Prompt Delivery.

Geo. E. Duff,

Proprietor.

PIANOS CHEAP!

SEWING MACHINES LOWER.

Thirty years' experience enables me to buy cheap, sell cheap and guarantee satisfaction.

E. Farmer, Pontiac.

City Bakery and Restaurant

In the New Ford Block.

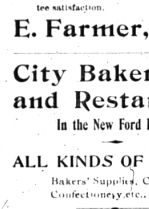
ALL KINDS OF

Bakers' Supplies, Canned Goods, Confectionery, etc., at city prices.

Boarders by the Day or Week.

Furnished Rooms for Boarders if Wanted.

C. Ellenwood.



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Furnishes the following:

Best Rib Roast Beef or Veal 10c	Old Reliable C. D. M. Oysters, quart or can 25
Pork Loin Roa t 8c	Best Creek Lard, lb., 7
Pork Sausage, 3 lbs 25c	Best Cape Cod Cranberries, 3 qts 25
Veal Pork $1.00	Best of Potatoes, 15 lbs 25
Best Spring Chicken 10c	Buckwheat, 3 lbs 25
Boneless Codfish, 3 lbs 25c	Cheese 12½

Parks & Son.

Clarence L. Cowles,

Architect;

21 and 22 Chase Block,

Saginaw, E. S., Mich

Phone { Office 54—3 R. Residence 408

Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. EUGENE C. ALLEN, PASTOR.

Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Full Sabbath school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7 p. m. All are invited.

1898 **CLOSING OUT SALE!** 1899

OF OUR ENTIRE **Shoe Stock** for SPOT CASH.

300 pairs Ladies' Button, sizes 2 1-2, 3, 3 1-2 and 4,	at $1.50, was $2.00 and $2.50
200 pairs Ladies' Laced, all sizes,	at $2.00, was $2.50 and $3.00
50 pairs Children's, 12 to 2,	at 75c
1 lot Misses' Outing Flannel Shirts, to close,	at 25c
1 lot Misses' Outing Flannel Shirts, to close,	at 39c
1 lot Misses' Mitts,	at 25c
Best quality and styles of Corsets	at 50c, 75c and $1.00

Good value in Ladies' Skirts and Bustles at

F. Blakeslee's,

Birmingham, - - Mich.

A GREAT CLEARING SALE!

Prepartory to

Extensive Alterations and Improvements.

During the month of February the building we now occupy is to be remodelled, and in order to make room for the workmen and to open in our Renovate Quarters with a complete stock of new goods we have decided upon a

Great January Clearing Sale!

Large reductions in prices will be made on goods in every department and all classes of Seasonable goods, Broken Lots and Short Lengths will be marked regardless of cost. It will pay buyers of all classes of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS AND FURNISHINGS

to anticipate their wants during this sale.

Our MAIL ORDER DEPARTMENT is at the service of those who can visit the city.

Information and Samples sent on Application.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.,

Woodward Ave. and State St., Detroit, Mich.

3 Sweet Things.

Our Honey and Maple Syrup, for Pancakes, Griddle Cakes or Flannel Cakes.

Only 50c per gal. Have you tried it?

Our 25c New Orleans Molasses, worth 40c per gal. - - - - - -

You should try it for gingerbread. Have you?

Our 50c Open-kettle Boiled Molasses, best in town. - - - - - -

Worth 65c. It's good for cookies.

Whitehead & Mitchell.

SPECIAL SALE LADIES' SHOES!

We have about 200 pairs Ladies' fine Shoes, which sold at $3 to $4. They are, many of them, up-to-date in style, all extra quality of Welts and Flexible Soles. We shall put them onto our bargain conter at $2.48. Remember $2.48 per pair. We have all sizes today so come early.

C. H. GOING,

Take the car at our store.

Corner Saginaw and Lawrence Sts. PONTIAC, MICH.

A VOICE FROM SYRIA.

Letter from a Missionary to the Orient.

Scenes in Damascus—The Emperor of Germany Visits the City Import of the Visit—A "Red Letter Day"—An Interesting Letter.

The following letter was received by Miss Tedford from her cousin in Syria, and we give it to Eccentric readers:—

Damascus, Syria, Nov. 8, 1898.—Dear Mary,—When I was a girl I used to play a "piece" called "Sounds from the Allegheny." Well, we have noises here, and last night when I laid awake for hours it occurred to me that I might send you some "sounds from the Abana," but I can't set it to music—no one but an Arab could do that. I was awakened by the convent clock striking the Arab time, 7 o'clock, which is about twenty minutes past midnight. Pretty soon the dogs under my window set up a terrible squabble. Probably a stray dog from another district had strayed in. He got a warm welcome. We do not have electric cars nor great lumbering wagons coming along to spoil our slumbers, but we do have dogs ad lib., and donkeys too. Our children are getting used to barks and snarls and sleep straight on, but I can't; didn't begin soon enough. It was not long after the dogs quieted down till the donkey boys came along to sweep the narrow streets and gather up the accumulated garbage of the day before. This is usually done about dawn, but an order has been issued by the government that during the Kaiser's visit no women nor donkeys (you need not smile, it is the truth) are to be allowed on the streets, so I suppose the boys had to come early to get home before day.

About 3:30 the muezzins at the mosques begin to call the faithful to prayers. There is something very weird about their cry. It is a long drawn out falsetto, "God is great and Mahomet is the prophet," repeated over and over, and so clear is the tone that it can be heard a long distance. It wasn't long till I heard the rumble of a carriage over in the street called Straight, and the toot of the driver's horn as he hurried along. A party of drinkers likely just getting home from their revels. There are barracks around two corners from our house, and the soldiers practice on their horns at all hours. Just now they are making great efforts to learn the German of "God Save the Queen," with which to welcome the Kaiser. I very much doubt if he will recognize it. There was some talk of their playing the "Watch on the Rhine," but it would not have been nice, for French interests are strong here. The wife of the German consul is a fine musician, and we are told she had undertaken to tune all the bands in the city. I am sure her "ear" will be completely destroyed.

There are a great many bells in this quarter of the city. There is a bell on the French convent, one on the Lazarus school, and the Greek church has a bell, also the Franciscans, the Syriac and the Syriac Catholic. Then on the old American church is a "nakoos" or bent bar of iron. This is struck rapidly with a small rod and gives a clear though not very sweet sound. All these bells went off before daylight and made a great jangle. We Protestants have no bell on our church. We would want a very large and a good one to be heard and distinguished from the others, and such a one would cost money.

We have seen Emperor William and his wife! He had not been expected till the last of the week, but being a man of impulse he gave up half his visit in Palestine and hurried on here, discontinuing early everybody. The hotels had engaged their rooms to two large parties of tourists. The first came and had to be given special trains to take them away before the second party of 200 people came. They meant to come Monday and stay till Friday, but they had to come Saturday and go away Sunday to give place to the Emperor's suite, which came yesterday and goes tomorrow. The government has spent an enormous sum of money preparing for him. Streets have been repaved, houses plastered and whitewashed anew on the street side, and buildings made over, and all the markets are smiling of fresh paint, every shopkeeper had to furnish himself with four flags, two Turkish and two German, and in accordance with the order concerning the women, any shopkeeper who had a woman buying anything in his shop during the Kaiser's stay was liable to a fine or thirty days imprisonment. Our Frank community secured the use of a balcony down town on the street leading to the Great Mosque, and were all down there shortly after 7 o'clock in the morning to watch the royal couple pass on their way to visit the Mosque. Soldiers lined the streets to keep a way clear for the procession. When it came we had no eyes for the band or the outsiders, but only for the figure on the great gray steed who came prancing along. He looked big on that horse, but he is rather an undersized man, while he sat his horse as though part of it. He wore a helmet with some sort of an ornament on top, and a great silk scarf hung from it down his back. His face we could not distinctly see under the be met, and sad to relate we could not tell which of the two ladies was the empress. Stewart saw them later and gave them a bow by the empress. We are all wondering what would be the result of this visit of the Kaiser's. Russia and the Sultan are on the best terms, and the latter rode in the same carriage with the Empress and kissed her hand, which has caused great comment among the Moslems. He also gave both the Kaiser and his wife elegant presents. German interest in Palestine will "boom" no doubt. Protestants in Syria wish the Emperor would have a sort of protectorate over them. Turkish rule is bad enough but Russian or French would put a stop to all mission work. Your loving cousin,

MARY ROWAN CRAWFORD.

Consumption Cure.

Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth, cures a cold in one day if taken in time; 25 and 50 cents.

A Plea for the Quail.

There are a great many farmers in Michigan who slaughter the quail found in the grain fields under the impression that the birds eat the grain. This idea is not correct. A pair of the birds were recently killed in a grain field and sent to the Agricultural College for examination. In one of the crops were found nearly 100 seeds of the false nettle, and neither crop contained any grain. Quail eat a large variety of weed seed and revel in such luxuries as grasshoppers, chinch bugs and other injurious insects.

A quail's crop once examined was filled to its utmost capacity with span worms and measuring worms. And on such a diet doth the festive quail wax exceedingly fat and attain that excellent condition in which the city hunter discovers him during the open season. Don't kill the quail. Of course no one is expected to allow any bird to walk up and bite him, and in case of attack a man is justified in defending himself, but for simple pastime don't kill the quail.

THE VERDICT.

Motorman James Camp, of the Detroit & Pontiac Electric, was Injured in a Collision, and the Circuit Court Awarded Him a $7,000 Judgment.

James M. Camp, of Birmingham, was awarded a judgment of $7,000 by a jury in the Circuit Court, Tuesday, for the loss of a leg in a trolley car collision near Palmer Park, July 1st, 1897. It will be remembered that Camp was a motorman on the Detroit & Pontiac line, and at that time cars ran around Palmer Park instead of going straight down Woodward avenue, as they now do. On the date in question Camp received an order at Palmer Park to pass a construction car belonging to the Citizens' Company of Detroit, and which was running on the Detroit & Pontiac line, at Murray's switch. Those on board the construction car also had orders to pass Camp's car at the same place. Just who was to blame is not known, but instead of waiting at the Murray switch, the construction car ran straight through, and in consequence collided with Camp's car. The place where the collision occurred was at a curve where the view of the track is hidden by shrubbery and underbrush. Camp did not see the approaching car in time to save himself by jumping, and in consequence was badly crushed and bruised. After a long siege of sickness he pulled through with the loss of the left leg at the knee.

Attorney Elliott G. Stevenson of Detroit began suit for damages against the Citizens' Company for $25,000 damage, but for a long time the case could not be tried owing to the fact that the necessary summons had not been served on the defendant. The papers were given to G. W. Fay, deputy sheriff, who finally served them on Superintendent Jos. Grant of the Citizens' Company while he was passing through Birmingham on a Pontiac car. This was the first time he had been able to find any representative of the Citizens' Company in this county, and as the case had been begun in the Oakland circuit it was necessary that the summons be served in Oakland county.

The defendant's attorneys moved to quash the proceedings on the ground that Grant was neither an official nor a stockholder of the Citizens' Company, but merely a salaried employee. The motion was denied and the case was tried here Friday, Saturday and Monday, with the above mentioned result.

In his bill of complaint Camp set forth that he had spent $1,000 for medical services, had been forced to lose a position worth $15 per week, and had been transformed from a man, physically perfect, to a cripple. John H. Patterson, of this city, was associated with Mr. Stevenson in conducting Camp's case.

Confidence and Protection.

Darwin A. Joslin, 24, Holly; Fannie Sexton, 26, Pontiac.

Edward J. Porter, 24, Addison; Blanche Robinson, 17, Bruce.

Albert Lester, 30, Pontiac; Alice B. Moore, 27, same.

Louis Mack, 27, Milford; Avis Sharp, 18, Commerce.

Willis H. Perry, 23, Pontiac; Harriet Cather, 22, Windsor.

John Webb, 32, South Lyon; Lottie M. Adams, 26, same.

Herbert J. Green, 34, Holly; Jennie A. Gacey, 22, Groveland.

Raymond F. Bach, 21, Tyrone; Luella M. Ellinwood, 20, Rose.

George F. Olive, 30, Oxford; Elizabeth S. Howser, 24, same.

Charles H. Rorabacher, 41, South Lyon; Jennie Graham, 33, same.

Irving W. Voorhees, 22, White Lake; Iva Cawford, 22, Southfield.

James A. Covert, 24, Holly; Lydia Hawes, 18, Northville.

Wm. Duffus, 28, Chicago; Clarabel M. Welch, 28, Springfield.

John Bush, 28, Highland; Nellie Leary, 23, Milford.

Sauce for Goose and Gander.

A physician and his friend were standing on a street corner of a Virginia town where they were spending a few days. Their attention was amusingly arrested by the sight of an old darkey belaboring the flanks of a mule in a vain persuasion to make him move on. At last the doctor was upp'ed to.

"Say, boss, I'll give yo' five dollahs if you'll make dis her mule go."

With a sly wink the physician opened his case and took out his hypodermic syringe, filled the needle with hydrocyanic acid and sent it into the hindquarters of the mule. The effect was magical. With a wild plunge the mule went tearing down the street, with the darky after him, the bystanders roaring with laughter. A short time afterward the darky, dust covered and panting, approached again.

"Say, boss—how much—was de wuff—ob dat stuff—yo' don squirt—in dat mule?"

"Oh," said the doctor, "about 10 cents."

Down went the darkeys hands into his jeans pockets. He fished out two dimes.

"Hyre, boss—am 20 cents. I wish yo' would squirt—twice as much ob dat stuff into me—'cause I'se boun'—to ketch dat mule."

No matter what the price quality is always the same at Traver's—BEST.

Cut Prices At Traver's

After the holiday rush is stock straightening time. It's good store keeping to dispose of all the broken lots, odds and ends and incomplete lines. This accounts for the cut prices at Traver's in

Men's Clothing, Boys' Clothing, Furnishings, Hats and Caps.

The reductions are so severe—the saving of money so apparent that the goods will go with a rush. "Whatever is worth doing is worth doing well." Here's the best chance of the season to buy men's and boys' wearing apparel.

R. H. TRAVER,

171-173-175 Woodward Ave.,

Detroit, - Mich.

One of the Results.

A delinquent subscriber, upon picking up the Eccentric and seeing our annual reminder—a blue cross—upon the wrapper, exclaimed:

"This life is full of crosses,
And I guess I have my share,
But a sad, appealing cross like that
Is more than I can bear;
So just switch me legit off to town—
Pick it take me for a sinner—
For I'm going to Birmingham to pay
That there dedicated printer."

Later—He raised his our sad retreat,
And rolled out dollars at our feet.

"Yes," he replied upon departing, "I guess I'll move one with you," and he was so tickled over his good deed that he treated to light his cigar at both ends.

Reader, if you owe us anything follow the above example. It will do you good.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending January 7, 1899:

James Smith. Lawrence Quin.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

Not a Candidate.

Harry N. Snowdon is out in a very positive card or letter to his many Democratic friends, announcing that he is not, nor will he be under any consideration a candidate for re-nomination for the office of County School Commissioner for Oakland county. This is, indeed, too bad, for with Mr. Snowdon as a candidate the Democrat party could certainly count on holding two offices in the county. With Brother Snowdon out of the race, only one office is left the Democrats in the entire county. He takes this step to prevent any misunderstanding with his friends, who in many cases insist on his making the run.

THE STAGE.

AT THE LYCEUM.

Hoyt's "A Milk White Flag" is undoubtedly one of the liveliest affairs before the public. In the language of the day it is "swift," and sometimes it is so swift you simply can't keep pace with it. The first act, with its brilliantly uniformed and peacefully inclined military officers, its dashing vivandieres, its gaily apparelled brass band and its attractive feminine messenger "boys" is simply astonishing and bewildering. New music, and the crisp Hoyt humor, spoken by personages who appreciate and accentuate every point, gives the opening act a vim and life that only a Hoyt comedy can possess. As the piece proceeds the action becomes hilarious and the fun contagious.

AT WHITNEY'S.

Hal Reid in "The Knobs of Tennessee" is the attraction at Whitney's. This new play is from the pen of Hal Reid and Lincoln J. Carter, and is a story of the knobs or foothills of Tennessee. It affords opportunity for the display of beautiful scenery which has been furnished with a lavish hand. The authors have taken for their subject the conflict between the moonshiners and the revenue officers engaged in hunting them down. Although we are accustomed to hearing these characters painted as bloodthirsty, daredevil beings yet they are of a very different type, being fearless, rough and uneducated, but at the same time honest, simple hearted children of the mountains, whose greatest laws are those of nature.

A CARD

We, the undersigned, do hereby agree to refund the money on a 50-cent bottle of Greene's Warranted Syrup of Tar if it fails to cure your cough or cold. We also guarantee a 25-cent bottle to prove satisfactory or money refunded.

WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL,
May 18. Birmingham, Mich.
LOUIS STORZ, Royal Oak, Mich.

HUDSON'S.

Big and Generous Values

—IN—

Petticoats and Gowns

A sale combining good quality and low prices, the result of our purchasing the entire stock of a well known maker prior to his inventory. He made the prices so low that we could not resist the opportunity. We bought these garments, marking this exceptionally good merchandise at such low prices as ensure perfect satisfaction and a quick money-saving sale.

PETTICOATS—Sold anywhere regularly at $1.00, good of fine fast black Satine, with wide flounce, trimmed with three rows of braid, flounce faced with double ruffle; a favorite seller at $1—Sale price.....	69c
Handsome finish d. fine, fast black Satine Petticoats, with deep Spanish flounce, trimmed with four rows of fine cording, stiffened ruffle; sold freely at $2—Sale price.....	75c
Very fine silk-finished fast black Satine Petticoats, with three rows of corded ruffles, extra full size stiffened flounce; a regular $2.00 garment—Sale price.....	$1.25
Elegant fast black Italian Cloth Petticoats, wide Spanish flounce, faced with fine satine, trimmed with wide ruffle of nine tucks; made to sell and actually worth $3—Sale price.....	$1.50
A lot of handsome Striped Nonrilla Petticoats with wide Spanish flounces faced with fine satine and flounce, velvet bound, nine rows of cording; a popular seller at $1.75—Sale price.....	$1.19

Flannelette Gowns.

100 DOZEN FLANNELETTE GOWNS, extra full size, made of the finest velvet finished cotton flannel, handsomely trimmed with fashionable and pearl buttons, exceptionally neat patterns, a better grade of gown than is usually sold at $1.00, and never sold for less—Sale price..... 69c

Silks and Dress Goods Sensation

8 in Rare Check Taffeta Silks, new and desirable merchandise, actually worth 85—Our price.....	59c
FAST BLACK TAFFETA SILKS, manufacturers' samples, superb quality, from Bonne et Cie., Lyons, France. Regularly retailed at $1—Our price.....	75 and 89c
36-in Japanese Kid and Habutai Wash Silks, beautiful patterns sold everywhere at 49c and 50c—Our price.....	39c
250 pieces Black and Colored NOVELTY SUITINGS, correct colors and fabrics, actually worth 39c to 50c a yard—Choice.....	25c
LINING BARGAINS—	
36-inch Fast Black Rustle Percaline, per yard.....	7c
Best English Cambric Lining, per yard.....	3c
Black and Colored Sicilas, fine quality, per yard.....	9c

IMMENSE VALUES IN CHILDREN'S REEFERS.

HALF PRICE ON JACKETS AND CAPES.

ALL FUR GARMENTS ONE-THIRD OF F

Hudson's Big Store.

Detroit, Mich.