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BUY NOW!

This week begins the greatest slaughter sale ever started in Pontiac. You know what my prices have been—*Always the Lowest!*

I will now place the entire stock of Table Linens, Toweling, Muslins, Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Corsets, Umbrellas, Gentlemen's Furnishings of every description, Notions of all kinds, Fancy Goods, etc., at

One-Quarter Off.

All Trimmed Hats, Fancy Feathers, Birds, Walking Hats, Sailors, Infants' Bonnets, all go at

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Ladies' extra fine kid, lace and button, odd lots of $3 and $4 Shoes to go at ... 98c
Ladies' Kid Lace, new styles, new goods, worth $2, we sell for .. $1.50 and .. $1.75
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Men's calf bals, bulldog or London toe, leather lined, worth $3, we sell for .. $2.25
Men's calf bals, all styles and every pair warranted solid throughout, for $1.50
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In Children's and Misses' School Shoes we have the best wearing shoes ever sold in Oakland County at the following prices:

Children's kid or calfskin, lace or button shoes, all warranted ..... 75c to $1.00
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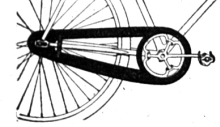

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The market is flooded with BICYCLES, so called, just as good.

DON'T YOU BUY THEM

Until you have seen the

1899 RAMBLERS AND IDEALS,

With twenty years' experience. Note the very low prices for 1899:

1899 Ramblers, Ladies' or Gent's $40.00
1899 Ideal, Ladies' or Gent's ..... $35.00, $30.00 and $25.00
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Ramblers and Ideals are equipped with the celebrated G. & J. Detachable Tire. No cement use. Call and see samples. You have the prices.

ZIMMERMAN BROS. & ALGER,

Hardware. - *Rambler Bicycle Agents.*

TOLD BY FIGURES.

The municipal palace at Puebla, Mexico, is being remodeled at a cost of nearly $200,000.

The library of Gottingen has a Bible written on palm leaves. There are 5,373 pages, each made of a single leaf.

The "one shovel system" or feeding boiler fires only one shovelful of coal at a time, it is said, will save the Rock Island road $85,000 a year, according to the results of a two months' test.

Tiger shooting is nearly always spoken of as almost a thing of the past in India, but 546 were killed in Bengal in 1897, 408 bears in Burmah, and 1,241 wolves in the northwest provinces. They got back at humanity, however, for the wolves killed 420 persons in those provinces. The famine drove the people into the jungle and the drought brought the wild animals into the open parts, so that the loss of life was 1,000 greater than the year before. Altogether 4,277 persons were killed by animals and 20,959 by snakes; 76,600 cattle were killed, mostly by the larger animals.

WHY?

Why shouldn't a wife act like one possessed?

Why isn't the conversation of dwarfs small talk?

Why does the bad skater always blame it on his skates?

Why don't poultry raisers feed their hens on egg plant?

Why isn't an orator with a cloven breath a spicy speaker?

Why is it easier to coax a woman than it is to convince her?

Why is an opponent always on the wrong side of a controversy?

Why can a deaf man always hear an invitation to take something?

Why is the man who is completely wrapped up in himself always cold?

Why isn't the conversation at a spiritual seance mostly table talk?

SEEN IN THE SHOPS.

Exquisite lace table-centers.

Many castor-brown felt hats.

Men's scarfs of polka-dotted satin.

Warp prints in wavy cross stripes.

Girl' short-back Puritan silk bonnets.

Misses' taffeta waists in tucked effects.

Silk petticoats in gay plaids and sombre stripes.

Velvet coats to wear with cloth or silk skirts.

Bands of solidly worked silver and jet spangles.

White satin hats appliqued with black chenille.

It a girl tells a young man she can put her skates on without help it's foolish for him to waste any more time in that direction.

OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES

Tommy, aged 5, having been told that a baby sister had just arrived from heaven, marched into the room and said: "Now, Miss Baby, tell us all about heaven 'fore you forget it."

"Are you glad to see me, Johnnie?" asked the minister as he took the pride of the household on his knee. "Yeth, thir," lisped the little fellow. "Tell me why you are glad to see me?" asked the good man. "Becauth," was the reply, "when you vithit uth we alwayth have a good dinner."

"Mamma," said small Bobble, "what did you mean by saying sister had outgrown her shoes?" "I meant that she had grown too big for them and they will have to be thrown away," was the reply. "Well, then, mamma," continued Bobble, "how long will it be until I outgrow your slippers?"

Little Willie awaked one morning to find the ground covered with snow, the first he remembered ever to have seen. "Oh mamma!" he exclaimed, "the gwound is all spilleded over with flour." A little cousin who was visiting him hastened to reply: "I sould fink zat you would know better, Willie. Zat's nuffin' but whitewash."

"Grandpa," said little 5-year-old Mabel, as she entered the library holding her 3-year-old brother by the hand, "we have come to wish you a happy New Year." "Thank you, my dears," replied the old gentleman, "and I'm sure—" "Yes," interrupted Mabel, "and mamma said we were to thank you if you gave each of us a silver dollar and be sure and not lose them on our way home."

BEST OF LONDON TIT-BITS.

A boy of 15 thinks he is too old to run errands, but after he is 25 and married he begins again.

Tom Innit—"What did the telephone girl say to you when she broke the engagement?" Jack Potts—"Ring off."

Visitor—"But this portrait of Mr. Bulger is a good deal more than life-size." Artist—"I know it. That is the size he thinks he is."

Customer (at restaurant)—"I say, waiter, I've dropped a sixpence. If you find it, let me have it back; if you don't, you can keep it."

Newed—"Did you spend as much money as this before I married you?" Mrs. Newed—"Why, yes." Newed—"Then I can't understand why your father went on so when I took you away from him."

"Bezooks is bound to be famous before long. I expect to see his picture in the papers every day." "Why, I didn't know he was specially talented." "He isn't; but he's a regular field for taking patent medicines."

Old Mr. Dadkins—"Ar-r-r! So I have caught you kissing my daughter, have I?" Young Mr. Cooley—"I trust there is no doubt about it, sir. The light is quite dim, and I should feel vastly humiliated if it should turn out that I had been kissing the cook."

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A Variety of Jokes—Gibes and Ironies Original and Selected—Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor—Witty Sayings.

Busy Days.

We met upon the gleaming sands
Beside the murmuring sea;
She let me hold her little hands,
And gave her love to me.

The days have come and gone since then,
Our dream of bliss is o'er—
She does not smile on other men,
Yet we hold hands no more.

For, oh, the maiden that I met
Upon the gleaming sands
Is mine, and I've no time, you bet,
To waste in holding hands

A Crucial Test.

Chimmie (anxiously)—"I hope me mudder made a good job w'en she put dat patch on!"

A Minor Consideration.

"What salary would you expect?" asked the theatrical manager.

"In the dinner scene," demanded the gifted but gaunt tragedian, who had applied for a job, "is the meal served a real one?"

"It is."

"Then we will waive all discussions as to salary," replied the tragedian.—Answers.

Such a Chance for Showing Off.

Laura—"I never wished but once that it was proper for women to smoke."

Flora—"Good gracious! When was that?"

"When I first got an engagement ring."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Up-to-Date.

"No," said the positive girl, "I will never tie myself down to one man."

"Perhaps," he replied, sarcastically, "if I organize a syndicate you will consider our offer."—Good Housekeeping.

Best Unseen.

Quizzer—"So he shuts his eyes to his wife's temper fits, does he?"

Guyer—"Yes; she's deaf and dumb and talks on her hands, you know."

Then He Felt Better.

"I think I'll take a dose of bark," remarked the ague-stricken crocodile, as he swallowed a stray dog.—Ally Sloper.

At It Again.

Mrs. Hobleigh—No, indeed! I wouldn't allow my husband to employ a woman typewriter under any circumstances.

Mrs. Sarsfield—Oh, I don't blame you. As for me, of course, I don't care. Being young and beautiful myself, I have no fear that my husband's love will get away from me.—Cleveland Leader.

His Good Reason.

"Yes, I always take my Thanksgiving dinner at some restaurant."

"Why is that?"

"I wouldn't feel that it was Thanksgiving if I didn't have turkey, and we couldn't get anything bigger than a bantam rooster into our flat."

Distinctly Feminine.

Mrs. Dasherly—"What are you going to give your husband for Christmas?"

Mrs. Flasherly—"Don't know yet. I haven't thought of anything I needed."

A Terrible Revenge.

Christmas Goose (to turkey)—"Ah, dear old friend, you may well look glum. We are both doomed, but I shall not die unavenged—I have lived for the last three months on its tacks and sawdust."—Ally Sloper.

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SLAUGHTER SALE IN OUR

CLOAK DEPARTMENT!

Every garment in our stock must be sold. Now is your time. Buy your Cloaks, Capes, Jackets and Collarettes at after-holiday prices. Your choice of over 200 garments.

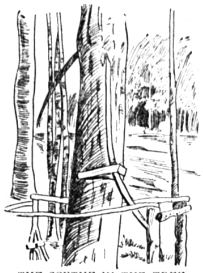
Sale commences

Saturday, Dec. 3d, 1898.

GREEN & McGEE, Pontiac.

SCYTHE IN TREE.

The scythe seen in the singular position depicted in this picture has a unique history. The tree itself is located in the town of Warwick, Mass. Early in the civil war a certain James Bliss, while mowing in the fields, suddenly decided to enlist. Hanging his scythe over the limb of a small pine tree, and requesting it to be left there until his return, he went to Athol (about eight miles) and joined a regiment that was sent South. Unfortunately he succumbed to fever, and the scythe was never removed, with the



THE SCYTHE IN THE TREE.

result that the tree has grown entirely around the blade. Bliss' father still lives in the town.

Long Life and Loss of Limbs.

A manufacturer of artificial limbs is credited with the statement that amputations tend to enhance vitality, those who have lost an arm or a leg frequently having their lives prolonged and their health improved as a result of the loss. Even the mental forces are represented as being strengthened in cases of amputation. The alleged explanation is that the removal of an important part of the body decreases the demand on the vital forces, and enables them to concentrate more effectually upon what remains. It is not likely, however, that anybody will ever voluntarily sacrifice a leg or an arm for the sake of brightening the wit, or adding a year or two to the length of life.

PRETTY INDIAN GIRL'S FACE.

This little girl is to have a unique distinction. Her name is Irene Sylvester; she is an Indian, and is much prettier than her photograph makes her out. She is a pupil in the Indian school at Versailles, N. Y. Her father was a Penobscot and her mother a Tuscarora. A reproduction of her face will appear in the facade decorations of the new $25,000 main school building at Versailles.

IRENE SYLVESTER.

What Reclines in Oyster Beds.

While tonging for oysters near St. Michaels, Md., one day last week an oysterman caught a gallon demijohn filled with whisky. The covering of willow wicker around the jug had decayed and five large oysters were found growing upon it. The oysterman and some of his companions tasted the liquor and said it was good. How long it had been in the water is unknown, but it must have been there for years. A most singular story in connection with the lucky find is that the oysterman had a severe cough, and one of his companions, who was tonging near him, suggested that a little whisky and glycerine would help him. The oysterman said that he could readily get the glycerine, but he did not know where to get the whisky. He moved away from those with whom he had been conversing and had just commenced tonging when he brought up the gallon demijohn of whisky.

Touching.

The Sweet Young Thing—I just had a lovely time at the matinee. The Elderly Person—"Had a good cry, eh? "Yes, I cried over the play in the first act, and then cried through the other acts because I had made my nose red."—Indianapolis Journal.

The lighthouse at Corunna, Spain, is believed to be the oldest one now in use. It was erected during the reign of Trajan, and rebuilt in 1634.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac, on the 18th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present, Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLOTTE PATCHETT, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of John Wesley Plachett for the appointment of an Administrator de bonis non of said estate, and on reading and filing the resignation of Albanson Partridge and his application for the allowance of his final account and his discharge.

It is ordered that Monday, the 20th day of February next, at Nine o'clock in the forenoon at the said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition, resignation and final account.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Judge of Probate.

Jan. 20, '99.

EXECUTOR'S SALE.—In the matter of the estate of ALEXANDER SOLTS, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 27th day of December, 1898, by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises, in the village of Royal Oak, on Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., all the right, title and interest, of which the said Alexander Solts died seized, in and to the following real estate, situate and being in the town of Royal Oak, Oakland county, Michigan, and more particularly specified and described as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of the east half of the southeast quarter of section five (5) town one (1) north range eleven east, from thence running north on the west line of said lot to the center of the highway, from thence southeasterly on the center of the highway to the south line of said lot, from thence west on the south line of said lot to the place of beginning, comprising all the lands on said lot being on the south side of the highway, distance on the west line of said piece of land is to be eight (8) rods and five 5) feet, and the south line twenty-nine (29) rods, supposed to contain three-fourths (3/4) of an acre be the same more or less, also all the other parcel of land situated in said county of Oakland, known as part of the east half of the northeast quarter of section eight (8) in town one north range eleven east and beginning at the northwest quarter of said lot of land running thence on the north boundary of the lot north eighty-seven and one-half (87½) degrees east, seven (7) chains and twenty-five (25) links to a post standing at or near the angle of the road, thence about eleven (11) degrees west three (3) chains and ninety-two (92) links to a post, thence north seventy-seven (77) degrees west six (6) chains and seventy-eight (78) links to a post standing on the west boundary of the aforesaid lot of land, thence northerly on said boundary one (1) chain and eighty-nine (89) links to the beginning containing two (2) acres of land more or less Variation of compass one degree and thirty minutes east. The east half of the southeast quarter of section number two (2) in town one north of range eleven east, eighty acres more or less. The southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section one in town one north of range eleven (11) east 40 acres more or less, except one acre deeded for school purposes. The southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section eleven in town one north of range eleven east, 39 acres more or less.

ALMERON WHITEHEAD, } Executors.
WILLIAM SOLTS,
Jan15-Feb4

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.—In the matter of the estate of ALVIN D. SHADBOLT, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 27th day of December, 1898, by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises, in the village of Birmingham, on Monday, the 6th day of March, 1899, at two o'clock p. m., all the right, title and interest, of which the said Alvin D. Shadbolt died seized, in and to the following real estate, situate and being in the village of Birmingham, Oakland county, Michigan, and more particularly specified and described as follows: Lots eighty-five (85) and eighty-six (86) and thirty feet off the east side of lot eighty-seven (87) Merrell's plat of the village of Birmingham, Michigan, except forty two feet off the south end of the above described lots sold to M. D. Masters.

ALMERON WHITEHEAD, Adm'r.
Jan13-Feb24

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, } the Probate Court for said county of Oakland held at the Probate Office, in the city of Pontiac on the 7th day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Present: Thomas L. Patterson, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of EDMUN JAMES, deceased.

James Patridge, executor, having filed his annual account and made application for the allowance thereof.

It is ordered that Tuesday, the 7th day of February next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said annual account. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulate in said county of Oakland.

THOMAS L. PATTERSON,
Jan13-Feb3 Judge of Probate.

COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE.—In the matter of the estate of ELI S. WOOSTER, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Thomas L. Patterson Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, state of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, hereby give notice that from the 21 day of January, A. D. 1899, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 27th day of February, 1899, and on the 24th day of July, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m. of each day at the Exchange Bank, in the village of Birmingham, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

WILLIAM SATTERLEE, } Commis'rs.
FRANK HAGEMAN,
Jan22-Feb24

RAMS' HORNS.

True religion boils up from the bottom.

Cultivate the field of life clear up to the corners.

The cry of the needy is the echo of the call of God.

The Christian runs ahead of the commandments.

Unbelief puts up the bars when truth goes hunting.

The man who lives for self is not missed when he dies.

A church race may be just as ungodly as any horse race.

The wise preacher looks for most trouble where he finds most taffy.

The man who does his own thinking becomes a focus for all the reflectors.

There is no slave so sadly bound as the one who thinks he is free to serve his own lusts.

What is the use of praying for the merchant when you make no effort to pay what you owe him.

Don't build the ginger-bread house of cheap reputation on the ten-cent foundation of inexperience.

We pray the Lord's prayer and then ask for things that would lead us into temptation and deliver us to the evil one.—Ram's Horn.

TO THE READER:---Goods delivered promptly in the city and to all depots. - - All street cars pass our door.

OUR COURT DOCKET

At our Court Room near the Court House, Pontiac, Mich. The second week of our prosecution court sale is ended and we report to you.

JOHN POUND, DEALER IN - - DRY GOODS.

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(Norman-French.)
HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!
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To the people of Pontiac, Oakland and neighboring counties, to all within a trading radius of this city, to all residents of our neighboring towns and villages, to all the people of the adjacent townships, to all the denizens of our neat and compact little city. We invite you to call upon us and we will then show you what we are doing in Ladies and Gentlemen's Underwear, White shirts, Men's Working shirts, Neckwear, Ties, Ladies' Linen collars and Cuffs, full line of Men's Custom and Woolen Underwear in natural wool, merino and cotton, Socks, Flannels, Blankets, Sheetings, Linens for table use in damask, Napkins and Dress Goods. Very special prices in close lines. This sale is creating a very great interest in the city and vicinity and no one can afford to pass it by. The stock is all seasonable.

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Morning prayer and sermon next Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Sunday School at 12 o'clock. Evening prayer and sermon at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.