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At reasonable prices.

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Frank and Philip Schlaack,

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ALL KINDS OF

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

New line of Confections and Canned Goods.

Boarders by the Day or Week.

MRS. EMMA TIBBILS.

HAND WORK.

Machines are all right for making nails, but they are all wrong in a Laundry. OUR work is done by HAND and shows the cunning that comes from long training. Linen laundered by hand looks better and lasts far longer.

CITY LAUNDRY,

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Prompt attention given to Conveyancing, Foreclosures and Mercantile Collections, etc., etc.

Office at D. M. Doty's Marble Works.

Cash Does the Business!

Trade is good. Cash talks. We have the goods, and it will pay you to wake up and look around. We offer

Mens' (all wool) Fleeced Underwear, 50c, worth 75c.
Mens' Camels Hair Fleeced Underwear, 25c, worth 50c.
Ladies' Heavy Fleeced Pants and Vests, 25c, worth 35c.
Ladies' Fancy Skirt Patterns, 25c, worth 35c.
Mens' Night Shirts at 50c, 75c and $1.00.
Mens' Brown and Blue Wool Overshirts at 50c, worth 75c.
5 doz. 11-4 Blankets at 50c, worth 75c.
1,000 yards Outing Flannel at 5c and 6c, the 8c quality.
1 lot Stamped Goods, (all new designs,) at 5c, 10c, 15c 20c and 25c.

We have a fine line of Misses and Childrens Underwear, from 15c each up to 25c.

We sell the best qualities of Ladies' Rubbers at 50c. You don't have to pay 60c as others ask.

Mens' Misses and Childrens' at the proportionate low prices.

Books! Books! 300 Books just received, (by the best authors,) that we shall sell at the low price of 10c each.

We ask you to drop in and see what we have, as we know we can save you money, and you will find it will pay to look around.

F. BLAKESLEE,

Birmingham, Mich.

PENNEWELL'S,

189 and 191 WOODWARD AVE.

Saturday's business here was truly great. From morning till 10 p. m. a store crowded to its utmost capacity gave ample testimony in the growing popularity of the above numbers. We are doing everything within human possibility and respectability in the Dry Goods world. It would be a near-sighted policy to live for the present only. We impress it upon our clerks, that every sale should be made to such good advantage to the customer that it may be made the foundation of scores and hundreds of similar transactions between the customers and the store. We want to say today to Birmingham readers that if you need a

TAILOR-MADE SUIT, CLOAK, OR ANYTHING IN THE WAY OF DRY GOODS

You won't do yourself justice without seeing our immense stock. This week we talk specially of Ladies' Tailor Made Suits, Cloaks and Furs—

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits in navy blue and black Cheviot, nicely made, fit guaranteed; a good bargain at $8.50—special for this week..... **$5.97**

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits in Homespun, Venetians, Cheviots and Serges. These suits are all extra value at $15—special this week **$10.97**

Ladies' Jackets in Cheviots, Kerseys, Beaver Cloths in black and colors, extra good value at $7.50—special for this week..... **$5.00**

Ladies' Eiderdown House Jackets in pink, grey, light blue and cardinal, extra good value at $1.25—special for this week..... **79c**

FURS—Latest styles in Fur Scarfs and Collarettes, Electric Seal and Mink with Martin Tails, extra good value at $8.50—special for this week..... **$5**

GOLF CAPES—Ladies' Golf Capes—finest selection in the city, prices, $6.00, $7.50, $10 and $12.50—every one a bargain. See them you'll buy them.

C. F. Pennewell, *189-191 Woodward Ave., Detroit.*

FOR THE

Holiday Trade!

We are prepared to show the best assortment of styles and values in **HANDKERCHIEFS** we have ever offered.

Ladies' Initial H. S. Linen Handkerchiefs reduced from 15c to 12½c each
100 dozen H. S. Linen Handkerchiefs, regular goods..... 15c "
125 dozen 25c Unlaundered Sheer Linen..... 15c "
Sheer Linen, small initial, always in stock..... 25c "
100 dozen Unlaundered Sheer Linen Initial, 50c reduced to..... 25c "
Our regular line of fine Sheer Initials, best in the country..... 50c "
100 dozen H. S. Linen (printed laundry mark in corner) reduced from 25c to..... 15c "
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, unlaundered, 15c reduced to..... 12½c "
100 dozen Unlaundered, extra value..... 15c "
400 dozen Laundered, single or half dozen in fancy box..... 25c "
Our Men's Initial Handkerchiefs beat the world, at..... 50c "
Japanese and Silk Initial Handkerchiefs..... 25c and 50c "

In addition to above we offer our customers the choice of between 5000 and 6000 dozen in plain hem-stitch, in embro hem-stitch, embro scallop and many fancy designs, ranging in price from 3c to $25 each.

Orders by Mail will receive careful and prompt attention.

The Taylor Woolfenden Co.

165 to 169 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Xmas Presents to be Acceptable Should be Useful.

KNOWING

How hard it is for the average individual to select appropriate Xmas presents, we offer ourselves as your advisers in that direction. We firmly believe the statement that the most acceptable present is the one that is most useful. What would be more acceptable to a lady friend than a nice pair of **Shoes, House Slippers,** or something of a kindred nature? The same thing with reference to a gentleman friend. Nothing could be more acceptable to him than an easy pair of House Slippers. We could go right on enumerating similar examples, but we believe we have established our point.

"Come and spend 15 or 20 minutes looking."

GOING, --YOUR SHOEMAN-- Pontiac, - Mich.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Passenger Car on D. & P. Runs Into Milk Car at Wilson Siding.

At 4 o'clock Monday afternoon there was an accident on the D. & P. R'y which might have proved very disastrous. A northbound passenger car collided with the milk car which was standing on the Wilson siding, in the south part of the village. For some unknown reason the switch had been left open. Motorman McDougall probably saved the lives of several of the ten or twelve passengers on his car, by his presence of mind in reversing the current and putting on the air brakes when he saw that an accident was inevitable. After doing that he stepped back into the smoker and escaped without injury.

When the collision occurred the speed of the car had been considerably diminished but both cars were badly smashed. Among the passengers were several ladies who were given quite a scare and a shaking up. Frank Eard, of Pontiac, who was riding in the smoker had his back hurt, and Samuel C Mills, of this place, had his back and hip quite badly wrenched. Had the car been running at full speed when the crash came the result would have been terrible, as right behind the milk car were two heavy freight cars and the coach would have been completely demolished when the collision took place. The fate of the passengers can easily be imagined.

Denver's School Superintendent.

The Ypsilanti Daily Argus of recent date contains the following:

"Denver boasts a woman superintendent of schools. Her name is Emma M. Herey, formerly of Ann Arbor, and she has been a teacher in Denver schools. Miss Herey is 23 years of age, of charming personality, a fine talker and a delightful writer. She is an active member of the Denver Woman's Press Club, and has done some fine writing, having taken prizes for her short stories.

"When the bicycle craze first struck Colorado Miss Herey learned to ride, and she was so delighted with the experience that she wrote "a love story on wheels. Miss Herey is a staunch Democrat, and was elected on the straight Democratic ticket by a plurality of 2,818. Her opponent, also a woman, had a strong following."

He Was Doubly Feted.

While the departure of Dan McGaffey from Birmingham is deeply regretted by a host of friends, yet they can but congratulate him on his ability to launch out in business for himself, and wish him a most successful career. He has bought out a barber shop in Oxford and will operate the business for which he is so well qualified.

On Wednesday evening of last week the Flashlight Club gave him a farewell surprise at the home of Mrs. Theron Smith. Several guests were present from Pontiac and the event was a most pleasant one. As a sincere manifestation of their esteem the club presented him with a beautiful watch chain.

Mr. McGaffey has been a resident of Birmingham for over three years, and during a greater portion of the time he has been president of The Epworth League and an active worker in that society. As an expression of their appreciation of his labors among them, the League tendered him a farewell reception and supper in the M. E. church parlors last Friday evening, on which occasion about 60 were present, to bid the retiring officer God speed on the eve of his departure.

He Coincides.

EDITORS ECCENTRIC:—

The notice "To all concerned," by Thos. Langley, in regard to trespassing chickens has the true ring in it, for, failing to receive protection from the village authorities he has been compelled to threaten to use the shot gun to save his own property, for it is notorious, we have no marshal who will enforce the laws. It is decidedly unpleasant when you have some choice plant that you desire to protect from the rigors of winter by mulching or fertilizers, to have this scratched away by your good neighbors' chickens. Why should citizens keep chickens to forage and trespass upon their neighbors' property, to say nothing of the nuisance, and rely upon their good nature for their own private gain is more than I can say; there certainly is no honor in doing so.

I think a few good shots with a shot gun would have a salutary effect and I for one extol the ground Mr. Langley has taken. Forbearance has ceased to be a virtue. SUBSCRIBER.

Timely Hints for December.

Study the bulletins.
Get things snug for winter.
Be ready to fill the ice house.
Breed the cows for fall calving.
Write for nursery and seed catalogues.
Hardy trees may be pruned in pleasant weather.
Keep the stock in the barns on cold, stormy days.
Subscribe for horticultural and other periodicals for next year.
If vegetables are in a pit, add covering enough to keep out the frost.
Attend Farmers' Institutes and meetings of the Grange or Farmers' Clubs.
Examine the orchards occasionally to see that rabbits and mice do not injure the trees.
Have the grown up children ready to attend the special courses at the College next month.—M. A. C. Year Book.

THE GIRL I WANT.

The following pretty little sentimental production is a clipping handed us by Master Jack McDougal, and is, we believe, a typical description of some sweet little girl of Jack's acquaintance. Although rather young to be manifesting interest in romance, yet he displays good taste in his selection:

The girl I want has light blue eyes,
As calm and clear as summer skies,
As sparkling as the dew;
A pair of rosy cheeks has she,
A mouth as sweet as sweet can be,
And captivating, too.

The girl I want has ebon hair,
A sylph-like form, a face as fair,
A heart as pure as snow;
The sweetest laugh you ever heard—
It thrills like call of woodland bird
Where tropic breezes blow.

The girl I want can sigh or sing
At any time, do anything
Her station may require.
But wash and iron she didn't know how,
She cannot cook, or milk a cow,
She's never made a fire.

She cannot make a dress or shirt,
And if she could she would not flirt,
Nor yet my sad heart hunt;
But she can sing and sigh and say,
"I love you, darling," every day,
So she's the girl I want.

A FAMILIAR LANDMARK.

The Old, Old Story, Yet Ever New, the Blue Cross is Still on Earth.

If we just said the Blue Cross nearly every one of our readers would at once know what was coming, but for fear that one, only just one of our dear readers may not understand, we will say that during the month of December we endeavor to give one and all a chance to pay up for that paper—this great moral engine of instruction and interest. Now, then, look at the date after your name on the paper, or if it comes to you wrapped singly, you will find the date after your name on the wrapper; should the date thereon have passed you are in arrears and owe for the paper, and on Jan 1, 1900, all whose dates are passed will receive their paper blue crossed, just for a hint to walk up to the captain's office and settle. We give you a whole month's notice of out intention, so don't say you did not know of our intention.

And here is more,
To all who
pay up all arrearages and one year more
we promise during the month
of December to send
them the Farm Journal for
five years, for the years of
1900, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904.

You have read of the Farm Journal. It's a practical paper. A farmers' paper for sleeves-rolled up Workers. Good in any State where grumption is current. It's cut to fit the man who knows what's what. Farmers at the first table. Now then, roll in your big round dollars and get more than your money's worth and avoid the Blue Cross. Watch your date. You can tell as well as we whether you are entitled to it or not.

How Corn Grows in Nebraska.

The Prince Edward Island Guardian reprints the following statement with regard to Nebraska corn from a Blair paper, and tries to cast doubt upon its truthfulness. If that editor would visit Nebraska he would see what he would see:

"The prospects for a bountiful crop of corn round Blair are growing every day, and the farmers are all happy and contented. A young farmer boy who lives out on the bottoms was in our office the other day, and told us that Pete Tyson climbed a cornstalk the other day to see how the corn was getting along, and now the stalk is growing up faster than he can climb down. He is entirely out of sight. Three men with axes have undertaken to cut the stalk and so save him from starvation, but it grew so fast that they couldn't whack twice in the same place. Pete is living on nothing but raw corn, and has already thrown down over four bushels of cobs."

The above is a fact and at the last account he was up among the stars. If you have the shadow of a doubt regarding the authenticity of the statement, just refer to our good citizen, R. H. Weller, on Southfield avenue.

AT THE THEATERS.

LYCEUM.

"Under the Red Robe," with Paul Cazeneuve as Gil de Berault, is the attraction at the Lyceum this week. It is a powerful dramatization of Stanley Weyman's great romance and is finding great favor with the Lyceum patrons. Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" is coming to the Lyceum next week and its advent will be hailed with delight by old and young. There never yet was an attraction which toured this country so popular as "Jack." There is something in it to please all. The actors are all young and pretty and know how to sing. They well deserve patronage. Usual matinees.

WHITNEY.

The Blondells in their big musical comedy, "The Katzenjammer Kids," is this week's attraction at the Whitney Opera House. The performance is a lively one, full of mirth and melody, and the stars are two of the most original and entertaining actors now before the public.

For the lovers of a drama where thrilling scenes are as plentiful as daisies in a meadow and where surprises come with lavishness that is little short of miraculous the Whitney Opera House next week presents an unsurpassable attraction. In Lincoln J. Carter's "Remember the Maine" there is not given an opportunity to draw a real long breath until the whole thing is over. The arrival of the battleship and the explosion in Havana harbor are two of the most interesting episodes in the drama, though they are by no means the only important ones. The closing scene is the destruction of the Spanish fleet in Manilla bay. Matinees daily except Wednesday.

Always a step ahead in newness, and quality but never ahead in price.

Now, Gentlemen,

Here is a price that cannot but meet your heartiest approval—not only because $10 is an invariably popular figure, but also because the $10 you spend here means so much more to you than does the $10 spent elsewhere. More worth and merit, more certainty of fit and correctness of fashion, more durableness, more satisfaction in every way. The very best of everything comes direct to us from the best makers in the country, and we offer you your choice from the finest Clothing values there are—at just a fair, low price.

SUITS FOR MEN $10.

In Cheviots, Cassimeres, Worsteds, Tweeds, etc. Black, blue, grays and browns and mixtures. Single and double breasted Suits. Trousers just the proper cut.

OVERCOATS FOR MEN AT $10.

New rough effects in grayish and brownish mixtures; black, blue and brown Kerseys. Positive purity of material, absolute correctness of fashion, and thoroughness of tailoring work together to produce a garment unequalled elsewhere at a similar figure.

Our Clothing is strictly hand-tailored and contains more wear and will keep its handsome appearance longer than any that others may offer. Will you prove the worth of our claims?

R. H. TRAVER,

171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

THE FARMER.

I'm a pilgrim and a stranger,
I can't stop here very long.
I am soon to be a granger,
Then I'll sing my little song
Soon a cornstalk I shall shoulder,
On a pumpkin take my seat,
With a pitchfork for a holder,
I shall masticate a beet.
Then a farmer I shall be,
Having taken my degree.

Just a moment, friend, before
You shut up shop and leave the store;
If you're playing at the game
And a farmer just by name;
If your dollars you have made,
Gambling on the board of trade;
Or your conscience you dare soil
Dipping deep in Standard Oil;
Aid by the legislation,
Of this great and glorious nation;
You can laugh and josh your neighbor
While your lickeys do the labor.

But if you work as work is done,
Earnin' aint no shoutin' fun;
If you plant that you may reap,
Workin' hard while others sleep,
Dependin' on the price of wheat
For clothes to wear and food to eat;
Comin' up against Nature's ills,
Gazin' at yer unpaid bills,
In place of dollars countin' dimes,
If ping still for better times;
Growing old and best and gray
As time passes day by day;
Until at last you're counted out,
You've lost the fight without a doubt,
And from the land over which you trod,
You claim at last six feet of sod.

C. A. B.

About Biggle Books.

A farmer way out in Oregon writing to the publishers of Horse Book, advertised in this issue, says, "I have read a number of books on the horse; some of them very large and of high price, but Biggle Horse Book did me more real good than any of them." The price is 50c, free by mail; address the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia.

Self Denial Week.

December 8 to 14 has been set apart as Self Denial Week of the Northwestern Branch of the W. F. M. S., which includes Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. The week is to be observed by the society of the M. E. church of our village. On Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th, a public meeting will be held at the church, Mrs. Mary C. Ninde, of Detroit, addressing it. No lady in our state can tell more of the work and workers in China and India than Mrs. Ninde, who has spent two years visiting these countries.

FOR SALE.

A good driving horse, sound and all right. Enquire of DR. WEMP,
32-2* Royal Oak, Mich.

B. Y. P. U. Business Meeting.

At the B. Y. P. U. business meeting held at the residence of S. H. Rogers, last Monday evening a very enjoyable time was spent, the occasion being the election of officers for the first half of 1900, as follows:

Pres.—Mrs. Bookham.
Vice Pres.—Mrs. Lyons.
Secretary—Elsie M. Cade.
Treasurer—Georgia Rogers.

The roll was called and the members responded with songs, readings, recitations, quotations from favorite authors, and a tableau. The names of seven were presented for membership.

Knights of Pythias.

At the last stated convention in November refreshments were ordered for Tuesday, December 12, at which time a full quota of officers for next year will be elected, including a Grand Representative for two years. Our treasury is fat and full and the dues are nearly all paid in. Every K. of P. is expected within the Castle that night.

W. A. O'NEAL' K. of R. S.

Notice to the Taxpayers of Troy.

I will be at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, on Mondays, Robbins' store at Big Beaver Tuesdays, at Cuttings' store, Troy, on Wednesdays, Harris' store in Coleraine on Thursdays and at home on Fridays, until January 10, 1900.

CHARLES BAKER, Township Treas.

Notice to Taxpayers of Southfield

I will be at the following places to receive taxes: Southfield, December 26; Erity's Mill, December 28; Harmon P. O., Jan 2; Beddow, Jan. 4; from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m., and every Friday at Franklin during tax season.

H. J. BROUGHTON, Southfield Treas.

Notice to the Taxpayers of Bloomfield.

I will be at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, on Wednesdays, Saturdays, commencing Dec. 9th, at County Treasurer's office in Pontiac, Fridays; at home during the month of December until Jan 10, 1900.

N. C. HERRISON,
Township Treasurer.

Advance a Step

If you have been in the habit of taking pills for constipation and with poor results, just try a bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin and you will be surprised at the results. Very pleasant to take. 10c, 50c and $1. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

TALKING CHRISTMAS AT.... SPARLING'S

WE OFFER USEFUL HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

And Money Saving Trading Stamps with all Cash Purchases.

Colored Dress Goods.

500 Dress Patterns, latest styles, 5 to 7 yds each, according to width, at about two-thirds value.

$3.50 Dress Patterns for..... *$2.39 each*
$4.00 Dress Patterns for..... *$2.69 each*
$4.50 Dress Patterns for..... *$3.19 each*
$5 and $6 Dress Patterns for *$3.89 each*
$7.00 and $10.00 Dress Patterns for..... *$5 and $6.00 each*

UMBRELLAS.

26-in Steel Rod, Paragon Frame Umbrellas, good covers..... *$1.00* each
26-inch Union Silk Umbrellas, horn handles..... *$1.25* each
26-inch Carola Silk Umbrellas, horn and china handles..... *$1.50* each
26 inch Union Taffeta Silk Umbrellas, Dresden handles.... *$2.00* each

RUGS—Sale Continued.

36x72 in. Jap Rugs, $1.50 goods, *$1.00* each
30x60 inch Nubia Rugs, $1.30 goods..... *$1.10* each
30x60 inch Smyrna Rugs, $2.75 goods..... *$2.00* each
36x72 inch Smyrna Rugs, $3.50 goods..... *$2.48* each
36x72 inch Nubia Rugs, $3.75 goods..... *$1.98* each

SILVER GOODS.

Brush and Comb Sets.... *$1* and *$2.50* set
Manicure Pieces— *15c, 19c, 50c, 69c* and *75c* each
Sterling Mounted Combs, ebony and horn..... *50c* and *75c* each
Sterling Bracelets— *50c, $1, $1.50* and *$2.89* each
Friendship Hearts..... *10c* and *25c* each

Monday we place on sale **Ready-to-Wear Petticoats,** Manufacturers' Samples at Bargain Prices.

J. Sparling & Co., *155-157 Woodward Ave., Detroit.*

Don't Forget the Trading Stamps.