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

DON'T YOU BUY THEM

1899 Ramblers and IDEALS.

1899 Rambler, Ladies' or Gent's.....\$40.00
1899 Ideal, Ladies' or Gent's.....\$35.00, \$30.00 and \$25.00
Juvenile Ideal, Boys' and Girls'.....\$25.00, \$20.00 and \$15.00

ZIMMERMAN BROS. & ALGER,
Hardware. Rambler Bicycle Agents.

EVOLUTION OF THE KISS.

According to Analysts it is several Progenies of the Kiss. It is the most beautiful of the gifts of Nature. The kiss which Francois II. Dello put on the mouth of Phocelia II. Rimal, which Veruk stuck into a white, which Swinburne wrote into verse, which the master cooks' Bouquet smeared in cold cream, and which Lieut. Hobson distributed all over the country, has recently enjoyed the honors of a profound analysis, says Collier's Weekly. In the current issue of the Revue Scientificque it is minutely explained. Personally we thought we knew all about it. It seems we were wrong. Professionally, had we been asked, and even had we not been, we should read to trace it back to a myrtle and religious origin. Privately, we are presumed to regard it as a simple matter, over which too much fuss is made. We had been informed that it is pleasant, or the reverse, in direct proportion to the mastery of the party of the second part. We had gathered from novels that such charms as it possessed were due to the quality of the lips, and had plenty of bony evidence to the effect that delight in it is wholly a matter of taste. We had, therefore, views of our own concerning it, but never, in the least, did we suspect that it was double, and not merely by that, but offatory and nutritive. Such, however, is the case. The offatory kiss is Mongolian. The nutritive kiss is European. The Mongolian kiss is with the nose. The European kiss is with the mouth. The Mongolian kiss indicates that the party sniffed would be an agreeable prey; the European party indicates that the party breathed would make a delectable meal. They are but the more perfect forms of the same instinct of preservation, the give and take of wild beasts.

THEY ARE "BOHEMIANS."

And the Life Does Not Do Them Any Harm.

"I can't help being worried about Janet," said Aunt Jane. "It may be my country bringing up, but she talks so much since she came to the city to study art about being a Bohemian that I can't help being worried about the dear child," quoted the New York Times. "That's all you need to be worried," said Cousin John, who lives in the city. "Janet's Bohemianism is not more dangerous than that of a great many girls in the city, especially among those who like to throw a glimmer of romance around their lives. It merely means that where Janet never thought of setting down before her pen what was really when she was at home, she now gets up and makes her own notes and takes it with a dry ink; it means that whereas she would never want to get out of her home from a good milliner's, she will now fix up a big plum velvet affair herself, and that whereas she has always shied at a man who has come in any of the household duties, she now sweeps out her own studio when it gets so dirty that she can't stand it. She may, too, if she is feeling particularly like a wicked intention, stay at home from church some Sunday morning to do it. To put it all in a nutshell, Janet's Bohemianism merely means that she is no longer contented with the comforts of home and spends more money in doing without than she would have to pay for very good money and do nothing at all. Janet is not a Bohemian; she would not do her own laundry and she will at least learn how to make coffee and perhaps a few other things. There are plenty of many Bohemians in New York. They are entirely inoffensive."

GREAT THOUGHTS.

Labor is the law of happiness.—Stevens.
Drive thy business; let not that drive thee.—Franklin.
The fewer desires, the more peace.—Bacon.
The mind that is untried is also untried.—Whipple.
It is much easier to be critical than to be correct.—Disraeli.
I never yet met a man who was not ignoble.—Hulver-Lytton.
Search others for their virtues, and thyself for their vices.—Fuller.
"Conversation is the virtue of character as well as of thought.—Emerson.
A kingdom is an uncertain possession, and many are after it.—Herodotus.
There is always room for a man of force, and he makes room for many.—Emerson.
Divine power is no less divine when perceived to be divinely natural.—H. R. Howells.
The authenticity of my merit is to know that my merit is not sufficient.—St. Augustine.
Self-will and blind prejudice are the best defense of actual power and exclusive advantages.—St. Augustine.
When moral courage feels that it is in the right there is no personal danger of which it is incapable.—Leigh Hunt.
If the wicked flourish and thou suffer, be not discouraged; they are fated for destruction; thou art dieted for health.—Fuller.
Think not twice in any man the favor you may have; in your power confer, and be not too loquacious while you wish to be esteemed for your kindness.—Cato.
Success from great man all that he owes to chance, all that he has gained by the wisdom of his friends, and by the folly of his enemies, and our broodings will often become a lulliputian.—Colton.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

The Atlantic ocean is crossed monthly by 1,000 ships.
It is estimated that two-thirds of the population of the world use tobacco.
Some of the screws used in watches are so small that it takes 380,000 of them to weigh a pound.
Germans permit their windows of houses in Manila. They are glazed with translucent oyster shells.
German postoffice employees are not permitted to marry without the special permission of the government.
St. Peter's, in Rome, occupied three and a half centuries in construction, and during this time forty-two popes reigned.

THE RECOGNIZED AND CONGEDDED DRY GOODS HOUSE OF OAKLAND COUNTY.

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Near the Court House, Pontiac, Mich.

SPECIAL SPRING SALE!

Dress Goods on table through the center of the store. Special values in durable goods going a little more than half their cost to close certain lines. We want all just-dried goods who know a bargain when they see it, so examine these in person.

DEMNIS, CRETONES, FANCY TICKINGS, DRAPERIES, SILK LININGS, COLORED FANCY FLEECE UPHOLSTERY GOODS.

Refresh up your living rooms with some of these. They will chase away the warm effluvia of a dreary long winter and remind you of all gentle, happy, refreshing spring to come, so you and thus get 25 per cent below the usual price. Numerous pretty patterns of these textiles in lot to be cleared out—some of them in the Silks at as low as 50 per yard.

MATTINGS and LINOLEUMS.—Rare opportunities in the Carpet room for profitable buying for this season. Chances like these are usually fleeting. We are now doing it (call and see prices) in order to make room for our early spring purchases which are now arriving.

We ask our friends in the various villages and townships of Oakland County to remember that the **BEEHIVE** is the most renowned mart for Dry Goods in the County and has been since 1874. Its reputation for low-dealing is now more improved in these times of close competition. Try us.

Your service.

JOHN POUND.

Waite Bros., Robertson & Co.,

Pontiac, Mich.

Announce the opening of **NEW SPRING SUITS, SKIRTS, JACKETS and CAPES.**

The assortment is much the largest we have ever shown. New Dress Good, Silks, Wash Goods and Trimmings.

CARPETS---

Ingran, Tapstry, Velvet, Axministers, Weltons, etc., Lin-leums and Mattings.

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Whitney Opera House.

Evening and Sunday Matinee. Matinees daily except Wednesday 10c-20c-30c.

John W. Isham's Famous **OCTOROONS.**

Next Week—THE WAR OF WEALTH.

Reserved Seats 25-50 and 75c

Lyceum

25c Matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

Marie Wainwright, Friday, Saturday and Sunday matinee, in **East Lynne.**

Next Week—THE ALLIPUTANS.

The "White"

RIDDEN by the professional racer, it has proven a winner oftener than any in competition. Ridden by the non-professional, by the "scorcher," for business or pleasure, it has a second record to nono. Material used in its construction, pains-taking care in manufacturing details, ease in running, and handsome, symmetrical design are a few of its claims for superiority. Reasonable prices, coupled with high values, are characteristics of the "WHITE." Our long established reputation guarantees the excellence of our product.

Models A and B (30 inch).....\$50.00
Model G (30 inch, wheels).....50.00
"Special Racer".....65.00
Models E and F (chainless).....75.00

White Sewing Machine Company,

CLEVELAND, OHIO.

VARICOCELE, EMISSIONS, NERVOUS DEBILITY, SYLILIS, STRICTURE, G. EET, SEMINAL WEAKNESS, PIPPLES, LO T MANHOOD, UNNATURAL D. SCHARLES, KIDNEY AND BLA. DER D. EASES.

100% CURED.

VARICOCELE CURED.—In several weeks, without surgery, pain, or inconvenience. I can cure you of this disease. It is a disease of the veins, and is cured by the use of my special treatment. I have cured thousands of cases, and can cure you of yours. Write to me for full particulars.

EMMISSIONS CURED.—I have cured thousands of cases of this disease. It is a disease of the nerves, and is cured by the use of my special treatment. I have cured thousands of cases, and can cure you of yours. Write to me for full particulars.

SYLILIS CURED.—I have cured thousands of cases of this disease. It is a disease of the nerves, and is cured by the use of my special treatment. I have cured thousands of cases, and can cure you of yours. Write to me for full particulars.

READER: Are you a victim? Have you lost hope? Are you contemplating marriage? If so, do not marry until you are cured. I can cure you of your disease. Write to me for full particulars.

DRS. KENNEDY & KERGAN, No. 148 SHELBY ST. DETROIT, MICH

Real Estate Exchange

Of Whitehead & Hitchell, at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, Mich.

1899.

A small farm of five acres, being part of a tract of 20 acres, with a small building, woodshed, etc. Price \$100.00.

1900.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Osgood County, Mich. Part of a tract of 300 acres. Part of a tract of 500 acres. Price \$100.00.

1901.

The corner of the town of Maple, Osgood County, Mich. Part of a tract of 100 acres. Price \$100.00.

1902.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Osgood County, Mich. Part of a tract of 300 acres. Part of a tract of 500 acres. Price \$100.00.

1903.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Osgood County, Mich. Part of a tract of 300 acres. Part of a tract of 500 acres. Price \$100.00.

1904.

A farm of 100 acres in the township of Rose, Osgood County, Mich. Part of a tract of 300 acres. Part of a tract of 500 acres. Price \$100.00.

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND.

John W. Isham, Plaintiff,
vs.
John W. Isham, Defendant.

John W. Isham, Plaintiff, vs. John W. Isham, Defendant. The defendant, John W. Isham, is the owner of the real estate described in the complaint, and the plaintiff, John W. Isham, is the owner of the real estate described in the complaint. The plaintiff claims that the defendant is the owner of the real estate described in the complaint, and the defendant claims that the plaintiff is the owner of the real estate described in the complaint. The court has granted the plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, and has entered a judgment in favor of the plaintiff.

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DO YOU WANT A FREE HOME?

In the Land of Perpetual Sunshine.

The reader will not doubt wonder how a publishing company can afford to give away home lots. To enlighten you we will state that the owner of a large section of the town, believing that by interesting other persons himself, he will more than double the value of the many town lots on the cooperative system. He will more than double the value of the many town lots on the cooperative system. He will more than double the value of the many town lots on the cooperative system.

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Did you ever eat Colorado Mountain ground buckwheat? It's extra good, all the itch, scratch and dig is eliminated by being raised so high up. It is then sent to Penn Yan, N. Y., and ground by a newly patented process that makes it pure, absolutely pure, and the pancakes it makes are DELICIOUS.

Buckwheat Flour is very scarce and high and **WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL** have just received another carload and will sell at only **30c per sack.**

It makes very light cakes. It makes brown and crisp cakes. It makes the butterfly. N. B.—We have the best syrup to go with it you can find anywhere—and cheap, too.

Whitehead & Mitchell.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE FOR THE "Bible of the Philippines."

The book is titled "The Bible of the Philippines" and is a valuable work for all those interested in the Philippines. It contains a complete history of the Philippines, and is a valuable reference work for all those interested in the Philippines. It is available for sale at a low price, and is a valuable addition to any library.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Chewing gum was probably invented by a woman who had no one to talk to.

When a man attempts to define justice he tells how the world treats him.

It takes us a lifetime to learn that we are our own best friend and worst enemy.

About the time a man's first baby gets old enough to say things other than Gum, he is usually dead.

Little grains of wisdom and little chunks of sense without the wounds of Cupid's shafts a little less intense.

A traveler sometimes fails to get his trunk checked when going away, but he falls to get his grip checked he may get away to return.