NEW SPRING STYLES!

--LADIES' SHOES--

Extra fine Vici Kid Lace, hand turned $3.50
Extra fine Vici Kid Lace, foxed, fine cloth top, warranted, hand turned 3.75
Fine Vici Kid Lace, new patterns, vesting or plain tops ..... $3.00 and 3.50
Vici Kid Lace or Button Shoes ..... $2.00, 2 50 and 2.75
Dongola Kid Lace or Button Shoes ..... 98c, 1.50 and 1.75
Ladies' Oxfords, light and dressy, vici kid, plain or vesting tops, chocolate or black ..... $1.65, 1.85 and 2.00
Fine Vici Kid, chocolate or black 2.25
" " " black, new scroll pattern 2.50

We sell the best $1.00 Oxford made, all solid leather.

H. B. Merritt, 17 N. Saginaw St. Pontiac.

TREMENDOUS SLAUGHTER

In all Winter Goods for the next 30 days to make room for spring stock:

Bed and Horse Blankets at one-third off.
Everything in Ladies' Wrappers at **79c.** Regular price $1 to $1 75.
Men's and Boys' Caps at one-third off.
1 lot Men's and Ladies' Underwear at **25c.** Former price 50c.
1 lot Men's Wool Shirts **38c.**
300 pairs of Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes at half price.
100 Men's Unlaundered Shirts **29c.**
100 Laundered Shirts at **35c.** Former price 75c.
Men's Woolen Hose at **10c.**
Men's Cotton Hose at **5c.**
Men's Duck Coats at **75c**
1 lot Men's Underwear at **19c.** This is no cheap John stuff.
Ladies' Warm Lined Shoes at **84c, $1.09, $1.19.** Former prices $1.25, $1.50 and $1.75.
1 lot Men's Half-Wool Underwear, former price 65c, now **43c.**

These goods are for cash only.
Yours for low prices and good goods.

V. NIXON,
Birmingham.

TRY

Heinz's Baked Beans and Hyne's Yellow Peaches.

You Will Find Them at the

Triangle Grocery.

Also Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and Figs.

T. H. COBB.

"Spades Are Trumps"

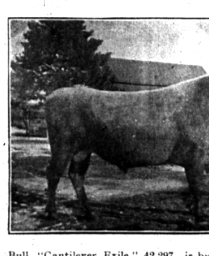
And W. R. Owen is digging in the best he knows how to make his Crockery Department a success by placing on his counters the finest stock he ever displayed. The prices are right, the goods are up-to-date, and all he wants is that his friends should make themselves happy by carrying away an armful of goods now and then. Yours truly,

W. R. OWEN,
Pontiac, - Mich.

TO FARMERS!

We wish to announce to the farmers of this vicinity that the use of a Thoroughbred Jersey Bull can be secured at the Peabody farm in Troy, one mile north and one-half east of this village.

The Jersey Bull, "CANTILEVER EXILE." Weight 1,500 pounds.



The Bull "Cantilever Exile," 42,297, is by Stoke Pogis Cantilever 28,266 and is four years old this spring. He traces through Prospect Riotes to Matilda and to Lorne and to Marjoram.
Farmers who wish to improve their stock have no the best chance in the world to do so at the wonderful low price of **$1.00.**

Yours respectfully,

Potts & Peabody.

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 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.

May 18
LOUIS STORZ, Royal Oak, Mich.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anybody can try it who has lame back and weak kidneys, malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electric Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at Whitehead & Mitchell's Drug Store.

What Shall We Do.

A serious and dangerous disease prevails in this country, dangerous because so deceptive. Its approach so slowly yet surely that it is often firmly seated before we are aware of it.

The name of this disease which may be divided into three distinct stages is, First, Kidney trouble, indicated by pain in the back, rheumatism, lumbago, frequent desire to urinate, often with a burning sensation, the flow of urine being copious or scant with strong odor.

If allowed to advance, this reaches the Second stage, or Bladder trouble, with heavy pain in the abdomen low down between the navel and the water passage, increasing desire to urinate, with scalding sensation in passing, small quantities being passed with difficulty, sometimes necessary to draw it with instruments. If uric acid or gravel has formed it will prove dangerous if neglected.

The Third stage is Bright's Disease.

There is comfort in knowing that Dr. Kilmer, the great kidney and bladder specialist, has discovered a Remedy famous for its marvelous cures of the most distressing cases and known as Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root.

It is sold by all druggists.

As a proof of the wonderful virtues of this great discovery, Swamp-Root, a sample bottle and book of valuable information will be sent absolutely free by mail on application to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing kindly mention that you read this liberal offer in the Birmingham Eccentric.

MEXICO HEARD FROM!

Another Topographical Letter, in Which Thefe is a Lively Country Heard From—a Mexican War Dance.

We are indebted to Mrs. Young, of Royal Oak for the descriptive portion of a very interesting letter written her by her son, J. McCarroll, from Mexico, which reads as follows.

PUEBLA, Mexico, Jan. 29, 99.
Sabbath Afternoon.

MY DEAR MOTHER:—

I will talk to you a little while by mail. There is a bull-fight this afternoon, but I never attend. It seems to me to be a cruel, pleasureless sport; however, all classes attend them in this country, the same as Americans go to foot-ball games in the states, and yell themselves hoarse.

Sabbath is the great day in Mexico. The Catholics are, in the main, far behind those in the states, being more ignorant and superstitious, owing largely to the great element of "peons" (poor people or Indians) which go to make up the Catholic church. To tell what blood or nationality a Mexican is is more difficult than to distinguish between a Scotchman and an Irishman, for a Mexican ranges from pure Indian to pure Spanish, with all grades between the two. There is a regular gradation of color, from copper to pure white; most people who are called Mexicans being half way between the two. I have actually seen Mexicans have a regular war dance, dressed in fantastic costumes, in the yard of the church on a sabbath afternoon—done in honor of God. But it put me more in mind of the ancient Aztecs and the way they performed their horrible rites and ceremonies.

Recently there was a "drawing" held in the Cathedral here in Puebla where the lucky winners actually drew their friends out of Purgatory into Heaven. What do you think of that? Is it any wonder that the morals of the people are bad, or in fact that morality is in one sense of the word hardly known here? Why, almost any kind of crime can be committed, so long as the actor whispers his sins into the ear of a priest (with whom as likely as not he collies up). I know of only one small church of the Protestant faith in Puebla and I went there this morning, but the preacher had gone to Mexico City.

All the houses here have balconies, all the windows have bars—iron bars—and most families of the upper class live upstairs, while there is an open space called "patio" in the centre, to which there is a driveway. In this the carriage is kept, if possessed, and the servants and horses live in the rooms off this patio. Well, if a young fellow sees a girl and thinks he is in love with her he follows her to the house, but stops on the outside, for custom forbids him to enter or speak to the girl. Then he stands on the sidewalk and gazes at her or her window for two or three hours every day, rain or shine. Finally he writes her an ardent letter and tells her in his first letter that he loves her and hopes she will reciprocate. If she does he then continues to gaze at her window for a year, while in the meantime her parents look up his antecedents to find out his character, etc., and if favorable to his suit he is then given permission to court her in the house, which he proceeds to do for another year, but always in the presence of the family. He may even take her to the theatre or other places of amusement, but incidentally he must take the father, or mother or some, or the whole of the family. In this way from two to three years go by before they are united in marriage, and then, for the first time, they see each other alone. I may say that after a long time the lovers may talk to each other through the iron bars of the window, and it reminds one of the gallant knight and fair lady courting under difficulties through the bars of castles in mediaeval times; but such a campaign has no charms for me.

Nearhere is the great (volcano Popocatepetl, over 17,000 feet high. Just imagine! This city is immensely high and yet this volcano is at most 10,000 feet higher. The snow on its summit is all the natives eversee. In Jalalapa there is a plaza (park) in the centre of the city and it is beautifully laid out with orange trees, always with oranges on them, rubber trees, and in fact all kinds of tropical trees and plants, having wide walks around and through it. In the centre is a band stand and here the band plays at least four nights in the week; usually Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sabbath nights, from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m., during which time the people rich and poor come out in the best clothes they can afford and promenade around the park. You see there is caste there and three classes. The inside circle (nearest the band) is the best; the second circle comprises the middle class, and the third or outside circle the low class. The ladies walk in one direction and the men in the opposite. It is often so crowded that the procession is as slow as a funeral march. This "upper crust" is enclosed by two rows of chairs facing each other and the promenaders. These chairs are hired for the evening at six cents each. When you wish to join the promenade you simply turn your chair around to show it is reserved, and if you are a man join the men, or if a lady join the ladies till you again wish to sit. The other classes have no seats, but when they wish to sit they sit on the ground. The you have six circles, all going in opposite directions at the same time, the band playing, the crystal moon shining and the whole scene brilliantly lighted with electricity from the Falls.

There was an earthquake felt here a few days ago. It did considerable damage in the city but not here in Puebla, although the house I am living in was slightly cracked. As that was my first experience in that line it may be of some interest to you if I should relate my sensations on the subject. Most people on first alarm naturally run into the street so as to avoid any falling buildings, if the shock should happen to be severe enough for that. I had just gone out for a walk in the afternoon and was leisurely sauntering along, eating some peanuts, (farmer style and proud of it) when I began staggering and could hardly keep on my feet. Also got dizzy and sick at my stomach. Did not realize what was the matter at first. Then I noticed that all the people in the street were on their knees with hands clasped and praying for all they were worth. All business stopped, everybody flocked into the street and drivers and all got down on the ground. Now it happens there is a custom here that when the priest appears with the Eucharist to administer the sacrament to the dying everybody drops on their knees and remain so till he is out of sight. Well, when I saw them kneeling I thought to myself that the priest must be around somewhere and began looking around. Just then I noticed the arc lamps in the street swinging violently. Then I knew! I don't know whether I am more wicked than other folks or whether it was my American "don't care" spirit, but anyway, I kept sauntering and eating peanuts, while the natives looked as though they expected to see the earth open and swallow me. There was also a shock in the morning which awakened me but I neither did I experience the sensation of fear. I had always thought that an earthquake was a rumbling or jarring of a portion of the earth like what a heavy cart makes, only on a larger scale and accompanied by noise. Nothing of the sort. It is a side movement worse than the rolling of a ship, back and forth, back and forth, and has the peculiar effect of making everyone sick almost instantly. There is no mistaking it. No need to be told. Write soon.

Your true son,
J. McCARROLL.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Of the Village of Birmingham, Mich., for the Years 1898 and 1899.

GENERAL EXPENSE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 114 46
July 1, '98, rec'd from General Tax	2200 00
Feb. 27, '99, rec'd from licenses	24 50
Feb. 4, '98, rec'd from sheriff for destroying street lamps	4 00
Oct. 19, '98, rec'd from County Treasurer Delinquent tax returned	1 54
Nov. 16, '98, rec'd from Waterworks fund	100 00
July 1, '98, rec'd from excess of roll	11 23
Total	$2460 25

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 12, '98, transf'd to Waterworks fund	$ 100 00
Dec. 1, '98, bond paid and on file	1000 00
Feb. 27, '99, interest coupons paid and on file	305 25
Feb. 27, '99, 30 Vouchers paid and on file	416 87
Balance on hand this day	38 13
Total	$2460 25

HIGHWAY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 118 81
April 12, '98, Borrowed money	500 00
May 3, '98, rec'd from old Road Grader	5 25
May 12, '98, rec'd from Liquor Tax	471 38
July 1, '98, rec'd from General Tax	1000 00
Oct. 19, '98, rec'd from Fore and Fritz for putting in sewer	17 40
Nov. 16, '98, transferred from Waterworks Fund	50 00
Total	$2163 34

DISBURSEMENTS.

Apr. 12, '98, transf'd to Waterworks Fund	$ 50 00
Feb. 27, '99, 124 Vouchers paid and on file	2116 40
Balance on hand this day	3 34
Total	$2169 34

WATERWORKS FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 77 26
April 12, '98, rec'd from Highway Fund	50 00
Sept. 12, '98, rec'd from General Expense Fund	100 00
Feb. 24, '98, rec'd from Waterworks Fees and Tapping	1446 72
Total	$1669 98

DISBURSEMENTS.

Nov. 16, '98, transf'd to Highway Fund	$ 50 00
Nov. 16, '98, transf'd to General Expense Fund	100 00
Feb. 27, '99, 50 Vouchers paid and on file	1483 98
Balance on hand this day	34 20
Total	$1669 98

HANNA & PERRY SPECIAL DRAIN.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 14 30
Feb. 27, '99, balance on hand this day	14 30
Feb. 27, '99, balance on hand this day	$ 14 30

EAST SIDE DRAIN.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 10 80
	$ 10 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 27, '99, balance on hand	$ 10 80
	$ 10 80

INTEREST FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand	$ 2 15
	$ 2 15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Feb. 27, '99, balance on hand	$ 2 15
	$ 2 15

RECAPITULATION

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 24, '98, balance on hand all funds beginning of year	$ 357 78
Raised by General tax	3211 75
Raised by Liquor Tax	474 38
Raised by License Tax	24 50
Received from Sheriff for destroying street lamps	4 00
Received from County Treasurer Delinquent Tax returned	1 54
Received for old Road Grader	5 75
Received from Ford and Fritz for putting in sewer	17 40
Borrowed money	500 00
Waterworks Fees and Tapping	1446 72
Total	$6021 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

From following funds less transfers as per statement in detail:

From General Expense Fund	$2322 12
From Highway Fund	2116 40
From Waterworks Fund	1383 78
Feb. 27, '99, balance on hand in all funds to date	200 91
Total	$6021 82

We, the undersigned Finance Committee of the village of Birmingham, Michigan, have carefully examined the books of the Clerk and Treasurer of this village, have checked and cancelled all vouchers and find that the above is a true statement of the finances of said village, this twenty-seventh day of February, A. D. 1899, according to our best knowledge and belief.

GEO. E. DAINES,
H. P. PIERCE, } Finance Committee.
E. A. O'NEAL,
P. HAGERMAN, President.
ALBERT W. CAMPBELL, Village Clerk.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by McClure, Phillips & Co., authorized by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department, U. S. Commissioner Dewey, Gen. Otis, San Francisco on the Yosemite with Gen. Merritt in the hospital, at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the Philippines, at Manila, at Cavite, at the great dinner with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia, at Malolos, at Aguinaldo's end of taking the full of Manila. Grand, big, up-to-date, full of pictures and fire. Sells at sight. Agents report 50 orders in one day. Over 1,000 pages, 200 pictures, 8 maps. Only $2.50. Price of Marvelous Memorial Edition, Gilt Edges, Half Morocco, $3.50. Sample pages, maps, etc., free. Address, Ex. Sec. Mgr. Dept. 1, Chicago.

ROYAL OAK.

Sam McCracken starts for his home in Tuscola.

Mrs. M. A. Richings has moved to Detroit.

The Gregory house is now occupied by Dr. Brown. We hope he will be successful here.

The school exercises on Washington's Birthday were a grand success.

Owing to a lack of ambition our town is in total darkness—no electric lights can be seen.

James Heavener, of New York state, is visiting his son, Joseph Heavener of this place.

We are glad to say that Ransom Ford is on the road to recovery.

The little five years' old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Neff was buried Friday, February 24.

The Washington Banquet at the M. E. church was largely attended in spite of the stormy evening.

BEDDOW.

Mrs. Jas Miller has been on the sick list.

Miss Eva McDonald visited in Detroit recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Judds' Corners, are visiting Mr. and Mrs Beddow.

Rev. Clark is on the sick list, also a great many other people.

Ezra Green, of Franklin, is clerking for J. M. Beddow.

Miss S. J. Brooks, of Ypsilanti, spent last Friday and Saturday with her mother.

Wm. J. Greer, an aged man, died Monday evening. Funeral was held from the house last Thursday morning.

Mrs. T. A. Brooks, of Oxford, visited her sister, Mrs. D. C. Brooks and other relatives last week.

The Beddow school gave an educational meeting Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church. A profitable and enjoyable time was had. About 125 were present.

The funeral of little Harold Beddow was held Friday afternoon February 17, Rev. Eugene Allen, of Birmingham, officiating. M Beddow and family have the sympathy of many friends.

There was no preaching last Sabbath. Sunday School as usual, on account of Rev. Clark being at Fair Grove assisting in a series of meetings.

Fergus Smith, formerly of this place but late of Chicago, crushed his hand, which resulted in his death Friday afternoon of last week, at the home of his brother, Dr. E. A. Smith, Bay City, where he had gone for treatment. The remains were brought to the old home from which the funeral was held Monday last, Rev. Clark of this place and Rev. Maxwell of Birmingham, officiating. We believe that through his instrumentalities many souls have been helped toward the heavenly home.

BIG BEAVER.

Wedding bells are ringing.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. West, on Sunday last, a 10-lb boy.

Messrs. Rose & Lamberton, of Rochester, held a very enthusiastic sugar beet meeting last Saturday at R. R. hall and a goodly number of farmers turned out to hear what they had to say in favor of raising beets. The farmers subscribed 25 acres to plant, in view of the electric road coming through to Rochester this summer, thinking that they could ship their product on the road. It has been rumored that the Road Co. were in Rochester last week looking for a site for the power house.

ASK YOUR DOCTOR!

Ask your physician this question, "What is the one great remedy for consumption?" He will answer, "Cod-liver Oil." Nine out of ten will answer the same way.

Yet when persons have consumption they loathe all fatty foods, yet fat is necessary for their recovery and they cannot take plain cod-liver oil. The plain oil disagrees with the stomach and takes away the appetite. The disagreeable fishy odor and taste make it almost unendurable. What is to be done?

This question was answered when we first made

SCOTT'S EMULSION

of Cod-Liver Oil with Hypophosphites. Although that was nearly twenty-five years ago, yet it stands alone today the one great remedy for all affections of the throat and lungs.

The bad taste and odor have been taken away, the oil itself has been partly digested, and the most sensitive stomach objects to it rarely. Not one in ten can take and digest the plain oil. Nine out of ten can take SCOTT'S EMULSION and digest it. That's why it cures so many cases of early consumption. Even in advanced cases it brings comfort and greatly prolongs life.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

FURNITURE BARGAINS

Couches from $6.00 up.
Dining Chairs from $3.00 a set up.
Three-piece Bedroom Suits, $13.00 up.
Three-piece Oak Suit for $15.00.
Three-piece White Suit for $17.00.
Eight-foot Oak Extension Table, $6.00 and up
A fine assortment of Curtain Rods and Poles.
Parlor Screens at all prices.
Easels in Mahogany, Oak and White Enamel.
New line of Picture Mold and Matting.
Wool Blankets at less than cost.

AGENT FOR

Pennsylvania Fire Insurance Co., of Philadelphia.

Assets, $6,000,000. Are you insured? Call and see me and get rates—they're right.

Your patronage solicited and guarantee to give Detroit prices.

Yours respectfully,

W. A. O'NEAL, *Birmingham, Mich.*

ENTERTAINMENT AT LIBRARY HALL, MARCH 3, 1899.

Given by the Ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star ---A Farce on Female Masonry---Program, etc.

PROGRAM.

Music,	Orchestra
Tableau,	Mrs. Burtraw-Ravilee
Recitation,	
Tableau,	
Solo,	Mrs. Burtraw-Ravilee
Recitation,	
Music,	Orchestra

FARCE.

Most Illustrious High Mogul,	Mrs. Emma Tubbs
Grand High Pull Hauler,	Mrs. Zina Mills
Mary Yelling Screech, (Distinguished Visitor)	Mrs. Clara Baker
Candidate	Miss Ida Corey
Candidate, (Paul Pry)	Harry Tubbs
Sister Royal Panjandrum	Mrs. Mart Gravelin
Sister High Muck-a-Muck	Mrs. Mattie Cummings
Sister Hobble de Hoy	Miss Eva Ewing
Sister Gibble Gobble	Mrs. Emma Lee
Sister Linen Draper	Mrs. Emma Hunt
Sister A. F. and A. M.	Mrs. Nellie Blair
Sister Inner Guard of the Temple Key Hole	Mrs. Tillie Burtraw
Music	Orchestra

Without doubt this will be one of the most pleasing entertainments of the season. The admission price will be 15c; gallery 10c.

In addition to the program, a professional whistler, accompanied by 1st and 2d mandolins, will be present.

COUNTY LINE.

R. Jenny, of Ann Arbor, was in Warren last week.

E. Tharrett and wife, of Mt. Clemens, attended the funeral of Jesse Mason.

Wilson Bros. are drawing timber and lumber every day to the new mill site.

C. J. Brace has sold his place near Clawson to a Detroit party. Consideration, we hear, is $2 600.

A. Harwood expects to be able to sit up soon. Considering his age, which is over 80 years, he has gotten along nicely.

Last Sunday Mr. Jacobs' straw stack, south and west of Warren, was struck by lightning and burned. Such things do not often happen in our locality in February.

Mrs. LaFever was buried Monday at the Centre Line church, from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Wolf. She was the mother of Supervisor LaFever of Warren.

J. C. Mason and wife, of Otter Lake, Bert and Edward of Detroit, and Frank Mason and wife of St. Johns, all attended the funeral of their son and brother Jesse.

Geo. Burgess going to leave Warren as soon as the roads are passable and locate in Mt. Clemens. He could not get a vacant house in Rochester. Geo. is an excellent citizen and will be missed.

Jesse Mason was buried Saturday in the Warren cemetery. Deceased died with the grip and pneumonia and was only sick a few days. He was in his 37th year and leaves a wife and three little boys. He has carried on a drug store here for a number of years and was a very fine young man. Rev. Bartlett of Detroit, officiated at the funeral.

Times have been warmer in Warren over the school district bill passed lately than ever was known before. Remonstrances and petitions have been circulated and several parties have seen the Governor. It seems that the representative got a wrong description of some of the annexed east territory, which will knock the whole thing out, to the great satisfaction of a good many.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup, the best cough remedy on earth 25 and 50 cents.

It's an easy task to write a man's posthumous biography. He can't get back at you.

Occasionally a young man wakes up fresh as a daisy—and his freshness continues all day.

Labor occasionally takes a day off, but the rent keeps right on pursuing the even tenor of its way.

A Kentuckian who always carries a pint bottle says it's just as easy to get hilarious on water as it is on land.

"FREE HOMES FOR ALL IN THE GRANDEST CLIMATE ON EARTH."

Do You Want a Town Lot in Palm Springs, California? You can Secure It for Five Minutes' Work.

Every person who sends the names of five respectable, intelligent ladies or gentlemen to "SUNSHINE," Palm Springs, Cal., where the sun shines 365 days in the year) will receive a town lot absolutely free. The reader will no doubt wonder how a newspaper can afford to give away town lots. To enlighten you we will merely state that the owner of a large section of land in and surrounding Palm Springs has taken this novel method of booming the town, believing that by interesting other persons throughout the country, and practically building up the town on the co-operative system, he will, more than double the value of the many town lots which he reserves for himself.

It is needless to say that the owner of this land intends to make Palm Springs one of the greatest health resorts in the world. The climatic conditions and grand scenic surroundings will make this comparatively easy.

These lots have been placed with the "SUNSHINE," with instructions to distribute them only to respectable persons; that is why you should be particular to select intelligent people.

The "SUNSHINE" will be pleased to send a descriptive pamphlet, giving a full description of Palm Springs, of its fruit resources and glorious climate. We will also give full outline of just what the owner of this land proposes to do. The next issue of the "SUNSHINE" will also contain a full description of Palm Springs, and much other useful information, as well as many interesting stories.

We believe that if each person who owns a lot in Palm Springs is kept posted through the columns of the "SUNSHINE" of the growth and progress of Palm Springs, they will naturally assist us in building up a city that will rival Los Angeles in size and surpass it other features.

Therefore the only condition of this proposition is that each person to whom we give one of these lots shall send us $2 in payment to one year's subscription to "SUNSHINE." The paper is worth fully the amount asked, and each subscriber shall receive promptly, upon receipt of his or her subscription, a warranty deed of a town lot in Palm Springs, California, with taxes paid six months in advance.

If further information is desired it will be cheerfully furnished upon application by mail.

Address all communications to "SUNSHINE," CO., Palm Springs, Riverside County, California.

The Congregational churches have increased nearly 50 per cent since 1881, but the churches gave less to foreign missions in 1898 than in 1881.

Missionaries and other Christian workers in India are contemplating a reproduction in that country of the well-known Northfield conference in this country. A beginning will be made in Mussoorie next September.

In Nagercoil, South India, the Salvation army has a dispensary in which, oft-times, as high as 800 cases per month of sickness or accident are treated. The very poor are helped free of charge, while the richer classes pay enough to make the institution self-supporting.

TOLD IN ANSWERS.

She—She possesses untold wealth! He—Bosh! The woman never yet lived who could possess untold wealth.

"Why, he abused me like—like——"
"Like a pickpocket?" "Worse than that. More like a judge sentencing a pickpocket."

Young Dad (enthusiastically)—I say, old man, have I told you the last bright saying of my youngster? Friend (wearily)—I hope so.

Smith—I hear that your mother-in-law is dangerously ill. Capt. Spurrs—She is rather needy; but she is not as dangerous as when she was well.

Mr. Millions (suspiciously)—Somebody must drink my wine! Footman (accommodating)—Well, sir, of course if you order it, I'll drink it for you.