Perfection in Footwear....

Shoemakers are progressing towards it with rapid strides. The lasts most in use today are the most comfortable since leather shoes were made and that's been a long while.

But we have a shoe which we sell at $3.00 which is about as near to perfect as anything created up to the present time. It is a shoe for Ladies. We call it the "Sappho." It has a shape peculiarly its own and very easy on the feet. The new Orthopedic last. Leathers (chocolate or black vici kid) are the best and the finish is excellent. Try a pair of "Sappho" Shoes for Easter.

We have the largest stock of Gent's Shoes in Pontiac.

All the new styles and lasts at popular prices.

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

SEE

What You can do at Nixon's for Cash!

His store is packed full with new goods for spring trade and he is anxious to show you whether you purchase or not. Give him a chance and see what he can do for you.

53 pairs Ladies' Shoes, former price $1.50 to $3.0, sizes 2½ to 4—they will go at.....$1.00 pr.

50 pairs Misses' and Child's Shoes, sizes 8 to 2, former price $1.50 to $2.00, to close at...$1.00 pr.

Just received new line of Ladies' Shoes, the same goods competitors ask you $2.50 to $3 per pair—you can have them from me at.....$1.50 pr.

Just half what the "cellar-worn goods" man asks.

My line of Men's tan and vici kid Shoes, grain and calf, from.....$1.00 to $3.50

Bought from the best factory in the land; all the latest styles, every pair guaranteed to be the best value for the money the market.

My line of Men's Shirts in white and fancy, from.....25c to $1.50

Are better values than you can get of any house in town.

Men's Hosiery from.....5c to 50c

My Men's 8c Hose are better (50c ds than the cheap house of our town asks 10c for.

In fact I will give you better goods for your money, and no fault found if you do not buy. Yours,

V. NIXON.

WHEN YOU WANT

English Breakfast and Uncolored Japan Teas

GO TO THE **TRIANGLE GROCERY.**

Prunes at 5c and 10c a pound.

Also Bananas, Oranges, Lemons and Figs.

T. H. COBB.

"Spades Are Trumps"

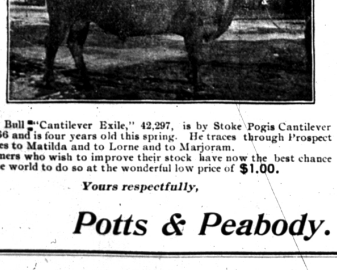
And W. R. Owen is digging in the best he knows how to make his Crockery Department a success by placing on his counters the finest stock he ever displayed. The prices are right, the goods are up-to-date, and all he wants is that his friends should make themselves happy by carrying away an armful of goods 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 now the best chance in the world to do so at the wonderful low price of $1.00.

Yours respectfully,

Potts & Peabody.

FOR BETTER HORSES, BREED FOR SIZE, STYLE, SPEED, ACTION.

JUDGE RIDER 7983 (RACE RECORD 2.26) Sire of Gessey, 2.13½; Kitty Rider, 2.28, etc. The Wilkes-Manbrino-Patchen cross is catalogued as the most scientific combination in breeding the American Trotting and Coach Horse. JUDGE RIDER inherits from his sire the substance and speed of the Wilkes family, and from his dam the size, style and finish of the Manbrino-Patchen family. JUDGE RIDER, his sire, his grandsire, and his great grandsire have race records and are all sires of race horses. His dam, grand dam and great grand dam have colts with race records. In service at ELMDALE FARM. Fee $25. Correspondence and personal inspection solicited. W. W. COLLIER, Prop., Detroit, Michigan. F. S. CHAMBERS, Supt., Franklin, near Birmingham, Oakland Co., Mich.

How to Find Out.

Fill a bottle or common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

WHAT TO DO.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy fulfils every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. At druggists fifty cents and one dollar.

You may have a sample bottle and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail, if you send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing be sure and mention that you read this generous offer in the Birmingham Eccentric.

MARVELOUS RESULTS.

What a Well-known Citizen of Lansing, Mich., Says of Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer.

"I have had dyspepsia for 18 years. My troubles were indigestion, sour stomach, acid fermentation, palpitation of the heart, sleeplessness and terrible sick-headache, which at times would entirely unfit me for business. I have had special treatment by seven physicians, and it seems as though I have tried nearly every known or supposed remedy, with some little relief, but would soon relapse to the old condition. I commenced using Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer a few weeks ago, have used about two and one-half boxes, which have done me more real good than all the treatment and so-called remedies I have ever taken. I would advise any person afflicted with stomach troubles, dyspepsia, or nerve troubles, to try this treatment.

Respectfully,
EDWARD N. WOOD,
North Lansing, Mich.

March 22, 1898."

Drake's Dyspepsia Cure and Nerve Restorer is not propped up by fictitious testimonials, but is demonstrating its curative power every day, in stubborn cases of acute, chronic and nervous dyspepsia. A trial will substantiate all that is claimed for it. For sale by F. Hagerman, leading druggist of Birmingham.

A book on stomach and nerve troubles, their symptoms and cures, given free for the asking at the above store.

CLAWSON

Col. Drew is about to sell his farm.

Nick Mooney is taking care of Joseph Blakely.

Joseph Blakely is slowly but surely recovering.

Francis Poole is soon to move into our vicinity.

Samuel Groves bought a new organ a few days ago.

Lee Halsey works for Robert Bailey the coming year.

Mrs. Lizzie Pressel has gone to Detroit to spend the summer.

George Baum made a flying visit to Flint the last of the week.

Mrs. H. J. Bowers visited at A. M. Kerr's in Detroit last Saturday.

Will Bell has sold his farm to Detroit parties but will live here until fall.

Mrs. H. J. Bowers and daughter, Mrs. Orson Hunt, visited Mrs. L. L. Houghton and family, of Big Beaver, on Monday last.

Mrs. Payson Halsey's friends and relatives came in and surprised her on her 40th birthday and left her a beautiful china tea set.

ROYAL OAK.

William, keep your tank full of gasoline.

Joseph Lamore died Sunday, May 26, 1899.

David Eavens and J. Watch are on the road of recovery.

Mrs. A. C. Campbell and daughter spent Saturday in Detroit.

Amos Decker and family have moved to their new home in Troy.

Mrs. Barnum and Miss Rose are spending a few days with Troy friends.

Presiding elder, Rev. Shier, preached at the M. E. church, Sunday evening.

Baby Bunt is recovering from at attack of pneumonia, as is also the baby of L. Knolds.

Where were the Royal Oak girls when the electric lights went out? Not one could see although many wore glasses.

L. H. McDowell and Wm. McCracken, of Tuscola, took a pleasant trip to Detroit, Friday, taking in Belle Isle, Woodland, Waterworks, Windsor, no one telling where else.

The High School spelling contest, Friday last, was a grand success. There was a challege between the boys and girls of the High School. The spelling was done before refreshments, and we are pleased to say, the girls were the winners twice in succession. After refreshments all were invited to spell. Johannah Denning being the champion.

Best Cough Remedy on Earth.

Mitchell's White Pine Cough Syrup cures a cold in 24 hours if taken in time and does not stop a cough in *one minute* by paralyzing the throat, but it cures the disease and leaves the throat and lungs healthy and strong; 25 and 50 cents.

BEDDOW.

(Too late for last week.)

Mrs. D. C. Brooks made a trip to Detroit last week.

Miss Dora Williams is staying at Mrs. Willoughby's, on the Elliott farm.

On account of the sickness of Mrs. Lawrence, the Gleaner society met last Wednesday at the church.

The ladies of the United Presbyterian church will hold their annual thanks offering meeting next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. A program is being prepared and we invite you to come.

Miss Beraice Cushing from Arkansas is visiting her uncle, John Young, also her old friend and schoolmate, Miss Nellie Brooks. It is a number of years since Miss Beraice, then a little girl, left Michigan with her family for the Southern States. The family are now separated—some are dead. Miss Beraice will now make her home with her aunt at Bancroft, never to leave old Michigan again.

FRANKLIN.

Mrs. German has been quite seriously sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Currie will soon be pleasantly located in the house recently vacated by Will Clemens.

Presiding Elder Traver assisted by Rev. Sutton held quarterly meeting services at this place and Pine Lake, Sunday.

Stanley Case left last week for his new home near Carsonville, Sanilac county. Stan's many friends here wish him all possible success.

The annual meeting of the patrons of the cheese factory was held on Friday last. The factory is in full operation this week for patronage.

Allan Simpson and family who have been in D. Broughton's employ for four years, are about to remove to a farm near Royal Oak which they have rented.

Elmer Evans has plans and specifications ready for the erection of a new house on his farm west of this village and will begin work as soon as the weather permits.

The entertainment at the church Friday evening under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. was a great success. About twelve dollars were added to the treasury of this society.

A jolly party of nearly 40 young people invaded the home of Mr. John Currie Tuesday evening and gave Miss Grace and Roy Currie a genuine surprise. Games and music were enjoyed until a late hour.

BIG BEAVER.

Miss Fannie Smith is visiting in Belding for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eagle left Friday for a visit to Flint.

Hugh McNit, of Detroit, was the guest of C. W. Flinn's family last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scott were guests of S. L. Robbins and family, Sunday.

Miss Grace Houghton, who teaches in Detroit, is home for a week's vacation.

D. Harris and Ross Smith have commenced building a barn for C. E. Hadsell of Troy.

Miss Dora Lamb was a guest of the Misses Koontz of Birmingham, Thursday and Friday.

Miss Viola Keese, of Utica, was the guest of her grandmother, Mrs. Kate Henning last Friday.

Miss Grace Robbins was a guest of Marguerite Giddings in Pontiac on Saturday and Sunday of last week.

Miss Carrie M. Bingham attended an Epworth League district convention at Vassar last week and also visited Rev. John Wilson, of Millington.

TROY.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Tyack was buried Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid were entertained at Mrs. Park Cutting's, Thursday p. m.

Mr. Alger and daughter Maud, of Royal Oak, were guests of Mrs. Ida Jarvis, Friday.

Misses Lucy Elliott and Mae Wattles are home from Ann Arbor, to spend the spring vacation.

Grace Elliott and Zell Jennings, students from the Agricultural College, are home for the spring vacation.

Dave Sherlock moved his family to Amy, the first of the week. He is employed by Durant as blacksmith.

Court 49, of American Foresters held their regular meeting, Saturday night, in the Troy Hall. Dr. Anderson was elected Court M. D.

Mrs. Seth Leonard was taken very ill last week while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Elmer Lawrence, of Orion. Mrs. L. has been at her bedside the past week. Latest report—but little better.

The funeral of Grace McCarty's father was held at her Grandmother St. John's home, three miles east of Troy; interment in the Plains cemetery. Miss Grace has the heartfelt sympathy of her many friends here in her late bereavement.

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Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Fever Sores, Salt Rheum, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25c per box. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell

A Satire on "Expansion."

We're a nation vast and great,
With our arms as strong as fate,
Sailing on the sea of progress in the grand old
ship of state.
All the nations wond'ring, see
That our flag prot-ects the free.
Where our gallant hosts assemble, tyrants always quake and flee.

Wonderful our growth has been,
Surely we are bound to win—
With our Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippines
thrown in.
And our greatness will be seen
Far beyond the broad marine,
With our tropical productions and our "Sandwiches" between.

How we pity poor old Spain,
How she moans and cries with pain,
All because she starved the Cubans and dem-it
blowed the Maine.
She's dis-couraged, sick an-I lame,
And all loaded down with shame,
For she tried to play at poker and was beaten
in the game.

We have croakers, fools and cranks'
Right at home among our ranks,
Crying out against expansion in their silly,
childish pranks.
We care naught for what they say,
Let them gabble as they may,
We have earned our new possessions, and we
know they've come to stay.

They still seem to take the stand
Of that ancient rebel band,
Who declared their independence from old England's ruling hand.
Those who planted Freedom's tree
Where the men of earth could see;
Those who braved the British lion, and declared
all men were free!

What a foolish, sad mistake
For our patriot (?) sires to make,
When they signed that declaration, which we
know was all a fake.
It might do for Europe's sons,
When the country moved so slow,
If they said "all men were equal" 'twas because
they didn't know.

Why, indeed, it must be true,
From a patriot's point of view,
That our Markie has forgiten all our Georgie
ever knew.
Jefferson was truly great,
But was only second rate,
Surely he would not be "in it" with our states-
men up to-date!

I-n-sin, too, was great and strong,
An I will be remembered long,
But he was against expansion, so he would be
counted wrong.
His remarks would be all astray,
As against pro-vincial sway,
There for he would not be numbered with the
patriots of today.

Those poor men across the sea
Do not know as much as we,
They are cannibals and heathens an-I, of course
cannot be free.
They were brave-s without a stain
When they fought the tyrant Spain,
Now they're nothing else but rebels, and as such
their blood be slain!

We will hold them as our own,
Till t-ra-mahood they are grown,
Till the glorious gospel message through their
land is fully known.
They'll obey our Yankee nod,
Or they'll sink beneath the sod,
We may need to kill one-half of them to bring
the rest to God.

Cranks will agitate the whim,
Full-of-nonsense to the brim,
But our Savior did not take such means to
bring the world to Him.
Earth has never seen the one
Th-t could imitate God's son;
Which is the use of always harping on a thing
th-t can't be done?

Truth-Jesus came to men
With a flag of truce, but then,
He would never try it over it He came to earth
again.
For He's quiet, peaceful way
In these times would never pay,
If He tried it-s those cannibals He'd be eaten in
a day.

We will plant our missions there,
And I will be no more than fair,
That the starving brewer and distiller have
their share.
Though they call it dreadful sin,
We don't feel cast-rated within,
If we do send missionaries in the ship with rum
and gin.

So we bid you all good day,
We've no time to fool away
With old fogies, cranks and growlers who would
fain lull us all astray.
We will compass sea and land,
And continue to expand
Till our earth will have to widen out to give us
room to stand!

T. C. WILLIAMS.

It's Easy To Take

Thin, pale, anæmic girls need a fatty food to enrich their blood, give color to their cheeks and restore their health and strength. It is safe to say that they nearly all reject fat with their food.

SCOTT'S EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL *WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES OF LIME & SODA*

is exactly what they require; it not only gives them the important element (cod-liver oil) in a palatable and easily digested form, but also the hypophosphites which are so valuable in nervous disorders that usually accompany anæmia.

SCOTT'S EMULSION is a fatty food that is more easily digested than any other form of fat. A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health. You can get it in this way.

We have known persons to gain a pound a day while taking it.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

A Detroit Lad Discourses.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
MAYAGUEZ, PORTO RICO, Mar. 5, '99.

DEAR G. R. M.—Your letters and beautiful valentines are here, and it is very kind of you to write me. It is very cheering to feel that you have such good friends tho' they are so far away. I read the two letters in the ECCENTRIC—one from the Phillipines and the other one from Cuba—with a good deal of interest, as I have been pulling every wire that I could get a hold of to get free transportation to the Phillipines. And I may go there yet, as there is a letter out from the Secretary of Agriculture, and he advises Americans to go to the Phillipines instead of Porto Rico, so that will help to influence the Quartermaster to let me go. That is a better place as far as business is concerned, as it is not so thickly populated as this place.

Say, those boys are "jim dandys," aren't they! Out of the four who wrote they were coming there have often to say that they have "backed out," and the other has not written at all, so he has probably done the same. Well, I would have been glad to see the boys, but I guess it is better they stay at home, for this going away among strangers is not what it's "cracked up" to be, though I have no "kick" coming; only let me tell you, when I do come home it will be to stay. I want to take in China, the Paris Exposition and the Western States, then settle down for good.

The Judas vine is just ready to be given today as of yore.

Let the other fellow get up and hustle for himself for once in his life, and you cast your ballot along the same line that Thomas Jefferson cast his, and train along with a party that will try at least to do something besides promise.

The Democratic party is pledged just as strongly to deal justly today, as it was when Jefferson cast his ballot along its lines.

Facts are stubborn things, and legions of them which the G. O. P. would fain relegate to oblivion, will not be relegated, but like an unquiet ghost will haunt them still.

Young man are you casting your first ballot?

Don't for an instant think you can help to reform the G. O. P. by voting with them, they are beyond redemption, but should you be blin-fenough to do so, don't imagine you can dodge the procession of unlaid ghosts and dreadful things as it comes trooping past, broken promises, trusts, combines, taxes, bubbles, franchises, and in the dim distance we see the finish, a host of free born American citizens begging for bread.

Your purple and fine linen don't match our fustian and blue jean, and if labrin' is sinful you're damned up again.

A VOTER, BUT NOT A REPUBLICAN.

"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 360 days in the year) will receive a town lot absolutely free. The leader 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 his 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 their consent, by giving 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 the 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 $2.50 in payment for one year's subscription to "SUNSHINE." The paper is worth fully the amount asked, and each subscriber shall receive it promptly. Send money by bills 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

Beats the Klondike.

A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs, colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost $100 a bottle. Asthma, bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Trial bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Regular size 50c and $1. Guaranteed to cure or money refunded.

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 15
LOUIS STORZ, Royal Oak, Mich.

ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED EVERYWHERE for "The Story of the Philippines" by Murat Halstead, commissioned by the Government. Halstead is there as the special correspondent. The book was written in army camps in San Francisco, on the Pacific with Gen. Merritt, in the hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in the American trenches at Manila, in the intelligent camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rose of battle in the fall of Manila. Remarks Halstead: "The book is full of original pictures taken by government photographers and by myself." Agents are doing prince. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy and immaterial books, and write for circulars and terms. Address, F. T. Barber, Sec'y, Star Building, Chicago.

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The Economy Vapor Bath Cabinet is not only a luxury for the well, but a comfort and cure for the sick. It restores and preserves health, prolongs life, a quick and rational cure for rheumatism, obesity, blood, skin and nervous diseases and private diseases of either sex. The best spring remedy known, equal to any cabinet made, costing from $25 to $100, price complete $5 with full directions. Economy Vapor Bath Cabinet Co., St. Louis, Mo.

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