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It will pay you to look through our stock of Summer Footwear which we are offering at very low prices:

Ladies' Low Shoes, Slippers and Oxfords 60c to $2.50.
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Ladies' and Gents' Tan Shoes, New Styles,
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Pontiac.

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ROYAL OAK.

Strawberry season is at hand.

Jacob Erb's new house is progressing finely.

Wheelbarrow and pork-steak are all the rage of late.

J. Lawson and family have moved into their new home.

Mr. Jansen, of Detroit called on old friends here Thursday.

Mrs. Gardner entertained her two sisters Saturday and Sunday.

Bert Clack spent Sunday with his mother and father at Troy.

One more added to our list of citizens—Dr. Brown was married last week.

Mrs. McQuarters, of Birmingham, visited Mrs. Wm. Rose last week.

We are glad to see Grandma Campbell back in her own little home again.

The Birmingham boys like the Royal Oak preaching, don't they Florence?

Next Sabbath is Children's Day and the M. E. church will be ready for services.

School closed last Friday evening. The exercises were well attended and a grand success.

J. Neff's little family of four is afflicted with that dreadful disease, inflammation of the lungs.

Mrs. J. Heavener and Miss Maud Alger were in Detroit on a shopping expedition Saturday.

Mrs. James Cromie was buried in Royal Oak cemetery last Friday, after a short illness of only four days.

Yes, we hear that Miss Maud is preparing for that awful, awful day. Let us see a piece of your new dress, Maud.

Everything is taking a sudden change for those who cannot afford a new house are moving their old ones around.

Mrs. P. Storz, one of the oldest pioneers of this place, was laid to rest last Friday, after a short illness. She leaves a daughter and several grand-children to mourn her loss.

Sam McCracken was home from Rochester to spend Sunday with his sister and reports things booming, as they have only three more miles to gravel on the electric road leading into that place.

COUNTY LINE.

Mrs. C. Evans' father, of Caro, visited with her lately.

J. C. Mason, of Otter Lake, called on old friends this week.

Earl Mason, of the 35th Michigan, returned home last Friday.

Elisha Hoard, of Otter Lake, called on relatives in this vicinity lately.

Wilson Bros. have got a good well for the new mill at a depth of 132 feet.

Willard Harwood, of Lapeer county, U. S. jurbr, Sundayed with his father at Warren.

Giles Hoxie lost a cow and had one of his horses nearly ruined on a wire fence last week.

Misses Eliza and Jennie Parks and the Misses Irving, of Detroit, attended Mrs. Jane Cromie's funeral.

Children's Day at the M. E. church at Warren was largely attended and a very nice program rendered.

BIG BEAVER.

Miss Irene Walker, of Detroit, is visiting at S. L. Robbins'.

Dr. H. Randall and wife, of Dryden, visited friends in town this week.

Strawberry pickers are now wanted by those who have berry farms.

Mrs. Anna Harvey and son David are guests at her father's home, I. S. Pearsall.

Fred Gutchow, of Mt. Clemens, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. August Schultz, one day last week.

Mrs. Wm. Pallister, Sr., returned home Saturday night from a week's visit with her daughter in Toledo.

Remarkable Rescue

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine would cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles found herself sound and well; now does her own housework and is as well as she ever was. Free trial bottles of this great Discovery at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store. Large bottles 50 cents and $1.00

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Aunt Chloe—"Whew, 'Rastus! What dat yeh ben drinkin'?" "Uncle 'Rastus—Dat's eh cocktail what de Colonel done guv me to celebrate his birfday." Aunt Chloe—"Huph, niggah! 'Pears to me lak you mus' got de whole rooster."—Boston Transcript.

REFLECTIONS OF AN OLD MAID

Perfect love and perfect justice are synonomous.

The lighter the heart, the more easily it is laid at a woman's feet.

The past is dead all through life, but in the moment of dying it is all that is alive.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.

No man can live piously or die righteously without a woman.—Richter.

The virtue of prosperity is temperance; of adversity, fortitude.—Francis Bacon.

Woman is the Sunday of man—not his repose only, but his joy, the salt of his life.—Michelet.

Judge not without knowledge nor without necessity, and never without love.—Dr. Alexander Whyte.

Of all the marvelous creatures of Nature, none is more wonderful or more widely diffused than light.—Acton.

There never was a traveler to the throne of God but pursued his way through the thorny path of affliction.—Meikle.

Cowardice asks, Is it safe? Expediency asks, Is it politic? Vanity asks, Is it popular? But conscience asks, Is it right?—Punshon.

Women have more strength in their looks than we have in our laws, and more power by their tears than we have by our arguments.—Saville.

Poetry is the breath and finer spirit of all knowledge; it is the impassioned express which is the countenance of all science.—Wordsworth.

The more I live, the more I love this lovely world; feel more its Author in each little thing—in all that's great. But yet I feel my immortality the more.—Theodore Parker.

The man who has no inner voice is the slave of his surroundings, as the barometer is the obedient servant of the air at rest, and the weather cock the humble servant of the air in motion.—Amiel.

Thus grave these words upon thy soul—
Hope, faith and love—and thou shalt find
Strength when life's surges maddest roll,
Light when thou else were blind.
—Schiller.

The most dangerous person in the world is a fool. You never know what he is going to do. Against rogues you can take precautions, because the methods of roguery are known and seldom change. The rogue is invariably conventional—the fool is frequently original.—G. R. Sims.

Christ's words are the only tender ones about flowers in the Bible. There are many allusions to the sublime aspects and grand objects of nature—to the mountains and trees—but hardly anything is said of the lowly things that grow on the bosom of one and light up the shadow of the other.—Hugh Macmillan.

It is a great deal easier to be up to the occasion in some shining moment of a man's life, when he knows that a supreme hour has come, than it is to keep that high tone when plodding over all the weary plateaus of uneventful, monotonous travel and dull duties. It is easier to run fast for a minute than to grind along the dusty road for a day.—Alexander Maclaren.

I sometimes wonder why everybody doesn't go into the ministry. Men talk about making millions in business. They ought to make millions to repay them for not being clergymen. I had rather go to the rudest country church to speak to men crude and rough and ignorant, and keep that little band pointing toward God's shining city, than do anything else in the universe or sit upon any throne.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

APHORISMS.

The root of all discontent is self-love.—J. F. Clarke.

Without constancy there is neither love, friendship nor virtue in the world.—Addison.

True dignity is never gained by place and never lost when honors are withdrawn.—Massinger.

Discretion is the salt, and fancy the sugar of life; the one preserves, the other sweetens it.—Bovee.

That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

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

HUMAN STATURE.

Curious Facts About It—It Is Possible to Add to the Height.

I do not think it is possible to add more than an inch or so to human stature, said a well-known physician in answer to a question of the writer. This is one respect in which nature insists on having her own way, and I am quite sure that under no conditions would it be possible to raise a race of giants. Nature is always at work correcting any tendency to extremes, though here and there someone escapes her notice and grows into a giant or dwindles into a dwarf. You might think the tall parents would have taller children than themselves, but a little observation will prove that this is not so. Nature always seems to be striving to reach and maintain a medium height, so that as a rule tall parents have shorter children than themselves, and short parents raise taller children; the two extremes meeting in a few generations at the average height.

But something can certainly be done if the attempt be made early. Practically a man does all his growing before he is eighteen and a woman before she is sixteen, although I have known cases where a man has grown perceptibly in stature until long past thirty.

After all, stature is largely a question of length of legs. If you take three men, one of six feet, another of five feet six inches and a third of five feet, there will be only the smallest difference in the length of the body, and in fact the short man may have the longest body of the three. But the long man will have an advantage of ten inches in length of leg over the short man.

The margin for growth in the legs is 66 per cent more than in the body. This means that the legs of an adult are five times as long as when he was born, his body three times, and his head twice its original length.

It is thus, you see, very largely a question of legs, and to the legs we must look for any great increase in stature. As you may know, each leg bone is in early youth in three distinct pieces, which later unite into one bone. If you could devise any means of preventing this unison or delaying it for a few years, there is no question that although you would destroy the proportion and symmetry of the body.

Nothing checks growth more than illness, and by avoiding it you help growth very substantially, especially in the very early years. I think you will find that most men and women who are dwarfs have suffered from repeated illnesses in the first few years of their lives, and have been unable to make up the leeway.

Anything which promotes health promotes growth, and the only royal road to stature and symmetry is in the direction of fresh air, nourishing food and judicious exercise. You see what the emancipation of our daughters had already done for their stature. In the old days, when girls were shut out from almost every form of outdoor exercise, it was unusual to see one higher than five feet six inches. Now that they cycle and swim, and play golf and tennis as unrestrainedly as their brothers, they shoot up like young saplings to five feet nine inches, and even six feet. I quite believe that in another generation the average height of women will be quite two inches more than in the last generation.

It is curious to observe how the average height of men varies, with the class to which they belong. The wealthy and professional classes are quite three inches to four inches taller than the poor, working classes, and the intermediate stages are marked by the degree of prosperity of the class to which a man belongs, so that while an average factory worker is about five feet five inches, a skilled artisan will be five feet six inches; a laborer, five feet seven inches; a tradesman, five feet eight inches; and a lawyer or doctor, five feet nine inches.

Briefly, then, my advice is, if you want your children to be tall—that is, to attain their full natural growth—guard against illness of all kinds, let them be in the fresh air and sunshine as much as possible, encourage every kind of open air exercise in moderation, with a course of gymnastics to make them straight and supple, feed them on plain and nourishing food, and send them to bed early.

Human science can do nothing more than this to make them tall, although "elevators" may add a fraudulent inch or two.—Tit-Bits.

A Pocket Monkey.

One of the queerest and most interesting of pets is the fashionable pocket monkey. This is the smallest member of the monkey family, and has already become a favorite with the matinee girl, who delights to carry him with her in her muff, upon her sleeve or in her coat pocket. He has a blinking, intelligent face; even, tiny teeth, delicate hands and feet, and is equipped with a plumy boa in the shape of a feathery tail, which he wraps about his throat at night. This little pet is very affectionate, and will go all through his most coaxing ways for one of his favorite meal worms, which he eats from time to time. He is easily cared for, eating bread and milk and fruit, lives several years, an odd, chattering pet, full of interest and entertainment. The pocket monkey costs from $8 to $20.—Philadelphia Times.

Arsenical Wall Paper.

The former popular fear of arsenical wall paper appears to have quite subsided. However, several cases of alleged poisoning by arsenical wall papers having occurred in Ithaca, Dr. E. M. Chamot, of the chemical department of Cornell university, undertook a series of analyses of wall papers of various colors and patterns, as a result of which he is said to have asserted that nearly all wall papers sold at the present time contain arsenic, some of them in large quantities.

Where They Finally Land.

"I see that Burlesquer Lydia Thompson, who is going on 70, has just taken a farewell benefit." "What will she do now?" "Oh, I suppose she'll have a rest for a year or two and then go into the ballet."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Washable Shirt Waists!

A tremendous quantity—measured in thousands—a comprehensive collection, covering all the fabrics worth having. All in the new tailor cut and finish. New styles, too, in trimming and plaiting; detachable collar and laundered or soft cuffs.

Colored Waists, 50c to $3.00.
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At $2.50 and $3.50 we show the finest and handsomest Shirt Waists introduced this season: Linen Lawn in Heliotrope, Pink and Blue, tucked fronts and two and three rows of insertion.

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Boy's Brownie Overalls made of stout blue denim—don be linen stitched—patent buttons—bib, **15c**

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At the White Goods Counter

2,340 yards of sheer Nainsooks, Hair Cords, Dimity Stripes, a duplicate of last week's special 25c values ..... **12½c Yd**

Samples Sent on Request.

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TO HELP THE EYES.

For many centuries mankind has used spectacles to help failing eyes, but it is only within a few years that glasses have been brought to their present state of perfection. More people wear glasses today than did twenty-five years ago, and the explanation is that eyes have not grown weaker, but that they are required to do more work.

The glass used for eyeglasses must be of great purity and have no streaks or color. Flint glass and crown glass and rock crystal are used. Using metallic dyes colored and yet transparent glass can be made, and our blue, green and smoke-color glasses are produced in this way. For day wear smoke glass is best for weak eyes, but at night blue glasses are what should be worn, as they absorb the excess of yellow rays given by artificial light.

There is a constant discussion over the relative values of spectacles and eyeglasses. Spectacles certainly hold the lenses more firmly in their rightful position, but for temporary wear the eyeglasses are just as good. The lenses, however, should be accurately placed so that the center is exactly over the pupil of the eye.

RECENT INVENTIONS.

To prevent hair clippers from dropping short hairs down the neck a new attachment consists of a pan to be fastened at the rear and forming a flanged receptacle which catches all the clippings.

A floating merry-go-round has been designed which will revolve on the surface of the water, a circular hull being provided with a central shaft having an anchor at the bottom, with a paddle wheel driven by a motor to turn the hull.

In a new barrel hoop allowance is made for the swelling or shrinking of the barrel, a strand of wire being wrapped around it several times, and clamping brackets arranged to hold the ends of the wire and allow of their adjustment.

To frighten dogs and highwaymen a Swiss inventor has patented a cartridge which explodes with a very strong light, having layers of gunpowder, sulphur and magnesium in about equal proportions, to be fired by a percussion cap.

Fish can be caught without hooking in a new spring trap, consisting of a tray having a pair of spring-controlled jaws pivoted in the bottom, with a bait holder in the center, which springs the trap, the device being sunk to the bed of the stream.

The hinged brace is done away with in a new support for carriage tops, a rod being pivoted at the rear of the top, with a socket on the side of the seat to receive the rod, the latter being adapted to be clamped in the socket to hold it in place.

An Englishman has designed a ventilated shoe for summer wear which has the upper formed of two pieces, with strips cut to interlace each other at right angles, forming a loose lace-work, which admits air to the top and sides of the foot.

Soot and other dirt are easily removed from a new cooking stove, which is provided with a removable tray, fitting in the open space at the bottom of the stove, catching the soot in the tray instead of allowing it to fall to the bottom of the stove.

ARE OPPOSED TO TRUSTS.

Governors of Many States Reply to Sayers' Invitation.

Austin, Texas, June 14.—Gov. Sayers has received letters from the governors of Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Colorado, Iowa and Nebraska, all indorsing the movement to hold an anti-trust conference of governors and attorney-generals in St. Louis Sept. 20. Gov. Tanner of Illinois writes: "I view with alarm the growing tendency of capital to form gigantic combinations and trusts throughout the country and earnestly hope that good may come from the St. Louis conference."

Gov. Poynter of Nebraska writes that he firmly believes that unless the gigantic trust octopus is soon crushed not only the rights and privileges of the people of this country will be sacrificed, but the very existence of the republic will be imperiled."

Ironworkers Ask an Increase.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 14.—The conference between the committees of the Iron and Steel Manufacturers' association and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, to arrange the wage scale for the ensuing year, will be held in this city on Wednesday. The workers' committee will demand the restoration of the scale which was operative in 1893, when the 10 per cent cut was made. This will mean an advance of about 11½ per cent. The shearmen ask for a large advance, as they suffered a second reduction a year or two ago. It is expected that an agreement will be reached without trouble.

Dewey Lands at Singapore.

Singapore, June 14.—Admiral Dewey, who arrived here Sunday on the cruiser Olympia, landed yesterday and was received with military honors in the presence of Gen. Vaughan, commanding the troops, the chief justice, and heads of the various departments. The admiral says he will sail for the United States direct by way of the Mediterranean. He feels sure that his health will be fully restored by the time he arrives home.

Four of Malloy Family Dead.

Sioux City, Iowa, June 14.—The fourth member of the Malloy family died Monday as a result of injuries received Sunday in the Salix cyclone. This was Bessie Malloy, aged 19. Her skull was fractured. The others injured are recovering.

The loss to property by the cyclone is estimated at $35,000. The houses and barns of six farmers were demolished.

Negroes May Go to Manila.

Washington, June 14.—The war department has under consideration an order sending the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth infantry to Manila to reinforce Gen Otis. The order has not yet been issued. Both are colored regiments and saw service in Cuba. It is believed the men will be able to withstand the climate of the Philippines better than the other troops.

Arrested as a Spy.

Paris, June 14.—An Italian general has been arrested at Nice. He is Gen. Gillette de St. Joseph and was examining the fortifications on the frontier and a number of plans of fortifications were found on him. The general denied having been engaged in espionage, said the plans were merely those of a tourist and that they had no secret character.