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238 pairs Ladies' Button Shoes, sizes 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/4, 4 and \$1.00 pair
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Performances—Afternoon and Evenings.
Entire Change of Attractions Every Week.
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HURRICANES AND EARTHQUAKES.

Alfred E. Gorton Enjoys and Experiences Them in Porto Rico.

Some time, well nearly a year, ago we published a very interesting letter from the same young man giving an account of his arrival and experience in this new possession of the United States. He is still there and from the following one can tell that he does not fear, but will stay and give the country a good thorough trial until he finds some actual experience just how much there is in it.

MATAGUA, P. R., Aug. 10, 1899.
DEAR MOTHER—I suppose long before this reaches you, you will have read about the terrible hurricane we had here on the 8th, but nevertheless I want to tell you what I have seen of it. The morning of the 8th was dark and very windy, with the wind rising steadily from about 10 a. m. when it reached its highest pitch and kept it up for two hours, it dying down until 2 p. m. when it commenced to come back and yet cease for a couple of hours more. It was terrible. About 100 feet long were carried a mile or more in fact, while squares of tin roofing were going through the air like missiles; flakes of the depot was blown entirely away and from where I was I could see it sailing about three tables belonging to the government were blown down (as they are called); the roof was blown off of the four kitchen and the military hospital was also blown down and the crippled and sick men came running and hobbling across the fields to the barracks, while those who could, not move laid in the rain until they could get help from the barracks.

There are hundreds of people all over and what the poor souls will do is more than I can tell. The night of the 8th was very rainy and when I got up in the morning I found water running by the door two feet deep. I waded down to the post settlement where the water was up to the necks of the people and they were hauling boats up and making women and children wade against it, and one of the boats full of women and children got away and floated down to the river and then swept out to sea, but fortunately they were rescued.

Three boats were blown on shore two miles and one steamer and what the loss of life and property was I do not know, but that a woman and two children are lost. This afternoon seven bodies, drowned out San German way, were brought in for burial, and there are more missing. I went out the other way towards Anasco. This is the pretty road shaded by palm trees that I described to you, and the trees are all gone and places that used to be there have vanished. One in particular that I have thought I would like to say is gone and you can't ever tell where it stood. The valley beyond has been flooded and many are missing.

Here in town only one death is reported, that of a man who was standing under a tree, who it blew down and killed him. This tree, by the way, was the largest I ever saw and was one of the sights of the town. The principal residence street was so full of trees that it was impossible to pass. One house, I saw it lose half of its roof the forenoon and when the storm came back it took off the other half. The Colonel's roof means the roof of his house—was blown off, the same thing happened to lots of others, yours truly included. When I got home at night I found my clothes and bed all soaked and nothing overhead but the heavens and they were darned poor shelter, so I had to beg for shelter and clothes. The mess room roof was blown off, so we were canned goods for a couple of days. Today is picnic day and as they have got my roof on again in an comparatively comfortable way.

When the natives are frightened they always get drunk, so the street was full of drunken men and women which only added to the horror, and right here let me add, at this time we are having a slight earthquake. Here it comes again. Whoopie! Wow! All is over and the natives in the other part of the house are praying.

The wounded up to now number 30 and I suppose there are lots who know nothing of it. We have no electric lights and no ice—trains, street cars, and the telegraph wires are down so we do not know what the damage is to the other part of the island. The usual weekly mail is some-thing between here and San Juan and I suppose only knows when we will get a letter your letter is in it. The railroad track is all gone and the bridges the same. The banana, coconut, sugar, orange and plantain crops are ruined and the things of the houses wrecked, and what these poor devils will do is more than any one can tell. We'll good night dearest mother, I am safe and well. Your loving son.

ALF.
Don't Stay Away.
Take a day off and attend the Plymouth Fair. Reduced rates on all railroads. Special attractions every day—good bands—horse races—ball games—Japanese jugglers, acrobats, etc.

AUGUST FLOWER.
"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a grand remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's. Sold by dealers in all civilized countries.

The Annual School Meeting.

Nearly 150 voters met at the call for the annual school meeting held last Monday evening. The large room was filled full and as many as 25 voters were unable to get entrance and returned back to town or to their homes. Hon. A. Partridge presided and adopted a report was read, received and adopted, showing \$780.00 on hand with the Assessor. There is somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500 due the district in the hands of the Town Treasurer. The Director frankly acknowledged that he had no report to present.

Frank Ford was unanimously elected a member of the board. Frank Blakeslee ditto. Eugene Brooks made a run for the office against Albert Adams, than whom no better man lives, but whose nomination by Director Clize proved his official death this time. Brooks received 108, Adams 27. \$3,100 was voted to be raised for the coming year's expenses.

Speeches condemning the closets and aridities in the basement were made and carefully listened to by all present. Dr. C. M. Raynal made a timely suggestion that will no doubt be considered. C. A. Brush ditto. Samuel Alexander read a letter from the State's health officer condemning George H. Mitchell read a letter from Dr. David Loggins, who said he has the best interests of Birmingham at heart. He said it was the worst thing we could do and if consumed they all would be taken out in a very short time. The issue will never be in the basement of the school building. A move to adjourn was unanimously carried.

A LIFE SADLY TERMINATED.

Death Supposed to Have Resulted From an Overdose of Laudanum.

On Friday morning when news of the sudden demise of Bird Tibbills was circulated through this community it was almost impossible to give the report credence, as only the day before the young man had been seen about our streets. His death occurred at his old home, north of this village, last Friday evening of last week.

On Thursday evening of last week about 7 o'clock, his Uncle Charlie Tibbills went into the house and found Bird lying on the couch in his unconscious condition. He tried to arouse him but was unable to do so. About 8:30 his mother returned home from the restaurant, and finding him so very ill she immediately returned to Birmingham to procure medical aid. Dr. Shaw was quickly summoned and every effort was put forth to revive him, but he was beyond relief and died at the hour above stated.

For about two weeks past the young man had been suffering from bowel trouble, and during his extreme pain had resorted to laudanum, with which he had become quite reckless. On one occasion in particular he had questioned his mother regarding the proper quantity and had started her greatly by telling her the amount he had been in the habit of taking. On this occasion he is supposed to have taken an overdose of the drug, which, together with the effects of previous doses, by which his system had no doubt become poisoned, proved more than his constitution could endure.

Deceased was a son of A. C. and Mary Tibbills, both of whom are dead. He was born in Big Rapids, Mich., July 3, 1875, being 24 years of age. For the past 10 years his stepmother, Mrs. Emma Tibbills has looked after his interests with as tender solicitude as an own mother could bestow on a child, and he in return had been a kind son to her.

The funeral, which was very largely attended, was held from the family residence Sunday at 3 p. m. Rev. Eugene Allen officiating. At one time Bird was an employe of Scott's Ruggs Works, at Pontiac, and several of his former companions from that institution were present on the sad occasion. There was a profusion of beautiful floral tributes. The following Monday the remains, accompanied by the family and Rev. Montrose Maxwell were taken to Flint and interred by the side of his parents.

Besides the bereaved mother he is survived by two brothers, Will of Maryland, and Harry of this place, all of whom have the sympathy of the entire community.

Gard of Thanks.
We desire to thank the many friends and neighbors who so kindly remembered us in our late bereavement, also all contributors of the beautiful floral designs so abundant.

MRS. EMMA TIBBILLS AND FAMILY.
ADVISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending September 2, 1899:
Chas. Tallafred, J. S. Lemon, Chas. E. Howlett, J. F. Council, Prestor Bros., Chas. Shoak, Geo. E. Cole, Harry Ramsdale, D. M. Sullivan, Calvin Barr, W. T. Parcell.

Persons calling for any of the above will please say "advertised."
JOHN HANNA, P. M.

Mothers Know

That school days are full of extra hard wear for the boys' clothing. Honest, all-wool materials, strongly put together into specially durable clothing for live, active boys. They'll stand all the pulling and hauling they'll get on the playground, and all the hard wear of the school-room. Better clothing than this isn't made. Attractive patterns, wide selection in colorings—plain dark blues and medium checks in gray and brown lead in popularity.

Knee Trousers Suits, for all ages from 7 to 17 years—
\$3, \$4, \$5, \$6 and up
Long Trousers Suits, for particular young men, \$6, \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15.
Knee Trousers, our entire fall stock now in, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00.
School Hats and Caps, 50c to \$2.00.

R. H. TRAVER,

Orders by Mail carefully and promptly filled. DETROIT.

Begetting Your Pardon. Inspiring and Refreshing.

One more contradiction to wobble and I am forever done and dear reader I ask your pardon for further troubling you with this personal matter, but there is one thing I wish to get out of my system and if you will allow me to continue I will be good ever after and not burden the columns of this paper with personal affairs. In Clize's long article in the Gazette and on his handbills appears the question as a sub-heading: "What became of the ballots Mitchell collected in his hat?" Nothing further is said on the subject.

At the annual meeting last Monday night again Clize repeated in his minutes of the July meeting that Mitchell collected ballots. I BRAND THAT AS AN OTHER LIE and can only say I uttered this as a citizen, cost my vote and never collected a ballot from any one. I am no fool and do not fool at. Thos. A. Ward and McA. Randall were the legal voters and collected all votes and what Clize is driving at in persistent conception. I ask any voter present who gave a vote to me to arise and say so. No one can stand up for I never collected a vote. Didn't want any and can prove his statement a lie as Trustee D. M. Johnston did by two witnesses before the whole meeting last Monday night, altho' the minutes "read and approved" stand directly opposite as written by Clize. I promise never to allude to Clize and Clize matters again. GEORGE H. MITCHELL.

A Poem by C. A. B.

Dr. RAYNAL'S position on the question of school house closets may be easily defined viz: "Go out in the early dawn And feel as I have felt, To see what I have seen And smell what I have smelt."

WESTERN FAIR AT LONDON, ONT.

In addition to the low rates made to the Toronto Fair from Aug. 27th to Sept. 1st, the Grand Single fare for the round trip will be made for the Western Fair at London, Ont., from Sept. 1st to Sept. 15th. Tickets for the London Fair will be sold on Sept. 1st on all trains up to and including Sept. 15th, and in Western Ontario.

Babies Tortured
By flaming, itching eczema find comfort and permanent cure in Dr. Chase's Ointment, a preparation which has a record of cures unparalleled in the history of medicine. Eczema, salt rheum, tetter, scald, head, and other eruptions, and all itching eruptions, are absolutely cured by Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment.

MICHELL'S CLOTHING

Is of a quality that always gives satisfaction. It is the kind of clothing that induces men to come again.

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FALL HATS

In newest shapes of magnificent quality at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00—the best in America.

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Not a store in Detroit where you can see the styles, shapes, quality and low prices than you do here. Always bear in mind that the

C. H. Michell Co.
of Detroit, leads in quality.
Mail Orders receive prompt attention.

It Pays to Buy at Going's.

SMALL-FOOTED PEOPLE AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

We have too many Ladies' 2-1-2, 3 and 3-1-2 Shoes that originally sold at \$2.50 to \$4.00. We want room for Fall Goods. We have got to have it. We are going to sell 300 or 400 pairs of Ladies' Hand Turn, Welted and McKay Soled Shoes at the room-making price of \$1.38. You can't afford to pass this by. If you haven't a small foot yourself, how about that daughter of yours that needs a pair of School Shoes? Remember these are not such shoes for which you usually pay from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Act promptly on this suggestion. It's money in your pocket.

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