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Send for Full Illustrated Catalogue, which will be sent free to any address.

22d Annual Fan Sale

Will Commence Thursday, December 5.

Our Sale this year will eclipse any of our former efforts. We have purchased the entire sample line of one of the Largest Manufacturers in Austria. They are all fresh and in perfect condition and contain the newest designs out. We include our own entire stock and offer the whole lot as follows:

Up to and including $5.00 each, ONE QUARTER OFF.

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Over $12 and up to $[illegible] each, ONE HALF OFF.

The Taylor-Woolfenden Co.

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THE BLUE CROSS

Is Getting Ready for Its Annual Appearance.

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Once every year we desire to inform our readers that if in arrears on this paper we just put A blue cross on their paper as a gentle reminder that they have a great big round dollar on their inside pocket that belongs to the editor. Now any MAN can tell just as well as we can right now whether you will get the blue cross or not. Look at the date after your name FOUND on this paper or on the wrapper that enclosed it and if the date is past behind you in the realms of long ago or even in the near behindhand, we have a dollar coming and in a few instances perhaps more. We don't feel that it would strike us DEAD if you came in right away immediately and "twunst" and paid up all arrearages and a year or so in advance. We certainly would feel that our course was indorsed at least by you and that would be an incentive to keep a-movin'.

IN all the papers published in the great state of Michigan, we don't think that there is one that has so gratifying a list of subscribers as is enjoyed by the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, and a little help from those few who are a little back will place us at once at the top of the list. A word to the wise is sufficient. We shall not trot out the blue cross individual until the first issue in January, 1902. You see we give you a fair warning. DON'T say if you get the blue cross that you didn't know it was coming. We give you a month's notice and hereby warn you one and all both great and small that the first issue in January, 1902, will be decorated with the Blue Cross on all papers bearing a date back of 1st January 1902. We don't want to SCARE anyone, only to give fair warning and we dare say that out of a list of names comprising nearly 1,100 we will not have 50 blue crosses to make.

THE EDITOR.

AT THE THEATERS.

LYCEUM

That Clyde Fitch understands his art, trade or profession, or whatever you like to call it, is without question. In "Barbara Frietchie," his beautiful American play which will be seen at the Lyceum for one week beginning next Sunday evening, he has brushed away the actual story familiar to every school boy, preserved the atmosphere of the poem and takes us to Fredericktown at that vital and dramatic moment of its career. The love story that was inevitable with the new version, the struggle, trial, heroism and devotion of a Southern girl who sacrifices the love of an adored father and brother to whom she is a veritable Cordelia, form the backbone of a play that pulses as it proceeds. There will be matinees Wednesday and Saturday.

WHITNEY

"The Man who Dared," a sensational melodrama in four acts, will be the attraction at Whitney's for one Week beginning with a matinee next Sunday afternoon. Mr. Howard is the author of the play and is also the star. There are promised many incidents and climaxes of a sensational nature in the piece, as well as touches of higher dramatic art. The scenic accessories are upon a grand scale and include stage pictures depicting the hanging gardens of Marseilles, the Hotel Palais, Paris, the great Monte Carlo gambling places, also showing the zoological gardens with a den of three real wild African lions, which were imported for this production by Frank Bostock, the celebrated animal trainer, and they take a part in one of the most exciting climaxes ever seen in a melodrama. There will be matinees every day except Wednesday.

Civil Service Examination.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold examinations at several places in each state during March and April for more young men and women for the government service. [illegible] persons secured positions last year through these examinations. Probably 10,000 appointments will be made this year. All appointments are for life and for most positions only a common school education is required. Salaries at appointment vary from $600 to $1,500 a year with liberal promotions afterwards. This affords a good opportunity for people between 18 and 45 years of age. Those desiring places of this kind can get full information about them free by writing to the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C., and asking for its Civil Service Catalogue No. [illegible]

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our many friends and kind neighbors, also Dr. N. T. Shaw and Messrs. Dames and Bell for kindnesses extended in our recent bereavement. And also our Detroit friends for the many beautiful floral remembrances.

MRS. M. [illegible]

AND FAMILY.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

OBITUARY.

From New York Herald.

DIED. At her residence, [illegible] E. 18th St., N. Y. City, Nov. 29, 1901, Martha Agnes, wife of Captain Mortimer O. Bigelow, 8th U. S. Cavalry, and daughter of Ellen M. and the late James S. Hennessy.

This seems peculiarly sad and it touches the hearts of many people, especially those who knew Mortie Bigelow, although he has been away in the army for over 10 years, when he visits his boyhood home in Birmingham all hands are extended and with a true frienship he is greeted, for all had a good kind word for Mort. In 1898 he was married to Martha Agnes Hennessy, a bright and accomplished lady and she was a perfect cavalryman's wife, and was with her husband in Cuba a year—could ride a cavalry horse or pitch a tent and as Capt. Mort said, "She could make a perfect home with a tent, some old boxes, a saw and an axe."

Capt. Bigelow is stationed at West Pointe Military Academy as instructor in mathematics, and his wife was at her own home in New York, awaiting the completion of new quarters, which the government is completing at West Pointe, and which they expected to occupy in January. A little daughter, born Nov. 1st, is left with the mourning husband and mother.

A Handkerchief Breeze.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar and a chicken pie supper in the Library building, Dec. 12 afternoon and evening. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 o'clock. Chicken pie and everything nice, all for 20c.

In the bazaar you can find fancy articles for Christmas presents, and in the handkerchief booth will be found all kinds of handkerchiefs from 5c to $1.00, handkerchiefs from every state in the Union, collected by the society sending out cards and their friends sending them one.

Candies of different kinds and popcorn sold by young ladies. Come and help the ladies to carpet the church.

Notice to Taxpayers of the Township of Troy.

You are hereby notified that I will be at the following places through the month of December, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of receiving taxes for said township of Troy. At Frank D. Cutting's in Troy on Tuesdays, Dec. 3-10-17-24. At S. L. Robbins' store in Big Beaver on Thursdays, Dec. 5-12-19-26. At Exchange Bank in Birmingham on Saturdays, Dec. 7-14-21-28. At George Harris' store in Coleraine on Mondays, Dec. 9-16-23. At home on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Dated November 22, 1901.

JAY CHATFIELD,

Township Treasurer of Troy.

Notice to Bloomfield Taxpayers.

I will be at the Exchange Bank in Birmingham every Thursday, at home every Friday, and at the County Treasurer's office in Pontiac every Saturday, from Dec. 5, 1901, to Jan. 10, 1902, for the purpose of receiving taxes. No money taken in after banking hours.

C. H. CARTER,

35 Township Treasurer.

AUCTION SALES.

M. H. Blunt will sell for Martin Latka on the premises, 2 miles east and 1½ miles north of Royal Oak, on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at 10 a. m., geldings, cows, pigs, wagons, harnesses, hay fork, plows, drags, cultivators, etc., hay, cornstalks, corn, oats, etc., etc.

My lease having expired, I will sell at auction on what is known as the Minda farm, on 9 mile road, 2 miles west of Centre Line road and 1 mile east of County Line road, on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 9 o'clock a. m., two horses, 6 cows, 8 heifers, 2 bulls, brood sow and pigs, set double and single harness, 3 wagons, bobsleighs, mower, binder, hay rake, cutting box, fanning mill, corn sheller, etc., etc. Rudolph Minda, proprietor; M. H. Blunt, auctioneer.

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Recommendation of a Well Known Chicago Physician.

I use and prescribe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for almost all obstinate, constricted coughs, with direct results. I prescribe it to children of all ages. I'm glad to recommend it to all in need and seeking relief from colds and bronchial affections. It is non-narcotic and safe in the hands of the most unprofessional. A universal panacea for all mankind.—MRS. MARY MELENDY, M. D., Ph. D., Chicago, Ill. This remedy is for sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache," writes L. C. Overstreet of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with Consumption that no medicine on earth could help her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, Asthma and all Throat and Lung diseases. 50c and $1 at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

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At this store are finished. This information is for the early buyers—the ones who know that to buy now while the stocks are complete means a wider choice and a certainty of getting exactly what they want without being pushed and crowded.

And the earlier you come the better, because many of the ones once they are sold cannot be duplicated.

It's hardly necessary to add that the assortments are now perfect in their completeness and the whole store has put on its holiday finery.

House Coats (or Smoking Jackets) $5, $6, $7, $8, $10 and $18, the most popular are those of double faced cloths because they have no lining. There are plain ones and fancy ones—some are fancy enough to please any one.

Bath Robes of Terry and Crash—gorgeous and subdued patterns—Slippers and Towels to match, $3.50 to $18. Lounging Gowns from $5 up to $18.

Neckwear—the most beautiful and largest line in Detroit, none of them can get ahead of Traver on Neckwear—all shapes and styles from 25c to $3.

Fancy Suspenders—new and beautiful effects—plain ones for embroidering, each pair in a box, 50c to $5.50.

Gloves and Mittens, 50c to $6.50.

Shirts, Jewelry, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Night Shirts, Umbrellas. You can buy as satisfactorily with a mail order as you can in person—try and see if you can't.

R. H. Traver,

171-173-175 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

BIG BEAVER.

Comers and Goers—Thanksgiving Festivities and Visits—The Work of the Grim Reaper—Three Little Children Bereft of a Mother's Care.

Little Neva Cross has been very sick, but is better now.

The Ladies' Aid held a work day at Mrs. L. L. Houghton's last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Scott of Troy spent Thanksgiving at S. L. Robbins'.

Miss Alpha Hyatt of Detroit was a recent guest of Mrs. H. A. George.

Mr. Goodale has sold what is known as the Travis place to Mr. Patroll.

Belden Hill is minus a thumb so we are told, the result of an encounter with a hog one day last week. Dr. Gass dressed the injured member.

W. B. Newman, wife and son, of Birmingham, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Newman.

Mrs. Dr. J. W. Anderson of Simcoe, Canada, was calling on old friends here last Friday. The Doctor was formerly practicing here but is now located at the above named place.

George Renshaw, sr., one of the old settlers of this vicinity, died last Friday. He is survived by a large family of children of mature age.

Mrs. G. C. Gibbs returned last week from an extended visit to her son at Howard City and her sister at Howell. She had a delightful time but we don't think she could have stayed away much longer from that little grandson.

The K. O. T. M. gave a very enjoyable oyster supper and dance Thanksgiving night. Sixty-six numbers were sold and everything passed off quietly and harmoniously, for which the management is to be congratulated.

A very pleasant family gathering was held on Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Gibbs, including Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. George and Miss Mabelle Sage. A fine dinner of oysters, roast beef, chicken pie and other delicacies of the season was served.

Thanksgiving exercises were held at the Big Beaver school house the day before Thanksgiving, reflecting much credit on the teacher, Miss Grace McCarter. The school house was decorated with corn stalks, pumpkins and corn. The exercises by the pupils were very pleasing.

A sad death was that of Mrs. Emma Lockwood, who died quite suddenly while visiting in Southfield. The remains were brought home and the funeral services were held last week Monday, with interment in Crooks' cemetery. She leaves three little children, two girls and a boy. The little boy will live with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clemons.

Richard Vokes passed away November 21st after a long and painful illness. It was thought at first that his difficulty was apendicitis but it proved to be an abscess. His death, although not unexpected, was quite sudden at the last. He had been sitting up in bed and on lying down expired without speaking. The funeral services were held at the church, conducted by Rev. G. L. Manley, and interment was in Crooks' cemetery.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed in the postoffice in Birmingham, Mich., for the week ending November 30, 1901.

Florence Creighton, H. W. Mozier, Mr. L. K. P.

Persons calling for the above will please say "advertised."

JOHN HANNA, P. M.

A Woman's Awful Peril.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation," were the startling words heard by Mrs. I. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50c. Guaranteed. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25c. Samples free at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

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Save money on your Rubber Footwear for Fall and Winter by buying them of GOING. He will sell you Rubber goods at the lowest prices they have been in years. He will also save you money on Rubbers by guaranteeing every pair of FIRST QUALITY RUBBERS

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Complete collection of Plain and Fancy [illegible]

Black Silks

[illegible]

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Complete assortment of [illegible] Imported French Flannels in Persian Stripes, Plain and Fancy

Beautiful Waist Cloths

[illegible] Persian Designs and Colors

LOWEST PRICES.

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[illegible] Fine Dress Goods, Heavy Skirtings, Tailor Suitings [illegible]

LOWEST PRICES.

Our Velvets & Corduroys

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Fine Linens and Domestics, the best Hosiery and Underwear, Curtains, Draperies and Bedroom Furnishings, Men's and Ladies' Furnishings and Notions.

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