

### To Our friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers allow us Birmingham, Pontiac or Detroit. It will be a great favor to us if you will mention the fact that you noticed their advertisement in our paper. A word from you at the time of trading, costs you nothing and benefits us greatly. Will you be good and do so?

### HOME NOTES.

Don't forget the Junior Ex., May 22 and 23. See Miss Flynn's new millinery advertisement. Mrs. J. Hunt is visiting her parents in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Owen spent Sunday in Detroit. The drier a speaker is the longer he insists on talking. Some money to loan. See E. C. Poppleton, trustee. James Ginesmith spent last week at his home in Mayville. Wm. Butler of Detroit was a Sunday visitor in this place. Mrs. Nettie Thorp has gone to housekeeping near Frazer. Mrs. Alexander Parks has been dangerously ill the past week. Mrs. Haskins of Pontiac has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Owen. Mrs. Hossler of Pontiac visited Mrs. Flora Beattie last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Irish of Detroit visited at J. G. Quattro's last week. Harry Tibbels of Greenville spent Sunday with his mother at Lone Pine.

Mrs. A. I. Gerton of Detroit called on friends in this place last Saturday. C. G. DeShon, the enterprising Pontiac clothier, has a new ad. in this issue. Mrs. Fred Riley of Lapeer was the guest of Mrs. A. Blakeslee the past week. Miss Maggie Brown of Detroit spent Sunday with her many friends in this place. Just about the time a man becomes fond so he can live easy he is too old to enjoy it. This season is a record breaker with a "right smart" snow storm on the 10th of May. The Trinity church choir of Detroit will be at St. James' church Sunday evening, May 25. D. K. Smith calls the attention of our readers again this week to some big bargains in his line. It does not pay to laugh at a vulgar story a man tells, for if you do he will be sure to tell another one. Lightning struck the chimney of Will Masters' house in Southfield township during the storm last week Tuesday. Mrs. W. D. O'Leary and Mrs. T. O'Leary and little Helen, all of Detroit, visited Mrs. C. E. Owen last week. The Birmingham Epworth League met with the Pontiac league last Sunday evening, hence there was no meeting here. The wonder to us always is how people can care so much about this world when they know what a seedy old world it is. Miss Chapman is taking in this week the reciprocity of Woman's clubs at Utica and the May festival of music at Ann Arbor. Two evenings of fine readings and musical selections at the M. E. church May 22 and 23. Price 15 cents, two tickets for 25 cents. The fountain on the Library corner presents a very attractive appearance. It is now running, having been newly painted by Wm. Hilliard. Base ball game next Saturday afternoon between the Pontiac freshmen and the Birmingham high school boys, at the latter's grounds. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Masters moved last week into the Wallace house on Maple avenue. Mrs. Betsey Shain occupies a part of the house. Erastus H. Wooster of Lyndon, Ill., is at the bedside of his mother, who, it is expected, cannot recover. Dr. J. L. Campbell is her attending physician. All diseases start in the bowels. Keep them open or you will be sick. CASCARETS act like nature. Keep liver and bowels active without a sickening griping feeling. Six million people take and recommend CASCARETS. Try a 10c box. All druggists.

The Ladies' Church society of the Presbyterian church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Adge next Wednesday afternoon. All are invited.

The Village Improvement society have taken the tags off the Willets barn and put "no bills" on it. It is entitled to good treatment in its old age.

The Ladies of St. James' church will sell cakes, bread, etc., Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 6 o'clock, in Van Every's store window opposite the postoffice.

Miss Mabel Kooztz has been offered the position as teacher of the 5th and 6th grades, for the coming year, at Ovid, the future home of Supt. E. F. Waldo.

Bre'r James Todd is a busy man and his trials have not been lessened by the arrival of 8,000 pounds of sugar beet seed, that he has to superintend the distribution of.

If the "smart" young man doesn't quit his monkeying with the railroad semaphore he will soon find himself surrounded by the strong arms of the law, for he is known.

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. James church will hold a sale of home-made cakes, bread, etc., Saturday afternoon, May 17, at Van Every's grocery store, commencing at three o'clock.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Tullis the past week were the Misses North Cole and Hattie Friend of Carlton, Mich., and Will Riddle of Detroit. A good time all round.

Messrs. Charles Shain and Will C. Aldrich attended an informal assembly last Friday evening in Howland's hall, Pontiac, given by a number of young people of that city for the benefit of the hospital movement.

Mrs. Andrew Anderson, wife of the superintendent of the electric railway, returned last week from an extended visit with her family at Toronto, Ont., whither she was called by the death of a brother-in-law.

Attention! Are you an alumnus of the Birmingham high school? If so, be sure to be present at the meeting next Wednesday evening, May 22, at the home of Mr. Frank Blakeslee. Members are requested to bring dues.

James A. LeRoy, who has just returned to his home in Pontiac after spending two years in the Philippines, states that affairs in the islands are greatly exaggerated and that "there will be no general war with the Moros."

Mrs. M. B. Maxwell is visiting her parents in Ohio and enjoying the trip very much. She was accompanied by Mrs. Will Patton and together the ladies attended the national convention of the W. M. S. at Xenia, Ohio.

Rev. F. C. Pillsbury, a former popular pastor of the M. E. church in Pontiac, was the gentleman who recently located the oil veins of the Central Oil, Gas and Mining Co. of Kentucky that at present promises to be the richest in the country.

John Kyser has vacated the Ketcher house and Oscar Martin of Royal Oak stepped in as John stepped out. Mr. Martin has a steady situation at Clawson in the bowers feed mill and intends to make Birmingham his future home.

Several requests were sent by the Village Improvement society to our churches to improve their grounds. The Baptists and United Presbyterians responded by planting trees. The former have two fine trees in front, and the latter six fine Carolina poplars along the south side of their grounds.

The Misses Fannie and Estelle Short paid the ECCENTRIC a brief visit one evening recently and say it was as good as a circus to hear the good ladies and Mitchell all talk at once and each one out talking the others. Vaudeville isn't in it, and the admission price should be raised when these three meet again.

And this from Bro. Neal of the Northville Record: A member of the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC force got into Pontiac jail last week and after he got out tried to turn it off by writing up the institution in a flattering manner. For the honor of the "profess" we would not have mentioned it if the "offender" had not told it himself.

An exchange says that a babe is the prince of wails, an inhabitant of lapland, the morning caller, noontide crawler, midnight brawler, the only precious possession that never excites envy, a key that opens the hearts of all classes, rich and poor alike; in all countries, a stranger with whom a black check, enters a house without a stick to his back, and is received with open arms by everyone.

Lightning killed a couple of cows on the Huff farm one day last week and gave a third one nervous prostration. Dr. Henry Spicer was summoned but could not in this instance overcome lightning, and the bovined die a day or two later. About two rods of fencing went down in the crash and Geo. Huff thinks he had a touch of the Martiniic overflow.

The Junior class, '03, B. H. S., will give their exhibition in the M. E. church, May 22 and 23. The class, composed of twenty-five members, is the largest in the history of Birmingham high school and numbers some fine orators and speakers. The class has been able to procure excellent music for the two evenings and invite the public to show their interest in the school by attending.

The modern farmer is no longer referred to by the wise as a "hayed." The progress of the printing press has brought the world's knowledge to his door. The farmer, thanks to the publisher, is becoming the best read man in the state. His evenings are usually spent at his home, engaged in wholesome reading, which he has ample time and opportunity to thoroughly enjoy and digest.

This is not so bad a goose after all. The average goose will lay not more than 12 to 14 eggs and then decides to hatch 'em out. Mrs. Adelaide King of near Big Beaver has a sensible old goose that has just broken all previous records. She contributed 24 eggs before the hatching fever came on and now is the crosslest, ugliest old bird that ever fought for her nest and that ever "set" in Troy.

The three men who were arrested on suspicion of the attempt to burglarize the Bank of Birmingham were examined before Justice Snowdon at Pontiac last Friday and were all discharged, presenting alibis so strong that nothing could hold them. Lockwood and Deering had their examination first and the third suspect, Guthrie, was discharged the next day. And thus ends the bank burglary business.

Samuel W. Burroughs and Henry M. Duffield will be the principal orators at the G. A. R. and W. R. C. encampment to be held in Pontiac June 10, 11 and 12. It has been decided that the badges for the occasion shall bear the likeness of Gen. Richardson. Pontiac veterans point out that Gen. Richardson was the only brigadier-general that Michigan ever had and he was from Pontiac.

Many friends of Dr. Geo. Patterson Kaynale attended the exercises at the Light Guard Army in Detroit, where, with nearly too old graduates, he became a full-fledged M. D. George received his share of gifts, fruit and flowers, along with the rest, and all were happy. The music was fine, speeches interesting, and best of all, our Dr. G. P. Kaynale went right to his profession in St. Mary's hospital where a year's practice is worth two years in Europe. Congratulations.

The safe of the Bank of Birmingham was opened last week Thursday by an expert from Cincinnati, Ohio, and the contents found intact, much to the relief of this community. The expert, Chas. A. Rogers, did his work quietly, effectually and rapidly. Charles H. Schlaack, with some gas pipe tongs and wrenches ably assisted and no one but Charlie and the expert know exactly how it was done, and neither one is talking much about it.

Geo. Stewart, the old veteran shoemaker who had a shop where Doty's monument works are now situated, was in town last Sunday and was greatly surprised at the changes he found. He lives at Komulus, Mich., and enquired for many of his old friends now passed on. He enquired for Messrs. Stanley, Partridge, Taber, Drew, Jarvis, Mead, Barnum, Uter, M. Blumberg, H. J. Blumberg, Col. Toms, M. M. Toms, Dr. E. Kaynale and Dr. Hewitt, but all had gone to their rest.

The other evening while the Salvation army were holding a lively meeting on the campus martius the leader said that "out-door air was too much for his voice" and asked "did any one know of a room they could get to hold their services in," and that unregenerated son-of-a-gun of a John Purdy confidentially informed him that the house of Bro. Frank Young on Flatiron square

could be used. The good practitioner so announced it, and now Frank Young is practicing goo goo eyes for the lassies.

In our humble opinion any man in this blessed land of America who has a good industrious wife has reason to get down on his knees three times a day and thank God. A good woman can bring more sunshine and happiness into a family circle than a gold mine or a barrel of cider, and can make all around her happy and contented as well as being the same herself. The nearest to heaven that a man can get on earth is when he can go home to the bosom of a family where peace and contentment reign and discord and turmoil enter not.

The Pontiac Savings Association of Minneapolis, which was restrained from doing business by the order of a Minneapolis court, issued several weeks ago, has reorganized as a co-partnership and is now doing business under the name of the Devore Diamond Company. Apparently a number of the investors throughout the state were not affected by the temporary suspension of business as a number have received large checks in payment of matured policies. None are due in Birmingham, it is believed by those who understand the company that the policies will be paid up when due.

Carpenter W. C. Smith is head carpenter for John Keyser's new home on Townsend street in our village and has the barn enclosed and roofed. The house will be a beauty and John Keyser is just throwing himself in making his home perfect. Not a knot will be found in the siding and the lumber is home-grown and home-made. A good deal of it. The foundation is novelty and originated with Mr. Keyser. He just builds up a mould for the cellar walls with planks, fills it with Portland cement and when it is set takes away the boards and there you have it, a beautiful smooth wall and one that will endure forever.

Our village has been blessed and honored by three families moving into town from Detroit. Mr. J. H. Thompson and family are snugly settled in the Irving house on Maple avenue and occupy a house that has stood vacant for some time. Mr. Sheldon, representing the American Express Co., and wife are comfortably settled at A. W. Campbell's house on High street, while the Taber house, after two years' emptiness, is full clear to the cupola with the Hulbert family, all from Detroit. Hulbert is an officer in the Wayne county probate court and daily goes to his work. Wm. Hulbert is general overseer of the premises, while John Hulbert is the busiest man on the job watching, that Mitchell does not own his registered Light Branna featherless-rooster. It does one good to see the old Taber home lighted up at night when they are homebound, say "about midnight."

The W. C. T. U. supper and entertainment at the M. E. church Tuesday evening were well attended and greatly enjoyed by all present. An invitation had been extended to the unions at Big Beaver and Royal Oak and both were well represented. A fine program had been arranged for the evening, which opened with singing "America" and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. McCracken of Southfield. Miss Muhn of Royal Oak then gave a pathetic recitation, entitled "The Orphan's Prayer," in a highly creditable manner and was followed by Miss Barrman, who rendered a fine solo. Miss Bower, also of Royal Oak, gave a recitation that deeply touched the hearers and Mrs. Grace Eldred of Birmingham recited "The Hushing Bee" in a very pleasing manner. "Christian Patriotism" was the subject of a fine declamation, delivered with forcefulness and ease by Mr. Hartick, another of Royal Oak's bright young people. Miss Bishop of Big Beaver then gave a recitation and was followed by our young friend, Levi Goodwin of this place, who gave a highly creditable oration. Mrs. Jaee Dawdon of Pontiac read a paper on "Christian Citizenship" and the exercises closed with an original poem by T. C. Williams.

No matter what else may clamor for recognition, it's always safe to bank on uncertainty as a sure thing. The general who hesitates long at the possibility of losing a battle will not realize his one hope of winning. It isn't really necessary or quite commendable for the ex-conqueror to engrave his number on his visiting card. A phenolagogue would have a hard time to determine the character of the average prize fighter by the bumps on his head. Not once in a lifetime does man get out of range of the possible calamity. Baltimore News.

### Muslin Underwear

William H. Elliott Co. Boys' Clothing.

Department of Wash Fabrics  
SOME ATTRactions:  
Fine Fancy Colored Muslins, uncommon designs, from the most artistic taste, abser and pretty... 10c and 12 1/2c yd  
Dainty Colored Dimities, choice things that interest you at once, special lots put out now at... 15c yd  
Black and White or White and Black Batiste Muslins in excellent quality, abser and pretty... 15c yd  
Madras Cloth, 32 inches wide, new color tones, with stripes, but... 15c yd  
Black or Colored Cotton Grenadines, the silky finish new style this season, particularly pretty... 50c and 75c yd  
All Linen sure Linen 24 inch solid color or stripes, new assortment, we'd like you to see them.  
Our latest collection's Fine Ginghams never so complete and red... 15c variety of choice designs.  
Ladies' Fine Linen and Silk Finish Edgery House, lace, etc., etc., worth from 75c to \$1.00 a pair, now offered just for a little run at... 50c pair

### REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

The male's first love at 6 is the cook and his last at 60.  
One way to get a girl to love you is to make her think some other girl does.  
Give a man a chance to gamble and he will do it even if it is as risky as marriage.  
The average man has about as much chance of getting rich as of going through the eye of a needle.  
Women will wear pretty stockings with old shoes, but they will not wear low shoes without pretty stockings.  
It's a good deal harder to break an old man than to break a young man.  
The only thing in the world more horrible than an old fat woman fondling a small sickly dog is the same old woman fondling a young husband.  
No woman can ever be made to understand why her husband snorts so savagely when she wakes him up two hours after midnight to ask him if he thinks it will do any harm to the baby to sleep so soundly.  
There is more eloquence in one kiss that comes from pretty lips than in all the oratory that has fallen from them.—New York Press.

### SIGNS OF LOVE.

It is said a man is in love with a woman if he is perfectly willing to do anything she may ask, no matter what sort of an idiot it makes him appear.  
If he is able to tell without referring to notes which she wore last week, and also able to describe the color and design of her hat.  
If he'll wear anything in the line of haberdashery which she may see in a store to buy or make for him with her own hands.  
If he stands around at balls and parties with a look of unmitigated gloom brooding over his beetling brow, and following with his eyes her every movement with a sort of doglike expression, he is either in love or his liver is out of order.  
If he is willing to remain up until dawn for the privilege of escorting her home from where his case is hopeless. Although, of course, he may be a night watchman by profession or a victim of insomnia.

### THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON.

Cheapsness of charity is an extravagance. The keynote of charity is consideration.  
Earning and paying are not always synonymous.  
No one was ever made a fool of without his help.  
A fool is as happy in his folly as a man is in his wisdom.

### SCOTT'S EMULSION

OF COD-LIVER OIL WITH HYPOPHOSPHITES

should always be kept in the house for the following reasons:

**FIRST**—Because, if any member of the family has a hard cold, it will cure it.

**SECOND**—Because, if the children are delicate and sickly, it will make them strong and well.

**THIRD**—Because, if the father or mother is losing flesh and becoming thin and emaciated, it will build them up and give them flesh and strength.

**FOURTH**—Because it is the standard remedy in all throat and lung affections.

No household should be without it. It can be taken in summer as well as in winter.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

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We now cut the prices of Fancy Silks to the lowest point ever made. Our department contains many choice patterns, uncommon in design and fine in quality, which can be yours for a comparatively small investment. Last year same date we had a remarkable selling of Silks—very popular and pleasing to our patrons. This sale will disclose much better values—it's a sort of clearance that we believe strengthens our popularity and helps our department. We invite a visit from you.

### Carpet Department Offers:

Popular Fiber Wash Rugs—  
S: 18x36.....6'c  
Size 26x43.....\$1.25  
Size 26x60.....\$1.60  
Size 36x54.....\$1.75  
Size 36x72.....\$2.25  
If you haven't got acquainted with Fiber Rugs, we'll be pleased to show their good points, the straightest is, of course, they're washable.  
Brass Extension Rods, 1/2 inch, good quality, only.....12 1/2c each  
White Banneled 3-4 inch Poles, all right, now.....12 1/2c each  
Lace Door Panels, white or Arabian color, many to choose from.....7c, 8c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00

### Latest Spring and Summer Millinery.

Lovely Ready-to-Wear Hats.  
A Fine New Line of FANCY SHIRT WAISTS just added.  
Also a Line of NEW STYLE WRAPPERS.

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I wish to inform the public that I have entire charge of the  
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"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."  
Yours for a nice summer trade,  
Neil Blumberg.

### Everything Fresh in Our Line of MEATS

Early Spring Vegetables now on our counters.  
PRICES REASONABLE  
Goods Delivered in the Village  
A. R. PARKS.

### Church Notes.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL—Rev. Mr. Watson, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. All are cordially invited.  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL—Rev. H. H. Foster, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. P. P. meetings at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. Everyone invited.  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. H. H. Foster, pastor. Sabbath school at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath school at 12 m. P. P. meetings at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. All invited.  
BAPTIST—Wm. L. Rogers, pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. P. P. meetings at 8:00 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

### Extra Heavy Smyrna Rugs—

Low prices—read:  
Size 18x36.....\$1.00  
Size 21x48.....\$1.50  
Size 26x54.....\$2.00  
Size 30x60.....\$2.50  
Size 36x72.....\$3.50  
Let us estimate on your new shades. We guarantee satisfaction, and possibly can save you money, time and disappointment. Competent person will call on request.

### BLACK AND COLORED DRESS GOODS.

We continue selling them at the reduced prices offered last week.

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Goods Delivered to All Parts of the Village.

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To do Good Laundry Work.  
We secure desired result of superior laundry work with less possible amount of wear on goods.

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BIRMINGHAM, MICH.  
Transacts a General Banking Business.  
Loans Money on First Real Estate Mortgages.  
We have a Savings Dept. on which we pay interest at the rate of 4 per cent if left three months.  
D. H. POWER, Pres.  
H. LEWIS, Jr., Cashier.

### No Loss of Time.

I have sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for years and would rather be out of coffee and sugar than it. I sold five bottles of it yesterday to threshers that could go no farther, and they are at work again this morning.—H. E. FINE, Pa., Plymouth, Oklahoma. As will be seen by the above the threshers were able to keep on with their work without losing a single day's time. You should keep a bottle of this Remedy in your home. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

### Cascarets

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