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10-4 at 50c, 60c and 75c per pair.
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Will be my Motto.

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I. LEE TRUAX.

1904 Styles

The Ladies of Birmingham can't fail of a bargain any day in the week. Every hat in stock is a bargain and this is going to be a bargain year.

The nimble sapphire is what counts in the long run.

MRS. G. W. TERRY,

Lawrence Street East, PONTIAC, MICH.

THE VOYAGE IS ENDED.

There is a respite whose name is Death. And with his sickle he has reaped the harvest of a death. And the flowers that grew between.

To the year just passed has been added another horror, the burning of the Iroquois theater in Chicago, December 31, 1903. While the whole world regrets the calamity, no place realizes what it really means unless someone of its citizens or former residents were among the victims. Birmingham has added her quota and to some of our citizens, at least, the horror of the accident comes home with crushing force. Among those whose lives were snuffed out were Mrs. Percival Pease and her little daughter Elizabeth, together with the grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Pease, of Detroit.

Everyone in this vicinity will remember Mrs. Percival Pease as Miss Grace Camp whose life, with the exception of a few years, was passed in this place.



MRS. PERCIVAL PEASE

She was the daughter of James and Mary Pease, whose home at present is in a farm a short distance north of this village. Here it was she attended school, and after her marriage to Mr. Pease, although new duties claimed her, still there was no place like Birmingham and here many happy days were passed. As the years rolled on and a little fairy came to their home Birmingham was not forgotten and a pretty sight often witnessed was father and mother and little child engaged in games out on the lawn at the old homestead while grandma and grandpa looked on with kindly eyes and hearts swelling with pride. No one had a brighter or more cheerful disposition than Mrs. Percival Pease and to hear her laugh was a sure cure for the blues. The Pease home was a happy one and in his or her affliction the sympathy of this entire community goes out to the lonely man, who in the space of a few short moments lost his mother, his wife and only child.

Miss Elizabeth Pease was six years of age when she was born in this place. She was a very bright child and gave early

promise of growing into a woman whom her friends would love and the world would honor.

The grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Pease, was quite well known here and her death is greatly regretted by all.

The funeral of all three, the grandmother, the mother and child was held Monday last from the house of Mrs. Adolph Barthel, a daughter of the elder Mrs. Pease, at 195 Twenty-fourth street, Detroit. Rev. Reed Stuart, who also married Mr. and Mrs. Percival Pease, conducted the solemn services, being assisted by Rev. W. S. Watson, of Birmingham, who was a college chum of Mr. Pease.

The caskets containing the three victims of the Iroquois theater fire stood alone in the parlor, that of the child resting in the center, and guarded on either hand by those of the mother and grandmother. Over the little white casket were strewn delicate lilies of the valley and the other two were quite covered with roses, carnations and white acacia lilies. A little carpet of flowers underneath connected the coffins of those whose death had not passed.

After the ceremony was over and those in attendance had filed out, game perhaps the most pathetic scene of all, as one after another three hearse, two black, one white, drew up to the door to carry the bodies to the last resting place in Woodlawn cemetery.

Those who acted as pallbearers were: For Mrs. Augusta Pease, Dr. A. W. Ives, Percy Ives, Valentine S. Ives, John W. Leggett, William H. Leggett, Chandler Randall, nephews of the deceased; for Mrs. Percival Pease, Louis C. Ling, Lindsay C. Moore, L. J. Whitmore, Seymour Adams, Herin Palmar.

He then spent four years of his life as a sailor and in his various voyages visited many foreign lands. In 1854 he returned to the East and on June 8 was married to Mary Frances Hanna, of Peterson, N. J., and came to Michigan in the early fall to settle on the farm now owned by Samuel Hawthorne, which he had purchased on a trip made here during that summer.

In 1862 he brought his family to Big Beaver where he had charge of the hotel and in '64 after revisiting his native land he settled on his farm one-half mile east where he lived for 22 years, moving to the present home in 1890 at the death of his most faithful wife.

He was the father of eight children, Mrs. Mason Leonard, Isaac, Mrs. Harry B. Wattles (deceased), David, Mrs. Lafayette Woodruff, Thomas (who died in infancy), Cyrus and Carrie. His three sons and daughter, Mrs. Woodruff, reside in the early fall to settle on the farm now owned by Samuel Hawthorne, which he had purchased on a trip made here during that summer.

In the death of Mr. Bingham the community loses one of its most respected citizens. A man who had a keen sense of right, never taking knowingly the rights of another; a large sympathetic heart and willing hands to do all in his power to help anyone in trouble he was remembered in his last sickness with many acts of kindness and love by those of the young people and older friends.

His funeral was held Wednesday, Dec. 30, from the M. E. church, the pastor, Rev. Sutcliffe, and Rev. Houghton officiating.

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AT THE THEATERS.

AVANTUR.

"Captain Harrington" will be the attraction at the Avenue Theater next week. Manager Lawrence is endeavoring to give the public the best plays going at popular prices—30c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. The plays put upon this stage are high-priced luxuries in other cities.

WHITNEY.

Of great interest is the announcement that "Wedded and Parted," one of Sullivan, Harris & Woods' strong attractions, will be the bill at the Whitney Theater next week, beginning Sunday afternoon. This firm of managers have become well known for their magnificent productions of first melodramas. "Wedded and Parted" may be said to be one of their strongest attractions. It tells an interesting story of great heart interest, and contains many surprising and sensational scenes and situations. Matinees will be given daily except on Wednesdays.

LYCEUM.

Charley Grapewin, the popular comedian, at the Lyceum Theater next week commencing Jan. 10th. Grapewin is certainly best to cast advantage as the hero of "The Awakening of Mr. Pippin," and the character is most congenial to his own peculiar style of performance. The story tells of a man who, having forsaken the ordinary life of a clerk for a while, yearns for the life of a playboy. He is a man of many moods, and in a moment of forgetfulness he goes to the limit of his wit, and resorts to the soul the next morning. The excitement of the incident attending upon this interesting lapse, which it may be added, saves Mr. Grapewin in the good work are a completely captivating evening. Assistant Mr. Grapewin in the good work are a capable company, with Anna Chance, long noted for her winsome characteristics.

Notice.

K. P.'s Attention: Tuesday night next week, Jan. 12, election and installation of officers for the year 1904. Every member should be present at 7:30 sharp.

Geo. H. Satterlee, C. C.

Special convocation of Birmingham Chapter, No. 98, R. M. A. Monday evening, Jan. 11, 1904. Work on M. M. degree.

Domestic Troubles.

It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic ruptures occasionally but these can be lessened by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they solve by their great work in Stomach and Liver troubles. They not only relieve you, but cure you.

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LOOK FOR THE STRING.

Whenever a stranger comes to you and offers to do things for you, to let you in on the ground floor, or assures you he is working for your interest, you may be sure there's a string to his proposition. Don't bite at chances where you are to get something for nothing. Remember that usually everyone is working for his own interests and not yours.

Don't decide on important matters quickly. Don't get tied up in big contracts with strangers until you've found the string. Don't seem suspicious, but hunt for the string. Sometimes the string is legitimate, and the other fellow and yourself may be mutually benefited. Don't think that everyone who comes to you with a proposition is trying to take advantage of you, but put this down as a truth, there is a hook to every proposition, and it is because you to find the string before you close a deal.

Saved From Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Bargar, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used, failed, but when consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed Bottle 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles Free at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's Drug Stores.

Try Fenwick's for a Good Meal.

It is said, though there is no evidence to substantiate the assertion, that a restaurant in Detroit adheres to Scriptural texts with business epigrams, and that the results is something like this: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." "Watch your hats and overcoats." "Man shall not live by bread alone." "Try our hamburger steak with onions, 20 cents." "Take no thought of your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink." "Wealth is like a moth-eaten garment." "The wind passeth over it and it is gone and the place thereof shall know it no more." "We positively cannot be responsible for umbrellas or personal property." Fenwick's at 97 Woodward Ave. is a good place to get a good meal and watch for the above signs.

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