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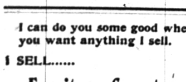

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TIME TABLE

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GOING NORTH			STATIONS	GOING SOUTH.		
Frt'g't No. 5	Pass. No. 3	Mix. No. 1		Mix. No. 2	Pass. No. 4	Frt'g't No. 6
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	Detroit:	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
	4 05	6 50	G. H. & M.	9 25	11 50	
	4 17	7 05	Holbrook	9 10		
8 30	5 15	7 50	PONTIAC	8 40	10 40	4 00
9 15	5 30	8 28	Eames*	7 48	10 22	3 32
9 30	5 50	8 37	Coles*	7 37	10 15	3 20
10 10	6 00	8 56	Oxford	7 25	10 10	3 00
10 50				7 10	10 05	1 50
11 08	6 10	9 05	Shoup*	6 56	9 53	1 30
11 25	6 16	9 17	Leonard	6 46	9 46	1 20
11 50	6 30	9 30	Hyden	6 30	9 32	12 55
12 20	6 46	9 44	Imlay City	6 58	9 19	12 30
12 50	7 00	9 57	Lum	5 40	9 07	11 40
1 13	7 09	10 06	Kings Mill*	5 29	8 58	11 20
1 58	7 21	10 16	Wa. Branch	5 14	8 45	11 20
2 50	7 38	10 29	Clifford	4 56	8 30	10 50
3 35	7 54	10 50	Kingston	4 36	8 15	9 55
3 40	8 04	10 56	Wilmot*	4 24	8 06	9 30
4 14	8 12	11 07	Deford*	4 14	7 58	9 15
4 15	8 28	11 25	Cass City	4 00	7 43	8 50
5 45	8 41	11 43	Gagetown	3 40	7 24	7 55
6 00	8 52	11 56	Owendale	3 25	7 12	7 35
6 15	8 56	12 08	Linkville	3 20	7 15	7 25
6 35	9 10	12 15	Pigeon	3 00	7 00	7 00
6 40	9 12	12 20	Bernet	2 50	6 58	6 40
7 00	9 28	12 35	Caseville	2 45	6 45	6 15
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Lv.	Lv.	a.m.	a.m.

GOING NORTH. Mixed Train No. 7.		GOING SOUTH. Mixed Train No. 8.	
Stations	a. m.	Stations	a. m.
Pontiac	10 40	Pontiac	4 00
Eames	5 26	Eames	6 3
Coles	5 20	Coles	6 2
Oxford	8 00	Oxford	6 2

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FINAL SETTLEMENT.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss. At a session of
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, }
the Probate Court for the county of Oakland, held at the Probate Office in the city of Pontiac, on the 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and four.

Present: Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of
William Sturman, deceased.

On application of J. Allen Bigelow, administrator, with the will annexed, of said estate, for the examination and allowance of his final account and his settlement of the estate.

It is Ordered that Monday, the 13th day of June, next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said Pronate Office, be appointed for hearing said application and the examination and allowance of said final account, and settlement of said estate.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county of Oakland.

JOSEPH S. STOCKWELL,
Judge of Probate.

E. E. BLAKESLEE,
Clerk of Probate Court.
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UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—M. R. Maxwell, Pastor. Sabbath services at 3 p.m. Public worship and sermon at 3 p.m. C. Y. P. C. U. South Thursday evening at 7:30. All invited.

BAPTIST—Warren L. Rogers, Pastor. Sabbath services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday school at 12 m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p.m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30. All are welcome.

Auto Ordinance Sleeps.

The Battle Creek council months ago passed an automobile ordinance, but it seems that it has never been enforced.

Oil Fever at Sherwood.

Sherwood is developing an attack of oil fever.

MORTGAGE SALE—Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Fremont F. Cotton and Katie E. Cotton, his wife, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, to the Oxford Savings Bank of Oxford, Michigan, dated the eighth day of October, 1898, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Oakland on the first day of November, 1898, in liber 160 of mortgages on page 50 which said mortgage together with the power of sale therein contained has been duly transferred and assigned by said Oxford Savings Bank to Will L. Coleand Will L. Cole, guardian of Cyril Cole, minor, of Oxford, Michigan, who is now the holder and owner thereof by an assignment dated April 13, 1903, and recorded June 11, 1903, in liber 164 of mortgages on page 40 in the Oakland County Register's office, on which said mortgage there is claimed to be due for principal and interest at the date of this notice the sum of thirteen hundred and thirty and 00-100 dollars, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, and the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 30th day of July, 1904, at ten o'clock in the afternoon of that day, there will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, at the front door of the court house in the city of Pontiac, Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the county of Oakland is held) the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage with seven per cent interest and all legal costs including the attorney fee provided by law and stipulated for in said mortgage, the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The north half of lot one (1) of block four (4) and part of the north half of lot two (2) of block four (4) of Denton Divisions of the village of Oxford, Oakland county, Michigan, as per plat of said Denton Divisions recorded, said lands being a piece of land 8 rods, to feet and 3 inches east and west, and 4 rods north and south, a part of section twenty-seven (27) in the township of Oxford, Oakland county, Michigan.

Dated April 30, 1904.

WILL L. COLE,
WILL L. COLE, Guardian of Cyril L. Cole, minor,
Assignees of Mortgage.

PATTERSON & PATTERSON,
Attys. for Assignee of Mortgage.
Business Address, Pontiac, Mich. (may6-July 29)

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

In the matter of the estate of Calvin Ellenwood, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a license to me granted on the 13th day of April, 1904, by the Hon. Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the county of Oakland, I will sell at auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises hereinafter described, in the village of Birmingham, on Monday, the 20th day of June, 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon (that is to say: The lands in the village of Birmingham will be sold at the hour of ten o'clock a. m.; and the lands in the township of West Bloomfield at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m. of said day; all the right, title and interest of which the said Calvin Ellenwood died seized, in and to the following real estate, situated in the township of West Bloomfield, and village of Birmingham, Oakland county, Michigan, and described as follows:

1ST PARCEL:—

All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the village of Birmingham, Oakland county, Michigan, known and described as follows, to-wit:

All of lot numbered eight, Hunter's addition to the village of Birmingham, Mich., and twenty feet off the south side of lot number nine same plat, and all of lot number seven, except fifty feet off the east side, heretofore deeded to Brownell for street purposes in same plat.

2ND PARCEL:—

The following described parcel of land situate in the village of Birmingham described as commencing at the northwest corner of Matthew McBride's lot situate on the south side of Maple street running thence 17 rods 3 inches to lands owned by Mrs. Sawyer, thence southwesterly along the north line of Mrs. Sawyer's land to Saginaw street, thence northwesterly along the east line of Saginaw street to lands owned by D. M. Doty; thence northeasterly along the south line of Doty's land 11 feet to the southeast corner of Doty's land, thence north on the east line of Doty's land and the east line of lands owned by the Ladies' Library Ass'n to the south line of Maple Ave., thence east along the south line of Maple Ave. to place of beginning reserving a strip of land fourteen feet wide off the west end of the above described land for alley, all being on the N. E. ¼ of Sec. 36 T. 2 N. R. 9 E.

3D PARCEL:—

The following piece of land situate in the Township of West Bloomfield county of Oakland and state of Michigan, and described as a strip of land 66 feet wide commencing 33 feet north of the center of Sec. 12, T. 2 N., R. 9 E., thence east along the north line of lands of Julia Lodge to the center of the highway being a distance of 40 rods, thence northerly along the center of highway far enough to be 66 feet, north from the said line thence westerly parallel with said line to the center line of said section 12 thence south 66 feet to the place of beginning.

EUGENE BROOKS,
Administrator.

COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE—In the matter of the estate of William McRoberts, deceased. The undersigned, having been appointed by the Honorable Joseph S. Stockwell, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims against said estate, said four months from the 25th day of May, A. D., 1904, having been allowed by said Judge of Probate to all persons holding claims against said estate, in which to present them to us for examination and adjustment, notice is hereby given that we will meet on the 25th day of June, 1904, and on the 25th day of September, 1904, at ten o'clock A. M. of each day, at the Residence of Sarah McRoberts in the township of Troy, in said county, for the purpose of receiving and adjusting such claims.

SAMUEL HAWTHORNE,
ROBERT HAWTHORNE, Commissioners,
June 3-July 1

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Aspiration always seeks service.

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Looking is the parent of longing.

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A loose life never made a tight heart.

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The divided spirit cannot do divine service.

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The aimless life cannot be the endless life.

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A ready made religion is sure to be a misfit.

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A rough diamond is worth much polished dirt.

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There is no comfort where no compassion is.

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The preacher who is all blow deals sin no blows.

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They who put pleasure first are the last to find it.

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The higher life is not found on the pedestal of pride.

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When a lightweight is lifted up he is sure to be blown away.

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The top of the cauldron is more likely to be scum than cream.

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There is no promise of pardon for confessing the sins of others.

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Finding flaws in the sermon is easier than following it, any day.

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The man who is too meek to speak in meeting gets over it before election.

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When a man is ashamed of his religion he is generally justified in the feeling.

—

The man who neglects the primary cannot make up for it in the prayer meeting.—Chicago Tribune.

THE BOOKS THEY READ.

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Hogarth was fond of joke books and farces, and enjoyed them immoderately.

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Bach was no great reader, but much enjoyed books of jokes and funny stories.

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"Papa" Hadyn liked stories, and he said, "The more love there is in them the better."

Everyday Sort of Hero

The Winston (N. C.) papers speak in high terms of the Memorial Day oration delivered by the Hon. Frank C. Robbins of Lexington. He was one of six brothers who responded to the call for troops when North Carolina seceded. Only two returned—the Hon. M. W. Robbins, member of the Gettysburg commission, and the Hon. Frank C. Robbins, Capt. "Mack" Robbins has served in Congress and is the more widely known of the two brothers, but not a whit more deserving of the confidence of the state. Modest, able, honorable, incorruptible, Capt. Frank Robbins is the best type of the North Carolina lawyer and citizen.

In his speech at Lexington Capt. Robbins followed no hackneyed line, but filled his address with inspiring and human stories. The simplest thus gives an account of his story of a true to life hero, prefaced by an estimate of the address:

"The simple earnestness of his manner, his clear, graphic statements of facts, the total absence of claptrap from every utterance, together with his noble and impressive personality, compelled the admiration and approval of every one. It is impossible to give in a mere outline any adequate idea of his address which dealt with the character of the Confederate soldier and its inspiration. This, he said, could best be illustrated by incidents rather than by description.

"He told of a man in his company named Henry Lusk, a roving, foraging sort of a fellow, faithful and brave in battle, never missing when there was to be a fight, but frequently in danger of the guardhouse for absence from roll call. He often reprimanded him, but Lusk always got the better of him by asking him if he had ever failed him in the hour of battle. When Capt. Robbins' command was ordered South he called up Lusk and told him he wanted him to have no more roving and foraging. Lusk promised that he would not fail him.

"That was the last he ever saw of Lusk. In a battle that followed soon after Capt. Robbins and many another fell in a desperate but successful charge. After his return to his command Capt. Robbins said the first greeting he got from Lieut. Vaughan was a message from Henry Lusk: 'Tell Capt. Robbins,' he said, 'that I did not fail him.' Here Lusk had fallen in the front of that gallant charge. He was a nomad in his way; he loved to rove and forage, but his loyalty and bravery no man might impeach."

It is stories like this that the youth of the country love to hear. Too many orators deal only with perfect heroes. Boys and men are skeptical of the tributes that deal only with men without faults. Their experience is that there are few perfect men. Most of them are like the boys, like the heroes of peace, have their failings. Give us more of the heroes like Private Henry Lusk.—Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer.

War Gods of Japan

Innumerable stories are being published in Japan about Capt. Hirose, who died in the attempt to obstruct the Russian fleet at Port Arthur and who has been proclaimed a "war god." A man who knew him in childhood says: "As a child the captain received with us the primary-school instruction at the Kwanbio school. The boy is the father of the man; and even in those early days the boy Hirose distinguished himself far above his schoolfellows both in play and scholarship. It was he who was the champion of the sport at sliding on the snow down Ebi hill. He never had his face stained with a daub of ink when we played the 'poetry cards' at his father's temporary residence, simply because he was never beaten even once. Then whenever we boys had exercises in versification his performances nearly always won the best mark, and even when they failed, at rare intervals, to come to that level of excellence they never fell below the standard of second best. In short, he was carried by an uncompromising spirit in anything he took a hand in.

"Hirose took great pains in the training of his body," says this same Japanese gossip. "While a student at the Kogyoku-sha he made it a rule to take a constitutional round the outer moat of the palace grounds every day every morning. It was not surprising that, with his appetite whetted by such vigorous exercise, he very often emptied by himself the whole contents of a boiled rice cask holding in the capacity of two or three people. He used to say that he had been admitted to the naval academy not by the strength of his scholarship but by virtue of his splendid physique, and he added that he failed to see any good in the practice of constantly poring over books with a weakened health."

Jigoro Kano, who was Capt. Hirose's teacher in jujitsu, tells one Japanese newspaper that this martial art was the captain's only source of amusement, and that he used to devote himself to the exercise with rare application. For instance, when he returned home from a long cruise, the first thing he would do after landing on shore was to come with his jujitsu suit to Kano's school and have as many bouts with his instructor as possible.

They Killed the Snake

During the siege of Ladysmith in the Boer war, Henry W. Nevinson and the late T. W. Maud, British war correspondent, were walking up the main road of the village when they caught sight of a black thing moving rapidly across the road close in front of their feet. It was about three feet long or a little less and was moving very swiftly. In a perfectly straight line it darted forward, without the usual snake-like wriggling or other visible means of movement. Accustomed from boyhood to hunt adders on the Cumberland moors, Nevinson dashed upon it with his stick and broke its back with a single blow. Nevertheless, it still continued to move forward, as snakes will, no matter how desperately wounded, and the war correspondent sprang on its head and stamped it into the dust with his boot. At the same time Maud, who had only just perceived the danger, stamped on its back. The long and deadly body gave a few little jerks and then lay still. The snake was carefully lifted on the end of a stick, carried back to the cottage, where the two men lived, and carefully deposited outside for future examination.

On the following morning a fragment of a Boer shell dropped on the snake, cutting it clean in half—but the rest is better told in Mr. Nevinson's own words: "To my astonishment," he says, "I noticed that the snake's inside was pure white. I looked closer. It was white, cotton wool. The skin was a silken umbrella case. The body was carefully wound round with black thread and a long piece of cotton projected from the mouth—the place where the deadly fangs ought to have been. Being something of a naturalist, I took the creature up in my hand, lifted it with care, because I remembered that poisonous snakes will bite even after death. I thought that at the end of the campaign I would bring it home and present it to the South Kensington museum. It needed no stuffing.

"And now, whenever I am downhearted and want to think of something that is happy, I think of the little boy (or little girl) who sat behind a wall with a piece of cotton in his hand and watched two experienced war correspondents gluckily dancing upon his magic snake and leaving it for dead."

Men Who Give Millions

It has been nearly fifty years since Peabody startled the public by his benefactions on both sides of the Atlantic, save as a Baltimore American. Girard had been the pioneer in American philanthropy, but Girard, for some reason, did not fascinate the public of his day, and it remained for the future to do full justice to his splendid generosity. Peabody captured the English-speaking people at once, and, in accordance with popular forecast, his example was speedily followed by wealthy men, of whom Baltimore has certainly had her share. In England gigantic philanthropic enterprises have been provided for by some of her public men, and in this country grand and wonderfully useful institutions attest the influence of the pioneer philanthropists. Many now living will remember the amazement and stir caused by Mr. Peabody's munificent gifts, an impression which had scarcely faded a particle at his death. His remains were brought to the Chesapeake in the finest warship of the British navy, and a mighty procession was marshaled by the state to receive them, while the public manifested its sympathy in every possible manner.

On Saturday Mr. Andrew Carnegie departed from New York to Europe on his annual vacation. He had just given $5,000,000 for educational purposes. He has given in the last few years nearly $100,000,000 for similar objects, but there was no stir on Saturday, the great public not knowing, nor apparently caring, whether he was in New York or Europe. A few newspaper men met him at the pier of the steamer, just as they would meet any prominent citizen who was going abroad, with the hope of securing some information for their papers. When Peabody reached the United States from England there was a great turnout of the people and they appeared to regard the philanthropist with a species of awe mixed with veneration. The people have probably as much admiration for Carnegie today as they had for Peabody in the '60s, but philanthropists, like great men, have become so common in this country that they have ceased to evoke demonstration.

Pay in Parliament.

There is a strong feeling in England against the payment of members, on the ground that it would tend to create the class of professional politicians seen in foreign countries and our colonies, writes Henry Norman in the Century. Its absence obviously tends to restrict membership of Parliament to the well-to-do classes, and, as a matter of fact, these enjoy an over-whelming representation in the House of Commons, the labor members, whose expenses and a modest salary are provided from some organization of the classes they represent, being at present a small but happily increasing group. To compel a candidate to pay the cost of counting the votes which send him to serve the nation in Parliament is preposterous, and, after taking safeguard against a superfluity of candidates, the system will probably soon be abolished.

THE ODD CORNER

To a Cigar.

O, Panatella, you are silent
With much human element;
And when your form is broken we scan
We think how you resemble man.

We judge you by the wrapper, which
Is thought to make you poor or rich;
And man—by outer garb of his
We reckon what the filler is.

Although man at his fortune mocks,
Like you, he's sometimes in a box;
Like you, his maker's running hand
Determines what shall be his brand.

Sometimes you are domestic. He
Is often compelled to be
Again, as honor courteous is one
He must provide much revenue.

And man—like you, a helpless thing—
Is made for some one's pleasuring;
Like you, some day he meets his match;
Like you, he many dreams was hatch.

O, Panatella, you and man
Indeed fulfill the human plan.
For in the end aside you're cast
And come to ashes at the last.

Chicago Tribune.

Paris' Ancient Watch.

One of the curiosities of Paris, Me., is an ancient watch, which has been in one of the leading families for generations. Gen. Farwell carried this watch during the war of 1812. Its previous history is unknown, although it evidently came from England at a much earlier date.

The dial is ivory and upon it is a hand painting in colors of a fort with soldiers in the bright colors of the British uniforms drilling in the foreground. Sentinels in red coats stand upon the walls.

The door to this fort is cut through the dial and connected with the mechanism in the interior is a wheel, on which are soldiers in colored uniforms. As this wheel slowly revolves, privates and officers appear to pass through the door of the fort at regular intervals.

It is said to be the only watch of the kind in existence.

On the interior of the case several watchmakers, who have repaired or cleaned it have engraved their names. Among these is Oliver Gerish, Portland's first watchmaker. When he repaired this watch the only jewelry store in the Forest city was in an unfinished chamber. The proprietor had no showcase or counter and kept his money to make change in a wood box in the brace of a beam.

Another man who repaired this watch was Waldron of Norway, who was the first watchmaker in Oxford county.

Vegetable a Dwarf Giant.

Dr. Welwitsch brings news of a wonderful tree which he found growing in the west of Africa and named for himself, the Welwitsch. The extraordinary proportions of a trunk four feet in diameter, with a height of only one foot, make the plant look like a round table. The tree never has more than two leaves, and these are the seed leaves, which appeared when the plant first began to grow, and which it never sheds or replaces with others. They are in themselves remarkable productions, often attaining a length of six feet, with a breadth of from two to two and a half feet, each being cut into numerous ribbon like segments. The flowers form crimson clusters something like those of the larch. These trees form forests on a tableland some six miles broad, at a height of from 300 to 400 feet above the sea on the west coast of Africa.

Figures Centuries Old.

The famous great gallery at the base of the towers of Notre Dame cathedral, Paris, is decorated with curious grotesque figures which have been made familiar by thousands of reproductions and copies for centuries. The statues were carved and put in place during the twelfth century, yet they still stand exactly as they were placed in position. The hundreds of time and weather have not served to destroy their original lines. As with the statuary of the cathedrals of the middle ages, these statues differ slightly in form, even though they are supposed to be symmetrical.

Opium Smoking in China.

It is generally understood that a large percentage of the Chinese are addicted to the use of opium. This is a misconception. The belief that the Chinese of rank and culture use the drug is due to the prominence given to the cultivation of the plant and the manufacture of opium in the Celestial empire. As a matter of fact, a native who uses opium is looked upon by his superiors as we discuss and classify our drunkards.

The idea that a pill will produce an exhilarating effect on the beginner is also erroneous. One must be accustomed to the use of the drug to get the pleasant effect. The first pipe to an American produces nausea. Two or three will make him sick. If he can stand eight or nine of these "pills" he is apt to dream, but the awakening is always an unpleasant reality.

"Brands" His Hens.

A man at Deering, Me., who has found that some of his hens look a good deal like his neighbors' hens has adopted a unique method of identification. In short he paints a wide red collar around the neck of each hen. And the hens, true to their sex, enjoy the frill.

Rare Spike Horn Deer.

An interesting addition has been made to the collection in the museum of the Maine fish and game department in the shape of a finely mounted head of a spike horn deer. The head is interesting because there is but one horn and that in the velvet.

Mighty Killer of Snakes.

A. N. Albee of Warwick, Mass., asserts that he has killed 27 black snakes this year, of a total length of 132 feet, the longest being six feet and the shortest three feet.

"Bouncing" Boy, Indeed.

The Missouri baby, record was severely fractured, if not broken, when Mrs. Holder, living at Avila, Jasper county, gave birth to a sixteen-pound boy.