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Children's Knee Pants at 25c, 35c and 50c per pair

CHILDREN'S SUITS at $1.75 and $2.00

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One Job Lot of Torchon Laces at 5c per yard—any width—while they last

New Invoice of Corsets Just received at 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00
The best the Market affords for the Money.

Yours for Low Prices,

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A BARGAIN WEEK

WHITE GOODS DEPARTMENT—
Among many other bargains we have just received 55 pieces Czarina Organdies, always sold at 25c a yard; beautiful floral designs; we offer them at 15c. See window.

WASH-GOODS DEPARTMENT—
We have just purchased about 30 pieces Soie Tailleur, a handsome imported mercerized wash fabric in neat check effects, very desirable for Wash Suits, in Blue, Tan, Green, Red, and Black and White; regular price 50c; they all go at Half-Price—25c a yard.

CLOAK DEPARTMENT—
Tailor-Made Suits at Just HALF PRICE.

SILK DEPARTMENT—
Sale of 45-inch high-class Grenadine at 69c and 89c continued; also Foulards at 47½c and 59c.

COLLAR BUTTON SALE—
at 2½c, 5c and 8c continued.

INFANTS' DEPARTMENT—
All Short Coats Marked One-Quarter Off Regular Prices.

THE
Taylor-Woolfenden Company,
165 to 169 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.

ONE-HALF OFF ON

Millinery.

Now is the time to buy

THE LADIES OF BIRMINGHAM WILL DO WELL TO CALL WHILE THESE BARGAINS ARE ON.

Miss E. Flynn, Pontiac, Mich.

A YOUNG LIFE ENDED

George Purdy, One of Birmingham's Bright Young Men, Passes Away.

It becomes our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of George Purdy, one of our most promising young men, which occurred on Sunday morning last.

About one year ago Mr. Purdy went to Colorado for his health and for a time it was thought the climate of that country was proving beneficial to his shattered health, but as time passed on he gradually grew weaker until it was thought advisable to bring him home where he might have the care and attention that loving relatives and friends can only give.

About three weeks previous to the death of Mr. Purdy, Rev. M. B. Maxwell made a trip to Colorado and brought the young man back to his home.

He seemed to be well pleased to get back among relatives and old friends and for a few days he thought the change back to Michigan climate was doing him good, but it was only the excitement and pleasure of meeting his relatives and friends that buoyed him up for the time being.

George was a bright young man, 20 years of age, and was a favorite with all who knew him. He graduated from the Birmingham high school with the class of '02.

The funeral service was held at the Purdy home Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. M. B. Maxwell officiating. The many beautiful floral offerings showed the high esteem in which the young man was held by his may loving friends.

The burial was in Southfield cemetery.

A PATHETIC INCIDENT.

The dwellers on one of our village streets, for some years past, have been accustomed to see several times a day, the grave-appearing, spare, rather bent figure of a man who with measured step, passed up and down the street on his way to and fro between his home and place of business. On all occasions he was attended by a little, pudgy-built dog that had evidently passed the prime of his dog-hood days.

That there existed a close friendship between the master and his dog was apparent to all who observed them; that the little animal was intelligent to an unusual degree was equally evident, for he was often seen carrying a parcel of meat, a sweet biscuit or some other tid-bit in his mouth, not attempting to eat unless bidden. His master would talk to him in the same conversational tone as to a human friend, and the actions of the canine indicated that he understood what was said. But a change came. The tide of human existence, like that of the ocean, ebbs and flows—the tide of the master's life went out.

By the ministering hands of sorrowing friends, and the ceremony of an order of which the deceased had been a member, his earthly tenement was gently conveyed to its final abiding place.

While these offices and tributes were being giving to the dead, a little brown, wistful-eyed dog was seen slowly traveling the long accustomed route, searching anxiously for that most cherished figure that had so mysteriously disappeared from the circle of his little life.

The billowy maples spread their protecting shade over street and footway, wild birds bickered in the branches above or hopped about on the ground beneath, insects hummed in the sultry air, and the listless breeze lisped and gossiped in the leafy world above, but the central figure was that of the little dog, which, with senses attuned to the one sole object, finally passed from sight over a swell of ground in his vain quest for the true-hearted master and friend who had passed through the gray twilight of this life into the golden dawn beyond.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM EXCURSIONS.

4th of July.

Single fare for the round trip between all stations Detroit, Port Huron and west. Also to stations on connecting lines in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana within a radius of 200 miles from selling station, going dates July 2, 3, and 4th. Return limit July 5th, 1904. For further particulars call on local agent or write to Geo. W. Vaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

EXCURSION TO DETROIT.

Single fare for the round trip from Michigan points, going dates July 6, 7, and 8th. Return limit without deposit July 12th, by deposit and payment of 50 cents additional return limit extended until Aug. 15th, 1904. For further particulars call on local agent or write to Geo. W. Gaux, A. G. P. & T. A., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED.

WANTED—Two rooms with board for mother with two children (ten months and two years old) for the summer and possibly longer. Prefer home where there is a girl to help with the children. Address, with particulars and price,
DR. S. J. HERMAN,
11 Park ave. Detroit, Mich.

Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but, when all other medicines failed, three $1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 38 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure Coughs, Colds, La Grippe, Bronchitis and all Throat and Lung Troubles. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores.

SUDDEN DEATH

Mrs. Greene Pack Passes Away While on a Visit to Detroit.

The subject of the following sketch from the Detroit Free Press of Friday, June 24, will be remembered by Birmingham people who lived here some 35 or 40 years ago:

Mrs. Greene Pack, aged 52 years, died yesterday at the Hotel Cadillac from a complication of diseases.

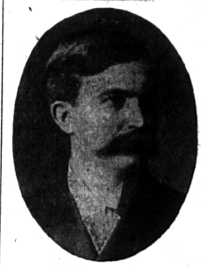
Greene Pack, whose widow she was, died nine years ago. He and his brothers, Albert and Arthur, belonged to a well known family in Sanilac county and were closely identified with the building of the Detroit electric railway. He also has two other brothers, George W. and Herbert E. Pack. Mrs. Pack had made her home in Oscoda, Mich, for the past thirty years.

Deceased arrived in Detroit Tuesday morning with her daughter, Miss Grace Pack. The death was unexpected at this time. Only the one daughter survives her.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the residence of J. Baker Chamberlain, 43 Pitcher street. The interment will be in Elmwood.

Dangers at St. Louis.

The gateway to St. Louis, our great union depot, is beset by a thousand snares for unwary feet. Any young girl who comes through the gates into midway is at once spotted, and if it be possible the snare will be so spread in her path that she cannot escape. No girl should come here unless absolutely certain as to her course. The many tempting advertisements are often mere baits for ignorance and innocence. And if she comes to the city ready to enter the first carriage whose driver proposes to take her to a cheap boarding house, or to accept the first situation offered where "no experience is required," she may as well bid adieu to innocence and hope when she leaves home. And as a matter of fact the young man is almost equally exposed so far as moral and even physical safety is concerned. If the country papers will only keep these things before their readers, they will serve God and humanity.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.



FRED M. WARNER,
Who Gets the Undivided Support of Oakland County's Republican Convention.

THE BLUE RIBBON MEETING.

The 21st annual renewal of the great blue ribbon meeting given under the auspices of the Detroit Driving club, promises to excel any of the preceeding years, viewed from a racing point.

The historic classic events—Merchants' and Manufacturers' $10,000 and Chamber of Commerce $5,000—also the other early closing events, attracted the largest entry list ever received at Grosse Pointe track.

In the M. and M. there will undoubtedly be fifteen or sixteen starters, and as all of them have demonstrated in trials that they can travel a mile in 2:10 or better, the race should be the fastest and best contested since the initial one in 1889. The same is true of the C. of C. The largest field that ever went to the post for this race will score for the word. Ten of the pacers have negotiated miles from 2:04¼ to 2:06, thus insuring extremely fast time being made. It is the general opinion of horsemen that the record for both stakes will be beaten several seconds this year.

The date of the blue ribbon meet has been changed to the week of July 25th. As usual the C. C. will will open the season on Monday, and the M. M. will follow on Tuesday. Secretary W. J. Snyder has arranged an excellent program which offers an attraction each day. In fact each race, there are four each day, is an attraction for the reason that the best horses in training will be in their respective classes. Blue ribbon week, July 25th, will go down in turf history as the greatest ever held.

Brutally Tortured.

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equalled. Joe Golobick of Colusa, Calif., writes, "For 15 years I endured insufferable pain from Rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and its the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and general debility. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Whitehead & Mitchell and Cobb & Cobb drugists.

FRIENDS of the EXCELSIOR are requested when they have probate business, to ask the Publication of the legal notice in this paper.

WELL NOW, DID YOU EVER?

From McCloy's Ortonville Hustler.

BIRMINGHAM'S ANANIAS.

EDITOR HUSTLER: I wish to make a statement in regard to an article I saw recently, in The Detroit Journal, in regard to "Coonskin Jenks," or "The Birmingham Liar." Being personally acquainted with Mr. Jenks, I come to his rescue. The Coon and Partridge story must be founded on facts, for he told me the same story 30 years ago. I think it was the same Jenks that went out hunting pigeons when they were quite plentiful in this county. He saw about a hundred of the birds on one (1) limb, at which he fired one shot, after which he discovered that he had split the limb had caught every bird by the feet except one. If you want more proof in regard to this statement, I refer you to Frank Blakeslee or George Mitchell, Birmingham, Mich.

TIP FORD,
Ortonville.

The following is the article above rejerred to:

Everybody around Birmingham remembers the time when "Coonskin" Jenks caught a partridge on his trolling hook. It was one of those sultry days in August, when a man sometimes feels "too strong to work," that "Coonskin" took his trolling line and started for Wing lake. He had trolled half way around the lake and caught 23 pickerel and a few bass, when he heard a roaring noise and awoke to the fact that a small tornado was swooping down upon him. What followed is best told in his own words:

"When I saw what was coming I just turned that boat for the opposite shore and pulled for dear life. When half way across I heard a humming noise close by me, and looking up I saw my trolling hook a hundred feet in the rear, sailing in the air and working to perfection. A partridge undertook to cross the lake in search of better shelter, but she never got there; she came in contact with my trolling hook and I ate her for my dinner the next day. If you don't think I was rowing some just ask Old Hank Grinnell, he saw me."

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that a township election of the township of Bloomfield will be held at the town hall in the village of Birmingham, Mich., Thursday, July 7th, 1904, for the purpose of electing one Justice of the Peace to fill vacancy for two years. Polls open at 7 o'clock a. m. and will close at 5 o'clock p. m.

T. H. COBB, Township Clerk.
Dated June 24, 1904.

NOTICE.

Township Board of Registration will meet at the town hall in the village of Birmingham, Mich., Saturday, July 2nd, from 9 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m.

T. H. COBB, Township Clerk.
Dated June 24, 1904.

Notice to Water Takers.

Anyone using water for lawns without paying for the same will have their water supply shut off without further notice. Water is scarce and must be used judiciously.

BY ORDER COUNCIL.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Deeds demonstrate doctrine.

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Working religion is not religious work.

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Wings of love do not need a track of law.

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A difficulty is at the door of every delight.

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A square man does not need to be all corners.

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Respectability is no subterfuge for repentance.

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It takes a great man to do little things well.

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A yellow youth does not mean a green old age.

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Love is always looking on God's side of people.

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Gold fetters are not more elastic than those of iron.

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Heavenly manna does not make a man mealy mouthed.

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A little patient pushing is worth a profound lot of puffing.

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The gold of grace does not come from the greed of gold.

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It's no use praying for your debtors if you won't pay your debts.

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Great souls can neither be starved by poverty nor choked by riches.

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A man loses force as soon as he begins to worry over his feelings.

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You know what a man lives for when you know what he looks at when alone.

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Many people think they are living for character who are only fighting for reputation.—Chicago Tribune.

JUST FOR YOU.

It is to-day, not yesterday.

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If there's a song in your heart, joy can't be far off.

SCIENCE AND INVENTION

Fire Curtain Shutter.

It is the law in nearly every large city that all buildings over two stories in height must be provided with some approved form of fire escape. It it were necessary for the occupants of a burning building to await the arrival of laders carried by the fire department many of them would perish before they could be reached, or in their torture would be forced to jump to the ground below. Hence the wisdom of compelling owners of tall buildings to supply permanent ladders as a means of escape from the flames. In many instances, however, the fatal mistake has been made of placing these structures across windows, and thus compelling those persons attempting to escape from a fire to pass directly through a sheet of flame pouring out of the opening made by the breaking of the glass. To avoid such an emergency as this a Chicago man has de-

Protects People from the Flame.

signed a steel curtain for use in conjunction with all fire escapes which must of necessity pass in front of windows. The idea is to so place the curtain that it will not obstruct the light which enters the window and will at the same time be ready to close the outlet the instant a fire breaks out and the necessity arises for using the fire escape. This curtain is hung in a folded position directly over the window, and is suspended so that a light touch by any person descending the fire escape will cause it to fall and shield people from the flames.

The inventor is J. W. Denhart of Chicago.

Wheeless Clocks.

A German has invented a new clock system which has some original features worthy of mention. The system is that of a master clock which controls electrically as many individual clock installations as may be required. The clock, which is installed in the house or place of business of the subscriber to the system, is similar to the ordinary one inasmuch as it has a face and two hands, but the works are replaced by a couple of magnets and a balance wheel. The master clock is provided with a transmitting apparatus designed to be operated by the movement of the hands. An impulse is sent from the wires when the hands of the master clock advance one minute on the face of the dial. This impulse affects the magnets in the small clocks in a such a way that the hands are advanced the same amount as were the hands of the master clock. This operation is kept up indefinitely, and, of course, all the small clocks keep exactly the same time as the master clock. The small clocks are inexpensive and comparatively little current is required to operate the system. The invention is in successful operation in several towns in France and Germany, and is at present being introduced into England.

Steam Versus Electricity.

The steam railroads vary greatly in their attitude toward electric competition, says Ray Morris in the Atlantic, but it has been almost the uniform experience of railroad managers, east and west, that rate cuts to meet electric competition are quite futile. Electric transportation handles traffic in small units. The power-house is the locomotive, and it can haul ten single cars as easily as it can a train of ten cars coupled together—more easily, in fact. But in steam service, to reverse the figure of speech, each transportation unit must have its own powerhouse. Disregarding technical refinements, it may be said that it would cost a steam railroad five times as much to run an hourly, single-car train during a fifteen-hour day as it would to run three five-car trains. That is the primary reason on the side of absolute cost which makes it impossible for a steam road to compete with an electric road for light short-haul traffic.

To Whiten Piano Keys.

To whiten piano keys wash them with a strong solution of nitric acid to an ounce of soft water. Use a piece of soft chamoiskin to wash the keys, being careful not to let the solution run down between them.

Whitening or prepared chalk, mixed with lemon juice, is an excellent polish to apply while the keys are moist. Badly discolored keys can only be remedied by calling in a careful workman.

The Expensive Part.

Nuritch—I paid for every bit of work on my new house as soon as each workman finished his part. The house is half paid for now.

Anderson—Why, I thought the house was all finished except the plumbing.

Nuritch—Well?