

To Our Friends.

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HOME NOTES.

Turkeys—
What do you think of our football eleven now?

County School Commissioner Elliott, of Oxford, was in town on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Roy, of Detroit, spent Sunday with Miss Florence Blumberg.

The Misses Nellie and Minnie Ford were guests of Miss Edna Ford of Troy Sunday.

Miss Belle Ward, teacher in the Pontiac schools, is at home on account of illness.

Mitchell, eye eccentric writer, is dodging the first touch of winter in the Sunny South.

Found—A purse on Maple avenue Owner call, pay for advertisement, and get your property.

The D. U. R. people have finished their fine sidewalk on stiltis on their Woodward avenue property.

Birmingham is not bragging on being a factory town, but as a place of residence it beats 'em all.

Miss Lillian Riley and Dr. George Hanna, of Detroit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hanna Sunday.

Lost—Small gold pocket, blue enameled, between Brown St. and Maple Ave. Leave at this office and get reward.

Residents of the hills, just this side of Circle City, continue to make improvements on their already magnificent grounds.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union will meet with Mrs. Ellen Jones on Tuesday, Nov. 21st, at 8 p. m. Secretary.

Found—A pair of spees in a black bag near Dr. N. T. Shaw's. Call at this office, pay for this advertisement and get your glasses.

One lot for sale on Saginaw street, Terms reasonable, for particulars, inquire of Mollie G. Smith or of A. Whitehead at Exchange bank. lat

Mrs. Henry Gette, mother of Mrs. James Kreusel, died at the home of her daughter last week Thursday. Funeral was held the following Sunday.

Invitations are out for a Thanksgiving party to be given by the Birmingham Dancing Club in the new Johnston-Shaw Block. Don't fail to be there.

Keep your weather eye upon that festive occasion, the men's supper, at St. James church, Wednesday evening, Nov. 29th—the night before Thanksgiving, not the 27th as erroneously stated in last week's issue.

A suggestion to furnish the paper "Bird Lore" to the pupils of our school was met with the pertinent remark "What's the use of trying to make children humans when their fathers are of killing harmless animals and calling it fun?"

The L. O. T. M. of Birmingham entertained the Lady Eves of Royal Oak and Brightley on Friday last, for six o'clock dinner. As usual, their dinner was most sumptuous, and the visiting ladies thought themselves most royally entertained.

Stewart James Cobb is the young registered pharmacist who arrived safely two weeks ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Cobb, Woodward Ave. He seems to take to Birmingham life and his parents promise to care for the young stranger.

A Brooklyn public school teacher said that she once required a pupil to compose a sentence with the word "dogma" as the subject. The pupil, a lad of ten, after some deliberation, submitted his effort. It read as follows: "The dogma has five pups."

The drawing for the graphophone at Whitehead & Mitchell's on Saturday last was conducted by George Hupp, Kenneth Kennison being appointed to look over tickets and see that they were all O. K. The winning ticket was 24-C, belonging to Frederick Zillman.

The entertainment at the Library hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies Literary club was exceptionally good. Miss Kidder, reader, proved to be well represented to be, and the musical numbers were such as to make the entertainment a success.

Winter scored a touchdown Monday, but timely work by Old Sol prevented "Jack" from making goal for the present. However, the latter is a husky fellow, and as a precaution all timid ones should prepare themselves with nose and ears for possible emergencies during the next four months.

Although Thursday, Nov. 30, was formally announced as Thanksgiving Day, it should not be forgotten that the feast of the season, as prepared by eye men folks of St. James church, occurs on Wednesday evening, Nov. 29. It costs but 25 cents to be put in condition to enjoy the services on the succeeding day.

When the electric railroad first came to town David Roy roysok farming and began life in electricity, keeping his ears and eyes open and a closed mouth; and being sober, industrious and reliable he has at last reached the position of chief electrician at the Birmingham power house. This proves that a good reliable man will always win out and get promoted and command a fine salary.

The semi-annual apportionment of primary school money, made by Superintendent of Public Instruction Kelly Nov. 10, distributed about \$8,000,000 among the counties of the State. The rate was .70¢ for each child of school age in the State. This makes the total apportionment this year \$3.40, as last May's apportionment was at the rate of 70 cents per capita. The increase over last year is 15 cents per capita.

The protection of your homes and property will cost under ordinary conditions about a cent every 2-3 days for \$100.00 valuation. After many years of hard work, economy and saving—it is economy to risk that at your own risk, or at the risk of a grand old solid Insurance Co., the Hartford. And to protect your wages will cost you about one-fiftieth of those wages in the A. N. A. Life & Accident Co. John Allen Bigelow, agent.

A few of the young people were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Charlotte M. Blanding, Friday evening, in honor of Miss Marguerite James, of Phoenix, Arizona, who is the guest of Mrs. Herbert Poppletton. One interesting feature of the evening was the fortune telling by Madame Zola, of Detroit, which made many hearts glad and others sad. Dainty refreshments were served which completed a jolly time.

Town-killers may be classed into eight separate branches: First, those who go out of town to do their trading. Second, those who are opposed to improvements. Third, those who prefer a silent town to one of push and business. Fourth, those who imagine they own the town. Fifth, those who deride public spirited men. Sixth, those who oppose

every movement that does not originate with themselves. Seventh, those who oppose every movement that does not appear to benefit them. Eighth, those who seek to injure the credit or reputation of individuals.

A Doctor's Medicine

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is not a simple cough syrup. It is a strong medicine, a doctor's medicine. It cures hard cases, severe and desperate cases, chronic cases of asthma, pleurisy, bronchitis, consumption. Ask your doctor about this.



THE CHURCHES
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Wanted, For Sale, or Rent.
Wanted—Pupils in voice culture at my home on Woodward Ave. Mrs. R. D. Bird.

For sale—A heating stove in excellent shape, as good as new, in use 18 months, burns coal or wood. See Willis B. Carter, Birmingham.

Hiram Parks and wife, of Troy, want a young girl to assist in house work and care for the baby. Call at once or address R. F. D. Birmingham. If

Bargains for all. 25 new milch cows and springs for sale at the Brooks Farm, 1-1/2 miles west of Birmingham. 21

Extraordinary Chance.
Why rent when you can buy a nice little home for \$2,000? Two large lots on west side of street, with fruit, berries, shade, city water, good well, central sewer, cement walk, and a 2 1/2 five-room house, only one block from Woodward Ave. Such is the Wm. Shadbold home. It's on the bargain counter.

SON LOST MOTHER.
"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my mother," writes E. B. Reed, of Harmony, Me. "For the past few years, however, on the slightest sign of a Cough or Cold, I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss for Mr. Reed, but he learned that lung trouble need not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quick relief and cure for coughs and colds. Price 50c; six, \$1.00. Guaranteed at Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's drug stores. Trial bottle free.

Police Seek Slayer.
New O'Rk dispatch: Andrew Hagan, 24 years old, was shot and instantly killed in a tenement house fight, Tony Mori, 20 years old, is wanted by the police for the shooting.

Cut in Prices

The best is cheapest at all times, but when the best can be had at the lowest price it is doubly cheap.

Until further notice I will put on a set of Four New Shoes for \$1, or Reset 4 Shoes for 50c, at the old reliable Shoe Shop of

J. M. Clement,
Birmingham, Mich.

The Reindeer as a Farm Animal.
In all the northern part of this continent the reindeer has become practically the only farm animal that can be successfully bred and raised. It is the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture, they were some years ago introduced into Alaska, where they are now being used both for food and for draft purposes. There is just as great opportunity for improving the reindeer for improving our other farm animals. In the regions where life is hard these animals thrive, and will thrive in regions where the ox and the horse are at their best. The zone of usefulness of the reindeer is north of that which the ordinary agriculture is possible. Its food is the lichen and herbage native to the region where the ground at some depth is eternally frozen. It is fortunate, perhaps, that the reindeer cannot live upon the kind of forage we feed to cattle and horses. In the far north, where the moss grows rapidly in the summer and where it covers the ledges even in a great degree, these animals find their natural pasturage. It is a medium for transforming this vast amount of otherwise useless material into palatable meat and milk. The industry of developing the reindeer is in its infancy. We may be certain that this animal, adapted by thousands of generations of habit to the cold north, will yet become a domestic animal of great importance.

Cattle in Cuba.
The number of cattle in Cuba is not great at the present time, but is certain to become great. The problem of how to escape Texas fever is being dealt with both in the island and on the mainland. The Cubans are being taught quite large beef steers, and it is necessary that they import special breeds if they are not to import the finished product. There is a law in the island at present prohibiting the killing of dairy cows. This is done to foster the dairy interest, but at the same time it shuts off one cheap supply of beef. The Cubans at the present time are eating seven times as much beef as pork, and about 4,500 times as much beef as mutton. According to a recent report the per capita consumption of beef in Cuba in 1902 was 42.07 pounds, of pork 6.52 pounds, while the consumption of mutton was only 3 pound per 100 inhabitants. This opens up a great possibility in the sale of beef stock by American growers.

Clean Surroundings for Milk.
We used to have a great deal of trouble with the quality of the butter made at our home, and sometimes the milk itself became sour early and at other times had a peculiar taste after it had stood for only eight or ten hours. After visiting one of the great dairy schools of the country I became convinced that the trouble with our butter and milk was that they were not clean enough where we kept our milk. I went home and examined the cellar. It was summer and all the other vegetables had been taken out, but decayed leaves and roots were left here and there. I tried hard to find if they were sending off bad fumes, and found that I could detect some smell that was not desirable in butter. Moreover, I noticed that here and there flies were active and that they were taking the milk and cream as well as the decayed and half-dried roots and leaves. I am now sure that the insects help carry the germs of different what they take to the milk and complete what the bad air begins.

AMATEUR REMEMOR.
"What's in that cigar you're smoking?" asked the drug store wag. "Tobacco."
"Did you ever see a man smoking anything except tobacco?" inquired the grumpy citizen.
"Yes," was down on the fish wharf the other day and saw a man smoking a herring.

DIAMOND EXPERT.
First Stranger—"Excuse me, sir, but I understand you are a good judge of diamonds."
Second Stranger—"That's right."
First Stranger—"Would you mind this ring?"
Second Stranger—"Don't know anything about stones. I'm a baseball umpire. See?"—Detroit Tribune.

DON'T BLAME WHITEHEAD & MITCHELL, OR COBB & COBB.
It's Your Own Fault If You Continue to Suffer With Indigestion.
If we could only see and tell you personally the number of Birmingham people who have been cured of indigestion within the last two years by Pepsicola Tablets you wouldn't hesitate on trying this remedy one single minute. Our success has been made up of thousands of men, women and children, more confidence we have. No one need have dizzy spells, sick headache, biliousness, nervousness, loss of appetite, sour stomach, coated tongue, palpitation, or feel that are affected by any other symptoms of indigestion and stomach trouble if they will only use Pepsicola Tablets. It is also a splendid nerve tonic, it improves the general health, puts on firm, solid flesh, and if you are run down or exhausted it will almost surely increase your weight. There is not one case in a hundred that these Tablets will not cure, no matter how many remedies you have tried, don't give up. We know Pepsicola Tablets will cure you or we will not sell them for more than two years on a guarantee to return you 25 cents if they fail.

Good Manners.
Hardly anything is of more consequence than politeness in a boy or girl. One mother tells her children, "Always use good manners. Always be polite. When you go among strangers, you need never be alarmed, for it will be perfectly natural to be polite and respectful."

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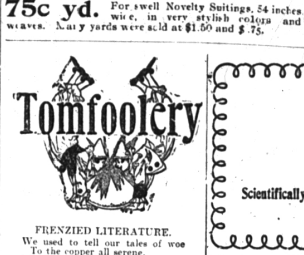
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FRENZIED LITERATURE.
We used to tell our tales of woe to the chapper all serene, but nowadays we write them down to a ten-cent magazine.

NO VISIBLE SIGN.
"He's a retired pugilist, isn't he?"
"Retired? No! He talks more than he ever did."—Chicago Tribune.

AN AID TO MEMORY.
The Sword Swallower—"Who tie that knot in the bow constrictor?"
The Albin—"The usual chamber. She wanted to remember something."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

HE KNEW BURROUGHS.
"What did Burroughs say when you made him that loan?"
"Said he would be under obligation to me to the day of my death."
"Well, I guess he will."

AT THE MINKTELS.
Mr. Tumb—"Mr. Bones, why is a retiring Juggler like a married woman?"
Mr. Bones—"I give it up, Mr. Tumb. Why is a retiring Juggler like a married woman?"
Mr. Tumb—"Because they both lay down the law."

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