THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC
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To Our Friends.

When trading with any of our advertisers either in 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?

THE BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

HOME NOTES.

There was a young fellow named T8,
Who ate with his girl at 8:08
Since T8 did not state
I cannot relate
What T8 at his tete-tete ate at 8:08

For Sale—Black Minorca roosters; also white ferrets. David Fisher, Fisher Farm. 12t

What does the boy and girl want for Christmas? A year's subscription to the library.

For sale at a big bargain, a light oak roll top desk and chair to match. For particulars call at this office. 13t

Our merchants are making extra inducements for the holiday trade. See ads in this issue for bargains.

A good book from our library each week will keep that child in the house and give him good company.

Lost—A gent's gold stick pin, a knot with a pearl setting. Finder please leave at this office and get reward.

Birmingham Souvenir Cards, views of Birmingham, just the thing to send away for Christmas, at Whitehead & Mitchell's.

Forty six persons killed and over two hundred wounded is the record for the hunting season in Northern Michigan and Wisconsin.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church will hold their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. Perry Wed. Dec. 20. All are invited.

A reader says that the account of the opening of Congress given on inner page of the ECCENTRIC was far better than that given in Detroit daily papers.

A farm for rent in Royal Oak. It consists of 100 acres of good buildings of all kinds and requires money rent. For particulars see at once Wm. Parks, Birmingham.

Just because a man looks wise and scratches his head doesn't necessarily signify that he is a profound thinker. It may be a very small thing that causes all the itching.

Dr. N. T. Shaw is now nicely settled in his new office and a maid to wait upon all callers. The patrons of Dr. N. T. Shaw can find no complaint with his new office.

Party with family of three adults wants to rent a house with from 5 to 20 acres of land in or near the south part of the village. Prompt pay and good tenants. Inquire at Exchange Bank.

Grand Rapids has joined the great army of Michigan cities and villages and declared against spitting on sidewalks and in public buildings. We of the neatest village in the state are still at it.

Mrs. Gaylord Simpson fell down the stairs at the M. E. church Sunday last from the top to the first landing, aside from a good big scare and a start to the whole congregation.

Choice cockerels for sale. A few Buff Rocks, Buff Wyandottes, Barred Rocks and Rhode Island Reds. All from prize winning stock. John Wilkinson, Southfield avenue, Birmingham.

Spencer & Wolcott open their new store in the Johnston-Shaw block on Saturday. Everyone invited. One hundred loaves of bread will be given away free. See ad in this issue.

Anyone interested in voice culture and wishing to study same, call at my home two doors north of the National hotel. Terms reasonable. Carrie Lee Brown. 14t

The student organization at the University of Michigan formerly known as the Prohibition Club has changed its name to the Temperance Research Club, in order to avoid the suggestion of any political affiliation.

Kansas women are doing their own work these days, for the cook the laundress, the school teacher and her girl pupils have taken to the light and engaging occupation of husking corn—which nets them about $2 a day.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold their annual meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Perry. Election of officers and other business will take place. It is earnestly hoped that all the members will be there on Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Ross A. Lamb, Treasurer of the Township of Troy, will be at Big Beaver on Wednesdays, Troy Corners on Thursdays, at home on Fridays, and at the Exchange Bank, Birmingham, on Saturdays up to Jan. 10th, for the purpose of receiving taxes. tf

The Birmingham Dancing Club give another of their popular parties on New Year's night in the new Johnston-Shaw hall with Guy's orchestra. Their parties are always enjoyed and with the success of the last one still before us, this one cannot fail to please.

Our representative S. W. Smith of the 6th Congressional District has introduced a bill into the legislature increasing the pay of rural mail carriers to $1,000 per year, and granting them two weeks vacation each year, thus placing them on a par with city carriers.

George H. Fleetham, of Detroit, called on us one day this week, and is the same old genial, social friend that he was when he was the head of the Franklin base ball team twenty years ago or less. He lives in Detroit and is a most successful business man of the metropolis.

If you are a lover of oysters just as they come from the shell you should try an order from Cobb & Cobb of the "sealshipt" kind. While they cost more than the ordinary kind they surely are worth it. For your Christmas oysters try a quart. Read their new ad in this issue.

Wm. T. McClellen, our agricultural dealer, was away three days this week attending an annual meeting of the Michigan Retail Implement and Vehicle Dealers Association at Jackson. Business meetings and a royal good banquet made life worth living as you may imagine.

The Lyceum Comedy Co. will present at Library Hall, Saturday evening, Dec. 16th., the laughable three act farce comedy "Foxy Pa," with refined specialties between each act. Children, unless accompanied by parents or an adult will not be admitted. Admission, adults 25c, children 10c.

Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2 the Misses Mary C. and Helen T. Hulbert gave an "At home" in honor of Miss Mamie Wilson, announcing her engagement to George Rogers of Detroit. The entertainment of the afternoon was progressive hearts, pierced with arrows. A very dainty lunch closed the afternoon's pleasure.

The Independent women otersv of Detroit, unanimously passed a resolution placing itself on record as being opposed to the hanging of any woman who is not entitled to a vote on constitutional matters. About the only political right a woman has is to pay taxes and to be punished for the violation of laws she may not make.

Our Mayor should have a big electric sign over the Council chamber and every night let our people read "Welcome—Detroit-Bay City Traction Railroad; Welcome—The New Automobile factory; Welcome—Anything and everything that benefits Birmingham, the loveliest city of the plains." Hurrah for the electric light welcome sign.

Frank P. Beekman, State fruit tree commissioner, has authority to order down and out all trees afflicted with black knot and if people will heed his advice and warning our village and vicinity will soon be freed from this scourge. We have had our notice and want any one who will for hire to come at once and cut down our poor trees. Who will be the next lucky man?

The Birmingham, Wolverine & Buckeye Oil Co., composed of Birmingham and Pontiac investors, has just declared its seventeenth dividend of 10 cents a share, making a total of $41,000 in dividends since the organization of the company three years ago. The company is capitalized at $150,000 but only $110,000 stock has been issued. It operates between Lima and Findlay, O. Frank Ford is president.

We have not mentioned blue cross for a whole year from this date. The dear old fellow is in good health, lively, and we expect to groom him soon and turn him loose the first is sue in January. The way to avoid his appearance on your paper is this Look carefully at the date after your name on this paper or the wrapper it came in, and if the date is one year past, you, dear reader, will draw a blue cross just to remind you how terribly destitute for cash we are. Watch out.

Brother Jameison, of the Presbyterian church, would have been excused had he shown any signs of fear, timidity or embarrassment when twenty five of his brothers and fellows marched into his church last Sunday morning in a body and list ened to one of the finest sermons they could wish to hear. It must have been a strange feeling to a few of the visitors, some of whom acknowledged that it was their first experience, but said they'd be willing to try it again.

Chas. F. Potts, of Milford, died last week. He was a well-known and prominent young man of 38 years of age, and always lived at that place. He was born on the old homestead, 2 1-2 miles southeast of Milford, where his father died in 1892, and since that time his one thought has been to care well for his aged mother. He leaves a widow and a little girl, four years old besides a mother, five brothers and one sister. Deceased was a brother of James R. Potts, of Maple avenue, this village.

The man behind the gun is what all America is proud of—the man and the men. What would Dewey's vessels been good for, or Sampson's, or Schley's had it not been for the men behind the guns? But it takes the combination, the men and the guns to give a sense of security. Take a contract with the grand old Hartford to protect your property against loss by fire or cyclone and the Ætna against loss of wages by accident or sickness. They are the ones behind the guns of loss. J. Allen Bigelow, agent.

On Saturday last while skating on Watkins Lake Willard Hart went through the thin ice. Ray England was with him and while trying to help the other out he too went through, both lads being drowned. There was quite a party of skaters on the ice and young Hart was pulled out in almost the same place he went in but young England went under the ice and was in the water nearly an hour before found. Ray England is the 14 year old son of George England and a relative of Mrs. Chas. Allen of the Cooper farm.

If any of our readers wish anything in diamonds, gold watches, handsome and ornamental clocks, bric-a-brac, or anything else to be found in any first-class jewelry store in Detroit, we unhesitatingly recommend the store of the Adolph Engass Jewelry Co. Mr. Enggass has been a life-long business man of the first city, and we dropped in his store one day this week and could hardly get waited upon, buyers were so numerous. First-class goods at right prices tell the tale. Mr. Enggass says all holiday buyers are selecting earlier this season than ever before, and his trade never was better. Before deciding on your purchase see Enggass opposite Hudson's, Detroit.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church served a most satisfactory chicken-pie supper last week with a booth attachment for the sale of goods suitable for Christmas presents. The attendance was large indeed and the buyers were easy money to the promoters of the scheme. Frank Blakeslee and Geo. Mitchell barkrupted themselves in the grab bag department, superintended by Mrs. Theo. Blumberg. The ladies wear a smile that won't come off, and have over $170 in the church stocking. The church was very pretty decorated, red and white predominating. The ladies' booth was gay in festoons of red and white bunting, while the young people's booth was in white with a garniture of red poppies. The candy booth was a popular corner. The supper tables were decorated in carnations, the whole resulting in a very pretty effect.

For Coughs and Colds

There is a remedy over sixty years old—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Of course you have heard of it, probably have used it. Once in the family, it stays; the one household remedy for coughs and hard colds on the chest. Ask your doctor about it.

"I have had pneumonia three times, and Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has brought me safely through each time. I have just recovered from my last attack, aged sixty-seven. No wonder I praise it."—E. V. HIGGINS, Stevens Point, Wis.

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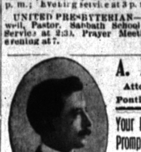
THE CHURCHES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. W. H. Jameison, D. D., Pastor. Sabbath Service at 10:30 a m and 7 p. m., standard time. Sunday School a 11:30 a. m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday eve. at 7

ST. JAMES—Rev. D. W. Thornberry, Rector. Sunday school at 9:15 a. m.; Morning service 10:30 a. m.; Evening service 7 p. m.; Holy communion on first Sunday in the month at 10:30 a. m. and on third Sunday in the month at 7:30 a. m. Sunday school at Royal Oak at 2:15 p. m.; Evening service at 3 p. m.

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN—Rev. M. B. Maxwell, Pastor. Sabbath School at 1:30 p. m. Service at 2:30. Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening at 7.



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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. tf

Wanted—Furs. Highest market price paid. J. F. Rundel, Birmingham.

Farm to Rent—To work on shares farm of 130 acres, 1 2 mile east and 2 1-2 miles north of Birmingham. Wm. Satterlee. tf

E. and F. E. Clark, our village photographers, have moved gallery and all to Springfield, Ohio. Any one having photos coming or wishing prints from negatives will please address this firm at the Stanton Studio, Springfield, Ohio, where all orders will be promptly attended. 2t

House to rent near Woodward Ave., cozy and comfortable. Inquire of E. Baxter or Grace Gillispie for terms etc. 2t

Lost—A black pig marked with tag in ear, Hupp No. 101. Finder please notify J. H. Carter, Birmingham. 2t

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"In Bishop's Carriage," "One Woman," "Crisis," "Westerners," "Barlash of Guard," "Mr. Dooley in Peace and War" "Dorothy Vernon," "Mr. Dooley in Hearts of His Countrymen," "Master Christian," "Mr. Isaacs," "Saracinesca," "In Palace of King," by Marion Crawford; "Miss Petticoats," "Hearts Courageous," "Gordon Keith," "Uncle Terry," "Main Chance," Rockhaven," "If I Were King," "When Knighthood Was in Flower," "Raffles," "Amateur Cracksman," "Hound of Baskerville," "Sherlock Holmes," and lots of others. Just entertaining as when $1.50

Ralph Connor's "Sky Pilot," "Call of the Wild," by London; "Brewster's Millions," "Graustark," "Castle Craney Crow," by McCutcheon; "Monsieur Beaucaire," "Forest Lovers," Louis Tracy's "Wings of Morning" and "King of Diamonds," "Soldiers of Fortune," "Gray Cloaks," Alice of Old Vincennes," "Virginian," "Trail of Grand Seigneur."

The Newest Copyrights.

"Reckoning," "Ben Blair," "Nedra" and "Purple Parasols," two new ones by McCutcheon; "Man from Red Keg," by E. Thwing; "Conquest of Canaan," by Tarkington; "House of Mirth," by Edith Wharton; "Rose o' the River," by Kate D. Wiggin; "Sandy," by the same author as "Mrs. Wiggs;" "Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary," "Princess Passes," "Yolanda," Chas. Major's new story; "A Yellow Journalist, by Michelson; "The Clansman," by T. Dixon, Jr.; "The Marriage of Wm. Ashe," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward; "Fair Margaret," by F. M. Crawford; "My Friend the Chauffeur," by the Williamsons; "Pam," by Bettina von Hutton; "Animal Heroes," Seton's latest; "Mystery of June 13th," "Fisherman's Luck," by Van Dyke; "Gambler," "Garden of Allah," "Sign of Jack o' Lantern," "Deluge," "Work of Our Hands," "Speculation of John Steele," by Barr; "Social Secretary," "When Copper Was King," "Constance Truscott," "Breath of Gods," "Orchard Princess," "Great Mogul," "Flight of Georgiana," "Her Letter," "Servant of Public," "Girl and the Deal," "Her Version of It," by Paul L. Ford; "Claims and Counterclaims," "Missourian," "Howdy, Honey, Howdy," by Paul L. Dunbar; "Red Fox," "Miss Kate and I," "Rose of World," "Ayesha," by Haggard; "Sword of Old Frontier," "Man of Hour."

Boys' Copyright Series—Best line of titles in the city. Stoddard's "Dan Monroe;" Dudley's "In the Line," "Making the Nine," "Following the Balls;" Sprague's "The Boy Pathfinder," "The Boy Courier of Napoleon;" that exciting tale "At the Fall of Port Arthur," "My Friend Tom," "American Boys' Life of Roosevelt," "Two Young Inventors," "On Your Mark," and Alger's "Making His Mark," etc.

"LAFF" BOOKS—"Katzenjammer Kids," "Happy Hooligan," "Jimmie," "Little Sammy Sneeze," "Woggle Bug," "Buster B., Tige and His Troubles," "Buster B. and His Resolutions," "Buster B. and His Pranks."

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Children's Linen Books, the famous Untearable, 10c to 50c each.

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25c Line for Boys has, amongst others, 24 titles of Jack Harkaway, Henty's Round Table Series, 30 titles of Horatio Alger's Works, 98 titles of the Rugby Series, 42 titles of the New Henry Series. We have the books the boys like.

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Tub oysters are shucked and dropped into water where they are allowed to soak and bloat far beyond their natural size. Then they are dumped into a soggy wooden tub with a loose cover.

Sealshipt Oysters do not come in contact with ice, air or water. They are not opened till they reach the dealer. They come out fresh, firm, clean and of the natural color.

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Sealshipt Oysters are free from preservatives of any kind. None are ever necessary. The oysters are absolutely clean, thoroughly chilled and protected from air.

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