

Wm. Chesnut of Detroit is spending his three weeks' vacation on the old farm...

Ishabell McColland is visiting friends at Coe well.

D. S. Clark is fixing his house and barn so let the good work go on.

Mrs. Biddow of Birmingham is visiting her children at John Biddow's.

Frank Reider has just moved into his new house and he is enjoying it.

Clyde Brooks of Detroit is visiting his sister, Mrs. Ward Park.

The Willing Workers held their annual bazaar last Friday night. It was a great success owing to was raised.

Bert Wood of Franklin, who was at the point of death last week is improving slowly.

Dr. Morrison, a promising young physician has located in Southfield and we all wish him success.

Steve Wright and family have moved into one of Dr. Holcomb's houses.

Mrs. Emma Brooks was a caller at Royal Oak last week.

The L. M. S. met with Mrs. J. Miller last Thursday.

John M. Biddow made a fine trip to Detroit last Monday to buy a lot of goods, he will carry from a pin to a treshing machine. Look out for bargain.

Voley Miller spent one day last week at his brother's Dr. Miller, of Farmington who has been very sick the past two weeks.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will hold their Christmas entertainment on Friday Dec. 29. An invitation is given to all.

Invitations are out for an oyster supper to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheppard on Friday evening of this week.

The Gleasons Society will meet the second Wednesday in Jan. at the home of Mrs. Robert Douglas. (Gleasons please be present as it is election of officers.

Charles Sheppard have just returned from their trip to Jackson, where they visited their sister, Mrs. Gray.

Torture of a Preacher.

The story of the torture of Rev. O. D. Moore, pastor of the Baptist church of Harperville, N. Y. will interest you.

He says: "I suffered agonies, because of a persistent cough, resulting from cold. I had to sleep sitting up in bed. I tried many remedies, without relief until I took Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Cough and Colds, which entirely cured my cough, and restored me from consumption."

For diseased conditions of throat and lungs. At Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb's, druggists; price 50c and \$1.00, guaranteed. Trial bottle free.

COMPLEXION SECRETS.

Only One Way to Secure a Clear Skin.

In most instances a bad complexion is due to neglect of the little things in life that are essential to the preservation of one's own natural beauty.

It is in the manner of suggestions have been offered by skin specialists, but all agree that the only sure way to secure a clear, beautiful complexion is to conform as closely as possible to the laws of nature.

To preserve freshness and beauty you should live simply, take plenty of outdoor exercise, drink quantities of water, and be careful of your diet.

Remember, too, that beauty is a good deal more than skin deep. It is in the mind, and depends also upon your liver, your kidneys, and the activity of your bowels.

For nearly two years Whitehead & Mitchell's and Cobb & Cobb have been telling Birmingham ladies of the beneficial effects of the Laskolka Tonic Tablets on the skin.

The principal ingredients in them are cascara and dandelion, and every doctor knows that these ingredients start the liver going, drive out impurities, encourage the action of the bowels, and help clear up the complexion.

These druggists will gladly pay your 25 cents back if these little tablets fail to thoroughly benefit you.

Wordsworth's Joke.

A rare old book, called the Living Authors of England, published in 1850, commences with a study of Wordsworth, in which is recorded what is said to be the only joke the poet ever made.

At a friend's house, after dinner, it appears the conversation turned upon wit and humor. Thomas Moore, who was present, told some anecdotes of Sheridan, whereupon Wordsworth observed that he did not consider himself a witty poet.

"Indeed," he said, "I do not think I was ever witty but once in my life."

Being pressed to tell the company what this special delivery was, the poet said with some hesitation: "Well, it will tell you, I was standing some time ago at the entrance of my cottage at Rydal Mount, when I saw a man in a carriage with the question: 'Pray, sir, have you seen my wife pass by?' whereupon I answered, 'Why, my good friend, I didn't know till this moment that you had a wife!'"

The company stared, and upon remarking that this was all there was to the poet's joke, burst into a roar of laughter, which Wordsworth smilingly accepted as a genuine compliment to the brilliancy of his wit.—Harper's Weekly.

Quaintest of a Minister.

"Chauteauf," said Colonel Remon Montague, "is an old provincial French word and was originally applied to soldiers who went about the country entering farm houses and torturing farmers to tell where they had hidden their money. It was used as a derisive appellation by the French to the drivers of the first smoke wagons. The French also use it to designate a Frenchman who stokes, and in English it denotes a small stove for melting metals. It is entirely out of place when used for the driver of a motor car, and he should be called a motorist or something like that."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Last summer was a record one in Paris for tips.

The Nuremberg of Today, with Its Artistic Marvels, Seems to the Visitor

(Special Correspondence.) It is Monday afternoon and we have just reached Nuremberg. From the railway station we enter the city's walls, and are confronted by a confusion of jagged roofs pierced by steeply pitched gables...

After getting settled in a delightful modern hotel, which is also outside the walls, we ordered a carriage and were soon driving over the pretty, quavering bridges viewing the picturesque walls and towers...

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This entrance is ornately decorated with full-length statues of the ten virgins, who form a semi-circle on either side, five of them holding their lamps "trimmed and burning" while the other five prove themselves to be the foolish virgins with unlit lamps.

Tomb of St. Lawrence.

Having ascended what could be finer than the masterpiece of Peter Vischer—the bronze tomb of the saintly patron of the church? In the Loeffelholz chapel there are some very old paintings upon gold backgrounds; also the bronze font at which Emperor Maximilian said he had been christened in 1361.

Also contains interesting tapestries and these two were described together with that marvel of art and trade at Cologne, which surely gives an idea of their beauty and majesty. Near the Church of St. Sebaldus stands the gothic chapel of St. Moritz and nestling almost against it is a quaint little historic inn.

It is tucked away in an alleyway, it is being carefully preserved by the town and is their pride. Nuremberg's city council does not desire to tear it down or rob it of its historic value.

Barney Had Been Observant.

The called him "Barney the Blun derer," because he made so many mistakes. He had been working for a coal

dealer about six months, and was as earnest, honest soul, but he did not seem to learn anything concerning the details of the business.

One morning after having delivered coal to two wrong addresses, he was rather short and crusty in answering a regular customer, so the proprietor discharged him, saying: "Go to the office and get your money. I've been at patient with you as I could be, but you are too thick-headed to ever learn."

"All right, sir," answered Barney Mebbe "O've learned w'ing, anyway. If you have really learned anything, and learned it well, I'll not charge you," said the proprietor, blushing. "Now, tell me what you have learned."

"O've learned, sir, that seventeen hundred makes a ton in this place," replied Barney, and he went back to work.—Lippincott's.

Rockefeller's Partner.

Marshall P. Wilder, the story teller, says: he had a dream the other night; he had entered into business with Mr. Rockefeller, selling potted plants.

The business did not thrive, and after it became apparent that the venture would not prosper, Mr. Rockefeller suggested a dissolution of partnership with me.

This condition was to be in force and effect when I should be seen taking the pots and plants. At this juncture the innocent bystander interrupted to inquire what Rockefeller's work. Sure he must have gotten something as his share. And he did. "He took the earth!"

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It is forcibly shown by the pride in which the names and busts of their great men are cherished. A bronze statue of Albert Durer hovers over a broad square near his dwelling, and his home is still sacred to art as a studio of Nuremberg artists.

The Old Meistersingers. We were shown the grave of the chief of these and felt the lesson of Hans Sachs' life. He was much loved by his fellow artists and was a power in the town.

No authentic document exists as to the origin of Nuremberg, but it has been proved that it was not a Roman settlement. Its name appears first when we are told, in 1050, in the midst of a fertile plain between the Rhine and the Danube, she was exceptionally situated, and she held sway in commerce, trading with Russia, the Levant, with Genoa and Venice, and even with the far East Indies.

Quaint Old Houses. Of stone, with their quaint sculpture in German or Latin. Not far away in the castle and I think no one can stand on its terrace without a thought of the thirty years ago, when so many fell and the land was brought to desolation.

Another innovation is the introduction of ten beautiful show girls, who pretty faces and bright costumes lend added charm and give a finish to the song numbers and stage pictures which go towards making "Tackled Around the World," the deservedly popular success that it is.

LXVLCUM John Ford and Mayme Gehrene will appear in this theatre next week in a new musical gait entitled "Lovers and Lunatics," written in two acts by Walter Coleman Parker.

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COLLATERAL HANG ON FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR. So frequently settle on the lungs and result in Pneumonia or Consumption. Do not take chances on a cold wearing away or take something that only half cures it, leaving the seeds of serious throat and lung trouble.

AT THE THEATRES. WHITNEY. It is seldom, even in these days of "realistic" productions, that a more complete result is attained than in A. H. Woods' latest success, "Tackled Around the World."

Grand Trunk Railway System. WEST BOUND FROM BIRMINGHAM. No. 19—Grand Rapids Local. 7:42 a.m. No. 10—Grand Haven Local. 7:12 p.m.

Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railway TIME TABLE. In effect October 1, 1903. GRAND NORTH. Grand Haven Local. 7:12 p.m.

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Miss M. E. Moutier, Pontiac. I have all the very newest in Fall Shapes and Novelties in Hats, and any kind of Feathers desirable.

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