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and Yours

Mindful of the many evidences of prosperity as reflected in our constantly growing business, and deeply appreciative of the manifest loyalty of our numerous friends, we desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all who have had a part in helping us grow. To you we extend in turn, our heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

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**ALL OVER**  
Charles Most is helping Ralph Bailey. Wm. O'Connell, of Clawson, is on the sick list.  
Roy Chatfield went to Detroit last Saturday with skunk fur.  
Mrs. Wm. Davenport and daughter Miss Leila visited in Pontiac last Saturday.  
Judson B. Underhill of Clawson, will take Christmas dinner in Detroit with his son Harry.  
Misses Ella and Carrie Davenport were Christmas shoppers in Detroit on Saturday last.  
A man by the name of Hines from Port Huron, bought the Porter Beach farm in Troy lately.  
Manhood depends on his better half in this life. Womanhood depends on the man in this life.  
Charles Cole is so much improved that he is able to handle the milk for the past two weeks again.  
John Heidt, wife and son, of Detroit, were guests of the Most family of Troy a few days this past week.  
Samuel Clingan, of Council Corners, had a bad catarrh cold in the head last week, but is now some better.  
Smith & Clark's corn husker was at Mrs. Francis Smith's, last week and from there, they went to the Converse's and from there to Francis Poole's.  
W. H. Davis, of Crosswell, agent for the Delaval Cream Separator, was in Birmingham last week Tuesday on business. He will be at the headquarters in New York City the 19th and will remain through the month settling the business for the past year and making arrangements for the coming year.  
Bruce Chatfield, of Troy, while helping Millerchant drive a fender, slung through the wagon somehow so that both of the hind wheels ran over him, one across his head and the other across his legs. It was a miracle that he was not seriously injured. Bruce you are a lucky boy and we are glad of it.  
Clarence Baxter, of Oxford, sold a colt last Saturday to Caspar Hogue, of Metamora for \$150. The condition of the sale was that the colt was touchy. With this understanding, Hogue made the purchase and the following Monday he brought the colt back because it kicked and demanded his money back. He has brought suit in the circuit court at Pontiac.

Served as coffee, the new coffee substitute known to grocers everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee will treat even a stiff expert. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Pure, healthful, toothsome, makes a delicious beverage, has been so gloriously blended as to give a wonderfully satisfying coffee taste and flavor. And it's "made in a minute." No tedious 20 to 30 minutes boiling. All grocers.

**TOY**  
Our sick people are all better at the present writing.  
Ferry Houghton is spending his vacation with his parents here.  
Troy furnished a goodly number of Christmas shoppers the past week.  
Mrs. Nell Aspinwall and Mrs. Slater of Detroit, was a Troy visitor lately.  
Miss Rhodie Niles has gone to Pasadena, California, to spend the winter.  
Mrs. Hiram Terry, of Saginaw, visited relatives and friends in Troy the past week.  
E. R. Frank, of the Soldier's Home, called on his niece, Mrs. Wilber Jennings, one day last week.  
Mrs. Jennie Hadden entertained the Ladies' Aid on Thursday of last week. A pleasant time was had by all.  
While husking corn for E. Converse, D. Smith broke his engine but it will soon be repaired and ready for business again.  
While working in the woods the other day two citizens of Troy found \$8 in the shape of two black skunks. Lucky find.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, New Hampshire, writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a grand good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Sold by all druggists.

**CLAWSON**  
Ralph Bailey started for Albuquerque N. Mexico, Tuesday last.  
A few young friends of Ray Bailey were invited in to spend the evening Saturday.  
Mike Snyder's youngest child died Sunday night. Funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bowers took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Houghton of Birmingham last Thursday.  
Mrs. Hattie Baker has been quite sick with a bad cold, but is a great deal better at the present writing.  
The Poole's two youngest children are visiting at the home of Francis Poole, Earle Sayre, of Durand, also visited there last week.

**A Policeman's Testimony.**  
J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Newark, Louisiana, writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Sold by all druggists.

**R. D. NO. 1**  
J. H. Russell and family have all got into their new home,--except the odds and ends.  
Mrs. Alex. Porteous is sick, and Dr. J. S. Morrison, of Royal Oak is attending to her wants.  
Miss Margaret Young, who teaches District No. 1, of Royal Oak, is enjoying a two weeks vacation.  
The new farm will entertain relatives from Detroit and about home, with a good Christmas dinner.  
David Taylor was on the sick list last week for a few days, but is able to be around again for Dr. J. L. Campbell is the attending physician.  
Miss Mary E. Cox is taking a two weeks vacation, and it commenced last Monday. She will visit her sister Britten, Mich. and all her friends during vacation.  
Ralph Biddow returned to his work in the First Commercial National Bank at Seattle, Wash., last Monday. He passed two lovely weeks with his parents, and "there's no place like home," says Ralphie.  
Well, our old friend, W. H. Bufnyer, has bought a fine farm east of Pontiac, and will move April last, bag and baggage. Now, what shall we do without that good old Sauer-kraut, that he is so famed for making. Good luck! Bill and big family! Our best wishes go with you.  
The little daughter of Fred M. Spicer underwent an operation for some trouble with her stomach at the Holcomb did the work. They took from the child's knee a cup full of pus and blood. At this writing she is doing very nicely, and if nothing sets in she will be out in a few weeks. We hope for her recovery.  
We understand our old friends, Will Baum and his good wife, Mary, just simply got lonesome and bought a Poll Parrot. Uncle Bill says, Polly wakes them up every morning at sunrise for a big day's work. So Polly just does it. The K. boys are agitating the question of running over to their Commerce home some afternoon, and have a visit with Will, Mary and the parrot.

**Rich Men's Gifts Are Poor**  
Beside this "I want to see record" saying that I regard Electric Bitters as one of the greatest gifts that God has made to mankind," writes Mr. O. Hinchault, of Vestal Center, New York. "I can never forget what it has done for me." This glorious medicine gives a woman instant relief, vigors of body and jubilant health. It quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting, and dizzy spells; soon builds up the weak, ailing and sickly. Try them, sold at James W. Cobb's, Charles J. Shain and J. F. Wooster.

**AT THE THEATRES.**  
LYCEUM.  
As a special New Year's offering the management of the Lyceum theatre, has secured David Higgins in a magnificent revival of the beautiful southern racing play, "His Last Dollar." Mr. Higgins will be remembered as the author of "At Pine Ridge," and "Up York State," but in "His Last Dollar" he has outdone all his previous efforts. The story first of all smacks strongly of the race track, an element that is sure to appeal, and it also contains a romantic interest that is gripping, rugged and virile, not the ordinary love stories that are exploited in modern day fiction.  
The engagement opens with a Sunday matinee, in addition to which the regular Wednesday and Saturday matinee will be given.

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**SAVE MAN'S LIFE**  
ANIMALS THROWN TO SHARKS  
KEEP SEA MONSTERS FROM VICTIM.

**RESCUED IN NICK OF TIME**  
"Spooks" on the Freightier Also Form Another "Thrilling Experience" for the Crew of the British Ship Errol.

New York--Feeding live sheep to sharks to keep the sea monsters away from a sailor who had fallen overboard, pending his rescue, was one of the exciting incidents of the long voyage of the British freighter Errol, from the orient to New York with the usual valuable cargo of eastern goods.  
The rescue occurred while the steamship was between Labuan and Colombo, to the Bay of Bengal. One of the native sailors, Matt Kasa, had tumbled into the bay while adjusting gear on deck. No sooner had he struck the water than a school of sharks came up and made for the spot where Lascar had taken his involuntary plunge.  
With rare presence of mind Kasa's associates liberated a sheep from one of the cages forward and tumbled it over the side. The sharks swept down on the sheep in a twinkling, and there was not a vestige of the animal left before the Errol could stop. Then a second sheep was hurled over the side by the natives as a life boat was lowered and the race for Kasa, swimming toward the small boat, began.

The sharks turned their attention to the swimming native with the disappearance of the last morsel of sheep No. 2, but the Errol's small boat won in the race and Kasa was hauled aboard at the instant the foremost of the sharks was turning and diving preparatory to the final crunch on his prey.  
Spooks, believed to be in the forward hold of the freighter, formed another diversion for the superstitious natives in the forecastle. The men got the notion that evil gods were hiding in a quantity of oriental curios taken on at Colombo. These consisted of tanks, skeletons of wild animals and queer arms used by natives in their oriental warfare. A crash below the hatch the second night out from Colombo caused the assembled lascars to scramble to quarters, and there they met a rowing and diving party in a demand being made on Capt. James that the forward hold be examined for "spooks."  
Capt. James has had many queer things in the hundreds of cargoes he

**THE SPARKS SWEEPED DOWN ON THE SHEEP IN A TUMBLING MASS.**  
has safely brought to the United States from the far east, but he declared emphatically that "spooks" had never been on any ship of his except once, when a lack of sobriety on the part of a second mate took the shape of "man-festation."  
The lascars were not appeased, however, until the hatch was raised and everything shown to be in shape below. The crash they had heard had been caused by a loose post tumbling from the side of some cases where it had been laid by emergency.  
Between the eastern merchandise, jute, hemp and curies, not to mention teas, shellac and the usual list of oriental stuffs, the cargo of the Errol was valued at nearly \$2,000,000.



**Hunting Truffles as Sport.**  
Quite apart from the interest of fungi to the naturalist, the temptation cannot here be resisted to refer to a method of procuring one kind of fungus which might take rank among the minor sports. This is the fashion, originating in France, of procuring the truffle by the aid of swine and hounds--more ill-assorted sporting companions can hardly be imagined. The truffle grows underground. Pigs are particularly fond of these delicate and costly articles, and they will discover them by rooting in the earth. After the discovery of the truffles the dogs are employed to hunt back the pigs and prevent them from devouring the spoil. And every quality dear to the sportsman of skill and judgment is needed to control and obtain the desired result from the efforts of a herd of swine and a pack of hounds.

**Exception.**  
"All things come to him who waits," smiled the moralizer.  
"All except the political pig," rejoined the demoralizer. "A fellow has to go after that and tug the pig-man."

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