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THE PUBLISHERS.

—they may be your last.
Leave your homes with loving words,
For a wife that the daughter of a good mother.
Miss Edyth Kooz returns to Calumet today to resume her school work.
Treat your home as though she were a queen and that will help to make her one, —maybe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Tryon, of Hay City, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Griffin.
When a man's a success he claims the credit, when he is a failure he finds some woman to blame for it.
It took nine pairs of shoes to go round the employees of Whitehead & Mitchell for Christmas remembrances.

We are inclined to think that they have been given to those who are trying to make a heaven on this earth.
Dr. and Mrs. Walter McBride returned to their home in Portland Tuesday last after spending the Christmas holidays with their parents.
Farmers don't fail to read W. E. Smith's new adv't in this issue. If you need any feed ground or logs sawed up call on him for prompt service.

Mrs. M. Lasser has come to her Florida home for the winter. She has a delightful home and a valuable orange grove at Crescent City in that state.
C. M. Millick, who buys poultry and cattle for Galloway and the butchers at Pontiac, is a great favorite with the farmers. He keeps his word with them, and pays the outside price every time.
The Public Library has a little over twice the circulation of books, according to the population, that the entire public library system of Detroit. We are proud of the circulation of the books in our library.

Guy A. Webb, Pontiac's greatest merchant made a display unequalled for grandness and quality of meats. His market looked so nice that it was photographed for the ECCENTRIC, for remembrance in the future. It outlasted anything ever seen before at the county seat.
One step won't take you very far—you've got to keep on walking; one word won't tell folks what you are—you've got to keep on talking; one inch won't make you very tall—you've got to keep on growing; one little "ad" won't do it all—you've got to keep 'em going.

E. B. Kudner, who runs the Parlor Bakery in Pontiac, is a bread and pastry baker, who knows how. He has been at it for 30 years, and is at it today, so busy he has scarcely time to eat. His shop is so well kept and so neat, it surely is a pleasure to go there. Just call and see.
For the past few weeks our Post Master has been expecting a 15 pound turkey from a lady "way down east" in Troy. You all know how it feels to get left on turkey, with your own "puckered waitin' just waitin'." John declares he's been waiting for this particular turk some four years or more.

The families of William Stephens of Birmingham, and James T. Daly, of Big Beaver, are the happy recipients of a very substantial Christmas gift, in the shape of a large box of oranges, of the "Golden" variety. They were sent by Mr. Frederick Grover, of this village, from his orange grove near Crescent City, Fla., and are highly appreciated by both families.
A farmer whose son was applicant for a position under the government, but had been repeatedly turned down, said: "Well, it's hard luck but John has missed that civil service examination again. It looks like they just won't have him." "What was the trouble?" "Well, he was short on spellin, an' a geography, an' missed party turk in 'rithmetic." "What is he going to do now?" "I dunno. Times is mighty hard, an' I reckon he'll have ter go back ter teaching school agin for a livin'."

We owe it to the community in which we live to do everything we can in every way possible that will be to its advantage. Our neighbors prosper they mean a great deal more to us than someone's who lives elsewhere. We should bear this in mind in buying our goods. We can afford to pay our home man a firm price for his wares rather than send our money away, knowing as we do that every dollar our neighbors make will help in sustaining our schools, churches and public institutions. It pays richly to patronize home industry.

Corn for sale, at Charley Martin's, R. D. No. 5.

The special meetings which are being held at the Baptist church are very largely attended.
Will pay \$1000 week for a competent housewife or woman for general house work. Box 1350, Birmingham. 21
James D. Marble and wife from Commerce, spent a happy day recently with Mr. and Mrs. S. Bortle, visiting.
Miss Ruby Johnson entertained several of her Detroit friends at the home on Tuesday evening of this week.

A friend sends a card: Just to wish you a happy New Year, just to say here's hoping that each new day will find you gay and never find you moping.
Mr. and Mrs. Wagoner, Brown are back again from their Montana home. They look well and are happy, and will return to their Western home, next April.
All correspondents should now send in the name of their friend whom they wish to favor by sending the ECCENTRIC for 1910. It is up to you. Rush your name.

If the present holder of the diamond ring advertised for, holds it much longer, there will be a crash and no names withheld. A word to the wise is sufficient.
The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will hold its next regular meeting Friday Jan. 7, at the home of Mrs. Guy Watkins. A good time and supper all for 15c. Secy.

Miss Tillie E. Walker, accompanied by Miss Emma M. Mitchell, are away on their annual "tour" to Fowler and Grandpa Walker's. They will have a real good visit everybody knows.
Fred Pond, the general manager of P. H. Struthers & Co., dry goods merchants of Pontiac, reports the Christmas trade this year the best they ever had. Their store is like a bee hive with customers.

Guess everybody got all the Christmas presents they expected or wished for, judging from the happy smiling faces on Saturday last. Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer.
McCherren and Beckman are the champion celery growers of Michigan judging from the generous sample left at the ECCENTRIC office by these growers. Bleached clear to the tips and tender as a spring chicken and sweet as sugar. No one could ask more.

Oh, yes! By the way, this is the season of the year, when everybody is making farm leases, deeds, mortgages, agreements, etc. Well, if you want this class of business done, and backed by the experience of over 30 years of almost constant practice, the Exchange Bank offers every facility of private office, transactions kept absolutely confidential, and terms as low as the business can be properly done.

The Hello girls of the Birmingham exchange are a very happy quartette. Without thinking, hoping or expecting anything from anybody, they were suddenly and joyfully, each and all, to receive from appreciative subscribers Christmas presents galore. These holiday remembrances run from a box of candy to silk goods out of sight. Shoes, silk waist patterns, bric-a-brac, etc. were received from Messrs. Barbour, Chittenden, Peters, Allison, Wilkinson, O'Brien, Cressman, Floyd, Whitehead & Mitchell, Kitts and Mrs. Elizabeth Sibley. The girls all sing: "tis sweet to be remembered.

U. S. Gov. officers came out one day last week to find out the reason why Druggist James F. Wooster had not paid his revenue tax of \$25.00 for selling spirituous liquors. As he has not sold any in the one month, he had had nothing to pay. Three deputy sheriffs searched his private home and confiscated four bottles of buchu gin, (a patent medicine,) that they found, all covered with mold, and which Mr. Wooster, not any of his family, knew were on the premises; it is thought that they were some left over by Mr. Fish when he sold out. The local option cause received a black eye in this vicinity, as invading a man's private home, in search of bottles, is going just a little bit too far in the business.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors who rendered us such kind assistance during our late bereavement in the loss of our beloved mother and grandmother.
Mrs. Ann Mrs. J. BERRY,
MISS MAUDE BERRY.

Wanted For Sale For Rent

Saw dust for sale at my place, north Woodward. F. W. Clawson. 17
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Wise Provision of Nature That is One of the Curiosities of the Region.

One of the curiosities in natural history in the colony of Queensland is the provision by nature of a supply of water in the roots of certain trees. On these roots the aborigines formerly depended for their water for several months of the year.

There are several kinds of trees in Queensland from which water can be obtained, including three species of eucalyptus, and the kurralee. The eucalypt consists of a gum, which is the largest of the back country trees, a box and malloo. The first named is the most preferred, yielding the greatest quantity. This tree resembles the red gum in appearance, the leaves being of about the size of a silver color. It grows chiefly on sandy or light loamy soil and throws out numerous lateral roots at a depth of about nine inches from the surface of the ground. The position of these roots was ascertained by the blacks by repeatedly jabbing the points of a spear or sharpened stick in the soft earth at a distance of about six or eight feet from the trunk of the tree. The soil was then removed by a wooden shovel for some 20 feet or more and the root cut off at either end. This was then cut up into lengths of about 18 inches, each black knocked off and the length of wood on end in some receptacle to contain water. In many cases the blacks used the ends of the entire skin of the male wallaby. As soon as all these pieces were placed on end the operator, beginning with the first placed, put the end of the skin into a vigorous puff expelled the remaining water. The size of the roots chosen was with the bark on, about the thickness of a pencil. The larger ones being more woody and less porous, contain little or no water. The water is beautifully clear, cool, and free from any unpleasant taste or smell.

PLEASANT FOR THE TRAVELER

Russian Method of Safeguarding Car
Necessarily Let to Some Apprehension.
The late William E. Ingersoll, the noted life insurance manager, was an authority on insurance rates.
"Mr. Ingersoll knew the rates all over the world," said a New York man recently, "and he was right. The rates were very high. Mr. Ingersoll once explained to me, with a story, why this was the case. "The Russian rate, said he, "is a travel in Russia, he said, "noted that the train was all under the stars, and he said, "I have never seen a company of soldiers, and a band playing the national anthem. The traveler asked a barkeepman the reason of all this ceremony. The barkeepman, lowering his voice, replied: "I don't mind telling you, sir—but in the strictest confidence, be it understood that this carriage in this train has been engaged for his majesty, but his majesty, as a matter of fact, won't set off till this evening. Thus the plot hatched against him may take effect on this train, you see, and our gracious sovereign will be saved."

The brakeman touched his cap and passed on, and the traveler, suddenly grown pale and nervous, stared from the window anxiously.
"That's something."
Hewitt—"I may not have become famous, but I have accomplished something in my time. What? What? Hewitt—"I have made an end seat for you."

Literal Obedience.
"When I was a boy," said Mr. Corn-tassel, "father told me to stick to the farm." "And you did!" "Frequently. On a wet day you can't walk across it without sticking to it."

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