NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

KERNELS CULLED FROM THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS.

STORIES FROM OVER GLOBE

Items From Happenings of World Arranged in Their Briefest and Most Succinct Form for the Busy Reader.

Washington

The department of justice at Washington ordered an investigation of the recent sudden trip of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, from the Calumet copper mining district.

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Ten billion dollars' worth of products, $5,000,000,000 of cash income—a bumper year in spite of droughts and other setbacks—is the 1913 record of 6,000,000 American farms according to the department of agriculture at Washington.

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The jewelers' trust, against which a bill in equity was filed by the department of justice at Washington, has agreed to accept the terms laid down in the government's brief and will escape prosecution.

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With many of the well known theoretical and practical economists of the country in attendance, the tenth annual meeting of the American Political Science association opened in Washington.

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With Secretary of Labor William B. Wilson in the chair, the American Association for Labor Legislation began its annual meeting in Washington by discussing "Administration and Industrial Relations."

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Domestic

Martial law was declared at Copperfield, Ore., by Col. B. R. Lawson, superintendent of the state penitentiary, following the refusal of a demand made by Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary to Governor West, for the resignations of city officials who are accused of violating an anti-saloon ordinance. Colonel Lawson, backed by five members of the coast artillery, raided the saloons.

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Blueridge Springs, Va., has been thrown into excitement as the result of the unearthing of what is declared to be the skeleton of a huge mastodon. The skeleton, measured 30 feet, with a jaw four feet in width, ribs six inches wide, teeth five inches wide and tusks five feet long.

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Goiter probably is caused by improper nutrition, according to an announcement in the current number of the Journal of Experimental Medicine, the official organ of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research.

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Unless the federal government intervenes in the copper country strike members of the Western Federation of Miners in the Michigan iron fields will lay down their tools, according to the terms of resolutions adopted by the Negaunee and labpeming unions of the organization at Marquette, Mich.

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The withdrawal of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York from more than a score of great corporations, and the statement shortly afterward by George F. Baker, an almost equally dominant figure in American finance, that he soon would take similar action, gave Wall street generally a thrill which almost brought trading on the stock exchange to a halt.

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Eight persons were burned to death and three were probably fatally hurt in an incendiary fire which swept through a five-story brick tenement at New York.

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Within a distance of 22 miles four landslides, caused by melting snow and rain, have blocked the Western Pacific railroad in the Feather river canyon of California.

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To obliterate the loan shark and enable American wage earners to borrow money easily and cheaply is the underlying purpose of a great banking enterprise shortly to be launched under the auspices of Julius Rosenwald of Chicago. It is understood that Andrew Carnegie and Vincent Astor are associated with him in the enterprise.

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Ernest L. Thurston of Washington has been made superintendent of the public schools of Washington by the board of education, to succeed Dr. William M. Davidson, who resigned recently to become head of the schools of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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The jury which held in its hands the fate of Hans Schmidt, who has been on trial at New York for the murder of Anna Aumueller, after deliberating 36 hours, was discharged after the 12 men were unable to agree upon a verdict.

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Greater New York now leads the world in point of population, according to statistics completed by Dr. W. H. Guilfoy of the New York board of health. His figures give Greater New York a population of 5,476,968.

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Burr L. Harris, negro, sentenced to be hanged February 13 for the murder of a Christian Science practitioner in Los Angeles, Cal., has confessed that he also killed and robbed a Los Angeles diamond broker.

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Pennsylvania as a producer of coal broke all records this year. According to advance statistics announced by the geological survey, the combined production of anthracite and bituminous coal in the state probably will amount to 267,000,000 short tons.

The coroner's jury, after being out six hours, returned an open verdict in the Italian hall Christmas disaster at Calumet, Mich.

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Both houses of the Kansas City council passed an ordinance making it illegal to work a crippled horse or to work a healthy horse longer than 12 hours in any 24.

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College yells in 22 languages were given at the banquet closing the convention of the American Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs at Iowa City. The next convention will be held at Ohio university.

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Several thousand noted educators and churchmen, from 46 states and 70 foreign countries, met in Kansas City for the Student Volunteer Movement convention.

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Six hangars and two aeroplanes at Hempstead, (N. Y.) aviation field, where some of America's foremost aviators learned to fly, were destroyed by fire. The loss was $25,000.

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A coroner's jury that investigated the explosion two weeks ago in the Vulcan mine near Colorado Springs, Colo., which resulted in the death of 37 Americans, returned a verdict declaring that the negligence of the Coryell Leasing company and the Rocky Mountain Fuel company was responsible for the disaster.

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The Crocker National bank of San Francisco has filed suits against three stock brokerage firms to recover more than $161,000 embezzled by Charles Baker, former assistant cashier, and lost by him in stock speculation. Baker is serving ten years in San Quentin prison.

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Mexican Revolt

President Wilson and John Lind sat in the cabin of the scout cruiser Chester in the Gulf of Mexico and discussed the Mexican situation. A New Orleans report said that President Huerta was on board the warship and attended the conference.

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The northern division of the Mexican federal army at Ojinaga, Mexico, with its eleven generals, other officers and about 4,000 soldiers, after a merciless three days' attack by General Ortega's 6,000 rebels, appears to be on the verge of fleeing in disorder across the river into the United States.

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President Huerta was heavily guarded at his New Year's reception at Mexico City as the result of a revelation of a plot to assassinate him.

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Foreign

Lieut. A. E. Harboard of the hydrographic department of the royal navy of Great Britain, was appointed to command the ship Discovery, which will convey the Stackhouse expedition to King Edward Land in August for explorations.

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It is officially estimated at Peking, China, that 24,000 executions were carried out in the province of Szechuen alone in 1913. The majority of those killed were robbers, but a large number were political offenders.

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An extraordinary tragedy occurred in Paris when a popular English vaudeville performer, known on the stage as Harry Fragson, was shot and killed by his father, Victor Pott, eighty-four years old.

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The Servian premier, N. P. Pachitch, has tendered to the king the resignation of the cabinet. The war minister, resigned several days ago owing to the refusal of the ministry to pass the war budget.

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The steamer Tasman, which has been ashore for several days in the Gulf of Paqua, was floated with the assistance of the Japanese steamer Inabo Maru.

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Another severe earthquake has occurred in the province of Aymaresa, department of Apurimac, southern Peru. Two persons were killed and many houses destroyed. The railroads have been damaged so as to make transit impossible.

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Personal

Arrangements have been made, it was said, for Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of the president and Mrs. Wilson, to appear in the bird play, "Sanctuary," in the Astor hotel at New York on February 24.

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Eugene McKnight, editor and publisher of the Madison (Ill.) Republican, a weekly newspaper, was found dead in his room in Madison, Ill. Death was caused by paralysis.

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Ignace Paderewski left Denver, Colo., suddenly after declaring he was too ill to give a concert. The musician's wife said that he had learned he was followed by Nihilists, who threatened his life.

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"Gunboat" Smith, the California heavyweight, scored a decisive victory when he knocked out Arthur Pelkey, the much-heralded Canadian fighter in the fifteenth round of their white heavyweight championship battle at San Francisco.

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Andrew S. McLaughlin, professor of history in the University of Chicago, was elected president of the American Historical association in annual convention at Charleston, S. C. Chicago was selected as the 1914 meeting place.

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Mrs. Lillie Devereaux-Blake, one of the pioneer suffragettes in the United States, died at Englewood, N. J., aged seventy-eight.

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James Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington, is given the title of viscount in the New Year's honors at London.

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Dean LeBaron R. Briggs of Harvard, president of the National Collegiate Athletic association, presided over that body's eighth annual meeting in the Hotel Astor, New York city.

FIRE MARSHAL WINSHIP WINS

SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS LAW AND SECOND STORY MOVIES MUST QUIT.

DECISION DISPOSES OF MANY CASES IN LOWER COURTS.

Case From Detroit Is Carried Up and Position of State Officer Is Definitely Upheld by High Court.

Lansing, Mich.—John T. Winship, state fire marshal, wins against the Jewel theatre, Detroit, in a case decided by the supreme court Monday, and by the decision the law governing "movies" is upheld in no uncertain terms by the court.

The Jewel is a second-story "movie" and Winship ordered it closed. The owner secured an injunction in the lower court restraining the state fire marshal's department from closing the theatre, the injunction being granted on the ground that the state law was in conflict with the Detroit ordinance governing theatres, and that the state law did not apply.

However, the supreme court says, in reversing the ruling of the lower court, that the local regulation is not abrogated, but is supplemented by the state law. The Detroit ordinance does not give authority for "movies" to be operated upstairs, but does not disturb them where they are so operated.

The decision is regarded as far-reaching. It will dispose of several cases pending in the lower courts in which the state fire marshal has been enjoined from enforcing the provisions of the law passed by the 1913 legislature.

Owosso To Sue Phone Company.

Owosso, Mich.—This city is to bring suit against the Union Telephone Co. to test the action of the company in demanding a penalty of 50 cents a month additional fee charged for telephones when the money is not paid before the quarter expires. The city thinks the penalty is illegal. Feeling against the telephone company in Owosso is strong at the present time.

J. H. Copas, a well-known business man, appeared before the council on Monday night and told how the company had taken out his phone when he was away, because he had refused to pay the additional 50 cents. General Manager W. J. Melchers, of the telephone company, was present. He declared that none of the three letters which Copas says he wrote to the company reached him. He said he would look into the matter and assured Copas that whoever was at fault would be reprimanded.

Council Forced To Order Election.

Bay City, Mich.—A mandamus was granted by the circuit court to compel the Bay City council to call a special election to choose charter commissioners and to provide funds for the expense of a charter revision. A majority of citizens voted a general revision of the charter last spring, but the council postponed ordering the election of a charter commission until August because of doubt as to the validity of the Verdier bill.

Judge Collins held that any money in the possession of the city not appropriated for other uses can be used for the expenses of a charter revision, and that the action of the council in selecting a committee of its members to revise the charter was an attempt to ignore the initiatory election last spring.

Delegates Announced by Ferris.

Lansing, Mich.—Gov. Ferris has appointed the following delegates to attend the state tax conference to be held in Kalamazoo, Jan. 15 and 16: Charles F. Merrifield, Grand Rapids; James N. McBride, Burton; John C. Ketcham, Hastings; William Kelly, Yulcan; W. O. Hedrick, East Lansing; F. M. Taylor, Ann Arbor; R. C. Allen, Lansing; John S. Beers, St. Joseph; John Kolyoord, Hamilton; John Rowson, Grand Rapids; John Nagel, Detroit; George Hartingh, Bay City; M. M. Duncan, Ispheming; Pliny A. Hubbard, Lawton; Ramus Hanson, Grayling.

For the first time since its establishment, the state board of agriculture has shown its appreciation of music. The appreciation has taken the form of an appropriation of $350 to enable the college board of the M. A. C. to buy military overcoats. Fifty-five bandsmen will wear the new togs.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme declares buckwheat flour is generally adulterated with wheat flour and states that from now on if the flour is adulterated it must be labeled "buckwheat flour compound."

Orlando F. Barnes, of Lansing, is chairman of the state tax commission. At a meeting of the commission Monday Chairman George B. Horton, of Fruit Ridge, withdrew in favor of Barnes, it being the custom to give the chairmanship to the member whose term of office expires first. Barnes' term will expire in a year.

Prof. M. T. Skinner, who for the past six years has been in charge of the commercial department of Hillsdale college, will resign his position Feb. 1 to take charge of the commercial department of the public schools at Toledo.

Fifty dollars a day is the fine which will be imposed upon officials of the M. U. T. every day they operate cars in Kalamazoo upon a schedule the company recently adopted. The council has rushed through an ordinance forcing the company to restore better service.

Schoolmaster Will Not Agree to Dismissal

Owosso, Mich.—When school opened at Vernon Monday morning after the Christmas vacation, Bender Leestma, deposed superintendent, called the pupils to order, while the new superintendent, hired by the school board, G. W. Hackney, looked on and said nothing. Members of the school board were present and ordered Leestma out of the building. He refused to leave, and Deputy Sheriff Perry Duffey, of Corunna, escorted him from the building.

Leestma was found to be lacking as a disciplinarian, recently, by the county board of school examiners, and lost his job. If he makes good on his appeal to the courts the school board will have to pay him salary till the end of the school year.

MICHIGAN NEWS IN BRIEF

Ealy & Co. will open a bank at Wilmot as a result of work of the "booster committee."

A meeting of the Michigan Historical and Pioneer Society will be held at Port Huron Feb. 2.

A Grand Rapids man has taken a contract to remove all the carp and dogfish from Lake Morrison.

A bolt flying from a saw struck John Flickinger, of Central Lake, and broke his neck. He died instantly.

The billage of Gregory is now electrically lighted. The current is generated at the new plant erected at Williamsville by L. N. McCleer.

E. L. Luther, former superintendent of schools at Kalkaska has been made state superintendent of county agricultural representatives of Wisconsin.

Repairs have been completed on the power plant which was nearly wrecked by an explosion a month ago, and the village of Deckerville is again lighted by electricity.

John E. Kinnane, of Bay City, was elected a member of the International Congress on Social Insurance. Mr. Kinnane is one of the three members of the Michigan industrial accident board.

A large number of farmers and business men of Sandusky and vcinity turned out and held a "gravel bee" this week. A new road west of here was completed and put in good shape by the volunteers.

A shift in customs collectors here has been made at Port Huron, Frank Hovey will succeed Officer Hubbel at the Canadian end of the tunnel, while Hubbel will work in the yard on the Port Huron side.

Angora goats are being used to a great extent by the farmers of Shiawassee county to clear their rough land. The experiment, which was first started a few years ago, has proved a great success.

A. E. McKinnon, of the New York World, formerly of Detroit, was in Port Huron Saturday, arranging for holding the annual outing of newspaper circulation managers on a steamer next spring.

Improvements costing $30,000, are to be made at Manistique next season by the treasury department of the federal government. A lighthouse is to be erected and pier lights and a fog signal are to be installed.

That Anna Laughlin Dempsey, who was found nearly frozen in an alley in Chicago, was mentally deranged and not a victim of white slavers, is the statement of her sister, Mrs. Floyd Buchanan, of Battle Creek.

Battle Creek is planning to make use of the wells at Verona for supplying the city with water, so that the present plan of getting water from Lake Goguac can be abandoned. A thorough series of tests is to be made.

Almost a score of boat houses and a considerable stretch of marsh at the head of Muskegon lake were swept by flames. The loss on boat houses, launches, duck boats and other minor craft is estimated at about $10,000. The fire burned itself out.

Because too many offenders are seeking jail sentences to cinch a home for the winter, Judge W. Ardis, of Cadillac, has decided to not send petty offenders to jail when he is convicted the "time" was committed for the purpose of obtaining a home.

The following federal appointments affecting Michigan have been recently announced: W. N. McLeod, appointed postmaster at Garnet, Mackinac county, vice W. R. Hudson, resigned. Postmasters reappointed: Eames, Oakland, Ella R. Carpenter; Helmer, Luce, Charles L. Fyvie; Tawas Beach, Iosco, William Sutherland. L. H. Owen has been appointed rural letter carrier at Lake, on the recommendation of Democratic National Committeeman Wood.

Bearing the signatures of about 500 residents of Bailey, a petition has been sent to the state railway commission protesting against the closing of the Bailey station of the Pere Marquette railway.

Members of the Comstock school board have been sued by the North Presbyterian church board of Kalamazoo for alleged failure to keep a contract. The church body alleges the school board did not keep its promise and hired another church to use for school purposes. The suit is to recover $225 alleged back rental.

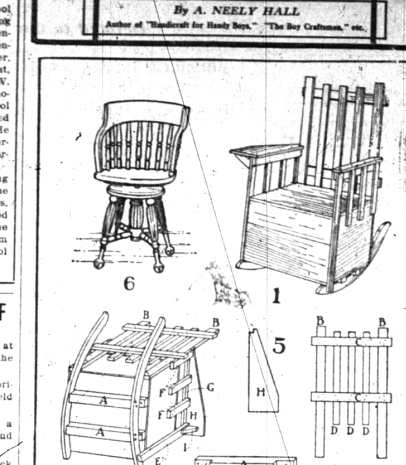
Within less than two weeks after signing a contract with the Muskegon Chamber of Commerce to remove their plant from Chicago to Muskegon, the Harris Broom company at Muskegon Heights has started work. The company employs about 100 men.

Cecil McLaughlin, assistant cashier at the State Savings bank, of Owosso, has been appointed a state bank examiner under E. H. Doyle, state banking commissioner. George Stanton, of the State Savings bank succeeds to the position made vacant by McLaughlin's appointment.

New Ideas for Handy Boys

By A. NEELY HALL

Author of "Handicraft for Handy Boys," "The Boy Craftsman," etc.



A ROCKER AND A DESK-CHAIR.

Figure 1 shows a unique rocking chair for a boy's room, made from a small box and boards from the wood pile. If you can find a pair of rockers from a broken chair, use them for your rocker; if not, it is not difficult to make a pair because you can get a pattern from one of the rockers in the house. All that is necessary to get this pattern is to lay a chair on its side upon a board, and then mark out around the rocker on the board. Lay out the two rockers accurately, because they must be absolutely the same, and saw them out of the board carefully. After sawing them, smooth up the surfaces with a plane and sandpaper.

The box forms the chair seat, and should be about 18 inches by 16 inches by 12 inches in size. If the box you have for the purpose is a few inches wider, or longer than these measurements, it will not matter, as it will only make that much larger chair, but 12 inches is just the right height and your box should not be higher than this to make a comfortable rocker. Replace any split or knotty boards with pieces removed from another box, and nail on the cover boards to form the top of the seat. Figure 2 shows how two braces A should be nailed to the bottom of the box, and Fig. 3 shows how their ends should be cut to fit over the rockers. By

The Desk Chair.

looking at any rocking chair you will see that the rear ends of the rockers are set several inches closer together than the front ends; provide for this in preparing strips A, and be careful to set the rockers the same distance in from each side, so the chair will rock evenly. Screw the rockers to strips A as shown.

The back of the rocker should be constructed in one piece, as shown in Fig. 4, and be nailed to the box, as in Fig. 2. Cut strips B 2½ inches wide by 2 feet 9 inches long, strips C 1½ inches wide by 21 inches long, and strips D 1½ inches wide by 24 inches long. After making the back and screwing or nailing the lower ends of strips B to the back of the box, cut the two strips E (Fig. 2) 1½ inches wide by 20 inches long, strips F 1½ inches wide by 10 inches long, and strips G 1½ inches wide by 16 inches long. Fasten these strips to the box and to each other as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, then cut the right arm H (Figs. 2 and 5) 18 inches long by 3 inches wide at the narrow end and 8 inches wide at the wide end, and cut the left arm of the same length by 3 inches wide. After nailing the arms in place, brace the right arm with the small triangular block I (Fig. 2).

When you have completed the rocker, smooth up all rough edges with sandpaper, then drive all nail holes below the surface of the wood, and putty up the holes and all cracks and joints. Unless the boards of the box seat are dirtstained with trademarks which cannot be removed, the best way to finish the rocker is with a wood stain. Go to any paint store, and select the color of stain you want from the dealer's color card. A small can of stain can be had for 15 or 20 cents. Two coats of oil paint will be best, if there are any blemishes in the wood to cover.

Give the measurements of the chair seat to your mother or sister, and ask her to make you a cushion for it. Thus equipped, your home-made rocker will be as comfortable as any chair in the house.

It is generally easy to find a broken chair, and you ought to be able to get a discarded piano stool in your store room, from some neighbor, or at a second-hand store, as they are being replaced nowadays by the more modern piano-bench. Having procured these two articles, it is possible to make a splendid revolving desk chair like the one shown in Fig. 6, and the work can be quickly done, too.

Remove the chair legs, then set the seat and back upon the stool (Fig. 7) and screw it to the top; drive the screw-heads below the surface of the wood, and fill in over the heads with putty. Refinish the chair to match the stool as nearly as possible, and your revolving desk chair will be completed.

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Gets Along Well Without Arms.

A remarkable demonstration of the control the mind has over the body is provided by Miss Kittie M. Smith, an armless Chicago girl, who uses her feet to do the things the average person accomplishes with the hands. So adept has Miss Smith become that she makes cabinets, bookcases, desks and like furniture, using with skill all the necessary tools, such as saws, chisel, planes, etc. In nailing, however, she uses a hatchet instead of hammer, as the shape of the former is better adapted for a tight clutch between the toes. Miss Smith also sketches with pen and pencil, does excellent needlework and uses a typewriter for her correspondence. The daily task of making a toilet, including brushing her teeth and washing her face, is done with comparative ease. She is also an adept gardener, using all ordinary implements with her toes in the garden of the home for disabled children which she has founded at Maywood, a Chicago suburb.

Found They Had Much in Common.

Two Coffeyville, Kas., young women on their way to the northern lakes, stopped at Chicago. They priced hats in a fashionable millinery shop and this is the conversation, as they report it in a letter: "We would like to look at some cheap hats." "Yes, madame," and two or three hats priced at $30 were shown them. "But we said cheap hats. Have you nothing for less than $30?" "Certainly, madame," said the saleswoman, appearing with a $25 bonnet. "But," returned one of the Coffeyville women, "I don't call a hat cheap unless it is under $8." When the saleswoman brought out with a condescending smile a hat marked $5.98, she said: "Say, girls, ain't it fierce to be poor?"—Kansas City Star.

Better Let the Women Tat.

Tatting is the least expensive sort of fancy work a woman can do. Many girls admit that they could crochet three balls of cotton while they are tatting one. Men, it will be easier on your pocketbooks if you let this harmless task go blithely on, for those gay sofa cushions are soon done and then thread and linen must be bought for a new one. For a woman's fingers must be employed.—Kansas Industrialist.

Fine Art of Visiting.

An Atchison girl who spends much of her time visiting has made a study of the art and is a very successful guest. One of the first things she does upon arriving is to call her hostess and family into her room and exhibit every rag she owns. She empties boxes, trays and trunks to the bottom layer. She says it saves her hostess the trouble of snooping among her things when she is out.—Atchison Globe.

Heat as Standard Measure.

Heat rather than candle power should be the standard of measurement for illuminating gas, according to a statement issued by the bureau of standards of the department of commerce. Where open flame gas jets are used, the candle power standard must be retained, says the report, but where mantles are more economical.

Airships to Carry Fifteen.

The new airships being constructed by the German government will have a larger carrying capacity than those built heretofore. Each of them will accommodate a crew of fifteen persons, several tons of explosives, two machine guns, and all of the new vessels have been designed to remain in the air for at least sixty hours without landing.

IS EPILEPSY CONQUERED?

New Jersey Physician Said to Have Many Cures to His Credit.

Red Bank, N. J. (Special).—Advices from every direction fully confirm previous reports that the remarkable treatment for epilepsy being administered by Dr. Perkins of this city, is achieving wonderful results. Old and stubborn cases have been greatly benefitted and many patients claim to have been entirely cured.

Persons suffering from epilepsy should write at once to Dr. H. W. Perkins, Branch 49, Red Bank, N. J., for a supply of the remedy which is being distributed gratuitously.—Adv.

Mr. Grimstone Squelched.

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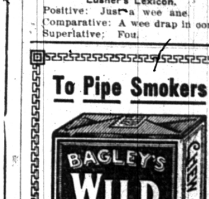

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