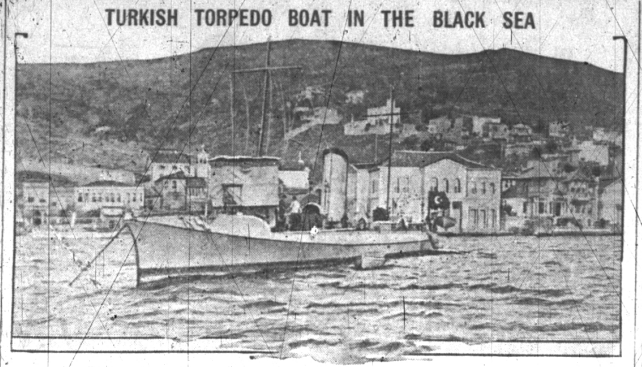
## The Knocker's Creed

I believe that nothing is right. I believe that everything is wrong. I believe that I alone have the right idea. The town is wrong, the editor is wrong, the teachers are wrong, the people are wrong, the things they are doing are wrong, and they are doing them in the wrong way anyhow. I believe I could fix things if they would let me. If they don't I will get a lot of other fellows like myself, and we will have a law passed to make others do things the way WE want them done.

I do not believe that the town ought to grow. It is too big now. I believe in fighting every public improvement and in spoiling everybody's pleasure. I am always to the front in opposing things, and never yet have I advanced an idea or supported a movement that would make people happier or add to the pleasure of man, woman or child. I am opposed to fun and am happiest at a funeral. I believe in starting reforms that will take all the joy out of life. It's a sad world, and I am glad of it. Amen.

## TURKISH TORPEDO BOAT IN THE BLACK SEA

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Charles P. Webster, Attorney-at-Law, Pontiac Savings Bank Bldg., Pontiac, Michigan.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Nathaniel Bush to the E. Jossman State Bank, of Clarkston, Oakland county, Michigan, dated the ninth day of July, A. D. 1904, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the county of Oakland and state of Michigan on the eleventh day of July, A. D. 1904, in Liber 164 of Mortgages, on pages 414-415, which said mortgage was duly assigned by E. Jossman State Bank to the People's State Bank, of Detroit, Michigan, by written assignment dated August 20, 1908, and recorded in said Register of Deeds office August 28, 1908, in Liber 162 of Mortgages, on page 405, which said mortgage was also duly assigned by said People's State Bank, of Detroit, Michigan, a corporation, to said E. Jossman State Bank, of Clarkston, Michigan, a corporation, by written assignment dated May 29, 1909, and recorded in said Register of Deeds office June 2, 1909, in Liber 175 of assignments of mortgages, on page 242; and is now owned by said E. Jossman State Bank, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest (this being the whole sum due), the sum of Two thousand two hundred and twenty-one dollars and forty cents ($2,221.40), and an attorney's fee of thirty five dollars ($35), as provided for in said mortgage and by law, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on the thirty-first day of July, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the undersigned will, at the front or easterly door of the court house, in the city of Pontiac, Oakland county, Michigan, that being the place where the circuit court for the county of Oakland is held, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, with six per cent interest, and all legal costs, together with said attorney's fee, to-wit: Commencing at the center of section four, running thence north 29 chains and 50 links, thence west 15 chains and 17 links, thence south 26 chains and 50 links, thence east 15 chains and 17 links to place of beginning, containing 40 acres of land, also the west half of the southeast quarter of section four, containing 80 acres of land, more or less, according to government survey. All of the above lands situate in town 4 north, range 9 east, being the township of Independence, Oakland county, Michigan. Notice is further hereby given that the said E. Jossman State Bank has been declared insolvent, and the undersigned, Elmer R. Webster, duly appointed receiver of said bank by the Oakland County Circuit Court, in Chancery, and as such Receiver said Elmer R. Webster has full power and authority to and does give this notice and prosecutes this proceeding to foreclose said mortgage. Dated April 26, 1913.

E. JOSSMAN STATE BANK, of Clarkston, Michigan, a corporation.

By ELMER R. WEBSTER, Receiver, Assignee of Mortgagee.

CHARLES P. WEBSTER, Attorney for Assignee of Mortgagee. Business Address: Pontiac Savings Bank Bldg.; Pontiac, Michigan.

April 30-July 23

ORDER FOR PUBLICATION—General.

State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1913. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

ROBERT CROMIE, Deceased.

Ella Cromie, administratrix of said estate, having filed in said Court a petition for the allowance of her final account, determination of the heirs-at-law of said deceased, distribution of the assets of said estate, and discharge of said administratrix.

It is ordered that the 15th day of May, A. D. 1913, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition, and that the heirs-at-law and all persons interested in said estate are required to appear at a session of said Court, then to be holden at the Probate office in the City of Pontiac, in said county, and show cause why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted: And it is further ordered that said petitioner give notice thereof by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL, (A true copy.) Judge of Probate.

JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk.

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**Scored for the Cat.**

Billy has a kitten and his little neighbor has a poodle, and both little boys often quarrel over the relative merits of their pets. One morning the owner of the little poodle dog was getting the best of the argument, for his pet had a bath each day, he declared, and therefore was much cleaner than the kitten. But a bright idea saved the day for Billy. "Huh," he indignantly burst forth, "my kitten dry cleans himself four or five times a day."—Exchange.

**Chinese Peaches.**

Two years ago seedlings of a peach tree, which was found growing in Tibet at an elevation of 8,500 feet, were brought to this country. It is expected that this tree can be trusted to bear fruit in New England clear up to the Canadian border. If these hopes are realized the peach tree will have undergone a marvelous transformation. When first brought to Europe about three centuries before the Christian era it would not ripen fruit north of the island of Rhodes. This island is at the extreme northern edge of the Aegean sea, and has a climate much like that of southern California, with less liability to frost. Those first peaches were fender as a navel orange. This Chinese variety is hardy as a northern apple.

**Better Let Her Cry.**

A woman is almost as peculiar as a man. She will break into tears, and the more she is urged to cheer up the more she will cry. But if some one tells her to go ahead and shed as many tears as she pleases, she will at once quit crying and speak her mind.—Atchison Globe.

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## HIDES 10 FROM FOE

French Girl Keeps Soldiers From German Clutches.

By Dint of All Sorts of Courageous Ruses She Feeds and Conceals English Men While Teutons Occupy Place.

Paris.—The invaders would not have been so charitably disposed to a French girl had they known that for three weeks by dint of all sorts of courageous ruses she had been feeding, concealing, and keeping from their clutches ten English soldiers.

She was a servant in a girl's boarding school. When the war broke out the pupils all returned to their homes, and she was left alone, for her only companion was an old deaf and partially paralyzed woman. When the Germans entered the town they went through the girls' school from attic to basement, collecting all the linen bedding they could lay their hands on. For some reason or other they did not install their wounded in the main building, but in the chapter annex.

These wounded the girl tended with the utmost devotion, in the first place, because she is tender-hearted, and in the second, because she had every reason to desire to stand well with the invaders. For her conscience was quite clear. She knew that down in the grotto at the end of the school gardens she had concealed ten "Tommies," who had come, hungry, footsore and worn out just one hour before the Germans.

"They will be here in a moment," the English officer had said, not wishing to put the girl in danger.

"Never mind," she said, "I'll hide you somewhere, and afterwards we shall see." So she took them to the grotto. But the quarters were narrow, damp and intensely uncomfortable. Her heart bled for her protegés. Then she had an idea, the very daring of which was to insure its success. She installed her ten "Tommies" in the unoccupied top floor of the school itself. Then came the question of the commissariat. At first she gave up her own ration to her ten refugees—but that was not enough among so many. So she collected from her friends and relatives in the village here a piece of bread and there a vegetable.

When the Germans, seeing her suspiciously laden basket, asked her for whom were all these provisions, she would answer, "For your wounded in the chapel." Better still, she appointed herself cook for the German ambulance, and in this capacity was able to pick up all sorts of broken victuals, so that her English were in no danger of starving.

But English soldiers do not live by food alone—they like their tobacco. Now, according to the regulations of the invaders, each inhabitant of the place had the right to buy two sous' worth of tobacco a day. She found a way to evade this regulation and to keep her ten in smokables. She organized an army of boys, who ten or twenty times a day would purchase at different shops the meager pennyworth.

But there was always the danger that the hiding place of the ten might be discovered by some German. Fortunately, their dormitory communicated by trap-doors with the ground floor of the building, and precisely with a room on that ground floor which gave on the garden. So she procured a long rope, with which she advised her prisoners to practice a sort of fire-drill. She was enthusiastic over the results.

"Just imagine," she said to her interviewer, "that my Englishmen after a few attempts were able, the whole ten of them, to strap up their haversacks, get ready for all eventualities, and slide down the rope noiselessly in less than five minutes."

But these desperate measures were not necessary. The Germans temporarily evacuated the place, and the ten English soldiers were able to regain the allied lines in safety. They have all given her their names and addresses, and sworn that she must come to England when the war is over, where they promise her a royal welcome. One of the grateful ten is a nobleman, and a relative of King George—Lord Smith is the name given, but never mind! The girl left the town only when the Germans were in possession of it, and after the town had been subjected to a fierce bombardment for many days.

## EXPLORER AND WRITER

Dr. Fritz Wilhelm Holm of New York is a former newspaper man of Chiba, Denmark and the United States. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 1858, the son of the late Consul General Frederick P. Holm and has traveled all over the world several times. In 1904 Doctor Holm organized and commanded a scientific expeditited into the interior of China, from which after many month of dangerous and arduous work, brought back the famous nestorian monument of A. D. 781, a replica of which stands in the Metropolitan Museum in New York.

## LAST OF JOHN BROWN'S AIDS

Follower of Famous Abolitionist Lives in Kansas and Is Hale and Robust at Eighty-Four.

Salina, Kan.—Luke F. Parsons, who has resided on a farm near Salina for fifty years, has the distinction of being the last of the survivors of all the men directly associated with John Brown and his famous border warfare, just preceding the war between the states.

Parsons left his home in Massachusetts in 1856 to aid the Free Sollers in the Kansas-Missouri border warfare, following Brown through the series of skirmishes which culminated in the famous battle of Osawatomie. He was then selected as one of the ten picked men who were to accompany Brown on his raid through Virginia; but, owing to the delay of nearly a year in completing the plans for his adventure, he left the expedition at Cleveland, O., thus missing the John Brown affair and his connection with it. Now all of his compatriots are dead, and he is the last link connecting this tragic page in American history with the present.

## WOMAN ADVOCATE OF PEACE

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Miss Constance Drexel, who posed especially for this photograph, is an American girl who was in France with her parents at the time war broke out. Like many other American girls and women, she immediately entered the relief ranks by nursing the wounded. In the hospital at Deauville, she saw, more vividly than can be described, the horrors of war. She saw the men whom she had nursed, and helped to snatch from the very brink of the grave, go hobbling back when discharged as cured, fearlessly and bravely, to the firing line.

The self-sacrificing American women who as ministering angels have snatched so many of the wounded men back from the grave, are looked upon by the women of Europe as the greatest possible factor in bringing about peace.

Miss Drexel is prominent in the movement for peace started by women of the neutral countries.

**$40 for Killing Robin.**

Hackensack, N. J.—For shooting a robin Rocco Vacoros was fined $40 and costs.

## PROTECTS AN INDIAN MAID

Oklahoma Judge Appoints a Guardian for Girl With a Million Dollars.

Okmulgee, Okla.—Judge Mark L. Bozarth has appointed E. W. Kimbley as guardian of the person and estate of Katie Fixico, an incompetent. She is an Indian who owns a valuable tract of oil lands in the north end of the Cushing field. Title to property worth in the neighborhood of a million dollars will be affected by the ruling of the court.

The Midco Oil company, operating on the land, holds a lease dated three years ago, given through the county court. On the day the girl became of age she gave the lease to Harry C. Denton on the theory that the first lease expired with her minority. The land expired on the following day by her to Walter Morton, brother of her former guardian, for $23,000.

The girl appeared in court recently, and during her testimony it was shown that she did not know a word of English, that she had left school at the age of eighteen while in the third grade, and that she knew nothing of the value of money.

## NOT PARTED EVEN BY DEATH

Married Sixty Years, End for Aged Couple Is Almost Simultaneous.

Stamford, Conn.—In Creadley Heath, England, more than eighty years ago, two children were born—a boy and a girl—within a stone's throw of each other. They played together, they went to school together, they courted and sixty years ago they married. They moved to this country and died here within seven hours of each other.

These two people, whose lives ran happily side by side for more than three-quarters of a century, were Mr. and Mrs. William Woodhall, 195 Henry street, Stamford.

## FOUR BORN AT SAME TIME

Mrs. McKnight, Mother of Quadruplets, Aged 37, Is Already a Grandmother.

Redding, Cal.—Shasta county's latest, if not greatest wonder, was the birth a few days ago of quadruplets at C. O. McKnight's home, three miles south of Bellavista, where each of the four, equally divided as to sex, is making a remarkably good start. It is the belief of the physician that all will live and thrive.

The mother is aged thirty-seven and is already a grandmother of three. She was married at the age of thirteen in Texas to her present husband, who is sixty years old. Both are of healthy, hardy stock, though plural births can only be traced on the father's side, where twins have not been an exception.

There were 60 visitors at the McKnight farm home next day, in spite of the remote location. Among them were a party of newspaper men.

"I have no statement to make," said McKnight, "except that I am a surprised father. We certainly did not expect anything extraordinary."

Shasta county supervisors sent a trained nurse to the McKnight home with instructions for her to call upon the county for necessary financial aid.

**Cure Brings Trouble.**

New York.—Richard Johnson, partially asphyxiated by coal gas, got plenty of whisky as a cure; boxed his sister's ears and later was fined $10.


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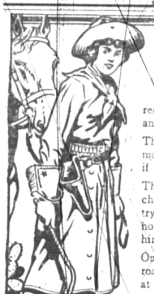

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Guernsey Yearling Heifer
Ayrshire Yearling Heifer
Holstein Bull—yearling
7 Shoats
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White Sow and 8 Pigs
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Hay Rake
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2 Wiard Plows
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State of Michigan, the Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Pontiac, in said county, on the 17th day of April, A. D. 1913. Present, Hon. Kleber P. Rockwell, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the Estate of

WILLIAM H. GORWIN, Deceased.

Harvey J. Taylor, administrator, having filed in said Court a petition for examination and allowance of his final account, determination of the heirs-at-law of said deceased, distributing the assets of said estate, and discharging said administrator.

It is ordered that the 15th day of May, A. D. 1913, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. It is further ordered that public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county.

KLEBER P. ROCKWELL, (A true copy.) Judge of Probate.

JUDSON A. FREDENBURGH, Probate Clerk.

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