

# BIRMINGHAM ECCENTRIC.

FORTY-FIRST YEAR. NO. 31. BIRMINGHAM, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1918. WHOLE NUMBER, 2,110.

## A TALE OF THE SOIL.

By Gene Stratton Porter, Entitled "A Daughter of the Land." A Powerful Story Throughout.

Throughout this powerful story (by the author of "Prockles," of a woman's struggle for happiness a single theme runs, woven in and out of every situation, inextricably bound up with every detail of life. It is the desire to possess land, and, possessing it, to give one's life to the task of increasing the possession.

All his life Kate Bate's father had been a hard, cruel driver because of this desire for land. To each of his seven sons on their coming of age he had given two hundred acres, keeping the title deeds himself, so that at sixty he owned more land than any man in the county. To eight of his daughters he had given a course in the Normal school, a chance to teach for a season or two, and when they married a lot of music and a new dress, with a blessing.

To Kate, the youngest of the sixteen children, comes only a denial of all these privileges. Only when she has seized the wings of opportunity and fled her father does she begin to live her own life. Wonderful adventures are hers during the first year away from home, including the meeting with John Jardine and his mother.

After seven years of enforced separation from her family, with fortune

repeatedly turning her shoulder away in the beginning moment of success—her husband and her father having died in the meantime—Kate returns to her mother for several tranquil years of useful service, and when the tremendous realization of the bigger things of life finally supplants the mere desire for land, she comes at last to her own in a most unexpected way.

Illustrated colored frontispiece, in green cloth, \$1.40 net.  
N. B.—If you want a copy, call at the Eccentric Office. We have a few for sale.

**How a Salesman Suffered.**  
R. J. Porter, Sterling, Colorado, writes: "I suffered with a painful, weak back. As a traveling salesman I had to stoop frequently to pick up my grip, and the pain when I straightened up was awful. I was induced to try Foley Kidney Pills. Relief was immediate. Say, they are great." Prompt and tonic. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.**  
EARL R. RICE, PH. D. PASTOR.

Regular Services for this church as follows:

Sunday, Public Worship at 10:30 a. m.  
Sunday School, 12:00 Noon.  
Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting at 7:45.  
A cordial invitation is extended to all.

There was a large attendance from this place last week at the Detroit Conference Woman's Home Missionary Association at Royal Oak.

## FROM NEW YORK

Concerning the Michigan Bureau of Military Relief Where Michigan Soldiers Are Entertained.

Prince George Hotel, Eighth Ave. and 28th St. New York, N. Y. November 20, 1918.

MY DEAR MR. MITCHELL: You already know that I am in New York.

I would like to have you insert a few lines in the "Eccentric" that will be of interest to the people of Birmingham and vicinity: In New York we have a Michigan Bureau of Military Relief. This is a place where all of our Michigan soldier boys are entertained, also the parents and relatives. The Birmingham people will be glad to know of such a place, especially if they have any of their boys coming to New York or coming home from overseas.

I shall be hostess every Monday afternoon from 4 o'clock until 8 o'clock in the evening—and I sure will be glad to see any of the Birmingham people, and give them any information. This is a wonderful place for Michigan strangers in New York, and the ladies are doing everything in their power to make it pleasant.

If there are any of our boys sick in the hospitals or come home wounded and are billeted in New York, be sure and let me know. I have every opportunity in the world of making them a personal visit, as I have a pass to all the camps.

Capt. Rundell has arrived safely overseas and I have word that he is very fond of it over there.

The address is, "Michigan Bureau of Military Relief, 36 West 40th Street, New York City."

With kindest regards to all friends, I remain,

Yours truly,  
MRS. M. E. RUNDALL.

## MISS CHAMBERLIN'S DANCING CLASS.

All young people who have been asked and wish to join Miss Bell Chamberlin's dancing class are requested to enroll on Tuesday, December 3, at 7:30 p. m., at Dr. Shaw's office, as class will commence on Thursday evening, December 5, promptly at 8 o'clock. Miss Chamberlin is well known in Detroit, teaching classes in ball-room dancing; also rhythmic, folk and nature dancing, at the Addison Hotel. Any inquiries concerning this class can be made of Grover C. Ok.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed at the Birmingham Michigan, P. O. for the week ending November 23, 1918:

Harger, John, (due 1 cent)  
McGregor, Wm. (due 1 cent)  
Schwald, Mrs. Ameda.  
Seely, Mrs. William.  
Webster, Mrs. J.

**POSTAL CARDS.**  
Shafer, Mrs. M. E., care G. Shafer.  
Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised."

GEORGE H. MITCHELL, P. M.

## Bear a Destroyer of Salmon.

The bear is a great destroyer of salmon. He is so fastidious that he will eat only the salmon cheeks and will consume one-third of his weight in this delicacy every day. When his hunger is satisfied he amuses himself by tossing the fish out on the banks. The fish are in the stream to spawn, and the egg destruction is by no means insignificant.

## OAKLAND REALTY CO.

List your property with us for sale. We now have several Houses and Farms at attractive prices. Continental, American and Globe Indemnity Insurance Companies.

SEE LYNCH ROOM 5, LEVINSON BUILDING Tel. 143 or 1681

## FLORAL DESIGNING

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Everything in Flowers, Plants and Floral Supplies.

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Merrill Street Next to Hill School

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## Last Warning! COFFEE

We have just received a letter from one of the largest Coffee Roasters in America, from which we quote: "Ordinary Santos Coffees COST today 29 1-2c per pound roasted—this without profit to us. The market today would compel you to get 35c per pound for these Coffees, as we would have to charge you 29c for them. We advise you to sell Coffees conservatively, as we believe Coffees will be much higher."

Well, friends, WE WILL NOT take his advice. So long as our stock lasts we will offer standard brands of Coffee at the following prices:

Buy Them by the 10-lb Lot.

Roraco,	35c	Pathfinder,	30c
Tzar,	38c	Old Master,	40c
Neroma,	32c	Cafe Blend,	40c
White House,	38c	Barrington Hall,	40c
Light House,	40c	Table Talk,	28c

## MINER GROCERY CO.

THE HOME OF GOOD THINGS TO EAT

## ST. JAMES' CHURCH NOTES.

REV. CHARLES H. M'CURDY, RECTOR.

December 1, First Sunday in Advent, 10:30 a. m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

12:00 Church School.  
7:30 p. m. Service in Memory of Private Charles Edwards.

The Rector plans for the Sunday mornings in December a series of sermons on the Advent of Our Lord. The subjects are as follows:

December 1, Looking Forward; the Christ of Prophecy.  
December 8, Jesus of Nazareth.  
December 15, He shall Come Again.  
December 22, The Christ of History.  
December 29, Christ Incarnate; the Dawn of a New Day.

Our readers will notice the new Professional card of Dr. Daniel W. Campbell, who has a fine modern City office in the David Whitney Building, Detroit, where he will be pleased to meet his old-time Birmingham and vicinity friends.

## CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY.

Services at Church Building, Woodward Avenue, south of D. U. R. Waiting Room.

Sunday 11:00 a. m.  
Sunday School same hour.  
Wednesday evenings, 8 o'clock.  
All are invited.

## JNO. D. RIKER, M. D.

Practice limited to EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT PONTIAC, MICH.

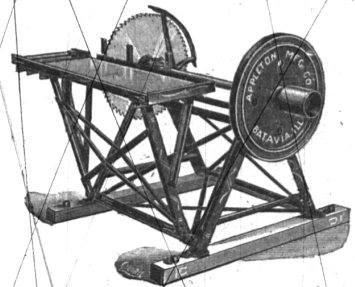
## Thorpe's De Luxe Chocolates

(Jackson)

Fresh Supply Just Received

## James W. Cobb's

PHARMACY



## Appleton Steel Saw Frames

One way to help out the fuel question.

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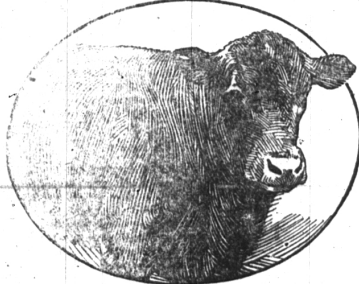
## Green & Heacock

BIRMINGHAM

Brownell Street

Phone 273

"Nobody told us nothin' 'bout where Miss Marian Johnston, of Greenwood that wuz goin' to eat turkey, so we can't Avenue, spent the week end with Ar'n tell you. Arbor friends.



## What Determines Meat and Live-Stock Prices?

Some stock men still think that Swift & Company—and other big packers—can pay as little for live-stock as they wish.

Some consumers are still led to believe that the packers can charge as much for dressed meat as they wish.

This is not true. These prices are fixed by a law of human nature as old as human nature itself—the law of supply and demand.

When more people want meat than there is meat to be had, the scramble along the line to get it for them sends prices up. When there is more meat than there are people who want it, the scramble all along the line to get rid of it within a few days, while it is still fresh, sends prices down.

When prices of meat go up, Swift & Company not only can pay the producer more, but has to pay him more, or some other packer will.

Similarly, when prices recede all down the line Swift & Company cannot continue to pay the producer the same prices as before, and still remain in the packing business.

All the packer can do is to keep the expense of turning stock into meat at a minimum, so that the consumer can get as much as possible for his money, and the producer as much as possible for his live-stock.

Thanks to its splendid plants, modern methods, branch houses, car routes, fleet of refrigerator cars, experience and organization, Swift & Company is able to pay for live cattle 90 per cent of what it receives for beef and by-products, and to cover expense of production and distribution, as well as its profit (a small fraction of a cent per pound), out of the other 10 per cent.

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