

**Village and Vicinity
News.**

—Only three weeks to Christmas.

—The shortest days will soon be here.

—The War Revenue tax went into effect Dec. 1.

—Miss Clark and Miss Garey of King Ferry are guests this week of Mrs. G. W. Ford.

—Mrs. Milton Boyer of Ithaca is visiting in town this week.

—B. F. Samson has been quite ill with grip for the past two days.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Cannon spent Thanksgiving at the home of their son in Auburn.

—A number from this place have attended the annual poultry show in Auburn this week.

—Ernest Mead and family spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. Mead's parents in Locke.

—Mrs. Ella Algert went to Auburn Sunday to remain this week with her sister who is in poor health.

—Miss Grace Stone of Auburn was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Scott at the manse from Friday to Sunday.

—Mrs. Julia Mead of Moravia and Mrs. J. W. Mead of Auburn were Sunday guests of Genoa friends.

—Thanksgiving was a beautiful day in this locality—bright and springlike after our severe winter weather.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. David Nettleton of Venice Nov. 15, 1914, a daughter—Edna May. Weight eight pounds.

—Mr. and Mrs. John G. Law and Miss Pauline Law of Moravia were Thanksgiving guests at D. C. Hunter's.

—Mrs. J. H. Wilson returned to her home in Auburn Tuesday afternoon, after spending several days at the home of Geo. Stevens and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gay and daughter Dorothy returned Sunday from a visit of several days with relatives at Taylor, Cortland county.

—Mr. and Mrs. John White, Walter and Susie White of Auburn, with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward of Ensenore, spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Allnut.

—The Misses Montgomery and Mr. Anderson of Auburn, with Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Scott of Genoa, were entertained at the home of Morell Wilson and family, Thanksgiving.

—A new model rural schoolhouse is to be built at Cornell University to take the place of the one now standing south of Bailey Hall. An appropriation of \$3,000 has been made for the new building.

—It is, of course, a Kansas paper that utters this bit of wisdom: "One reason for the high cost of living is that so many people have a garage in the back yard where the chicken coop used to stand."

—Rev. Willis H. Butler, associate pastor of the old South Church, Boston will be the minister in residence at Auburn Theological Seminary, Dec. 7, 8 and 9. Mr. Butler is a very strong preacher.

—Leland W. Singer was home from Cornell University Thursday and Friday last week. He had as his guests for Thanksgiving, John C. Tunnycliff of Moline, Ill., and Guy B. Wiser of South Bend, Ind.

Buy your Rubbers, Arctics, Felts and Sheep Lined Shoes at Rock Bottom Prices at Robt. & H. P. Mastin's.

—The Cortland High school basketball team will play against the Genoa Baracas at the rink, Genoa, to-morrow (Saturday) evening, Dec. 5. The Cortland team is brought here at large expense and a big attendance is desired. Admission 15c. Skating after the game.

—The bodies of Paul Bristler and Julian Candee, the two young men who were drowned at Cayuga early Sunday morning, Nov. 22, were recovered near where they were thought to have drowned, on Friday afternoon last. The bodies were only a few feet apart. The funerals were held on Monday of this week.

—It is stated that the herd of cattle belonging to Fred Darling of the town of Summerhill, about half a mile from the Tompkins county line, is suffering with hoof and mouth disease. Two veterinarians who were called said that seven out of the herd of a dozen were suffering from the disease. The towns of Locke, Summerhill, Lansing, Groton, Dryden, Homer and Cortlandville have been put under quarantine.

—Miss Bessie Younglove is spending some time at Kelloggsville.

—The serial "Christmas" is commenced in this issue of THE TRIBUNE.

—Mrs. A. J. Hurlbutt spent Thanksgiving at J. H. Smith's in Ithaca.

—Mrs. R. W. Hawley of Moravia is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. Al Lanterman.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Raymond of Pulteney, N. Y., were guests at Robert Mastin's, Wednesday.

—Mrs. S. B. Mead of Five Corners spent yesterday with her sister, Mrs. Ruth Avery, and niece, Mrs. T. Sill.

—On Jan. 1 last there were 2,559 postoffices in the state of New York in charge of 2,282 postmasters and 277 postmistresses.

—Miss Clara Cook of the High school faculty is spending the Thanksgiving recess at her home at Venice.

—Dryden Herald.

—Mrs. Frances Bothwell of East Genoa is in Ludlowville, caring for her aunt, Mrs. Margaret Thayer, who has suffered a stroke.

—Mrs. M. E. Wasburn of Auburn and Mrs. C. B. Berry of Owego spent last Saturday at the home of their aunt, Mrs. E. Waldo.

—Mrs. F. M. King returned Saturday afternoon from Lansingville, where she had been spending a few days at the home of her son, Floyd King.

—A resident of Carthage who is 98 years old announces he is unable to accept employment at shoveling snow this winter, but thinks he will be ready to mow lawns in the spring.

Buy your Fur Coats, Mackinaw Coats, Sweaters, Gloves, Mittens and Underwear at lowest prices at Robt. & H. P. Mastin's.

—Miss Irene Holden was home from the Cortland Normal school for the Thanksgiving recess. Miss Irene Mulvaney was also home from Auburn, and Miss Anna Myer from Interlaken.

—John Stickles was taken suddenly ill Sunday evening and has been in a very serious condition for several days, suffering with pleuro-pneumonia. A nurse from Auburn is caring for him.

—Wm. Huson has rented his blacksmith shop to Chas. Dean of Pulteney, N. Y., who will take possession next Monday. Mr. Dean and family will live with A. Dean during the winter.

—A Canastota onion grower adopted a sensible scheme to dispose of his stock. He hired a canal boat, loaded it with 1,100 bushels and stopped at all villages, selling his stock without the aid of middlemen.

—The Knight Templars of New York state will erect a \$40,000 school on the Masonic Home grounds at Utica. The school will be for the use of the children of the Masonic Home and will be a model institution in every way.

—Genoa friends have received announcements of the marriage of Miss Ruth Bronson and Mr. J. F. Boyd which took place in Ithaca, Nov. 12. The announcements were issued by the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bronson of Cortland.

—"Sig" Sautelle, or George G. Saterlee, the veteran showman of Homer, filed a petition in bankruptcy last Saturday in United States Court, Utica. The liabilities total \$33,102 with assets of \$3,815, \$600 of which is of circus stock now at his home. The other \$3,000 represents notes for borrowed money.

—The annual fair of King Ferry O. E. S., will be held in Masonic hall in that place on Dec. 5. A chicken pie supper will be served from 5:30 to 8 p. m. There will be different booths presided over by young ladies who will gladly sell you fancy towels, aprons, O. E. S. banners, pillows, bedding, and many useful articles, and homemade candy. Come for supper and the evening.

—The Samson residence on east hill in this village, formerly known as the Samuel Hewitt place, has been remodeled into a pretty modern dwelling. It is in bungalow style, with large porch on the south. An addition to the east gives needed room for kitchen and pantry. The roof has been raised a few feet over the central portion of the house, making nice sleeping rooms above. The entire exterior of the house, and the pillars of the porch, have been finished in stucco work. This is the first house in this locality to be finished in this way. The remodeled house is practically a new one as many changes have been made both inside and outside. It is very attractive in appearance and adds much to that part of the village.

—Rev. and Mrs. Scott were in Auburn Monday and Tuesday.

—Walter White of Auburn spent the week at the home of Clarence Allnut.

—Miss Anna Bush spent a few days last week with her aunts near Ithaca.

—Mrs. Milantha Marsh, said to be 102 years old Jan. 31, died recently at her home in Phelps.

—See Mastin's three day special sale.

—Miss Glanville of Auburn is spending a week with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Whitbeck. —Interlaken Review.

—B. J. Brightman suffered a severe injury to his right hand recently, when the small bones of the hand were broken.

—The proceeds of the chicken pie supper Wednesday evening were about \$24. Thanks are extended to all who contributed or assisted with the supper.

—Miss Clara Jones of Venice and her mother, Mrs. Mary Jones of Genoa spent Thanksgiving at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Coon, at East Genoa.

—Superintendent of Public Works Duncan W. Peck, has received bids for the removal of 181 buildings from the site of barge canal construction work in the village of Seneca Falls.

—Mrs. Henry Strong of East Genoa, who recently suffered a serious operation in Ithaca City hospital and has been in a very critical condition, was reported yesterday as very much improved.

—Cornell football eleven defeated Pennsylvania at Philadelphia on Thanksgiving, 24 to 12. More than 4,000 tickets to the game were sold in Ithaca and more than 50 Pullman coaches were used to transport the crowd to the Quaker city.

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F. C. Hagin, Genoa.

—Thirty head of cattle and horses, 100 tons of hay, 300 bushels of wheat and two silos were destroyed with the barns on Dr. Wilbur Fish's farm on the Coddington road near Ithaca recently. Dr. Fish estimates his loss at \$10,000, with \$2,000 insurance.

—The December term of the Supreme court will convene in Ithaca on Monday, Dec. 7. The trial jurors from the town of Lansing are Frank Moran and Glenn Robertson. The grand jurors from Lansing are Clayton Haring, Lamotte Smith and Frank Moran.

—For the first time in the history of New York State a sale of Holstein cattle will be conducted west of Syracuse at the joint convention of the New York State Dairymen's Association and the New York Breeders' Association to be held at Rochester, Dec. 15-18.

—The Ladies' Aid society of the Venice Baptist church will hold their annual meeting at the church parlors on Friday evening, Dec. 11. The Y. O. P. S. will meet the same evening. An address will be delivered by Rev. Plato Jones of Moravia. Supper will be furnished by the ladies. All are welcome.

—Herbert S. Hawes, a brother of Miss Martha Hawes of Auburn, well known in this vicinity, died on Nov. 21 of pneumonia at Willard state hospital where he had been a patient for five years. He leaves a wife and three sons, and one sister, all residing in Auburn except one son who lives in New York. Funeral and burial were at Seneca Falls on Monday, Nov. 23.

—Mrs. Emily Snyder of Forks of the Creek, who is making an extended visit to relatives and friends in Ohio, writes to home friends what a delightful time she is having. In addition to visiting her sister at Norwalk, Ohio, she is also visiting old friends and relatives at other points. On Nov. 20, she and her sister spent the day with Mrs. Jane Tubbs and her sister at Republic. The last named ladies were former residents of Genoa, many years ago.

—Miss Maude Kelley, 22, of Meridian, who has been blind since infancy, has had her sight returned through an operation at a Syracuse hospital. The Meridian Presbyterian church volunteered to defray the expenses and it was mainly through their efforts that the operation was performed. Miss Kelley's vision is not yet entirely clear but the physicians believe that in time her eyesight will become normal. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Kelley.

Holiday Reminders at HOYT'S.

It's time to make your plans for the yuletide. Most people find the choosing of Holiday Presents a puzzling matter. If you're one of them we can make the problem easy. At any rate come and examine our splendid assortment of clocks, watches, cut glass, hand painted china, silverware in solid and best plate, pendants, necklaces, diamonds, chains, fobs, combs, brushes, bracelets, cuff links, cameos also a large line of I. C. and W. W. W. rings, guaranteed a lifetime against loss of stones.

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Leading Jeweler & Optician
HOYT BLOCK MORAVIA, N. Y.

—A fine Chester granite monument was this week erected on the W. R. Mosher lot in Indian Mound cemetery, Moravia.

—Rev. W. M. Tompkins recently resigned his pastorate of the Baptist church at East Lansing, and left last week for his new home at Chatham, N. Y.

—Mr. and Mrs. Elias Lester of East Genoa entertained at a sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner Assemblerman-elect Whitman and wife of Venice Center, Mrs. Frances Rundell and Mrs. J. F. Brown of Genoa and John Sill and family.

—James Humphrey, aged 45, of Montezuma received burns which proved fatal in a fire which swept over the Montezuma marshes, Thanksgiving day. Humphrey and his son accompanied by another man had gone to the marshes to cut flag in the afternoon, and had proceeded considerable distance out in the marshes, before they noticed the approach of the flames. An area of between two and three miles square was burned over.

—Miss Harriet Lang, aged 24 years, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Lang of Cato, died Nov. 25 at the Auburn City hospital after strenuous efforts to save her life. A week before, a slight abrasion was noticeable on her lip and this became infected in some way, and blood poisoning set in. She was taken to the hospital on Friday. Transfusion of blood was resorted to, her father, mother and young brother giving a quantity of blood, but to no avail. Miss Lang was the fiancée of Willis Newberry of Chataqua county, who arrived at her bedside a short time before she lost consciousness.

**Ithaca Auburn Short Line
Central New York Southern Railroad Corporation.**
In Effect Sept. 21, 1914.

SOUTHBOUND—Read Down				STATIONS			NORTHBOUND—Read Up			
27	23	421	31	31		32	422	22	24	28
Daily	Daily	Sunday Only	Daily Except Sun.	Daily Except Sun.		Daily Except Sun.	Sunday Only	Daily Except Sun.	Daily	Daily
A M 6 20	P M 1 50	A M 8 30	A M 8 30	A M 6 45	AUBURN	A M 9 20	A M 11 09	A M 11 27	P M 5 00	P M 8 59
6 35	2 04	8 45	8 43	7 00	Mapleton	9 05	10 54	11 14	4 45	8 44
6 46	2 14	8 56	8 53	7 11	Merrifield	8 53	10 43	11 04	4 35	8 33
6 55	2 22	9 05	9 01	7 20	Venice Center	8 44	10 34	10 56	4 27	8 24
					GENOA	8 29	10 19	10 45	4 16	8 09
					North Lansing	8 18	10 08	10 36	4 06	7 58
					South Lansing	8 05	9 55	10 26	3 55	7 45
					ITHACA	7 30	9 20	10 00	3 30	7 10
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Trains No. 21 and 23 going South, and No. 22 and 24 going North are the motor cars and do NOT stop at Flag stations. Sunday trains No. 422 and 421 are the motor cars and these stop at all stations.
Additional Trains between Ithaca and Rogues Harbor leave Ithaca 10:00, (daily except Sunday) 12:15, (Sunday only) 2:00 and 4:40 daily and 9:30 p. m. (Saturday only.) Also leave Rogues Harbor at 10:40 a. m. (daily except Sunday) 12:50 (Sunday only) 2:35 and 5:15 p. m., daily, and 10:05 p. m. Saturday only.

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5 lbs. Best Granulated Sugar	} 98c
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3 Cans Fancy New Corn	

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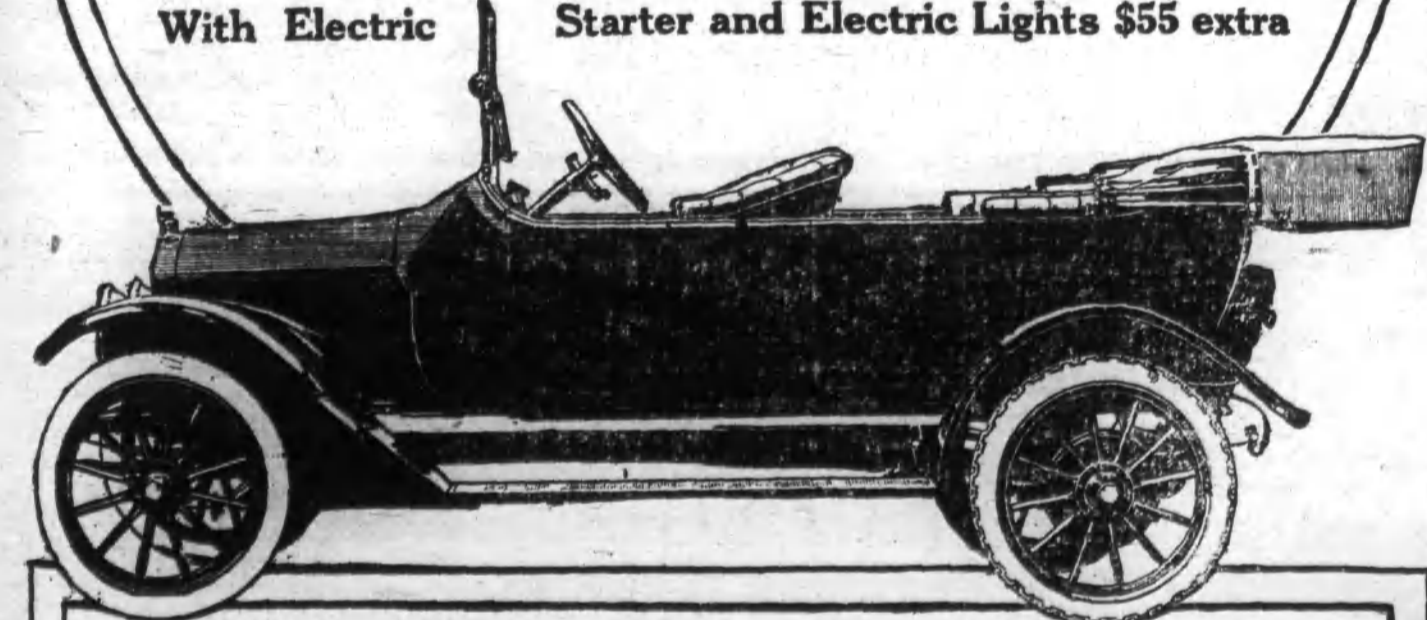
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Bring in the children and let them enjoy this magnificent display on the third floor of our brand new store.

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Squab Brothers.
Squab Brothers must not weigh over three-quarters of a pound each; generally a half pound is most acceptable.

Temperance

(Conducted by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union.)

NOT A GOOD ADVERTISEMENT.
In the front window of a Columbus (O.) saloon, during the state fair week, was a large glass tank filled with water in which were hundreds of fish. It always attracted a crowd. A young fellow, after watching the fish for some time, stepped inside and said to the proprietor:
"That's a catchy advertisement in your window."
"Yes," said the saloonkeeper, "it attracts much attention."
"But," said the visitor, "you are losing an important point. Instead of filling that tank with water, why don't you fill it with your beer or whisky?"
"Why, you blankety-blank fool," said the saloonkeeper, "the fish would all die if I were to carry out your idea."
"Well," remarked the young man, "if that is the case, it is not a good advertisement for your business, after all. If beer and whisky kill fish, what chance have men who drink the stuff? You have suggested a good text for the temperance talk to my Sunday school next Sunday."

PRODUCTION DECREASING.
Right understanding of the internal report, it is pointed out, explains the apparent inconsistency between alleged increased consumption of liquor and increased temperance area. Such understanding is that the figures are based upon the number of gallons withdrawn from the government warehouses, not upon the actual amount consumed. The utterances of liquor journals continually strengthen this position. In a recent issue Mida's Criterion, speaking of the expected business conditions, tells us editorially that "the problem of the surplus produced in the previous three years will still remain an incubus on the market." It says, moreover, that "from reliable information received from distillers, production during the months of March and April will show a very material decrease from the figures of last year, and a still further decrease during the months of May and June."

NEW LIGHT SHED.
For the first time in the history of the temperance controversy we are able to challenge the statement that moderate drinking is a safer and saner position, and more heroic and influential ethically than total abstinence. This convenient theory is now practically disproved by the discovery that small doses of alcohol, far short of inducing the signs we are accustomed to associate with drunkenness, set up insidious, but no less serious, symptoms of disease. It is now well recognized that a man may pass out of life with the reputation of a sober and blameless citizen, and even in the "odor of sanctity," who has shortened his days and induced the fatal disease by slow poisoning with alcohol.—Dr. Alex. Walker, J. P., Edinburgh.

EDUCATIONAL PROPAGANDA.
The United States Brewers' association, according to the Brewers' Journal, New York, is planning to add to their systematic "educational" defense propaganda a unique moving picture plea and argument in the form of an exhibit which it boldly announces will be utilized at "county fairs, and other public occasions throughout the country" as a "part of the organized brewers' campaign of education."

WHAT BEER WILL DO.
A Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) sheriff raided a speak-easy months ago, and in one bottle of beer he found a frog. He sealed the bottle, marked it, and put it away. Later he came across it again. The seal was intact, but the frog had been eaten completely to naught by the acid in the beer. Now the sheriff doubts if a beverage which can eat a frog can be good for a human stomach.—Exchange.

CHILDREN RESCUED.
S. S. Foxton Jones, superintendent of the Irish work in connection with Dr. Barnardo's Homes, says 80,000 children have been rescued. About 79 per cent of these cases are directly attributed to the drink traffic. But for the drink curse these great institutions would very shortly close their doors.

ENGLAND'S DRINK BILL.
As reported in The Alliance News upon estimates made by Mr. George B. Wilson, secretary of the United Kingdom alliance, Great Britain's drink bill for the past year was over six millions of dollars less than the year previous. "Picture palaces" have become a competitor with the public houses throughout the kingdom.

MORE TAX ON HOTELS.
New York State Excise Commissioner Farley, in his annual report, favors taxing hotels more than saloons, and suggests a provision of law whereby when a district votes dry, some person in it may sell liquor on petition of 55 per cent of the electors, and vice versa as to a wet district.

CAUSE OF HUNGRY CHILDREN.
Miss Agnes Black says it is because of the liquor traffic that 200 towns in England and Wales serve meals to school children.

The Scrap Book

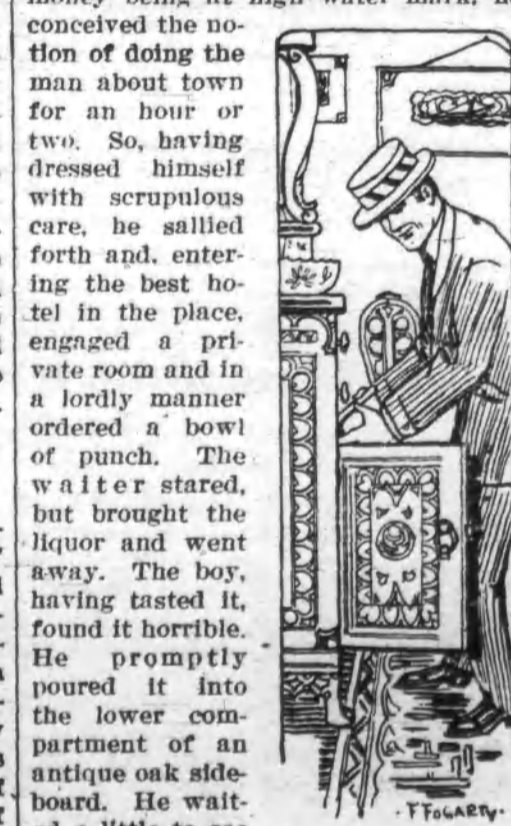
A Tug of War.

The well dressed, portly man stood for several moments watching the brawny drayman who was laboriously tugging at a large, heavy laden box, which seemed almost as wide as the doorway through which he was trying to move it. Presently the kindly disposed onlooker approached the perspiring drayman and said with a patronizing air: "Like to have a lift?"
"Bet yer life," the other replied, and for the next two minutes the two men on opposite sides of the box worked, lifted, puffed and wheezed, but the box stuck fast. They went at it again, but it did not move an inch.

THE BOX STUCK FAST.
Finally the portly man straightened up and said between puffs, "I don't believe we can get it in there."
"Get it in?" the drayman almost shouted. "Why, you blamed mutt-on-head, I'm trying to get it out!"

Blindness.
When I consider how my light is spent Ere half my days in this dark world and wide And that one talent which is death to hide, Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent To serve therewith my Maker and present My true account, lest he, returning, chide, "Doth God exact day labor, light denied?" I fondly ask. But Patience, to prevent That murmur, soon replies: "God doth not need Either man's work or his own gifts. Who best Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state Is kingdom; thousands at his bidding speed And post o'er land and ocean without rest. They also serve who only stand and wait."—Milton.

Labouchere's Debauch.
One day while Labouchere was a schoolboy at Eton (says Thorold's "Life of Labouchere"), his store of pocket money being at high water mark, he conceived the notion of doing the man about town for an hour or two. So, having dressed himself with scrupulous care, he sallied forth and, entering the best hotel in the place, engaged a private room and in a lordly manner ordered a bowl of punch. The waiter stared, but brought the liquor and went away. The boy, having tasted it, found it horrible. He promptly poured it into the lower compartment of an antique oak sideboard. He waited a little to see whether it would run out on to the carpet. Luckily the drawer was water tight, and Labouchere rang the bell again and proudly ordered from the amazed waiter a second bowl of punch. He poured this also into the oak sideboard and in a few minutes rang for the bill, tipped the waiter majestically and swaggered out of the hotel quite satisfied that he had won the admiration and respect of the startled staff that gazed open mouthed after him as he went.



THE DRAWER WAS WATER TIGHT.

The Stone Age.
When State Senator Cal Stone of St. Paul was in the passenger department of the Northern Pacific railroad he wrote many bitter letters to the passenger department of the Great Northern.
Suddenly he was made general passenger agent of the Great Northern. As he came in to take his new desk the man he succeeded handed him an immense file of papers.
"Now, dod gast you!" he said to Stone, "sit down here and answer your own letters!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Proof Positive.
The late Arthur McEwen used to tell of an Irish friend of his who made the statement that the sun is composed of ice and proved it.
"Th' sun do be made av ice," he said.
"Tis not!" contended a hearer.
"Tis so, an' I'll prove ut t' ye. Was ye iver in th' Comstock mine?"
"I wuz."
"Wuz yes at th' twenty-three hundred level?"
"I wuz."
"An' wuz it hot?"
"Hot as th' devil!"
"Well, thin, go out an' have a luk at th' tops at the mountains yonder—all covered with ice an' snow. The nearer to the sun it is the colder it is an' the farder away th' hotter. Th' sun do be made av ice."—Saturday Evening Post.

JUST WHAT HE WANTED.

Let the Expression That Would Make the Portrait a Success.

A certain good looking portrait painter got a commission to paint the portrait of a rich London magnate. He improvised a studio down at his country place in Kent and spent about a couple of months on the job. One day he said to the purse proud money bags: "I think your countenance, sir, most noble. Is there any particular expression you would like to wear in this picture?"
"Well, since you ask it, there is. I particularly want a certain expression. By the way, have you met my daughter?"
"Yes," replied the artist.
"A charming girl, eh?"
"Very."
"I'm glad you think so. I've spent a lot of money on that girl. Well, supposing you came to me and asked my consent to marry her?"
"Oh!" cried the painter.
The magnate smiled.
"Perhaps you don't quite follow me. At all events the expression I want to wear in that picture is the expression you would see on my face on such an occasion. It is the only illustration I can think of—a sort of combination of indignation, stand offishness, anger and you-can't-come-it-over-me-my-boy look. You see, I desire to place this portrait in the anteroom of my city offices to scare away money seekers, and it occurred to me—"
"I see," said the artist. "I will try and realize your idea. Perhaps you can help me. Can you oblige me with a sample of one of those expressions?"
The magnate beamed.
"No, young man. I'm much too good natured today. I've just floated two companies at half a million each."
"No matter. Maybe I can help you. As a matter of fact, Sir Jabez, I fell in love with your daughter at first sight. I asked her to marry me, she consented, and we were married at a registry office yesterday."
And as the millionaire, dazed and choking with anger, struggled with his feelings the painter added:
"Ah, thanks! Might I ask you to keep that expression as long as possible? The picture is bound to be a success."—London Tatler.

Thy Task Shall Have Thy Heart.
The instant we begin to think about success and the effect of our work—to play with one eye on the gallery—we lose power and touch and everything else.—Kipling.

Nautical.
It was on West street. The seafaring man was steering a zigzag course, yawing now to starboard and now to port. A young woman bound in the opposite direction sought to minimize the danger of a collision by making a wide detour, but the seafaring man stopped dead.
"Keep a straight course ahead, miss," he said gallantly; "let me do the tacking."—New York Post.

Forestalled.
At considerable expense a certain Scottish town council had erected public swimming baths, and they were opened by one of the leading men of the neighborhood. Of the proudest there was Sandy, who had been appointed bath superintendent. Sandy had two hobbies—dog breeding and swimming. Just prior to the opening ceremony one of the local councilors slipped and fell into the six foot end of the bath. "Come out o' that!" roared Sandy, leaning over and catching the unfortunate one by the hair. "Come out o' that! That bath's no' opened yet."
When on firm foothold the councilor tried to laugh the matter away. "Anyhow, I have had the first swim," he said.
"Deed ye hadna," responded Sandy calmly. "Me an' th' dogs had a dip this morning."

He Was Really Human.
Royalty was on a visit to Doncaster. An old Yorkshire woman had gone on the course for the sole purpose of seeing England's greatest, and she called out excitedly: "Which is the king? Which is the king?" "There he is," said some one near. "That's him with



SHE HAIRED HER HANDS IN PROTEST. The handkerchief in his hand. "Ah!" gasped the old lady, a touch of reverent awe in her tone. Just then his majesty, who had a cold in the head, performed a commonplace little operation, "Goodness me!" the old lady exclaimed against as she raised her hands in protest. "Where does he get that?"

