WANTS

Rents,
Situations,
Real Estate,
Auction Sales,
AND OTHER
Classified Advertisements.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FREE.

Are you in need of work? If so, you are at liberty to use these columns for assistance in that direction. While this notice appears the State Journal will publish free on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, for Topeka or Kansas people, all notices of "Situations Wanted," not to exceed five lines, or thirty-five words, in length, provided that all advertisements of that nature are handed in previous to 10 o'clock Saturday morning; also on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday all advertising of this class handed in by 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

No advertisements of this nature to be started except on Saturdays and Wednesdays. No obligation is incurred on the part of the advertiser. No worthy and needy man or woman need hesitate to take advantage of this offer. No one in business or having employment is expected to take advantage of it, but all others are invited to avail themselves freely.

The Topeka State Journal guarantees every day it is printed, to give a local circulation by far more than all other Dailies combined. This makes this paper the cheapest, as well as the best, daily medium in Topeka, the classified advertisements below costing but

Five Cents a Line,

or 20 cents a line for a week; 60 cents by the month.

Average circulation for first six months of 1897,

11,584.

WANTED—HELP.

WANTED—By a lady compositor, work in a country newspaper office. Mrs. E. M. Jones, 319 Western ave., Topeka.

WANTED—A man of very large city acquaintance, first class penman, wants a situation; first class reference. Address J. K., Box 221.

WANTED—A competent girl for general housework. 515 Topeka ave.

WANTED—A good, steady farm hand, on Dover road, 8 miles southwest of Topeka. Bradford Miller.

WANTED—Position by experienced lady stenographer and bookkeeper; good references. Address H. C., care Journal.

WANTED—Men and women to work at home. I pay $8 to $18 per week for making crayon portraits, new patent method; anyone who can read or write can do the work, at home, in spare time. Say or evening. Send for particulars and work at once. Address H. A. Gripp, German Artist, Tyrone, Pa.

WANTED—A girl for general housework; must be a good cook. 1118 Topeka ave.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—To rent 2 furnished or unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping. Address F. L. Gaines, 210 East Fourth.

WANTED—You to know that Fosdick's Carpet Cleaning Works have removed to 922 Kansas ave., opposite Copeland hotel, where you can get your chenille and lace curtains cleaned better than any place west of Chicago. J. H. Fosdick.

WANTED—People to know that I cure tobacco and other habits by hypnotism. No cure, no pay. Brown, 115 East 8th st.

WANTED—100 cases to heal, pain reduced instantly. No relief, no pay. Brown, Magnetic healer, 115 East 8th st.

WANTED—Stock to winter; good care; $1.50 per month; stabling with grain. $3. Stanley Bros., box 211, North Topeka.

WANTED—Horses to winter, near town, good feed. Horses, this office.

WANTED—

We want to make some gilt-edged loans on farms in Shawnee county. Call on us at once.

T. E. BOWMAN & CO.,
Columbian Building.

WANTED—Watches to clean, 75c; clocks, 50c; mainsprings, 25c; crystals, 10c. Cash paid for old gold or silver. All work guaranteed. Old jewelry exchanged for new. If hard up, see Uncle Sam, 612 Kan. Ave.

SALESMEN WANTED.

WANTED—Salesmen; salary paid weekly; experience unnecessary; permanent. Brown Bros. Co., Chicago.

$30 A WEEK and expenses paid men to sell cigars on time. Experience unnecessary. The W. L. Kline Co., St. Louis, Mo.

AGENTS WANTED.

AGENTS—Quick men to visit stores; sell machine for printing signs, in 10 colors on fences, bridges, rocks—any rough surface. Arc Co., 28 Arc St., Racine, Wis.

FOR RENT—ROOMS.

FOR RENT—Three unfurnished rooms, first floor, suitable for light housekeeping. Inquire 616 Jackson st.

FOR RENT—Store room at 623 Kan. ave. Frank H. Foster, Columbian Building.

FOR RENT—Furnished upper east front room, with large alcove; furnace heat. 421 Quincy st.

FURNISHED ROOMS FOR RENT at 934 Kansas ave. Gas, heat, hot and cold water, bath and all conveniences, single or en suite.

FOR RENT—Choice store rooms and modern flats. 214 East Fifth st.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

FOR SALE—75 feet of iron fence, with gate, cheap for cash. 315 Topeka ave.

FOR SALE—Three good milch cows cheap at Union Stockyards, North Topeka.

FOR SALE—Two milk cows, cheap. J. W. A., Journal.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HENRY LEETTJOHANN has moved his restaurant to 224 Kansas ave., south side.

FOR EXCHANGE—180 acres choice land in Ness county, partly under cultivation and all tillable, for stock of groceries or general merchandise; will pay cash difference. Address Box 43, Milford, Kan.

WANTED—Ladies to call and get holiday prices at Dress Cutting School, over 706 Kansas ave.

FRANK J. BROWN, 17 Columbian Bldg., has $800 to loan; has good real estate or bank stock investments. Buys and sells houses and lots.

FREE DISPENSARY of Kansas Medical College, corner of Twelfth and Tyler, is open daily except Sunday, from 1 to 2 p. m. E. M. Brockett, M. D.

NOTICE—PARTICULAR—Having moved my shop to the corner of Seventh and Jackson st., I am better prepared to repair watches, clocks and jewelry at the lowest prices. You are assured of good work when you bring your repairs to me. O. H. Baker, Watchmaker.

McAFEE'S pure apple cider, fresh every day at 15c per gal. delivered. Send orders to 616 Kan. ave. Tel. 160.

FOR VIEWS—of residence or parlor, stock, groups, etc., or photos of any interior or outside views see Farrow, 511 Kan. Ave.

Viavi The best known remedy for women. Ladies in attendance. Kansas Viavi Co., 2 Columbian Building, Topeka.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—Places to get watches and clocks cleaned for 50c. 805 Kansas ave., upstairs.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—Choice vacant lots in Lowman Hill, convenient to electric cars, also near church and school. Price from $50 to $75 each. W. M. Forbes, 116 West Sixth ave.

FITCH & QUIGLEY, 106 West Sixth st., Topeka, Kan.—Farms, ranches, residence properties, merchandise stocks sold and exchanged. Loans and insurance. Prompt attention to letters of inquiry.

MONEY.

MONEY LOANED on pianos, organs, sewing machines, watches, diamonds, bicycles, typewriters and any personal propery. N. B. Campbell, 605 Kansas ave.

MONEY TO LOAN on farms or city property at reasonable rates.
W. M. FORBES, 116 W. 6th Ave.

LOANS on pianos, typewriters, bicycles guns, watches, diamonds and any personal property. L. Biscoe, 523 Kan. Ave.

MILO NORTON, at 408 W. Sixth ave., will make farm loans of $1,500 or over at 6 per cent interest.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

IDA C. BARNES, M. D.

Office 732 Kan. Ave. Residence 13th and Clay. Office hours: 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., and 3 p. m. to 5 p. m. Telephone 598 residence, and 16 office.

D EDWARD ESTERLY, M. D.
EYE AND EAR,
722 Kansas ave.

S. E. SHELDON, M. D.:
Surgery and diseases of women, with private hospital. Office No. 720 Kan. Ave.

L. A. RYDER, M. D.
OFFICE and residence cor. Gordon St. and Central Ave., North Topeka. 'Phone 214. Uses the Brinkerhoff system of rectal treatment, a successful and painless treatment for piles, fistula, fishture, ulceration, etc.

BICYCLES.

TOPEKA CYCLE CO., 112 W. 8th St.—Bicycles and sundries; bicycles and tandems for rent; repairing of all kinds.

STAMPS, SEALS AND STENCILS

THE J. C. DARLING CO. 734 KAN. AVE., TOPEKA. Send for catalogue and prices.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

NOTICE—TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN—Be it known that my petition is on file in the office of the probate court of Shawnee county, Kansas, asking for a permit to sell intoxicating liquors at 124 East Fourth st., in the Second ward in the city of Topeka, Kansas, and the hearing of the same is set for Monday, 9 a. m., January 10, 1898.
M. A. FUNCHESS.
Topeka, Kan., Dec. 9, 1897.

FUEL AND FEED.

LEAVE your orders for coal, flour, feed and seds with Van Slyck, 509 W. 10th.

HOROLOGIST.

SEE A. WOLF, 116 East Sixth st., when you want your watches and clocks repaired. Work guaranteed.

JEWELERS.

JAMES B. HAYDEN, Jeweler and Optician. Complete stock of watches, diamonds, silverware, etc. Eyes examined and spectacles properly fitted.

TIN SHOPS.

J. M. BAIRD, hot air furnaces, galvanized and tin roofing. 216 W. 6th. Tel. 359.

BOOKKEEPING.

WILL WRITE UP and post your books, make out monthly statements of account and make closing entries of year's business. Private instructions in bookkeeping. Charges reasonable. W. J. Stagg, Accountant, Topeka, Kan.

PRINTERS.

TOPEKA PRINTING CO., 112 East Seventh st. Mail orders given prompt attention. Print everything. Prices right.

PSYCHOMETRY.

H. H. BROWN, minister of Soul Culture. Will heal, read character and give advice from the Spirit side of life. 118 East 8th st.

PAVING.

FOR first-class paving, sidewalk or building brick, dried by steam and burned in down-draft kilns, the only way good vitrified brick can be made, call on W. Edson, sec'y of C. C. V. Brick & Paving Co., 116 W. 6th Ave.

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

MEETING every Wednesday, 3 p. m., at 307 Van Buren st. Open to all.

STORAGE.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS
Packed, hauled, shipped or stored.
123 East Sixth. Tel. 186.
MERCHANTS' TRANSFER AND STORAGE CO.

MISSOURI PACIFIC.

TOPEKA & FT. SCOTT ACCOM., No. 283
Leave Topeka.....8:00 a. m.
TOPEKA & FT. SCOTT ACCOM., No. 285
Arrive Topeka.....6:00 p. m.

DR. MINNEY ON HEALTH.

Some of the Faults Found With the School Room.

Dr. J. E. Minney of Topeka startled the teachers today by declaring that the usual term examinations should be banished from the public schools in Kansas. He declared:

"These term examinations impose a dangerous and unnecessary burden upon the teachers and pupils."

Dr. Minney was discussing the defective eyesight so prevalent among pupils and teachers. He further stated that these examinations are not a true test of scholarship.

Referring to the many causes of defective eyes, Dr. Minney charged the lead pencil with being responsible for the majority of such difficulties. He recommended that the lead pencil be abolished and pen and ink substituted. The association cheered this sentiment.

Surveying Representative hall, the doctor said:

"It is not strange the legislators go home with severe colds. This hall is very poorly ventilated. The windows should be supplied with equipment which should be tilted, and thereby send the cold air to the ceiling instead of pouring it in upon the heads of the people."

ASKS LEAVE TO QUIT.

N. Y. Mutual Life Will Ask the Court to Let It Go in Peace.

Judge Albert H. Horton on behalf of the Mutual Life of New York today filed in the supreme court a notice stating that on January 4 he will ask the court to dismiss the quo warranto proceedings brought against the company by Attorney General Boyle.

The company will show that it has withdrawn from Kansas, has settled up its business, discharged all its employes and asks permission to be dismissed from the jurisdiction of the court, after having paid all costs which have accrued in the pending action.

CORBETT'S TRICK.

To Get Rid of a Persistent Soubrette in New York.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Telegram today published the following:

Mr. James J. Corbett, former champion pugilist of the world, is a man of resources. He proved this at Martin's early Saturday morning. He came into Martin's late Friday night to have a farewell lunch with a few friends prior to his departure for the west. Somehow a young woman of the stage became a member of the party. She devoted much attention to Mr. Corbett. The young woman's attentions were so marked as to become rather embarrassing to Corbett. Besides, he was due to catch a train for Cincinnati in a few hours, and it was absolutely necessary that he "break away." Finally he hit upon a rather brilliant idea. Bud Woodthorpe, Nat C. Goodwin's stage manager, and Corbett's former secretary, was sitting at another table.

Corbett had a short conference with Mr. Woodthorpe, then he returned to the table at which the persistent soubrette was seated. A moment later Woodthorpe rushed at Corbett with a gleaming knife in his hand. He apparently tried to plunge it into the heart of the former champion, and one of the liveliest stage scuffles imaginable took place. Finally Corbett overpowered Mr. Woodthorpe and took the knife away from him. Then he explained to the party that his unfortunate friend needed his immediate attention—that he proposed to entice him to a sanitarium, but that under no circumstances must anyone follow him. Then Corbett made a quiet sneak, leading Mr. Woodthorpe into the chilly morning air.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS.

Frank Erickson, aged 38 years, died of typhoid fever last evening at the Santa Fe hospital. He lived at 200 Emmet street, and had been in the employ of the railroad company in the shops for 12 years. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence.

Mrs. Leoti Carter of 106 Monroe street was buried today, the funeral services being held at the colored Baptist church.

The funeral services over the remains of Robert Mood will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the family residence, 409 East Eighth street.

The California Limited

Via Santa Fe Route.

The perfect train—

The direct route—

The quickest time—

Topeka to Los Angeles.

W. J. BLACK, G. P. A.
Topeka, Kan.

FLORISTS.

MRS. J. R. HAGUE, Florist, successor to R. J. Groves, 817 Kas. av. 'Phone 602.

W. C. GROVES, successor to R. J. Groves greenhouses 1173-75-77 Clay st., store, 821 Kansas ave, 'Phone 283.

Great Western Steam Dye
..and Cleaning Works
117 East Seventh Street.
Does the best work in the city of Dyeing, Cleaning and Repairing on Ladies and Gentlemen's clothing at reasonable prices. Give us a call. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.
C. F. RODIGER, Prop.

DEAD.STUCK FOR BUGS
Kills Roaches, Fleas, Moths and Bedbugs. Nonpoisonous; won't stain. Large bottles, at druggists and grocers, 25 cents.

JANUARY "SHOWS."

List of Theatrical Attractions for the Coming Month.

"Mme. Sans Gene," the attraction in which Kathryn Kidder was seen in this city last season, was contracted for today for the Crawford theater on January 26. With Kathryn Kidder this was one of the best attractions seen here last season. Miss Kidder, however, is now seriously ill and may probably not be seen in this city again, as she has announced her intention of quitting the stage.

The list of attractions for the month of January is not large, but the number will probably be increased after the opening of the year. The present list is as follows:

Hoyt's "A Trip to Chinatown," January 1; Gus Hill's Vaudeville company, January 5; Rice's "1492," January 6; "The Brownies," January 8; Katie Emmett in "The Waifs of New York," January 15; "The Widow Brown," January 19; Kathryn Kidder in "Mme. Sans Gene," January 20; Walker Whiteside, the tragedian, January 22; Chas. Frohman's "The Girl I Left Behind Me," January 24; "A Breezy Time," January 26; Banda Rosa, January 25; Mme. Scalchi, January 28.

With the exception of "A Trip to Chinatown," the Banda Rosa and possibly "The Brownies" and "1492," all the attractions will be seen at the Crawford theater.

FIRE IN KLONDIKE.

Two Conflagrations Break Out in the Log City.

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—According to news received here from Dawson City, under date of November 25, the Klondike mining camp has twice been in danger of destruction by fire. On November 22 two Front street log houses were destroyed by fire. One of them was used as a lodging house on one floor and a church on the other. The lodgings contained food, outfits for ten men and nothing saved. Steps have been taken to relieve the destitute. The fire was caused by the overturning of a lighted candle by a drunken man.

A fire from a similar cause broke out on November 25, and the opera house and two saloons were burned to the ground. The snow on the roofs saved the rest of the Front street from destruction. A large quantity of provisions and liquors, valued at $40,000 in Dawson was destroyed.

November 10, the Yukon froze for the winter and since then about 3,000 persons have started out over the ice between Dawson and Fort Selkirk.

Many of them were without dogs and poorly supplied with provisions and clothing and it is doubtful if they will get through.

HELD UP ON THE BRIDGE.

A. M. Baird Has an Encounter With Two Footpads.

Two footpads met a Waterloo at the hands of Archie Baird on the bridge Sunday night.

When Mr. Baird, who was driving, neared the center of the bridge, two colored men rushed to the head of his horse. One seized the bridle, the other made a dive for Mr. Baird, grabbing his coat, making at the same time an effort to drag him out of the buggy.

As the footpad tugged at Mr. Baird's coat the buttons gave away with a rip of the cloth. This made Mr. Baird mad and he jumped out of the buggy, struck his assailant with his fist and seized him by the throat, continuing to pound him with his fist. The footpad was knocked down, his head striking the iron railing, which cut a deep gash in the scalp which bled profusely.

The assault on the part of Mr. Baird continued. The colored man was used up in a minute, while his pal fled. Satisfying himself that the negro had been thoroughly chastised, Mr. Baird climbed into his buggy and drove home. He made no attempt to cause the arrest of the parties.

ONLY THE FEW

Can Now Wear Seal Skin or Kill Seals.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Ex-Secretary Foster had a brief conference with the president today, after which the president approved the bill "prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the waters of the North Pacific ocean," passed the day congress adjourned for the holidays.

The act prohibits the killing of seals by American citizens, except as they may be taken on the Pribyloff islands by the North American Commercial company. It also prohibits the importation of seal skins into the United States, raw dressed, dyed or manufactured.

The penalty for violation of the law is a fine of not less than $200 nor more than $2,000, or imprisonment for not more than six months, or both, for each offense, including the forfeiture to the United States of the vessel, its tackle and cargo.

FRANCE PUSHES AHEAD.

Occupies Two More Important Positions in West Africa.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The French, it is announced, have occupied Odienne and Nalligata. It is believed this indicates that an advance against Chief Samory is imminent.

Chief Samory is a West African chieftain who for over 12 years past, has been the most dangerous antagonist the Europeans have had to meet. After ten years of guerilla warfare, he was driven out of the Soudan, but he made a swoop upon the fertile region of Kong, a dependency of the French Ivory company. Since then Chief Samory has repeatedly been heard from. In August last his forces surprised and routed a detachment of French troops sent to occupy the territory, which it is said Samory had offered to vacate.

Eckstein a Seatonite.

Otto Eckstein of Wichita, an ex-member of the legislature and a well known Republican lawyer, has joined the forces pushing John Seaton of Atchison for governor. Mr. Eckstein will participate in Mr. Seaton's campaign.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Union Pacific will sell tickets to all points within 200 miles at one fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold Dec. 24, 25, and 31, 1897, and Jan. 1, 1898. Final returning limit Jan. 4, 1898.
F. A. LEWIS,
City Ticket Agent.
J. C. FULTON, Depot Agent.

Holiday Sale.

Ten per cent discount on all watches and sterling goods this week.
C. H. MORRISON,
505 Kansas ave.

READY FOR PROPOSALS.

Government Asks Bids for Supplying the Food for Klondike.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Captain D. L. Brainard, who is to lead the government Klondike expedition, and who is now at the Virginia hotel, is busy preparing and sending to papers in St. Paul, Kansas City, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, San Francisco and in this city advertisements for proposals for supplying the food.

The advertisement calls for the delivery of 260,000 pounds of food at Skaguay not later than February 5. The more important items are 75,000 pounds of bacon, 112,000 pounds of flour, 5,000 pounds of beans and peas, 4,000 pounds of butter and 1,000 cans of condensed milk.

Captain Brainard said it had been decided not to try to use condensed foods, except milk, both for the reason that it was felt that this was no occasion for trying experiments, and because of the belief that the food advertised for would be found more suitable to the needs of the occasion than condensed foods. He said he would leave for Vancouver barracks in a day or two and that it was expected the expedition would leave Skaguay about the middle of February. It will be composed of 50 soldiers, 60 Lap drivers and 500 reindeer, and it was thought it would be able to make the trip to Dawson in four to eight weeks. The one thing that was troubling him now, he said, was the fear that they would not have sufficient food for the reindeer, as he had been informed no reindeer moss grows along the Dalton trail.

TALMAGE AS PROPHET,

Forecasts What Will Happen During the Coming Year.

New York, Dec. 29.—Among the answers received by the Journal to its call for prophecies of what will happen in 1898, is the following from Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage:

For the year 1898 I believe these things will come to pass:

Autonomy will be established in the island of Cuba. If Spain means what she says and keeps her promises the wounds of the Cubans will be healed and peace will be restored, but if her scheme is simply an illusion the island will be lost to her and will acquire independent government.

Our political conditions will be improved, with a ratio of progress never known since this government was established. There will be vast improvement in every department of art, labor and religion.

I think the threat of war in Europe and Asia, which we have heard for the past 25 years, will not amount to anything. There will be no general outbreak, because the nations are all afraid of one another. They abused Greece because they thought it was safe to do so. But there will be no partition of China.

The arbitration principle will be thoroughly established, and there will be no more war among civilized nations. Perhaps there will be conflicts of a tribal nature among the savages of Africa, but these outbreaks and any which may occur in China will not affect the peace of Europe, nor of the world.

Turkey will not be carved, though I wish it might be. Mohammedan rule will continue there for years to come. Mohammedanism represents more people than Protestantism, so that it will not be an easy task to relieve the Sultan of Turkey of his power. The Christian feeling is getting so dominant that war, which is wholesale massacre, will fold up its red banner and quit forever.

The great plagues of the earth will not sweep through Christendom again. Medical aid, through good Providence, has discovered the microbes, and can either destroy them or provide methods of quarantining. Cholera will not afflict us during the ensuing year.

The twentieth century is only three steps away, and it will bring us so much improvement that, in comparison, the conditions of the nineteenth century, of which we have boasted so much, will be almost like the Dark Ages.

The government of Great Britain will continue as it is today, and if Queen Victoria should die the Prince of Wales will come into succession and prove a popular monarch. The government of Great Britain is so much like that of the United States that I consider it almost ideal.

If the work of this congress is not what it should be, one of another party will replace it. But I predict that prosperity will shine and that there will be no labor troubles.

The union of New York and Brooklyn as Greater New York will prove a great blessing. I advocated it 15 years ago in Brooklyn.

Mayor Van Wyck will give the city a splendid government, and will not be influenced by any but the right sentiments. The Journal will continue to chase down the great evils of the day, and, together with the great movements of Christianity, will ameliorate the world's condition mightily.

COLORADO LEADS IN GOLD.

Output For the Whole Country This Year Was $1 Per Capita.

Denver, Dec. 29.—The books of the United States branch mint for the year 1897 are just closed. The deposits of gold are the largest ever received. The total will slightly exceed $12,200,000 and a conservative estimate made by the mint officials places the entire output of Colorado at $22,000,000 in round figures.

Colorado will go far ahead of California, as it is said to be doubtful if California's output will touch the $18,000,000 mark. Last year Colorado's output was $16,500,000 and that of California was $17,000,000, while the total production of the country was $61,717,926. The great increase in the Colorado output this year will send the total for the United States up to the $70,000,000 mark.

SIX MEN HURT.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Six men were injured by the derailment of an engine on the Chicago, Hammond & Western today.

The accident occurred at Salt Creek, two miles north of La Grange, Ill.

Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment gives instant relief. It allays inflammation and heals. It is prompt in its action and positive in its effect. It is the the kind that cures without pains or discomfort. It is for piles only. 50c. Tubes, 75c. Geo. W. Stansfield, 632 Kansas avenue, and Miller's Pharmacy, corner Sixth and Topeka avenue.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

HER FIRST LOVE.

"O-o-h, goodness me! Charles Caxton was married last night to Mercy Winter! Well, well! Will wonders never cease? Lucy, Lucy! I say, Charley Caxton, the irresistible, as he terms himself, has at last found some one to please his fancy." And pretty Adele Sims, gathering her flounces in her hand, grasped the letter that contained the startling news and rushed down the steps to Cousin Lucy, who was gathering the fine strawberries with which the kitchen garden abounded.

At Adele's exclamation Amy Earle sank upon the doorstep, her pretty pink and white face growing colorless.

"And—so—he—is married," she murmured, every word dropping from her lips like a deathknell.

"What! Do you know him?" asked Adele, facing around in astonishment.

"Y-e s, y-e-s. You remember I met him at the seaside."

"Oh, but I had no idea he was the Caxton all the girls were raving about. But I must finish my letter." And the merry girl threw herself upon the grass, with Lucy beside her.

Amy's face was partly in the shadow, but I could see she was neither thinking of nor looking at Adele. Her thoughts were far away.

Amy was to be married in a few weeks to Mr. Thurston, a young lawyer of great promise. She often seemed sad and silent, but I set it all down as a natural consequence of the step she was about to take.

"Amy," said I, laying aside my sewing and stroking back her thick, golden hair, "let's walk toward the village and meet Uncle John. Who knows but there may come a something to cheer your heart in the form of a letter."

"Oh, no, no! I have a headache. Please excuse me!" And she bent her drooping head lower and lower.

"Well, you little oddity, I hope no masculine darling is in store for me if love has the same effect on me it has on some people not a thousand miles away. But come, come." And drawing her arm within my own I moved toward the gate.

I always loved Amy Earle. At Mme. D.'s pensionaire the girls all had a "darling," and Amy was mine—my ideal of goodness and amiability. The last year she had spent away from me, and since her return there seemed a sadness brooding over her young heart—a something I could not understand—and her quiet, reserved air forbade all inquiries.

We seated ourselves in an old summer house, completely shaded by hanging vines, and, schoolgirl fashion, I placed my arm around her waist and her little golden head dropped upon my shoulder.

"Amy, love, what grieves you? I have long wanted to know. Tell me, darling."

She blushed scarlet and looked at me beseechingly.

"What, Millie, have you noticed in my conduct?"

"Oh, a thousand times I have watched you until my heart ached for you."

"Oh, Millie, I have been so miserable, so wretched, so despairing, you can never know. Last year I first met Charley Caxton. To know him was to love him. In my heart I said involuntarily, 'Oh, if he could only love me!' He was a rich man, I a poor orphan girl. Afar off I adored—nay, worshiped—him, and, oh, Millie, what a thrill of thankfulness entered my soul when I found that love returned. Ah, I can never forget that night. We were promenading the beach, and the moon, just rising above the water's edge, threw a flood of light over land and sea. The dreamy music the wind made and the fresh, sweet smell of the violets I wore seemed just the influence needed to blend our souls together. In his quiet, manly way he told me his story. His life has been spent in foreign lands. He told me of his restless ambition—how he had toiled up Parnassus heights and of his longing for quiet and home, and I was his soul's idol. I was to be his own little wife. A blessed sense of peace and security came over me, and I was happy. Time flew by on golden wings, and we parted, as I thought, for a brief time, with every renewed promise of affection. Day after day passed, and he neither came nor sent. I grew restless, miserable, sick. Perhaps he was ill; perhaps—and my heart almost ceased to beat—perhaps he was dead. There never came one thought of his faithlessness. My heart alternated between hope and fear. Three weeks went away and October came down silently upon us. I grew thinner and paler every day and moved like a shadow about the house. At last, forgetting woman's pride, I wrote to him, pleading for him to come for me, and"— For a few moments not a word escaped her lips; then, raising her face to mine, she bitterly exclaimed, "Would you believe, Mollie Bryson, that these lines on this scrap of paper were the bitter end of all I had dreamed of happiness?"

She drew from her bosom a small note, carelessly written, and I read:

MY DEAR MISS EARLE—You surely did not attach any serious thoughts to our recent little flirtation. If so, I deeply regret it, as I am shortly to be married. With respect, etc.,
CHARLES CAXTON.

"Amy Earle, surely you could not grieve for the author of that letter, who at once proves himself wanting in those qualities that render his sex worthy the attention of ours? He is not worth a tear from those blue eyes."

"Oh, Millie, it came so sudden! It was such a bitter awakening. Oh, Millie, I know you will despise me when I tell you in spite of all that I could not realize it until I wrote again! Then for a long time I forgot everything"—

"That was when you were so ill, love." I drew the tiny form closer to me. "You have forgotten it all now?"

"Yes, Millie, if woman can entirely forget her first love."

"But Mr. Thurston, Amy?"

"Ah, yes. Noble and true, he has redeemed the falseness of his sex. Harry Thurston knows all, and says, 'Although the heart may thrill and throb with first love, yet that heart can love again.'"

A year passed happily away and again we are at Ingleside.

It was the sweet twilight of an August eve, the last echo of Cousin Lucy's melodious voice had died and the closing word of her song ceased to vibrate upon the ear. Amy Thurston, lovely as ever, sat beside her husband, whose eyes were fixed upon her with that intensity and fondness that spoke at once the language of his soul. Adele interrupted the silence by reading a paragraph from an evening newspaper.

Died.—At his residence in B street Charles Caxton, of wounds received in a drunken affray.

I involuntarily glanced at Amy, who, pressing her lips to her husband's forehead, murmured, "Peace to his ashes."—Cincinnati Post.

Whistles of Amazement.

"Does my whistling disturb you?"

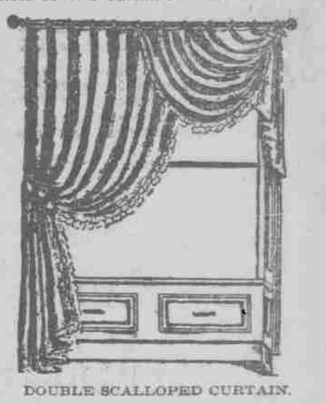
"Oh, not in the least. I'm used to hearing men whistle. I'm a collector for a millinery house."—Yonkers Statesman.

NEW WINDOW DRAPERY.

Particularly Suitable for the Sitting or Sewing Room.

It is often difficult to curtain the window of a sewing-room without darkening the interior too much. Often shades are objectionable, and yet the window must be relieved of its bare appearance.

A simple arrangement for this consists of two curtains of thin material



DOUBLE SCALLOPED CURTAIN.

—madras, figured lawn or china silk. Cut one curtain three times as long as the other, the shorter one being of a length to just reach the window sill. Fasten upon the pole by the usual ring arrangement and overlap in the middle.

Now take the shorter curtain and with a piece of bright ribbon loop it to the first ring on the pole, tying it tightly there.

Drape back the other curtain in a loose, graceful sweep with a band of the goods, and you will find that you have a curtain that forms a double scallop. It will be very pretty and will not darken the room.

FIRST SILVER WEDDING.

A Custom That Dates Back to the Reign of Hugues Capet.

The fashion of silver weddings dates back to the reign of Hugues Capet, king of France in 987, says Vogue.

Once, as Hugues was arranging his uncle's affairs, he found on one of the estates a servant who had grown gray in the service of his relative. He had been such a friend of his master's that he was almost looked upon as one of the family.

On the farm with this old man was also a serving woman who was as old as he, and also unmarried, and who had been the most devoted and hard working of the women servants of the king's uncle. When the king heard these praises of the two, he ordered them to be brought before him, and said to the woman:

"Your service is great, greater than this man's, whose services were great enough, for the woman always finds work and obedience harder than a man, and therefore I will give you a reward. At your age I know of none better than a dowry and a husband. The dowry is here—this farm from this time forth belongs to you. If this man who has worked with you five and twenty years is willing to marry you, then the husband is ready."

"Your majesty," stuttered the old peasant, confusedly, "how is it possible that we should marry, having already silver hairs?"

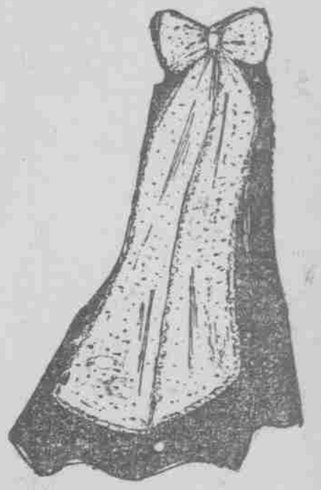
"Then it shall be a silver wedding," answered the king, "and here I give you a wedding ring," drawing a costly ring from his finger and placing the hands of the thankful old people together.

This soon became known all over France, and raised such enthusiasm that it became a fashion after a 25 years' marriage to celebrate a silver wedding.

THE WINTER SASH.

Dressy Ribbon Affair for Street or Indoor Wear.

This is a white silk sash made out of six yards of ribbon about eight inches wide. The belt is made separate-



THE FASHIONABLE SASH.

ly, and fastens with a hook and eye under the bow, which is also a "made" one.

The bow and ends are doubled, and along the edges, where the ribbon is sewed, a tiny plaiting of white chiffon is sewed in. This gives weight to the ends and makes them a part of the trimming of the dress. Many dressmakers interline their ribbon sashes with heavy cambric to give them still more foundation. The chiffon is ruffled very thick and is sewed between the edges of the ribbon with machine stitching.

These sashes are made of black and white ribbon, and are also, as in this case, made of ribbon with tiny figures in it.