

Christmas exercises with a tree were held at the first primary department of the village school. Speaking, singing, drills etc. made up the entertainment. A large number of parents and friends were in attendance and work done by the children was shown to their teacher, Miss Elsie M. Sawyer, who spared no pains to prepare good exercises.

LOWELL.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson are on the business. H. H. Newton was in Newport last week on business. Miss Nancy Farman has returned from Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Hattie Laurett has returned to her home in Westfield. Mr. and Mrs. John Young are visiting in North Troy.

MORGAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Wheeler spent Christmas in Canada. The Derby Academy students are home for a week's vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Horace Tibbetts of St. Johnsbury are visiting friends in town. On account of the storm Frank LeClair and his men could not get back to their work Thursday.

NEWPORT.

E. J. Smith has returned to his school at Hyde Park. A. F. Stone of the St. Johnsbury Caledonia was in town Friday. G. D. Walworth returned from his trip to Worcester Friday morning. Miss Theda Wellman has been at her home in Lowell the past ten days. Master Preston Skinner of Barton Landing spent last week with friends in town. D. W. Davidson has been quite ill for several days at his home in the Raymond hotel.

SUTTON.

Mr. and Durant of Malden, Mass., spent Christmas at A. H. Stoddard's. Geo. LaFarr, who lives on the Lake road, has sold his place to H. E. Bayley for \$800. Mrs. Sarah Moore, wife of Robert Moore, died December 26, after a long illness. She leaves three sons, Leon and Harry of Boston, and Johnnie, who is in the hospital at Waterbury.

TROY.

Mrs. Alice Gray entertained her Sunday school class Friday evening, Dec. 28. A party of ten whist players from this village went to Stansford Junction on the train Friday night and after partaking of a bountiful supper provided by Leonard Elder of the Junction Hotel, spent the evening playing the game against ten players from Rock Island and Derby Line. The game resulted in a victory of 23 points for the Newport team.

Don Albee visited his daughter, Mrs. Guy Cook, in West Charleston last week. Charles Lloyd, who has been living on A. L. Pettinelli's farm, has bought Wallace Miller's farm in Westfield.

WESTFIELD.

There will be a social at the Congregational vestry Thursday evening, Jan. 3. Rev. A. B. Peablies will be present and wishes to see all his old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ivan M. Carpenter of Marshfield are receiving congratulations over a nine pound daughter, who arrived December 23. Mrs. Carpenter will be remembered as Lou Miller. Parties are the order of the day. Suzie Andrews gave a party to her friends December 22, and on Thursday, Dec. 27, a large number of friends of Ethel Pettinelli gave her a very pleasant visit.

WESTFIELD.

Miss Iva Johnson is home from Derby for New Year's. Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Farman spent Christmas at Beebe Plain. Miss Ethel Hoyt and Mr. Thayer have been on a visit to Potton, Que. One day recently while handling logs, John Watkins broke the bones of one ankle.

CALEDONIA COUNTY.

WEST BURKE.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cole are rejoicing over the birth of a ten pound son. Mrs. Lucy Hartwell has returned from her visit to her son Warner of Plymouth, N. H. Ezra Chappell was called to Boston last Wednesday by the severe illness of his sister, Mrs. Mark Meachan.

WHEELOCK.

A. S. Burnham has sold his farm. Mrs. H. E. Green is gaining slowly. The oyster supper by the Jr. O. U. A. M. was a success. The ladies of the L. B. S. made \$1.61 at their sale and supper. The Ladies' Union will have a social next Friday afternoon.

FIGHTING FISH.

Peculiar Animals That Are Found Only in Siamese Waters. A favorite recreation in Siam is watching the fighting fish, a species of fish found in the waters of no other country. The fish cannot live in unity, and if two are placed in a bowl they will instantly engage in a struggle "to the death."

WOMEN HOTEL CLERKS.

How Those in Europe Impressed a Woman Traveler. In most European hotels in the smaller places the visitor is met at the desk by a woman instead of by the perfunctory clerk so familiar to Americans at home. I think this is because a woman can be more successful in the art of common, everyday robbery. One doesn't like to argue about the prices with a sweet, smiling little lady, who seems to be exerting herself to an extreme degree to secure one's comfort and happiness, but if one happens to be making short stops here and there it is wise to put away suavely for the time being to the extent of at least of an occasional mild protestation.

SOURCE OF SHELLAC.

The East India Insects That Produce the Resinous Substance. India is the home of the Coccus lacca, the insects that produce the resinous substance known as shellac. The females puncture the twigs of several different kinds of trees, among them the bo, the bilhar and the butea, and the twigs become incrustated with a hard, nearly transparent, reddish, resinous substance that serves the double purpose of protecting the eggs and finally furnishing food for the young insects.

HOW BEAST MEN ARE MADE.

The hideous and cruel practice of flesh sculpture in China. "Victor Hugo in 'The Man Who Laughs,'" said an ethnologist, "tells of the sculptors of living flesh—those horrible people of the middle ages who kidnapped tender little children and turned them into all sorts of monsters, dwarfs, hunchbacks and the like, selling them afterward for jesters or for showmen's freaks."

HOG MONEY.

Origin of the Curious Old Brass Coins of Bermuda. "Hog money" is the name by which the brass money which began to be struck in Bermuda in 1650 came to be known. On one face of it was a hog, and the other a ship of that period. These old coins are very rare and highly prized by collectors.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Money Wisely Expended is Safely and Profitably Expended. Beautified utility is never too costly. Over and over again the cost benefits of public improvements have been proved, defined, established. It is true of public betterments of a sanitary character; it is true of public betterments that look to commercial advancement; it is true of public betterments that have primarily an art value. The practical and the ornamental betterment are alike in this—that money wisely expended for good purposes is safely and profitably invested.

WOMEN HOTEL CLERKS.

When madame smiles benignly and tells you that the room you have chosen, with everything included, will be 20 francs a day it is well to remember that "everything included" doesn't include everything by any means. There are a hundred and one little "extras," like tea, after dinner coffee, coffee and rolls in your room in the morning and such like luxuries, to say nothing of service, which must be paid for first hand if it is to be enjoyed at all. So at 20 francs madame is probably taking chances against a protest and will be enormously pleased with herself if none is forthcoming. It is the same all up and down the scale of prices, but I suppose those who can afford to go up the scale never care particularly.—Eleanor Franklin in Leslie's Weekly.

SOURCE OF SHELLAC.

India is the home of the Coccus lacca, the insects that produce the resinous substance known as shellac. The females puncture the twigs of several different kinds of trees, among them the bo, the bilhar and the butea, and the twigs become incrustated with a hard, nearly transparent, reddish, resinous substance that serves the double purpose of protecting the eggs and finally furnishing food for the young insects.

HOW BEAST MEN ARE MADE.

"Victor Hugo in 'The Man Who Laughs,'" said an ethnologist, "tells of the sculptors of living flesh—those horrible people of the middle ages who kidnapped tender little children and turned them into all sorts of monsters, dwarfs, hunchbacks and the like, selling them afterward for jesters or for showmen's freaks."

HOG MONEY.

Origin of the Curious Old Brass Coins of Bermuda. "Hog money" is the name by which the brass money which began to be struck in Bermuda in 1650 came to be known. On one face of it was a hog, and the other a ship of that period. These old coins are very rare and highly prized by collectors.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Money Wisely Expended is Safely and Profitably Expended. Beautified utility is never too costly. Over and over again the cost benefits of public improvements have been proved, defined, established. It is true of public betterments of a sanitary character; it is true of public betterments that look to commercial advancement; it is true of public betterments that have primarily an art value.

WOMEN HOTEL CLERKS.

When madame smiles benignly and tells you that the room you have chosen, with everything included, will be 20 francs a day it is well to remember that "everything included" doesn't include everything by any means. There are a hundred and one little "extras," like tea, after dinner coffee, coffee and rolls in your room in the morning and such like luxuries, to say nothing of service, which must be paid for first hand if it is to be enjoyed at all.

SOURCE OF SHELLAC.

India is the home of the Coccus lacca, the insects that produce the resinous substance known as shellac. The females puncture the twigs of several different kinds of trees, among them the bo, the bilhar and the butea, and the twigs become incrustated with a hard, nearly transparent, reddish, resinous substance that serves the double purpose of protecting the eggs and finally furnishing food for the young insects.

HOW BEAST MEN ARE MADE.

"Victor Hugo in 'The Man Who Laughs,'" said an ethnologist, "tells of the sculptors of living flesh—those horrible people of the middle ages who kidnapped tender little children and turned them into all sorts of monsters, dwarfs, hunchbacks and the like, selling them afterward for jesters or for showmen's freaks."

HOG MONEY.

Origin of the Curious Old Brass Coins of Bermuda. "Hog money" is the name by which the brass money which began to be struck in Bermuda in 1650 came to be known. On one face of it was a hog, and the other a ship of that period. These old coins are very rare and highly prized by collectors.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Money Wisely Expended is Safely and Profitably Expended. Beautified utility is never too costly. Over and over again the cost benefits of public improvements have been proved, defined, established. It is true of public betterments of a sanitary character; it is true of public betterments that look to commercial advancement; it is true of public betterments that have primarily an art value.

TABARD INN LIBRARY. The following is a partial list of books just received. Coniston, Winston Churchill; Mr. Pratt, Joseph C. Lincoln; Jane Cable, Geo. Barr McCutcheon; The Impersonator, Mary Inlay Taylor; The Doctor, Ral. h Connor; The Awakening of Helena Richie, Margaret DeWand; The Tides of Barzatz, F. Hopkinson Smith; The Plow Woman, El-senor Gates; The Days Journey, Nella Syrett; Iolo, Chambers; Reggie Onal, Lewis; Maid of Japan, Mrs. Hugh Fraser; Hearts and Masks, Harold McGrath; Barbara Winslow Rebe, Elizabeth Ellis.

If you are not supplied with WINTER MILLINERY you will be able to make a choice in my store. I have an unusually large stock and am showing exceptional values this week. Miss Colburne Barton, Vermont

THE HOLIDAYS AT True & Blanchard Co., Newport. The choicest aggregate of Holiday Goods ever gathered in one store in Northern Vermont is now being distributed from our GREAT COMBINATION STORE. Every Department Contains its SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS. Jewelry Store, China Store, Basement Bargain Store, and Hardware and Sporting Goods Store. Gift Goods to fill your whole list before you go outside our doors. Everything done for convenience and comfort of our patrons. The busiest spot in Newport because the people like to buy Holiday Goods. TRUE & BLANCHARD CO., Newport. Take a day off and come early. Highest top notch prices for Good Maple Sugar.

NEW YEAR BARGAINS. At the PEERLESS SALE and also at LANG'S JEWELRY STORE. We wish to cordially thank our customers for their generous patronage during the past year, and to extend to each and all NEW YEAR GREETINGS. Now a word about Bargains. We have many articles left over from our immense stock of Christmas goods; these we do not like to pack away and shall accordingly offer them at VERY LOW PRICES. We are only a few steps from the Great Peerless Sale and invite all who come into town during the week to call and inspect our bargains. Watch Repairs, Clock Repairs, Jewelry Repairs. If you are in need of anything in this line, we can assure the most satisfactory work. GEO. C. LANG, Graduate Watchmaker and Optician. Barton, Vermont.

Convenience Comfort Appearance. These items are all to be considered in the fitting of spectacles and eye-glasses. Careful testing of the eyes, careful selection of frames and mountings, careful adjustment to the face. To each detail we give especial attention. When in town for the Peerless Sale will be an excellent time to have your eyes attended to in our Optical Department. GEO. C. LANG, Jeweler and Optician at Lang's Jewelry Store. Nelson Block, Barton, Vt.