

THE TOWNS AROUND.

WEST BARNET. Miss Dow of Boston visited her brother R. B. Dow last week. Charles A. Choate is building an addition to his barn. Mrs. Susan Gillfillan gave a dinner party to the old ladies in the place last week Wednesday, to celebrate her ninetieth birthday. Mrs. M. B. Hale has returned to Chicago. Mrs. Dr. Hamilton of Waterbury, Conn., is at Rev. John Bole's. C. A. Choate, Jr., L. H. Thornton and May and Agnes Blair are spending the week at Camp Comfort, Peacham. The Laughlin family and Joe Boardman of Barnet are having a couple of weeks at camp Raymond, Harvey's Lake. There were several large picnic parties at Lakeside last week, from Rygate, Barnet, Passumpsic and South Rygate. Mrs. Bass has returned from a two week's visit at Caspian Lake, Greensboro.

WEST BURKE. Lewis Gordon, who had his foot amputated a few weeks ago, is able to sit up. Mrs. Carl Gillfillan has been ill and confined to her bed the past week. Horace Gillfillan had a lively runaway on Wednesday. He hitched his horse by the bridle at the dog store. In some way the headstall was unfastened when the horse ran through Mr. Way's yard and then across the way to Mrs. Buell's, the wagon striking Mrs. Buell's house and overturning and striking a tree, breaking a limb. The horse cleared itself from the wagon and started for home being caught at Burke Hollow. Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Davis were at Willoughby last week. Miss E. R. Belden of Manchester, N. H., is visiting at G. E. Dean's.

EAST BURKE. Those from here who are spending the week at Willoughby are: Luther Frasier and family, A. C. Farmer, wife and daughter. Mrs. Fred Brown and children and Miss Hattie Burpee. George Thurber has finished his job at Westfield and returned home. Miss Annie Belden is attending the summer school at St. Johnsbury. Carle Frasier has nearly completed the repairs on his buildings. B. F. Jenkins is much worse again. Willie Thurber, nine years old, youngest son of S. L. Thurber, while splitting wood Monday afternoon, cut his foot so badly that Dr. Root took seven stitches in dressing it.

WEST CONCORD. George Hutchinson, formerly of this place, called on his friends here last week. There will be an excursion through the White Mountains next Sunday. Miss Mary C. Gillfillan and Harry Batchelder of East Burke spent Sunday with friends in town. The Misses Hastings of Concord, N. H., are visiting at Mrs. Jane Williamson's. The examinations of teachers will be held at the schoolhouse in West Concord, August 15 and 16 at 9 a. m. Miss Vida Albee of Bradford is visiting at L. W. Hastings's. Mrs. William Buzzell and daughters have gone to Barnet. Eva Batchelder of Whitefield is visiting friends here. Mrs. Maanda Hill has gone to Lowell, Mass., to visit her sister. Richardson Stockwell and family of Chelsea, Mass., are visiting at Mrs. Helen Stockwell's. Seashore excursion Sunday next. The West Concord Creamery Company paid their patrons 16 cents for June butter.

MOORE RIVER LODGE, F. & A. M., No. 82, met Saturday evening and entertained visitors from St. Johnsbury and Littleton. The evening closed with a banquet, all present enjoying the evening. Mrs. Olin Frye is at Gallup's Mills with her daughter, Mrs. Henry Buckminster, this week.

WAR MAP FREE. Latest official indexed maps of the world, Cuba and Philippine Islands for pocket use, issued by the Chicago & North Western R'y, free, for two cent stamp. J. E. Brittain, 368 Washington street, Boston, Mass.

EAST CANTON. Mrs. Mary Temple of New York is visiting her sister, Mrs. K. Abbott. Mr. and Mrs. J. Parmenter of Brookfield and J. Gallup of Escanaba, Mich., are visiting at R. S. Barr's. Mrs. Charles Gauthier and Meriden Tait of Barre are at N. L. Wilson's. W. I. Abbott, wife and daughter have been visiting relatives in Plainfield and Barre. Mrs. Paulina Davis, who has been visiting relatives here, has returned to her home in Northfield. Ralph Hooker, who has been at R. S. Barr's for some time, has returned to his home in St. Johnsbury.

BARNET. Miss Belle Welch and Miss Bertha Stevens started Monday morning for the West. Quite a number of young people spent last Saturday at Lakeside, West Barnet. Mr. and Mrs. George Brown are spending the week at Camp Raymond, West Barnet. Ralph Perry returned Monday from Newbury and went to Camp Raymond where he will spend the week. E. B. Clement is better and able to be out again.

QASKILL. The ladies of Gaskill will hold a social with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Greeley Saturday evening, August 13, to which every one is cordially invited. Ice cream and cake will be served. Florence Dexter was at home last Sunday. Lidella Blodgett is attending the Summer school at St. Johnsbury.

Complete Catarrh Cure. Dr. R. C. Flower's Complete Catarrh Cure comprises four preparations for local and constitutional treatment and is said to be the only scientific treatment ever offered to the public. Complete Catarrh Cure will permanently and readily cure any case of Catarrh. It will stop a cold in its early stages and prevent anyone from taking cold. It is pleasant to take and easy to handle. Price \$1.00. For sale at Flint Bros.

DANVILLE. Dr. C. L. Bailey has returned from a visit to his parents in Troy, N. Y. Bliss N. Davis of Washington, D. C., Miss Anna Davis of Utica, N. Y., are visiting their aunt, Miss Emily Davis. Mrs. J. B. Mattocks is visiting her son, W. D. Mattocks, in Boston. George W. Fiske and Sarah Fiske of Lowell have been visiting relatives in town the past two weeks. A party of about a dozen of Danville young folks are camping at Willoughby this week. Mrs. Lettie Grosdevant and daughter of Burlington have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Andrew West. Mr. and Mrs. Seldon Freeman of Lancaster, N. H., have been visiting her brother, W. C. Cheever. Miss Mary Mastin of St. Johnsbury has been visiting at H. S. Dole's. Miss Ada Howard of Methuen, Mass., R. A. Kingston of Boston, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. George Rowe, Walter Algic and Mrs. L. E. Clark of Boston are stopping at the Elm House. Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson of Boston have been visiting at O. H. Stevens's. The new arrivals at Thurber's are Miss E. D. Adams and Miss Nancy Adams of West Newton, Mass., Miss A. L. Macomber of New Bedford, Mass., Mrs. A. A. Kent and son of New Bedford, G. G. Brown and Miss Ella Terrell of Brooklyn, N. Y., W. M. Haskell of Glens Falls, New York, and Mrs. G. M. Ganton of East Orange, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hardy of Newport Center are visiting their son, Leslie Hardy. D. D. Hall is spending a few days at Old Orchard Beach. George Shepard of West Danville was tried before Justice Brainard last Saturday for the crime of selling a horse without H. B. Badger's permission, on which horse Mr. Badger had a lien. Lawyer Dutton of Hardwick represented Mr. Badger and Harland Howe of St. Johnsbury Mr. Shepard. Mr. Shepard was acquitted. The trial lasted until nearly midnight and was attended by a large number of people. D. C. Conner has returned from a visit to friends in Montpelier, Barre and Stowe. The Crane family held a reunion and picnic at A. B. Hoyt's. About 40 were present and a very enjoyable day was spent. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Currier, Mrs. Calvin Woodard, Mrs. Andrew West and Susie Greenbanks are at Old Orchard Beach for a few days. Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hill of West Berlin have been visiting friends in town. Mr. and Mrs. George Brainard of Montpelier are visiting at Charles D. Brainard's. A mail service going west at 8 a. m. and returning at 8 30 p. m. adds to the convenience of the patrons of the post office. Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Willey of Esat St. Johnsbury visited at George W. Cook's last week. While here Mrs. Willey had a slight shock of paralysis. Mrs. L. F. Preston is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Page, at St. Johnsbury. Walter C. Haviland has returned to his home in Hollister, Mass. Asa Fellows has gone to Boston to work on the R. R. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stevens of Oakland, Cal., are visiting at Frank Stocker's. Miss Mabel Lane of Somerville, Mass., is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Danforth. The Eastern Star will hold an ice cream social at Masonic hall, Aug. 10, to which every one is invited. Super 10 cents. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dole are spending a short vacation at Old Orchard. William Cheney of Morrisville is stopping at W. C. Heath's. Mrs. Alice Rick and son and Mrs. Emma Rick of Charlestown, Mass., are boarding at W. C. Heath's. Mrs. Elizabeth Willey of Lyndon and Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Hodgdon of Cabot are visiting at George Hodgdon's. Miss Lilla Hodgdon and Miss Delia Nutting, are attending the Summer school for teachers at St. Johnsbury. During the severe thunder shower of July 22, lightning struck the barn of Zenas Kittridge on the Richards place, doing considerable damage but not setting it on fire. Damon Lodge, Knights of Pythias, has invited the lodges at St. Johnsbury, Lyndon, Hardwick, Marshfield, Barton Landing and Groton to join them in a picnic at Lakeside resort at West Danville Tuesday, August 12. The bands from St. Johnsbury, Cabot and Marshfield have been invited. Good speakers are expected and undoubtedly there will be a very large gathering of the Knights. Don't forget the Old Orchard Beach excursion Sunday, August 7.

WEST DANVILLE. Mrs. Eliza E. Hill and children of St. Johnsbury are visiting at her father's for a few weeks. H. C. Greenwood and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Smith from Haverhill, Mass., are spending the summer at Mrs. Greenwood's father's, George Merrill. Mrs. Wallace Carrick of Syracuse, N. Y., is visiting friends here. F. P. Carrick of St. Johnsbury called on friends here Monday and Tuesday of last week. C. H. Hill, who is working on the railroad bridge near Lyndon, spent Sunday with his family at George Merrill's. Mrs. Abbott of Barnet and her daughter, Mrs. De Host of Bridgeport, Conn., visited Mrs. Susan Badger last week. Mrs. Cyrus Racine of Massachusetts, is visiting Mrs. Harland Nunn. This is her first visit here for three years.

Something to Know. It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centers in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities from the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c. or \$1.00 per bottle at Flint Bros.' Drug Store.

Household Gods. The ancient Greeks believed that the Penates were the gods who attended to the welfare and prosperity of the family. They were worshipped as household gods in every home. The household god of today is Dr. King's New Discovery. For consumption, coughs, colds, and for all ailments of Throat, Chest and Lungs it is invaluable. It has been tried for a quarter of a century and is guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. No household should be without this good angel. It is pleasant to take and a safe and sure remedy for old and young. Free trial bottles free at Flint Bros.' Drug Store.

LYNDON CENTER. L. B. Harris is entertaining his little niece, Anna Harris, of Wilder. Mrs. W. A. Wilson of Lawrence, Mass., is visiting her brother, Bert Bartlett. Heustus J. Smith, who went to Newport for lung treatment, is reported no better. Miss Fannie Cheney is at Newport Center at R. H. Rice's. Miss Mabel Dodge is at Whitefield, N. H., visiting her aunt, Mrs. Temple. Miss Temperance Reed is entertaining Miss Brown from New York. Mrs. Anderson of Boston and Miss West of Colorado, at her delightful summer home near Speedwell Farms. Mrs. Nellie Cliffor of Chelsea, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Cox. Mrs. Julia Quimby of Springfield, Mass., is stopping with her cousin, Mrs. C. D. Bigelow. Mrs. E. M. Clement has moved from St. Johnsbury Center into her house recently purchased from E. H. Hinds. Mrs. C. D. Bigelow has issued invitations to the marriage of Miss Lottie A. Clement to Everett Morgan of Minneapolis, the wedding to take place Aug. 9. Guy R. Dresser and Miss Louise E. Hubbard were married at the Free Baptist parsonage, last Wednesday morning by Rev. C. E. Tedford. Only a very few of the near relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Dresser are both very popular young people and all unite in wishing them much happiness. They went to Groveton, N. H., for a short wedding trip, returning Monday. The fall term of Lyndon Institute opens August 26 with F. L. Pugsley as principal. E. J. Winslow, who has been teacher of sciences for the past two years, has been engaged as principal of a school in Farmington, N. H. Mrs. E. M. Campbell and family go to Willoughby Lake Thursday for a week's outing, where they will occupy a cottage in Fosters's Grove.

LYNDONVILLE. Willis C. Corner was called to Barton Landing Thursday to attend the funeral of his little cousin who was drowned. Mrs. Frank Powers and daughter have returned from their trip to Lake Morey. The band gave a fine concert last Friday evening on the common. During the concert ice cream and cake was served by the ladies of the Village Improvement society on the lawn in front of the school house. Quite a large sum of money was realized. The band is in excellent condition and the concerts are greatly enjoyed. At the election of the L. O. G. T. officers for the coming quarter the following were chosen: C. T. Clarence Park, V. T. Daisy Powers, Sec., Mrs. L. Willmarth, F. S. Bessie Aldrich, T. Lucius Park, M. John Delaney. A promenade was held at Good Templars Hall on Tuesday evening with music by Wakefields orchestra. L. C. Todd and A. D. Page, with their families spent Sunday at Willoughby Lake. W. H. Ford has moved into his new house on Park Avenue and B. U. Wells and mother occupy the tenement in Mrs. Rano's house vacated by Mr. Ford. Mrs. S. W. McCall of Winchester, Mass., is visiting her mother Mrs. S. S. Thompson. Miss Blanche Campbell returned from Lebanon, N. H., last Saturday and is now visiting at John Cunningham's.

GREENSBORO BEND. Mrs. A. Gooszy visited in Johnson last week. T. C. Batchelder's grand-daughter of Boston is here on a visit. The Glover ball team defeated the home team last Saturday after a hard fight of eleven innings. Raspberries are quite plenty selling for three and one half cents per pound. E. R. Collins was quite badly hurt last Saturday by being hit by a pitched ball and still carries a black eye. Mrs. Rose Amnden is now boarding with Mrs. Smith. Rust is making an appearance on some of the potato fields in this vicinity. Ben Woodard has finished working for L. S. Collins and is to move into the Lewis Demars house on the hill. Miss Darling an Evangelist is stopping with Rev. Mr. Ross, and assisting him in revival meetings here and at Stannard. Cheap rate through the Mountains to Old Orchard Sunday.

LUNENBURG. A. J. Miller is the first one to report new corn which he picked in his garden last week. The haying is nearly finished in town and a large crop is reported. Francis Switzer insurance agent was in town last week. Mrs. S. B. Powers has gone to the hospital for medical treatment. Vernon Zimmerman of Lyndonville is spending some time with his mother here. Miss Eva Davison is taking a vacation for a few weeks. Ride on the Orchard Beach railroad when at Old Orchard next Sunday. P. P. Davison of Bethel was the guest of his father and mother a day or two last week. He is appointed principal of the high school in West Bennington. Mrs. Dean is spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phelps. Several people from the city visited "The Heights" one day last week. Mrs. Reed's boarders go this week to Jackson. Professor Andrew of Burlington University expects to open a school for the study of the higher branches the first of September. There will be a Latin, English and business course; he has over twenty pupils who are intending to attend.

PEACHAM. Dr. N. P. Bugbee, dentist, is expected here the last of this week for a few weeks. William Dunn cut off the ends of three fingers on his right hand last Saturday while at work in Jenkinson's mill. John Brown of Utica, N. Y., is stopping at Mountain View House for a few days. Florence Young and Louise and Meroe Way are at St. Johnsbury attending the summer school. Mrs. Thomas Taisey of Groton spent a few days in town last week. Mr. Burgess of Waltham, Mass., has been visiting his nephew, F. Pollard. Mrs. Parmenter from Kansas is staying with her sister, Mrs. George Whitehill, at the Pierson House. Camp Comfort Club go to camp at Martin's pond this week for a two weeks outing. Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Granger have been stopping at Harrison McLachlin's the past week. George Mackay, wife and child of Portland, Maine, have been spending the past week with friends in town and immediate vicinity. Miss Janie Blanchard is attending summer school at St. Johnsbury. E. H. McLachlin and family from South Hadley Falls, Mass., arrived at Mr. McLachlin's mother's last week, coming in their carriage the entire distance. George Gregory, who was very sick a few weeks ago, is again sick with the same trouble. Mrs. William Miller of Manchester, N. H., are stopping at her father's for a few weeks. Rev. Dr. A. H. Heath of St. Johnsbury preached at the Congregational church last Sunday in exchange with Rev. J. K. Williams. Miss Jessie Varum had the misfortune to lose a dark blue outing suit jacket one day last week on the road between Ewell's Hollow and Danville station. There will be an exhibition of India articles, also India tea will be served Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Clara Bailey's. Proceeds for the purpose of placing a tablet in Willard hall to the memory of Rev. Mr. Willard. William Ingram from Massachusetts is spending a few days with his niece, Mrs. Elsie Merrill. Mrs. Electa Ash is recovering from another severe illness. David Choate and wife, who have been spending a few weeks with friends in town, return this week to their home in Minneapolis. Miss Harriet Stoddard accompanies them to spend a few months. Mr. C. A. Bunker, who has been in Montpelier for a few weeks for treatment, is expected home this week.

RYEGATE. Mrs. Osgood and children of Boston are visiting her aunt, Miss Jimima Robinson. R. F. Jaynes has sold his little pacer, "Susie," to George Carey of St. Johnsbury. Mrs. Harry Arnold and children of Audubon, Iowa, were the guests of G. G. Nelson last week. The Jersey Hill Creamery Company is about to build a large wood and ice house. Hendrick Sylvester, who has been quite ill the past week, is at work again in the creamery. An entertainment consisting of readings and music will be given by the Christian Endeavor Society Thursday evening. Rev. F. A. Collins, Misses Edith Gibson and Mary Beattie are attending the Young People's Convention of the United Presbyterian church at Saratoga, N. Y.

SOUTH RYEGATE. Rev. S. A. Jackson and family returned from Barre Saturday. Rev. and Mrs. John J. Hall with their youngest child started for Northfield, Mass., Monday morning. They will spend two weeks or more attending the convention held under the leadership of Mr. Moody. Mrs. Allen arrived in town Monday and expects to spend the winter with O. E. Broadway, her brother. Mrs. Carrie Mitchell and Miss Wylie, who have been visiting at Mrs. Thomas Kasson's for six weeks, return to Hull, Mass., Friday. Miss Jane Craigie and Miss Lottie Crow are attending the summer school for teachers at St. Johnsbury. John Donald and family moved to Groton Monday having rented a tenement there near his work.

GREENSBORO. Dr. Brownrigg and family and Miss Katie Cahill of Roxbury, Mass., are boarding at J. J. Lindsay's. Mrs. F. J. Chase, who has been in very poor health a long time, is now able to ride out. Rev. Dr. Lord of Baltimore preached at the Congregational church Sunday. We are all glad to hear him preach when he comes to Greensboro. The Perrin Brothers have just completed and launched a fine sail boat. F. N. Hardy and wife of Manchester have returned to their home. Rev. Dr. Dewhurst and family of Minneapolis are in their pleasant cottage at Aspenhurst. Miss Lindsay took possession of the post office Monday morning. She is assisted by Miss Pike and Miss Florence Peck. Tuesday evening, July 26, our summer towspeople, the campers of whom there are about 150, gave one of the best illuminations and pyrotechnic displays ever seen in this section. The music was furnished by the Hardwick Cornet Band and singing by a quartette coming across the water to the crowd of spectators on shore will long be remembered by them. Mrs. Emma McKinley and daughter of Lowell, are visiting at F. J. Chase's. Mrs. Clara Kaiser of Stowe has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Melvin. Joe Thornton is quite sick and fears are entertained that he will not recover.

A Family Cured. Mrs. George Rodney, Georgetown, D. C., says: "We were a family of dyspeptics—myself, husband and five children were continually suffering with indigestion. Dr. R. C. Flower's Family Bitters cured our entire family in a few weeks." Price 50 cts. For sale at Flint Bros. Drug Store.

What Legislation Costs in Mexico. The legislative branch of the Mexican government costs \$1,000,000 in Mexican silver annually.

PASSUMPSIC. Rev. N. W. Alger of Albuquerque, New Mexico, preached in the Baptist church last Sunday morning. Mr. Alger was pastor of this church from 1875 to 1883 and his old friends greeted him with a great deal of pleasure. He is visiting among his former friends and parishioners, together with his wife and oldest daughter, Mrs. E. A. Field of Bellows Falls. Rev. J. D. Skinner closed his pastorate of the Passumpsic church last Sunday. He gave an illustrated talk to the children of the Junior society in the evening, which was very interesting, and much enjoyed by all. Both he and his wife have done a noble work among the children of this community which will cause them to be affectionately remembered by the children and their parents. They have not as yet decided where they will locate, but we hope for them much prosperity and happiness wherever they may be. Rev. Wm. Gussman of Westminister, Mass., will occupy the desk in the Baptist church next Sunday morning. Let there be a full house to greet him. He is spoken very highly of by prominent ministers of the denomination. Mrs. F. W. Barker and son of Springfield, Mass., and Mrs. C. M. Thompson of Plymouth, N. H., visited at Thomas Miles' and C. H. Woods' last week. The Sunday school picnic last Thursday was well attended and an enjoyable time had by all. Mrs. Milo Kendall, son and daughter of St. Paul, Minn., were at J. D. Gould's one day last week. Elmer Symes and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a little daughter. We extend congratulations.

What Tommy Said. Uncle John—Well, what do you mean to be when you get to be a man? Little Tommy (promptly)—A doctor, like pa. Uncle John (quizzically)—Indeed, and which do you intend to be, an allopath or a homoeopath? Little Tommy—I don't know what them awful big words mean. Uncle John; but that don't make no difference, 'cause I ain't goin' to be either of 'em. I'm just goin' to be a family doctor and give all my patients Hood's Sarsaparilla, 'cause my pa says that if he is a doctor, he's obliged to own up that Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best family medicine he ever saw in his life.

TORPEDO SERVICE. In Order to Be Successful It Must Come Fully Up to the Requirements. There are only two types of torpedo boats that seem to meet the requirements of torpedo service with a squadron at sea, and, from fixed bases, for the defense of seaports and harbors. The first is a high-sea torpedo boat of 250 to 300 tons, generally similar to the present British destroyers, to mount three long 18-inch torpedo tubes on the central fore and aft line, with a spare torpedo for each tube, and a homogeneous battery of eight three-pounders, preferably of the automatic type; this boat to keep the sea with the fleet at all times, and to be used either as a torpedo boat or destroyer. The speed and coal endurance are to be as high as the displacement and armament of the boat will permit. The second type is a first-class torpedo boat of 150 feet and 120 tons, carrying two or three torpedo tubes, all for the long 18-inch torpedo, and mounted on the central fore and aft line. In case two tubes are carried there will be a spare torpedo for each tube; if three tubes, then one torpedo only for each tube. The gun armament is to be four three-pounders. A speed of 24 knots will be ample for this boat, and will permit of a coal endurance of at least 18 hours at full speed. Both types should have twin screws, and the engines should be in separate compartments longitudinally to minimize the risk of complete disablement, and to permit coal protection throughout the machinery space. The proportion of the two types of torpedo boats could very well be one of the larger to two of the smaller, and that number would be a suitable proportion to each battleship and armored cruiser. In fact, it would be wise policy to provide for a destroyer and two torpedo boats whenever a large ship is laid down.—Cassier's Magazine.

PARROTS ARE NEVER ORIGINAL. I have read of a father who would not let his children tell their dreams because there is in such narrative too great temptation to wander from the truth. Parrot stories are too often like dream stories—only half true—and they are sometimes—plainly to any who knows the true talking power of these birds—made up entirely or greatly exaggerated. While the parrot has a certain unmistakable sense of humor and is correspondingly wise, none of the various species is, or ever was, capable of the original wit and witty talk familiar to us in newspaper anecdotes. In fact, the parrot is never original in speech; it is altogether imitative; and a bird that has never heard spoken words has surely never uttered a syllable. But judging from parrots' clever use of what they learn to say, it is almost certain that they come to know, in a measure, the meaning of the phrases they learn.—Charlotte Borer, in St. Nicholas.

A Lapsul of Opals. I pegged out a claim at Duck Creek opal field, Queensland, writes a correspondent. I had never dug opal before, but was confident and happy. Sank a shaft, and hopefully scrutinized every piece of stone. By and by I was startled by a strange noise overhead. Dragged myself up and saw a greasy black gin squatted on my mullock heap with a lapful of opals, crooning to herself, and softly rubbing a stone of the first water with her apology for a skirt. I was tempted to brain her with the spade and drop her down the sepulcher just excavated. Subsequently I ascertained that these gins are kept by the "old hands" for fossicking purposes, etc., and make a good thing out of the claims of innocent new hands at the game.—Sidney (Aus.) Bulletin.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Absolutely Pure. The ladies of Gaskill will hold a social with Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Greeley Saturday evening, August 13, to which every one is cordially invited. Ice cream and cake will be served. Florence Dexter was at home last Sunday. Lidella Blodgett is attending the Summer school at St. Johnsbury.

SPANISH CORRUPTION. To a greater or less degree, all Spanish colonies were fields in which clericalism rioted at will. A conspicuous instance of this is found in the Philippines, where the missions of the Augustinian Recollects acquired such power that the annals of that colony seem rather to be the records of the Augustinian province of San Nicolas than those of a royal dependency. In such a community the position of governor had few attractions for an honest man. In 1719, a new governor, Bustamante Bustillo, found on his arrival that all the royal officials had been busily embezzling and pilfering, leaving the treasury nearly empty. After ascertaining the facts he set to work energetically to recover the funds, and to punish the guilty, who thereupon, as seems to have been customary in such cases, sought asylum in all the churches. One of them had carried with him certain official records necessary for the verification of the accounts, and these Bustillo requested the archbishop to make him surrender. The archbishop replied with a learned argument, drawn up for him by a Jesuit, proving that the governor's request was illegal. Bustillo lost his temper at this, and arrested the archbishop, who forthwith east an interdict over the city. Then the monks and friars turned out in organized bands, marching through the city with crucifixes, and shouting, "Viva la fe! Viva la Iglesia!" They speedily collected a mob which they led to the palace; the doors were broken in, and the governor and his son murdered, and when the archbishop was released he assumed the governorship, under the advice of an assembly consisting exclusively of ecclesiastical dignitaries.

GEMS OF THE SEA. The beautiful Butterfly Fish are as Gaudy as the Insect for Which They Are Named. Of all the beautiful marine creatures that occasionally wander along the gulf stream to strand on northern beaches the butterfly fishes are the most gorgeous. They are tiny fellows, under 1 1/2 inches long, but radiant and glowing as gems. That is what they are—fluttering, iridescent jewels. They have deep bodies, remarkably short tails and long, beautifully-veined dorsal and anal fins, says the New York Press. The general body color is a pearly gray, notably delicate and iridescent. A glistering jet-black band runs around the head, through the eyes, and terminates at the lower margins of the gill openings. Above the eyes this band is bordered on each side by a narrow pale streak that looks luminous by contrast. Another dark band, but more delicate in color than the first, runs around the body at the middle part of the fish, like a belt. Two shining dark blue spots, like the "eyes" in a peacock's tail, mark the anterior part of the dorsal fin and the tail. These spots are surrounded by pure white rims, and the background is dark velvety brown. The head is greenish yellow, and the fins are marked with fleeting tints of yellow, silver and brown. They are butterfly fish, indeed.

A GREAT MATADORE. An American Girl's Impression of a Spanish Bull-Fighter in Private Life. Guerrita (and his cuadrilla) lingered a few days at Nimes, and dined with us one evening. Minuto, whom I met, and who posed for me before his departure, proved attractive, and was very courteous in manner. The little gathering gave me still better opportunities to weigh the peculiarities of the greater of the two matadores, writes Lucia Purdy, in Harper's Magazine, and my impressions concerning his unusual intelligence and strength of character were confirmed. Several who knew him well told me of his virtues as the best of husbands and of fathers, and assured me that his life was in all respects a moderate, well-governed one. He cares, it is said, but little for the excitement of social life, being always far more ready to sit and talk over his beloved art with congenial friends than to be made the hero of the hour at clubs or cafe. His distaste for over-convivial and not too sober admirers goes so far that he has been constantly known to call for water and wash his hands after being forced to submit to the grasp of such as are unpleasant to him.

How's This. We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him. WEST & TRUAX, WASHINGTON, D. C. Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

SWIFT DRAGON FLY. The dragon fly can outstrip the swallow. It can fly backward and sidelong, to right and left, as well as forward, and can alter its course on the instant without turning. It makes 28 beats per second with its wings, while the bee makes 190 and the horsefly 300.

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A GREAT MATADORE. An American Girl's Impression of a Spanish Bull-Fighter in Private Life. Guerrita (and his cuadrilla) lingered a few days at Nimes, and dined with us one evening. Minuto, whom I met, and who posed for me before his departure, proved attractive, and was very courteous in manner. The little gathering gave me still better opportunities to weigh the peculiarities of the greater of the two matadores, writes Lucia Purdy, in Harper's Magazine, and my impressions concerning his unusual intelligence and strength of character were confirmed. Several who knew him well told me of his virtues as the best of husbands and of fathers, and assured me that his life was in all respects a moderate, well-governed one. He cares, it is said, but little for the excitement of social life, being always far more ready to sit and talk over his beloved art with congenial friends than to be made the hero of the hour at clubs or cafe. His distaste for over-convivial and not too sober admirers goes so far that he has been constantly known to call for water and wash his hands after being forced to submit to the grasp of such as are unpleasant to him.

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PEACHAM. Dr. N. P. Bugbee, dentist, is expected here the last of this week for a few weeks. William Dunn cut off the ends of three fingers on his right hand last Saturday while at work in Jenkinson's mill. John Brown of Utica, N. Y., is stopping at Mountain View House for a few days. Florence Young and Louise and Meroe Way are at St. Johnsbury attending the summer school. Mrs. Thomas Taisey of Groton spent a few days in town last week. Mr. Burgess of Waltham, Mass., has been visiting his nephew, F. Pollard. Mrs. Parmenter from Kansas is staying with her sister, Mrs. George Whitehill, at the Pierson House. Camp Comfort Club go to camp at Martin's pond this week for a two weeks outing. Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Granger have been stopping at Harrison McLachlin's the past week. George Mackay, wife and child of Portland, Maine, have been spending the past week with friends in town and immediate vicinity. Miss Janie Blanchard is attending summer school at St. Johnsbury. E. H. McLachlin and family from South Hadley Falls, Mass., arrived at Mr. McLachlin's mother's last week, coming in their carriage the entire distance. George Gregory, who was very sick a few weeks ago, is again sick with the same trouble. Mrs. William Miller of Manchester, N. H., are stopping at her father's for a few weeks. Rev. Dr. A. H. Heath of St. Johnsbury preached at the Congregational church last Sunday in exchange with Rev. J. K. Williams. Miss Jessie Varum had the misfortune to lose a dark blue outing suit jacket one day last week on the road between Ewell's Hollow and Danville station. There will be an exhibition of India articles, also India tea will be served Thursday afternoon at Mrs. Clara Bailey's. Proceeds for the purpose of placing a tablet in Willard hall to the memory of Rev. Mr. Willard. William Ingram from Massachusetts is spending a few days with his niece, Mrs. Elsie Merrill. Mrs. Electa Ash is recovering from another severe illness. David Choate and wife, who have been spending a few weeks with friends in town, return this week to their home in Minneapolis. Miss Harriet Stoddard accompanies them to spend a few months. Mr. C. A. Bunker, who has been in Montpelier for a few weeks for treatment, is expected home this week.

RYEGATE. Mrs. Osgood and children of Boston are visiting her aunt, Miss Jimima Robinson. R. F. Jaynes has sold his little pacer, "Susie," to George Carey of St. Johnsbury. Mrs. Harry Arnold and children of Audubon, Iowa, were the guests of G. G. Nelson last week. The Jersey Hill Creamery Company is about to build a large wood and ice house. Hendrick Sylvester, who has been quite ill the past week, is at work again in the creamery. An entertainment consisting of readings and music will be given by the Christian Endeavor Society Thursday evening. Rev. F. A. Collins, Misses Edith Gibson and Mary Beattie are attending the Young People's Convention of the United Presbyterian church at Saratoga, N. Y.

SOUTH RYEGATE. Rev. S. A. Jackson and family returned from Barre Saturday. Rev. and Mrs. John J. Hall with their youngest child started for Northfield, Mass., Monday morning. They will spend two weeks or more attending the convention held under the leadership of Mr. Moody. Mrs. Allen arrived in town Monday and expects to spend the winter with O. E. Broadway, her brother. Mrs. Carrie Mitchell and Miss Wylie, who have been visiting at Mrs. Thomas Kasson's for six weeks, return to Hull, Mass., Friday. Miss Jane Craigie and Miss Lottie Crow are attending the summer school for teachers at St. Johnsbury. John Donald and family moved to Groton Monday having rented a tenement there near his work.

GREENSBORO. Dr. Brownrigg and family and Miss Katie Cahill of Roxbury, Mass., are boarding at J. J. Lindsay's. Mrs. F. J. Chase, who has been in very poor health a long time, is now able to ride out. Rev. Dr. Lord of Baltimore preached at the Congregational church Sunday. We are all glad to hear him preach when he comes to Greensboro. The Perrin Brothers have just completed and launched a fine sail boat. F. N. Hardy and wife of Manchester have returned to their home. Rev. Dr. Dewhurst and family of Minneapolis are in their pleasant cottage at Aspenhurst. Miss Lindsay took possession of the post office Monday morning. She is assisted by Miss Pike and Miss Florence Peck. Tuesday evening, July 26, our summer towspeople, the campers of whom there are about 150, gave one of the best illuminations and pyrotechnic displays ever seen in this section. The music was furnished by the Hardwick Cornet Band and singing by a quartette coming across the water to the crowd of spectators on shore will long be remembered by them. Mrs. Emma McKinley and daughter of Lowell, are visiting at F. J. Chase's. Mrs. Clara Kaiser of Stowe has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Melvin. Joe Thornton is quite sick and fears are entertained that he will not recover.

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