

and family are now nice-
their new home.
Dolphin and E. E. McCloud
been on the sick list the past few
days.
Mrs. T. Zweiser and children de-
parted Saturday for Dubuque where
they will reside in the future.
Miss Zella Merriman, of Coggon, was
the guest of her brother R. M. Merriman
and family Saturday.
Tim McMillott and Pat Behan de-
parted Thursday for Dubuque to re-
sume their studies at St. Joseph College.
Rev. P. H. Ryan attended the funeral
of R. Washington, at Anamosa Sat-
urday.
Two dances were in progress here
New Years night and both were liber-
ally patronized.
Miss Agnes McCaffrey returned Wed-
nesday from Dubuque.

STRAWBERRY POINT.
Mrs. Harley Everetts returned to her
home at Manchester Thursday evening;
her brother, Johnny Mattison, accom-
panied her home for a few days visit.
Mrs. Fred Fields, of Lamont, is visit-
ing at the home of her mother, Mrs. H.
Wheeler, and brother, Mr. G. F. Wheel-
er, this week.
Messames Henry Dryden, John
Matthews, F. A. Irish, of Greeley, and
F. W. Royden, of Edgewood, were the
guests of Mrs. W. G. Appleby Friday.
Robert Graham and the Misses Grace
and Emma Noble, of Greeley, were the
guests of Mr. Graham's sister, Mrs. J.
Westfall, Friday.
Stub Toney, of Manchester, was in
town visiting friends the first of the
week.
Father Rowe was the guest of friends
at Manchester the first of the week, re-
turning home Tuesday morning.—
Mail-Press.

EDGEWOOD.
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitehead are
the proud parents of a new girl.
Miss Opal Stoner, of Delhi, spent
Christmas with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. W. H. Stoner, of this place.
C. H. Edmunds, of Iowa, has been
visiting at the home of E. E. Durston,
for the past week.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Desmore were
in Colesburg last Friday.
Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Peet, of Lamont,
spent New Years here.
Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Shaffer have re-
turned from Central City.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cox, of Madison
county, have been visiting at the home
of Rev. and Mrs. Hubbell.
Hessie Kate Hubbell and Leona Gar-
ner, went to Manchester last Satur-
day evening.
Barr arrived here Saturday morn-
ing from Walker where he had been
called to attend the funeral of his
grandmother, Mrs. A. J. Spencer.

EHLER.
[Too late for last week.]
About sixty relatives and friends
were entertained by Nathan Patton
and family Xmas, and everyone present
report a very enjoyable time.
Thos. Henderson and sons were in
Argand Friday.
Fred Bishop was on our streets Satur-
day.
The farmers were unloading a car of
shelled corn here Saturday.
The Pierce brothers loaded a car of
hay here for Earlville Saturday.
John Ehler had business in Coggon
Saturday.
H. L. Reed drove to Central City
Sunday.
E. E. Morse and wife and Wm. Cros-
ier and family were the guests over
Xmas of F. E. Patton and family.
Clifford Knox, of Marion, Iowa, sur-
prised his many friends here by calling
on them without warning Christmas.
Samuel Knox, of Coggon, was calling
in town Friday.
Harry Lyons while playing had the
misfortune to sprain his wrist. It is
improving.

EADS GROVE.
James Fowler's family took New
Year's dinner with Mrs. Emily Cul-
bertson, of Milburn.
Mrs. W. P. Bissell entertained the L.
A. S. last week, Thursday.
An oyster supper was given at the
albertson home Wednesday evening,
quite a large number were present and
pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.
It is now thought that our mail
route will not be established before
ly 1st. We will next expect to hear
if it has been abandoned altogether,
and while we live in hope.

layton, Arthur and Dottie Taylor
ted at the Fowler home Sunday,
29th.
ite a number from here attended
ecture and supper given by the
er Woodman at Greeley Dec. 31.
s. F. N. Frenstess and daughter,
a, have returned from Fairbank.
Lash took in the dance at
uesday night.
Armstrong partook of New
inner with his mother, Mrs.
strong.
ary Grow gave a dinner last
onor of her sister, Adeline,
sister, who is visiting her.

PETERSBURG.
Nurses was a New Vienna
Sunday.
thony Sassen made a flying
visit last Sunday.
A. Brinkman celebrated his
in town, last Monday. After the
the young men's society, pre-
with a fine gold watch, as a
teem.
Pape, of New Vienna, Rev.
nksman, of Guttenberg, Rev.
of Oyens, Rev. J. Nabers,
le, and Rev. Oberbrockling,
burg, attended the first holy
last Monday.
Arch. Rohrig was confined
ed for a few days. We hope to
n soon again.

Frank Hennekes, returned to
Minn., last Thursday, after
gander the parental roof a few
days.

and transacted business in
st Thursday.
very Co. paid 94 cents a
November milk.
og Jr. had business in
Friday.
at took unto himself

a companion for life, last Tuesday.
Ed thinks, there is nothing better than
a married life.
F. Meyer was a Dyersville visitor
last Friday.

PRAIRIE.
Fred Pope returned to his home at
Sterling, Illinois, Monday after a two
weeks' visit here with his parents, Mr.
and Mrs. T. Pope.
Mrs. John Annis, who has been seri-
ously ill, is reported much improved.
Mrs. Joe Herberger and two child-
ren, of Bankston, Iowa, are guests at the
Barry and McNamee homes.
The Ladies' Aid Society met Thurs-
day at the home of Wm. Keisers.
J. C. Crowley and wife, of Middlefield,
spent Wednesday at the home of John
Muehlhille.
Miss Stella O'Brien of Ryan, spent
part of last week at the home of her
sister, Mrs. Art Lyders.
Dr. J. J. Lindsay, of Manchester, made
a professional call here Monday.
Miss Letitia Barry returned to school
to Dubuque Monday, after spending
the holidays here with her parents.
Miss Emma Dobbins, of Manchester,
spent Sunday here as the guest of her
friend, Miss Mary Barry.
Chas. Duffy, of Farley, spent last
week at the home of his uncle, John
Muehlhille.
Mr. and Mrs. L. Eichacker, of Mas-
onville spent Wednesday at the Haen-
ing home.
T. Murtha, of Masonville, called on
friends here Sunday.
Ray Traver, of Manchester, called on
friends here Saturday.
Miss Ada Durey is visiting friends in
Chicago.

HOPKINTON.
Miss Harriet Hunt, of Delhi, is the
guest of her friend, Miss Bessie Wheel-
er.
Mrs. W. F. Price is down from Man-
chester visiting her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Joe Bernhard.
Miss Florence Wilson went to Gree-
ley Monday for a few days' visit with
her grandparents.
Tunis Gearhart and wife, of Chero-
kee, are visiting at the home of the
former's parents, D. C. Gearhart and
wife.
Frank Andrew came down from
Manchester this week and has accepted
a position as head man in John Good's
livery barn. Frank has a lot of friends
here who are glad to see him back
again.
Gus Barnard came down from Man-
chester Tuesday with his pile driving
outfit and is building a bulk head to
stop the leak under the road at the first
bridge south of town. The water has
worked a course through the rocks
which forms the grade approaching the
bridge and so much escapes that it pre-
vents a proper head in the dam and
seriously affects the working of the
electric light plant. Piling will be
driven along the west bank and plank-
ed, and it will then be filled with rock
and clay. The expense of the work is
being shared by the county and Mr. Mil-
roy.—Leader.

COGON.
J. E. Kyle, of Manchester, was in
Coggon last Thursday.
Dr. A. H. Scofield visited in Manches-
ter Monday.
Mrs. Craig, of Ryan, and Mrs. Haller,
of Manchester, visited with Mrs. Isaac
Shepard yesterday.
John Power, of Hazel Green, former-
ly a resident of this place, has been vis-
iting A. L. Willis and wife.
Dr. Triem, of Manchester, was in
Coggon on professional business Wed-
nesday.
Miss Mag Ward spent the latter part
of last week with friends in Manches-
ter.
Jas. Henderson and sons, of Ehler,
have sold their stock of general mer-
chandise to the Westington Land &
Cattle Company, who are closing it out
at greatly reduced prices.
Frank Catlett and sister, Miss Katie,
spent last Saturday in Manchester.
A. D. Hunt and wife, accompanied by
their son, Glen, visited in Manches-
ter Friday.
C. M. Hanna and family, of Manches-
ter, and Mrs. Maggie See and her two
daughters, of West Liberty, spent New
Years Day with their brother, I. S.
Hanna and family.
A family reunion was held at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills,
southwest of town Christmas. Four
generations were represented, and the
occasion was an enjoyable one for all
present.—Monitor.

DYERSVILLE.
J. A. Gebhardt, of Petersburg, was
a business visitor in this city last Friday
afternoon.
Peter Schmidt and John Wiseman,
of New Vienna, were calling on friends
in this city Tuesday afternoon.
Peter Even, of Manchester, spent a
few hours with friends in this city last
Friday. Peter was a former resident of
this place.
It will be gratifying news to the
many friends of G. H. Hesselmann to
know that that gentleman is much im-
proved from his recent illness and has
been up and around the house since
Sunday.
Misses Kate and Agnes Kelly re-
turned to Manchester Friday morning,
after spending several days with their
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelly, in
this city.
John B. Gebhardt was a pleasant
caller here last Saturday while in town.
A marriage license has been issued to
Jacob Bealer and Miss Eunice O'Donnell,
both of this place. The many
friends of this well known young couple
will look forward with interest to their
marriage.
Edward Brueckner was at Manches-
ter New Years day visiting his numer-
ous friends. In the afternoon he at-
tended the basketball game played be-
tween the Manchester and Dubuque
teams.
Deputy Sheriff, John Malvin, of Del-
aware county, was in town Monday
morning and from here drove to Peters-
burg on official business.
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lippert were at
Manchester, Monday, where they spent
the day visiting relatives and friends
and looking after business matters.—
News Letter.

ONEIDA.
Many members and friends of the
Ladies' Aid Society met at the pleas-

home of P. Hatch, west of here, Thurs-
day, Dec. 27. It was the annual elec-
tion of officers and all had a jolly good
time.
Wesley Brown and son have been de-
horning cattle for some of the farmers
east of here.
The young people of this vicinity
have been treated to two parties during
vacation. One at the Breckon home
last Thursday evening, and at Will
Cox's Monday evening. It is needless
to say all had a good time at both
places.
Gus Bundy spent New Year's at
home.
Miss Clara Harrison, of Chicago, is
visiting Mrs. S. P. Heise and Mrs. Will
Cox.
Ed Heath, the former carpenter here,
is visiting friends in this vicinity.
Since S. P. Heise retired from the
cremery, we understand, he is travel-
ing on the road.
We understand a W. C. T. U. medal
contest will be held here in the near
future.
We are glad to see Fred Heiden
again.
G. W. Parker and wife and James
Parker and family visited relatives near
Strawberry Point last Sunday.
F. M. Burbridge and sons are still at
work on a new barn on their farm north
of Greeley.
G. B. Cox's entertained friends from
Minerva, Iowa, last week.
J. B. Dunham and wife and Eva
Rector spent New Years at the Dun-
ham home in Almorat.
The Northern Aid Society met with
Mrs. W. P. Bissell last Thursday and
arranged for their fair which will be
held sometime in March.
L. G. Clute purchased several hun-
dred bushels of corn of Chas. Hilliers,
paying 75 cents per bushel.
M. J. Fitzpatrick delivered 53 hogs in
Almorat Friday. It will make quite a
payment on the new farm he recently
purchased west of York.

LAMONT.
Married—Dec. 24, 1901, Vernon W.
Platt, of Lamont, and Miss Zoia Robish,
of Sumner, at the bride's parental
home.
Married—December 31, 1901 at 10
a. m. in the Lamont Catholic church
by Rev. Father Grady, Miss Anna
Kelsch, of Lamont, and Mr. John Vesch
of Rockwell, Iowa. Miss Stella Rich
played the wedding march. The wed-
ding party repaired to the Thos. Kelsch
home where the wedding spread was
laid. The wedded pair took the after-
noon train for Maquoket to spend
New Years with his parents, they are
now at home on their farm near Rock-
well, Iowa. May happiness and pros-
perity be theirs.
M. P. Sager spent New Years in Bel-
videre, Ill.
D. M. Whitney is very sick.
Mrs. Jas. Taylor visited her father
and sister in Manchester last week.
Rev. F. H. Wyrick transacted busi-
ness in Jessup last week.
Miss Teresa Merk visited her rela-
tives at Oxford Junction last week.
Earnest Allen returned to his home
at Sulphur Springs, December 28, after
six weeks visit here.
F. S. Brownell and wife entertained
his mother, Mrs. Knott, of Tipton, Ia.,
last week.
The Lamont Woman's Club will
meet with Mrs. Mary Kyle, January 10,
1902.
No Lamontites are under quarantine.
Wm. Thornburg is in Dubuque, tak-
ing treatment for cancer.
J. W. Penberthy sold out his stock of
dry goods and groceries last week to
John Goldsmith and Frank Sharp. Mr.
Goldsmith moved his former stock out-
fitted to the same store building occu-
pied formerly by Penberthy, making
a larger and better assortment.
Elmer Able was up from Mt. Auburn
Dec. 28-29.
Mrs. H. A. von Oven entertained her
sister, Miss Seeds, of Manchester, last
week.
Asa Tyrrel visited the W. Bishop
family in Waterloo Dec. 28 and 30.
Miss Mildred Kenyon is in Manches-
ter since Dec. 28, visiting her aunt, Mrs.
Davis.
Mrs. Wm. Plaucker and Mrs. Van
Vors were in Independence last week
visiting their mother, Mrs. D. Van
Vors.
Royal Reeder and wife, of Manches-
ter, visited the Frank Sharp's family
last week.
Fourteen of our I. O. O. F. order
were entertained in Arlington Dec. 28, at
night.
Three of our I. O. O. F. boys viz.
Dr. Bradley, Ed Smith and O. C. Starr
attended the Winthrop lodge New
Year's night.
Mrs. W. Wolf went to Greeley Thurs-
day to assist in nursing her aunt.
Clem Keenan was in town New Years
day exclaiming to each old friend,
"Happy New Years." Clem is a clever
fellow and knows where to locate his
friends. He will move his family to
Sioux Falls this spring.

EARLVILLE.
John Catron went to Dubuque on
business Thursday.
Barbara, Alice and Angie Pierce,
of Manchester, visited relatives in town
from Monday until Thursday of last
week.
Miss Sophia Luers returned on last
Monday from a visit in Iock Island.
John Holdren, from the west, is in
town visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Dennis Holdren.
Clarence Morgan, of Burt, Iowa, was
in town Tuesday.
Miss Julia Landis, of Colesburg,
passed through here on Thursday on
her way to Mount Vernon, where she
goes to attend Cornell College.
William Swindle, of Silver Creek,
was visiting friends in town on Wednes-
day.
Mrs. Frank Kenny spent a few days
at the home of her friend, Miss Mattie
Holscher, last week.
His many friends will regret to learn
that on Monday Mr. J. A. G. Catron
fell from a load of staw and fractured
three ribs. They will, however, be
very anxious to hear of his speedy and
complete recovery.
Mrs. F. H. Jencks, of New York
gave a lecture to the ladies of the M. F.
church in the lecture room on Thursday
p. m. A large audience greeted her.
A club held their regular
meeting at J. F.

served a delicious repast to her guests
before their return home.
Miss Laura Whipple sent invitations
to her friends here requesting them to
spend Friday evening with her at her
home in Edgewood, to which they all
responded. They were most pleasantly
entertained and enjoyed the affair
heartily.
The school will not reopen until the
thirteenth of this month.
The Epworth League will hold a
social at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Geo. Long on Friday, Jan. 10th, to
which everyone is invited.
A number of their friends spent the
evening pleasantly with Dr. and Mrs.
H. A. Tobie on Thursday night.
The annual election of the Congrega-
tional church was held on Thursday
night. The adjournment of this meet-
ing was followed by a quiet social half
hour during which the ladies of the
church served light refreshments.
A very pleasant event occurred on
Saturday night when Mrs. B. W.
Soper and Prof. B. J. Still entertained
their Sunday school class, composed
of a number of young people at the
home of Mrs. Soper. Almost all of
those receiving invitations responded
to them much to their own delight.
A series of prayer meetings are being
held this week in recognition of the
custom of making the first week in the
year one of prayer. On Monday, Tues-
day and Wednesday evenings the ser-
vices were held in the Methodist church,
the other three nights will be held in
the Congregational church.

DELHI.
J. W. Corbin moved his office into
the Toomer building last week. B. A.
Stone moved his harness shop into the
building vacated by Mr. Corbin.
Iryce Saunders is rebuilding his
blacksmith shop.
Chester Tourtelot, of Hopkinton,
was in town Tuesday.
Johnny Gage returned to his home in
West Gate Wednesday.
Mrs. Leonard spent New Years day
with her daughter in Dyersville.
James Burton and daughter Ella,
were Dubuque visitors Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Sager, of Manches-
ter visited recently at Bert Peterson's.
Henry Duart was called to Hopkin-
ton Wednesday by the death of his
nephew, Lonnv Dillon.
Miss Bertha has returned to her
home in Quincy, Illinois.
T. V. Hunt enjoyed a visit from his
father from Postville, last week.
Bud White and sister, Gladys visited
recently at J. J. Arthur's of Edgewood.
E. R. Johnson is visiting her
parents in Manchester.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Doolittle entertain-
ed a company of their friends New
Years Eve. The following were pres-
ent, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White, Mr. and
Mrs. Doran Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W.
Swinburne, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bian-
chard and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Perkins.
E. H. Stone and Rev. Sauners were
in Dubuque on business Monday.
Mrs. Lizzie Krazer visited her sister,
Mrs. R. H. Bowman at Hucey's last
week.
J. W. Swinburne and Peter Jakelin
installed I. O. O. F. officers at Hoff-
kinton, Thursday night.
Mrs. C. D. Stone and R. J. Van Ant-
werp were called to Strawberry Point
Friday by the serious illness of their
father who had suffered a stroke of
paralysis.
Mr. and Mrs. Slanson, of Sand
Springs, attended joint installation of
J. M. Holbrook Post and Corps here
on Friday.
Miss Lizzie Frazer entertained her
Sunday school class Friday night.
A friend from Monticello was enter-
tained at the Hunt home on Wednes-
day.
Geo. Morgan was up from Hopkin-
ton Monday.
Geo. White, Beal Bros., and E. H.
Blanchard filled their ice houses last
week with a fine quality of ice.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Doolittle were
Greeley visitors Thursday.
Miss Alice Hunt has returned to
Cedar Falls.
The M. B. A. Lodge held their in-
stallation and supper in the I. O. O. F.
hall Friday evening.
E. H. Blanchard, J. W. Swinburne
and Peter Jakelin went to Earlville
Saturday evening to install the officers
of the I. O. O. F. Lodge.
John Snell died at his home in this
place Friday morning, January 3rd,
aged 75 years. The funeral services
were held at the Baptist church on Sun-
day, conducted by Rev. Salisbury and
the J. M. Holbrook Post of which
order the deceased was faithful mem-
ber.
The M. E. Aid Society meets with
Mrs. House on Wednesday afternoon,
January 8.
An oyster supper will be given at the
I. O. O. F. Hall on Friday evening for
the benefit of the band. All are cor-
dially invited.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.
Mix stove blacking with a little am-
monia to prevent it burning off.
A tenkette should never be allowed
to stand on the side of the fire with a
small quantity of water in it.
A rose pompon is made by packing
fresh rose petals in salt, a layer of the
petals, then a layer of salt, and keep-
ing them covered for six months.
A convenient substitute for a cork-
screw when the latter is not at hand
is to use the end in the use of a common
screw with an attached string to pull
the cork.
For ink stains on furniture add six
drops of niter to a teaspoonful of water
and apply it to the stain with a feath-
er. If the stain does not yield to the
first application, make it stronger and
repeat the process.
Stains on silverware require prompt
attention, otherwise it will take a long
time to remove them. Sulphuric acid
will remove the stain left by medicine.
Dip the spoon in the acid, repeating the
process until the stain has disap-
peared; then wash in very hot water.
Diluting Tea.
Few housekeepers remember, as they
should, that when it is necessary to
dilute strong tea it should be done with
the process of boiling. The poor
flavor of tea, made strong at first and
then reduced, such as is too often serv-
ed at receptions and "at homes," is
usually caused by the addition of hot,
not boiling, water to the first infusion.
A lesson in this matter may be had
from the Russians, who serve the most
delicious tea in the world, and who pre-

pare it first very strong, making it al-
most an essence of tea. This is diluted to
the strength wished, with water
kept boiling in the samovar. This
water is not allowed to boil and reboil,
but is renewed as needed. Freshly
boiled water is insisted upon by all
connoisseurs in tea-making.

Ceilings and Ventilation.
Rooms with low ceilings or with
ceilings even with the window tops are
susceptible of more perfect ventilation
than those with high ceilings. In such
rooms the leakage at the windows,
which is constantly going on, keeps the
air in motion throughout the room,
whereas if the ceiling is higher only the
lower part of the air is moved, and an
inverted layer of foul and hot air is left
floating in the space above the window
tops. This lake, under the law of dif-
fusion of gases, keeps actively at work,
fouling the fresh currents circulating
beneath it.

Longevity of Irish Peasants.
It is curious to notice the great num-
ber of centenarians whose deaths are
recorded in the official returns of Irish
rural districts. It is an instance of the
length of their own lives that it may
be pointed out that the death of per-
sons upward of sixty years of age reg-
istered in Connacht last year amount-
ed to over 50 per cent of the entire
deaths of the province.

He Knew Wall Street.
Upon Downes—There's a man over
there who owes all his wealth to his
deep knowledge of the ways of Wall
street.
Vincent Luce—Went in and won his
pile, eh?
Upon Downes—No; stayed out and
kept what he had.—New York Times.

When Frenchmen Were Germans.
The name of France is derived from
the Francel, or Franks, a people of Ger-
many who settled that part of the
country nearest the Rhine and settled
there. Later on they subdued Paris
and made that the royal seat of their
increasing empire.
The origin of other geographical
names is interesting and will serve to
enlighten us when we read of, for in-
stance, Hibernia for Ireland. Hibernia
is said to be derived from a Phoeni-
cian word meaning "farthest habitation,"
there being no country known to them
west of Erin.
Portugal obtained its name from Por-
to, the haven or port where the Gauls
landed their stores. This is Oporto,
called by the Portuguese O Porto (the
port). The name of the slightest refer-
ence to Teresa when she married Henry de
Lorraine, who styled himself Earl of
Portugal because the place was known as
the portus Gallorum (the port of the
Gauls). The name was finally extended
to the whole country.
Russia took its denomination from the
Rossi, or Russi, a people of the south
of Russia, who possessed them-
selves of the country in the declining
days of the Greek empire. Being the
predominant inhabitants, they imposed
their name on all the rest.

A Street Parable.
A little girl stood at a window blow-
ing soap bubbles. Beneath stood a lit-
tle boy, and as she blew bubbles to-
ward him he tried to catch them. They
broke and disappeared on all sides,
but the two laughed and kept up the
game, she smiling down and he gazing
upward eagerly.
"Behold, a parable," said a man to a
satellite through crevices left in the floor
and lower portions of the wall. Later
flues were provided, conducting heat
to any portion of the house. In some
of the old Roman villas in England the
remains of these old time furnaces are
still found.

Origin of the Clearing House.
In 1775 the bankers of London rented
a house in Lombard street and fitted it
with tables and desks for the use of
their clerks as a place where bills,
notes, drafts and other commercial pa-
per might be exchanged without the
trouble of personal visits of employees
to all the metropolitan banks. Trans-
fer tickets were used, and by means of
this simple plan transactions involving
many millions were settled without a
penny changing hands. The Bank of
England and every other important
bank in London are members of the
Clearing House association. The first
clearing house in the United States
was established by the associated
banks of New York in 1853.

Her References.
Mrs. Hiram—And have you any refer-
ences?
Applicant—No, mum; O! tored 'em
up!
Mrs. Hiram (In surprise)—Tore them
up? How foolish!
Applicant—Yez wudn't think so,
mum, if yez had seen 'em.—From
"Recollections of Mrs. Minnie E. Lee."

An Indian Belief.
There is a belief prevalent in India
that if a man be sleeping, no matter
where, and a Shush Nag come and sit
beside him, with a hood spread over
the sleeper's face, the latter is sure to
be a son of fortune. Popular tradition
assigns the same reason to the rise of
Haida Ali of Mysore from a common
soldier.

WORTH \$300,000,000.
The President of a certain big Oil Com-
pany is said to be worth \$300,000,000. A
tidy bit of money and no mistake. And
yet he isn't happy. In an address to a Bible
class he spoke of trials and troubles of the
rich and the loads they have to carry. A
young lady whispered to a friend that he
might wear a Benson's Porous Plaster on his
back or, better still, divide the money among
the members of the class. I don't know
why her idea about the plaster makes me
want to laugh, but it does. All the same
I have seen plenty of people laugh after
putting Benson's Plasters on their backs
or chests, or on any other spot where there
was weight, heaviness, weakness or pain.
It may be the sharp stab of neuralgia, the
aches and wrenches of rheumatism, it may
be colds in muscles or bones; it may be
those kidney or lumbarge thrusts that make
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Learning the Game.
When that great plainman J. B.
Erick, better known as "Wild Bill,"
once came to what he called a "red-hot
trail to learn something," he stopped
one Saturday night at a hotel in Port-
land, Me.
When he went to his room to seek
rest, he found that the adjoining room
was occupied by a company of fast-
able and rich young sports of Portland
who, it did not take him long to dis-
cover, were playing an interesting
game of poker for high stakes. In vain
did he try to sleep. He could not do
so, and after an hour arose, dressed
himself and knocked on the door.
Instantly all was silent; but he in-
quired politely that as they would not
let him sleep would they let him come
in and watch the game?
They did so and were impressed with
the appearance of the man and asked
if he would join them.
"I will if you will post me; but, you
know, I'm a tenderfoot east," he re-
plied.
They were willing to "post" him,
and playing awkwardly, making blun-
ders and asking questions, but seem-
ingly greatly interested, he continued
to play until daylight, when he put his
winnings, some \$1,500, in his pocket.
"I thank you, gentlemen," he said,
"and I'm rather glad you would let me
sleep. I'll be here until tomorrow,
so keep me awake some more."
But the players did not appear again.
—Detroit Free Press.

Borrowing Habits of Poets.
On Tenyson's habit of failing to
recognize clearly his own borrowings
from the classical poets, Mr. Lang ob-
serves that the poets have always had
a kind of regal indifference to their
own lighter productions. Mr. Lang
says: "Scott did not care; no man who
found that he had unwittingly taken
a line from a poem by the valet of a
friend. In the preface to a little col-
lection of verses from the novels he
frankly declares that he cannot pretend
to be certain which are of his own com-
position and which are not."
"To take an example from the level
at the foot of Parnassus, I once read,
in an American paper, some lines at-
tributed to Mr. Austin Dobson. 'Not
bad for Dobson,' I said freely to a
friend. But it was proved on me that
the rhymes were my own. A bard who
forgets his own verses may be pardoned
for remembering those of other
people and mistaking a half line of
somebody else's for his own. I dare
say that Tenyson did this occasion-
ally, but he hardly said that the
sun sets without being accused of un-
conscious borrowing."

Greek and Roman Stoves.
What are Greece and Rome and
Egyptian stoves made there in the
dim and misty vistas of the past.
It was not just the pattern used at
present, but was a metal basin in
which charcoal was burned. It sat in
the middle of the room, and as the
fire smoked was of the slightest refer-
ence to Teresa when she married Henry de
Lorraine, who styled himself Earl of
Portugal because the place was known as
the portus Gallorum (the port of the
Gauls). The name was finally extended
to the whole country.
Russia took its denomination from the
Rossi, or Russi, a people of the south
of Russia, who possessed them-
selves of the country in the declining
days of the Greek empire. Being the
predominant inhabitants, they imposed
their name on all the rest.

A Street Parable.
A little girl stood at a window blow-
ing soap bubbles. Beneath stood a lit-
tle boy, and as she blew bubbles to-
ward him he tried to catch them. They
broke and disappeared on all sides,
but the two laughed and kept up the
game, she smiling down and he gazing
upward eagerly.
"Behold, a parable," said a man to a
satellite through crevices left in the floor
and lower portions of the wall. Later
flues were provided, conducting heat
to any portion of the house. In some
of the old Roman villas in England the
remains of these old time furnaces are
still found.

Origin of the Clearing House.
In 1775 the bankers of London rented
a house in Lombard street and fitted it
with tables and desks for the use of
their clerks as a place where bills,
notes, drafts and other commercial pa-
per might be exchanged without the
trouble of personal visits of employees
to all the metropolitan banks. Trans-
fer tickets were used, and by means of
this simple plan transactions involving
many millions were settled without a
penny changing hands. The Bank of
England and every other important
bank in London are members of the
Clearing House association. The first
clearing house in the United States
was established by the associated
banks of New York in 1853.

Her References.
Mrs. Hiram—And have you any refer-
ences?
Applicant—No, mum; O! tored 'em
up!
Mrs. Hiram (In surprise)—Tore them
up? How foolish!
Applicant—Yez wudn't think so,
mum, if yez had seen 'em.—From
"Recollections of Mrs. Minnie E. Lee."

An Indian Belief.
There is a belief prevalent in India
that if a man be sleeping, no matter
where, and a Shush Nag come and sit
beside him, with a hood spread over
the sleeper's face, the latter is sure to
be a son of fortune. Popular tradition
assigns the same reason to the rise of
Haida Ali of Mysore from a common
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ty years and more he has given very
little attention to the great Iowa crop,
corn. Among the many articles which
have appeared in Wallace's Farmer on
this subject has been a series by Prof.
Shamel, of Illinois, the corn expert,
and these are illustrated by a number
of photographs showing different vari-
eties of corn, perfect and imperfect
ears, the most profitable to raise, etc.
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does but we tell our guests if he can-
not learn a lot from these articles in
Wallace's Farmer.
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tractive illustrations, and in addition
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