

County Correspondence.

EARLVILLE.

Among the recent victims of the Grippe are Sam E. R. Lucas and J. M. Dunn.

Mr. Carl Hackbarth and wife arrived from Milwaukee Monday afternoon and will make Earlville their future home. Mr. Hackbarth is well and favorably known here and his bride also a stranger to Earlville people will be warmly welcomed by their many friends who extend congratulations.

Mrs. Lou Baker nee Daisy Healy, of Tower City, North Dak., is visiting at the home of her aunt Mrs. Jas. Reeder.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nieman are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter since Thursday.

A. M. Cloud spent Sunday in Manchester.

Mr. Young of Almorah moved his store of goods down this week and will soon be ready for business.

Mrs. Hill, the aged mother of Mrs. Chas. Binning, is lying very ill at the home of the latter, Mrs. Davis, another daughter, of Savanna, Illinois, arrived Friday to assist in caring for her.

Mrs. Hershey and daughter Grace depart this week for DeKalb where they will visit for several weeks.

The Musical Hoyleys gave an entertainment to a crowded house Monday evening. Many remained for the dance after the show.

Miss Nannie Ocker of Greeley is visiting friends in town this week.

Mrs. W. I. Miller who is suffering from pneumonia is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Jones of Dubuque spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Jones' father, F. Werkmeister.

The many friends of Frank Freeman, a former Earlville boy, will be glad to hear that he has been made secretary of the O. E. Fellows coal company of Minneapolis. The company was organized last week with a capital of \$100,000.

LAMONT.

Rev. A. J. Pitt and wife are here assisting Rev. Ross in revival meetings. Rev. Pitt was here three years ago and assisted Revs. Jesse Smith and J. A. DeFonse in meetings.

Geo. Foster is home from his visit in Gilman, Mo. He thinks this a breezier place than Missouri.

M. P. Sager and wife have been entertaining her nephew, Guy Dunsmoor, of Britt, Iowa.

Geo. Rieger and wife have a new son born Feb. 3rd.

Asher Fred has been selling off his loose property preparing to move to Pennsylvania.

E. H. Hoyt went to Dubuque last week and submitted to a most painful operation, that of removing an abscess behind the eye ball. The operation was very successful.

L. L. Hoyt and wife of Manchester spent last week in Lamont.

M. S. Banta, Julius Eldridge and J. Wilson attended John Polman's sale last Friday.

H. B. Horsey was in Manchester last Friday.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Roy Grommon spent Sunday of last week with his friend, Dale Blanchard.

Jay LillibrIDGE had business in Manchester last Tuesday.

J. W. Hartman, G. B. Davis, H. B. Horsey, Jay LillibrIDGE and R. E. Grommons attended John Polman's sale, last Thursday.

J. G. Daker and L. Brauer were in Manchester last Friday.

Mrs. Thos. Given of Manchester spent part of last week with her daughter, Mrs. Cora LillibrIDGE.

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STRAWBERRY POINT.

Mrs. C. Hage returned home from Greeley last Wednesday, after a short visit with relatives.

A little girl brightened the home of John Thompson and wife last Tuesday. Congratulations are extended to the happy parents.

At the home of the bride, last Wednesday evening, occurred the marriage of Mrs. Stoppel and George Alderson, Rev. Graft officiating.

Both of these people are well known to our readers, who unite with us in wishing them a happy married life.

Mrs. Lee, of Dundee, is here, becoming acquainted with her new granddaughter at the Thompson home.

John Norris has purchased the J. M. Henry residence in the south part of town. Mr. Norris will be engaged in the hardware business with his brother, R. H. Norris, having purchased the D. M. Gilchrist share.

Miss Gene Pollard is quite poorly today, Saturday.

The death of Mr. Hoehn occurred at the home of his son, Wm., last Saturday morning, after several days sickness. Mr. Hoehn was an aged man and respected by all who knew him.

Nearly all our people are having a hard "rassel with the grip."

The M. B. A. held their first annual dance here last Wednesday evening. The crowd was especially good owing to the bad weather.

The young men of the M. E. church will give a Valentine social next Tuesday.

Miss Mildred Whitehead has been suffering with inflammatory rheumatism the past week.

SHOPPING BY MAIL.

Everybody knows about the mail order houses. The theory upon which they proceed is to pick out a few articles of common consumption and sell them at wholesale price perhaps or even less.

These houses make up much more on the goods which you do not understand than they lose on the goods that you do understand and by means of hoodwinking, retain your trade, tear down the local dealer in the small towns, destroy your home markets, kill your towns, and by killing your towns, decrease the value of town and adjacent country property, and you are doing it yourself. You are saving a few cents on a barrel of salt and reducing the price of your farm by the act.

Suppose you would buy only the bargains,—just the goods that you understand and know to be bargains. How long do you suppose the mail order houses would do business? Not very long. They rely upon the bait which they set and it works in a large number of cases to perfection. Barnum said that the American people delighted in being humbugged, that his show was the greatest humbug on earth and that was the reason he got such large crowds. We are always looking for bargains and that is all right. But because some one advertises one article at less than you know it is worth, that is no inference that he sells other articles for less than they are worth. In fact the opposite inference is true, namely: If he sells one thing for less than it is worth, he must sell the next for that much more than it is worth to make up the loss on the first article, otherwise he would soon go bankrupt and out of business. When we deal with these great commercial centers, we are centralizing trade at the expense of other cities and towns throughout this beautiful country of ours. How would we like it if there were no towns except the ones where the mail order houses do business? How would it affect the value of our property? All of us like to live near thriving towns and yet in many cases the people adjoining the towns whose financial standing depends upon the existence of the town, and whose land values are nearly twice as great because of its nearness to town are sending to Chicago for goods that are kept right here, and what is worse, they are getting beaten on the very articles bought, let alone the damage done to the local dealer who is usually one of the principal factors in keeping up the town.

There is no logic in the situation. Your local dealers can furnish you your articles for one year as cheap or cheaper than you can get them in Chicago, besides if you happen to get something you can't use, you

can easily adjust it with your local dealer. We insist that the quality of the goods bought at home is invariably better than those bought in Chicago. You are all opposed to trusts, why help in building them up? That is just what you are doing by sending to Chicago for your goods. As long as we give the trusts our financial or moral support, we are creating masters for ourselves. Are we so mercenary, that for the purpose of saving a few cents, we are willing to hazard the future of our children.

Let's have the patriotism and the stamina to say that the interests of our home towns shall first be protected, when we have one united whole duty by our local interests we will find that we are worth more in dollars and cents than we are by sending to Chicago for our supplies, and we will have retarded the progress of the trusts just that much.

—Montezuma Republican.

Will Test Seed Corn.

The Farm Crops Department of the Iowa State Agricultural College is desirous of obtaining accurate information on the germinating qualities of Seed Corn throughout the state this spring. Much of the corn entered for premiums at Corn Shows and Farmer's Institutes has proven, on close examination, to be badly injured by freezing, and consequently very low in vitality. The past three unfavorable seasons have greatly reduced the germinating power of our corn and unless unusual precautions are taken with the seed intended for planting this spring there will be a poor stand and a proportionately low yield.

We desire to have every farmer who reads this notice to take one hundred representative ears of his seed corn, remove two kernels from each ear, send these two hundred kernels to the Farm Crops Department of the Iowa State College, Ames, where a germination test will be made. A report will be mailed to him as soon as the test is completed. The names of individuals will not be made public. Be sure to enclose your name with the sample.

—The diamond extinguishes intermarriage when attached someone to someone.

The amethyst stills headaches, makes drunkards abstemious and sober; hence its name.

The hematite or bloodstone heals disease of the eye.

The carbuncle is said to cure headache if given to the sick in solution.

The Jasper eases inflammation of the head and prevents nightmares and is a preservative against pestilence and epilepsy.

The onyx, dissolved, keeps off night-mare and phantasms, and when powdered is good for toothache.

The Jacinth stops coughs, heals hernia and is good against melancholy if drunk with vinegar.

The chalcidion, worn round the neck, heals the wound from the scorpion's bite.

The topaz, powdered and drunk, brings persons raving mad back to their state. If it is worn on the person it is also helpful in this case.

Consumption's Roll of Honor.

Dr. John B. Huber, writing on the history of consumption in the Medical Record, mentions the following more or less great persons who have died as its victims: Marie Bashkirtseff, Xavier Bichat, H. C. Bunner, Friedrich Chopin, Stephen Crane, John Godman, John Paul Jones, John Keats, Dr. René T. H. Laennec, Sidney Lanier, Jules Verne, Eitelberg, Kevin H. H. Purcell, Elizabeth Felix Rachel, Friedrich Schiller, John Sterling, Laurence Sterne, Robert Louis Stevenson, Henry Thirrod, Carl Maria von Weber, Artemus Ward, Henry Kirk White and Burch Spinoza.

He is One Who Plays Only For the Pleasure of Playing.

An amateur is one who plays for pleasure only. He can play with whom he pleases as long as he plays for pleasure alone. The Gazette has the pleasure of a team which is being paid for playing for gate money. He may play with professionals or against them.

There is no reason why an amateur should not play in any company he pleases so long as he enjoys it, provided he plays only for that reason. The professional is one who engages in athletics for a livelihood. This, however, would not make a professional, but he would be a professional player. Experience has taught that, as a rule, men who are playing for a livelihood—that is, for money—place a small value on pleasure and are ready to make a game by quarreling, tricky or unfair dealing. It is only when the professional burts the pleasure of the game that he is objectionable. This is not the distinction perceived by our makers of rules, who have been so absorbed in the money, summer baseball and summer bowler question that they failed to notice how rapidly they were creating in the amateur world all the unpleasant characteristics of the professional, the most notable of which should not play in any company he pleases so long as he enjoys it, provided he plays only for that reason. The professional is one who engages in athletics for a livelihood. This, however, would not make a professional, but he would be a professional player. Experience has taught that, as a rule, men who are playing for a livelihood—that is, for money—place a small value on pleasure and are ready to make a game by quarreling, tricky or unfair dealing. It is only when the professional burts the pleasure of the game that he is objectionable. This is not the distinction perceived by our makers of rules, who have been so absorbed in the money, summer baseball and summer bowler question that they failed to notice how rapidly they were creating in the amateur world all the unpleasant characteristics of the professional, the most notable of which should not play in any company he pleases so long as he enjoys it, provided he plays only for that reason.

HEROISM IN ANIMALS.

It is Not More Uncommon Than Is Brute Maternal Affectio.

A writer on natural history complains that men are prone to regard the lion's courage in defense of others as a virtue purely human. In reality self sacrifice for the female sex or for the young is part of the scheme of nature, and every male thing is strong and splendid in appearance because he is the descendant of those who have proudly held and guarded "the privilege of death." Another writer tells a story which illustrates this point. Two entomologists, hunting at night, clambered over a gate with their swinging lanterns and found themselves in a field filled with sheep. The result of their coming was a panic and a furious stampede. The sheep charged better sketched away from the lanterns and huddled together at the far end of the field. But there was a ram among them, and as the flock hurried away this creature stood firm, covering the retreat. Then, steadily and majestically, the huge ram advanced with lowered head toward the mysterious lights and pressed them back to the gate. This is only one graphic story of many that might be told of masculine courage throughout nature. Man has some virtues which animals, so far as we can judge, know nothing about; but heroism—the pride of affording protection to the weak and daring death for the security of the flock—is not a human attribute alone, any more than is maternal affection.

The Value of the Worldly.

"Poverty is no disgrace," said the romantic young woman.

"No," answered Miss Cayenne, "and it is no great recommendation either."

—Washington Star.

He who gives up the smallest part of a secret has the rest no longer in his power.—Titcher.

QUEER SUPERSTITIONS.

Some Medicines, Cures and Omens of Former Generations.

A sure cure for the ague, according to an old time recipe, was to rub a live spider in butter and then eat it. The late Vincent Stuckey Lane, who died in England after spending much of his life in the collection of folk lore, gives many other instances of the medicines of former generations. To rub a dried mole to powder and to swallow as much of it as would lie on a shilling for nine days in succession was another cure for ague. A hare's foot carried on the person prevented colds, and applied to the ears were a specific against deafness, and epilepsy yielded to a gentle treatment of toothstools gathered just as they were forcing their way through the ground and swallowed in a claret at midnight. There were many ways of curing fits, but the simplest plan was to go into a church at midnight and walk three times round the communion table. A snake's skin worn round the temples was good for the headache, but if that failed the sufferer might try moss grown on a human skull, then powdered and taken as snuff.

Whooping cough could never be caught by a child who had hidden bear, but if no bear was handy the child might be soundly thrashed or drawn backward through a bramble bush. The subject of signs and omens fills a number of pages of Mr. Lane's five volumes. Under the heading "Good and Ill Luck in Marriage" he shows on how trifling a matter the marital happiness or unhappiness of our ancestors was. It was unlucky, for example, to read a letter on a Friday, to marry on the anniversary of birth, to tread on the tail of a cat, to put on one's stockings wrong side out or to try the wedding ring on before marriage.

On the wedding day the happy couple had to redouble their vigilance, as a horse looking at them through a gateway, a pig running across their path, a dog barking, a dog running between them or a dog running during the ceremony might wreck their happiness. For the bride to look in the glass after she was attired in her wedding finery was sure to bring disaster. It was called "Wager's" its presiding genius, or "perpetual president," was Beau Brummel, famous for his civility, his quarrel with the prince regent and his phenomenal good luck in the game of billiards.

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WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

How Marconi Received His First Transatlantic Message.

One cold December day in 1901 Guglielmo Marconi sat still in a room in the government building at Signal Hill, St. John's, N. F., with a telephone receiver at his ear and his eye on the clock that ticked loudly near by. Over his head flew his kite bearing his receiving wire. It was 12:30 o'clock on the American side of the ocean, and Marconi had ordered his operator in Farnborough, 2,000 watery miles away, to begin signaling the letter S—three dots of the Morse code, three flashes of the bluish sparks—at that corresponding hour. For six years he had been looking forward to and working for that moment, the first test of all his effort and the beginning of a new triumph. He sat waiting to hear three small sounds, the br-br-br of the Morse code S, humming on the diaphragm of his receiver, the signature of the ether waves that had traveled 2,000 miles to his listening ear. As the hands of the clock, whose ticking alone broke the stillness of the room, reached thirty minutes past 12 the receiver at the receiver began to hum, br-br-br, as distinctly as the sharp rap of a pencil on a table. The unmistakable note of the ether vibrations sounded in the telephone receiver. The telephone receiver was used instead of the usual telegraph on account of its superior sensitiveness.

Transatlantic wireless telegraphy was an accomplished fact.—From "Stories of Inventors," by Russell Doubleday.

TOM SHERIDAN.

The Handsome, Witty and Spotted

At the east corner of Bolton street (now 81 Piccadilly) there flourished when the nineteenth century was still young a club devoted to dandyism, dandies de luxe and high play, or to speak exactly, the ruin of mind, body and estate. It was called "Wager's." Its presiding genius, or "perpetual president," was Beau Brummel, famous for his civility, his quarrel with the prince regent and his phenomenal good luck in the game of billiards.

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