

# County Correspondence.

## LAMONT.

William Smith of Manchester was in town Friday.

G. F. Durham and I. E. Potter were to Strawberry Point Tuesday on business.

A. G. Williams, Fred Retz, Joe Ehler, Thos. Kella, and John Ehler went to Nebraska Tuesday to look for land.

Mr. and Mrs. Benish are guests of her brother, Mr. Richard Smith, at Forestville Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Field came down Sunday from Osceola in their touring car and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hoyt.

Miss Edith Anderson returned to her home in Manchester Saturday after a visit at the home of her aunt, Mrs. James Taylor.

Walter Shawless of Waterloo a friend of A. G. Tyrell, arrived here Monday with his bride on their way to points in Illinois on their wedding trip.

J. L. Seger of Almond, president of the Delaware County School Association, was in attendance at the Sunday School convention Sunday.

Mrs. Edith Stevenson and baby came Friday from Clear Lake, South Dakota, to visit relatives. It will be of interest to their friends here to know that Mr. Stevenson is in the lively business there and doing well.

Mrs. E. H. Hoyt, Mrs. John Houka and Miss Anna Victoria were passengers to Chicago Tuesday morning for a brief visit in the windy city.

Dr. Jeffries and family will leave Saturday for Hopkinton to visit his sisters and from there they go to Los Angeles, California, to spend the winter. They have made many friends here who will be interested in a safe journey and a pleasant time in the Golden State.

The High School baseball team "cubbed" the Aurora team Saturday on the latter's grounds in a hard fought game of ten innings by a score of 7 to 7. The Aurora boys were on the average larger than our boys but the battery work of the two Earls, Earl Widenburg in the box and Earl Arbogast behind the bat, kept them in deep study and won the game. The boys are deserving much credit.—Leader.

## HOPKINTON.

J. S. McConnell has been able to be out a little the past few days, but he is still on the sick list. Second wife of Will Porter and wife went to Cedar Falls Saturday to attend the closing days of the conference.

A. C. Marcham and wife of Greeley spent Sunday with F. A. Irish and wife.

R. Stephenson of Sand Spring was in town Friday. He is one of the old settlers of the township, and just now is being visited by his brother Thomas, from Page county, who he has not seen for 21 years.

S. A. Steadman and wife of Manchester are in town today, the former calling on old time friends and the latter visiting Mrs. Beela. They enjoyed the trip in their automobile.

Joseph Lux and wife, A. D. LeClerc and W. P. Lord attended to business matters at Manchester last Monday.

P. E. Keith returned from Dubuque last night, accompanied by Mrs. Keith. She is improving rapidly from her recent operation.

P. F. Wragg departed Tuesday evening for Muscatine to take part in a reunion of the Second Iowa Cavalry, of which he was a member during the civil war. He was accompanied by John Wood, now of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been visiting in this county and who was also a member of the second. Joe Thompson of Manchester also attended.

I. Schnittger from near Delhi reports the wolves numerous and doing much damage to sheep in his neighborhood. He has found the remains of several of his own flock. The Niemans, have lost about twenty sheep from the animals. The river country thereabouts is particularly favorable for the wolves, giving them ample hiding places and dens and makes it very difficult to hunt them. Mr. Schnittger says that at night the packs may be heard howling from various directions, indicating that there are several colonies.

During the thunder storm Tuesday morning the large barn of the farm of Antonio Hessing in North Fork was struck by lightning, resulting in the complete loss of barn, machine shed, corn crib, chicken house and cow shed. Mr. Hessing estimates that he had about 60 tons of hay in the barn in addition to grain and other items. A part of the grain was saved after the fire had burned out, but in a damaged condition. Part of the machinery was removed, but many items of that kind were burned. Neighbors congregated quickly to help in the work, and the house was saved from the fire, but it is said that but for a fortunate change of wind that would have gone too, despite all efforts. The buildings were insured for only \$800, and it is estimated that the loss complete will amount to more than \$3000. Mr. Hessing bought this farm about two years ago and the loss falls very severely upon him.—Leader.

## RYAN.

Pat Behan returned last week from the Anamosa sanitarium. He is doing nicely.

Tom Donahue hauled out a J. S. Kent manure spreader from Wendling's implement house today.

Miss Rosa Zirtman, of Delaware arrived here Tuesday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. R. Houkshaus and family.

H. M. Johnson of Hopkinton has disposed of his 200 acre farm in Hazel Green township to S. A. Milroy at \$85 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McKay and Miss Sarah McKay of Winthrop were guests Sunday at the Preston and McClellan homes.

Mrs. George Belknap who has been seriously ill at her home for some time was taken to Iowa City Tuesday for treatment.

John Mangold has moved into his new residence recently erected on his farm east of town. When John finishes his contemplated improvements he will have one of the finest places in the county.

A fine baby boy came Sunday to gladden the home of A. L. Lyness and wife. The proud father looks ten years younger and wears "that smile that won't come off."

C. C. Barry was called to Iowa City last Saturday upon receipt of a message announcing the critical illness of his brother-in-law, John Masterhan, at the hospital at that place. He returned Monday and reports his condition as showing marked improvement.

Owen McMahon and wife of Maseno were guests Sunday at the Heiberger home here.

On last Tuesday, Mrs. Tom Elder of the Hoyt farm, together with a delegation of fifteen other ladies of Manchester attended the twelfth district convention W. R. C. at Independence.

Galen Miller the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miller has been seriously ill during the past two weeks but is somewhat improved today. A professional nurse from Dubuque is caring for him.

Frank Foley who has been receiving treatment at the Anamosa sanitarium for several weeks was able to return home this morning. His many friends hope his recovery may be rapid.

I. W. Zwiesler and Elmer Houston went over to Elza Dunlap's pond last Thursday evening and succeeded in bagging twenty-one ducks, being gone from town but three and one-half hours. Not so bad.

Geo. Beatty filled a car with household goods, implements and live stock and left Monday in company with his nephew, George Arnold, for Frankfort, S. D., where he will engage in farming. His wife and son will go there later. The family has many warm friends here who regret their removal but wish them the best of success.

The funeral of Michael Duffy who died Sunday at his home west of town was held Tuesday from the Belmont Catholic church, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Leahy and he delivered an eloquent eulogy over the body of the deceased. Mr. Duffy was born in Ireland in 1831 and was 76 years of age at the time of his death. He was among the oldest settlers of Adams township and was always foremost in every public improvement. He was an honest and industrious man, a loyal neighbor and a sincere Christian. He leaves to mourn his death besides the aged widow, three sons and four daughters who have the sincere sympathy of a host of friends.—Reporter.

It is time to huck your pumpkins and stack your cabbages for Halloween will soon be here.

Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Keeler and baby, Alice, arrived home Thursday from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Sac Co.

Mrs. Charlotte McCarthy returned to her home at Oswego, New York, last week after spending some time here with her sister, Mrs. M. M. Hooper and other relatives at the Walker home.

Frank Brown and wife have a brand new baby girl at their home since the 16th inst. Congratulations are in order.

Miss Gusta Craig was an over Sunday visitor at Jefferson.

Rev. S. P. Cassidy is the newly appointed minister to this charge, and with his family will move here during the coming week from Maynard.

Rev. H. P. McBride has been assigned to the work at Preston in the Davenport district. It is a railroad town of about 600 inhabitants. Rev. McBride will preach his initial sermon there Sunday, returning here next week after his family and goods. He is a good preacher and a "hale fellow well met," and we sincerely hope for his success in this new field of labor. A farewell party was tendered him and his family at the parsonage Thursday evening by a handsome mixed crowd and berry dish as a slight token of appreciation for their services among us.

Miss Marie Grimes is at home from Epworth Seminary to spend Saturday and Sunday.

Prof. C. J. Peirce and Misses Fear and Lockridge attended the Northeastern Iowa Teachers Association at Cedar Rapids Friday and Saturday.

Miss Katie Moreland has been very sick during the past week. Is some better at present.

Ed Hodges, Wm. Adams and Sidney Walker attended the races at Farley Wednesday.

Mrs. Sidney Walker was a Dyersville visitor Wednesday.

Amos Culbertson and Ethel Clute were married at Manchester on Wednesday, October 16, and have commenced keeping house on the Tom Sheldon farm.

W. S. Enghurst left on Wednesday for Texas where he expects to purchase some more land for himself and some for his mother.

Geo. Culbertson, of Waterloo, is visiting relatives here this week.

The barn dance at U. S. Martins on Friday night was largely attended and everyone had a good time.

W. S. Marshall of Greeley is building a concrete barn well on the farm occupied by H. Holthaus.

Fred Timm was a Millville and

Gutenberg visitor from Friday until Sunday.

Mattie Fowler is on the sick list. Mrs. Birdie Davis and a lady friend visited at Mr. Longhursts on Friday.

Doc Coolidge assisted by Al Eaton is hauling saw-logs to the saw-mill.

The boys gave Ame Culbertson a good old-fashioned chiavari on Wednesday night and were treated handsomely.

Royal White was a Waterloo visitor a few days last week.

Mrs. J. Billhorn and Mrs. Heyer were in Manchester Thursday.

Mrs. McCutchen visited her friend Miss Mae Parsons on Thursday.

Mrs. Dick White and two children were Stanley visitors last week for a few days.

Fred Barr delivered potatoes in Manchester last week.

Mrs. Spencer Harding took the train for Lamont last Thursday.

H. Burgin and a gang of men left here Thursday afternoon for Maywood, Ill., where they expect to do some work.

Mrs. Belle Hendershot is the proud possessor of a lovely china closet which was delivered last Friday. It is "something swell" and any one would be proud to own one.

School closed Thursday noon as our teacher Miss Mattie Morgan left for Manchester. From there she expects to go to Cedar Rapids on Friday.

Chas. Daisy and wife were recent visitors at J. Coonrads.

Sidney Simon is adding a new porch to his residence on Prospect street.

Miss Parsons and wife of Colesburg visited from Tuesday until Thursday at Chas. Daisy's.

Will Chambers and Chas. Durham went to Colesburg last Thursday.

A large crowd attended the dance at Till Martin's last Friday night. The Aid Society will give a Mite social at C. Wendel's on Thursday evening.

The L. A. S. will meet with Mrs. Jenny Daisy on Thursday, Nov. 7. Everybody cordially invited to attend.

Mrs. B. Bowers visited at Oat Stone's last Thursday.

Mrs. Chas. Kimber arrived here from Oneida last Thursday for a visit with her father, Chas. White.

Miss Mabel True came home from Winnebago, Minn., Tuesday called by the illness of her mother.

Mrs. Frank Woolbridge is spending a week at Delhi the guest of her friend, Laura Curran.

I. E. Hosier and wife have bought a farm near Greeley and taken possession of same.

Thos. Fisher and wife are visiting relatives at Fredricksburg.

Miss Daisy Maxson of Scotch Grove is visiting her parents here. No school here Friday. Our teachers attended a meeting at Cedar Rapids.

Zelda Farmer spent Friday evening at Greeley the guest of her friend, Laura Curran.

The remains of Mrs. Ingersoll of Osceola were brought here for burial Friday. Mrs. Ingersoll was an old settler of this place living for a great many years on a farm near here.

Claude Firman spent Friday at Strawberry Point the guest of his cousin, Alvorn Stone.

Rev. Thing and family have moved to Golden near Ryan.

Geo. Glazier is looking after business in South Dakota.

Ethel Alger came home from Dubuque to stay over Sunday. She reports Mrs. Clute as some better.

George Glazier and George Hobbs departed Tuesday night on a trip to South Dakota.

Miss J. J. Hoag of Manchester spent yesterday with Mrs. Verda Hill-Robinson.

Mrs. H. A. Waldo enjoyed a visit from her mother and sister of Earlville last week.

S. T. Richards spent Tuesday evening in Manchester, attending to some legal matters in the district court.

Mrs. John Hamlet and Miss Hilda Beddoe went to Brandon, Iowa, Tuesday for a visit with their parents, Charles Beddoe and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Hoey have purchased a home in Greeley and moved there yesterday. We hope they may live many years to enjoy town life.

Mrs. Nellie Alcorn-Williams returned to her home at Davenport Tuesday night after a pleasant visit with her parents, Andy Alcorn and wife.

G. W. Gordon has sold his 120 acre farm located two miles and a half southeast of town to Henry Wiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wiley, for \$57,000 an acre. Possession given March first.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamlet east of Wood on Thursday, October 10th, the children, seven in number, all being present, laughter and singing made the home ring as it did years ago, and took Uncle Tom and aunt Ellen back to the time when seven little stockings hung in a row. One of the most striking features of the day was the bountiful dinner to which all did ample justice.—Journal.

Henry Logan lost a valuable horse the last of the week.

Park Jones of Manchester was in town Friday attending C. R. Mills, swine sale.

Ed Zumbach and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of boy baby at their home early Monday morning.

Miss Vida Blanch spent Friday night and Saturday at her home at Hazel Grove.

M. Duffy, an old and highly respected citizen of this locality died at his home northwest of town Sunday, about noon after a long and painful illness. The funeral services were held at the Belmont

church on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. The obituary will appear next week.—Monitor.

JOESVILLE.

Joe. Elke and sister Mary visited at Manchester a few hours last Saturday.

A Paeker of Dixon Settlement was a Dyersville business caller last Saturday.

Mr. Barnes of Manchester was a Dyersville business visitor last Tuesday.

Misses Mabel Rogers and Lillie Binning of Earlville visited with relatives and friends here last Saturday.

Mrs. Will Steger and Mrs. Paul Steger visited with friends at Manchester last Tuesday.

Mothers and Ledames Henry Flackstein and John Forckenbrock visited with Lou Schimmel and family last Sunday.

B. Paeker and wife of New Vienna were in this city Monday morning and left on the morning train for Dubuque where they spent the day with friends.

Mr. John Goedken of Bear Grove was here last Monday to meet his wife and daughter Emma, who returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends at Remsen and Granville.

Henry Wedewer, wife and daughter Nora of Dixon settlement were here Monday enroute to Dubuque where they spent the day on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Honkomp and children of near Cascade were here last Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Boge, the parents of Mrs. Honkomp. They also called on old friends in this city.

Last week Wednesday the Frank Kramer and Joseph Kramer families of Farley and the Ignatz Kramer family of Klotz farm, families of Dyersville and Annie, Regina, Florence and Mollie Kramer, visited at Henry Kramers near Earlville.

Fire, the result of a bolt of lightning completely wiped out all the buildings excepting the residence on the Anton Hessing farm, about four miles west of Worthington, at seven o'clock Tuesday morning which together with their contents entailed loss estimated at \$75,000. Insurance \$800.—Commercial.

The Black Hole of Calcutta. A scientist, writing of the black hole of Calcutta, says:

"On the 20th of June, 1757, about 8 o'clock in the evening, 146 men were forced at the point of the bayonet into a dungeon eighteen feet square. They had been but a few minutes confined in a roomier hall, where before every one felt into a perspiration so profuse that no idea can be formed of it. This brought on a raging thirst, the most difficult respiration and an agonizing heat, which was repeated with horror of their situation that every instant that could be devised against the guard without and all the opprobrious names the viceroys and his officers could be loaded with were repeated to provoke the guard to fire upon them and terminate their sufferings. Before 11 o'clock the same evening one-third of the men were dead, and before 6 o'clock morning only twenty-three came out alive, but of them in a high putrid fever. All these dreadful effects were occasioned by the want of atmospheric air and by their breathing a superabundant quantity of nitrogen emitted from their lungs."

Sailed Orders. The custom of having warships sail under sealed orders arose from the desire of nations to prevent the plans from becoming known to the enemy. In the American navy such orders come from the president and are delivered to a commander of a ship or squadron by a confidential messenger in God's name before their contents. Sometimes they are in cipher, but they are always sealed with the official seal of the navy department and the package cannot be opened until the time marked on it, which is usually several hours after the hour of leaving port. By this precaution the newspapers are prevented from disclosing prematurely the movements which may be of the greatest importance, and the spies of the enemy are rendered useless so far as their ability to discover the secret of such movements is concerned. Sailing under sealed orders is now the common naval practice in time of war. These instructions are forward in the packet of sealed orders, which is opened when well out at sea.

A Runaway River. The problem and the peril of the Colorado river are not difficult to understand. A great river running slowly on a ridge of its own creating, running in a broad and tortuous channel, choked with islands of mud and bars of sediment, running with a fall of only one foot to the mile, while the level below sea level and inviting the sluggish river to a swifter flow; and the sunken area and the uncertain course of the river a great garden of weeds and water weeds, being only to be waded and kept, then canal tapping the river, a flood gathering at the far away sources, a breach in the unprotected bank and the whole volume of the river, forsaking his ancient and outgrown bed and rushing into that pit in the desert, sweeping in its course through miles of fertile farms and cutting canyons where canals had been—this is an outline of the situation and a hint of the peril.—A. J. Wells in Sunset Magazine.

The Dean's Raiment. Dean Stanley was once driving with a friend from Monrovia to Palermo. Both men were reading. Stanley suddenly discovered that he was shivering with a cold. He mentioned the matter to his friend.

"Well, hadn't you better put something on?" said the latter, pointing to the dean's bag, which was close at hand.

Very Nicely Done. Gallant Man (aside)—At last I have her all to myself. Now I can tell her how I love her and ask her to be mine. How shall I do it? I wonder? It is surely coming. I am so nervous and frightened. I know he is going to be terribly dramatic. I do hope I shan't have to help him up off his knees. Goodness, why doesn't he say something? I must break this horrible silence. (Aloud, recklessly) Have you ever been abroad?

Gallant Man (smilingly)—No. I'm saving it for a wedding tour.

Gentle Maid (demurely)—Why, how funny you are!

Gallant Man (meaningly)—Then why shouldn't we take it together?

Gentle Maid (innocently)—Possibly your wife and my husband might object to going in for your sisters?

Gallant Man (triumphantly)—The crowd wouldn't be objectionably large if your husband and my wife were husband and wife.

(Further conversation was disjointed and indistinct).—Pearson's Weekly.

Where Animals Beat Men. "Nature-faking aside," said the zoo keeper, "nice won't eat oleo. It is a fact. Lay a pat of oleo and a pat of butter side by side and in the morning the butter will be gone, but the oleo will remain untouched."

"Oh, yes, some animals are incredibly nice about their food. The other, when living wild, will only eat one piece, one mountain partridge, for example. He will land a beautiful trout, but only one bite of it from the back, just behind the neck, is good enough for him. The rest he tosses aside. This epicure often kills a dozen fish to get a single one."

"Chimpanzees have very delicate tastes. A banana or a pineapple that you seem delicious to a chimpanzee may be revolting. His taste is keener. Grapes grown in hot-houses and any other vegetable which has an insecticide taste all right to a man, but a chimpanzee will have none of them. The chimpanzee loves eggs. He can tell a fresh from a stale one simply by tapping the shell."—Los Angeles Times.

"Copy Reading" Howells. The London Athenaeum says of the following Howells paragraph that it is the best sentence he has ever written in English book. Describing a certain ancient edifice, Mr. Howells writes and the Athenaeum quotes:

"What, in the heart of all this blossoming, was the great cathedral itself? It was the great cathedral itself, a vast efflorescence of the age of faith, mystically beautiful in form and as some pale exhalation from the moul of the ever cloistered, the deeply forested past."

Very fine, all must admit. But wouldn't that paragraph have been neat and drink to the man who used to mark up Mr. Howells' newspaper copy back at Bucyrus, O. If Howells had written that for the Bucyrus Blade he would have found it in the paper next day about like this:

"The cathedral, with flowers all around it, looks fine. It is 400 years old and needs paint."—Galveston News.

Thought Nuis Enough. The following amusing birth notice appeared in the Dresden "Zeitung":

"Our seven hearty boys there came to the world in Dresden, not far from the little daughter, but in compensation, a pair of fine boys. We judge by this elementary event that these strenuous times demand more than the usual amount of rest, and console ourselves with the thoughts of our fatherland, to which we call: 'Hurrah! Hurrah! Now there are nine. Firm stand and true the watch on the Rhine!'"

"To all dear friends and acquaintances and to whom else the joyous tidings may be of interest we give this notice—the last of its kind—Eduard Root and wife."

A Bargain. Mr. Mason rubbed the edges of the umbrella with discriminating fingers while his wife listened to the saleswoman's enumeration of its good points.

"This is \$10, isn't it?" he asked.

"Oh, no," replied the saleswoman reproachfully. "It is \$25.00."

"She seems to regard the 11 cents as particularly invidious. I wonder why?" he asked.

"Not at all," said Mrs. Mason, with mild heat; "nothing invidious about it. Only very naturally it touched the girl not to have you perceive that you are getting a bargain."—Youth's Companion.

Cautious. A five-year-old girl was very ill, and, noting the anxiety of her parent, she said, "Mamma, do you think I'm going to die?"

"No, my dear," replied the mother, "we think you will soon be better."

"Ever said the little one, 'I'd like to die and go to heaven on a visit if I was sure I could come back if I didn't like the place.'"—Chicago News.

Looked That Way. "I don't think she'll ever marry him," said Mrs. Henpeck. "She quarrels with him so and is so domineering that."

"She is?" interrupted Henpeck. "I'll let you be secretly married already."—Philadelphia Press.

All Alone In That Class. Mr. Hunker—I have merely a speaking acquaintance with Miss Throckmorton. Mr. Spats—You are three lucky. A her other acquaintances are all meeting acquaintances.—Stray Stories.

He who changes the sports is secretly changing the manners of the young.—Pinto.

The Richest. That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings; that man is the richest who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal and by means of his property, over the lives of others.—John Ruskin.

An Agricultural Surprise. "Eager visitors to the great are generally prepared for any phenomenal showing in the line of agriculture, stock raising and the like," says a Colorado man, "but once in awhile they are taken by surprise. A New Hampshire man who was spending his vacation on a ranch of a relative in Colorado went out one morning to inspect a large incubator in which the young chicks were hatching. In one corner of the incubator a neglected peasee seed encouraged by the warmth of the atmosphere had burst, and a tiny sprout several inches long was growing out of it."

"Suffering Caesar!" exclaimed the New Hampshire man as he caught his eye. "You hatch out your peaches in this country?"—Kansas City Independent.

He Saw the Game. The office boy had buried countless grandmothers, brothers, sisters, aunts and cousins, but he felt an enthusiasm for the baseball game that day which would not be denied.

Suddenly an idea struck him. Approaching the easy boss with an air of familiarity which had been nurtured by long usage he asked:

"May I leave at noon today, sir?"

"And why, my boy?"

"There is a fancy fair at our church and mother wants me to go this afternoon. She was so anxious that she bought me a ticket which cost a dollar, as she was sure you would allow me the five cents off, I have to go to the refreshment stall, and it seems a pity to waste it."

"But surely you are above such things as that which take you away from your work. Why not give the ticket to your sister?"

"Well, you see, sir, that wouldn't be fair, for I'm the only one of our family who can be depended upon to eat a dollar's worth, and—"

His supreme nerve won the day.—Smith's Magazine.

An English Amenity. A striking difference between our manners and those of our English cousins was shown one day at a garden party. The hostess, an American, was speaking to one of her guests, an Englishman of rank.

"Dear Lady B.," she said, "here are some sandwiches which I made with my own hands, particularly for you. They are very good, but you use our American sandwiches and how good they are. Here are different sorts, lettuce and cucumbers, if you care for 'grass,' or if you like a savory filling, try the cream cheese one with raisins and nuts chopped together—which will you try first?"

She held a plate in each hand, a plate filled with dainty looking sandwiches, and they were extended invitingly toward her guest, who looked at them critically, then said in the clear, high pitched voice of the well bred Englishman:

"Oh, thank you, so kind of you, but do you know I never touch the nasty things?"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Chance For a Home Run. A clever teacher who has the power of calling out originality in her pupils says that she would have no use for text books if she took time to answer all the startling questions asked in the classroom. One day the attraction of gravitation was under discussion when one of the boys said that he didn't see any need of it, anyway.

"It seems to me," said he, "there's no particular use in having the earth attract things. Now, when the apple fell and made Newton think out the reason for it, that apple might just as well have fallen where it was until somebody gathered it."

"You play ball, don't you?" asked the teacher. "Well, suppose you knock the ball very high, what happens?"

"But if there were no attraction toward the earth it wouldn't fall. Don't you think that might prove inconvenient?"

"My," cried the boy, "what a bully chance for a home run!"—Chicago News.

Her Supposition. In the Beecher family the name of Mrs. Stowe was often quoted to the rising generation as one having authority. She was also quoted as nauseam, it would seem, from a story told by the Woman's Journal. On one occasion a grandniece of Mrs. Stowe became very angry at a playmate and stamping her foot, said, "I hate you, and I don't want anything more to do with you, nor your manuscript, nor your malversation, nor your sterner proved her, asking her if she knew what she was saying.

Little Miss Beecher promptly replied, "Yes; the Ten Commandments."

"Well, do you know who wrote them?"

The child, looking disgusted, answered: "Goodness, yes. Aunt Harriet did, I s'pose."

The Word "Poultry." Poultry, according to the definition given in one standard encyclopedia, includes "the whole of the domesticated birds reclaimed by man for the sake of their flesh and their eggs."

The word comes from the Latin "