

County Correspondence.

EDGEWOOD.

Mrs. Ave Robinson returned to her home in Dubuque, Sunday, after an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Wilcox of this place.

James Garlow who has purchased the dry line of F. A. Robinson moved into the house recently vacated by H. A. Stone. Mr. Stone having returned to his farm five miles north of Edgewood.

Chas. Todd and E. A. Peet were business callers at Elkader Tuesday. Alvron Stone of Strawberry Point visited friends and relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Thing and daughter, Mary left Wednesday night for their new home at Golden. She was accompanied by Mrs. Sims who will stay with her a few days.

C. F. Hesser, S. T. Richards, D. S. Glesner and L. B. Blanchard attended court at Elkader this week. Joe Frank visited his brother Ed at Dubuque Thursday.

Mr. George White is working at Hotel Richards this week. Frank Robinson bought quite a number of car loads of potatoes this week.

Presiding Elder Fleming was in town Monday. James Garlow took possession of his dry line Thursday.

George Culbertson accompanied by Dr. E. B. Hanson left Tuesday morning for Rochester, Minn. where he has gone for medical treatment.

Mrs. Wm. Kramer visited relatives at Strawberry Point Wednesday. Spahn and Rose Lumber Co. who have a yard here bought out Kirk and Hatch's Lumber yard this week.

Mr. Fred Peck took possession of the Dr. Wagon store that he bought of F. W. Hayden this week. Mrs. John Sherman and daughter arrived here Tuesday morning from Corsica, S. Dak. for a visit with their mother and brother, Mrs. Mulvaney and James Freeman.

Miss Grace Platt returned from Oelwein Saturday. Miss Platt is attending Business College at that place. Miss Ethel Alger reports her cousin Mrs. Fred Chute as much better.

Chas. Hawkins and wife returned to their home in Farley Monday. Misses Angie Bixby and Mildred Combs spent Sunday at Arlington the guest of Miss Mary Gleim.

A number from town attended the Shadow Social at No. 1 school Friday evening. Leona Garretson is teacher. They took in something like \$10 which they will use to purchase a bell.

J. W. Forward and daughter, Jennie were Thursday visitors at Elkader. Geo. Swanton and wife of Seattle Wash. returned home Wednesday after an extended visit with relatives here.

H. M. Barr attended a sale of Shorthorn cattle at Anamosa last Thursday. Mrs. John Norris of Strawberry Point came Monday night for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phila Wandes.

James Fleming of Manchester was a guest of relatives here and northeast of Wood from last Friday until Monday night.

Mrs. Floyd Copeland and son Laurence of Manchester visited her sister, Mrs. E. E. Smith, the forepart of this week. Joseph Schacherer, Jr., was a Sunday evening caller at the Richard Just home.

Mrs. Henry Farmer, Mrs. O. F. Heune and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Rulon and son visited relatives in the Point last Friday.

A. E. Minkler of Central City has been the guest of his brother, A. L. Minkler for two weeks past. Miss Zella Farmer spent Friday night with her friends Misses Lula and Laura Curran at Greeley.

The condition of Mrs. C. H. True who is critically ill at her home, remains practically unchanged. In common with her many friends, we hope that a marked improvement may soon be reported.

We understand that A. C. Bissell has sold over \$300 worth of apples this fall and some other farmers in that locality have also disposed of a quantity of apples from their own orchard.

George Culbertson, accompanied by Dr. E. B. Hanson, left here Tuesday morning for Rochester, Minnesota, where he will take medical treatment in a hospital. We are hopeful that he may be greatly benefited by going and regain perfect health.

Benjamin Wilkmeier and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Polkmark of Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. A. Funk of this place were called to Dubuque Tuesday morning by the serious illness of the former's wife, who is in Dubuque for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McCoy and children of Hubbard, Iowa, were guests of their aunt, Mrs. Lou Hubbard and family last Friday and Saturday.

A. Funk, daughter Anna and son Leonard visited Sunday and Monday with relatives at Ryan. Mrs. Funk who has been down there for some time accompanied him home.

Joe Rhines and wife were in Edgewood a short time last Thursday and made a call on the Journal folks. He informed us that he had sold his 140 acre farm located south-east of Elkport to J. F. Noack for \$45 an acre and will give possession March first. He was then on his way home from Manchester where he purchased a sixty acre farm near the new wooden mills for \$80 an acre. Mr. and Mrs. Rhines have lived there they do now for nine years past and have many friends who do not like to have them move. They will rent their new farm from the first year and live in Manchester during that time.

Last spring H. Joys gave a fine

looking potato to R. J. Bixby and asked him to plant it. Mr. Bixby cut the potato one eye on each piece, and on Wednesday harvested the result. By actual weight the amount was eighty pounds or 1 1/2 bushels. The potato is fine in appearance, variety not known.—Journal.

THORPE.

Art Hooker and wife took dinner last Sunday with Mrs. Hooker's father, Conrad Wendel. Mrs. Will White took the train last Monday for Manchester.

Mrs. D. Sark and daughter Lula spent Sunday with Mr. Kane's folks near Littleport. John Robertson and wife returned from Dakota last Tuesday where they spent the summer.

A lady from the Oelwein Business College was through our neighborhood this week looking up students. Charlie Daisy and wife took dinner with Mr. Tripp's folks Sunday. Mrs. John Croyle visited with her daughter one day this week.

John Minch and wife were in Manchester Friday. George Thorpe put up a new cement tank on his farm. Ada Croyle stayed with her sister Thursday night.

The Mite social which was held at C. Wendall's last Thursday was well attended. Proceeds \$5.95. Miss Mabel Davis and brother John called on Kitty Sark Thursday evening.

Vera Faber of Lamont is spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Mrs. George Norris of Thorpe. Mr. Helgerman and children spent Sunday with George Keith's.

Grandma Robertson drove to Manchester Friday afternoon. Mrs. Jim Smith called on Mrs. Ralph Works last Friday. Mattie Morgan of the Thorpe schoolmarm took the train for Manchester Saturday morning.

Mr. Jefferys and wife and son Howard are visiting with Mrs. Jefferys' brother near Elkport this week. Mattie Morgan spent Thursday night with Miss Ade Croyle.

Mrs. Dave Barr went to Manchester on business last Friday. Walter Sedgwick made a flying trip through here one night last week with his auto.

John Minch called on D. Sark last Saturday. Nick Burbridge of Onseida was through here one day last week.

DIERSVILLE.

Mrs. Jos. Kramer of Petersburg was the guest of relatives here last week one day. There was considerable excitement in the east part of town Monday, when a dog having an attack of rabies was discovered running about the streets. A gun was secured by several young men who killed the canine.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Huteyle of Masonville returned to their home Monday after terminating a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sternhagen and other relatives and friends. They will move to California next month.

The Singleton tract of land near the Schuetzen park consisting of ten acres which was put up at auction Thursday was bought by James Harris at \$100.00 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Cy Kinney of Northfork township who have just completed an addition to their house held a social gathering last Friday night, a large number of neighbors and friends attended and all report a good time.

Charles Armstrong sold his farm near Forestville last week and has rented the Kash house in the north part of town and will move his family to Lamont to make his home here at present. We hope they will conclude to make it a permanent residence.

Mrs. J. D. Thomson returned Friday from Rochester, Minn. The many friends of Mrs. M. J. Conner of Alta, Ia., will be glad to learn that she passed through a successful operation for a stomach trouble which was entirely new to the specialists there. Her family had little hopes for her before the operation but Mrs. Thompson left her in good spirits and the physicians are hopeful of her complete recovery.

A burial without ceremony occurred on Main street this morning. The water mains were being tapped for the tank and as Albert Allison was at work with the tapping machine from both sides and covered him completely under three feet of earth. There was some fast digging that would put the dredge on the Panama canal in the shade until he was rescued. He came out all right after his short internment but does not care to try it again.—Leader.

DELHI.

J. M. Kingsley was down from Delaware Wednesday. He bought a horse of Mr. R. Ede. John Sutton went to Iowa City last week Tuesday where he was operated on for appendicitis. His aunt Miss Julia Marke accompanied him.

Frank Furman of Council Bluffs visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Furman last week. Joseph Bennett is seriously ill.

J. A. Cromwell moved his family up from Cedar Rapids Thursday. They occupy A. P. Harris' residence. Miss Burcell of Epworth is visiting her sister Mrs. E. J. Wintenburg.

George Pulver visited his brother Charles at Ames last week. School will reopen next Monday morning. All cases of diphtheria are improving and no new ones reported.

COLESBURG.

A. C. Wessel and wife have recently become the proud parents of a daughter. Accept our congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. James Rogers of Earlville made an automobile trip to our burg Wednesday. Mr. Rogers travels for creamery supplies, and was here to interview our creamery men.

A number of the young people were entertained at the Schwantes home Monday evening and report a very pleasant time. W. S. Adams has gone to Bart, Iowa, for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. John Moser, and family.

There will be regular services at the M. E. church next Sabbath. Mr. and Mrs. James Ball of Delaware accompanied by their daughter Mrs. Minnie Bradley of Rock Rapids, Iowa and Mrs. Josie Davis of Carlisle, Ind., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White last week. Silver Spring Creamery Co. will pay 31 cents per pound for butter fat for September milk. Mrs. Frankfort has returned to her home in Faribault, Minn. after a pleasant visit with her son Julius and family. W. H. Baker was a Hopkinton

visitor Friday. R. Bohren and J. M. Hofacre of Monticello had business in town Saturday. Charlie Stone and family spent Sunday with Delaware friends. Sam Veasey of Marshalltown is visiting at Will Maulson's.

(Too Late For Last Week.)

A. P. Harris and Miss Ella Harris were recent visitors at Almar. Mrs. Swan Moline and children have returned to Delhi from Fredrick S. D. Mr. Moline has gone for a visit to his old home in Sweden and will join his family at this place on his return.

The families of Perry Haight, Geo. Moulson and Wilson Pulver are quarantined for diphtheria. The disease is in a mild form however and no serious case is reported in these families.

J. A. Cromwell of Cedar Rapids has bought E. J. Hopkins barber shop. He has rented A. P. Harris' house and will soon move his family here from the Rapids.

Mrs. A. Billings and son Parke were Strawberry Point visitors last week. Chas. Furman spent the past week in Illinois.

Prof. W. H. Hammond is spending a few days in Cedar Rapids. Melvin, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wolfe died Tuesday morning, October 15th, of diphtheria. The remains were taken to Worthington for burial.

Henry Florence and E. J. Hopkins were in Farley last Wednesday. W. B. Johnson and A. H. Bentz went to Oelwein Wednesday.

O. A. Holdridge and J. H. White Jr. were in Manchester Thursday. Albert Hering went to Waterloo Wednesday to consult a doctor. He has been in poor health for some time.

Tom Simons Jr. went to a hospital in Anamosa Thursday to submit to an operation for appendicitis. He is doing nicely at present. David Darling was down from Manchester Thursday.

Chet Wilson has gone to Early, Iowa to visit relatives. Mrs. G. W. Penn of Greeley has come to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. George Furman.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Porter visited relatives in Strawberry Point last week. T. H. Lynch was a recent visitor at Anamosa.

Mrs. L. N. Green of Fayette is visiting her friends at this place. L. M. Barnes and wife, F. M. Byrly and wife, Mrs. Will Blake and Mrs. E. H. Hopkins spent the past week in Chicago.

James Wilson and family have returned from Dakota to their home. Miss Blanche Grommon of Manchester was an over Sunday visitor with Mrs. R. E. Grommon.

RYAN.

John Houlihan has just finished the erection of a fine new residence on his farm west of town. John Dunlap had the end of one of his thumbs taken off one day last week while working around a corn shredder.

W. J. Magirl and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy baby at their home last Sunday. James Wilson is receiving treatment at the Anamosa sanitarium this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wilken and Gerhard Harms and wife, of Langworthy, were over Sunday guests at the home of Carl Prabel and wife. Van Curtis, of Silver City, Idaho, is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Curtis. Mr. Curtis owns extensive mining interests in that state.

This community was shocked yesterday when it was learned that Anna Patrick Kinley had died at the Anamosa sanitarium after an operation for the removal of an abscess. The operation was performed with a view to prolonging his life, but God willed otherwise. The deceased was one of the finest men in the county and was universally loved and respected. At the hour of going to press the date of the funeral had not been set, but perhaps will be held Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dirksen gathered at their home in Prairie township last Monday to assist her in celebrating her 50th birthday. The day was spent in games and feasting and a most enjoyable time was had. Rev. Melchert, on behalf of the assembled company presented Mrs. Dirksen with six handsome chairs.

R. M. Merriam sold his 316 1/2 acre farm in Hazel Green township last week to Chas. Warner, of North Fork township. The consideration being \$85 per acre, making a total of \$28,000, possession to be given March 1st, 1908. This is one of the best improved farms in the county, and the transfer is one of the biggest that has occurred in the county in some time.—Reporter.

MASONVILLE.

Mr. Wm. Carmody who has been holding the position as day operator at Waverly returned home Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Moran and son John were Manchester callers Monday.

Miss Mona Lane visited relatives here Sunday. F. S. Griffin was a Manchester caller Monday.

May Mrs. P. McGrath and daughter were in Delhi in town Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. D. Havel left Thursday for Los Angeles California where they intend to make their future home.

Mrs. F. S. Griffin returned home Wednesday from Missouri where she has been attending the Ladies Aid conference. Mrs. Myrtle Flynn was a Manchester caller Wednesday.

Mr. Art McGovern left Wednesday for Grundy Center where he intends to work in a rug store. Art has held the position as clerk in the past. Mrs. Ed Towler was a Manchester caller Monday.

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Miss Lottie Fitzpatrick was an Independence caller Thursday. Archbishop Keane arrived here

Thursday and gave confirmation to a class of forty-three Friday. The ceremony was witnessed by a large crowd. The Misses Pendergast and Ryan were Independence callers Friday.

Quite a number from here attended the show in Manchester Friday evening and all report a fine time. Ray Brown was a caller in town Friday.

HOPKINTON.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dunlap last Monday morning. H. C. Jackson was attending to legal matters in Manchester last Monday.

Mrs. Merriam and Miss Mabel Wade will depart tonight for Los Angeles, where they will spend the winter. S. P. Carter went to Dubuque last week and returned with Mrs. Carter and the children, who have been spending a month at the old home.

Mr. C. Merriam departed yesterday morning for a visit with Dr. C. E. Merriam and family in Chicago. She may make a visit to her sister in Dakota before returning home.

A dealer in real estate tells his story: A middle aged widow came to his office to try to make arrangements for the purchase of a house and lot. "We can make a small payment down," she said, "and would sign a mortgage running for a period of five years to secure the payment of the rest of the money. My daughters have good positions as bookkeepers in a large mercantile establishment and can save enough out of their salaries to meet the payments as they become due."

"The real estate man hesitated. "I should want to be sure of you in paying for the property in the stipulated time," he said. "I should feel like a criminal if I had to foreclose the mortgage at any time, and yet business is business. I shall have to see your daughters."

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EAD'S GROVE.

Amo Hetherington and family of Manchester were Sunday visitors at Tom Parkinsons. The Fisher has rented the Frenress farm.

Walter Longhurst returned from Texas on Wednesday. Mrs. Hosier gave a quilting bee on Thursday. Two quilts were completed.

F. J. Sheldon and wife were Sunday visitors at J. F. Fowlers. Mrs. Jno. Lawson of Greeley visited with Mrs. Retherford on Tuesday. Bert Fowler visited home folks Sunday.

Mr. Wm. Kirk and wife left on Tuesday for Manchester where they will visit relatives for a week and will return to their home in Lyons, Kan. on Oct. 30th.

The basket soiree at the Fitch schoolhouse, Friday night, was largely attended the proceeds being \$12.00.

COGGO.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. File of Golden, were in town Tuesday. Mrs. Geo. Wilson arrived from Colfax, last Thursday evening for a few days visit with her parents.

Mrs. File suffered a light stroke of apoplexy Tuesday, but is better at this writing. Mrs. A. P. Hillard and the Misses Mable Drexler and Flossie and Blanch McEnany were Cedar Rapids visitors Saturday.

About fifteen or twenty friends went to the home of Jas. Kortright last Thursday and assisted Mrs. Jas. Kortright in celebrating her 90th birthday. A bountiful dinner was served.—Monitor.

A Simple Recipe.

Everybody in Cedarly owned that Mrs. Hanson was the queen of cooks, her cooking was so good that when it came to explaining the processes by which she arrived at her excellent results she left a good deal to be desired.

"Your scalded oysters are the best we ever have at our church suppers anywhere, and you know it," said a neighbor, endeavoring to win special favor from this culinary goddess. "Most folks get 'em either too wet or too dry. I tell you I don't know how you manage it so yours are always just right. I don't suppose you could tell exactly yourself."

"Why, yes, I could," and Mrs. Hanson smiled indulgently at the eager, hopeful face of her neighbor. "All I do is butter the dish, put in a layer of oysters, salted and peppered, then a layer of buttered crumbs, then a layer of milk and back to oysters again. Easy as pie, 'is?'"

"A layer of milk?" faltered the neighbor. "That's what makes 'em about right—layer of oysters, layer of crumbs and layer of milk. Leastways that's what I do, and you say you like 'em."—Youth's Companion.

A Welsh Sermon.

The Welsh are noted for their fondness for sermons and music. The annual eisteddfod, the national bardic congress, is attended by thousands who on the great day of festival "chall" the fortunate bard, the winner of the prize.

A similar enthusiasm greets the Welsh preacher who is eloquent in speech and practical in exhorting the Scriptures. The following story of a Welsh preacher, told in the "Journals of Walter White," illustrates the graphic, simple exposition which commanded the attention of the congregation.

"Noe worked at the ark, driving nails, plump, plump, plump. The haythen came and said: 'Noe, there's good hunting in the woods here, hares and foxes. Leave your work and come and hunt.' But Noe kept on hammering, plump, plump, plump.

"The haythen came again: 'Noe, there's good beer at the Red Lion. Leave your work and come and drink.' But Noe kept on hammering, plump, plump, plump. And then the rain came, and the flood lifted up the ark and carried Noe away and left the haythen all screaming and squabbling in the water."

Laughed Away the Danger. An old traveler tells of an experience of his in midocean. The day was foggy, and most of the passengers were below listening to two evangelists who were holding a particularly fervid gospel meeting in the saloon. Suddenly and without the slightest warning there was a terrific crash and the engines stopped. Every one rushed on deck. The steamer had run into an iceberg.

Nobody knew what damage had been done, and everybody was ready to fly into a panic. The boats were lowered, and then for the first time the two evangelists, who had been forgotten in the saloon, appeared on deck. They wore their overcoats and their hats, and they carried rugs and handbags. They showed their way radeely to the rail with the evident intent of securing for themselves first places in the boat. It was just at a time when a breath would have sent the passengers panic stricken into the boats.

"The sight of the two evangelists was about to undo the work of cool headed officers when a pert little cockney stepped up to the gentlemen with the rugs and handbags. "Beg pardon," said he, tipping his cap. "I'd like to give you some advice. And in the general laugh the danger of panic was averted."

Could Not Risk It.

A dealer in real estate tells his story: A middle aged widow came to his office to try to make arrangements for the purchase of a house and lot. "We can make a small payment down," she said, "and would sign a mortgage running for a period of five years to secure the payment of the rest of the money. My daughters have good positions as bookkeepers in a large mercantile establishment and can save enough out of their salaries to meet the payments as they become due."

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Indestructible Cat.

While expounding to his wife the alleged fact that men can control their tempers better than women can, Mr. Hinks fell over the cat and nearly broke his nose.

"That settles it!" he howled. "I've often threatened, but now I'll drown the brute!" His wife begged him to be merciful, but his mind was made up.

"Accordingly he placed the offending feline along with two large bricks, in an old flour sack and hastened upon his murderous errand. On reaching the canal he threw in the bag with such vigor that he overbalanced and fell into the muddy water. After struggling for half an hour and incidentally drinking half the water in the canal, he returned home wet and weary.

"Well, of all!" exclaimed Hinks. "I do drown the brute!" "I don't think so," said his wife as she let him in. "You didn't give me time to tell you that there was a hole in that bag!"—London Anvers.

Waves of Water.

Waves are deceptive things. To look at them one would gather the impression that the whole water traveled. This, however, is not so. The water stays in the same place, but the motion goes on. In great storms waves are sometimes forty feet high, and their crests travel fifty miles an hour. The base of a wave (the distance from valley to valley) is usually considered to be fifteen times the height of the wave. Therefore a wave twenty-five feet high would have a base extending 375 feet. The force of waves breaking on the shore is seventeen tons to the square inch.

He Picked Them.

An English commercial traveler visiting a large Glasgow warehouse made a bet with the manager that he could pick out all the married men among the employees. Accordingly he stationed himself at the door as they came back from dinner and mentioned all those whom he believed to be married, and in almost every case he was right.

"How do you do it?" asked the manager. "I don't know," replied the traveler, "quite simple. The married men all wipe their feet on the mat; the unmarried ones don't."—Glasgow Times.

Whisky and Typhoid.

It may be interesting for you to know that habitual whisky drinkers never recover when once attacked with typhoid fever or pneumonia. The whisky makes the system unfit to withstand the ravages of the disease, and death is always the result. Emphatic physicians all over the world have noted and stated this fact.—E. V. Condon in Nashville Tennessean.

How He Judged.

First Man—Writing must have been very expensive in the middle ages. They used feathers for pens. Second Man—Why should they be expensive? First Man—Well, I was only judging from my wife's hats.

Her Ready Wit.

Though he had long adored her in secret—worshiped, in fact, the ground she pressed beneath the soles of her dainty little shoes—he had never yet been able to screw up sufficient courage to put his fate to the test. Poor fellow! He was one of those shy, modest, self-deprecating sort of chaps that are growing rapidly scarcer or they would have tumbled months ago to the fact that he had only to go in and win. But he was a little slow, but it had pleased her hitherto to keep him dangling in attendance. At last, however, she made up her mind to land her fish as soon as a favorable chance presented itself.

And the opportunity came at the Smythings' little soiree, when the beautiful swain, entering the conservatory, discovered his innamorata looking her loveliest amid the palms and fountains.

"Are—are you alone?" he questioned timidly. "I am."

In a moment the fair and ready witted girl saw her chance and took it then and there. "A loon, hen—er—Mr. Fallow!" she said, with lowered eyelids. "A loon? Certainly not—I'm a girl."

And fifteen minutes later, when they were engaged in their retreat, Henry was asking himself how he could have been such a Juggins as to postpone his happiness so long.

Overloaded.

A United States senator had been inveighing at a dinner against long speeches. "But, senator," said a congressman, "you can't accuse me of ever having made too long a speech, can you?" The senator smiled.

"Perhaps not," he said, "and again—but did you ever hear about the temperance lecturer? No?" "Well, you must know that there was a temperance lecturer in Maine who visited Ellsworth and lectured. He hit out pretty hard from the shoulder at these so-called moderate drinkers, and at the end of his remarks an Ellsworth man took him aside and said in an aggrieved tone: "Look here, Jim, I am a moderate drinker, as all the town knows, and to many people it is going to seem as if a good part of your lecture was pointed straight at me. What did you want to do for, Jim? You never saw me with more on board than I can carry."

"What's that?" said the temperance lecturer. "You never saw me with a bigger load than I could carry, did you?" "The lecturer frowned. "Well, no," he said slowly, "but I have seen you when I thought you'd done better to go twice for it."

Wireless Money Lending.

One of the most interesting types on the American track is the professional money lender. Money lending is absolutely forbidden, and so the entire transaction must be conducted sub rosa, but if a person who is on good broke and has some article of jewelry of value with him it is easy for him to realize money on any day.

The lender is an irreproachable dressed person who sits on the grandstand with the rest of the crowd and is known in his true colors only to the habitués of the track. A man who wants some capital makes an unobtrusive sign to him and twirls a ring he may be wearing at the time. Shortly afterward both will proceed to a restaurant, where, for the benefit of on-lookers, they will greet each other as ordinary acquaintances. The exchange is then made over the drink they order; the loan broker has the ring and the bettor his capital. If the latter wishes in on the next race he will cash in the money and the agreed upon premium will be received by the ring-broker. "The People and the Ponies," by C. F. Peters, in Bohemian.

Spoiled the Encore.

The mobility and encory of Little Plover was recently gathered in the village schoolroom to enjoy some tableaux vivants by local performers, says Pearson's Weekly.

"The curtain had just fallen on a really creditable picture of the death of Nelson, when one of the boys, who was known to be a friend of the gentleman representing the greatest naval hero, rose and tried to make his way toward the stage.

"Keep your seats, please," said the stage manager. "The exchange is then made over the drink they order; the loan broker has the ring and the bettor his capital. If the latter wishes in on the next race he will cash in the money and the agreed upon premium will be received by the ring-broker. "The People and the Ponies," by C. F. Peters, in Bohemian.

He Settled It.

An amusing story is told at Stratford-on-Avon. In the smoking room of a hotel there is an Englishman and a Scotchman engaged in a heated argument. John Bull was declaring William Shakespeare to be the only poet of the world, and Donald McPherson was standing up for his Robert Burns.

Words ran high and blows seemed imminent when a self confident little commercial traveler determined to throw oil on the troubled waters. "Gentlemen," he said, stepping between the heated disputants, "let me settle this amicably. Who is this Shakespeare—Burns?"—London Telegraph.

Crowded Out.

"I am thirty-five years old," announced a woman of fifty-six at a tea last week. "And I am twenty-six," said the woman of forty-five, turning to a girl of seventeen who in Englishman and a Scotchman engaged in a heated argument. John Bull was declaring William Shakespeare to be the only poet of the world, and Donald McPherson was standing up for his Robert Burns.

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