County Correspondence.

EDGEWOOD.

The winter the past week has been an old bruiser. The thermometer registered as low as 28 degrees below and the pressure of heavy clothing has become a welcomed necessity. The storm of last Tuesday was the worst experienced for sometime and railroad traffic here was paralyzed and dormant until Thursday. The mail men on the various routes in spite of their most strenuous efforts were forced to abandon their efforts in making their customary routes. Business on Wednesday was practically at a stand still owing to the blockaded condition of the roads that prevented outsiders from coming in to do their trading. We hope the weather-man will deal with us more gently soon, as the city's coal bin supply is on the wan, and business firms from our sister town, Strawberry Point are helping us to "drain" them, owing to the exhausted straits into which their own have been thrown.

On Sunday of last week at the Henry Wiley sr. home, west of town a sort of family re-union was held. All told about thirty-five members were present to spend a pleasant time.

A crowd of young folks were entertained at the Geo. Funk home west of town on Sunday of last week. All present report a very enjoyable time.

Grace Pilkington returned home from Chicago recently.

Irva Hindel made a business trip to Greeley Saturday.

Leonard Avery, an efficient clerk at the R. C. Cocking store, is spending a vacation at his home in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have moved into their new home they recently purchased of Henry Hesner and wife.

Barr & Coolidge, an enterprising business firm here, were busy invoicing the past week.

The local talent play "Union Depot for a Day," given last Tuesday night was greeted by a thirty-dollar house. The crowd undoubtedly would have been larger had the inclemency of the weather been milder. The play will again be repeated on Jan. 11. Bill's orchestra will also be present both for the show and the dance which is to follow. The plaay was rendered in a most efficient manner and is surely a great incentive for a good advertiser this Tuesday night. Popular prices, 15 and 25 cents, reserved seats, 35 cts. Come one and all, and help it along.

Beryl Coolidge has again resumed her work of teaching at Communia, after having spent a pleasant vacation with home folks.

Bertha Putz resumed her school duties near Earlville last week, after a vacation of several weeks, owing to the prevalence of diptheria in that district.

Mrs. Verd Coolidge returned home from Des Moines Thursday morning, where she was called to the bedside of her aunt.

Mae Wiley has gone to Manchester to continue her work at that place after enjoying a week's vacation under the parental roof here.

Henry Hesner and wife are now nicely settled in what was formerly the Kirk home which they have recently purchased.

Claud Rulon of Wood was a pleasant caller in this burg on Sunday of last week.

DeForest Alcorn and wife have returned from their western trip after having enjoyed a pleasant visit with the former's sister and brother and their families, Mrs. A. E. Schacherer of Dawson, Minnesota, and Lew Alcorn of Graettinger, Iowa.

A number of the firends of Mrs. Jos. Sharp gave her a birthday surprise last Thursday. Quite a number of friends were present and remembered her in a way not soon to be forgotten. The crowd, no doubt, would have been larger had the roads been in better condition for track. Her guests after enjoying themselves rightly wished her many returns of the day before departing for their homes.

Jas. Cross, proprietor of the up-to-date pool room and lunch room, who has been seriously ill the past while is again able to resume his accustomed place, news his many friends are exceedingly glad to note.

Thilp & Wiley, the local stock buyers, were so unfortunate on last Tuesday as to have a car-load of hogs and one of veal calves brought to a standstill between here and Monticello, owing to the blockade of the road. They refused the railroad company's request for a waiver on the veal calves, and consequently the company was compelled to resume the responsibility of getting out of them what they could and relieving the local dealers of that task.

The consideration for the property purchased by Ferd Merkel, as announced in the last week's locals, was $1900. He will take possession on March 1, 1910.

Doc Coolidge and wife and George Barr and wife went to Greeley Friday night to participate in the Odd Fellow's doings held there that evening.

Spencer Saddler has returned to Chicago to resume his study of medicine, after his Christmas vacation.

Frank Alcorn a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Alcorn is home from Canada for an extended visit under the parental roof.

John Funk of Lemon, S. Dak. spent Friday night with his cousin, George, west of town.

Jas. Smith and wife, who have been occupying the Kirk home for some time past have moved to Arlington.

Supt. F. D. Joseph of Manchester was seen on our streets last week.

George Lillibridge visited under the parental roof for several days during the holiday season.

Claude Borrett spent several days with his sister, Mrs. G. W. Barr last week. From here he departed for Spencer where he has accepted a position in a bank. We wish him success.

Clifford Gray of Elkport arrived here on the train last Tuesday from Fredericksburg, where he had been visiting.

Mr. A. Funk is enjoying a visit from a cousin of Ohio, who arrived here from Germany several years ago.

Clifford Scovel went to Cedar Rapids one day last week.

Supt. T. R. Roberts of Clayton county, formerly principal of schools here, came over from Elkader Tuesday to attend the play. Being snowed in he remained Wednesday and had some dental work done before returning home.

Miss Laura Beyer and her mother were visitors at the J. B. Putz home one day last week.

Chas. Amling and wife were Elkport visitors Saturday.

At the home of the bride's parents on New Year's eve occurred the marriage of Miss Neola Hammond of this place to Mr. Wm. Squires of Arlington. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. B. Soule in the presence of immediate relatives only. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hammond and has grown to womanhood here where she is favorably known. The groom is a complete stranger to us, but we are told he is an energetic young farmer living near Arlington to which place he has taken his young bride. We extend congratulations.

H. A. Kane living on the Jack Stone farm five miles north of town will have an auction sale on Thursday, January 13. Frank Seger of Delaware has been secured as auctioneer, F. T. Pilkington as clerk. We understand Mr. Kane will move to Dakota in the spring.

H. Witt, living four and one-half miles north-east of town will also have an auction sale, dated for January 17. F. A. Doolittle of Delhi will be the auctioneer and R. J. Bixby, clerk.

Blanch Way was a Fayette visitor Friday.

Stephen Funk is the proud possessor of a new cutter.

Mrs. Dr. E. B. Hanson was a Strawberry Point passenger Friday.

A number of the friends and neighbors spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sharp. The self invited guests had a very enjoyable time.

BAILEY'S FORD.

Mrs. Mabel Talmadge who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kaster went to Delaware Friday, where she will visit a short time with her brother, Levi Kaster.

Thos. Grapes and Chas. Grommon had business in Manchester Thursday.

Clyde Thompson has rented his farm and will have a sale Tuesday, the 11th. We understand he will act as salesman for the Portable Pantry Co.

Mrs. Wm. Kaster was a Delaware caller Friday.

Harry Conner had business in Delhi Thursday.

Grandma Davis is quite poorly.

Glen Pettlon is improving. He is able to be out during pleasant weather.

The friends of Miss Maud Glew will be pleased to learn that she is slowly recovering from her recent attack of typhoid fever.

J. W. Hartman had business in Delhi Friday.

S. Shaw was in Delhi Friday.

As Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kaster expect sometime in the near future to leave their farm and reside in Delaware, their children planned a surprise for them, and on New Year's day all assembled at the old home. A most enjoyable day was spent. They presented their parents with a beautiful lamp as a New Year's gift Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cramer and family of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kaster and family of Delaware, Mrs. Mabel Talmage of Dubuque, and Mrs. Iola Trumblee and children of Lamont.

Mrs. Amos Smith was a Delhi caller Saturday.

HOPKINTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Beels were visitors in Manchester Monday.

Marshal Nell took the train he Monday for Fairbank.

Mrs. J. D. McAllister and children returned Monday from a two weeks visit at Onslow.

A little son of David Johnson has been quite ill with pneumonia the past week.

Howard Kirkwood returned to Fayette on Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Thing went to Golden Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Aldrich, who was buried there that day.

Miss Pearl Loop of Monticello was an over Sunday visitor in town.

Mrs. Henry LeClere came down Monday from Manchester to visit her son Harry and wife and baby.

Mr. Aitchison of Cascade was in town last Monday.

Fred Loop was here from Dyersville over Sunday.

Mrs. Clara Wiltsie and children who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Margaret Campbell, returned to Arlington Wednesday.

Rev. A. D. Stevens was in Anamosa for a couple of days.

W. F. Price has gone to Minnesota.

Mrs. Irish, who is district deputy of the Rebekah lodge went to Earlville Monday to install the officers of that lodge. She left for home expecting to get in here about 11:40 a. m. at which time the train was due, but running into a blizzard the train did not arrive until the next morning some time.

The House Keepers club met Friday with Mrs. J. J. Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Oehler were in Dyersville last week.

Harry Orcutt and Herbert Bush and Miss Pearl Orcutt visited last week at the Trevor home in Buchanan county.

Mr. R. E. Strane has purchased the residence of the Hucker sisters, which is a very desirable place, well built with modern conveniences and will make a comfortable home. The Hucker family will occupy their residence west of the college.

The W. C. T. U. held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. A. L. Martin.

A letter received from Mrs. Flude from Knights Ferry, California, says on Christmas day their church was decorated with roses and chrysanthemums, while we only had snow balls and icicles.

The Missionary society of the Presbyterian church met Wednesday with Mrs. J. S. McConnell, on account of the severe cold the attendance was not as large as usual.

Miss Jessie Ricketts returned to Aurora, Ill. last Wednesday.

The Presbyterian church during the past week has raised funds to pay off all indebtedness and starts a new year in a good condition. Communion services were held last Sabbath and there were several additions to the church.

Mrs. Lake was up from Anamosa a couple of days to see her parents, Mr and Mrs. Zollar, who have both been ill.

ONEIDA.

Mr. Clarence Pierce of Manchester was a business caller here Thursday.

Mrs. Ethel Dunham Bywater of Mt. Morris, Ill. spent Thursday at the F. H. and J. B. Dunham homes.

Ray Millen of Earlville spent Friday at the J. Breckon home.

Mr. A. L. Congar has returned home from Bermidji, Minn., where he has been station agent for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Chas. Ferris was shopping in Manchester Thursday.

Miss Margaret Firestine of Manchester spent Saturday and Sunday with her friend, Nellie Cox.

Miss Ethel Breckon returned to Sac City Friday after a two weeks vacationw ith home folks.

John Rector who attends school at Ames is home for a vacation.

Mr. S. T. Knox was called to Coggon Friday by the serious illness of his mother.

Miss Ida Boucher spent Sunday with Manchester relatives.

LENOX COLLEGE.

The winter term opened Monday, January 30, with teachers and students here, also some new ones.

Miss Elsie Porter of Reinbeck visited friends here the first of the week.

The students who were here two years ago were pleased to know that Dr. Bergen of Dubuque would again conduct the special meetings which are to be held February 7 to 14.

Miss Gena Minkler '09 of Delhi visited in town last week. She has a position in the Lansing school.

Miss Louise Jackson '09 left Thursday with her mother and brother for Pasadena, California.

DELHI.

Dolly Warner of Arlington is visiting at Dr. Warner's.

Mrs. Wilson Pulver visited her mother in Illinois last week.

Harlan Miller and Miss Nora Robinson were married at Manchester on Wednesday, January 5, 1910. They will live on the Long farm the coming year.

The Epworth League have an oyster supper on Friday evening, Jan. 14. Everybody cordially invited.

Howard Angell had business in West Union last week.

About 75 of the friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Stone helped them to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary last week Monday evening, Jan 3. The guests presented them a beautiful library table.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Simons leave here Tuesday for Hammond, La. to spend he remainder of the winter.

Mrs. E. G. McKeown of Edgerton, Minn. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Burton during tre holidays.

Mrs. F. B. Doolittle received a telegram Sunday containing the sad news of the death of her sister in Nebraska.

The members of Delhi Lodge, I. O. O. F. went to Manchester Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Haeberle, who joined Delhi Lodge, No. 46, in June 1868 and has been a member of said lodge for over 41 years.

Mrs. H. P. Bancroft visited her parents at Anamosa last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Minkler were Manchester visitors last week.

Merle Rimmer has gone to Maquoketa for a short time.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Delhi Savings bank was held at the bank on Monday afternoon, Jan. 3, 1910. The following directors were elected: Thos Simons, J. W. Swinburne, G. O. White, O. A. Holdridge, L. Schnittjer, E. R. Stone, F. E. Stimson, James Burton and D. F. Jones. At the meeting of the directors the following officers were elected: president, E. R. Stone; vice-president, J. W. Swinburne; cashier, F. E. Stimson; committee, Thos. Simons, J. W. Swinburne, G. O. White.

Friday afternoon, January 7, 1910, the officers of J. M. Holbrook, W. R. C., were installed by Mrs. Carrie Swinburne. The officers for the year are as follows: president, Jessie Doolittle; senior vice, Rebecca Wilson; junior vice, Theresa Byerly; secretary, Carrie Swinburne; treasurer, Harriet Furman; Chaplain, Anna Lusk; patriotic instructor, Lida Corbin; press correspondent, Carrie Swinburne; conductor, Jennie Jakelin; guard, Winnie White; assistant conductor, Alta Erisman; assistant guard Della Himmel; color bearer No. 1, Elizabeth Hopkins; color bearer No. 2, Myrtle Barnes; color bearer No. 3, Anna Stone; color bearer No. 4, Jennie Stimson; musician, Adeline Wintenberg.

QUEENSLAND'S WATER TREES

Wise Provision of Nature That Is One of the Curiosities of the Region.

One of the curiosities in natural history in the colony of Queensland is the provision by nature of a supply of water in the roots of certain trees. On these roots the aborigines formerly depended for their water for several months of the year.

There are several kinds of trees in Queensland from which water can be obtained, including three species of eucalyptus, and the kurrajong. The eucalypti consists of a gum, which is the largest of the back country trees, a box and mallee. The first named is the most preferred, as yielding the greatest quantity. This tree resembles the red gum in appearance, the leaves being a little narrower and of a silvery color. It grows chiefly on sandy or light loamy soil and throws out numerous lateral roots at a depth of about nine inches from the surface of the ground. The position of these roots was ascertained by the blacks by repeatedly jabbing the points of a spear or sharpened stick in the soft earth at a distance of about six or eight feet from the trunk of the tree. The soil was then removed with a wooden shovel for some 20 feet or more and the root cut off at either end. This was then cut up into lengths of about 18 inches, the bark knocked off and the lengths stood on end in some receptacle to contain water. In many cases the blacks used a bag made of the entire skin of the male wallaby. As soon as all these pieces were placed on end the operator, beginning with the first placed, put the end in his mouth, and by a vigorous puff expelled the remaining water. The size of the roots chosen was, with the bark on, about the thickness of a man's wrist. The larger ones being more woody and less porous, contain little or no water. The water is beautifully clear, cool, and free from any unpleasant taste or smell.

METHODS OF THE HOOKWORM

Parasite a Most Obnoxious Guest in the Interior of Human Body.

The hookworm's motto might well be, multum in parvo; compacted within its tiny body, less than an inch long and looking like a bit of soiled coarse thread, are well-developed organs—mouth, esophagus, intestinal canal, various glands, etc., to which the female adds capacity for several thousand eggs.

The mouth is cup shaped and bordered by a flattened rim that can be squeezed up snugly against the intestine of its host during feeding, and the strong, muscular esophagus thus becomes a powerful and effective suction pump. Inside the mouth are two pairs of sharp chitinous lancets, and prominent at the rim is a single stiletto-like fang, the 'conical dorsal tooth,' with a long gland at its base. When the hookworm is ready to eat, it presses its mouth disk against the intestine, draws a tiny piece of the mucous membrance into its mouth, and punctures it with its lancets and fang. Through the minute holes thus made the blood is sucked out. The punctures are repeated many times in the course of a meal, finally riddling the bit of mucous membrance with holes, if not actually gouging it out. After the worm has dropped off, pyogenic bacteria frequently find lodgment in these holes, producing small ulcers, which often run together to form irregular ulcerations.—McClure's.

THE RULING PASSION STRONG

Physical Discomfort Counted Little as Opposed to Miser's Love of Wealth.

Dr. Charles McCormick, the physician who says that "the man with the grouch" can not resist disease like his more contented brother, referred again to this assertion at a recent dinner.

"The man with a grouch," said he, "is gloomy, and gloominess brings on ill health, weakness, dyspepsia.

"A confirmed grouch can't be got rid of. A grouchy person is governed by his grouch as a miser is governed by his meanness. And when it comes to misers!"

Dr. McCormick laughed.

"A little, lean, pale miser of Pecatonca," he said, "was one evening observed fighting with the town blacksmith. Though his nose was bleeding and one eye was closed, the miser fought determinedly. The hurculean blacksmith planted blow on blow, but the little miser never bulged an inch.

" 'Run, ye fool!' hissed a friend. 'Ye stand no chance here. Run!'

"But the little miser, as he received heorically a smashing left hook, answered in a low voice:

" 'Run? Nix! I've got my foot on a 10-cent piece.' "

Whistling and Weeping Trees.

Among the curiosities of tree life is the sofar, or whistling tree of Nubia. When the winds blow over this tree it gives out flutelike sounds, playing away to the wilderness for hours at a time strange, weird melodies. It is the spirit of the dead singing among the branches, the natives say, but the scientific white man say that the sounds are due to a myriad of small holes which an insect bores in the spines of the branches.

The weeping tree of the Canary islands is another arboreal freak. This tree in the driest weather will rain down showers from its leaves, and the natives gather up the water from the pool formed at the foot of the trunk and find it pure and fresh. The tree exudes the water from innumerable pores at the base of the leaves.

Too Steady.

"Haven't you a home?" asked the sympathetic citizen. "Yep," answered Plodding Pete, "I had a nice home, but de first t'ing I knew it had a woodpile and a garden and a pump. And den it got so much like a steady job dat I resigned."

Where it Fails.

Education is one of the best things in the world, but loses its effectiveness when it comes into contact with prejudice.

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THINGS ABOUT PARSLEY

The Plant Is Connected in Tradition with Both Birth and Death.

One of the most curious features in parsley lore is that the plant is traditionally connected with both birth and death. The association with the former, though familiar enough, is the more mysterious. All of us have heard in one form or other the explanation given by nurses to inquisitive children as to the appearance of a new brother or sister: "The doctor—or clergyman—found him or her in the parsley bed." It is possible that some may see a reference to this widespread fiction in the Roman folk story "Filinagrata." But there can be but little doubt that the origin must be sought for in some of the oldest and most universal of primitive beliefs, those, namely, which related to the sympathetic connection between the fertility of certain forms of plant race. The subject is, however, at once too large and too recondite to be more than referred to. The association of parsley with death is more explicit. It is pointed out that the name of the ill-fated son of Lycurgus, from whose blood the plant was fabled to have sprung, has the meaning of "doom bringer," and that this in itself indicated parsley as essentially a death plant. It was therefore in practically universal use for strewing the graves of the dead—so universal, indeed, that it became a conventional phrase with regard to any one in "articulo mortis" that the next thing he would need would be parsley (for his grave)—"to be in need of parsley" came to be a recognized periphrasis for "to be on the point of death."—London Globe.

JAPAN MUSHROOM GROWING

Attention Paid to the Preparation of the Soil—The Main Crop.

The Japanese have an interesting method of growing a kind of mushroom known as the wood mushroom, agaricus shitake.

This species, which is much prized as a food in Japan, is related to the so-called honcy fungus, a species very destructive to the roots of trees and woody plants. This latter species, it may be noted, is one of the causes of phosphorescence in decaying wood.

The Japanese method of growing their mushroom seems to consist entirely in preparing the ground for it. A coppice of red oak, beech or chestnut of some twenty years growth is cut down just after the fall of the leaf. The wood is then left lying for 100 days. It is then cut into lengths of three or four feet and the logs are lacerated with large pruning knives. Spores settle on the wounded parts and the mycelium of the fungus spreads through the tissues of the wood.

Next year a crop of mushrooms springs up. The production of mushrooms may go on for six years, but the main crop is gathered the second year. The attempt is now being made to cultivate the wood mushroom in Germany in the Japanese manner.

First Use of Iron.

As a result of his interesting investigations, Dr. Ridgeway concludes that the smelting of iron originated in central Europe, and especially in the region known as Noricum, equivalent to modern Austria and Bavaria.

In Egypt it can be traced back to the ninth century B. C., and in Libya to about 450 B. C. First mention of its use in China goes back to 400 B. C., while in Uganda it is said to have been in use only some five or six centuries.

The above date for the first use of iron in Egypt refers to the metal obtained by smelting. The use of native iron in the form of meteorites dates back to remote antiquity. The weapons made from these were obtained, like flint implements, by chipping. And it is interesting to remember that recent investigations have shown that the iron of many meteorites is a sort of natural steel.

A Careless Messenger.

After a messenger boy had eaten his lunch in a Pearl street restaurant in the New York financial district, Harry Bohrer, the manager, found a package on the table, and opening it he discovered that it contained $23,000 in currency and also sufficient negotiable securities to make a total of $50,000. From the papers in the package he believed the valuables belonged to the state bank, a few doors away, and hurried there with the money. The cashier quickly identified the parcel and Bohrer was given a reward.

A Noble Tree.

I wish those persons who view Chantilly, and are fond of fine tree, would not forget to ask for the great beech; this is the finest I ever saw; straight as an arrow, and as I guess, not less that 80 or 90 feet high; 40 feet to the first branch, and 12 feet diameter at five from the ground. It is in all respects one of the finest trees that can anywhere be met with. Two others are near it but not equal to this superb one. The forest around Chantilly is immense, spreading far and wide; the Paris road crosses it for ten miles, which is its least extent. — Arthur Young, "Travels in France, 1787."

Oldest Coin Semitic.

What is regarded as the most ancient coin in the world is one discovered by a German archaeologist during his explorations in north Syria. It is a coin of pure silver, bearing a perfect Aramean inscription of Panammu Bar Rerub, king of Schamol, who reigned 800 years B. C. Up to the time this coin was found the Lydians had always been regarded as the inventors of money, but this new find showed that the Semitic Arameans, who lived two centuries before the Lydians, are the oldest known coiners of money.—Indianapolis News.

Alicia—Jack is so ... some.
Gladys—Yes.
Alicia—And so courteous.
Gladys—Yes.
Alicia—Always addresses me as "Fair Miss"
Gladys—That's force of habit.
Alicia—How so?
Gladys—He used to be conductor on a street car!

When Greek Meets Greek.

The Stranger (triumphantly)—Four aces, old son.

Shuffling Pete (gloomily)—All right. Take the money. But I'll be shot if that was the hand I dealt you.—The Bystander.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas county, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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SMALL DOG'S CLEVER SCHEME

How Tatters Solved the Problem of Escaping Punishment for Wandering.

A proof that animals think was given by a little skye terrier who did everything but talk. There was a fence around the lawn and he was never allowed to go out alone, but in the spring when the ground was soft he would dig a hole under the fence and go on a little outing, says Our Dumb Animals. One day he was discovered digging. I knocked on the window and said, "No, Tatters." He looked up at me, then deliberately went around back of the house and began to make another hole. In front of his home was an open field and across that was a house where this same little dog had a fancy for calling and where he knew we objected to his going. He was scolded for disobeying, and finally given a gentle chistisement.

We flattered ourselves he was conquered at last, but his fertile brain was equal to the occasion. Missing him one day we saw him going up the street. Then we went around the block till he got to the house where he stayed for half an hour, then came back home the same way, instead of taking a short cut across the field as he had been in the habit of doing, and where he knew we would be sure to see him.

DEPOSIT EGGS IN THE SEA

Manner in Which Eels Are Bred Is a Recent Discovery Made by Scientists.

The Straits of Messina are channels of immense depth, through which a wide tide surges, and owing probably to irregularities at the bottom there are whirling eddies which have the effect of bringing up from the depths below many marine creatures which are rarely seen except in the deep sea trawls.

It was here that the larval form of a fresh water eel was first discovered, an incident which threw a blaze of light on the life history of a very mysterious fish.

All kinds of theories had been given forth with regard to the propagation of the eel. Some naturalists declared they bred in fresh water, others that they visited the estuary for spawning purposes, but thanks to the discovery off Messina and later captures of the eel in its larval form it is now practically certain that after mature eels drop down our rivers in autumn they hie them to exceedingly deep water in the sea and there deposit their eggs.

From the egg comes a little ribbon-shaped creature, the larval form. In due course this changes into an eel of still smaller size, strange to say, and these small eels or elvers afterward ascend our rivers and there remain until they reach maturity, when they in their turn descend to the sea and history is repeated.

An Ingenious Rest Cure.

Some managers crave responsibility as a child does sugar. Take it away from them and their spirits drop and they lose their stamina. The office manager of a vigorous wholesale house was once given a month's vacation, supposedly to refresh his mind and get his thoughts on other lines. He left a hale, hearty and vitally sturdy man. He was supposed to be basking in the sunshine of a mountain lake, taking life easy, far away from the toil and care of the greedy mart. In reality, he was eaten alive by mosquitoes, worried to death for fear of business going wrong, and chafed by a dragging impatience. His very soul longed for the strife and his miserable ennui drove him to aggravated liver troubles. In three weeks he returned, blanched and haggard. He was put to work, loaded to the guards with responsibility, and with ten hours' toil per day he fattened like a corn-fed pig. It was better than the most ingenious rest cure ever invented. To this day the man dreads his enforced lay-off over Sunday.—Bookkeeper Magazine.

New Missiles for Weddings.

It is quite singular how of late years a decided objection to the ancient custom of rice and slipper throwing after the bride and bridegroom has sprung up, so much so that several comparatively new ideas have of late come almost universally into vogue.

Instead of the hard rice pellets, which occasionally are thrown with too much vehemence to be pleasant, some brides go in for substituting the tiniest ladies' slippers as well as horseshoes made entirely of soft silver paper. These resemble a sparkling shower of silver. Other brides lean to providing their friends with dried rose or other sweet smelling leaves to be thrown after them.

A Matter of Time.

A Toledo lawyer was recently retained to defend an individual charged with housebreaking and larceny. The accused requested that his lawyer outline his plan of defense. This being done, the prisoner evinced much disgust.

"How long is it goin' to take to get through with this case?" he growled.

The lawyer smiled politely. "I think," said he, "that it will take me about two weeks, but I'm afraid it's going to take you about four years."

Physical Impressions.

"The new acquaintance we met yesterday struck me forcibly on the instant."

"You're lucky. He struck me forcibly on the back."

Dr. Wilbert Shallenberger

The Regular and Reliable Chicago Specialist, who has visited Manchester, every month since 1901, will be at the Clarence House, Manchester

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