

SPONGING THE STOMACH.

The Use of the Gynomele, a Curious Surgical Device.

While the latest discoveries in electrical science and chemistry are widely heralded and get the lion's share of praise in the world of non-professional people, the doctors of the country are keeping quietly at work devising new instruments and new mechanical appliances to lessen pain and diminish disease.

One of the most curious devices of anything in the surgeon's line is the gynomele, a delicately adjusted and novel instrument for sponging out the stomach. It has been possible for many years to wash out the stomach, and the instruments made for this purpose have reached a high state of perfection.

An old physician of New York tells how in one case he was obliged to use 15 gallons of water to wash out a stomach, and how with the final quantity small bits of rice and other substances were brought up.

Grant's Early Skill With Horses.

There was something mysterious in his power to communicate to a horse his wishes. He could train a horse to trot, rack or pace apparently at will.

At this epoch, when the art of war was in a rudimentary state, when hazard was counted the chief element of success, Joan was to discover and practice strategic measures as new to her time as were those which gave Bonaparte victory over Austria at the time of the Italian campaign.

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Talking of barbers very naturally brings to mind the interesting subject of mustaches, for what boy is there who does not look eagerly forward to the proud time when he can raise a mustache?

FISHES CAUGHT BULLETS.

A Man-of-war's Man's Experiences In Fishing With a Anchor.

A group of officers stood on the after deck of the monitor Terror as the vessel lay in the Horseshoe down at Sandy Hook one afternoon and discussed whether there was time to fish from the deck for awhile before dinner.

"I suppose some of you will laugh and sneer at my statement, but I want to declare that I have seen fish that could and did catch bullets. We have all heard of magicians who catch bullets fired at them by members of a squad. I can go that better by saying I have seen fish that really did catch bullets fired in a volley into the water from a man-of-war.

"Certainly we believe what you have told us," spoke up a fellow officer of the Terror, "for we've all had these odd experiences in fishing from a man-of-war. Still, there's one thing you haven't explained. You haven't told us how you sent word to those fishes to come up to the ship and be caught."

INCIPENT CONSUMPTION.

How One Woman Cured Herself With a Home-made Syrup.

"You would not believe that I was once elected to die of consumption," said a very robust-looking woman at the 5 o'clock tea.

"The other remedy was mullein syrup, which I have since found effective in many cases of chronic coughs."

DEPEW'S EARLIEST JOKE.

Chauncey Depew has great renown as an after dinner speaker and is never at a loss for a good story or a witty retort.

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JUST THE GIRL HE WANTED.

But the Bright Young Man Didn't Get Her All the Same.

"Oh, er—Miss Winelidde," said young Mr. Tillingham, "if you have a moment or two—aw—to spare, I would like to say a few words—aw—to you."

"I have plenty of time, Mr. Tillingham," replied the young lady. "What is it you wish to say?"

"Oh, er—you are the only child—aw—of your parents, I believe, aw?"

"That is true."

ANCIENT EXTRAVAGANCE.

Lavish Display of Jewels by Men and Women.

The great display of jewels by women of fashion in both sides of the ocean has been severely criticized, even by those who can well afford to wear them if they desired to.

IT GROWS.

As a cure for constipation and indigestion Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin grows rapidly in favor where introduced. Children love its taste, for it is so pleasant. Trial size 10c. Regular size 50c and \$1.00 of E. S. Webb.

SCHOOL NOTES.

Lattie Bagley and Alton Brock have been on the sick list.

Watson Irwin visited school Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Frank Grover has left school, and Charley Van Wegen is his successor as librarian.

Mrs. Timby visited school Tuesday morning. Miss Frances Harlock visited in the afternoon.

Harbert Allen has returned from a three weeks' absence from school on account of his mother's sickness.

Declarations by John Gerber, Frank Bennett and Eva Van Derbeke were given in chapel exercises Tuesday morning. They were well selected and rendered.

The Young Men's Debating Society held their first meeting Monday night at the Light Guard Armory. The following officers were elected: Frank Grover, President; Charley Van Wegen, Vice President; Alton Brock, Secretary; Ray Bangs, Treasurer and Charley Murphy, Critic.

The Sophomore class gave a swell reception at the Wright House parlors last Friday night, for the Sophomore classes of St. Louis and Ithaca. The guests arrived early, and a very enjoyable time was spent until ten o'clock, when they entered the dining room, which was tastefully arranged for the occasion and partook of refreshments, after which they spent the remainder of the evening in social visiting and playing games. The guests retired at two o'clock.

Found.

A ladies' gold watch and chain about forty rods west of Burton Gee's residence in Summer township, by Sarah Gee. Owner can have the same by calling at this office and paying for this notice.

College Notes.

Henry Thompson spent Sunday with his parents in Saginaw.

Owing to the Detroit game the indoor meet has been postponed for one week to March 19th.

Prof. Davis addressed the farmers' institute in St. Louis Wednesday afternoon on, "The Work of the State Geological Survey."

That noise in the College chapel Tuesday at 11 a. m. was only a senior class meeting. The male members of the class especially are very unruly.

The Juniors and Seniors have taken up the study of Sociology. They will soon be ready to advise McKinley and Sherman on the Coxy and kindred movements.

A limited fare of one and one-third will be charged to Detroit on the event of the basket ball game with Y. M. C. A. team. Here is a good chance for any one wishing to visit the city.

Physical director Knox has arranged for a basket ball game with Detroit Y. M. C. A. team to be played in that city on March 12th. The Alma team will be constituted as follows: Kinzie, Captain; Crane, Brooks, Scott and Johnson. The fellows will put up a stiff game.

When in Detroit last Sunday, Dr. Bruske received a genuine Egyptian Mummy Kitten 3000 years old, as a gift from Dr. D. M. Cooper to the museum. The gift is a very curious and interesting one and adds greatly to the museum. Only a few years and Alma will have a museum that will rival any in the state.

The Alma delegation to the Owosso Y. M. C. A. state convention, Maurice Grigsby, Frank P. Knowles, E. S. Bates, William Brant, John B. Stevens, Weston Johnson, Frank W. McCabe and William F. Knox, came home Monday noon, brim full of enthusiasm and sounding high praise of the meeting. Alma delegation played a prominent part in all the deliberations, and held up in very creditable manner the dignity of the maroon and cream. The fellows all declare that the report of work in our association as given by President Knowles was one of the best of the convention. Alma boys pledged twenty-five dollars to state work as an association, besides each one making individual pledges. The next year's convention is booked for Battle Creek. This is a greater distance, but Alma must have a larger delegation next year.

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Dover, N. H., Oct. 31, 1896. Messrs. Ely Bros.—The Balm reached me safely and in so short a time the effect is surprising. My son says the first application gave decided relief. I have a shell filled with "Catarrh Cures." Tomorrow the stove shall receive them and Ely's Cream Balm will reign supreme. Respectfully,

MRS. FRANKLIN FREEMAN. Cream Balm is kept by all druggists. Full size 50c. Trial size 10c. We mail it.

ELLY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City.

Village Council.

ALMA, MICH., Mar. 2, 1897. Adjourned meeting of the Common Council of the Village of Alma at the council chamber on above date.

There were present President Ely and trustees Gargett, Tinker, Kelly, Baker, Glass and William Keat, wood order.

The minutes of the previous meeting, Feb. 23, were read and upon motion approved after the following corrections had been made:

The record relating to the streets asked to be vacated in the petition of Mr. A. W. Wright and others was changed so as to read as follows: Cedar, Elm, Oak, Pine, Linden, Ave. north of Pine Ave.

Oak Ave. west of G. & W. R. R. And the record of the minutes relating to the claim of Smith & Glass concerning the statement of last week to the effect that the claim was for material used in fitting the present council chamber floor was changed to read as follows: Stove, pipe and material used in fitting up council room.

Point used in fitting up council room \$30.00
Lumber and oil for water works 1.18
Nails, gasoline and glass (streets) 4.47
Stove, pipe and zinc for cemetery 11.20

Total \$53.03
The claim of Tinker & Hannah so as to read material for bridge over the Johnson creek on Woodworth Ave. per Thompson \$4.47
Material used in fitting council room 16.19

Total \$73.69
Engineer Bogert reported that the valves and springs in the Smith & Van pumps were worn out and that they needed re-fitting. Upon motion the clerk was instructed to purchase the needed supplies.

Upon motion the following claims were allowed and the treasurer was instructed to issue orders for the same:
J. W. Holmes, collecting \$1.43 water rents at 4 per cent 4.78
W. Tinker, one and one-half days special committee work 3.00
John W. Glass, one and one-half days special committee work 4.50
Alma Sanitarium, Dr. E. S. Pettijohn consultation with health officer on reported scarlet fever case in August, 1895 10.00
Dean & Co., oil and gasoline 8.22
C. F. Brown, printing village proceedings one year, 50 cents; printing and publishing registration and election notices, order blanks, etc., \$6.10, from which is to be deducted water rents amounting to \$1.00 5.10

The annual report of the cemetery commissioners for fiscal year closing March 2, 1897, was received and upon motion approved and placed on file.

The following reports from the village treasurer and special committee appointed to settle with the treasurer clerk were received and upon motion approved and ordered published in the Alma Record.

Moved and supported that the board of cemetery commissioners be authorized to purchase a suitable book to be used as a book of record for the cemetery and to employ the present clerk to make a complete record as far as possible of all interments in the village cemetery up to the present time. Motion prevailed.

Upon motion the board of water commissioners were authorized to have the chart of the village water system, now in possession of the village, completed, making a record of all shafts and water mains.

Upon motion the clerk was authorized to transfer \$300 from the general to the water fund.

Upon motion the president appointed trustees Baker Glass and Hannah to act as election inspectors at the coming village election.

Upon motion a vote of thanks was extended to the retiring clerk for the commendable manner in which he had kept the books and papers of the village during his incumbency. Upon motion the council adjourned.

T. A. Ely, President.
Beth A. Tynes, Clerk.

To the President and Common Council of the Village of Alma.

Your committee having carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Clerk for the year ending March 1st, 1897:

GENERAL FUND.
March 2, 1896, balance in fund, \$270.11
May, 1896, liquor tax, 425.24
Taxes returned, 194.50
Returned taxes, 194.50

March 2, 1897, orders paid, \$741.46
Transfers from general fund, 129.00
Interest on bonds, 442.50
Water rents, 166.29
Balance, \$741.46

March 2, 1897, cash balance, \$105.23
HIGHWAY FUND.
March 2, 1896, balance in fund, \$106.94
June 2, 1896, from road tax, 300.00
1896 returned tax, 529.06
1896 returned tax, 17.87

March 2, 1897, orders paid, \$749.95
March 2, balance, 184.32
\$934.27

March 2, 1897, cash balance, \$184.32
WATER FUND.
March 2, 1896, cash in fund, \$290.75
Transfer from general, 300.00
Water rents, 125.79
Balance, 716.54

March 2, 1897, orders paid, \$209.28
Return on debt, 100.15
Orders issued and unpaid, 2.06
\$311.49

March 2, 1897, overdraft, \$113.25
CEMETERY FUND.
March 2, 1896, balance in fund, \$10.00
New work done, 129.00
Transfers from general fund, 150.00

March 2, 1897, total paid out, \$288.02
March 2, cash balance on hand, 145.03
\$433.05

March 2, balance, \$433.05
RECAPITULATION.
March 2, 1897, cash balance in general fund, \$105.23
March 2, cash balance in highway fund, 184.32
March 2, cash balance in cemetery fund, 150.50

March 2, 1897, water fund overdraft, \$113.25
Balance, \$433.05
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March 2, 1897, balance in trust \$123.34
Your committee would further report in explanation of some of the principal expenditures of the year as follows:

There is now in the wood yard about 80 cords of wood costing, \$250.00
An extension of the water main amounting to, 500.00
In accordance with the vote of the people of the village last spring there has been paid to the village committee to assist in purchasing the right of way for the new line of the Alma, Alpena & W. R. R., 200.00
On bonded applications, 500.00
With interest amounting to, 500.00
There is a check on hand for side walks which cost, 100.00
Improvements of the cemetery amounting to, 150.00
Making a total of, \$2,500.00

Respectfully Submitted,
S. W. TINKER,
J. W. HOLMES,
Treasurer.

To the President and Common Council of the Village of Alma. I hereby respectfully submit my report as Treasurer of said Village for the year ending March 1st, 1897.

GENERAL FUND.
Total paid on orders, \$741.46
Balance on hand, 194.50
\$935.96

March 2, 1896, balance on hand, \$871.76
Total received, 604.20
\$1,475.96

March 2, 1897, balance on hand, \$290.75
Total received, 184.32
\$475.07

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CHANCERY NOTICE.—State of Michigan, 29th Judicial Circuit in Chancery.

In the Circuit Court of the County of Gratiot, in chancery, at Ithaca, on the 4th day of February, 1897, Lovina Beckman, complainant, and William J. C. Beckman, defendant. In this case it appears that defendant, William J. C. Beckman, is not a resident of this state, but is a resident of the state of Alabama or some state of the United States in this vicinity. Therefore, an order of Francis Palmer, solicitor for complainant, it is ordered that defendant enter his appearance in said case, and that within twenty days of this order, and that within twenty days of the complaint cause this order to be published in the ALMA RECORD, and publication to be continued once each week for four consecutive weeks.

One of the Circuit Court Commissioners for Gratiot county, Mich.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Default having been made in the conditions of a mortgage, executed by Anna Lentz and Mathias Lentz to Miner P. Frink, dated September 2, 1892, and recorded September 2, 1892, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Gratiot county, in Michigan, in book 10 of mortgages, on page 279, which mortgage is hereby declared to be in full force and effect, and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover any part of the debt secured by said mortgage, the foreclosing mortgagee, by virtue of the power of sale in said mortgage contained, and of the statute in such case made and provided, do hereby give notice by advertisement of the sale of the premises described in said mortgage, to wit: The east half, across and along the north-west quarter of section twenty-nine, in township twenty-four north of range three west, in Michigan.

Public sale on the 24th day of March, 1897, at Ithaca, in said county, where will be sold at public vendue to the highest bidder, the premises described in said mortgage, with the east half, across and along the north-west quarter of section twenty-nine, in township twenty-four north of range three west, in Michigan.

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