—Witnesses—

| | |
|---|---|
| Hiram Smith State of Minnesota vs Nick Bartlett | 4 40 |
| Joseph Shufletowski State of Minnesota vs Nick Bartlett | 5 20 |
| Havre Wilson State of Minnesota vs Wessly Hovel | 1 20 |
| | 10 80 |

—Constable Fees—

| | |
|---|---|
| Allen Boyce State of Minnesota vs Wessly Kinder | 7 05 |
| " " John Bjorklund | 9 15 |
| " " Nick Bartlett | 7 80 |
| " Conveying prisoner to county jail | 7 20 |
| Otto Stoltz Conveying Benvit Pagnac to county jail | 5 75 |
| Geo Belrose State of Minnesota vs Nick Bartlett | 2 65 |
| E Dady " " John Bennett and John McCarthy | 11 40 |
| | 51 00 |

—Sheriff Fees—

| | |
|---|---|
| John Kivel State of Minnesota vs Chas Elfred | 11 80 |
| " " John E Wentzel | 60 50 |
| " " Wessly Kinder | 27 73 |
| " " John Bjorklund | 25 98 |
| " " Wm Kinder | 95 00 |
| " " Geo Howe | 6 80 |
| " " Tone King | 31 59 |
| | 259 40 |

—CORONERS COURT EXPENSES

Coroners Fees:

| | |
|---|---|
| O E Belcourt inquest on body of John Paulson | 17 35 |
| " Napoleon Beaudry | 8 10 |
| " unknown person | 17 45 |
| " Michael Seidek | 18 25 |
| O E Belcourt in case of suicide of D Lodine | 8 00 |
| " S Odegaard | 10 00 |
| | 79 15 |

—Coroners jury and witness, fees, etc.—

| | |
|---|---|
| Martin Besaucon juror inquest on body of Frank Mitchell | 1 80 |
| August Peterson " Frank Mitchell | 1 50 |
| Henry Swedlund " John Paulson | 1 20 |
| Martin Peterson " " | 1 40 |
| John Swedlund " " | 1 20 |
| Fred Peterson " " | 1 20 |
| Ole M Olson " " | 1 40 |
| Hendrick Nelson " " | 1 20 |
| J J Hagford witness, inquest of body of Frank Mitchell | 1 12 |
| Ole Paulson " " John Paulson | 2 44 |
| John Stimmetz watching body of Frank Mitchell | 4 00 |
| John King " " | 4 00 |
| John Kivel constable fees in case of drowning of John Paulson | 6 70 |
| Wm Stoltz livery bill in case of suicide in Big Woods | 5 40 |
| | 34 56 |

COUNTY JAIL EXPENSES

| | |
|---|---|
| I J McGillan medical services to prisoners in county jail | 8 00 |
| A R Gordon medicine for prisoners in county jail | 3 25 |
| John Kivel turnkey wages for Sept 1891 | 35 00 |
| " turnkey wages from Jan 1, 1892 to Jan 1, 1693 | 420 00 |
| " boarding prisoners in county jail | 115 34 |
| | 581 59 |

INSANITY EXPENSES

| | |
|---|---|
| G S Wattam jury fee in case of insanity of J Obrien | 3 00 |
| I J McGillan " " | 3 00 |
| G S Wattam " " L Peterson | 3 00 |
| I J McGillan " " | 6 00 |
| G S Wattam " " A Hoyez | 3 00 |
| I J McGillan " " | 4 00 |
| J J Stone " " D Chiller | 3 00 |
| John Kivel services in case of insanity of John Peterson | 32 00 |
| " conveying J Obrien to insane assylum | 34 73 |
| Albert Pouliot conveying A Hoyez to insane assylum | 34 76 |
| John Sinclair " " | 19 25 |
| S Cooke court commissioners fees in case of insanity of J Obrien | 3 00 |
| Peter M Liane witness fees in case of insanity of L Peterson | 7 50 |
| P H Holm interpreter " " | 3 00 |
| E Holm conveying L Peterson to insane assylum | 24 02 |
| E Dady " " | 42 28 |
| John H Johnson conveying insane person to Warren | 10 75 |
| A R Gordon medicine for A Hoyez | 75 |
| John Kivel by order of probate court | 3 00 |
| | 240 04 |

—Support of Inmates of Minnesota School for Deaf—

| | |
|---|---|
| J L Noyes | 83 85 |

LIGHT, FUEL AND REPAIRS FOR COUNTY OFFICES AND JAIL

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Olson & Holen 46800 lb egg coal | $197 00 | |
| W N Powell, repairing stv for court house | 2 10 | |
| Powell & Larson hardware for court house | 12 20 | |
| G C Winchester sundries for probate office and jail | 8 25 | |
| G C Winchester Sundries for court house and jail | 20 10 | |
| Bert Henanm iron brace for window in clerks office | 2 35 | |
| E F Whitney sundries for court house | 18 25 | |
| E F Whitney ten ton coal | 97 50 | |
| E F Whitney sundries for court house | 6 50 | |
| Fred Johnson 1 cord wood | 5 00 | |
| D A Whitney sundries for court house and jail | 6 45 | |
| D A Whitney sundries for jail | 14 20 | |
| P H Holm paid for carpenter work done in treasurers office, scrubbing etc | 4 75 | |
| Warren Gilbert repairing chairs 1 writing desk and 106 chairs for court room | 70 00 | |
| K J Taralseth 20 gallons kerosene | 2 60 | |
| E F Whitney sundries for court house | 16 40 | |
| | | 480 25 |

BOOKS AND STATIONERY

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Pioneer Press Co blanks | 9 29 | |
| " one deed record, one county road record, blanks | 81 00 | |
| Pioneer Press Co one abstract of tax liens on lots, two abstracts of tax liens on lands | 77 00 | |
| Pioneer Press Co one mortgage record book | 24 50 | |
| Pioneer Press Co blanks | 2 70 | |
| " blanks for registers office | 7 00 | |
| Pioneer Press Co blanks for auditors office | 2 80 | |
| Pioneer Press Co blanks and books | 10 70 | |
| Pioneer Press Co tax certificates and receipts | 25 50 | |
| Pioneer Press Co record books | 65 50 | |
| Pioneer Press Co Check books | 15 50 | |
| Pioneer Press Co blanks for sheriffs office | 1 40 | |
| Pioneer Press Co blanks and stationery | 8 90 | |
| Pioneer Press Co blanks | 6 65 | |
| Pioneer Press Co 2000 tax statements | 14 50 | |
| Pioneer Press Co one deed record for registers office | 16 50 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co assessment books and blanks | 96 20 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co one transfer plat book | 7 00 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co books and stationery | 87 60 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co stationery for Clerk of Court | 23 75 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co record books and stationery | 48 60 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co Tax lists | 49 35 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co six dozen indelible pencils | 7 91 | |
| Brown Treacy & Co blanks for auditors office | 4 89 | |
| A D Wyant paid for stationery | 5 50 | |
| A B Nelson maps of the city of Warren | 2 50 | |
| John P Mattson 150 letter heads, 500 note heads for clerk of court | 3 00 | |
| John P Mattson 500 bill heads for register of deeds | 2 5 | |
| John P Mattson 5000 letter heads | 15 00 | |
| John P Mattson 450 envolopes for sheriff | 2 75 | |
| John P Mattson 1500 postal cards for county treasurer | 5 00 | |
| John P Mattson 1000 postal cards for county auditor | 1 00 | |
| John P Mattson court calendars | 13 00 | |
| John P Mattson 500 note heads for county superintendent | 2 50 | |
| John P Mattson 1000 envelopes for county treasurer | 4 00 | |
| John P Mattson blanks for clerk of court | 1 50 | |
| John P Mattson stationery for sheriffs office | 2 25 | |
| John P Mattson 250 envelopes | 2 00 | |
| John P Mattson stationery | 20 50 | |
| John P Mattson court calendars | 12 50 | |
| John P Mattson blanks for register | 1 50 | |
| Walter S Booth blanks for probate office | 1 75 | |
| Walter S Booth blanks for probate office | 90 | |
| Walter S Booth blanks for probate office | 3 30 | |
| Walter S Booth blanks for probate office | 40 | |
| Geo D Barnard blanks for sheriff's office | 90 | |
| Geo D Barnard blanks for sheriff's office | 7 20 | |
| Geo D Barnard one bond record book | 16 50 | |
| Geo D Barnard blanks for probate office | 11 50 | |
| Geo D Barnard 1000 statements for treasurer | 11 00 | |
| Geo D Barnard blanks for clerk of court's office | 16 05 | |
| Geo D Barnard blanks for probate office | 4 44 | |
| Olson & Holen stationery for court house | 51 00 | |
| | | $899 90 |

PRINTING AND ADVERTISING

| | |
|---|---|
| J P Mattson publishing county treasurer's notice | 4 85 |
| J P Mattson publishing county commissioner's proceedings | 17 25 |
| J P Mattson publishing notice for bids for depositing county funds | 1 10 |
| J P Mattson printing 1000 large postal cards | 5 00 |
| J P Mattson printing tax certificates | 7 50 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing county commissioner's proceedings | 3 20 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing notice for bids for depositing county funds | 1 50 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing school notice | 2 25 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing financial statement | 65 50 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing notice of expiration of redemption from tax sale | 33 25 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing notice for sealed bids to rent poor farm | 75 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing delinquent tax list of 1890 | 29 53 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing notice of teachers' examination | 75 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing notice of the formation of a new school district | 1 50 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing county commissioners' proceedings | 3 70 |
| J Q Cronkhite publish tax judgment sale and notices | 8 10 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing county commissioners' proceedings, proceedings of the board of equalization, treasurer's statement and school notices | 32 85 |
| J Q Cronkhite publishing county commissioners' proceedings | 6 20 |
| M H Novotny printing court calendars | 15 00 |
| M H Novotny printing election tickets, tally sheets and notices | 134 75 |
| Thos F Stevens publishing notice of teachers' examination | 3 75 |
| Thos F Stevens publishing notice for county superintendent | 75 |
| Thos F Stevens publishing notice of training school | 2 25 |
| Thos F Stevens publishing notice for county superintendent | 1 50 |
| | $457 73 |

ELECTION EXPENSES

CANVASSING ELECTION RETURNS

| | |
|---|---|
| J P Easton | 15 80 |
| John Keenan | 15 80 |
| Anton Hill | 15 80 |
| R Glavin | 23 70 |
| | $71 10 |

BRINGING IN ELECTION RETURNS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| John E Wraa | Eagle Point | 6 20 |
| J L Robertson | Wanger | 3 60 |
| D B Bakke | New Folden | 6 00 |
| P L Tell | Big Woods | 4 60 |
| John Sorenson | New Solum | 4 80 |
| Wm. Turner | Donnelly | 5 10 |
| John Young | Tamarac | 4 00 |
| A O Bjorseth | Spruce Valley | 9 20 |
| F L Strandberg | Lincoln | 8 00 |
| A H Searl | McCrea | 1 00 |
| O E Bjornerud | Marsh Grove | 4 00 |
| Gus Anderson | Viking | 2 40 |
| J K Lofstad | Oak Park | 2 20 |
| Peter Nelson | Nelson Park | 6 00 |
| Chris Rasmusson | Sinnott | 5 00 |
| John Holm | Comstock | 2 40 |
| Chas Peterson | Parker | 5 00 |
| John Abrahamson | Vega | 1 20 |
| Frank Topper | Augsburg | 4 00 |
| Thos Topper | Kittson Co | 8 20 |
| P O Schey | Alma | 2 50 |
| E O Hokke | West Valley | 4 10 |
| Ole Thorson | Wright | 6 00 |
| And Ijerk | Holt | 7 40 |
| Herman Brandt | Excel | 7 00 |
| Amund Johnson | Foldahl | 3 00 |
| J H Breese | Cedar | 9 20 |
| | | $133 80 |

RETURN OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| I J McGillan | Warren | $10 00 |
| A S Wattam | Warren | 2 75 |
| J E Cooke | Alma | 3 25 |
| A F Elfrink | Bloomer | 2 50 |
| J H Wang | Oak Park | 4 25 |
| Otto S Haug | Foldahl | 5 50 |
| J B Smyth | Alma | 3 75 |
| Geo W Peck | Middle River | 4 00 |
| Geo F Barnes | McCrea | 1 50 |
| Geo L Parker | Parker | 50 |
| Peder J Holan | Nelson Park | 2 00 |
| O E Belcourt | Argyle | 4 00 |
| J M Loeslie | Comstock | 3 25 |
| C H Thompson | Vega | 7 25 |
| A B Nelson | Warranton | 2 00 |
| J M Schie | New Folden | 5 00 |
| N S Nelson | Boxville | 1 25 |
| Wm Peachy | Spruce Valley | 3 75 |
| J Anderson | Viking | 2 50 |
| O P Dyrud | West Valley | 3 25 |
| J H Bradford | Cedar | 2 25 |
| John Sinclair | Wanger | 2 75 |
| C H Mack | Wanger | 75 |
| P Floe | Lincoln | 1 50 |
| W Devaun | Excel | 3 25 |
| O G Molden | Holt | 5 50 |
| Henry Hoper | Sinnett | 1 00 |
| J P Leia | Big Woods | 9 50 |
| A Stenquist | Eagle Point | 1 25 |
| J Knudtson | Marsh Grove | 4 75 |
| S Sorenson | New Solum | 4 50 |
| E P Hoel | Augsburg | 2 00 |
| | | $115 25 |

COURT HOUSE AND OFFICE EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| W A Case, paid for scrubbing office floor | $ 1 00 | |
| W A Case, paid for express | 30 | |
| W A Case, paid for postage | 2 20 | |
| W A Case, paid for scrubbing office floor | 1 00 | |
| W A Case, paid for postage | 4 50 | |
| W A Case, paid for scrubbing office floor | 2 00 | |
| P H Holm, paid for 1500 postal cards | 15 00 | |
| P H Holm paid for postage and express | 10 00 | |
| P H Holm paid for postage and express | 8 75 | |
| P H Holm paid for 1000 postal cards | 10 00 | |
| P H Holm paid for postage | 14 50 | |
| P H Holm paid for postage and express | 8 50 | |
| P H Holm paid for scrubbing office floor | 2 00 | |
| P H Holm paid for postage | 10 25 | |
| P H Holm paid for postage | 4 75 | |
| P H Holm paid for scrubbing office floor and exchange on checks | 5 30 | |
| R Glavin paid for postage and express | 15 00 | |
| R Glavin paid for postage and express | 13 00 | |
| R Glavin paid for postage and express | 14 00 | |
| R Glavin paid for postage and express | 15 00 | |
| R Glavin paid for sawing wood | 7 75 | |
| R Glavin paid for postage and express | 8 00 | |
| R Glavin paid for postage and express | 15 00 | |
| R Glavin paid for scrubbing office floor | 2 00 | |
| R Glavin paid for scrubbing office floor, etc | 4 00 | |
| A D Wyant paid postage and express | 24 62 | |
| A D Wyant paid postage and express | 23 05 | |
| H B Im sdahl paid express etc | 4 65 | |
| Chas S Hull paid postage | 4 85 | |
| Swanson Bros cleaning court house yard | 8 20 | |
| G D Cox cleaning stove pipes and chimneys | 7 00 | |
| | | $273 45 |

BOARD OF AUDIT EXPENSES

| | |
|---|---|
| W A Case 3 days board of Auditors meeting | 9 00 |
| R Glavin 3 days board of auditors meeting | 9 00 |
| Anton Hill 3 days board of auditors meeting | 9 00 |
| | 27 00 |

COMMISSION FOR SALE OF TEXT BOOKS

| | |
|---|---|
| D Farrell | 5 17 |
| D B Bakke | 1 83 |
| A P Zuerold | 7 80 |
| John Hughes | 80 |
| | 15 60 |

ROAD AND BRIDGE EXPENSES

—Road & Bridge 1892—

| | |
|---|---|
| E Swanson drawings and specifications of county bridge | 2 50 |
| Curry Bros building bridge on Tamarac river in Nelson Park | 370 00 |
| | 372 50 |

ROAD AND BRIDGE APPROPRIATIONS MADE TO TOWNS—1892

| | |
|---|---|
| Big Woods to rebuild county bridge in Big Woods | 300 00 |
| Comstock appropriation to build a bridge in Comstock | 135 00 |
| Boxville repairing roads | 250 00 |
| Comstock repair and improvement of roads | 100 00 |
| Excel repair and improvement of roads | 175 00 |
| Alma appropriation to build a bridge | 300 00 |
| Sinnott road and bridge purposes | 300 00 |
| New Folden appropriation for road purposes | 150 00 |
| Marsh Grove road purposes | 125 00 |
| Foldahl appropriation for repair of road and bridge | 150 00 |
| Viking repairs and improvement of roads | 150 00 |
| | 202 00 |

COUNTY POOR EXPENSES

—Temporary Relief of Paupers—

| | |
|---|---|
| Olsen & Holen clothing for M Wissenberg | 9 20 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Mrs Fallman | 18 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Joseph Guarin | 10 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Joseph Morrisette | 5 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Mrs Bjerkrud | 16 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Jorgen Garlen | 15 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Andrew Larson | 10 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Joseph Guarin | 10 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Mrs Fallman | 6 00 |
| Olson & Holen goods for Mrs Bjerkrud | 16 00 |
| Lofgren & Merdink monthly allowance to B Ellisons child | 1 50 |
| Lofgren & Merdink goods for pauper | 5 00 |
| Lofgren & Merdink goods for Hans Hanson | 10 00 |
| Lofgren & Merdink goods for pauper | 10 00 |
| Peter Lofgren goods for Anna Christofferson | 6 75 |
| Andrew Lofgren, care of A D Akerstrom | 23 00 |
| St Raphaels Hospitals board and treatment of Josesh Katowski | 131 70 |
| G C Winchester goods for paupers Ijorpe and Wees child | 22 28 |
| Bakke Bros & Johnson goods for B Pognac | 16 65 |
| Hans Tolefson boarding Andrew Lofgren | 10 00 |
| Hans Tolefson boarding A D Akerstrom | 33 00 |
| Louis Weggo taking care of M Wissenberg | 31 50 |
| Louis Weggo repairing done on M Wissenbergs house | 3 00 |
| John Lofond house rent and fuel furnished Mrs Morsette | 30 00 |
| John Lafond board fuel etc furnished Mrs Morsette | 3 00 |
| Falk & Langseth monthly allowance to Mrs Safford | 15 00 |
| Knute Hodne 1 sack flour to Mrs Kristrian | 2 00 |
| Knute Hodne monthly allowance to Anna Christianson | 21 00 |
| K J Taralseth goods for Betsy Ellason | 12 00 |
| A Glavin expenses paid for John A Johnson | 5 00 |
| James Coon 1 cord wood furnished Joseph Guarin | 7 00 |
| I Verboneeour goods for pauper | 2 88 |
| Erick Falked boarding Hans Hanson and family | 99 25 |
| Axel Skog care of Wees child | 25 00 |
| Antone Lafferier care of Joseph Chorbenau | 8 71 |
| Peter H Reinertson care of John Swanberg | 69 35 |
| Lars Holna care of W Hanson | 50 00 |
| Frank Remillard 3 cords of wood to Joseph Guarin | 15 00 |
| D O Flaberg goods for M Wissenberg | 15 70 |
| St Barnabas Hospital board and treatment of John A Johnson | 121 00 |
| E H Nelson care of Mrs Soderberg | 3 75 |
| Jerry Murphy 1 cord wood for Joseph Guarin | 5 00 |
| Frans Franson clothing for Wees child | 9 00 |
| L P Brandstrom care of Mrs Soderberg | 18 65 |
| M Tendell goods for B Pognac | 33 65 |
| Peter Nelson care of John Erickson | 31 50 |
| Peter Nelson coffin and burial of John Erickson | 9 30 |
| Lofgren & Merdink goods for pauper | 5 00 |
| | 1613 31 |

MEDICINE and MEDICAL SERVICES RENDERED to PAUPERS

| | |
|---|---|
| H Nelson surgical treatment of J A Johnson | 143 00 |
| I J McGillan medical services to Gustine Swanlinson | 35 00 |
| I J McGillan medical services and medicine to Nels Dahlman | 32 00 |
| O E Belcourt medical services to paupers | 30 00 |
| John D Taylor medical services to John Erickson | 16 00 |
| John Hughes medicine for G D Anderson | 8 65 |
| O Robertson medicine for J Guaren | 78 00 |
| O Robertson medicine for Anna Christianson | 2 20 |
| Russell & Pease medicine for John Erickson | 5 45 |
| A R Gordon medicine for paupers | 6 50 |
| | 302 25 |

—Interest on Marshall County Bonds—

| | |
|---|---|
| First National Bank of St Paul | 721 00 |
| Marble Savings Bank of of Rutland Vt | 150 00 |
| State Bank of Warren | 163 25 |
| Bank of Warren | 423 40 |
| | 1458 65 |

—Interest on Revenue Orders—

| | |
|---|---|
| L Lamberson | 2 00 |
| W N Powell | 25 |
| H I Yetter | 15 50 |
| Ole Olson | 62 |
| S Cooke | 13 00 |
| C S Hull | 87 |
| John E Ostrom | 22 |
| K J Taralseth | 36 |
| P Fairweather | 5 05 |
| Bank of Warren | 368 10 |
| P H Holm | 172 53 |
| | 661 17 |

—Taxes Refunded—

| | |
|---|---|
| Joseph Bazinot | 22 46 |
| Harry C Heermans | 433 17 |
| | 455 63 |

—Unclassified Expenditures—

| | |
|---|---|
| E O Bjelle assessing Dist No 2 | 15 00 |
| Thos McGlynn assessing Dist No 3 | 29 00 |
| W D Packard election fee refunded | 10 00 |
| A N Jensen work on transfer books | 122 00 |
| Anton Hill posting school notices | 5 50 |
| D B Bakke posting school notices | 3 00 |
| J J Hagford posting school notices | 6 50 |
| | 197 00 |

## Assets and Liabilities of Marshall Co.

—Assets—

| | |
|---|---|
| Taxes of 1892 | 11449 31 |
| Delinquent taxes | 9886 45 |
| Balance on hand in county funds | 3520 78 |
| Text books in the hands of agents and on hand in the auditors office | 1450 00 |
| Lot 2 blk 13 city of Warren, with court house jail, out buildings furniture and fixtures | 5500 00 |
| SW¼ sec 12 twp 156 R 48 containing 160 acres | 2000 00 |
| | 36716 49 |

—Liabilities—

| | |
|---|---|
| Unpaid auditors and commissioners warrants | 13580 00 |
| Marshall county bonds 6 per cent series, number from 4 to 15 inclusive for $1000 each dated June 15, 1883 maturing June 15 1893 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent payable annually at the First National Bank in the city of St Paul | 12000 00 |
| Marshall county bonds 7 per cent series, numbered from 1 to 10 inclusive for $1000 each, dated March 17, 1885, maturing March 17, 1895 with interest at the rate of 7 per cent payable semi-annually at the American Exchange National Bank, city of New York | 10000 00 |
| Excess of liabilities | 964 20 |
| | 37580 69 |

## HIS FRACTURED GIFT.

**Why Their Engagement Was Abruptly Terminated.**

There is a certain young gentleman in Clifton who is carrying an engagement ring in his pocket which no longer engages. And all because he is one of those brainy youths of whom there are only a very few left unpicked from the bush.

Just before Christmas he found himself running short of funds, yet he could not bear the idea of giving anything but a handsome present to his fiancee. He came so near having a conniption fit that he sprained his better judgment.

Going to one of the down town fashionable dealers in rich pottery of all sorts, he selected a magnificent oriental jar, worth originally fifty dollars at the lowest cash price, and which would have adorned any cabinet of bric-a-brac in the country.

The piece had by some casualty been smashed into irreparable bits, and was about to be thrown away by the dealer. With a gleam of triumph in his eye the young man from Clifton asked the price of the jar in its shattered condition.

The dealer, in some surprise, declared it a gift outright to any one who would take the fragments away. The young man from Clifton rubbed his hands with a Mephistophelian grin.

"What will you charge to box and ship it in the same style as you would if it were entire?" he asked with design in his eye.

The dealer named his charge, somewhat astonished.

"Good," said the young man from Clifton. "I will take the jar as it is. Here is your charge for packing. Be sure it is done as carefully as with an entire piece and ship it to this address," and he handed the amazed dealer the street, number and name.

Then with a triumphant chuckle he strolled on, confident that he would receive credit for the present of an unbroken jar, while all the breakage would be charged to the carelessness of the express agency that handled the shipment.

But that was where he miscued.

Last night he went to call, to see the old year out with her.

There were metaphorical icicles upon the edges of the card receiver that met him at the door, and the atmosphere grew colder and colder as he advanced into the parlor with a confident smile.

The young lady received him with a ten-degrees-below-zero-and-still-falling air that made his heart take the elevator upon the down trip. But he put on a bold face and asked cheerily:

"Pleasant Christmas, I suppose, dear?"

"Yes, Mr. ——, very."

"Did you—er—er—receive—er—my—little gift?"

"Yes, Mr. ——, I received it."

"It was packed all right then, was it?"

"Yes, Mr. ——, it was packed all right. In fact, it was packed a little too well to have needed packing at all!" And the smile she smole as she spoke would have frozen hoky poky.

"Why—er—what do you mean?" he faltered.

Thrusting aside the portiere she pushed the box before him.

The astute dealer had carefully wrapped each and every single broken bit in tissue paper by itself before boxing the pile.—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

**Advantages About Equal.**

Challenging Party's Second (coming forward hastily)—My principal desires me to say that the distance of only ten paces, for which you stipulate, gives your principal an unfair advantage, sir.

Challenged Party (speaking for himself)—In what way, sir?

"He is a large, fleshy, man, and you are extremely thin. At that distance you can hardly miss him, while it would be about as difficult to hit you at ten paces as at twenty."

"That's all right. If he hits me his bullet will go out on the other side, and if my bullet hits him it won't go half way through. The thing is about even. Tell him to take his place!"—Chicago Tribune.

**Like Him.**

They had once been very fond of each other, but the quarrel came.

"Very well," he said in his most dignified tone. "I will return you the only token I have from you."

"To what do you refer?"

"Those slippers you gave me for Christmas. They are too large for me anyhow."

"Slippers!" she echoed scornfully. "How like your vanity it is to suppose they were not earmuffs!"—Washington Star.

**Sizing Him Up.**

"Can I get out by this gate, my man?"

"I think ye can, for I saw a cart o' hay come in by it this mornin?"—Comic Cuts.

**Wanted the Other Kind.**

Hashback—Mary!

Waitress—Yes, sir.

Hashback—Take back this cup and bring me something else.

Mary—What will you have, coffee or tea?

Hashback—Oh, I am not particular—if this is coffee give me tea, and if it's tea give me coffee.—Boston Globe.

**It Was There.**

A bell boy at the Great Northern does not believe in going beyond his literal instructions. A guest rushed to the cashier's desk. He had just ten minutes in which to pay his bill, reach the depot and board his train. "Great Scott!" he exclaimed, "I've forgotten something. Here, boy, run up to my room, B 48, and see if I have left my toothbrush and sponge. Hurry! I've only five minutes now!" The boy hurried. He returned in four minutes out of breath. "Yes, sir," he panted; "you left them there."—Chicago Mail.

**Out of the Question.**

Aunt—Put on your red dress, Cora.

Cora—Impossible. It would make the dining room too gaudy. We have tomatoes and strawberry ice cream for dinner.—Answers.

**She Was His Friend.**

The man with a cluster of diamonds in his shirt was dazed.

The room seemed to whirl about him. He was conscious of nothing save that the cold and haughty woman whom he adored had of her own free will flitted to his side and whispered in his ear.

"Meet me alone," she had softly murmured, her sweet warm breath fanning his cheek, "in the conservatory."

A wild exhilaration thrilled him. He walked on air.

"She loves me, she loves me," was the thought that chased madly through his excited brain.

"Else why does she thus speak to me?" he argued with his faint doubts.

As in a dream he sought the conservatory. There she stood, divinely radiant, rivaling in beauty the rose and in majesty the lily at her side.

A smile illuminated her glorious countenance.

"My friend"——

Her voice was mellifluously thrilling.

——"I have a deep interest in you."

He would have fallen on his knees but for her sudden gesture of deprecation.

"I have asked you to come here," she proceeded kindly, "to tell you something which you ought to know."

"Speak," he cried, "and confirm my happiness or seal my doom."

She sighed gently.

"Yes, my friend"——

A look of profound pity invested her features.

——"I will tell you. Your collar button shows above your necktie."

He managed to find words to thank her before she flitted back to the ballroom.—Detroit Tribune.

**A Serious Drawback.**

"Jack, my dear fellow, your cousin is a delightful creature! I wish I had her for a wife!"

"You needn't wish anything of the kind."

"What? Why not?"

"She can't play the piano."

"Well, you don't think she is any the worse for that, surely?"

"I said she could not play the piano, but the mischief is, she will play, notwithstanding."—Damen Journal.

**A Great Success.**

Maude—I was at the theater last night, but I didn't see the star, Miss Buskin. She was ill and unable to appear.

Clara—That was too bad. Without her the play must have been tame enough.

Maude—Not at all. Miss Buskin's new Paris gowns were displayed on wire forms, and people said that the play went rather better than usual.—Boston Transcript.

**No Work for Him.**

Philanthropist—What's the matter, my man?

Dejected Individual—I am one of those whose employment has been taken from them by the change in styles of woman's dress.

"What is your business?"

"Street sweeper."—Detroit Free Press.

**Some Sport Left Yet.**

New Yorker—The game out west is fast disappearing, so I understand.

Western Man—The officers at the frontier posts have not quit playing poker.—Texas Siftings.

**Afternoon Tea.**

There's a rumble of coaches outside, and a stir
Of damsels half smothered in velvet and fur,
All blooming and dimpled, some gentle, some proud,
A light hearted, happy, insouciante crowd,
Who flock up the stairs, now by two, now by three,
To join in the revel of afternoon tea.

Through the mellowing dusk of the candle lit room
A faint scent drifts out as of roses in bloom,
A clinking of china, a snatch of a song
Caught up by a fiddle and floated along;
A current of chatter for fashion's decree
Keeps tongues on the wag at an afternoon tea.

With jesting and laughter they come and they go,
A flippant procession of beauty and beau;
Their jests and their gossip enliven the air
So empty of earnest, so heedless of care,
That all the gay spirits among them agree
The more make the merrier afternoon tea.

But I am far wiser than they, for I feel
That a cozy wood fire stirred up to reveal
Two chairs and a table drawn into the glow,
And Polly to pour out the fragrant Pekoe,
The pink cup for her and the white one for me,
Is the only real way to take afternoon tea!

—M. E. W. in Life.

## AROUND THE THRONES.

The Scotch journeys of Queen Victoria annually cost her private purse $30,000.

The Moscow monument to the late Emperor Nicholas of Russia, which has been seven years in construction, now approaches completion, and it is expected to be ready for dedication next spring.

The king of Greece likes to walk about the streets of Athens unattended by any members of his suite. On Sundays he occasionally goes to the English Church of St. Paul, where he occupies any pew that may be vacant.

The Empress Frederick, who was once a pupil of the late Dr. Von Hofmann, has accepted the position of patroness of the Hofmann house, a scientific institution which is to be erected in Berlin in memory of that celebrated professor of chemistry.

For the first time since Crown Prince Rudolph's death the empress of Austria recently appeared at a grand court fete. The occasion was the dinner in honor of the czarowitz, who was his majesty's guest at the Hofburg on his return journey from Greece.

## FASHION'S FANCIES.

Slightly draped skirts are appearing.

The new princess dresses, cut with low corselet bodice, are very striking in effect.

The flowers applied on ladies' leather pocketbooks, cardcases and diaries are pretty.

Modistes are just now making great use of empire ruches and rosettes of both lace and silk and velvet ribbon.

Coats and capes look best fashioned with a continuous collar—that is, one that has no seam at the neck, but is carried up straight from the wrap itself, with no dividing line.

Dark Russian red cloth costumes, with Louis XIV coat bodice and short trained cornet skirt, are very handsome when trimmed on vest, revers, sleeve cuffs and skirt with black silk soutache braiding and black fox fur bands.

The Columbus cape of cloth or velvet is quite popular. It has a sort of vest piece inside the fronts, which affords extra warmth and protection, and its broad collar and large neck ruff give it a very distinguished appearance.

Figured satins made specially for empire dresses have tiny palms, stars, rosebuds, spangles, dots and other small figures scattered over the groundwork or arranged in rows or spirals of light or contrasting color. These are used for receptions and dinners, with some of the light or contrasting color introduced in edgings and trimmings.—New York Post.


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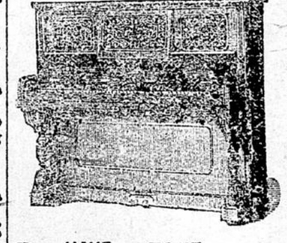

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