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The special feature in the Ladies' Window is Madame Gerlaise Graham's KOSMED. We are special agents for this article and can recommend it highly. One's toilet table will never be without it after a trial. We also carry a complete line of Creams, among them Eleasy, Liquezons, Riker's Cerate, Pompein Massage, Woodbury's Facial, Doggett's & Ramsdell's and our own make of Rose and Almond, and Saseline.

The special feature for the Babies is our specially prepared **SUGAR OF MILK**

This article is finely powdered and put up in sealed boxes, and is absolutely pure. Full directions with each package. Sugar of Milk is rapidly coming to the front as an absolutely reliable food for infants. Ask your physician about it, and then be sure and get it in a sealed package and first quality.

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Hot Water Bags are still 49c each. Every one guaranteed.

### BENNINGTON BRIEFS.

News of the Town, and Vt.'s, a Briefly Told for Busy Readers.  
M. E. Buss is ill with the grip.  
Harrison T. Norton has returned from New York.

Mrs. Mason S. Childs of Manchester is in town for a few days.  
Frank Hyde of Elmira is here called by the death of his father, D. W. Hyde.  
Mrs. Charles Morse has been spending several days with a sister in Pawlet.

The funeral of D. W. Hyde will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the house.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon H. Corbett and daughter Edith are visiting relatives in New York state.

The Knights of Pythias are planning for another of their card socials Tuesday evening, March 7.

The Misses Root will resume their duties in the Western Union Telegraph office tomorrow morning.

Charles Whitman, brother of Thomas Whitman killed a lynx in his box house at East Arlington Tuesday.

A. Buel Fibley who was operated on for throat trouble Tuesday is recovering from the operation as well as could be expected.

James Silk has the contract to build the residence for C. H. Cone to be erected on Grand View street the coming season.

List of letters remaining uncalled for at the post office are Frank Black, Richard Dwyer, Charles Jones, Mrs. Grace Davis, Miss E. Squires, Mrs. S. J. Sibley.

D. W. Hyde Jr. is here from Montpelier summoned by the death of his father. It is expected that the entire seven children will be here at the funeral.

There will be a social dance in Foresters hall Friday evening, Feb. 17. Music will be furnished by Miss McGurk and Messrs Ritchie and Gokay. Dancing at 8:30.

Frank L. Martin for several years farmer for J. Ed Walbridge has given up the place and removed to Shaftsbury where he will conduct a farm the coming year.

Fred Stone has vacated the rooms on South-st that he has been occupying for some time and moved into the upper tenement of the Walbridge house on Valentine street.

Rural Free Delivery mail carrier Percy stated this morning that when he left the house for his duty the mercury registered 16 degrees below zero. At Hyland Falls it was 14 below. Good for an open winter.

The National Stock Co continues to draw good audiences in Library hall and the plays are pleasing everyone attending. The specialties are good especially the children in their singing and dancing. There will be a matinee Saturday afternoon.

Peter Hunter died suddenly at his home in Rutland of heart failure Wednesday morning. He went to move from one chair to another when he fell dead. He had been in poor health for some time. He was 70 years of age and was the father of Mrs. Edward Ott of this village.

There is to be an informal dance in Academy hall next Tuesday evening. The committee having the matter in charge are Joseph Daley, Norman Edgerton, Walter Houran, John O'Donnell, Hubert Daley and John Ryan. Parties from North Adams, Hoosick Falls, North Bennington and other places have accepted invitations to be present.

A school of instruction for officers of the V. M. G. has been ordered on Feb. 27, 28 to be held in Brattleboro. The examining board to examine officers elect is ordered to meet at the same place March 1. The following officers elect for Company K have been ordered to appear before it for examination: Captain J. B. Hannon, first lieutenant, R. E. Grennan; second lieutenant, W. D. Forbes.

**To Cure a Cold in One Day**  
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists sell them. It fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box.

**Special Low Rates.**  
To all points in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and British Columbia. March 1st to May 15th, 1905. Round Trip Homeseeker's Tickets on special days. Write at once for information and maps to Wm. Kelly, traveling agent, Wisconsin Central Railway, 200 Broadway, New York City.

**Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.**  
Foley & Co., Chicago, "originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safest for children and delicate persons. Sold by B. A. Quinlan.

**Estate of Mary Bent**  
Notice of Settlement and Application for Distribution.  
STATE OF VERMONT. In Probate Court, District of Bennington, ss.: At a session of the Probate Office in Bennington, in said District, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1905. Present, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

J. E. Gibson, administrator of the estate of Mary Bent, late of Pownal in said district, deceased, presents his administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1905, for hearing and decision thereon; and it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Bennington Evening Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington, Vermont, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

A record whereof is ordered to be made. A true record.  
Attest, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.  
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## Cracker Demonstration

While the National Biscuit Company is demonstrating the goodness of their In-ner-seal brand of package goods this week, I offer at special prices 3 packages of 10 cent goods for 25 cents or 6 packages of 5 cent goods for 25 cents. These are all new and crisp.

**H. M. BASSETT**  
Cor. Main and Safford Sts

## Answers TO Correspondents

**COFFIN:** St. Valentine's Day this year occurs Feb. 14. 2-No, it never comes in July. You are doubtless thinking of St. Patrick's day.

**DISCOURAGED HEART:** Send him a flat iron with the suggestion that he press his suit. Or better still a Valentine with a verse that will just fit your case. Lots of them at Griswold's.

**SHINNY:** Drink lots of milk, sleep 23 hours each day and spend the rest of the day in Griswold's shop. If laughing will make you fat, you'll be it. Funniest Valentines you ever saw.

**JACK:** No, St. Valentine's Day is not a movable feast. It's more of a stationary feast and a bountiful one at that this year at Griswold's. You and all your friends are welcome to come in and enjoy it.

**SARAH ANN:** Of course you can't help feeling bad about it, but doubtless your friends love you just as dearly as though they had expressed it by sending you a little token of it. You probably will receive a number next week as the custom of sending valentines is growing more general every year.

**NOSEY:** Formerly the valentine afforded a love sick swain an opportunity to express his sentiments, or the woman whom Mrs. Jones called a "frit" the chance to get even, with a valentine suggesting that Mrs. J. was an old rooster. Nowadays married men send pretty valentines to their wives and children, and it pleases the old lady just as much as it used to.

When comers are sent it is to make fun and they are received in a jolly spirit, and no one thinks of getting mad any more.

## GRISWOLD

Sport - Music - Art - Stationery - Books - Magazines.

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STATE OF VERMONT. In Probate Court, District of Bennington, ss.: At a session of the Probate Office in Bennington, in said District, on the 15th day of February, A. D. 1905. Present, JOHN V. CARNEY, Judge.

Jennie A. Valentine, executrix of the estate of A. B. Valentine, late of Bennington in said district, deceased, presents her administration account for examination and allowance, and makes application for a decree of distribution and partition of the estate of said deceased. Whereupon it is ordered by said Court, that said account and said application be referred to a session thereof, to be held at the Probate Office aforesaid, on the 4th day of March, A. D. 1905, for hearing and decision thereon; and it is further ordered, that notice thereof be given to all parties interested by publication of the same three weeks successively in the Bennington Evening Banner, a newspaper published at Bennington, Vermont, previous to said time appointed for hearing, that they may appear at said time and place, and show cause, if any they may have, why said account should not be allowed, and such decree made.

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## California Prunes

Plump, meaty and delicious—just received—positively the choicest prunes on the market today.

This is the prune eating season; now is when prunes are at their best.

Choice Large Prunes 10c per pound; 3 pounds for 25c.

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Best Things To Eat  
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Steady employment every month of year. Prices best paid for same grade work. House rent and board especially low. Write for particulars, stating kind of work you have done.

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## LEW WALLACE DEAD

Author of "Ben-Hur" Passed Away Last Night.

LAWYER, SOLDIER AND DIPLOMAT.

Country mourns for him who has given it "A Tale of the Christ." Born in 1827—A Veteran of the Civil War.

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 16.—General Lew Wallace died here last night at 9:10 o'clock after a lingering illness.

General Lew Wallace, widely known as the author of "Ben-Hur, a Tale of the Christ," in turn lawyer, soldier, diplomat and author, was born at Brookville, Franklin county, Ind., on April 10, 1827. He served in the Mexican and civil war, in the latter being



GENERAL LEW WALLACE, appointed adjutant general of Indiana. In 1863 he saved the city of Cincinnati from capture by General Kirby Smith of the Confederate army.

In command of the Eighth army corps General Wallace intercepted the march of General Jubal A. Early on Washington, fought the battle of Monocacy and, it is said, thus saved the capital from capture by the Confederates. From 1878 to 1881 he was governor of New Mexico and from 1881 to 1885 minister to the ports.

General Lew Wallace wrote after "Ben-Hur" the "Life of General Harrison," "The Fair God," "Boyhood of Christ" and "The Prince of India."

**MAY ALL RESIGN.**  
Equitable Life Officers Say Hyde Must Go.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Unless James H. Hyde, vice president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, consents to relinquish the controlling influence therein, thirty-four heads of the various departments, including the president, James W. Alexander, and all the vice presidents with the exception of Mr. Hyde and the fourth vice president, W. H. McIntyre, may withdraw from the company, leaving the vast and intricate workings of its business to subordinates.

Many of the men who threaten to leave were appointed by Henry B. Hyde when he founded the society in 1859 and have been with it ever since. Now they have served notice on the son of their old leader that he must relinquish all active participation in the organization or face the loss of all the men of influence in it.

When it is remembered that the Equitable holds assets of \$478,000,000, with half a million policy holders, the magnitude of the war which threatens to disrupt its working force is seen. The men who are fighting the Hyde influence say that the acts of the young man himself have been prejudicial to the welfare of the company and have tended to cause disquiet.

One of the things brought up against Mr. Hyde is his recent fancy dress ball, which was alleged by the newspapers to have cost \$100,000.

**"Justifiable Homicide," Says Jury.**  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 16.—Owen Laodholtz was ordered released from jail by the coroner who conducted an inquest over the body of Miss May Brown. The young woman was killed and her mother seriously and probably fatally wounded by Laodholtz in a shooting affray in a justice court Monday. Laodholtz had been brought into court upon criminal charges by Miss Brown. She was accompanied by her mother, and when the court announced a postponement of the case mother and daughter began firing on Laodholtz. He returned the fire, killing the young woman and wounding her mother. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

**The Naval Policy in the House.**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The question of what the policy of the government should be with respect to the upbuilding of the navy was again threshed out in the house during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, the debate developing much opposition to the proposed addition of two battleships to the naval establishment. The defense of the Philippines played an important part in the discussion, while the events of the war in the far east from a naval point of view were given prominence by the advocates of an increased navy. The entire time was consumed with the naval bill.

**Four Deaths by Asphyxiation.**  
CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 16.—Four persons were found dead from suffocation at 502½ Central avenue, this city. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. George Nolan and Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Heller. Coroner Sigelstein last night officially announced that the deaths were caused by inhaling natural gas which was allowed to escape through a defective flue.

## A. K. RITCHIE & COMPANY

AFTER doing the largest January business in the history of this store, we have a lot of odds and ends and mused goods which must be closed out immediately. We do not intend to waste valuable newspaper space by printing a long story, but advise you to call and examine the following:

- 300 pieces of Muslin Underwear at half price.
- 48 Shirt Waists at half price.
- 150 pieces of Hamburgs and Insertions at half price.
- 89 pieces of Laces and Insertions at half price.
- 41 pieces of Fine Dress Trimmings at half price.
- 33 pairs Lace Curtains at half price.
- 215 pieces Ladies' and Children's Underwear at half price.
- 20 pieces Fancy Silks at half price.
- 10 Table Cloths at half price.
- Remnants Table Linen 1-2, 2 and 2-1/2 yards long at half price.

200 Remnants Dress Goods, Prints, Gingham, Percales, Flannels, Cotton Cloths and Pillow Casings.

**Kid Gloves Cleaned by the Odorless System 15c**

Lace curtains, blankets and silk waists cleaned and steamed

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Plate and 50 Cards, name only 75c. 50 Cards engraved from your own plate 50c. 100 Cards engraved from your own plate \$1.00.

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Office of Dr. Emmett B. Daley.—Mr. Harwood's careful and scientific way of fitting troublesome eyes with his latest and most improved instruments cannot fail to please all who consult him, as he is not here today and away tomorrow, like traveling fakirs, but takes a special interest in your case.

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