

THE PUTNEY COLUMN.

AN ERUPTIVE DISEASE

Daughter of Prof. John E. Russell III With What May be Small Small Pox—Physicians Disagree as to its Nature.

An eruptive disease has appeared in this village. Is it small pox? If not, what is it? Dr. H. D. Holton of Brattleboro, secretary of the state board of health has pronounced it small pox. Dr. C. S. Caverly of Rutland, president of the state board of health, refers to it in a letter to Dr. Munger as mongrel small pox. The victim is Marion Russell, 12-year-old daughter of Prof. and Mrs. John E. Russell of Williams college, Williamstown, Mass., and whatever may be the nature of the disease she is not and has not been seriously ill.

The little girl and her sister, Frances, who is two years older, came to Putney June 29 to spend the summer with their grandmother, Mrs. Fanny Baker. Five days later the older sister was taken ill with an eruptive disease. She was not seriously ill, was in bed only a brief time and was well again in one week. Dr. Munger was called soon after she was taken ill and found that the eruptions were few in number and that they did not form into papules. He pronounced the disease chicken pox.

On Tuesday of last week, after Frances had entirely recovered, Marion was taken ill with headache and in a few hours eruptions appeared. They were much more numerous than in the first case, and although no papules appeared Dr. Munger was suspicious that the disease was not chicken pox and he sent for Dr. Holton, who came Saturday morning. Dr. Holton said the disease was the same as that which recently appeared in Haverhill and other Vermont towns, which was called small pox, but that it was in very mild form and both patients had been vaccinated. The house has been quarantined for small pox.

Medical science has established the fact that the minimum period of incubation in small pox is 10 days, or, in other words, a person exposed to small pox cannot be taken ill with the disease inside of 10 days. The disease then appears in the form of a fever, which continues several days before eruptions appear. Dr. Munger thinks the older girl was exposed on the cars, which was only five days before she was taken ill. Eruptions then appeared without any fever. Dr. Holton thinks she met a case of small pox on the street in Williamstown, but the child's parents think this is not possible.

Chicken pox sometimes develops five days after a person is exposed, and this fact, together with the fact that the first case of the disease closely resembled chicken pox, led Dr. Munger to believe the disease was chicken pox. He is not certain, moreover, that the present case is not chicken pox as that is distinctively a children's disease and none of the persons exposed have thus far showed any indication of illness.

There is no alarm in the village on account of the illness of the girl, there have been few vaccinations and no serious results are anticipated.

The North Adams Transcript of Tuesday evening reprinted from the morning papers a story of the appearance of the disease in Putney and published the following in addition: "The Williamstown board of health held a meeting last evening before the fact that the children of Prof. Russell had been taken ill was known and it was decided to act in the matter of ordering vaccination without further delay. When the secretary of the board of health was informed of the despatch in the morning papers today he said that the matter would be hurried and that action would be taken at once. He said that he did not believe that the disease was contracted in Williamstown since there had not been an indication of it there and he discredited the report to that effect. The physicians state that they have not had any cases which resemble the disease and they are positive that if the Vermont cases are small pox they were contracted after the family left Williamstown."

Mrs. L. C. Darling of Keene came Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. W. R. F. Johnson.

Perley Kingley has finished work for Liveryman Blood and is succeeded by Percy Blood.

Mrs. Morris Kelley and mother, Mrs. Charles White, visited old neighbors in town last week.

Mrs. Jennie Deming Denland of Melrose Heights, Mass., is a guest at Robert Nathan's this week.

Mrs. Lizzie Arnold is spending the summer with her brother in Somerville, Mass., and with her uncle in New Haven, Conn.

Lorenzo Scott of Springfield, Mass., came Saturday to spend Sunday with Mrs. Scott, who is visiting at Horace Scott's.

Miss Alice Townsend of Warren, N. H., and Mrs. Jennie Murch of Readboro are spending their vacation at the home of their father, Albert Townsend.

Eugene Willard, who recently finished work for F. L. Pierce, is now at the pulp and paper mill in Glen Falls, N. Y. There are 700 men in the same department.

Miss Alice Maud Sawyer, Miss Maud M. Munger and Miss Cora M. Kinney went Friday to Northfield, Mass., to spend 10 days as members of a camping party.

Mrs. A. M. Corser and nephew, Harold Steyer, went Tuesday to Orange to visit Mrs. Corser's sister, Mrs. Fred Scott. The nephew will remain there for the present.

Mrs. Davidson and two grandchildren went Monday to visit Mrs. Davidson's brother. They will remain until all danger of contagion from the so-called cases of small pox is past.

Andrew F. Boomer has finished work for Dr. F. Kendall, the meatman, by whom he has been employed 11 years. He is succeeded by George Litchfield, of Reading, this state.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams and daughter of Rutland were visitors at F. D. Randall's from Saturday to Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Walker of Brattleboro spent Sunday with them.

Miss Eva Wheaton of Bridgeport, Conn., is a guest of Dr. Laura M. Plantz, Dr. and Mrs. Walter G. Wheaton and children, who are now at the Pan-American exposition, will arrive next Monday.

Mrs. Charles L. Thwing left Sunday for Buffalo, where she will attend the Pan-American exposition. Miss Gertrude Billings of North Adams, who was her guest several days, returned at the same time.

The Congregationalist states that Fred B. Kellogg of Mount Vernon, N. Y., who formerly served the pulpit of the Congregational church in this village, has accepted a call to Waterbury, Mass., and will leave for that city on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brainard are visiting their daughter in Corinth. Mrs. Chaucer Brainard, who was visiting her

parents in Northampton, Mass., came to keep house for them during their absence.

Joseph Gregory, who, with his family, is visiting Miss Gregory at W. C. Crawford's, will sing in the Congregational church Sunday morning. Mr. Gregory has had experience in Trinity church choir.

Fred and Charles Merrill of South Framingham, Mass., came Saturday night to spend their vacation with their aunt, Mrs. Martin Pierce of Putney Falls. Their mother, Mrs. Cora Merrill, came this week.

Mrs. Sarah B. Holton started Thursday for Long, Cal., where she will remain until the last of August. On her way home she will visit an aunt in Nebraska and will stop at the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Cora Sawyer of Fitchburg, Mass., came Friday to visit at Eugene Holton's. She is a niece of Mrs. Holton. She was taken ill and her mother was sent for, but she was much better on her mother's arrival. They returned to Fitchburg Tuesday.

The next meeting of the Twentieth Century club probably will be an outdoor meeting in two weeks from the last regular meeting. The last meeting was held on the rocks in the river near the ferry and was a very pleasant occasion. One of the amusements was a ride up and down the river in the ferry boat.

Liveryman E. E. Blood lost a valuable mare by death Tuesday morning. The mare was driven from Putney to Newfane and returned Sunday and was ill when she reached the end of the trip. The drive in the excessive heat is supposed to have been the cause of death. The mare was one of a pair which Mr. Blood bought of Mark Ward, and she was easily worth \$150.

Gen. Lloyd Wheaton has recently been promoted from the rank of brigadier general to be one of the seven major generals of the regular army. He is now in command of the department of Northern Luzon, consisting of over 20,000 soldiers. In a letter to his stepmother, Dr. Laura M. Plantz of this town, Gen. Wheaton wrote: "I will probably remain in the Philippines another year. I now have no further ambitions to gratify in the matter of rank, and only hope to be of some little service to my country before I retire."

Members of a local church will have no difficulty in locating the church referred to in the following from the Congregationalist of last Saturday: "A Vermont church has been named in a late will as beneficiary to the sum of \$50. This simple condition is imposed: The minister shall receive interest thereon, if 'holding' substantially the historic faith of said church and of other evangelical churches as to fundamental theology, always barring the new theology." We wonder if the incumbent of this pastoral office receives with regularity his stipend from this source."

CHESTERFIELD, N. H.

George H. Davis has gone to Lee, N. H., for several weeks' stay.

Mrs. Harlan Fiske Stone of New York city is at her mother's for several weeks.

A seventh case of scarlet fever is reported in the Grover family. All have been quarantined.

The writer saw five deer in the pasture of the late Aaron Sumner last Monday while going to Hinsdale.

The daughters and grandchildren of Rev. Noble Fiske are at the Methodist parsonage for the summer.

Miss Minnie Cressy, daughter of C. W. Cressy, who has been living in Minnesota for the past few years, was in town for a few days recently.

Walter F. Pierce sold his farm, tools, stock, etc., by auction Monday. He is going to move to Greenfield, where he has a position in a manufacturing establishment.

Our people are anxiously awaiting the time when that four-horse team will be placed upon the road between this place and Brattleboro which was promised in all the local papers recently.

We heard the remark the other day, "How nice it is to be a farmer in the hay field." We wonder what those simple city pleasure seekers would say if they were called upon to get up at five o'clock in the morning and milk a dozen or more cows, then shoulder the scythe and stay out in the blazing sun with the thermometer registering 80 degrees in the shade at 9 a. m. and constantly creeping up until 112 degrees is registered on the northern side of a building. Would it be such fun then? And then drag themselves up into the hay mow with not a breath of air, not a window open in the barn, where the sweat would run down their legs a stream. Wouldn't the four inch starched collar hang limp on their necks, and the four ply cuffs dangle? Then at 12 o'clock come on and eat a heavy dinner, and when that is finished and the scripture has been read out of the head of the family, to hear these sentences: John, hitch up the stage and remain in the field, then the hay mow until 7 p. m., and probably have to travel over a mile of pasture to hunt up those beautiful looking cows, sit down and milk while sweat pours off the man faster than the milk flows into the pail. Would it be such fun to be a farmer?

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce sold his farm, tools, stock, etc., by auction Monday. He is going to move to Greenfield, where he has a position in a manufacturing establishment.

Two Offerings. A lily was given for friendship's sake. Fragrant and slender and spotless white. Beauty and perfume and joy it brought, A season brief of pure delight. But torn from the source of life away, The beautiful lily lived—once day.

A life was given for the dear Christ's sake. To the hearts that mourn and the world's outcasts, And a whispered hope unto hearts that break, And drew lost souls from their hopeless state.

A living life and ever it grew, Drawing strength from the Source anew. A beautiful life with beautiful thoughts And beautiful deeds that to earth were given.

All we seeds planted in others' hearts, But the blooms grew high on the gates of heaven.

ALICE LOUISE BROWN.

Annie Laurie Up to Date. [From the Vergennes Enterprise.] The poetical gentleman who said: "For Bonnie Annie Laurie I'd lay me down and die," would not be a popular business proposition today. What Annie wants is some one to stand up and make a living for her.

DOCTORS say "Consumption can be cured." Nature alone won't do it. It needs help. Doctors say.

"Scott's Emulsion" is the best help. But you must continue its use even in hot weather.

If you have not tried it, send for free sample. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York, N. Y., and all druggists.

William Higginson has resigned his position as loom fixer in the Halle &

HINSDALE, N. H.

She Wanted to Exhibit It Before Her Sunday School Class.

A Radcliffe graduate and Cambridge teacher whose home is in Hinsdale, but who is now traveling in Italy, writes from Rome the following amusing incident, which illustrates the ridiculous blunders which tourists, otherwise intelligent, often make when searching among the art treasures of the Old World.

While in Rome, a middle-aged lady, apparently of refinement and culture, rushed one day into the shop of an Italian photograph dealer, who, by the way, spoke English fluently, and exclaimed excitedly: "I want the photograph of that famous piece of sculpture, 'Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me.'"

"But," replied the photo shop keeper, "I have no such photograph and know of no such bit of sculpture."

"Oh, but you have it!" she replied. "A friend of mine at the Vatican, where we are stopping, bought a copy here only the other day, and your name was on the back."

The bland Italian kept assuring her that he had no knowledge of any such picture. By no means convinced, she began to look about the shop and suddenly cried out in triumph, "There it is!"

The astonished Italian turned his eyes in the direction indicated and beheld our country woman pointing her finger in exultation at a photographic reproduction of a famous piece of sculpture, now in the Vatican, representing "Father Nile" with fifteen infants tumbling over and about him, said infants symbolizing the cubits of inundation.

It is to be presumed that the wily picture vendor did not take pains to undeceive this pious searcher after Bible relics, and that she made haste to purchase the coveted treasure, and will take an honest pride in exhibiting the photograph, "Suffer Little Children to Come Unto Me," before her Sunday school class, when she returns to America.

W. J. Leonard was in Boston last week.

John O'Brien of Ludlow, Vt., was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Welch of Harrisville were Sunday visitors in town.

Miss Jennie L. Putney went to Fitchburg Wednesday for a few weeks' stay.

Mrs. G. M. Wright has been entertaining a nephew from Northampton, Mass.

Mrs. Duffy and son of New York have been visiting relatives in town recently.

Edward Ducette has moved to Franklin Falls, where he is at work in one of the mills.

Rev. D. L. Fisher joined his wife at Henderson, N. Y., Monday, for a month's vacation.

The engagement of Miss Flora Liscom to Charles Victor Stearns of Boston is announced.

Mrs. Horcher Smith and daughter, Hattie of Springfield, Mass., visited in town last week.

Mrs. Augusta Smith and Miss Lucy Smith of Chicopee, Mass., are visiting relatives in town.

Tax Collector Colton has handed over to the town treasurer \$12,000 of the taxes for 1901.

There have been four recent accessions to the Calvary Methodist church, all by letter.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pearson of Brightwood, Mass., called on friends in town last Sunday.

Rev. E. J. Deane is the happy possessor of a new saddle horse, which was bred in Kentucky.

F. E. Field and son, Robert Field, will leave tomorrow for a visit to Buffalo and the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy and child of Chicopee, Mass., spent a few days at G. S. Goddard's last week.

Thomas Hannon had for a visitor last week his nephew, Master Francis Corkery, of Spofford.

Prof. D. L. Fisher has been elected principal and Miss Florence M. King first assistant of the High school.

Mrs. Almira Fox of Keene spent Friday and Saturday of last week with her niece, Mrs. Addie E. Dix.

Mrs. L. Jennie Cutler has moved this week from one of Mrs. Stebbins' tenements to Dominick Belleville's.

Mrs. Courrier and family have moved into one of the tenements in the John Roberts house on High street.

The Brattleboro Y. M. C. A. base ball team defeated Raleigh's nine 13 to 8 on the island Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. E. J. Temple and daughter, Miss Madelon, have returned from a few days' visit with friends in Bellows Falls.

Miss Mary Ellen Purcell of Turners Falls was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Purcell, last week.

Mrs. F. H. Jones, who has been confined to her room by illness, is recovering, and is now able to be about the house.

Mrs. Laura Snow, who died of apoplexy at West Chesterfield on July 13, was a sister of Mrs. Dwight Stearns of this town.

Mrs. F. M. Fuller has been among the sick ones for the past two weeks her illness being brought on by the extreme heat.

Wm. A. Lynch's place, which was advertised for sale, remains his property, he not getting a bid for anything like its value.

John Barry and wife of Springfield, Mass., are spending a two weeks' vacation with Mrs. Barry's mother, Mrs. Raleigh, on River street.

Elmer Cramer went to Claremont Sunday to see his father, who recently met with a severe accident. Mr. Cramer returned Tuesday.

Mrs. Sophia Clark has sold her residence on Northfield street to W. O. Amidon, who will make it his home at some time in the future.

Mrs. G. S. Howe and Miss Caroline B. Howe have returned from a six weeks' absence, spending most of the time in Lockport and Buffalo, N. Y.

The families of C. A. Fletcher and Dominick Belleville went to Spofford for a two weeks' stay Monday. They are occupying J. B. Davidson's cottage.

Mrs. Jennie C. Bronson and children, Master Carlton and Miss Blanch, are making a month's visit with a sister of her late husband in Bridgeport, Conn.

William Higginson has resigned his position as loom fixer in the Halle &

Ernst mill, to accept one as overseer in the weave room in a mill at Shapleigh, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Davison returned from Worcester, Mass., last week Friday. Miss Davison remained with her brother, Roy, who is reported as slowly improving.

Mr. Birch, whose buildings were burned on the evening of July 4, has put up a building for temporary habitation, and will put up new farm buildings later.

The young people of the Universalist society will give a lawn party at Mrs. John Snow's on Thursday evening, July 19, to which every one is cordially invited.

Mr. Major has this week had erected a fine monument on his lot in St. Joseph's cemetery. Another nice monument has been added this week by Mr. Welch of Ashuelot.

The Arms Elmore place on Northfield street, recently owned by Mrs. S. S. Clark, has been bought by W. O. Amidon, the clothier, who will occupy it after September 1.

The Congregational lawn party at Mrs. G. M. Wright's Wednesday afternoon and evening had a fair attendance, despite the threatening weather, which no doubt kept many at home.

The Hinsdale and Brattleboro Y. M. C. A. base ball teams will play at Riverside park July 20. Each team has won one game, and a hard fought contest is looked for in the rubber game. Play will be called at 3 p. m.

Walter E. Miner and Miss Abigail Streeter were married by Rev. E. J. Deane at his rooms at the Hunter residence on Main street. The young couple are from North Hinsdale, where they will make their home.

The Methodist ladies will give a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dickerman on Wednesday evening, July 21, and on Thursday afternoon the Junior league will serve an out door tea at George Johnson's, on Brattleboro street.

James N. McCormick, class of 1901, Hinsdale High school, expects to enter Dartmouth college at the opening of the fall session. McCormick, who has won a reputation as a base ball pitcher, will probably be a candidate for the 'varsity' team.

George A. Robertson and daughters, Mrs. "Nat" Butler of Cambridge, Mass., and Miss Robertson, and son, George E. Robertson, of Washington, D. C., are to spend last Thursday for a two weeks' outing. They will occupy the Rockwell cottage.

Harry Dole of Arlington, Mass., is spending a few days with his grandfather, S. O. Davenport. Mr. Dole came from his home with his automobile, with Mr. Davenport, who went down there for the pleasure of the ride back. They made the trip from Boston to Hinsdale in nine hours.

Three horses which were hitched to a plow on the Sargeant farm, one day last week, were left for a short time by the driver, when they became frightened and started through the lot at a lively pace, dragging the plow after them. They were stopped before reaching the street, with little damage done.

At the adjourned town meeting Saturday afternoon the committee which was appointed to investigate the matter of getting an adequate water supply for fire and household purposes, made their report, but made no special recommendations. It was voted to instruct the committee to continue their investigations and report at the annual March meeting. The meeting adjourned without date.

The following officers of Court Ashuelot, No. 18, F. of A., were installed by Deputy Ranger C. P. Lynch last week: Luke Mann, Jr., chief ranger; William Welch, sub-chief ranger; John Quinn, financial secretary; Maurice Purcell, treasurer; Louis Odette, senior woodward; Daniel Conway, junior woodward; James Lynch, senior lodge; James Sargeant, junior lodge; H. J. Delphy, past chief ranger; Dr. B. F. Worthing, physician.

The newly installed officers of Hinsdale Circle, 516, Companions of the Forest are: Mrs. Margaret Purcell, chief companion; Mrs. Margaret Brennan, sub-chief companion; Miss Lizzie McLaughlin, financial secretary; Miss Belle Delphy, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Annie Smith, treasurer; Miss Ida Detour, right guide; Miss Flora King, left guide; Eugene Bergeron, inside guard; Thomas Smith, outside guard; Miss Annie Welch, past chief companion. The officers were installed by Deputy John E. Raleigh.

A reception last week Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Taylor on Northfield street, who were recently married and began housekeeping at the Taylor homestead, was attended by nearly 200 people.

The officers were served and the Hinsdale Brass band gave one of their enjoyable concerts. The newly married pair were the recipients of several handsome and substantial gifts. Among them were articles of silver ware, a parlor lamp, dining table, and an elegant sideboard.

J. W. Jeffords of the New Hampshire Sentinel staff had an unpleasant experience at Keene one day last week, when on his round of duties news gathering. He left his horse standing by the sidewalk, and stepped to a door and rang the bell. From some unknown cause the horse took fright and started for the stable at a furious gallop, but realizing his liberty he gained in speed, until striking a stone post, as Mr. Jeffords expresses it, "the carriage was made too fine for good kindling wood." The horse continued to run to the stable, where he arrived unhurt.

Harry Knowlton, who was put under \$500 bonds at Westfield, Mass., Wednesday, on accusation of breaking into a freight car last May and abstracting a case of whiskey, has grandparents in Hinsdale, and he put in an appearance at their home late one night several weeks ago, admitted that he was in a bit of a scrape and wanted to stay for awhile. His relatives had no idea that he had committed any serious crime, and so allowed him to remain. He kept secluded for a while, but finally grew bolder, appeared on the street, and was "spotted" by the local police, who notified the Westfield authorities, and one fine morning a Massachusetts officer arrived on the train and "gathered him in."

Mrs. Melissa Holland died at the High street home of William C. Stearns. Saturday the age of 47 years. Mrs. Holland had been an in-

valid for many months, but was only confined to her room about a week. She was a native of Hinsdale, but in childhood went with her mother to New York, where she remained until a little more than a year ago. She is survived by one brother, James H. Hancock, of this village. Funeral services were held at Mr. Stevens's by Rev. E. J. Deane Monday afternoon, and the burial was in Pine Grove cemetery.

The following officers were installed in the local commandery of the U. O. G. C. on Thursday evening at Fay's hall by Grand Commander F. C. Ryder of Newfield: Charles H. Pearson, noble commander; Mrs. Mary A. Royce, vice noble commander; Mrs. Della D. Estey, worthy prelate; Mrs. Addie E. Dix, keeper of records; J. T. Powers, worthy treasurer; F. O. Packard, worthy herald; Mrs. Mamie Britton, guardian of the lodge; Albert F. Fisher, past noble commander. After the work of the evening was concluded, the members of the order, with a goodly number of invited guests enjoyed a social hour. Refreshments were served.

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

Kick from a Horse Proved Fatal.

Leon, son of W. S. Hastings of this town, died on Thursday of last week from the effects of being kicked by a horse on the previous Tuesday. He was harnessing a horse at their farm on Pine meadow when the horse kicked, striking him with both feet in his stomach. He was taken home and died some time later. Nothing could be done to save his life, and he passed away at midnight on Thursday following the injury. His funeral was held from his father's home on Sunday, Rev. C. I. Scofield officiating, members of the Northfield band, of which he was a member, acting as bearers. He was the oldest of eight children and was a great help to his parents in the support of the family. He was exemplary in conduct and had every promise of becoming a good man. Sympathy is felt for the bereaved parents in their loss.

Mrs. N. P. Wood and her friend, Mrs. C. F. Simonds of New York, leave this week for a two weeks' outing at Nantasket.

The Young Women's conference opened last Friday evening with a larger delegation than ever before in the history of this conference, it being the ninth. Besides delegations from colleges, private schools and college settlements from the cities have delegates here, while Canada has a large representation. Rev. G. Campbell Morgan is the principal speaker of the conference, being heard daily at the Northampton, heading speaking in the church mornings to give visitors in other parts of the town an opportunity to hear him. John R. Mott presides at all the meetings, the singing being in charge of George C. Stebbins of Brooklyn. On Monday afternoon the annual reception was held on the lawn in front of the Betsy Ross cottage, which was very enjoyable. The mornings are devoted to class work and study while the afternoons are given up to walks, drives and sports.

VERNON.

Miss Mattie Baybrook of Stratton is at A. Whithead's.

Rev. F. E. Marble will preach in the church next Sunday at 2 o'clock.

Rev. H. L. Ross of Springfield will preach in the chapel next Sunday at 11 a. m.

Mrs. Charles Joy of Amherst is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Campbell.

Miss Reta Te Roller of Seattle is spending a short time with Miss Clarissa Reed.

Master Harold Howard of Springfield, Mass., has been visiting Harold Akley a few days.

Ralph and Landon Pratt of Newton Centre, Mass., are spending a week with their aunt, Miss Edith Hill.

Ellsworth Clark of the Springfield Republican staff, a former Vernon boy, visited at Mr. Fairman's last week.

Mrs. Agnes Gray and daughters, Edith and Emma, of Brooklyn, are at Mrs. Gray's father's, A. Stebbins's, for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Kenney have returned to Danvers, and H. L. Whithead and family went to Worcester, Mass., last Saturday.

Frank Sterry and family have returned from a few days' stay in East Lyme, Conn. Sterry's sister, Miss Smith, will spend a few weeks in Vernon.

A Navigable Balloon.

Henry Deutch, having offered a prize of 10,000 francs (\$20,000) for the first successful directing balloon, Santos Dumont experimented with an invention of his on the Champ de Mars. He seen from the Eiffel tower the result was extraordinary. The balloon obeyed the aeronaut's will, rising and sinking without difficulty. The motor produced a noise resembling that of an automobile.

M. Santos Dumont gives a very interesting account of his journey. He left St. Cloud at 3 o'clock in the morning. Owing to the trees there was only a small open space that was available for his purpose. Men held the guide ropes of the balloon until it reached the Longchamps race course, around which M. Dumont steered his cigar-shaped balloon several times.

Subsequently he extended his operations around the Bois de Boulogne. He wished then to return to St. Cloud, but his assistants shouted, "the Eiffel tower," toward which he proceeded. When close to the tower the steering apparatus became disarranged and the balloon rushed toward the lofty structure, threatening to collide with it. M. Dumont managed to steer the airship in a series of curves toward the Trocadero, where he descended to the earth and repaired the damage. He then reascended and circled round the Eiffel tower and then went back to his starting point.

M. Aimé, secretary of the Aero club, who watched M. Dumont's trip, is quoted as saying that without doubt the problem of aerial navigation has been solved. The airship came to the earth as easily and as lightly as a bird.

Two diamond rings, valued at \$100, were stolen Friday from Miss Natalie C. Barney of Washington, at the Hotel Touraine in Boston. She left her jewels, valued at \$10,000, while she went out to ride with her father, a millionaire. When she returned the two rings were gone, but the other jewelry had not been touched. The thief was a bell boy who was arrested. The rings were recovered.

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