Algerines at Law.

CONVENTIONAL MORTGAGES.

Joseph P. A. Gast to Paul H. Tessier, $925, 1 note, 1 year, 7 per cent, 4 lots, Patterson, Wagner, Pelican avenue and Webster.—Mahoney.

JUDICIAL MORTGAGES.

Pierre Haurie and H. A. Lieto in solido to Carondelet Investment Co., Aug. Chabaud, proprietor; $170, interest and costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Henry A. Tapie to American Homestead Company, lot, Opelousas, Atlantic, Pacific and Evelina, $1,200 cash.—Charbonnet.

Purchaser to vendor, same property, $1,200 terms.—Charbonnet.

John Lamana et al to Mrs. Carolina DiCristina, interest, etc., in and to 2 lots, Homer, Monroe, Nunez and Newton, $425 cash.—Patorno.

Estate of Peter Lamana to same, interest, etc., in and to property above, $425 cash.—Patorno.

Mrs. Carolina DiCristina et als to John Lamana, 2 lots, Diana, Nunez, Newton and Verret, $850 terms.—Patorno.

Mrs. Chas. R. Corbett to John Schroeder, 2 lots, Patterson, Vallette, Belleville and Pelican, $3,600 terms—O'Connor.

Eureka Homestead Society to Alphonse Riquard, lot, Atlantic, Pacific, Homer and Jackson, $1,100 terms.—Mahoney.

WOODMEN CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Christmas tree committee of Orange Camp No. 8, Woodmen of the World, met at Chairman Donner's residence, No. 807 Opelousas avenue, Monday, for the purpose of tabulating the returns from the requests sent out for the names of the members' children desiring to participate in the distribution of toys and to arrange other details with the result that there were received requests for 330 children.

It was decided to have the distribution at Pythian Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 8 o'clock p. m.

The committee has made preparations for the above number of children only, and, therefore, wi
other children into the hall on that night. It was agreed, however, that adults, whether Woodmen or not, would be admitted into the hall to witness the celebration, but the only children to be admitted would be those in possession of the cards of admission which the committee will issue in due time.

Persons desiring information pertaining to this tree can procure same from the committee, which is composed as follows: Charles J. Donner, chairman; L. F. Gisch, ex-officio; J. H. Kepper, A. Spitzfaden, Jr., F. C. Hymel, George G. Brunssann, W. F. Sperie and Charles M. McCloskey.

Returns received after the set date, Dec. 7, will not be considered.

The committee has received a number of requests for children whose ages are below those set by the committee, and these as well as the nephews, grandchildren, etc., were set aside and not provided for, as the original plans did not take such children into it.

FOR FIREMEN'S ELECTION.

At a conference of candidates for membership on the board of trustees of the Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund who were voted for Wednesday, officers who presided at the election were selected Tuesday. Among them was Capt. Joseph Caruso of Engine No. 17. The balloting was from 9 o'clock until 3 o'clock.

MAYOR IN NEW YORK.

Acting Mayor Ricks received a telegram from Mayor Behrman Tuesday advising that he would arrive Saturday morning. The Mayor now is in New York. He will stop on his way home at Atlanta to attend the meeting of representatives of cities interested in the Panama canal, to be held there Wednesday and Thursday.

Looks Ominous.

"I fear I have made a mistake."

"Why?"

"He proposed in a taxicab. The minute I accepted him he paid the bill and we got out and walked."—Kansas City Journal.

The Medical Students.

Pendleton—What are the two greatest wishes of a medical student? Kerfer—Give it up. What are they? Pendleton—To put "Dr." before his own name and "Dr." after the names of other people.

GET WHAT YOU WANT.

You Can Finally Grasp It if You Are Persistent and Patient.

Get what you want in this world It's here waiting for you. All you have to do is to reach for it. If you reach hard enough and far enough and long enough you'll get it, no matter what it is you want.

Suppose you are foolish enough to want great wealth. You can get it But to get it you must make up your mind that you want wealth; that you want it above everything else in the world.

Observe an industrious alien with a pushcart. He wants $1,000. He sleeps in a cellar. He rises at 4. He works till 10 at night. He denies himself food to save. Some day he will have his thousand dollars.

"But," you protest, "I can't sleep in a cellar. I'm above running a push cart." Very well, then. There is little likelihood that you will ever be rich There are other things that you want more than wealth—your comfort, your social position.

Suppose you are more sensible. Suppose that it is success you want. Good! There are few joys in this world that can compare with the joy of achievement. Set your mark and start climbing toward it. You'll reach it if you keep at it. Be persistent and be patient. If you are in Maine you can't wish yourself in California. You can't get there overnight, either. But you'll get there some time if you start and keep going, even if you go on your hands and knees.

But remember this: No man ever climbs higher than the mark he sets himself. No man ever reaches the top walking sideways. No man achieves who keeps turning back.

And one thing more:

Pick your apple carefully before you start to climb the tree. Some apples are sour.—William Johnston in American Magazine.

SHAKESPEARE'S WOMEN.

Neither Original Nor Enlightened, Is Helen Keller's Verdict.

I doubt if the women in Shakespeare's comedies are to be taken seriously. They are pretty creatures intended to be played by boys. They are the vehicle of any more or less fitting strain of poetry which happens to please the poet. Alice in Wonderland is a very real little girl, but one would not make a grave, scholarly analysis of the traits of character which she displays in her encounter with the mock turtle. Neither should we press too heavily upon Shakespeare's poetry to extract his beliefs about women. The unrivaled sonnets voice the praise and also the petulant dissatisfaction of a man in love or pretending to be in love for the purpose of poetry. The woman worship in the sonnets and in the glowing passages of the plays spoken by gallants in pursuit of their ladies is only the conventional romanticism common in medieval and renaissance literature.

Shakespeare's phrasing outflies that of all other poets. But his ideas of women are neither original nor enlightened. In studying the social ideas of a writer and his time we often learn more from his unconscious testimony than from his direct eloquence. Portia is wise, witty, learned, disguised as a man; but she is disposed of without protest through her father's will and its irrational accidents to a commonplace bankrupt courtier, and the tacit implication is that she is happily bestowed Where Shakespeare brings Portia's career to an end a modern comedy would begin. In the other plays the delightful heroine is hurried off at the close of the fifth act into the possession of a man whom she would not look at if she were as wise and strong and witty as the situations have represented her.—Helen Keller in Metropolitan.

Punsters.

Douglas Jerrold, when challenged to make a pun on the zodiac, replied, "By Gemini, I Can-cer."

Theodore Hook, when he was improvising at a party, and a Mr. Winter, a well known inspector of taxes, was announced, went on without a moment's break in his performance:

Here comes Mr. Winter, inspector of taxes.
I'd advise ye to give him whatever he axes.
I'd advise ye to give him without any flummery.
For though his name's Winter his actions are summary.

The Danger.

A lawyer while conducting his case cited the authority of a doctor of law yet alive.

"My learned friend," interrupted the judge, "you should never go upon the authority of any save that of the dead. The living may change their minds."—Nos Loisirs.

Cause and Effect.

"Mrs. Smythe has a beautiful new plume for her hat."

"I thought so. I just met her husband."

"Did he tell you about it?"

"No, but he looked as if he had just been plucked."—Houston Post.

Backhanded.

Bess—I don't like that Mr. Cutting. Jess—That's unkind of you. I heard him say something awfully sweet about you yesterday. Bess—Oh, did he? What was it? Jess—He said he imagined you must have been perfectly charming as a girl.—Cleveland Leader.

A Buttonhole.

Little Bess—How do you make button holes, Nellie? Little Nell—Oh, just take a hole and sew eye winkers all round it.—Chicago News.

Strenuous Training.

There is a good story of "Choppy" Warburton, one time famous as a runner. When Warburton came to London and ran the southern contingent off its feet some one asked him how he came to take up running.

"Well," replied the Lancastrian, "I came from a large family, tha knows We lads all worked at t' mill, and it wor a good mile from t' house. As we only had one spoon in t' house at meal times, we all ran home as hard as we could to get it. And I usually got there first."—London Answers.

FANCY DISHES.

Molded Rice or Gelatin May Be Handsomely Decorated.

The side dishes for the Christmas banquet should be made as attractive as possible. Fruit and nuts may be served in gelatin. Chicken salad may go to the table in a rice mold or sweets may be used in the same form The mold chosen for the rice should be one of those with a hollow center, in which the salad or dessert may be placed. Parsley or bits of holly can be laid along the outside of the dish, and, in the case of gelatin desserts, they may be adorned with candied or maraschino cherries.

A delicious fruit cream is thus made: Take two tablespoonfuls of granulated gelatin in a pan and cover it with a cupful of cold milk. Soak for an hour and then place it over a saucepan of boiling water that it may dissolve slowly.

Whip half a pint of thick cream sweeten it to taste and flavor with a teaspoonful of vanilla and a cupful of chopped dates. Strain the gelatin slowly through muslin into the cream (which must be evenly stirred meanwhile), place in a wet mold and when set turn out and garnish with split

DESSERT AND SALAD IN MOLDS.

glace cherries. Garnish with sprigs of holly or pine.

A handsome fruit mold may be made as follows:

Prepare gelatin in the usual way When slightly cooled pour it over Malaga grapes and halves of English walnuts in the bottom of a china or crystal bowl.

The grapes should be halved and the seeds removed, and if the gelatin is not a tart flavor orange or lemon juice should be added.

Stir slightly to distribute the fruit, stand in a cold place to chill thoroughly and serve with sweetened whipped cream. Garnish with sprigs of holly.

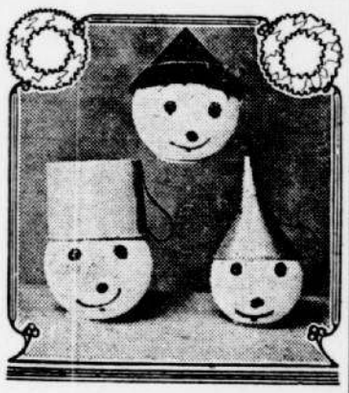
CHRISTMAS NUTS.

Served In Various Forms In Dainty Souvenir Boxes.

Nuts or nut dainties are generally part of the Christmas feast. Sugared or salted almonds may be served in souvenir boxes like those illustrated here. These are made of cotton to represent snowballs, the eyes, nose and mouth being painted on with water colors. The tin cup and funnel make quaint covers for the larger boxes Fancy lids shaped out of pasteboard may be covered with crape paper.

When mixed nuts are served have them cracked before they are taken to the table. See that there is a small portion of salt at each cover. Nuts with salt are valuable as an aid to digestion.

If you prefer to make your own salted almonds put an ounce or two of almonds in a bowl, pour boiling water over them, cover and let them stand for five or six minutes. By pressing



FANCY ALMOND BOXES.

them between the finger and thumb the skins will readily come off. Dry in a clean cloth.

Put a tablespoonful or less of olive oil, according to the quantity of almonds, in another small bowl. Put in the almonds and stir them round till all are coated with oil. Then roll them in salt. Put them in the oven, which should be moderately hot, and leave them till a pale brown. Take them out, shake off the superfluous salt, and when cold they are ready to serve.

Sugared nuts are nice. Nearly all nuts except peanuts are palatable in this shape. Hickory nuts and butternuts are especially good.

Have the meats picked from the shells. Boil granulated sugar with enough water to dissolve it, stirring as little as possible. When it can be drawn out in a thread stir in the nuts and let them cook a very little, for if left too long on the stove the oils will be drawn from them. Pour thinly on platters, and when cold they will be found to separate easily.

THE UNERRING SUN

It Is Uncle Sam's Most Reliable Lighthouse Keeper.

NEVER FALTERS IN ITS WORK.

By the Aid of the Wonderful Sun Valve It Lights the Acetylene Beacons as It Sets at Night and Extinguishes Them as It Rises In the Morning.

The sun is the most trustworthy of lighthouse keepers. The sun or the heat from it lights many hundreds of beacons along our coasts and waterways evening after evening and extinguishes them punctually every morning. They are guides on land and sea that are never touched by human hands from one month's end to another. The way in which the United States government, through its lighthouse board, has utilized the services of the sun and made that great lamp of heaven a faithful and unerring servant is most interesting.

The discovery of acetylene gas was the first step toward retiring the lonely keepers of the little lights in faroff places. Modern magic was not slow in recognizing the fact that by the application of certain well known scientific principles the lighting of the great chains of beacons that girdle the coasts of the two seas and the gulf and cover the great lakes and every navigable stream in our huge country could be much simplified.

The United States did not become interested in the acetylene light and its automatically generating gas buoy until about the year 1906 and did not adopt it until 1908. Then the engineers of the lighthouse board devised some wonderful improvements, among them the utilization of the sun.

The self lighting and self extinguishing acetylene beacon is a very simple thing, but it depends almost entirely on the "sun valve," which is one of the most wonderful but least complex of the achievements of modern science.

In the first place, the source of light for these lone beacons is dissolved acetylene, which is stored under pressure in steel cylinders. One of these cylinders can be charged with enough gas to last a small beacon three years Usually, however, in the case of floating buoys, a six months' supply is all that is necessary, as such buoys are overhauled and painted twice a year. Knowing the size of the flame and its hourly consumption of gas, it is very easy to compute how long a cylinderful will last and how often it will need to be visited. That is all the care the light will need. The sun valve does the rest.

The scientific principle upon which the sun valve depends is that light waves become transformed in different degrees, according to the nature of the intercepting body. Sunlight upon dark surfaces is converted into heat, and heat produces expansion. This expansion is especially perceptible in certain metals.

In a carefully sealed and substantially mounted glass jar nearly a foot high and about one-fourth that in diameter a thick black rod is placed perpendicularly through the center. It is supported by three slenderer rods of highly polished copper. The big black rod is of copper also and is coated with lampblack to make it absorb light to the greatest possible degree. The supporting rods reflect light without absorbing it and do not expand or contract to the same extent as the largest rod.

The thick black piece of copper in the center of the jar is extremely sensitive to light and heat. As the sun appears and the atmosphere grows warmer in the morning this rod lengthens. It pushes down into the metal chamber in which the glass jar rests and touches the end of a lever. It presses down on this lever, which is controlled by a spring and cuts off the flow of the gas to the lamp.

When the sun disappears from view in the evening and the temperature of the air falls the process is reversed. The rod contracts and releases its pressure on the lever, allowing the gas to flow upward to the lamp. The gas is ignited by a little pilot flame that is never extinguished. Thus the beacon is lighted at the proper time and is put out when it is no longer needed, although along desolate coasts it may never gladden the human eye for months at a time.

The engineers of the lighthouse board say that the precision of this device is almost incredible. It can be used with equal certainty in equatorial heat and in polar cold, for it responds with the utmost accuracy to small variations in temperature. It is used on lonely islands in the Pacific. There are nearly a hundred of these sun valve beacons in Alaska. In summer they are aids to navigation, and in winter they guide the travelers on dog sledges over the frozen wastes.—Harper's Weekly.

Deadly.

"I understand that a number of women have learned to smoke cigars," said the frivolous observer.

"I don't believe it," replied Mr. Meekton. "The kind of cigars that women buy nobody could smoke."—Washington Star.

Sarcastic.

Softly—I'd have you to understand, sir, that I'm not such a fool as I look. Sarcast—Well, then, you have much to be thankful for.

Riches are like sea water, the more you drink the thirstier you become.—Schopenhauer.

Preferred Shakespeare to Poetry.

Mrs. Wood B. Highbrow was outlining to her caller the program of her literary club for the ensuing year.

"And will you study poetry also, Mrs. Highbrow?" inquired the caller.

"Oh, no!" responded Mrs. Highbrow pompously. "We intend to keep right on with Shakespeare."—Kansas City Star.

The Talipot Palm.

The leaf of the Ceylon talipot palm, which grows to 100 feet in height, is so wide that it will cover twenty men.

Another Kind.

The late Justice Wills once made a rather cutting remark to a barrister. The barrister was, in the judge's private opinion, simply wasting the time of the court, and in the course of a long winded speech he dwelt at quite unnecessary length on the appearance of certain bags connected with the case.

"They might," he went on pompously—"they might have been full bags, or they might have been half filled bags, or they might even have been empty bags, or"—

"Or perhaps," dryly interpolated the judge, "they might have been windbags!"—London Answers.

Precocious Fox.

Charles James Fox is probably the only man who ever made a maiden speech in the commons while still a youth in his teens. He was nineteen when he took his seat for Midhurst, and within a few months he had made three excellent speeches. And yet even at this early age Fox used frequently to sit up all night drinking and gambling.

He Marked.

"This," said the enthusiastic young reporter, "is going to be one of the best stories the paper has had for a month. Now, mark my words."

Whereupon the editor seized his large club shaped blue pencil and so did.

Jupiter.

Although Jupiter is 1,387 times bigger than the earth, it is only 300 times heavier.