

**A TRIBUTE TO THE SHEAVES.**

All day the reapers on the hill  
Have plied their task with sturdy will,  
But now the field is void and still:  
And, wandering thither, I have found  
The bearded spears in sheaves well bound,  
And stacked in many a golden mound.  
And while cool evening snavely grows,  
And o'er the sunset's dying rose  
The first great white star throbs and glows.  
And from the clear east, red of glare,  
The ascendant harvest moon floats fair  
Through dreamy deeps and purple air.  
And in among the slanted sheaves  
A tender light its glamour weaves,  
A lovely light that lures, deceives—  
Then swayed by Fancy's dear command,  
Amid the past I seem to stand,  
In hallowed Bethlehem's harvest land!  
And through the dim field, vague described,  
A homeward host of shadows glide,  
And sickles gleam on every side.  
Shadows of man and maid I trace,  
With shapes of strength and shapes of grace,  
Yet gaze but on a single face—  
A candid brow, still smooth with youth,  
A tranquil smile, a mien of truth—  
The patient, star-eyed glenier, Ruth!  
—Edgar Fawcett.

**Tom Craig's Wonderful Pig.**

Our friend, Jacob Staff, sends us the following, and assures us that it is a genuine article:

"The owners of fox dogs in Harrison county have all been telling about their fine dogs and their achievements; but Captain Tom Craig now comes to the front with a story of a pig that discounts all the dog yarns that the fox dog owners have been spinning. Captain Craig, being accosted with this scribe's usual salutation—'tell me something'—said: 'I have a fox dog that I want to tell you about. He is of the "root-hog-or-die" species, and is about 3 months old, and was a present to my little boy from my neighbor, Henry Stevens. He is a common looking speckled pig, and has been raised a pet with the puppies. He eats and sleeps with them, and when I go hunting he goes too, and will stay out with us three hours at a time.  
"It would amuse you to see him circling to come in and head the dogs when they get to far ahead of him. Of course he cannot keep up with them when they are running fast. The other night we were out hunting and the pig got behind, but he cut in and soon caught us, and was with us at the tree. I would have paid a good price for a picture of the scene at this tree. The dogs laid down, one of them drawing a bed of leaves around him. The pig went and laid down with him, putting his head on the dog's forefeet, which were crossed."  
—American Field.

**A Preparation for the Bath.**

Those who are troubled with offensive perspiration would do well when talking a bath to use a preparation made as follows: Take of soap powder and powdered borax each one-half ounce; essence of bergamot, six drams; oil of lemon and oil of neroli, of each two drams; oil of rosemary, thirty drops; attar of roses, five drops.

Or, if this is too expensive, the druggist can use the soap and borax and substitute cheaper perfumes. The oils should be well rubbed with these bases in a mortar and put into a bottle, which should be kept corked and in a cool place. One-half to one tablespoonful may be added to an ordinary bathtub full of water. This will be sufficient for cleanliness; at the same time it will prove an admirable deodorizer.—Boston Herald.

**Spiders' Perseverance Not Appreciated.**

Ever since the story of Robert Bruce and the spider that insect has been proverbially held up to view as an example of pertinacious skill. An attempt to establish instinct as a guide to reason is, however, a fallacy. The setting hen is an example of instinct, not maternal constancy. This perseverance of spiders may have been an encouragement to Robert Bruce, but it is often a discouragement in engineering work. In sinking plumb lines down shafts for middle headings in tunneling in order to obtain an alignment for the tunnel, the accuracy of the work is often seriously impaired by spiders attaching their webs to the lines and drawing them toward the walls, often with sufficient tension to introduce material errors in the position of the plumb bob.—Cor. Engineering.

**Good Machines and Poor Workmen.**

It does not pay to fit up a shop with poor machinery if you want good work, nor do you want to put bad workmen in charge of your expensive tools. You are doing things by halves, introducing a bull into your china shop, and playing with fire in a manner that is certain to result in burned fingers. Good machines will never do good work in the hands of poor mechanics, and although a good workman will often do wonders with the poorest of tools, the combination is not economical, and is usually unsatisfactory to employer and employed. Good tools operated by competent mechanics last longest, do the best work, produce in every way the most satisfactory results, and are always cheapest in the long run.—Safety Valve.

The inquiry among French authors as to the relative value of the seal and ideal in fiction called forth the following from a lady: "In order to charm and attract me a novel should be sentimental, impassioned, graceful, elegant, full of illusions and not the simple photograph of my ordinary existence, which weighs me down on account of its vulgarity and commonplace, which follows me everywhere, which I know too well and which I would like to forget."

During the ten years ended with 1890 the country received more than 829,000 Italians. In the last year of the ten the Italians constituted almost one-eighth of the total immigration. About the same fraction of the whole was made up of Russian Jews and Poles.

The highest trestle on the line of the Northern Pacific railroad is that across the Corsican defile, about twelve miles west of Missoula, Mon. The track level is exactly 300 feet 9 inches above the rocks in the gorge below.

**ADJUSTABLE HOUSE DRESS.**

Convenient Garment Designed by a Comfort-Loving Lady.

An ingenious woman—a semi-invalid, tired of wrappers, robes and loose gowns of all descriptions, after considerable thought and close study of the latest fashion papers, planned and directed the making of the stylish, neat-fitting "adjustable" house-dress herewith illustrated, and the result was eminently pleasing. Her object was to produce a one-piece gown which could be as easily donned and as comfortably worn as an ordinary wrapper, but which could be instant-ly made to look like a close-fitting costume suitable for any occasion.



The entire lining and the outside of the back are cut by a plain princess pattern. (Fig. 1.) The lining fastens in front with a smooth cord laced over small, flat buttons on each side below the bust. The front of the straight skirt falls in loose folds from three forward-turning plaits on each side, the middle plait on the left side covering a placket opening (which is kept from parting by two small safety-hooks and worked loops), and the bottom is finished with a ruffle gathered to form a self-heading. The

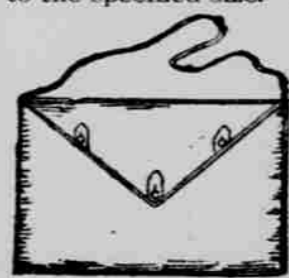


FIG. 2. FRONT OF HOUSE DRESS.

gumpe is gathered across the shoulders and neck and brought down in soft folds beneath the corset portions which extend only to the underarm seams. These corset fronts are cut by an ordinary corset pattern, omitting the back forms; they are lined, and kept in shape by featherbone stays—which are easy, flexible and almost unbreakable—at each seam and along the front edges; the closing is accomplished by ten small buttons on each side and a silk lacing cord. By tightening or loosening the fronts, by means of the cords, the dress may be made to vary several inches in size, and yet be always neat and in order; and it takes but a moment or two to make the change. A full puff, cut so as to rise high above the shoulders, covers each coat sleeve from the top to the elbow. In the model (Fig. 2) the corset matches the dress proper, which is of tan sateen with scattered moon spots of castor-brown, while the gumpe and lower sleeve portions are of plain tan finished with collar and cuffs of castor-brown velvet laced with cords and buttons; a narrow cord of the velvet outlines both edges of the corset. A velvet corset and a silk gumpe would be handsome should this design be developed in India silk or nice, soft wool goods.—American Agriculturist.

**A CONVENIENT GIFT.**

Envelope for Carrying Money and Important Documents.  
When a dear friend is contemplating a trip abroad, a useful gift for her is a chamois envelope for carrying the letter of credit so necessary on a foreign journey. The envelope, when finished, is six inches long by four inches wide. An exact fit for that important document the banker will provide. For a pattern, take an envelope, and enlarge to the specified size. Line with pink or blue silk and bind with narrow white ribbon, stitched on the machine. The envelope for the sake of security should close with buttons and button holes. Before the button holes are cut, three pieces of white ribbon, an inch and a-half long, the ends pointed, are stitched upon the flap, and when worked through both ribbon and chamois, they will be strong and durable. A long loop of narrow white ribbon is fastened to the upper corners, by which the envelope is suspended around the neck of the wearer, under the clothing. For the sake of convenience, make the loop long enough to slip over the head. It can be adjusted to suit the wearer; being soft and pliable, it can be worn under the corset if desired. Not only is this a useful gift for the traveler going beyond the seas, but is as acceptable as well to those who travel in their "rain countries."—Ladies' Home Journal.



**Pretty Card Cases.**  
The newest card cases devised for formal visiting are really works of art. Only the finest and softest kids and leathers are used—cream, amber and snow white. Those in suede are almost completely covered by silver wrought in delicate lacy patterns, with either a tiny miniature set in moonstones in the corner, a heavy monogram, or else a pink-tinted conch shell surrounded by small brilliants. Twin hearts of moonstones and turquoises are seen on many of the handsomest specimens, while others are embossed with the inevitable silver fleur-de-lis. This fine de siecle effect is heightened by having a narrow silver ribbon wound about to tie the triple figure and descend in graceful convolutions and loops to catch the next flower below.

**Fire Sale! - Fire Sale! - Fire Sale!**

**The goods damaged by fire at the Racket Store will be placed on sale to-morrow August 13th at 9 o'clock a. m. Most of these goods were not damaged by fire—only wet, and will be closed out at very low prices.**

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**The Only One Price Clothier in Cass Co. TO APPRECIATE JOE'S LOW PRICES**

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Opera House Corner - Plattsmouth, Neb.

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Now is the time to get a saddle at your own price at Keefe's.

**WANTED.** A desirable tenant for the Dovey homestead, corner of Seventh and Oak streets.

Now is the time to get a first class single or light double harness below cost at W. G. Keefe, who is selling out all his light goods to reduce his mammoth stock.

Brown & Barrett dispense a greater variety of Summer drinks than any house in the city.

Being overstocked with light double and single buggy harness, carriage dusters, robes, fly nets, stable sheets and a very large assortment of ladies' and gentlemen's saddles, I will sell the above stock for the next thirty days at below cost.

Quilting and piecing, comforting and crazy patch work and carpet rag sewing satisfactorily done by Mrs. Vroman, 513 North Sixth street, Plattsmouth, Neb.

**BAD ECZEMA ON BABY**

Head one Solid Sore Itched awful Had To tie his Hand to Cradle Cured by Cuticura

Our little boy broke out on his head with a bad form of eczema when he was four months old. We tried three doctors but they did not help him. When we used your three CUTICURA REMEDIES, and after using them eleven weeks exactly according to directions he began to steadily improve and after the use of them for seven months his head was entirely well. When we began using it his head was a solid sore from his crown to his eyebrows. It was also all over his ears most of his face and small places on different parts of his body. There were sixteen weeks that we had to keep his hands tied to the cradle and hold them when he was taken up; and had to keep mittens on his hand to keep his finger nails out of the sores, as he would scratch if he could in any way get his hands loose. We know your CUTICURA REMEDIES cured him. We feel safe in recommending them to others.

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The new blood and skin purifier, and greatest of Humor Remedies, cleanses the blood of all impurities and poisonous elements, and thus remove the cause, and CUTICURA, the great SKIN Cure, and CUTICURA SOAP, an exquisite Skin Purifier and Beautifier, to clear the skin and scalp and restore the hair, speedily cure every humor and disease of the skin, scalp, and blood, with loss of hair, whether itching, burning, scaly, pimply, and blotchy, skin scap and blood disease, from ptyphes to scrofula, from infancy to age when the best physicians fail.

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Potted strawberry plants of choice varieties will be on sale at Lew Moore's by July 15th. Plants put out now will insure a big crop next year.

New Barn—New Stock.  
Elam Parmele has pushed his way to the front as a livery man by keeping nothing but the finest carriages and buggies and best horses to be found in the state. Those wanting a satisfactory livery can't do better than to call on Mr. Parmele.

**BURLINGTON & MISSOURI RIVER R. R.**

**TIME TABLE**  
OF DAILY PASSENGER TRAINS

GOING EAST		GOING WEST	
No. 2	5:30 P. M.	No. 1	3:30 A. M.
No. 4	10:30 A. M.	No. 3	5:30 P. M.
No. 8	7:44 P. M.	No. 5	9:15 A. M.
No. 10	9:45 A. M.	No. 7	7:15 A. M.
No. 12	10:14 A. M.	No. 9	6:25 P. M.
No. 20	8:30 A. M.	No. 11	5:25 P. M.
		No. 19	11:05 A. M.

**SECRET SOCIETIES**

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS** Gauntlet Lodge No. 47. Meets every Wednesday evening at their hall in Parmele & Craig block. All visiting knights are cordially invited to attend. C. C. Marshall, C. C.; J. H. Doyce, K. R. S.

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION** Waterman block, Main Street. Rooms open from 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 p. m. For men only. Gospel meeting every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

**A. O. U. W.** Meets first and third Friday evenings of each month at G. A. R. Hall in Rockwood block. Frank Vermilyea, M. W. D. E. Enersole, Recorder.

**A. O. U. W. No. 84.** Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in the month at G. A. R. Hall in Rockwood block. E. J. Morgan, M. W. F. P. Brown, Recorder.

**ROYAL ARCANUM.** Cass Council No. 1021. Met at the K. of P. hall in the Parmele & Craig block over Bennett & Tutts, visiting brethren invited. Henry Herold, Regent. Thos. Walling, Secretary.

**CASS LODGE, No. 146. I. O. O. F.** meets every Tuesday night at their hall in Fitzgerald block. All Old Fellows are cordially invited to attend when visiting in the city. J. Cory, N. G. S. W. Bridge, Secretary.

**PLACES OF WORSHIP.**

**CATHOLIC.** St. Paul's Church, Oak, between Fifth and Sixth. Father Carney, Pastor. Services: Mass at 8 and 10:30 a. m. Sunday School at 2:30, with benediction.

**CHRISTIAN.** Corner Locust and Eighth Sts. Services morning and evening. Elder J. K. Reed, pastor. Sunday School 10 a. m.

**EPISCOPAL.** St. Luke's Church, corner Third and Vine. Rev. H. B. Burgess, pastor. Services: 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 2:30 p. m.

**GERMAN METHODIST.** Corner Sixth St. and Granite. Rev. H. T. Pastor. Services: 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School 10:30 a. m.

**PRESBYTERIAN.** Services in new church, corner Sixth and Granite sts. Rev. J. T. Baird, pastor. Sunday-school at 9:30; Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

The Y. R. S. C. E. of this church meets every Sabbath evening at 7:15 in the basement of the church. All are invited to attend these meetings.

**FIRST METHODIST.** Sixth St., between Main and Pearl. Rev. J. D. M. Buecker, pastor. Services: 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

**GERMAN PRESBYTERIAN.** Corner Main and Ninth. Rev. White, pastor. Services: usual hours. Sunday School 9:30 a. m.

**SWEDISH CONGREGATIONAL.** Granite, between Fifth and Sixth.

**COLORADO BAPTIST.** Mt. Olive, Oak, between Tenth and Eleventh. Rev. A. Roswell, pastor. Services: 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

**YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.** Rooms in Waterman block, Main street. Gospel meeting for men only, every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rooms open week days from 8:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.

**SOUTH PARK TABERNACLE.** Rev. J. M. Wood, Pastor. Services: Sunday School, 10 a. m.; Freshing, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; prayer meeting Tuesday night; choir practice Friday night. All are welcome.

**Wanted.** An active, reliable man—salary \$70 to \$80 monthly, with increase to represent in his own section a responsible New York House. References. MANUFACTURER, Lock Box 1585, New York.