

PLANTS MILLIONS OF PIKE

State Fish Commission Reports on Its Distribution of Fry.

STOCKS STREAMS WITH FINNY PATRIOTISM

Work at the Hatchery Praised in High Terms by the Members of the Fish Commission.

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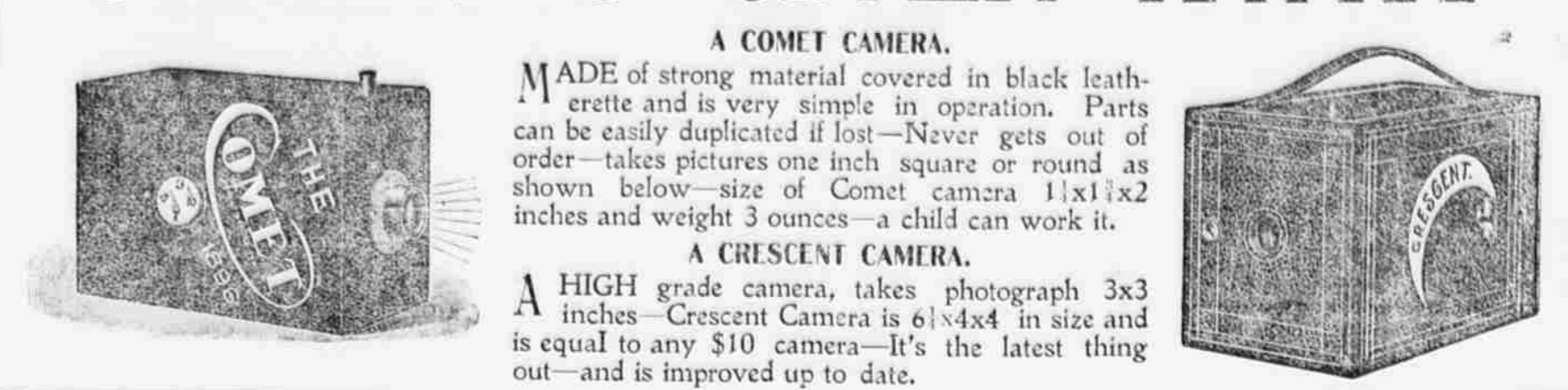
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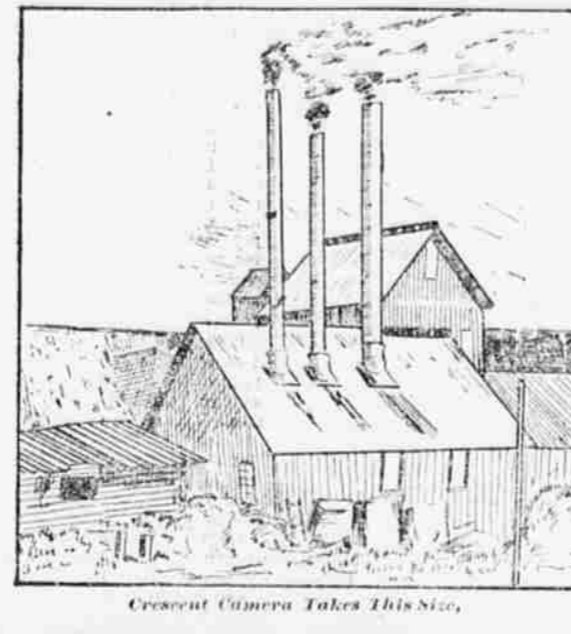
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DR. GOODMAN'S PRELIMINARY

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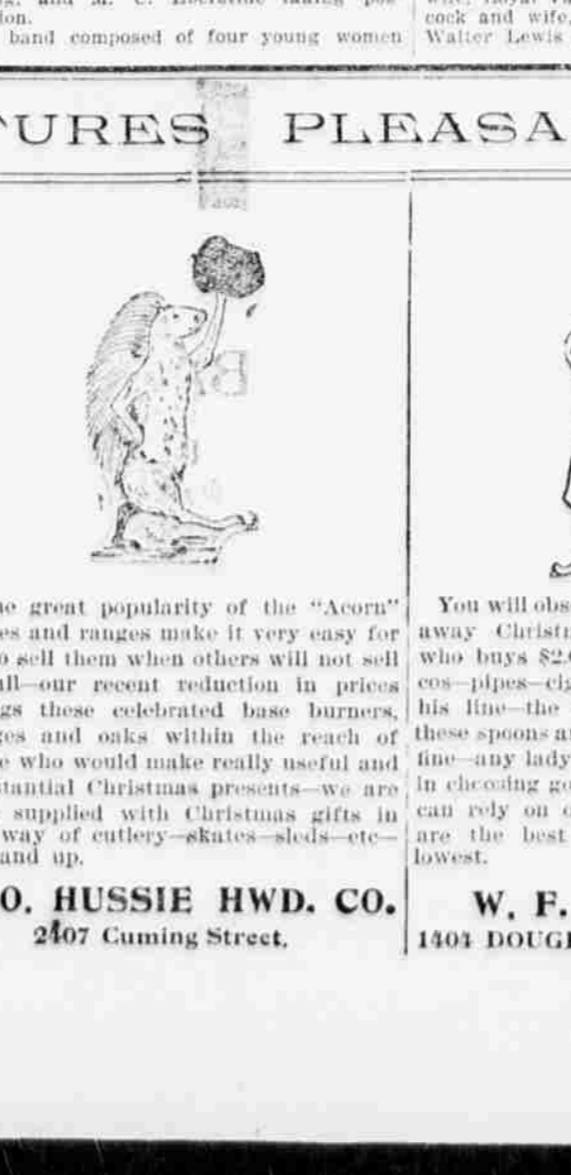
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EXETER NEWS NOTES

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Pen Pictures Pleasantly and Pointedly Put



CIVIC HISTORY OF THE COLONIES

Several Interesting Papers Read Before the Unity Club. The Unity club met in the Public Library rooms last evening for the purpose of discussing American civic history.

DISCUSS FRANCE AND FRENCIMEN

Several Interesting Papers Read Before Chautauqua College. The Chautauqua college at its regular session at the First Methodist church last night pursued its French course by studying some of the traits of the French people.

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