

# THE GILBOA MONITOR

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## Vicinity News.

Hodge Brothers Christmas gift to each of their employees this year was a \$5.00 Thrift stamp.—Cobleskill Times.

The First Annual Poultry and Egg Exhibit at the State School of Agriculture at Cobleskill will be held January 16-18.

No principal has been obtained by the board of education for the high school at Schoharie to take the place of Mr. Bassette resigned.

Archib C. Kilmer of Cobleskill, cashier of the First National Bank of that village, has been appointed chairman of the committee in this county to push the campaign for sale of thrift stamps.

By a new law passed by the Grand Lodge, beginning January 1, all Odd Fellows in this state must pay annual dues of \$5.20 instead of \$4.00 or less, as has been the custom by various lodges.

The Cobleskill branch of the American Red Cross shipped last week 52 sweaters, 52 wristlets, 18 pairs of socks and 36 mufflers. Of this number the Esperance branch contributed 11 sweaters, 14 wristlets, 3 mufflers and 8 pairs of socks and the North Blenheim branch 12 sweaters, 10 mufflers, 10 wristlets and 10 pairs of socks.

J. Howard Proper of Schoharie, son of ex-District Attorney and Mrs. C. H. Proper, was accepted last week for the aviation corps of the army being one of four candidates to be taken out of nearly one hundred. He is in his third year at Syracuse university and has been anxious to get into his country's service since the outbreak of the war. Two years ago he spent the summer at Plattsburgh. At present he is without orders where to report for training but it is expected that he will soon leave for service.

Oscar Velez of Jefferson came near chopping himself all to pieces Christmas day while chopping wood and trimming out branches of trees. Twice he cut his foot and the third time he made an ugly looking wound on his left arm near the wrist and then started for a doctor. It was another case of multiplicity of error in judgment of the caprices of block and branch. His wound was not serious.

At a special term of the supreme court in Albany, Justice Charles E. Nichols of Cobleskill, presiding, the marriage of Hazel M. Snyder to Roland H. Snyder, both residents of Catskill, was annulled. They were married in Catskill December 24, 1910, when Mrs. Snyder was 14 years old and separated a year later.

Hunters in 1918 will not have to carry around the small cart wheels distributed last year as the license button to be worn by all hunters. The 1918 buttons are of a bright cherry color with white lettering and blue numbers, and they are but one-half the size of the 1917 buttons.

The new chauffeur's licenses taking effect February 1, are being issued by the secretary of state. The badge is a perfect oval for next year and the enamel above and below the license number is of maroon color.

Automobile owners received notice during the past few days from the secretary of state's office that the 1917 registration of automobiles expires January 31, and to avoid delay in getting plates at that time, applications may be made at once and plates will be delivered without delay on receipt of the application fee and the renewal blank sworn to before a notary public.

The 18-day-old child of Mr. and Mrs. James Kippert of South Durham was found dead in bed early last Wednesday morning. A coroner was called and on his arrival, found that death was due to suffocation.

Watson Inman, a farmer near Hancock, aged 56 years, out and piled 52 5-8 cords of wood in 28 consecutive working days.

The will of Miss Mary Anna Gaunting Young, an eccentric woman who lived on Fairy Island in Lake Mahopac, N. Y., leaves most of her fortune estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 to aid and maintain blind soldiers. She owned large tracts of land in Putnam county and in Kentucky.

**PAINFUL**  
Rheumatism is very painful and exhausting, especially in the chronic stage. To get quick relief when these spells come on, Renne's Pain Killing Magic Oil is the thing needed. It is clean and pleasant but very penetrating remedy that cures the pain as soon as it reaches the seat of the trouble. It is effective also in cramps in the bowels, dysentery, sick stomach, cholera morbus. Price 25 cts. Sold by Chas. A. Clark.

## State News.

Secretary of War Baker has told a delegation from the New York Federation of Farm Bureaus, which had asked him to exempt skilled farm hands included in the draft, that he is studying a plan to permit farmer boys in the army to assist in crop production. The plan, he said, was to grant furloughs in the spring and fall to boys from the farms whose army training had been sufficiently advanced, on the condition that they return to their homes and work on the land. There would be no compulsion in their taking these working vacations, however, he added.

Louis Davidson, proprietor of a clothing shrinking works in New York city, was arrested Friday on the charge of embezzling government property. The arrest was made in connection with the discovery of 850 bolts of olive drab cloth valued at \$50,000 the loss of which for several months puzzled the quartermaster's department of the army.

According to the military census taken in June last there were in New York city more women than men registered, the figures showing that there were 1,650,775 females and 1,630,095 males, a registration for Greater New York of 3,280,870. The total for the state was 5,815,989 of whom 2,914,909 were males and 2,901,080 were females. In Schoharie county there were 5,230 males and 4,968 females.

The leather pressing establishment of Adams & company, one of the largest in the glove manufacturing center at Johnstown, was completely destroyed by fire early Sunday morning. The loss will reach \$300,000 which is largely covered with insurance. With the thermometer registering 35 to 40 degrees below zero, the fire department was hampered by low water pressure and unable to combat flames successfully.

Last Friday there was not a pound of sugar to be bought in Morris and several families were absolutely out.

Dr. Hills of Kingston was in Hobart Friday and removed the thumb to the first joint of Earl J. Hillis, who had been suffering with blood poisoning for some time.

Local draft boards have been instructed by Provost Marshal Crowder to use "common sense and sympathy" in the facts of each individual case in determining what would be adequate support for dependents of a man registered for war service. Many boards have indicated doubts as to what should be done when it appears that a soldier's pay and war risk allowance will provide support for dependents whose claims would otherwise entitle the registrant to deferred classification.

Fixed prices for milk from producer to distributor and from distributor to consumer, subject to the approval of Food Administrator Hoover, were agreed upon in a session of the Federal Milk Commission in New York Monday. The price authorized by the commission for the month of January was \$3.59 per hundred pounds for a three percent butter fat grade 'B' milk and for 3.8 to 4 percent milk the price comes between \$3.84 and \$3.92 per hundred pounds.

An order recommending the acquisition by the state of two toll bridges over the Hudson river between Albany and Rensselaer and between Troy and Watervliet on the ground that they are connecting links on otherwise through free state highways from New York to the West, has been made public by Commissioner Duffey of the State Highway department.

The Second Annual Farm and Home Week of the State School of Agriculture at Cobleskill will be held January 16, 17 and 18.

Sometimes there's relationship between promise and performance, sometimes there isn't. At our plant where Otsego Coffee is produced we make them twin sisters and they go hand in hand.

**THE PENALTY OF SIN**  
To neglect your health is a sin against nature and frequently the penalty is severe, particularly when the trouble starts in the liver and bowels. It is the straight road to Bright's Disease. The best course is to take a dose of Dr. Herrick's Sugar-Coated Pills whenever you feel dull, bilious, constipated or uncomfortable. It will clean you out, restore appetite, and cheerfulness. Price 25 cts. Sold by Chas. A. Clark.

**HIDES WANTED.**  
Highest cash price paid for hides of all kinds. Ralph B. Draffen, Grand Gorge, N. Y.

## Home Record.

Lawyer Jackson was in Albany Monday on business pertaining to his profession.

Mrs. Orpha Brown and children have been spending several days at Blenheim with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Vroman.

Miss Ada Shaw of Downsville has been spending several days in this village, a guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wyckoff.

Mrs. D. W. Southard has been under the doctor's care now for several days suffering from severe pains in her back. She could scarcely get around but is said to be some better now.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Lewis were shopping in Oneonta last Friday.

I. C. Wyckoff and son, Harry, and F. S. and R. O. Lewis were in Catskill Monday on business.

We have the list of Red Cross members and those who have contributed to the society in the Christmas campaign and the same will be published next week. There is a nice lot of them.

Mr. Scribner, a real estate dealer of Unadilla, was in this village last Thursday and Friday trying to interest those whom will be affected by the development of the Schoharie watershed to locate in the Susquehanna valley.

Mrs. J. E. Safford of Stamford was in town last Friday and packed and stored Miss Rosanna Hagadorn's household effects in rooms in her house on Church hill. Elwood Clark has rented the rooms occupied by Miss Hagadorn for a meat market and will take immediate possession.

Last week, at Kingston, before Commission No. 1, the property cases of Harter Brandow and Geo. Davis were disposed of and a good start was made on the Buckingham property. This week before Commission No. 2, Messrs. Grant and Clearwater will try the farm property of George W. and George W. and Martin Caswell.

An order has been prepared by the attorneys representing the property owners in the second taking of the Schoharie watershed, and will be signed by Justice Howard Saturday, giving to Commission No. 2 the right to hear and determine the value of all the property from the Gilboa postoffice to the iron bridge at the entrance to Pratsville village. This new order puts the burden of taxes on those to whom the property is assessed and will have to be paid by them.

Since Friday noon the country has been experiencing some winter weather like we read about prevails in Alaska. Monday morning the mercury registered 19 degrees below the cipher, Sunday morning 28 and Monday morning 15. Water pipes were frozen and householders were put to considerable expense and inconvenience before conditions became normal again. Luckily every family in the village had a good supply of food and fuel on hand, so there was no suffering in this direction.

The cheese factory on the Colby farm that has been operated by an Italian syndicate for the past few months, shut down for an indefinite period Monday, it is said. Since the government has fixed the price for their product they claim that they cannot pay the price that is being asked for milk and leave a profit for them. The dairies that have been going there are now coming to the Gilboa creamery.

The entertainment last Friday evening for the benefit of the local Red Cross society was a very successful affair and was very liberally patronized. The receipts at the door were about \$45.00 and the proceeds from the dance about equalled the expense of that function. The net proceeds will be about \$30.

The great Christmas drive for new members for the Red Cross in Schoharie county went away "over the top" the grand total being 2,045. The goal set for Gilboa was 90 new members but it is said the total will be one hundred or better. The membership for the town is not far from 325 and for Conesville it is 112.

Judge Grant telephoned over from Stamford Saturday the intelligence that Justice Hasbrouck had on that day signed the order which permits the city of New York to pay to the property owners of that part of Gilboa village which the fee title passed to the city on May 28th, last, one-half of their assessment as it appeared in the year 1913. The city, no doubt, will do this right away and then will begin to exact rent from the occupants.

**Dr. W. E. Stevens**  
of Windham will be at the Gilboa House on Wednesday, January 23, to do all dental work except gold filling.

Agents Wanted—Excellent proposition. Write for particulars. O. G. Stevens, Stamford, N. Y.

## BROOME CENTRE ITEMS.

Naomi Cole of West Harpersfield and sisters, Mary and Cora, of the Stamford High school, are spending their vacation with their father, C. A. Cole.

Mrs. W. H. Bevins and daughter and nephew, Frank Hess, visited Mrs. Bevins' father, John Thorpe, and wife of Frankinton, last Friday.

Hobart Mace and family spent Christmas with Grove Ellis and family.

Dr. Best and family of Middleburgh were last Sunday guests of their parents, Dr. D. M. Leonard and wife, and sister, Mrs. M. J. Steadman and husband.

George Becker and wife of Portlandville and Clarence Ellis were guests of Hobart Mace and family last Wednesday and Thursday.

H. H. Jackson is stocking his store with a choice line of groceries.

The Christmas tree and entertainment at the Chapel church Christmas eve under the management of the teachers, Miss Keyser of the Chapel district, Miss Durfee of the Reed district and Mrs. Nickerson of the Mackey district, with their pupils, was a brilliant success and each one had their parts right down pat even to the colored man and clown, who made the smaller kids laugh and some of the older ones, too. The tree was very pretty. Santa Claus looked very pretty. Santa Claus brought his wife with him this year and as women can vote now, she came along to exercise her rights and correct him in some of his funny capers.

## MANORKILL ITEMS.

Grant Wilbur and family and William Knox were guests at Addison Richtmyer's, Flat Creek, Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sutton of Pennsylvania, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Van Steenburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffee of Albany, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Rufus Bevins, of Albany Center, were guests of Mrs. George W. and Mrs. Burton Proper, Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rickard and son, Waldo, were guests of their parents, E. Hammond and wife, on Christmas day.

J. R. Hawver and family and George Thorpe and family were guests at J. M. Case's, Gilboa, on Christmas.

George Rickard and family of this place and Verge Nickerson and family of Potter Hollow were guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rickard, Tuesday night.

A Happy New Year to the editor and family.

## Mice and Men.

Here we have a six reel photograph featuring Marguerite Clark in an exquisite dramatization of the celebrated romantic comedy "Mice and Men." This picture tells the story of Peggy, a foundling, who is adopted by a philosopher in the hope that she will one day develop into an ideal wife for him. In later years, after development, when Peggy weds Captain George Lovell, the nephew of the philosopher, she finds him most interesting, the feeling is more than reciprocated—it is increased a thousand fold. As this story unfolds, it affords this wonderful little star an opportunity of portraying her greatness. As Peggy in the tender romantic play "Mice and Men," Marguerite Clark succeeds in creating a characterization of rare fascination and appeal. This interesting photo play at the Hippodrome this Saturday evening.

## Red Cross Notes.

The ladies who are interested in Red Cross work are keeping their knitting needles flying and each week many new articles for the comfort of the soldier are made. This week Mrs. Elmer Lewis has completed a pair of socks, Mrs. P. L. Billings a pair of socks, Mrs. Agnes Lewis a pair of socks, Mrs. Willis Baker a pair of wristlets, Willis Baker two pairs of wristlets, Dr. Persson a pair of wristlets, Mrs. Aldrich a scarf, Mrs. Reed Mackey Mrs. Floyd Maskey a scarf, Mrs. D. W. Southard a pair of wristlets, Miss Nonie Richtmyer a pair of bed socks.

## Stockholders Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the stockholders of the Conesville and Gilboa Telephone company will be held at the skimming station in Conesville, N. Y., Tuesday, January 8, 1918, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and inspectors of election to serve at the next annual meeting and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Polls will remain open from 11 a. m. until 12 m. Dated December 24, 1917. F. A. SNOW, Sec.

## BARGAIN SALE

Fine two and one-half story house on a double lot nicely situated in Ravenna. House fitted with all modern improvements including hot water, heat, electric lights, venetian blinds, stationary range, butler's pantry, stationary tubs and other conveniences. Good garage on property. 14 miles from Albany; state roads from the village, north, south and west. Address: G. EVERETT PATRIE, Catskill, N. Y.

## Servant Girl, Please Read.

A servant girl who was kind and polite to a guest at the home where she was employed has been left an estate of \$200,000, which is a story with a moral so obvious as to need no comment.—San Antonio Light.

## A Gross Innuent.

Lord Rocksavage caught a thief in the act of picking his pocket. He grasped the culprit's hand and, looking at it disgustedly, said as he flung it from him, "How dare you put your hand in a gentleman's pocket without washing it first."—Boston Transcript.

## A GOOD HORSEMAN

Like a fine animal and a fine horse should be well cared for. In the stables where the best horses are kept you will nearly always find a package of Harvell's Condition Powder. It is a purely medicinal powder, not a food, and its effect on live stock is to purify the blood, regulate the bowels, improve the spirits and make the coat smooth and glossy. Price 25c per package. Sold by Chas. A. Clark.

**The "Makings" of a Nation**

U. S. Marines "Roll Their Own" Over There

Somewhere in France, Sept. 12, 1917

"The boys are sure strong for the old Bull Bag over here (when they can get it). Anyone fortunate enough to possess a few bags is considered a Ruckerfeller. This expresses the regard we have for the old sack."

A. A. WALLGREN  
Supply 6, —Regiment, U. S. Marines

**GENUINE "BULL" DURHAM TOBACCO**

Guaranteed by The American Tobacco Co. INCORPORATED

A Suggestion To Pipe Smokers: Buy your Bull Durham with your favorite pipe tobacco.

Lake Sugar in Your Coffee

## Collector's Notice.

I have received the warrant and tax list for the town of Gilboa for the year 1917 and will receive taxes for the next 30 days at 1 percent at the following places and dates from the hours of 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Reed's store, Broome Center, January 7, 1918. Gilboa House, Jan. 10. Fongler's store, South Gilboa, Jan. 17. Gilboa House, Jan. 21. And on dates not mentioned above and until the expiration of the 30 days I will receive taxes at my residence in said town. After 30 days 5 percent will be charged. Dated December 24, 1917. J. H. Souer, Collector.

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## HINTS FOR THE ECONOMICAL

How Dressmakers' Bills May Be Saved and Garments Kept at Their Proper Freshness.

A cake of magnesia and a clothes brush are a frugal woman's best friends. After brushing a dusty gown rub both sides of any soiled spots with the magnesia, which comes in cakes for that purpose, hang it away for a day or two and then brush again. The spots will be found to have disappeared. Care taken with dainty clothing is the secret of dressing well on limited means. The late Mme. Modjeska had a wonderful collection of laces which were worn instead of being kept for show alone. They were cleaned with magnesia, liberally sprinkled through the meshes, the whole wrapped in tissue paper to remain until the chalk absorbed all the dirt.

Do you cover your own buttons? It means a saving and gives variety to a costume. It can be done by crochet stitches or by needlework as well as by bits of fancy silk, too insignificant for any other use. I have heard objections on the score that the result was not as satisfactory as professional work, but the answer to that is the injunction to do all work neat. Slip-stitch methods are to be condemned everywhere, although I grant that time is wasted in the inside finish of frocks. Even expensive dressmakers have taken a hint from Paris and concentrated on externals.

## FOR BELIEVERS IN OMENS

Numerous Popular Superstitions, Many of Which Are Common Among Men on the Briny Deep.

A well-known superstition is that will-o'-the-wisps, or devil's eyes, seen on the tips of the spars after a gale in the tropics, appear only when the ship is nearing her doom.

A cross-eyed man for a messmate means a plenty of good luck, Jack thinks, and it is the best of luck to sail under a red-headed skipper. If, however, he happens to have cross eyes, also, the combination is fatal, and trouble will be experienced before the voyage is ended.

Sunday is considered a fortunate day upon which to begin a voyage, while Friday is, of course, very unlucky.

If the ship's bell is made to toll by the rolling of the vessel it is a sign that there is going to be a loss of life.

All luck is disposed to desert a ship which carries a dead body.

Sailors have been known to hang the end of a rope over the side of a ship when leaving port. The belief is that friends and relatives draw upon this rope, causing the vessel to come safely back.

It is a common belief that for a barber to lather the face of a patron with a single stroke of the brush inevitably brings bad luck.

It is considered bad luck to see a hunchback in the mirror standing or passing back of one. It is said to foretell a death in the family.

The habit of sitting with legs crossed in a barber shop will, it is said, make the hair come out early in life, and render a man prematurely bald.

To be shaved by a red-headed barber is believed by many to be a sure cure for rheumatism.

Good luck is said to follow the man who has his shoes polished at the time he is being shaved.

**It is Not Here.**  
There are only two seasons—the wet and the dry—at the equator in Africa. The former is the summer season and lasts eight months. The thermometer averages from 110 to 125 degrees Fahrenheit.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

By order of Dow Beckman, Surrogate of Schoharie County. Notice is hereby given, according to law, to all persons having claims or demands against George M. Wyckoff late of the town of Gilboa, Schoharie county, New York, deceased, that they are required to exhibit the same, with the vouchers in support thereof, to the subscriber, the administrator of the estate of George M. Wyckoff, deceased, at her residence in Gilboa, N. Y., on or before the 1st day of July next. Dated Gilboa, N. Y., this 14th day of December, A. D., 1917. Ellen Wyckoff, administrator of the estate of George M. Wyckoff, deceased. John P. Grant, Attorney for administrator, Stamford, N. Y.

## Listening Ears

By Dorothy Douglas

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Mildred tilted a soft air as she wound her great coils of copper hair about her small head. It framed her oval face like a burnished braid of old gold. Her eyes were wistful and her song drooped, like a tiny bird that flutters wearily home to the nest.

Sometimes the quaint airs that Mildred sang were light and happy; then again she told of a heavy heart that longed for rest, and yet again there was tremendous grandeur in her song, as if some great emotion held her in its grip.

Mildred could not have repeated the quaint airs that her heart fashioned in her brain. They were little snatches of expression in song that were as spontaneous as they were tuned. She did not realize that her notes were herding themselves together in dainty compositions that were full of sentiment and harmony.

To the white-haired musician that sat by his window in the room above Mildred. He drank them into his music-tuned soul as a thirsting animal laps the sparkling water from a mountain brook.

The notes bubbled and laughed at times, and it was then that the old man smiled and his eyes were bright. And when the voice drooped and the notes fell heavily on the air, then did his heart beat dully with an ache that hurt.

And in the hours that the song bird was away from her room and down at



Little Snatches of Song.

the office where she worked, the old man sat at his desk and transcribed the notes of her songs from his brain to the staffed paper on his desk.

He dotted in notes here and there, making changes, adding a hint of technique here and a sense of rhythm there. Each page as it fluttered from his pen held a dainty score of music—notes that a generation to come would still be singing. They were exquisite bits of melody, some for the voice and others for the violin.

The old man pondered hour upon hour as to the identity of the girl whose voice gave to his listening ears those wonderful notes.

In his own lifetime he had composed songs that would live and live and re-live, and now he was weary. He had drained his own cup of inspiration to the dregs, and now this girl in the room above had flung into his soul snatches of melody that it were a crime to have lost.

He wondered from whom she had inherited that gift of original herding of notes.

"There has been music somewhere, everywhere about her, and yet I hardly think she is conscious that she has composed a score or more of wonderful songs."

And because David Ward was a romantic old man, with a soul filled to the brim with fantasy, he pondered on a picturesque way in which to acquaint the girl with her own gift. He had the songs for the voice bound in one dainty volume, and those for the violin in another.

And while the old man pondered Mildred, too, was worrying her brain and becoming wistful-eyed and troubled.

"I just can't stand it any longer," she told herself, tearfully. "I must make some money. Everyone else is helping the soldiers, and I don't even have five dollars extra a month to help with."

That evening her song was sad; so sad that David Ward swept moisture from his eyes as the notes stopped abruptly in the room above.

Something told him that those sobs had choked the songbird's notes.

An hour later, when the sad little melody was down on paper, David's door was flung open and his big nephew bounded in, a wonderful smile on his face and his shoulders erect.

He was wearing khaki.

The old man gasped, turned a bit white, then, like the soldier that he too was at heart, he clasped the great boy in his arms.

"Got my commission today," announced the boy proudly, and then for a second was silent. Finally he said with a catch in his voice: "My violin,

uncle, I want you to keep it for me. I couldn't trust it to anyone else."

"I'll treasure it, my boy," David told him softly. "You're giving up a great career—the world is beginning to listen to your fiddle." He put his arm across the khaki shoulders. "But you have taken up a greater career, brave soldier."

Young David laughed off the moment of emotion that threatened his recently acquired manhood, and picked up his violin. David had but lately passed twenty-one.

He played something rollicking and happy to sweep away the tears, and when his uncle was smiling he smiled.

"My boy," said the old composer, "just run over those gems in that gray book. I want you to hear them."

The young soldier picked up the book and glanced quickly through it. They were the snatches of melody captured from the throat of the songbird upstairs.

David breathed heavily while he drew his bow over those quaint notes, and his cheeks became flushed and his eyes brilliant. He was the temperamental musical genius while he played. His soul was fluttering among the poets, breathing their breath, gripping their emotions. Yet his body was clothed in khaki.

"What?" he demanded breathlessly. "Where did they come from? Are they your own? They're gems—gems polished by spirit breath. I have never played anything more human, more divine." He was fingering the pages lovingly while he spoke.

At that moment Mildred rose from the bed on which she had thrown herself in misery. She shook back her shoulders and held herself in scorn for having given way to so slight a grief. There were big things being done in the world, and she was a pygmy. She knew that, with faith in the good of all things, she would find a way of helping the brave fighting men.

And in the ecstasy of a newly found strength with which to fight on her throat unperceived its notes and a grandeur of song pierced the twilight.

The old composer and his nephew sat below with hushed breath.

"There," whispered the one, "there is where they came from, and she doesn't know it!" He smiled quietly in the shadowed room. The picturesque way with which to acquaint Mildred with her own genius suddenly came to him. He looked fondly at the black rumpled head of his big nephew. That the soldier's spirit was already up during that meeting with the girl's was quite evident from the exalted look in his eyes.

And in her room Mildred suddenly felt a hot flush sting her cheeks. Someone seemed to have taken her closely within his arms, and when her glowing eyes could see through the scarf of love that enveloped her she saw that the arms were khaki-clad.

And looking a little beyond she saw a violin lying on the table, and beside it, sitting with a wonderful smile in his blue eyes, was a white-haired man.

Mildred looked at her cheeks in the mirror. Yes, there was color there. A door opened in the room below, and presently she heard a knock on her own door.

When they stood looking at one another, young David and Mildred, the old man below fancied his listening ears caught the soft swish of souls as they scurried into the meeting place of all lovers.

And out in the world these little snatches of melody were to be wafted from one heart to another, to take their proper place among the compositions of the century.

**Sandy of the Engine Room.**

"The chief engineer, a Scot. . . Certainly and always! Passenger ship, freighter, yacht, from here to Suez and back again, the man in charge of the engine room probably is a Scot. There is no special reason for it; it just happens that way. There is the old story, told with zest today by travelers who will swear that they witnessed the doings, of an American and an Englishman who beguiled the time away in Shanghai by waging goodly sums on their odd achievements of knowledge. The Englishman, of course, was behind in the game, but finally he hit upon a brilliant wager; he bet that every ship making ready to sail that day carried a Scot in the engine room. So to every engine room door they went and called "Sandy," "Mac." And every engine room gave its reply. The story must be as old as the steam engine. The bet could be won today. "The chief engineer, a Scot."—New York Sun.

**Help for Bald Heads.**

When a man loses his hair, his scalp (having no growing crop to support) becomes much thinner, and the skin is so stretched over his skull as to acquire a smooth and polished appearance. Nature (always regardless of the happiness of her creatures) provides in this way a "rink" for flies that have a taste for skating. It is hard on the bald-headed man, who deserves much more sympathy than he gets. Nevertheless, a contrivance for his relief has been invented, notes a writer. The man with the denuded cranium, occupying a rocking-chair provided with this contrivance, may comfortably rock, while automatically, so to speak, the tasseled cloth that waves about his head makes him safe against fly-attack.

**The Mexican's Hat.**

It appears that the Mexican sombrero is its owner's pride, and that he expends more money and greater care in the selection of his hat than any other item of his wardrobe. He may be quite poor, but he will spare no expense for his headgear. He will cheerfully lay down for the purchase of a hat he covets the savings of a long period, the fruit of much toil, and all for a queer-looking sugar-loaf, wide-brimmed, heavily corded hat. Many a shabbily dressed greaser wears a \$50 hat.

## POOR STAB AT CONSERVATION

Railroad May-Have Meant Well, but Things Didn't Seem to Work Out Right.

Speaking, as somebody constantly is, of food conservation, reminds us of a little trip we made recently. This is not a funny story, but the record of a thought-provoking experience.

We boarded a train shortly before noon, accompanied by a friend. In a half-hour or so we entered the dining car in search of sustenance. On the table was a neatly printed card quoting the government's recommendations for the saving of food waste and urging the passenger to be economical in his orders.

It was pointed out that the dining car service had done its share by cutting down the portions served.

Having read the card, we ordered luncheon. It came to about \$2. Believing that one order of bread would be ample for two of us, we marked down one order of bread. But the waiter leaned over and said confidentially:

"It's none of my business, sir, but you'd better have two orders of bread. If the dining car conductor sees you both eat bread, he will charge you for two orders, just the same."

So we had two orders of bread, but could eat only one. This is the way some railroads encourage food conservation.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**When It Rains Over There.**

"Twas somewhere in France, and the trenches looked like some river not on the map. Paddy was on guard in the communication trenches and was up to his chest in water. Along came a Tommy, who inquired of Paddy if he could direct him to a Company of the First Blankshire. Paddy's temper was not of the best, for he had had a long, weary guard, and was not in form for being questioned.

"Holy smoke!" he replied, viewing his surroundings. "Chuck it! I'm not the blooming harbor master!"

**Suspicious Little Girl.**

A little girl went to the grocer's and asked the salesman if he had any fresh eggs.

"Yes," answered the man. "How many do you want?"

She viewed the eggs critically.

"Please sir," said she, "these are not regular eggs."

"Certainly they are."

"No," she persisted. "I heard my papa tell my mamma there's a corner on eggs, and these are all smooth."

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**The Automobileist.**

The man in front drives like mad all day, and the ladies sit still and look at the scenery. Man at the wheel has no time for that. When they stop for the night, he's too tired for conversation.—Atlantic.

**How Butchers Sharpened Knives.**

In the sepulchers at Thebes, Egypt, butchers are represented as sharpening their knives on a round bar of metal attached to their aprons, which from its blue color is supposed to be iron.

**Mr. Fortune Hunter.**

A lucky man on being asked how it felt to be engaged to a great business replied: "Fine! Every time I kiss her I feel as if I were clipping a coupon off a government bond."

**Would Change the Theme.**

Doris' mamma was reading a sad story to her when Doris said: "O! mamma, read the funnies until I get the frog out of my throat."

**Battery Gives Boiling Heat.**

A battery invented by a French electrician is claimed to give six times the usual current by heating its contents to the boiling point.

**An Efficient Individual.**

Bacon—"They say Crimmonbeck does everything well." Egbert—"How about his lying?" "That's the best thing he does."

**Teaspoons From Cotton Fiber.**

Cheap teaspoons have been manufactured from compressed cotton fiber.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

**Eliminate Little Wrarts.**

When real disaster visits us we always, somehow, seem to gain a new courage, observes a writer. "It is the little foxes which spoil the vines" 'tis the little every-day fretting which wears away the strong and weakens the structure. The little things of life are not worth worrying about. There are two good reasons for this. One is that if we can remedy these things, and we usually can, we have no right to allow them to spoil our peace or the peace of those who are dear to us.

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## D. & H. COAL

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We hope those who have dealt with us have done so with pleasure and profit, that the goods produced satisfactory, that everybody feels that they have received full dollars worth of value for every dollar spent. We want you to know that we are sincerely interested in your complete satisfaction, and that should any purchase not have resulted so, you may come back here and have your disappointment righted.

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**Everything for Everybody to Wear**

**Clark's Market**

**From this date all sales will be for cash. Will have a choice line of Meat, Fruit and vegetables at the best cash price. Market open from 7 a. m., to 9 p. m.**

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**Senator Suggests Giving Farm to Every Soldier and Solve National Problems**

In the United States the drift of the people to the cities, the drift of farms into operation by tenant farmers, into ownership in large acreage, by absent landlords, has been recognized as a dangerous tendency of the times. But out of the war will grow many new demands from the people. The man on the street will appreciate his rights more clearly and will be more ready to demand them. Among his most probable demands will be his right to the land, asserts Senator Warren G. Harding of Ohio.

Wise is the nation which sees the coming of such a demand and meets it before it becomes a menace.

In New England there are 30,000,000 acres of unused land that might be growing crops. New England is discovering that one great industrial plant after another is moving west, establishing itself in Ohio or Michigan or Illinois. New England has been asking why, and has found that manufacturers believe they can produce more cheaply if they are nearer the regions where food and raw materials are produced.

There are 35,000,000 acres in the middle states that might be farmed, but which are being idle. Much of this land is in the very outskirts of cities where food prices are high and the demand limited. In the Pacific coast states there are 130,000,000 acres of unused but usable land. In all 500,000,000 acres or thereabouts are lying idle, to say nothing of the 100,000,000 acres of land which is inadequately farmed. The 100,000,000 acres of land which is inadequately farmed are not only a waste of land, but they are a source of trouble to the nation. They are a source of trouble to the nation because they are a source of trouble to the nation.

**The Scrap Book**

**"Tanks" Have Their Demerits.**  
Nothing in the war since the German guns of 1914 that smashed the Belgian forts and sent to drop shells in Dover has so captured the general imagination of the amateur as the death crawlers known as "tanks." The air planes are more vivid, but they lack the mystery of the tanks. Nobody knows how many England has, but nobody guesses under a thousand how its services. Possibilities the Germans will provide some device for getting them out of service—something corresponding to the depth bombs which have scandalized the submarines they have met. Probably the tank will pass before the war is over from the limelight. But they hold the center of the stage at present, masked, grim and mysterious, like the old actors of Greece.

**Overhasty.**  
John Murphy had secured a license to marry Mary Manning, but the intended bride "rued," and six weeks later John made his second appearance in the clerk's office.

"Misther Johnson," said he, "in February I got a license from you to marry Mary Manning; and I didn't marry her; an' now, please yer honor, and yer be so good as to either it so it wud fit Honor's Moriarity?"

"No," replied the clerk. "You must get a new license to fit Honor."

"And pay for it?"

"Certainly; it will cost you a dollar, the same as the first one."

"Och, indeed! Thin I'm ruined in'tirely, intirely, fur I did coasted Honor to save the dollar."

**With a Chuckle.**  
As Mr. Jones unlaced his boots he remarked casually to his wife: "Have you heard about the catastrophe which happened at the Smiths' house to-day?"

"No. What was it?" asked Mrs. Jones.

"Some passed for an aggravating moment to pull on his slippers before he replied: 'Why, Mrs. Smith gave the baby a bottle to play with, and while she was out of the room it fell from the cradle and broke its neck.'

"What! The poor little baby?" shrieked Mrs. wife.

"No; the bottle!" replied Mr. Jones with a headish chuckle.

**Soon to Red Cross Workers.**  
Women in Red Cross groups who have blattered their hands making clip-pings from clippings with which to fill fracture pillows for our army boys, are now being asked to make a list of names of persons in need of such pillows.

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To every mystery.  
Loving a child and giving  
It knowledge, this is living.  
Loving a child brings pain,  
And life's greatest gain.

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That waits for a harvest  
And fearing, too, and praying:  
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The world beneath one's hand  
Enlarge, expand,  
Be different, and grow  
To one's thought. Even so.

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"Heartache and grief and pain  
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**Claudine Hurls the Ketchup.**  
"What's the trouble up there in front?" asked the cook of a rapid-fire restaurant, addressing one of the waitresses.

"Aw, Heloise said that Claudine wasn't any better than she ought to be," was the reply. "And Claudine says she is, too, and if anybody thinks different she'll make 'em prove it. That's how the customer got hit with the ketchup bottle."

**Rare Experience.**  
"Do you find your new car all the salesman said it was?"

"All and more," replied the happy owner.

"You are one purchaser in a thousand."

"Maybe so, but the chap who sold it to me was one salesman in a thousand. He kept his eloquence within reasonable bounds and told me the truth."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

**Nothing Doing.**  
"I know who has the lost money," stated the visitor.

"Then why come to me?" demanded Sherlock Holmes.

"I want you to get it back for me."

"Who has it?"

"My wife has it."

"Waiton, kindly show the gentleman out," responded the astute Sherlock with a yawn.

**A Suspicion.**  
George—Jones says he is an idealist.

Evelyn—Yes, but I am afraid that he is one of those who believe that the first test of an idealist is to be idle.

**Value of Concentration.**  
Concentration is the most desirable of mental faculties. It is the power of paying attention to the thing and person in hand. It is an investment which yields large dividends, including peace of mind.

**Ben Davis Origin Unknown.**  
The Ben Davis is sometimes thought to have originated in Indiana, but horticultural writers say its origin may never be known. It is supposed to have come into the world about the middle of the last century. It was well known in Civil War times, and it is pointed that it migrated westward from Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. It yields well in a vast territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

**For Tried Directions.**  
A pattern album is useful to the woman who does much crocheting and knitting. As far as possible a sample of each piece worked is fastened in a large blank book, with the directions written beneath or opposite. A note any improvements that the work finds might be made is a useful addition to the directions. Such a book would prove a valuable gift.

**Portrait of Wesley.**  
The portrait of John Wesley is now in the possession of an art collector in Philadelphia. The picture is one of the finest that came from the brush of the famous George Romney. In this connection it is interesting to note that by 24 inches, and its frame, the artist charged but 40 pounds.

**Cause of Rainfall.**  
Rainfalls are governed by the law of repartition of the temperatures in the atmosphere, and to break the equilibrium and bring about rain requires so great an energy as cannot be attributed to such a feeble cause as that determined by the local vibrations produced even by the most intense firing of cannon.

**Russian Floors.**  
The finest floors are said to be seen in Russian houses. For those of the highest grade, typical woods are exclusively employed. Fir and pine are never used, in consequence of their sticky character they attract and retain dust and dirt, and thereby soon become blackened. Pitch pine, too, is likely to shrink, even after being well seasoned. The mosaic wood floors in Russia are often of extraordinary beauty.

**Salt to Clean Dress.**  
Clean soiled light cloth garments by rubbing them with hot salt. Afterward brush well with a clean brush and dampen and press if necessary.

**Presence Not Vital.**  
Cholly (keeping an appointment)—"I'm a bit too early, am I not?" Ethel (sweetly)—"Yes. We were just leaving without you!"—Life.

Samuel Harley, President. E. B. Heyer, Vice-President. C. W. Wood, Cashier.

**WHEN YOU PAY AN ACCOUNT**  
You Can Have an Indisputable Receipt for it in Your Own Hand Writing.

Pay it by check against your deposit in this bank. In order to get the funds the payee signs his name on the back, and the bank then gives the check back to you to keep as a permanent proof of payment. Keep your money here and pay by check; that is a safe, business-like way.

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**FOR THE POULTRY GROWER**

The water the hens drink the better they are both in winter and summer. The water supply is almost as important as the egg-producing ration.

Beginning with the first freezing weather I arrange to keep the fowls supplied with drinking water reasonably warm. I use them notes a writer in Farm and Home.

In the coldest weather I use a small farm the water is kept warm by a small boiler heated by a gas lamp. The boiler is placed in a box where the birds can reach it. If one of the wind and under water it will get down to freezing point. It is not good to have the water freeze again.

**Auto-Industry May Be Rated as Largest by Post Government Census**

The automobile industry is rated as the third largest in this country. Census workers should know better than to say that the automobile industry is not the largest industry. Foreign Magazines State.

There are 1,000,000 people dependent for their bread on the making of the \$1,000,000 worth of cars and parts turned out the past year. It has been the despair of the motor makers to take census how many there are employed in garages, as chauffeurs, as mechanics, as service stations as salesmen. Another 1,000,000 might cover these. So, counting the family, there must be dependent upon the industry fully ten per cent of our total population.

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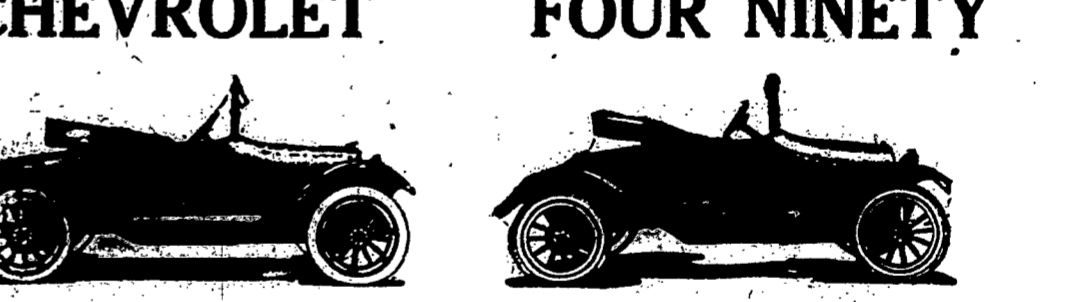
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**FACTS AND FANCIES.**

Virtue that is born of necessity may be all right.  
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True love is responsible for many follies and a few crimes.  
Under the classification "married men" are many unknown heroes.

Too many people pray with their fingers crossed.  
Successful men believe in luck, backed up by their own efforts.  
Lives of great men all remind us how easy it is to be a small man.

**Milk for the Poor.**

In order to meet the emergency that exists because of the high price of milk, Market Commissioner Moskowitz, says the New York World, has recommended to Mayor Mitchell that the board of estimate appropriate \$25,000 to relieve conditions in the poorer sections of the city. The proposition he wishes to use "for the sale of milk, at prices they can afford to pay, to those families who are certified by the health commissioner or by his authorized agencies as having children under six years old and as not having sufficient income to provide milk in sufficient quantities for such children."

**Ancient Lamps.**

The candle is in appearance a primitive affair, yet there is little doubt that its predecessor was the lamp. Those old Egyptian tombs, which have unlocked many mysteries, held lamps, and through them evidence of ancient burial customs. Lamps played a part in the solemn feasts of the Egyptians, who on such occasions placed them before their houses, burning them throughout the night. Herodotus, in one of his numerous references to Xerxes, alludes to the hour of lamp lighting, and evidences abound regarding the use of lamps among the ancient Greeks. Lamps, indeed, are pictured upon some of their oldest vases, indicating the symbolic significance which attached to them.

**Woman Preacher 107 Years Old.**

The oldest woman preacher in the United States is Mrs. Mary Goddard of Brunswick, Me. Mrs. Goddard, though one hundred and seven years old, continues to preach occasionally to congregations of Friends.

**Bread an Alimento.**

Bread does not contain a sufficient quantity of albumen needed by the organism. An analysis of bread goes to show that it contains a relatively large amount of water, i. e., over 40 per cent, but a relatively small quantity of nitrogen compounds, viz., seven to eight per cent. Of fats it generally contains very little, but of substances free of nitrogen, such as starch, large quantities. From this it follows, asserts a writer, that bread can by no means be a "food" but at best an aliment.

**Prehistoric Man Buried.**

The remains of a prehistoric man have been found near Oneonta. City buried under three inches of volcanic lava. It is supposed that the man lived 10,000 years ago. The remains were found in a cave near Oneonta.

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**MOON INFLUENCE IS ABSURD**

Phases of the Great Night Illuminator Have Nothing to Do With Crops, Say Scientists.

In the farmers' almanacs you will find tables of dates proper for planting crops, killing hogs and so on based upon the phases of the moon. And the Rural New Yorker is authority for the statement that many farmers still adhere faithfully to this ancient system. To show them how absurd this is, it prints the following statement by C. F. Marvin, chief of the United States weather bureau:

"It is the general belief of scientists that the moon has no appreciable influence on temperature, rainfall, or any other weather element, or on plant growth."

"Plant growth depends upon temperature, light, humidity and plant food (both in the soil and in the air), and its availability. Obviously the moon neither mellows the ground nor fertilizes it, neither does it alter the composition of the atmosphere; hence it affects neither the mechanical condition of the soil nor the kind or quantity of available plant food."

"If the moon has any influence on plant growth it would seem that it must exert this influence through its light. Experiment, however, shows that when a plant is so shadowed that it gets only one one-hundredth of normal daylight, it grows but little better than it does in absolute darkness. Full daylight is about 600,000 times brighter than full moonlight; hence one one-hundredth of daylight, already too feeble to stimulate appreciably plant activity, is still 6,000 times brighter than full moonlight. The conclusion is that, even in respect to light stimulus, the moon's influence on plant growth is wholly negligible."

**Work and the Busy World.**

Are you one of the persons who cannot work in a crowd? If you are, you are a most unfortunate person, for it is a fact that in this busy age most of us have to learn to do our work wherever we may happen to be. It is seldom that we find it possible to work in seclusion, shut away from the noise and rush of business, observes an efficiency engineer.

Most large business concerns are beehives of activity. Unless one can find it possible to concentrate on the work in hand, even in the midst of confusion, it is plain to see that much time will be lost and much energy wasted in this rushing world, where each one faces many duties in many lines of activity.

**Soya Beans as Food.**

The Soya bean promises to become one of the most important food materials of the vegetable kingdom, declares the Pathfinder. Milk in either a powdered or a liquid form is being produced from it, the oil can be hardened into an edible fat or used satisfactorily as a substitute for lard. Oil of the beans in the natural state make a palatable, nutritious dish when properly cooked, and the pulp which remains after the oil has been expressed is excellent for feeding to live stock.

**To Wax Floors.**

Apply by means of a flannel cloth beeswax which has been thinned with turpentine. Then rub into the floor well. This is a hard wax and can hardly be applied without the turpentine, but the latter quickly evaporates and the wax then forms a very durable finish. If one has no beeswax, paraffin wax will do just as well, but it is less durable.

**In Muffins.**

This recipe was introduced to a certain household by a servant from Hungary. In Hungary, she explained, she used salt pork, but she found bacon better than pork. She sifts a cupful and a half of flour with a teaspoonful and a half of baking powder, a teaspoonful of sugar and a half teaspoonful of salt. Then she adds a beaten egg, a teaspoonful of melted butter and half a cupful of sweet milk. After beating smooth she adds half a cupful of bacon. The bacon is first fried or broiled until crisp and then chopped and measured. The muffins are baked in hot muffin pans until done and they are eaten without butter. The bits of bacon throughout the muffins give sufficient flavor of the sort butter would supply.

**FOR THOSE FOND OF GRANGES**

Recipes That Will Appeal Particularly to Lovers of Healthful and Appetizing Fruit.

Oranges are so healthful they should be introduced as often as possible; try these recipes:

**Orange Delight.**—Soak half a box of gelatin, in one gill of cold water fifteen minutes, now add three gills of boiling water, stir until dissolved; put into it half a pint of granulated sugar, three gills of sour orange juice and the strained juice of one lemon, stand in cool place; harden in the refrigerator.

Place a couple of rounds of sliced orange in each individual dish, cover with the jelly, then a layer of soft custard or whipped cream as a mask. Serve ice cold with lady fingers.

**Orange Iceing.**—Put one running-over tablespoonful of strained orange juice in a bowl, one teaspoonful of lemon juice and one teaspoonful of sherry wine or brandy, with the grated yellow rind of one small sour orange; let it stand for 20 minutes, then stir in half a teaspoonful of confectioner's sugar, then the slightly beaten yolk of one egg; stir, now add sufficient confectioner's sugar to make it the consistency to spread easily over the cake; it should not run; spread evenly, then put in a cool, dry place to stiffen.

This iceing will be rich and creamy, never becoming "rocky," like so many people make. If cake is rubbed on the edges with sugar the iceing seldom runs off the sides.

**Canaries' Music Lessons.**

There are a large number of varieties of the domestic canary. Many of them are bred primarily for their song, and their training makes an interesting story. The aim is to produce males with clear, soft, pleasing songs with long rolls or trills, and no attention is given to other characters, writes a bird raiser. These birds are usually non-descript as to color and appearance. The young birds when fledged are put in rooms with birds noted for their soft and fine song, and here, through imitation, they develop their own vocal accomplishments. Any bird developing harsh notes is removed so that he may not endanger the vocal success of his brothers. It is said that a mechanical instrument known as a "bird organ," which produces liquid trills, is frequently used in training the birds. The musical course for a canary covers about six months' tuition and practice.

**A Tea Hint.**

If a lump of sugar is put in the teapot when making tea it will prevent its spoiling the tea after it is spilled.

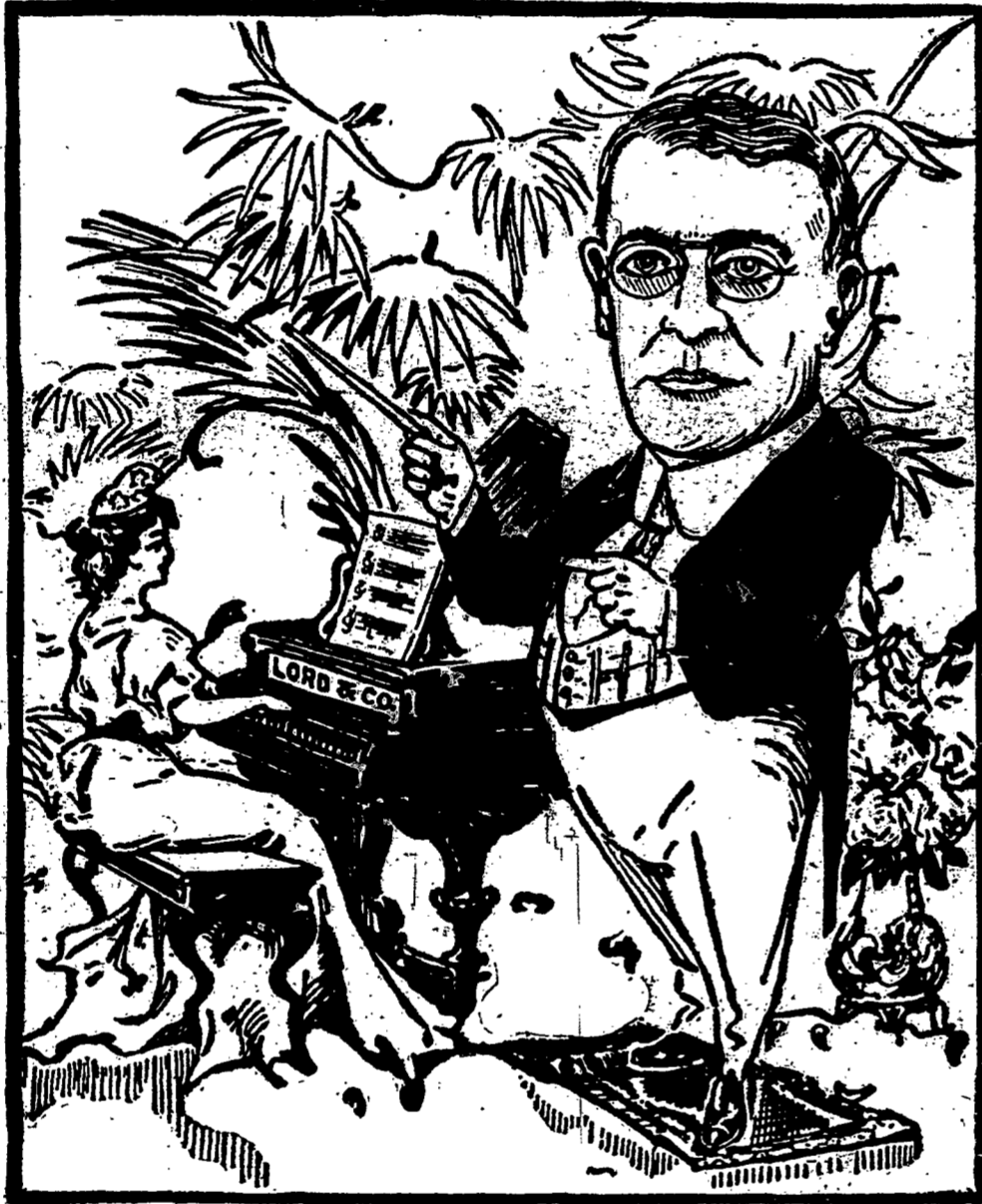
**Auburn Molasses Cookies.**

To one cupful of lard and butter mixed and melted, allow two cupfuls of molasses, two teaspoonfuls of soda dissolved first in two tablespoonfuls of boiling water. Then beaten into the molasses until it foams two eggs, a pinch of salt, a tablespoonful of ginger and a teaspoonful of cinnamon. Add flour to mix very soft and let the dough stand for an hour before rolling out. Cut into cookies a quarter of an inch thick and bake in a rather hot oven until a rich brown.

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In this picture of our President are ten faces. Find 7 of them, and you will be awarded one of the above prizes.

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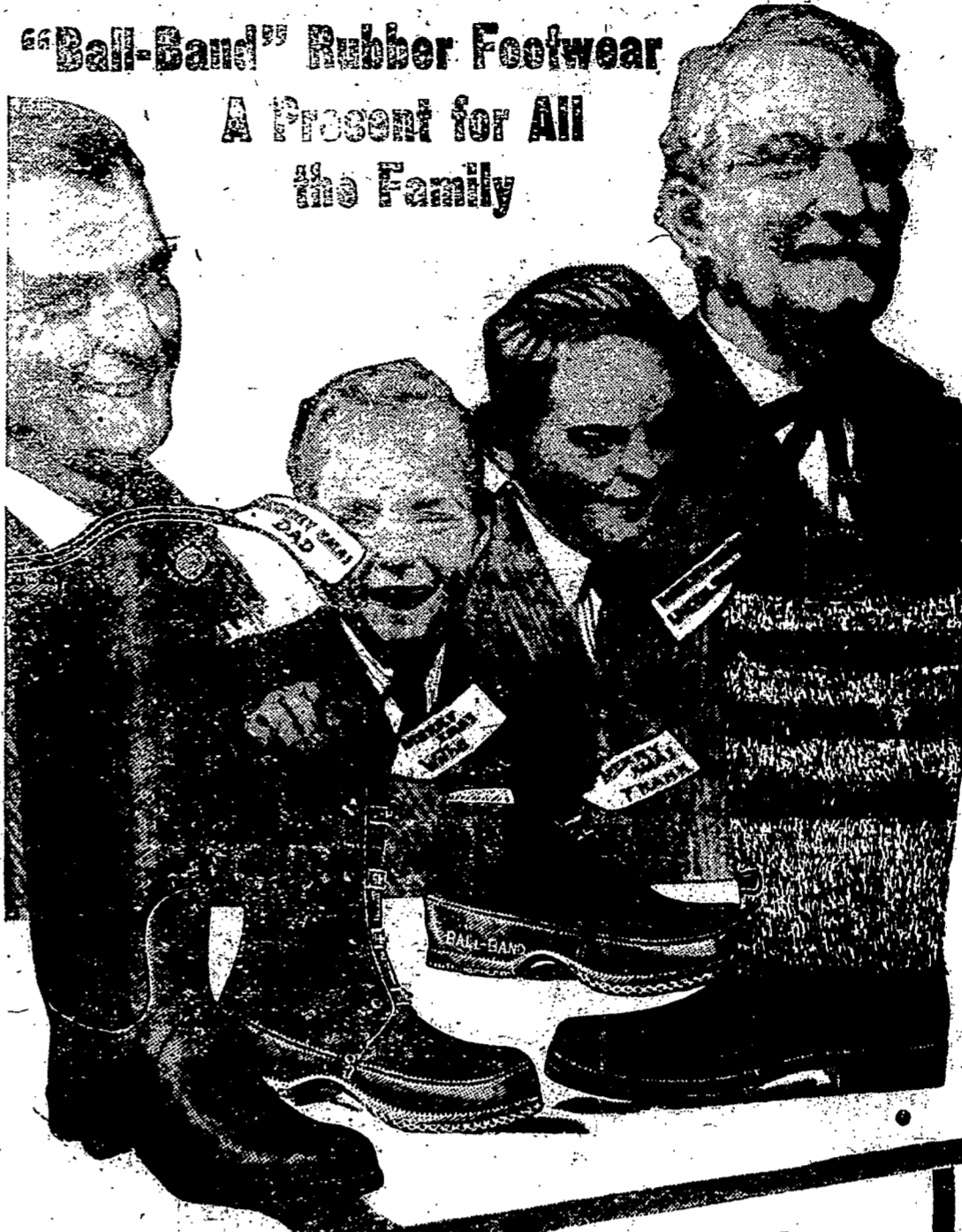
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