



Manchester Enterprise

By MAT D. BLOSSER.

MANCHESTER

In the south-west corner of Washington County, 25 miles from Ann Arbor the County Seat and University City, 25 miles from Ypsilanti and the Grand Rapids, 25 miles from Detroit, 25 miles from Toledo.

Societies

MANCHESTER LODGE NO. 142, F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Hall, Monday evening, 7:30 or before full moon. Visiting companions especially welcome. W. M. D. BLOSSER, Secy.

MERIDIAN CHAPTER NO. 48, R. O. M. S. meets at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, 7:30 or before full moon. Companions especially welcome. M. D. BLOSSER, Secy.

DOMINION COUNCIL NO. 24, R. O. M. S. meets at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, 7:30 or before full moon. Companions especially welcome. J. H. KING, Secy.

MANCHESTER CHAPTER NO. 101, O. T. M. S. meets at Masonic Hall, Friday evening, 7:30 or before full moon. Visiting members are invited. MRS. SOPHIA GLAVIER, Secy.

MANCHESTER HIVE NO. 686, L. O. T. M. S. meets at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, 7:30 or before full moon. Visiting members are invited. MRS. SOPHIA GLAVIER, Secy.

ANCIENT ORDER OF UNITED WORKMEN meet at their hall over Huesteler's store, second and fourth streets, every Tuesday night. MRS. SOPHIA GLAVIER, Secy.

MANCHESTER ORANGE LODGE, meet in Manchester hall first and third Wednesdays in month. Visiting members welcome. DEFOREST LANE, Secy.

MANCHESTER CAMP NO. 5236, M. W. O. F. meet in Westminster hall, second street, every Friday evening in month. Visiting members welcome. L. W. WOLFF, Secy.

CORSTOCK POST NO. 528, O. A. R. meet first and third Tuesday evening of each month at hall over Huesteler's store. Deacons invited. G. B. SHEPHERD, Com.

CORSTOCK W. R. C. NO. 230, meet first and third Tuesday afternoon of month at hall over Huesteler's store. Visiting members invited. MRS. SOPHIA GLAVIER, Secy.

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Crucial! A woman is seized with a panic of fear when she first discovers the footprints of a man upon her heart.

Please notice me. Opportunity, what day will you be passing my house. There are so many lonely hearts and I can't by nature a loner. -New Orleans, Florida.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR. It is rather hard for a man not to like the father of a girl as much as he likes her.

A man thinks he is mighty charitable when he generously offers to give \$25 to his female charity.

STATE NEWS

THE STATE'S WAR CLAIM IS TURNED DOWN BY AUDITOR.

THE NEEDS OF THE CYCLONE-SWEPT DISTRICT ARE STILL VERY PRESSING.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ON TRIAL FOR CAUSING THE DEATH OF A PUPIL.

Missing Two Months. George Shetterly, aged 68, a resident of Pokagon, has been missing from his home for nearly two months, and Kalamazoo officers have been asked to investigate his disappearance on the theory that he has been murdered.

State's War Claim.

Gov. Warner has received from the comptroller of the United States a check for \$2,000,000, final payment on account of Michigan's Spanish war claim.

They Need Lumber. Advice received by Gov. Warner from the cyclone-swept districts of Tuscola and Sanilac counties indicate that the response to the governor's recent appeal for assistance for the victims of the disaster had not been as widespread and generous as was hoped for.

Coldwater Schoolboy's Death. The case against Supt. Victor M. Staley, charged with causing the death of Philip Miller, a pupil in the fourth ward school, began Monday afternoon.

Three Rivers doctors saved Mrs. August Sobeski after she had swallowed carbolic acid because of home trouble.

The Bay City Alkali Co. has completed an organization with \$500,000 capital to manufacture alkalis by the Solvay process.

Miss Clara Erdorp, who graduated from the Grand Haven high school last week, had the distinction of having neither her name absent nor tardy during all of her years in the public schools of the city, since she had a half year in all.

W. C. Whitman, of Battle Creek, while riding his wheel collided with A. M. Ebbels, also of Battle Creek. Whitman's wheel was broken, causing a serious gash in his abdomen.

After a three month search for Harry Taylor, of St. Joseph, for wife description, he was found and brought to trial, only to have his wife rush to the bar, take him on him and buy the judge to let him off. He did.

John D. Mosher, of Superior township, bequeathed his seven horses to his six sons. His daughter was to select one from the herd and her husband was each to give her \$10 to offset their receiving all the horses.

The action of the senate in voting Secretary Chas. E. Smith for Indiana the senate journal is coming in for some criticism. A member of the house says that that Clerk-Parker, of the senate, will rebuke but \$500 for including the same journal, a task that involves much more work.

The heavy rain and hail storm of Sunday night caused thousands of dollars worth of damage to property in the city. The water was so high that it was feared that it would sweep away a row in the base, being interrupted by the U. S. on the corner from St. Patrick, the damage here, valued at \$2,000, was blown down.

IN THE STATE

Richard Stewart, a Battle Creek laundryman, was sandbagged and robbed of a \$150 diamond ring, a \$100 gold watch and \$18 in cash.

The recently completed census shows that Lansing has 24,851 residents, an increase of 22 per cent since the census was taken in 1904.

A boy 14 years old stole a rig belonging to Patrick Green, of Monroe, that was hitched on the street. The rig was traced to Saginaw, but there lost track of.

On account of the trouble between the Consolidated Mining Co., of Bay City, and its employees, the four miles of the company have been closed and 300 men are idle.

Hancock will hold a special election July 10 to vote on bonding the city for \$150,000 to secure funds to purchase baseball park and secure the erection of a \$50,000 hotel.

Charles Odell, aged 92 years, the third white settler in western Michigan, died at Muskegon. He had lived in Muskegon 52 years. A widow and one son survive him.

Kalamazoo Jewish residents are planning to hold a big celebration next Thanksgiving to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the landing of the first Jews in America.

Oscar Dunlap, aged 17, of Detroit, went to sleep on the tracks of the Michigan Central, near Mattawan, and awoke in eternity. Dunlap was tramping with three other young fellows.

Edwin Armstrong, aged 40, and unmarried, leaped from a boat as he was crossing Crooked lake with some companions, and cried: "Here goes nothing!" He was a heavy drinker.

The explosion of a 1,000-gallon tank in the basement during a fire at the Muskegon county poorhouse caused a panic among the 50-odd inmates and a property loss of over \$75,000.

The court has ordered the train commissioner to proceed with the straightening of the Paw river. It will cost from \$20,000 to \$40,000, and was bitterly opposed by some of the taxpayers.

Here is a fact that city folks should remember when they are poking fun at the "country Reuben": Farmers compose one-half of our population, but they only commit 2 per cent of our crimes.

John I. Vasher, of Waltz, whose case puzzled several doctors, died last week. A postmortem examination brought out the fact that his heart was crowded out of place due to a recent accident.

Five horses, two cows and one calf were cremated in the burning of a barn on the farm of W. C. Haiger, near Pontiac. Large quantities of grain were also burned and the loss will reach \$2,000.

Mrs. Peter White, wife of Hon. Peter White, the noted pioneer in upper peninsula lumbering and mining, died Monday morning after an illness of several months. Mrs. White was 70 years of age.

Fully 12,000 people from Chicago were in St. Joseph Sunday, and 93 couples were married during the week. The rush is thought to be due to the rivalry Michigan City has tried to establish as a Greta Green.

C. P. Cooley, of Kalamazoo, one of the largest harness manufacturers in southwestern Michigan, has closed his factory. He says autos and trolley lines have ruined the business, and only work harnesses are in demand.

The Grand Rapids Morning Herald has changed hands again. Ralph H. Booth of the Detroit Tribune, former proprietor of the Chicago Journal, has become president of the Herald Publishing Co. and principal owner.

Gov. Warner's cottage at Cass lake is finished and the family will take up their residence there for the summer in about ten days. The governor says he expects to spend about one-third of his time there this summer.

The little son of Prof. E. G. Holmes, principal of the Bear Lake schools, fell on a rusty knife, with which he was playing in the dooryard, and the point penetrated the ball of one of his eyes. Physicians have slight hope of saving the eye.

Mrs. Edie March, of Jefferson, O., has made a deposition that Mrs. Mary Stockdale made a will a few years ago, revoking all former wills, including that which gave her \$300,000 estate to Detroit and Buffalo hospitals, and charities.

Mrs. Matilda Cooper, of Traverse City, has been awarded \$1,000 damages in the circuit court against her neighbors, for having and to her the terrible scenes of the two days will never be wiped from the memory of the Polish people.

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WAR NEWS

PEACE ENVOYS TO MEET IN WASHINGTON EARLY IN AUGUST.

THE JEWS IN WARSAW ARE IN REVOLT OVER LOZ MASSACRE.

THE CITY OF LOZ RESEMBLES SHAMBLES FROM BLOODY BUTCHERY.

The president has received from both the Russian and Japanese governments the statement that the plenipotentiaries of the two countries will meet in the United States during the first ten days of August, and the president has expressed to both governments the wish that the meeting should take place if possible on the first of August, and if not on that date then at the earliest date thereafter.

Both Japan and Russia, according to a St. Petersburg dispatch, are now understood to have agreed on the time when their plenipotentiaries shall meet at Washington. It will be during the first ten days of August, but the exact date probably will be announced by President Roosevelt.

The question of precedence evidently is the main stumbling block to a prompt settlement of the number of plenipotentiaries. Both sides seem desirous to make the other take the initial move. Russia seems to consider that it is Japan's duty to name her plenipotentiaries before Russia announces hers. While the exact number of the plenipotentiaries has not been officially arranged, both powers seem to have tacitly agreed on three. The actual announcement of the names of the plenipotentiaries is expected within a few days.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Echo de Paris says he has received confirmation of the report that the czar has decided to take formal steps through Mr. Meyer, the American ambassador, to arrange an armistice. But reports from Washington show that suggestions for an armistice have not been received with absolute favor by either Russia or Japan. Quite naturally each government is seeking an advantage over the other in the diplomatic sparring that is going on.

The situation is regarded as similar to that which defied arrangements for an armistice to be concluded—even if they should be concluded at all—before the formal meeting of the plenipotentiaries of the two powers.

As heretofore noted, there is serious apprehension that unless a temporary suspension of hostilities be arranged, a great battle may be precipitated, the result of which might wreck completely the pending peace negotiations. It was expected confidently that an announcement of the names of the envoys of the two powers to the Washington conference be made by the end of last week; but, as a matter of fact, the negotiations have not progressed in the least since Tuesday. That both Russia and Japan have decided upon their representatives at the conference is quite certain, but each government is scheming to gain the advantage in the result of its own declines to make formal announcement of them. Peace negotiations have come to a dead halt on account of the illness of Count Lamsdorff, the Russian minister for foreign affairs. It is explained, officially, that nothing in the form of a hitch has occurred, but that the negotiations merely have been suspended temporarily.

Scenes in Lodz. The Russian-Polish city of Lodz presents a sickening scene of blood and death as a result of last week's riots. The trouble began on Tuesday, the 20th, after the funeral of the victims of the conflict between troops and terrorists the previous Sunday. The Christians were permitted to bury their dead, but the Jews were prohibited from doing so and the people secretly interred the bodies of the Jews at night, which excited indignation and terroristic riots were initiated Thursday and Friday, resulting in shambles and the terrible scenes of the two days will never be wiped from the memory of the Polish people.

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The "Laxy Worm" has infected 24,000 Porto Ricans in the center of the island. The natives used to regard the disease as incurable and are being with delight the news that Capt. E. K. Ashford, U. S. A., has cured 4,000 cases in another district. Capt. Ashford has started to work on the 24,000 victims.

Vicksburg Bank Affairs.

The affairs of the Vicksburg bank it would seem got in to a tangle through losing deals of President E. L. Page in cotton. No figures have been given out by the bank's officials showing the amount of shortage, but it is well established that when this is done the amount will be well up in the thousands. Farmers and mechanics constitute the bulk of the depositors and they are greatly excited. Business men continue to stand by the bank and only a day or two ago they deposited \$8,000 to help bolster up the institution. The village is hard hit, all its funds having been deposited in the bank. It is found that there is only \$34 in the village treasury, \$18 of which is in the form of a check on the defunct bank.

Cashier Keep, who is blamed for not knowing the condition of the bank, says: "How could I be blamed for ignorance in this failure, in view of the recent developments? Only recently I came across a case where Mr. Case had been in Kalamazoo and taken with him \$18,000 in paper on which he realized a loan of \$10,000. Sixty days later when the loan became due, he returned to Kalamazoo, renewing the loan and leaving \$13,000 worth of paper as security and selling one of the notes for \$5,000 to R. J. Williamson, of the Kalamazoo Savings bank. It was gilt edge paper, and he never credited the transaction on the books of the bank, and I never knew of it until I went to Kalamazoo to check up our account."

On Saturday John F. Young, William H. Lederer and Joseph McElvain, three creditors, filed a petition in the United States court in Grand Rapids asking that the bank be declared bankrupt. The petition states that the liabilities of the insolvent concern total \$300,000; that the bank has but a small amount of cash on hand and can pay but a small per cent of the claims against it. It was further stated in the petition that the president was ill; that the cashier, Charles L. Keep, had asked that he be declared a personal bankrupt; and the president, E. L. Page, not be disturbed by creditors.

The petition further states that the bank on June 22 purposely paid the following sums, knowing that the bank was on the verge of collapse: To Edwin C. Day, \$5,000; Alice Barr, \$1,500; W. W. Niles, \$3,000. Other creditors aggregating \$17,000. The bank closed its doors and did no further business. Judge Wemy appointed Steven B. Munroe, of the Kalamazoo Trust Co., as receiver.

Trouble in Warsaw.

The Jewish districts of Warsaw are now in full revolt. The shops and stores are closed and traffic has ceased. The street cars have been overturned and a form of anarchy is in the streets and the ugly temper of both the populace and the troops threatens to break out in bloodshed at any moment. Thirty-four battalions of infantry are stationed in the town.

The city has the appearance of a military encampment. Infantry and Cossacks are bivouacked in the streets and patrols are circulating everywhere. Barricades have been erected at the corners of Ogrodowa and Zelazna streets, and occasionally the crack of a rifle is heard as strikers shoot at men going to work.

Monday's conditions are the result of a proclamation issued Saturday night by the Social Democratic party of Poland and Lithuania, calling the masses to arms and declaring that in order to show the solidarity of their brethren and to protest against "the new and incessant crimes of the emperor's government," all Warsaw must stop work.

CERTAIN DEFEAT.

Russians Are Sure Oyama Will Win Battle.

The military experts of Russia take anything but a hopeful view of Gen. Linevitch's situation. They do not believe he can be surrounded, but apparently do not consider the possibility of a Russian victory. Linevitch's retirement to Harbin and the isolation of Vladivostok seem to be regarded as foregone conclusions, when Field Marshal Oyama strikes.

Knouted the Priest.

Seventy priests, who met in Georgia, Russian Transcaucasia, a few days ago, were attacked by Cossacks and brutally knouted. The outrage has resulted in an interdict like that pronounced in the middle ages, of refusing to solemnize baptism, marriage or any rite of the church until redress is given by the whole orthodox church, of which the Georgia church is part.

Why Wallace Gilt?

John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the Panama canal, and member of the commission, has resigned both these positions, the salary of which is \$30,000, to accept a \$50,000 office with a New York corporation. Mr. Wallace was asked the cause of his resignation. He replied that he was in a delicate position in the matter and referred his questioner to the secretary's staff.

CONDENSED NEWS.

P. H. Lord, Wilmett, S. C., has invented a machine to fly bricks with almost human intelligence and with a rapidity that discounts human hands 75 per cent.

John D. Rockefeller, after making John Meins, the Swede hawkeeper of Sleepy Hollow, agree to sell his place, has refused to buy it, though he has been trying to do so for years.

An enormous crowd attended the funeral of Gen. Maximilian Gomez, at Havana. Demonstrations in honor of the great leader almost resulted in riots, but no one was seriously hurt.

Meteorites are reported to have fallen near Georgetown, Ky., Charleston, W. Va., and De Graff, O. The explosion of the meteor over Charleston jarred the town so badly as to break many windows.

A Chinese military company, drilled by a Russian garrison officer and using discarded United States army rifles, has been discovered. New York. Gen. Higgins has notified the British that it exists in violation of law.

LATE NEWS

THE CHINESE EXCLUSION ACT TO BE LIBERALLY CONSTRUED.

THE LAKE SHORE WRECK COST NINETEEN LIVES AND \$400,000.

ALEXANDER RETURNS OVER TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Secretary Hay Ill Again. Secretary of State John Hay was prostrated by an attack of uremia at his summer home in Newbury, N. H., Sunday evening, but early today his condition had been relieved by a local physician and two specialists who had come from Boston by special train, and it was expected that the secretary soon would be in his usual health. The attack, which was similar to others experienced by Secretary Hay during contracted years, was attributed to a cold contracted on his journey from Washington to Newbury on Saturday. Dr. J. L. Cain, the local physician who was the first one called to attend the sick man, said: "Secretary Hay's trouble has been relieved. He will need attention for a day or two. If no complications arise he will soon be as well as usual."

The Chinese Immigrants.

The president's policy of "a square deal for the Chinese" promulgated Monday in an official statement from the White House, indicates the extent to which the enforcement of the exclusion law is to be modified. These modifications are based on the head count of the threatened horde of American goods by the Chinese. The president's decision to order a less rigid enforcement of the law indicates that there is at least a marked difference of opinion between him and Secretary McElain, who has charge of immigration, and there are indications of rather serious friction between them. Mr. McElain is from California, where the sentiment against the Chinese is strongest, and the president, think he is thinking more of the interests of the section from which he comes than of the interests of the whole country.

Lake Shore Wreck.

The Lake Shore officials who have been estimating the loss caused by the wreck of the Twentieth Century Limited train at Mentor, O., which caused personal injury claims and death claims will cost the road about \$200,000. They also figure that the adverse advertising to the road will amount to not less than \$100,000.

In addition, there is the cost of the freight shed and its contents, which will add \$50,000 to the damage. The refunding of the fares charged on the train will add \$2,000. These, with other things incidental to the wreck, will bring the total cost of the disaster up to \$400,000.

Alexander Returns Money. James W. Alexander, former president of the Equitable Life Assurance society, voluntarily sent to Paul Morton, the newly elected chairman of the board, his check Saturday for \$25,062.33, representing a portion of his profits as a member of the James J. Hyde and associates syndicate, which sold securities to the Equitable Life. Mr. Alexander had previously turned \$25,000 to the syndicate aggregating \$40,700.45 which Mr. Hyde had sent to him as his share of syndicate profits on two bond issues of which the Equitable had purchased a portion. In the check to Mr. Morton Mr. Alexander pays back to the Equitable every dollar he received by him as a member of the Hyde syndicate and interest at 7 per cent on the amounts.

Safety For Dead Man.

One of the most sensational developments in the Equitable Life Assurance society situation came to light Friday through the discovery that a man who has been dead for 13 months, and three others who had long ago severed their connection with the society were still on the payroll. The discovery was made through a study of the report of Supt. of Insurance Hendricks.

Prof. Levi Milan, says he can cure tuberculosis by means of iodine. Civil Engineer Walker, of the navy, is being investigated—not for graft, though. It is alleged he was too severe with contractors who did the work on the Charleston navy yard dock.

In applying for divorce John Madgett, of Atlanta, Ga., produces a diary which shows that in 14 years he and Mrs. Madgett quarreled 6,110 times, 5,100 of them because she asked for money and 422 times because he snored.

M. M. Ramsey, a Leland Stanford, Jr., University professor, missing three months, was recognized in New York after being arrested for vagrancy. He had been working in cheap eat side restaurants as a waiter. It is thought he is out of his mind. Another professor of the same university, C. C. Rice, had left Pittsburg for his home in Lincoln, Neb., decorated from the boat.

Leut. Paul Quinn, Thru, the first soldier to scale the wall of Peking after the Boxer spring, has married Miss Grace Ann Robinson, a Denver belle, "the girl he left behind him." For his heroism Thru was sent to West Point by President McKinley.

Gen. Gomez Buried.

The body of General Maximilian Gomez was interred at Havana after a funeral so replete with demonstrations in honor of the dead general as to lead in several instances to scenes of disorder.

The procession was the largest since the establishment of the republic. In it were included the entire executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government, the foreign ministers, the legation and consular staffs, and the governors of every province.

The three-mile route to the Colon cemetery appeared filled with an unending procession, and an endless chain of people waiting to see the gun carriage drawn by eight mules on which the casket lay. The cortege proceeded through the center of the cemetery between long lines of mounted rural guards, standing at salute, and the body was lowered with military honors in a temporary grave, pending removal to a mausoleum.

Wreck at Tashmoo.

Two freight steamers, the Linden and City of Rome, were sunk in a collision off Tashmoo Park at 4 o'clock Friday morning, and the steward and his wife, of the former vessel, were drowned. The City of Rome, which was bound down with a cargo of ore, went down immediately after the collision, about 50 feet from the Tashmoo Park dock, and the Linden, which was bound up with a coal cargo, kept on her way up to Russel island, where she went down in the middle of the channel. The crews of both boats succeeded in getting away in their rafts, with the exception of the Linden's cook and his wife, who are reported missing. The accident was caused by the suction of a big propeller bound up which made the Linden veer around and crash into the City of Rome. A large hole was torn into the bow of both steamers.

The National Guard will ask congress at its next session to make the guard a part of the national defense. Doubling of the \$1,000,000 annual appropriation is desired.

THE MARKETS.

Detroit.—The cattle market has been dull and draggy, with dry-fed shipping steers 15 to 25 cents lower and calves 10 to 15 cents lower. A decline of 10 to 20 cents. Grass cattle of all kinds were from 25 to 30 cents lower. Fat calves and yearlings steady with last week, as were stock calves. Mutton steady, but spring calves were about the same as last week. Hogs—The market is not at all promising at present, and dealers are predicting a decline in prices. Sheep—The sheep and lamb trade opened and closed strong at last week's prices, but the receipts were heavy. Best clip lambs, \$5.10 to \$5.15; fair to good, \$4.50 to \$5.00; extra, \$5.00 to \$5.10; poor to medium, \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.50 to \$4.00; calves, \$4.00 to \$4.50; yearlings, \$3.50 to \$4.00; rough heavy, \$3.50 to \$4.00; light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wethers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$4.00; fair to choice mixed, \$3.00 to \$3.50; extra lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50.

Chicago.—Good to prime steers, \$2.25 to \$2.50; poor to medium, \$1.75; stockers and feeders, \$1.50 to \$2.00; calves, \$4.00 to \$4.50; yearlings, \$3.50 to \$4.00; rough heavy, \$3.50 to \$4.00; light, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wethers, \$3.00 to \$3.

Never in an automobile as dangerous as when John Hutchinson is acting as chauffeur.

A New York millionaire has slipped with a waitress. But if she can't cook, what's the use?

Now is the time to buy real estate on Wall Street. You can get an entire square inch for 44 cents.

A Pennsylvania church says its rent with a June rise. It's lucky the rent day doesn't fall in February.

A Montana man has invented a wireless compass. Now let some genius get busy and invent a dogless sausage.

Naples is inclined to be discolored because a scientist has predicted that the volcano will go out of business before long.

Dealing to know which nation is his true friend, the sultan of Morocco will see which responds quickest to a touch.

Have patience with the new graduate. After bumping against the world for a few weeks he will discover his limitations.

In order to be on the safe side Mayor Weaver of Philadelphia asks his trustees to watch the stock market.

It is announced that the postal deficit this year will be about \$15,000,000. The authors must be getting fewer manuscripts back.

One hundred automobiles were destroyed in New York last night. Two were not but you will not be able to notice any difference.

Having had so many other casualties in actual experience it was no novelty at all for the battalions of Texas to be sunk "theoretically."

According to a Russian in London, Admiral Rojstevsky's name is pronounced with the accent on the second syllable. Can you manage it?

Preparations are being made to exterminate the mosquitoes, but the odds are that the news isn't causing a boom in mosquito life insurance circles.

Twelve of America's famous men who do not know how to write a check are now being asked to sign a check for the relief of the unemployed.

King Alfonso made friends while he was in London, but there is no one named King Edward now familiarly calls him "Alfie."

A preacher has been asked to resign his pulpit because he uses an automobile. The dispatches do not say whether he inherited his money or married it.

A New York man was fined \$20 that he had "kissed" his wife. The judge said that the kiss was not a "kiss" but a "kiss."

There are many forms of infidelity in this world, but none quite so peculiar as that of the Chicago man who brought his wife from talking.

Mr. Bonaparte of Baltimore says he has no use for the man who tries to be as good as his grandfather's reputation. Still, it's quite a distinction sometimes to have had a granduncle.

A chair owned by President Washington has been sold to the Mount Vernon association for \$7,500, but a seat in New York's stock exchange costs a good deal more.

"Choose a freckled girl for a wife," says a Washington doctor. "Freckles are invariably more amiable." And they never get old enough to be chloroformed, the doctor might have said.

A New York man has asked the police to help him find his 16-year-old son who is missing from her home, and as he is six feet tall, the police find that they have some prospect of success.

FOR MOVING FOLKS

Song of the Cheery Man.
The world is old and it is, you say,
Then let me hear you sing me a new one.
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TOXEMIES
In order to demonstrate that the toxin is not a chemical toxin, Dr. Fox called attention to the fact that the toxin is not a chemical toxin, but a biological toxin.

Chocolate Caramel.
Take one pound brown sugar, four ounces grated unsweetened chocolate, one cup milk, one cup cream, one cup sugar, one cup milk, one cup cream, one cup sugar.

Four Touches.
To beat at "Four Touches," one must be quick indeed. Those who are playing form a line, with the exception of the one who has been chosen leader.

Handkerchief Trick.
One of the best handkerchief tricks is to produce a handkerchief from a lighted candle. It is accomplished by simply examining the handkerchief.

Magie Cone.
Do you ever hear of a "Korn" that will roll up a hill? Of course it won't, but you can make one that will roll up a hill.

NEW USE FOR DEAD DOLLS
Usually when your sister's dolls begin to go to pieces their life is over, and the chances are pretty good of their being put in a box and left to rot.

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GIFTS IN PROPER SPIRIT.

After all, the principal use of the college is as a place where the most valuable gift is the gift of knowledge. The gift of knowledge is the gift of life.

Siege of Sebastopol.
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Riding

By Special Correspondence.
The unsavory man had a message to London, but when the schooner was at the wharf the skipper addressed the mate.

Then the Lawyer Saw.
Colored Witness Left No Doubt as to the truth of the matter. The witness was a colored man, and he was a colored man.

Who's in there, Henry?
The man who was in there, Henry, was the man who was in there, Henry. The man who was in there, Henry, was the man who was in there, Henry.

Lawson and the Wind Clock.
Thomas W. Lawson recently tried to make a fortune out of the wind. He tried to make a fortune out of the wind.

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Manchester Enterprise

By MAT D. BLOSSER
Established in 1897. First paper devoted to the interests of the Village of Manchester...

THURSDAY, JUNE, 29 1906

The new game law prohibits quail shooting for two years.

A prominent harness manufacturer at Kalamazoo will retire from business...

An Ardenite don't want to pay \$25,000 extra to have their new school building made fire proof.

M. L. Dixon of Napoleon was attempting to draw a charge from old gun when it exploded...

Lake Shore detectives and officials are determined to find the man who fired the shot which caused the wreck of the 20th century limited train.

Some folks have an idea that horse racing is a demand for the horse and that a blackie can't have come into the race...

Visitors to our village are often heard to remark, "What fine roads you have here." We know that our streets all our town are in excellent condition.

COMING HERE
The Next Annual Session of the First Mich. Infantery, held at Manchester.

The old first Michigan Infantry regiment held its reunion on the anniversary of the battle of Gales Mills, at Detroit Tuesday and we ventured to the reunion...

Leaves County
The barn on the James Brighton place near Sand Lake, was struck by lightning and burned, Sunday night.

Rev. F. L. Cooney, pastor of the Clinton baptist church, will go to Detroit...

The Clinton woolen mills furnished the government with \$75,000 worth of cloth for army use and it is claimed that not a yard was rejected.

The Yonkers Gravel Co. has contracted to furnish the sand and gravel to be used in the construction of the new factory and new school house at Blainville.

Personals

Howard Macomber was at home over Sunday. Adolph Bratowiewich of Chicago is visiting his parents.

A. J. Waters went to Grand Lake Monday to visit a law suit. Wade Maglin, who is clerking in Toledo, was at home Sunday.

Gen. Fred B. Wood of Tecumseh is in town last Saturday on business. Mrs. M. T. Frost has returned from a pleasant visit with Brooklyn friends.

Whitney and Claire Riedel went to Willits last week to visit their aunt and uncle. Our thanks are due O. P. Hasty of Los Angeles, Cal., for late copies of city papers.

Dr. Will Reed of Tecumseh was in town Monday afternoon visiting his mother. Mrs. C. Dettling of Ann Arbor was a guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Kern over Sunday.

Miss Lella Coon of Three Rivers visited Miss Marie Blosser from Saturday until Tuesday. George J. Hassemer returned last Thursday night from his western trip, much improved in health.

Herman M. Ossa, who has been in Bellville, Ohio, for some time, has sent us a copy of the daily Pacific. Mrs. Jacob Riedel went to Adrian last Thursday to attend the graduating exercises of St. Joseph's academy.

Thomas Thorn has recovered from his recent sickness and is again attending to his duties as rural mail carrier. J. F. Kern, daughter Florence, and son, Roy were guests of Mr. & Mrs. John Hanson of Freedom, Sunday.

The Chelsea Standard says: "Miss L. Graham is having her middle street water laid, and the water will be turned on Tuesday night." J. F. Kern, daughter Florence, and son, Roy were guests of Mr. & Mrs. John Hanson of Freedom, Sunday.

Miss Ella Spencer went to Ypsilanti last Friday to visit her sister Martha who is attending Clara college. Miss Myra Spafard has returned from New York where she has been the past winter studying in the school of art.

Litia Alina and Martha Ulrich will spend their vacation out in the country with their sister, Mrs. Fred Fallbacher. E. F. Freeman is in LaSalle on the 20th.

Miss Marion Farrell and Bertha Bratowiewich of the post office here, went to Jackson Tuesday to see the Joseph Brighton of Assumption college, Sandwich, Ont., came home Tuesday evening to spend the summer with his mother.

Rayney Niala drove up from Tecumseh Tuesday and returned Wednesday accompanied by his aunt, Miss Elizabeth Kimble. Hugo Kirchofer, who attends the conservatory of music at Ypsilanti, came home last Friday to spend his summer vacation.

Rev. & Mrs. Geo. Schottel went to Jackson Tuesday to visit relatives and on Wednesday to visit Ann Arbor to attend conference. We learn that J. J. Hasser, who has been elected commissioner of public works in Detroit, has sold his drug business, so he can give his whole time to his new duties.

Henry Ladewer has again been visiting from the office of his old employer, but it is somewhat better now. He has not been in the market or on the most recent for several days. Miss Marie Blosser pleasantly entertained a company of young ladies at her home Sunday evening in honor of her friends.

Miss Irene Kiddor of Springfield, Ohio, and Miss Julie Eoley of Toledo, Ohio, came here last Wednesday to attend the annual and visited over Sunday, guests at Mrs. Wm. Brighton's. Fred and Will Whitson of Ann Arbor and in the latter part of the week visited their brother Henry on Sunday at the Reform farm, east of town. They came from Chelsea in the auto-bus.

Mrs. Nellie R. Blackburn, for 29 years a teacher in the LaFayette, Ind. schools, visited Mrs. Elizabeth Brown from Saturday until Tuesday and spent her time in the city. She has been in the city for some time and is enjoying her visit.

Miss Jessie L. Moore of Ypsilanti comes by auto-bus last Friday to attend annual reunion and visit friends. She was a guest at Mat D. Blosser's. Dr. & Mrs. O. W. Case and daughter returned from an extended and enjoyable trip Tuesday night. They were accompanied home by Roland Ossa.

Miss Anna and Lottie Schmitt, Emma Holton, Georgette Brown, Marie Blosser and Mrs. Charles Young, have spent a "week" at Jackson Tuesday to see Barbara & Belle's dance. Miss Maud Goodell, who has been teaching for several years in the Manchester schools, returned home Tuesday to spend her summer vacation. She came over by auto-bus, took train to Grand Rapids and Jackson.

I wish to thank the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted me in my recent visit to Michigan. My stay was at Orleans, York, and Grand Rapids and Jackson. D. M. ALFORD.

FARMERS:

Don't let your Wheat get too ripe. Prepare to cut it as it is going out of the milk. Dead ripe wheat means light wheat. Take care of the best wheat crop in several years.

Yours Respectfully, Lonier & Hoffer.

Big Bargains

In Furniture! We have them. An all Ash Bedroom Suit at \$17.00. A Solid Oak Bedroom Suit at \$20.00. Just think, Iron Beds from \$2.75 and upwards. In fact everything kept in an up-to-date store.

Schriber Furniture Co. Funeral Director and Embalmer.

Refrigerators, Hammocks

We believe we are giving the best refrigerator for the money, that is possible to find. The kind we furnish is the economical kind, constructed in low consumption and economical at the work you set in doing, as nothing can spoil or get tainted when placed in one of the good make of refrigerator we furnish.

Porch & Lawn Furniture

We are strong in this kind of goods and can fit you out for a little money in anything you need. Can, camp stool, spring mattress, pillows, cushions, iron wire and enameled ware, lawn, ferns, spoons, etc. etc. In short, we can give you any goods for your home or cottage at the lowest price for money than they can be obtained elsewhere. Come to us for the quickest and best iron frame made.

GALLUP & LEWIS, Jackson.

Special Crockery Sale.

Consists of 12, 10-piece Decorated Toilet Sets of rich, elegant, semi-porcelain, new up-to-date patterns and beautifully treated in colors and gold. Just what you have been wanting but they were always in high price, while the 12 sets last you can buy them for \$6.75 a set. In the Plain White you can buy a 6-piece set for \$1.25. Hurry up, they won't last long at these prices. We will also give a reduction of 25 per cent. on all our Fire Lamps as we have to make.

Washburn County.

Real estate transfers: Johnson Platt to Georgiana Thompson, Sharon, \$1,000. Eleanor B. Frost to Henry L. Root, Manchester, \$1,000. F. M. English and wife to W. R. Martin, Manchester, \$2,000.

Help wanted: A GOOD, REPUTABLE MAN IF RACE PURE, with a few dollars capital, will be paid for a party, by reference to local papers. THE CHEMICAL SUPPLY CO., 121 N. 1st St., Detroit, Mich.

LOUIS KUEBLER

When you want a TINSMITH, the shop is on Baldwin street and carries a good line of tin, galvanized iron, and sheet metal. The Miller Hotel, East Side of the River, Manchester, \$1.00 A DAY, \$1.00. Make a Specialty of Serving Sunday Dinners.

Take Notice

You can get better Prices for PETS and FURS, Old Iron, Rags, Old Rubbers, etc. By selling them to us. Moses Stalaraky, Manchester, Mich.

W.H. Lehr,

Dealer in Groceries, Crockery, Glassware, Notions, Tobacco, etc. FINE WINES AND LIQUORS. Hot Lunches Served.

Rose Nicotine

Is Sure Death to All Plant Parasites. SEE

Jaeger & Dietle Window.

In Village and Country

New potatoes have appeared in market. There was a light frost Tuesday morning. Some as though the strawberry crop has been light this season.

BLOWN DOWN: How Mrs. Barn of Jas. Hogan in bridge-way destroyed by Wind Storm. Howard Clark, who had the contract for the carpenter work on James Hogan's barn, was notified by phone about five o'clock Monday morning that the barn had been destroyed by a cyclone or high wind.

ROLL OF HONOR: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT. Whether the school was held 273. Number belonging at end of month 258. Average number belonging 258. Per cent of attendance 94.5. Number of non-residents 29.

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In a Day

Night reeled and away, the day came through.
The light fell clear on hill and tree;
A lark sang up into the blue,
And it was morn in Italy.

A goatherd drove amid his goats,
A boy glad hearted as the day;
She set his careless heart afloat,
Met answering song from every spray.

With awe a scornful maiden came,
More lovely than the dying day;
She set his careless heart afloat,
Then laughed and went upon her way.

Day's crimson died into the dark,
And one in shade wore hill and tree;
Hushed was the song of boy and lark,
And it was night in Italy.

—Robin Flower.



BY F. H. LANCASTER

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"Caramba! And then the assistant manager having vented his only Spanish swear word fell back on English. 'What the deuce is that din.' Under the window were three women. One raked riot from an instrument or torture, one sang in voice of brass-bound barrenness and one stood weeping.

"Shoot the syllabus," he exclaimed softly. "If you be the musical voices and sweet guitar of Spain, may the devil say away with your prospectus. But why doth the fair one weep?"

As there was no one in the office to answer this question, and as he was quite new to Porto Rico, Pendleton set to work to piece out the song—if such it could be called—for himself. He knew Spanish—book Spanish—but the music and the voice were too much for his translating. He shouted impatiently to them to stop the music and go slow. The older women obeyed, delighted to have attracted the attention of the rich American; all Americans are rich in Porto Rico, and the younger woman pushed her face further into her hands. Whether she wept or whether she just stood listening to that doleful song, Pendleton could not tell. But by little he made out the meaning of it all. It was her tale of woe that the beggars were relating in their song. A true tale, he fancied, seeing how she seemed to bow beneath the shame of it. A sorry one, even for a native of Porto Rico if it was true. Pendleton hailing from a particularly prosperous section of the States was new to beggars and their wiles. Besides, he could not possibly work with that demon-like din going on under his window. He went out into the street and to the woman who was weeping—or pretending to.

"See here," he said in abrupt American fashion, "what is your name?"

"Nada," she told him.

"Nada. That means nothing."

"It is my name, señor."

"It suits you," reflected the young man grimly, for she did appear to be as near nothing as any human being could be; worn to the bone with privation, barely covered with the short supply of rags that did duty as clothing.

"Is it true, what they say?" he jerked a motion toward the musicians.

"It is true, señor."

"You and your children are at home starving while your dog of a husband gambles at Ponce?"

A flash of indignation lighted her very large eyes.

"Domingo is a good boy, señor. He cannot buy bread to feed so many mouths."

"But I'll bet he can buy dulce enough for his own mouth," Pendleton muttered. "Why don't you work, then?" he demanded.

"I can get no work, señor."

"Why, I'll give you fifty cents a day to clean my office—Oh, cut that. Here's a dollar. Go get some decent clothes and then get to work." Under the silver he had folded a five-dollar bill and as he retreated he saw Nada hurriedly hide the paper in her rags before her companions could swoop down for their thirds. They divided the dollar among them while Pendleton led their blessings.

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Renunciation is Necessary for Genius in Literature.

Why is so much of our present literary output so unrelated to literature, so depressingly banal, so devoid of distinction, power and vitality? Is the answer merely that greatness is rare in all ages, and this chance to be a period of exceptional sterility? Or is it the result of the marked vulgarity of prevailing ideals? Not only our writers measure success by popularity, but the trend of criticism itself is to magnify the importance of a wide appeal.

A high degree of excellence has never won quick or wide applause; witness Shakespeare, Milton, Shelley, Keats, Browning, Swinburne. It cannot be too often or too emphatically repeated that literature, real additions to the realms of letters, must forego cheap successes. A difficult and determined withdrawal from prevailing ideals is demanded of those authors who would find see English letters reinstated in the realm of bartered glory. Before we can have another poet like Browning we must have another man content to do his work unknown for twenty years and willing to pay for his own publishing. Before we have a second Tennyson we shall have to have another man who shall as well understand that there are no cheap and quick methods of forcing the poetic faculty, that the heat of our thoughts come to us in a state of wise passivity and reverent waiting. The superficial and deeper parts of our nature do not function at one and the same time. A Mary and a Martha are not combined in their highest powers in one personality. Greatness demands renunciation. We cannot flap around with the daws and yet be an eagle with eye fixed on the sun. All really fine production, says Harper's Weekly, demands a definite choice and firm adhesion, and it bears no nearer relation to popular applause and liking than a frog in a swamp to a nightingale in an oak grove.

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

LESSON ONE—JULY 2.

GOLDEN TEXT—With us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles.—2 Chron. 20:20.

I. A Glance Backward.—After the interval of six months, spent in studying the writings of John, we return for six months to the Old Testament, whose history we are to complete. We shall trace the downfall of Judah, the captivity and the return, reviewing also the writings of the major and minor prophets.

II. The Situation in Judah.—Ahaz, the father of Hezekiah, was the worst of Judah's monarchs. Disregarding the appeals and rebukes of Isaiah, he introduced the worship of Moloch, and other heathen abominations. He shut up the great doors of the temple, and put an end to the temple worship. The Edomites and Philistines took away much of his territory. Israel and Syria joined to lay waste his land. He called to his aid Tiglath-pileser II of Assyria, despoiling the temple and his palace to obtain the tribute his dangerous ally required.

Hezekiah, the son of the wicked king, rose superior to his father's evil influences. His name means "The strength of Jehovah," and that of his mother, Abijah, means "(My) father is Jehovah." She was the daughter (or granddaughter) of a Zechariah who was probably the "faithful witness" of Isa. 8:2, and the prophet of 2 Chron. 26:5.

Hezekiah succeeded in effectually checking the inroads of the Philistines. His greatest work, however, was the religious reformation he accomplished early in his reign (see Lesson X, Fourth Quarter, 1904).

The result was most happy. "Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor." His kingdom was tranquil, strong, and wealthy. But one constant danger threatened Judah—the growing power of Assyria, whose overlordship Ahaz had acknowledged, against the urgent protests of Isaiah.

III. The Assyrians Invade Judah.—2 Chron. 32:1-8; 2 Kings 18:14-16. Under the brilliant Emperor Sargon, Assyria became the greatest power in the world. Sargon's successor, Sennacherib, however, was immediately confronted with the rebellion of Merodach-baladan, a restless Babylonian prince who had had friendly intercourse with Hezekiah. While Sennacherib was occupied in putting down this revolt, the time seemed ripe to throw off the Assyrian yoke. Isaiah, who had protested against the engagement in the first place, saw the madness of the attempt, and strenuously sought to prevent it. But "the whole land was aflame with patriotism, and we betide the man, even a king, who dared to oppose it,"—Rogers. Hezekiah withheld the annual tribute due to Assyria, and his example was followed by Sidon in the north and Ashkelon and Ekron in Philistia.

Having utterly overthrown Merodach-baladan, Sennacherib turned fiercely upon his rebellious provinces in the west. Sargon at once surrendered before his impetuous onset. All Syria was terrorized and submitted. The allies from Egypt, marching northward, were defeated. Ekron fell, and its chief men were impaled on stakes. Turning then against his chief enemy, Sennacherib captured in swift succession forty-six of the fortified cities of Judah. He was rapidly approaching Jerusalem. Terrified at Sennacherib's approach, Hezekiah had raised the enormous tribute of three hundred talents of silver (about \$600,000, equal in purchasing value to six million dollars to-day). He stripped the temple of its gold, and sent it to the Assyrian monarch, whose headquarters were at Lachish, about thirty-four miles southwest of Jerusalem. The tribute was accepted, but the invaders pressed on.

IV. The Imminent Peril: Sennacherib's Challenge.—Vs. 9-19. Hezekiah's embassy and his payment of tribute had been a virtual confession of weakness. Sennacherib therefore made up his mind to subdue the kingdom utterly and transport its people to another country (2 Kings 18:32). Therefore he sent an insolent messenger to announce this purpose.

9. "After this," After Hezekiah prepared Jerusalem to withstand a siege, destroying the water supplies outside the city strengthening the walls, and setting his army in array. "Did Sennacherib." See "Historical Setting." "Send his servants." His officers. "But he himself laid siege against Lachish." Lachish was evidently at this time one of the strongest fortresses of Judah.—Stanley.

10. "Whereon do ye trust?" Sennacherib's artful orator refers to Hezekiah's alliance with Egypt (2 Kings 18:21), the rival and foe of Assyria. "That ye abide in the siege," r. v., "abide the siege," or (margin), "abide in the stronghold," i. e., the fortified city, Jerusalem.

11. "Doth not Hezekiah persuade you?" Literally, "entice." "To give over yourselves," r. v., "to give you over."

12. "Taken away his high places and his altars." Hezekiah had destroyed them because the old idolatrous associations and customs clung to them, and had centered worship at "one altar," which could be kept pure. The Rab-shakeh's charge, however, would appeal to the superstitious among the people, and those that were secretly idolaters.

13. "Know ye not what I, Sennacherib, and my father," the great Sargon and his predecessors, "have done?"

14. "That your God should be able to deliver." This boast is natural. The Assyrians had had an uninterrupted career of success, and might well believe that their gods were more powerful than those of the nations with whom they had warred.

15. Let not Hezekiah deceive you. The orator repeats his thought, as if teaching children by rote. "How much less shall your God." Since Judah was so much smaller than the other nations, and its God invisible and incomprehensible to an idolater like the Rab-shakeh.

16. "And his (Sennacherib's) servants spake yet more." See the fuller address in 2 Kings 18:19-35. "Against the Lord God."

17. "He wrote also letters." Or "a letter," as in r. v. margin and 2 Kings 19:14. The letter would reach Hezekiah directly, but the Rab-shakeh's speech only indirectly.

18. "Then they cried with a loud voice." r. v., "And they cried," summing up what occurred before the sending of the letter. "That they might take the city." The Rab-shakeh hoped to arouse sedition within Jerusalem, that the gates might be treacherously opened to him.

19. "Against . . . God . . . as against the gods of the people." r. v., "peoples," the heathen nations. "The work of the hands of man." See the fine amplification of this thought in Ps. 115 and especially Isa. 40:9-31.

V. Divine Help Sought: The Prayers of Hezekiah and Isaiah.—V. 20. The shameful plea of the Rab-shakeh had no effect; the people were silent and indignant (2 Kings 18:36), obeying Hezekiah's instructions.

20. "For this cause." The receipt of the threatening letter from Sennacherib, mentioned by anticipation in v. 17. The letter appears to have been written (2 Kings 18:10) after the Rab-shakeh reported his failure. Hezekiah took this new trouble to the right place, spreading the letter before God in the temple. "And the prophet Isaiah." He had been prophesying for nearly forty years, and was close to the end of his career. Hezekiah had entreated him to pray (2 Kings 19:4), but the words of his prayer are not recorded. "Cried to heaven." This model prayer begins with joyful adoration; Jehovah alone maker of heaven and earth, is the God of all nations. To be sure, the Assyrians had laid waste many countries, but those countries worshiped the no-gods of woods and stone. Now let Jehovah manifest his superiority to idols by saving his people from these idolaters.

VI. Divine help given: The destruction of Sennacherib's army.—Vs. 21-23. Though we do not know the words of Isaiah's prayer, we know its results,—the sublime message of confident faith sent by him to Hezekiah (2 Kings 19:20-34). The Assyrian's pride would be punished. They would be turned back the way they came. Jerusalem would be saved, and the remnant of Judah would again "take root downward and bear fruit upward."

21. "The Lord sent an angel." The word "angel" means messenger, and is applied to any means used by God to accomplish his purposes. Thus in Psalms 104:4 the winds are said to be God's angels or messengers. In 2 Sam. 24:16 the plague, the most likely agent of this disaster to the Assyrians, is pictured as a destroying angel. But whether the means of destruction was a blast of the simoon or sudden outbreak of plague, or furious panic, or sudden assault (Farrar), it was under the direction of supernatural power. "Cut off all the mighty men of valor." The officers and bravest troops, to the number of 185,000 (2 Kings 19:35). The remnant fled in wild disorder, pursued Isaiah says, even by the crippled and lame of the Hebrews.

Later Life of Sennacherib and Hezekiah. "So he returned." To his capital at Nineveh, soon after invading Babylon and other countries. He lived seventeen years after this. "The house of his god." In 2 Kings 19:37, "the house of Nisroch." In the Septuagint, Esroch, which Hastings considers a variation of Asur (Assur-Ku), the national god of the Assyrians. "They that came forth of his own bowels," i. e., his sons, Adramelch and Shazer, who envied him his throne. They, however, were defeated and killed by their younger brother, Esarhaddon, who avenged Egypt this disaster of Sennacherib's, and raised Assyria to its culmination of power.

22. "Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah." Not only in this case, but in other instances left unrecorded. "And guided them on every side." Septuagint, "And gave them rest," that is peace "on every side."

23. "Hezekiah . . . was magnified in the sight of all nations." See verses 27-30. He repaired the ravages wrought by the Assyrian invasion. The despoiled temple received new gifts. The king was rich and powerful, and all his blessings came from God (v. 29). "Like a summer sun Hezekiah, seen through the calm golden air of his later years, seemed larger at his setting than when at his height."—Geikie.

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"It is less than an hour's search was rewarded by seeing the broken ends of the great ribs of a vessel protruding through dull-colored green-growth. I noticed that this grass seemed to follow the line of the ribs, and carefully noted its character, further to aid me in my search. Examining these closely, no doubt was felt in my mind, but that they belonged to a large vessel, and ordered the boatmen to set sail for the anchor.

"The lead gave us two and a half and three fathoms. Hastily undressing, we dived several times. Mr. Riley first succeeded in buoying the spot by going down with the line and slipping it over one of the ribs. While on the bottom I carefully examined the timber. These were honey-combed in certain parts in a peculiar way. The continual sea-wash of a century seemed to have made its inroads at the softest places, and they gave every appearance in form of partially buried stumps. The wood seemed almost as hard as iron. Much of it was inclosed in a fossil crust, and only by repeated efforts I succeeded in breaking off a small piece. The many winds from the desert and the shifting shoals of sand had filled in and around the frigate and her best mate have lain buried nearly two fathoms deeper than the present sea-bottom. The freshening breeze made further investigation impossible, so after taking bearings and leaving the spot buoyed, we returned to the shore, landing amid an awaiting, curious crowd of Turks, Arabs and blacks