



Manchester Enterprise

By MAT D. BLOSSER

MANCHESTER
In the southwest corner of Washtenaw County, 22 miles from Ann Arbor, the County Seat and University City, 23 miles from Jackson and the Normal School, 30 miles from Jackson, the Prison City, 54 miles from Detroit, 81 miles from Toledo.

Societies.

MANCHESTER LODGE NO. 148 F. & A. M. meet at Masonic Hall Monday evening on or before full moon. Visiting brothers are invited.

Business Cards.

A. J. WATERS ATTORNEY
And Counselor at Law, Office over Union Bank Building, MANCHESTER, MICHIGAN.
FREEMAN & WATKINS Attorneys and Counselors
F. FREEMAN, F. M. FREEMAN, W. L. WATKINS, A. F. E. M. FREEMAN, ANN ARBOR, MICH.

LATEST NEWS OF MICHIGAN

THE HOME PROTECTORS' AFFAIRS TO BE UNTANGLED BY A RECEIVER.

Wilson's Easy Jail Life. Says He Will Fool the People, But What That Means He Does Not Explain.

Two hundred and twenty-seven of the Port Huron stockholders of the United Home-Protectors' Fraternity attended the meeting held at the Commercial club in Port Huron, and after a discussion of nearly two hours it was unanimously agreed to present to the circuit court the name of William R. Sauter, manager of the estate of William Jenkinson, banker, as their choice for receiver of the association.

Storm Was General.

The rain Friday night washed away the sand of the Michigan Central tracks on the Goshen division of the Michigan Central near Battle Creek, and the engine of a passenger train toppled over. The crew jumped and saved themselves. The passenger coaches stayed on the tracks.

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The barn of Nell Madison, south of Postoria, was struck by lightning, and the engine of a passenger train toppled over. The crew jumped and saved themselves. The passenger coaches stayed on the tracks.

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While cleaning carpets in their farmhouse near Hartland, Mrs. Peter North, aged about 70, and Miss Carrie Ellis, aged 16, were struck by lightning which entered by way of an unused telephone wire, during the storm Friday afternoon. Both were instantly killed.

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The Jackson County Bar association, Indorsed Judge Wiest for the new federal judgeship congress may create. The eye of Roy Ivory, son of Rep. William E. Ivory, of Hadley, was pierced by a stick while he was cutting down a tree and he lost his sight.

Enterprise Office

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Eggs and Their Eggs.
A toad is said to lay 11,500 eggs a year, but only one egg in 1,000 develops in a toad.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Mayor Fine says the lid is on too tight in Bay City. The saloonkeepers agree with him.
Shepherd's new bank will have a building on the main street. The capital stock is \$200,000.

N. L. Ridderhof, aged 75, and a Kalamazoo pioneer, walked to the top of Mt. Wilson near Los Angeles. It is 6,000 feet high.
Eleanor Cole, 94, the oldest person of Niles, is dead. She remembered the first visit of Lafayette to the United States in 1824.

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BOMB FOR GOTHAM POLICE

Man About to Throw Explosive Is Mangled, Companion Killed and Others Injured.

New York, Mar. 30.—The Haymarket tragedy of Chicago was almost reenacted in Union square Saturday when an anarchist who graduated from the ranks of socialism attempted to hurl a bomb into Capt. Reilly's squad of policemen.

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GILLETTE DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

MURDERER OF GRACE BROWN PAYS PENALTY OF HIS BRUTAL CRIME.
He Confesses His Guilt—Statement Made to Spiritual Advisers—Slayer of Sweetheart Meets His Death Without Emotion.

Auburn, N. Y., Mar. 31.—Chester E. Gillette Monday paid the full penalty of the brutal murder of Grace Brown. He went to his death in the electric chair at Auburn prison without a sign of weakness and with the same lack of emotion which has characterized him from the day he was arrested charged with the crime.

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JOHN JOHNSON RECEPTIVE

IS NOT SEEKING NOMINATION BUT WOULD GLADLY TAKE IT.
Minnesota Governor, However, Declares He Won't Be Candidate to Defeat W. J. Bryan.

St. Paul, Minn., Mar. 28.—In reply to a letter from Swan J. Turblad, publisher of the Swedish-American Post of Minneapolis, asking him to state his position in regard to the nomination for the presidency, Gov. Johnson has written as follows:
'I do not believe that any American citizen should be an active, open candidate for the nomination to the presidency. Any American would appreciate the high honor which could come to him in being selected as standard bearer of his party. While I recognize that the press has much to say about me in connection with this high office, I have hitherto avoided any public or private expression regarding my position.

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KILLS WOMAN AND HIMSELF.

Bloody Deed of W. W. Trainor, Actor, in St. Paul.
St. Paul, Minn., Mar. 30.—William W. Trainor, a vaudeville actor, shot and killed Mrs. William Pryor, an actress, with whom he was traveling, in their apartment at the Clarendon hotel early Sunday morning and then committed suicide. Mrs. Pryor was about 25 years old.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 1908

We urge upon voters the importance of having their names registered on Saturday...

Miss Kirby, chairman of the democratic county committee, received word that William Jennings Bryan would arrive at Jackson on 10 o'clock Thursday...

When one knows the prominence with which our citizens and the farmers of the surrounding country came forward and gave in money and labor to those who had been unfortunate...

Both political parties have nominated good men for township offices. Election takes place next Monday...

The limited parcels post bill introduced by Senator Borah is meeting with some newspaper criticism...

For illustration, a farmer may phone to a Manchester grocer to send him a pound of coffee and half a pound of tea...

Some newspapers are opposing the bill on the ground that it is not broad enough...

PERSONAL ITEMS.

Walter Lehn spent Sunday in Detroit. G. Wm. Kramer visited in Jackson on Sunday...

Carl Marx, who is one of the circuit court jurors, was at home over Sunday. Mrs. Berger went to Toledo last Friday...

Wm. Rehoff and Wm. Auspoker went to Detroit yesterday to look in the stock market...

The Misses Cash of Norvell township are moving into Charles Meoh's house on Madison Ave.

Miss Florence Kern is spending a few days with her family, both in Detroit and in the country...

Miss Clara Neyer who has been at Ann Arbor for several weeks, with her sister, returned here Monday...

Ed. Dresselhaus, Myron Silkworth, Lawrence Warner, Ed. Wm. and Ed. T. Brighton went to Ann Arbor yesterday...

While hunting gravel for the new dam competition with the engineer, Mr. Borchert...

WAMPLERS LAKE.

Mr. Wm. Ayres is no better. V. E. Roberts is painting his house and is out on a new roof.

Miss Amanda Sturm spent Saturday and Sunday at her home in Sallis. Mrs. Philip Blom spent the latter part of last week at Fred Fickler's in Sallis.

Miss George Becker and Miss Annetta Blom went to Ypsilanti last Thursday, returning Friday.

Miss Julia Miller, teacher in the normal college at Mt. Pleasant, is visiting her father and brother this week.

Miss Ella Spang and Mrs. E. M. Moore, that was expected from last Monday, he reports that his brother, Hiram, who has also been in Oregon during the winter...

As attorney for the Acter Lead & Zinc Co., I am authorized to sell in this district at wholesale prices...

Mr. F. S. Howard and son, Sept. F. E. Howard of Soudley, visited over Sunday at Prof. Howard's.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Crow went to Jackson Saturday on business connected with the hotel.

Best Enameled Ware

- 14 quart 3 Coated Enamel Dish Pan 39c
21 quart 3 Coated Enamel Dish Pan 45c
17 quart 3 Coated Enamel Dish Pan 49c
6 quart 3 Coated Enamel Stew Kettle 29c
14 quart 3 Coated Enamel Tea Kettle 39c
No. 9 3 Coated Enamel Tea Kettle 55c
No. 18 3 Coated Enamel Sauce Pan 14c
No. 20 3 Coated Enamel Sauce Pan 23c
No. 24 3 Coated Enamel Sauce Pan 25c

Your Wife Wants Them

Fred Widmayer

G. H. Breitenwischer

Is now located in the Union Savings Bank Block

Invites Everybody to Call

Boats, Shoes, Groceries, Etc. Everything Up-To-Date

Confirmation Suits!

We have a very complete line of Confirmation Suits in Blues and Blacks. It will pay to get our prices before you buy.

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Our Boys' Hercules, Shower Proof, All Wool Suits are the best five dollar suits on earth.

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In addition to the value of our boys' clothing we give FREE for six months with a five-dollar cash purchase, "THE AMERICAN BOY," one of the best monthly magazines published.

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CLOSING OUT SHOE SALE

- 22.50 Ladies' Shoes 22.10
2.25 " " 1.98
2.00 " " 1.83
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1.25 Misses' Shoes 1.10
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1.25 " " .85
1.00 Children's Fine Shoes .75
.85 " " .68
.50 " " .38

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Large numbers of wild geese are flying north. Louis Kuebler has installed two closets in Cray's hotel.

MONEY

This would give excellent returns for your savings of three or four dollars. It would take a little out of your pocket...

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of the estate of William Fickler, deceased, to file their claims...

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WASHTENAW. In re: the estate of James D. Martin, deceased.

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MANCHESTER ENTERPRISE

There were in 12 to 25 years and an army of men at work rebuilding the dam and it will take another day, to complete it.

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Mr. Hatch, the new electric light superintendent, was out to see that the lights were put in order...

The electric lights were turned on again last night. Ford, the photographer, is coming again.

The country roads are said to be pretty good though somewhat muddy in places. Watson Goodenauer who bought Geo. Parker's farm west of here moved there.

Attention is called to a change of Ed. Brighton's advertisement about dyeing and cleaning clothing, etc.

The regular monthly concert meeting of the Glee Club will be held Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Taylor.

Dr. Fryer, agent for the well known De Laval vacuum separator, has an attractive advertisement in another column.

Red-Widmayer has a new advertisement in this issue of the Enterprise. The advertisement is in another column.

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SPRING OPENING
We will be at the Gallery from Monday, April 13th to April 20th
Monday noon. Bring the babies.
G. H. FORD

Tear down the Old
Put up the New
Most people in cleaning house need new
Wall Paper
I have a full line of the Latest Samples and Styles
And would be pleased to fill your order at any time
Roy Conklin
Phone 83 2 L.

Keep the Wolf from the Door!
By opening a Savings Account at the People's Bank, Manchester, Mich.
Add have a nice balance in time of need.
We invite your business.
Solid Safe Deposit Boxes \$1.00 per Year

If you are economically inclined, yet want to be correctly dressed and in the height of fashion—wear Clothcraft.
Clothcraft garments are the best tailored—best fitting and best looking garments at a moderate price to be had. They are the only all wool clothes at these prices.
Hundreds of wearers in this city will testify to this. See to it that your Spring suit and top coat bear the Clothcraft label.
\$10.00 to \$25.00
John Wuerthner & Sons

SWEEPING THE FIELD
THE 1908 IMPROVED DE LAVAL Cream Separator
Sells to date more than double any previous year.
New 1908 Catalogue—so interesting and superior as the machine themselves—to be had for the asking.
REV. A. FRYE, Agent, Manchester, Mich.

Millinery Opening
Every lady is invited to call at my store on Saturday, April 4
And see my fine line of Spring Goods
Mary Swift

BRIDGEWATER STATION
Harris Ewing and family visited Detroit friends over Sunday.
Mrs. Charles Fokids has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Forester at Ypsilanti, Michigan, where she is doing her business.
Mrs. Wm. Williams returned attended his sister's, Mrs. George Fulkmer, birthday surprise at Ypsilanti, Sunday.
Arthur Schlegel of the Davis & Kiebler dry goods firm at Ypsilanti, visited Sunday and Monday with his parents here.
Mrs. Wm. Kuebler and little daughter of Manchester, Tuesday for a visit with her brother and sister.
Miss Estelle Bestler and Mrs. Carl Schuler of Sallis spent last week Tuesday with the latter's parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Gamm.
Count of Thann.
We wish to express our sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted us in our deep and sudden sorrow; also for the beautiful flowers Mrs. A. A. ROOPE and Mrs. HILDEBRAND presented.
Count of Thann.
I wish to express my sincere thanks to friends and neighbors for their sympathy, kindness and assistance during the death and burial of my father.
M. J. REINHEIM

From the State Capital

Information and Gossip Furnished by Special Correspondent at Lansing.

Lansing—Since the grand jury in vestigation and the indictment of two members of the legislature for alleged graft there is considerable discussion in Lansing of legislative expenses. Some interesting figures, showing the expenses of the last legislature, are found in the auditor general's report for the fiscal year ending last June. It is shown that the total expenses of the state senate were \$50,912.53, of which only \$18,258 was for the salaries of the members. The remainder was for the pay of employees, mileage and incidental expenses, so that the salaries of the senators were really only about one-third the cost of the session. The report shows that while there are but 26 senators there were 61 employees attached to the senate staff, and that while the salaries of the senators aggregated \$18,258, those of the employees amounted to \$30,751. Senators received \$557 each, which was at the rate of three dollars per day for every day of the week, from the beginning of the session to the end, not a senator being "doctored" for absence or for Sundays, although the constitution says that members shall be allowed three dollars per day for the time actually in attendance or when absent on account of sickness. The house expenses were \$104,554.67, the members being paid \$67,702.20 and the officers of the body \$25,852.47, the balance being for incidental expenses. The total cost of the legislative session was \$164,103.20, of which about \$76,000 was for the salaries of members. Members were paid for 1.9 days.

Slocum Declared Winner.

The fortunes of war have again changed in the Caro post office matter. It was declared that Postmaster Fred Slocum will remain. Mr. Slocum was in Washington for two days and has called on the president. Secretary Taft and Postmaster General Meyer. He placed his own case in the light of Eighth district politics before them. He fought his own fight without involving members of the Michigan delegation. The result is that the Slocum appointment which was recalled from the senate to the White House by the president at Senator Smith's request, was not sent back to the postmaster-general, but instead was sent to the senate again. The president, Secretary Taft and Postmaster General Meyer united in this.

Lumber Cut Dwindles.

According to statistics compiled by an editor, the annual lumber cut in the state of Michigan has dwindled to considerably less than half of what it was in 1888, which was the banner year in Michigan lumbering. The total production of lumber in Michigan in 1907 was 1,740,584,000 feet, a reduction of ten per cent from the output of 1906. This year it is predicted will show a reduction of 30 per cent from 1906. Unless reforestation is extensively adopted it is said that Michigan lumber will be practically exhausted in 30 years.

Wayne Matter Still Pending.

The investigation into the methods used in the passage of the bill raising the salaries of the Wayne county stenographers is not yet over. Lieut. Gov. Kelly hinted broadly that Gov. Warner, who appoints the stenographers and has the power of removing them, would wish more information along this line. It is said that the governor may call the stenographers before him when he returns from the south and ask them about the matter.

New Trolley Line Planned.

As the result of the development of the water power of the Menominee river, the interurban street car line between Menominee and Escanaba which was surveyed several years ago will be built by local and eastern capitalists. This line will open up the richest agricultural section of Menominee and Delta counties and will do more than anything else to develop the settlement of the now vacant lands.

Answers in Tax Case Filed.

The answers of the auditor-general and state board of railway assessors to the suit commenced by the Pacific and American Express companies to set aside the taxes levied against them for the year 1903 were filed by Attorney-General Bird in the United States circuit court at Detroit the other day. The cases have been pending for several years and at last a settlement is sighted.

New Lighthouse Sanctioned.

The bill of Senator Smith providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the establishment of a lighthouse and fog signal at the eastern end of Michigan island was passed by the senate. The bill will be passed by the house. A bill introduced by Senator Smith, authorizing the secretary of war to cause a reclamation and survey of the river from its mouth in the vicinity of Port Huron, with a view of providing a channel and turning basin, was passed by the senate.

Last Pardon Meeting Held.

A meeting of the state board of pardons was held at the hotel headquarters. This was the last meeting of the board before the retirement of Dr. W. E. Wilson of Grand Ledge, and the desks were cleared of accumulated business. The board passed on the application of the Grand Rapids aldermen convicted of complicity in the water deal for pardon. The men pleaded guilty to receiving bribes and paid fines, but they were disqualified.

Denies Charge of Lobbying.

We did engage Attorney Guy A. Miller to go to Lansing for the purpose of protecting the interests of Wayne county before the constitutional convention," said Auditor T. Hawley Christian of Detroit. "Alderman McClellan says he hired a lobbyist at the county's expense to work for bills which were for the personal interest of the auditors. That is untrue. Wayne county, being so much larger in population and wealthier than any of the other counties, requires peculiar legislation and legislative power. For instance, the constitutional requirement that not more than \$1,000 shall be raised by any county for construction, repairs or maintenance of any county building without the vote of the people, is all right for a small county, but here we are constantly forced to evade it. There were other measures, affecting the probate judge's office, the prosecuting attorney's office and other departments, which the delegates at-large would not understand or care for. We knew it would not do for any of us to go to Lansing to work for the measures, as it would arouse inquiry. So we engaged Mr. Miller."

Watch Forest Tax Study.

Michigan experts are watching the first exhaustive study of the forest taxation problem to be attempted by any state, which has just been begun by the New Hampshire state forestry commission, in co-operation with the United States forest service. The study will take in all of the many questions of forest land taxation and the protection of forests from fires. J. H. Foster of the forest service has been sent from Washington to take up the investigations on the ground immediately. Because of its thoroughness the study is sure to be followed with great interest by Michigan and the other states which are finding the forest tax problem a serious check to forest preservation. Mr. Foster will find out by painstaking inquiry in various parts of the state and among all classes of citizens just how the present laws are administered, how they are regarded and what their effect is on the lumber industry and forest preservation. The result will be to furnish a better basis for revising its system of taxing forest lands than any state has ever had before. If changes in the present laws are found to be needed.

Question is Raised.

Not a little difficulty is being experienced by the secretary of state's department in harmonizing the provisions of the new primary election law with the several local primary acts now in force and the attorney general's department has been asked to lend a helping hand. Barry, Midland and St. Clair counties have been operating under special acts for the nomination of certain officers, and the question is now raised whether such acts have not been repealed by the general primary law passed at the special session of the legislature. Some difficulty has also arisen in regard to the party enrollment in Washtenaw, Allegan, Kent and Muskegon counties, where there are special primary laws. The general primary law excepts these counties from its provisions and a question that puzzles those who construe the laws is whether the local enrollment of voters may be accepted by the secretary of state as the enrollment required under the general primary law.

Horse-Docking Law Queried.

A communication has been received by the attorney general's office from Carl G. Kleinmick, secretary of the Kalamazoo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Animals, asking for an opinion as to the constitutionality of the state law which forbids the docking of the tails of horses or the importing into the state of animals in such a condition. Attorneys have given it as their opinion that the law would not stand a test in court, and the society with the long name wishes to know if this is true, and if it is they propose at the next session of the legislature to have passed a law which will stand the test.

Bozette State School.

President Snyder of the Michigan Agricultural college was in Washington and appeared before the committee on agriculture in the interest of the bills to increase and expand agricultural education. Mr. Snyder opposed too much expenditure for local centers of such education and favored increasing the work of state schools.

Beat Fordney in County.

The Shiawassee Taft forces won in the hottest Republican convention ever held in that county. The Eighth district alone in all the state has been represented as anti-Taft, and declarations of the most positive character have been made to that effect. Against the laws which were introduced by Joseph W. Fordney in the district, all of which were brought into play to line Shiawassee up with the other counties, the Taft forces won that they have won a notable victory.

Conclusions Are Not New.

The Home Protectors' Fraternity of Port Huron, which was taken in charge by State Banking Commissioner Zimmerman, has been under the scrutiny of state officials for some time. In December, 1901, a special examination of its affairs was made by George Lord upon the request of Banking Commissioner Maiz. Banking Commissioner Zimmerman said: "The former commissioner, George W. Moore, caused Frank B. Blair to make an examination."

MAY SUCCEED CONTROLLER RIDGELEY.



It is announced on what is declared to be good authority that Lawrence O. Murray is soon to become controller of the currency. Mr. Murray is 43 years old. He studied law in the office of William C. Jagger in New York city and was admitted to the bar in New York in 1893. Before taking his position as secretary of the Central Trust company at Chicago, Mr. Murray had six years' experience in the various bureaus of the treasury department at Washington.

KEEPS WATCH ON CUSTOMERS.

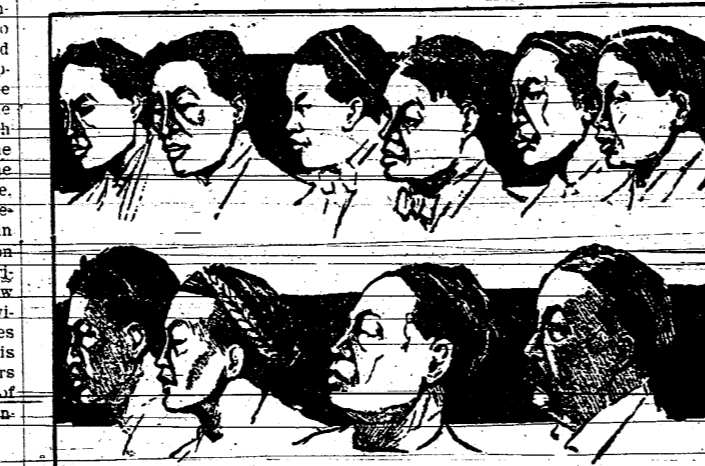
Dog Has Made Himself a Favorite with Drug Store Patrons.

When the drug man goes to his modest lunch in a rear room, the dog lies behind the counter where he can cock his eyes over every part of his domain. If a customer comes in on such fruitless errands as to look in the directory, or to telephone, the dog lies mute as a stuffed monkey. But let him attempt to go away with anything, to put his hand in the candy jar, and he hears a growl which would startle the most daring. When a man makes his way to the prescription counter the dog gives a warning bark for his master. Just a snatched bark which has no malice in it and could not frighten the most timid. For a time customers were wary of this strange relief clerk, but now Bill has established his reputation for good temper and social ability and for absolute fidelity to his duty, and he gets more good things to eat than his master relishes. He has even added to the popularity of the store, and all the small boys go there to get their candy, first to make the dog growl by pretending to steal and then triumphantly producing their nickels, when he gets up and wags his tail and shows his appreciation generally.

A Famous Collection of Fans.

Among the Italian collections of old painted fans one of the most striking is unquestionably that of the Queen Mother of Italy. One of the most

LAW'S HAND HEAVY ON CHINESE MURDERERS



Nine of these ten men were convicted in the Suffolk (Mass.) criminal court of murder in the first degree. The other prisoner was found dead in his cell a few days ago. The crime was the killing of a man and the wounding of other members of the On Leong Tong by the Hei Sing Tong in Boston's Chinatown last August.

noteworthy examples of French fans

in this collection is an eighteenth century fan with Chinese sticks, and with a representation of a wedding procession. Another fan of pure eighteenth-century workmanship is richly decorated with borders of little pearls and spangles, and shows three love scenes of humorous character in shaped panels. Equally valuable and interesting is another fan, showing a pastoral scene, which is derived directly from a painting by Watteau or Fragonard.

Locating Sunken Submarines.

To lessen risk of loss of submarines, torpedoes used in naval practice and other objects liable to sink in the sea, a French oceanographer attaches a vessel of oil having a long and short tube one-tenth of an inch in diameter. When submergence softens the gum seals of the tube, oil rises from the long one drop by drop, locating the sunken object by the film on the water's surface.

Getting Along.

Miss Goodley—Miss Hulse goes in for everything. She's constantly doing something. Miss Knox—Yes, but the one thing she is doing most steadily she won't admit. Miss Goodley—What's that? Miss Knox—Growing older.—The Catholic Standard and Times.

The Corrected Bill.

Visitor—Go to the proprietor and tell him to make my bill out properly, and write one letter with two 't's and not one.

Cleared Out.

"De boss give me a clearing house check." "For how much?" "For natin'. It was me walking papers."—Detroit Free Press.

WHAT IS SIN?

By REV. A. C. DIXON, D. D.,
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Sin separates us from God, the source of life, and thus kills the soul. Sin separates us from each other and thus destroys society. It is a moral discord. It makes man and hatred; it turns brother against brother, friend against friend. Sin pollutes. It defiles the imagination, the tastes, the desires. Sin deceives. It promises but never fulfills. The fruit with which it tempts us is always an apple of Sodom, luscious in appearance but ashes in the mouth. It is a phantasm that attracts us by the appearance of refreshing springs and leaves us disappointed in the desert.

Sin finds us. "Be sure your sin will find you out." Sin is a detective you cannot elude.

Sin stings. "The sting of death is sin." (1 Cor. 15:56.) The death of soul and body is the result of sin's poison.

Six Definitions of Sin.

The Bible gives six clear-cut definitions of sin:

- "Sin is the transgression of the law." (1 John 3:4.) The word "transgression" means to go across. Read the Ten Commandments and the higher commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself." Have you crossed these commandments? If so, you have sinned.
- "All unrighteousness is sin." (1 John 5:17.) The purpose of Paul's letter to the Romans is to prove that certain relations are right relations. We must first get right before we can do right. Alexander the Great said to the courtiers who brought rich gifts from Darius: "Tell your master that are perfectly legitimate in certain relations are hideous sins in other relations. Righteousness, therefore, is primarily right relation with God and with our fellows; and if we are in wrong relation with God or men we are sinning. The purpose of the incarnation and death of Christ is to bring us into right relation with God and thus make us righteous."
- Knowing what we ought to do and failing to do it is sin. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." (James 4:17.) When we know the right and refuse to do it we commit sin against light. Neglected opportunity is sin. Shirked responsibility is sin.
- Acted, doubt is sin. "Whosoever is not of faith is sin." (Romans 12:23.) If you have doubts as to certain amusements, indulgences or transactions, refuse to have anything to do with them until that doubt is cleared away. More light may remove the doubt, and you may proceed, but while doubt remains it is sin for you to indulge.
- "The thought of foolishness is sin." (Proverbs 24:9.) There are more than 30 different kinds of fools described in the Bible, but it is evident that the species referred to in this text is the fool who says in his heart there is no God. For a man to say that, is intellectual sin.
- Unbelief is sin. Jesus says in John 16:8, when the Holy Spirit is given, "He will convict the world of sin because they believe not on me." A refusal to trust the trustworthy is a mean sin. To intimate unbelief as to the honesty of an honest man, the truthfulness of a truthful man or the purity of a pure woman is the crime of meanness. But an intimation of unbelief as to the faithfulness of a faithful God is a degree lower in meanness.

What Shall We Do with Sin?

Honestly confess it. Do not deceive yourself by saying that it has no reality. You know better.

Take God's side against it. The impatient man takes sin's side against God. He justifies or excuses himself. We must fight God on the side of sin or sin on the side of God. Which shall it be? When during the French revolution the Bastille was taken by the mob a prisoner in an inner cell, who had been there for 30 years, refused to be liberated. He stood in the door of the dark, damp dungeon and fought away his friends. He had been there so long that he began to regard it as his home and his liberators as intruders. And such is the attitude of men who have lived for years in sin; they resent honest attempts to free them from the power of their sins. They fight against their friends. They resist God himself. They prefer to live in their dark dungeon of iniquity. Cease the conflict, friend, on the side of darkness and slavery and begin the battle on God's side against sin.

Another Argument.

"What do you regard as the most important thing in favor of the theory that Mars is inhabited?" "The fact," answered the popular scientist, "that an article assuming that side of the question can be made three times as readable as one taking the opposite view."

Inviting a Nightmare.

Wife—Oh, John, I've such a splendid idea for a new gown. It's going to be a dream.

Hubby—Yes, and that's all it's going to be, take my word for it.—Boston Transcript.

The Only Way.

"There goes a man who made a fortune writing poetry."

"What?"

"No, I'm not joking. He wrote tender verses to a romantic young heiress."

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Who shall despair while the fields of the earth are sown with flowers and the fields of heaven blossom with stars?—H. W. Mable.

Work Laid Out for All.

"No man is born into the world whose work is not born with him. There is always work, and tools to work withal, for those who will."—Lowell.

They Want Titles.

An Englishman says American men make ideal husbands. But ideal husbands are not what American herd-esses are looking for.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Opportunity Always with Us.

Higher things remain to be done than have yet been accomplished. God and his universe still wait upon each individual soul, offering opportunity.—Bishop Spalding.

Sporting Item.

From a report of a divorcee's wedding as written by the baseball reporter: "—and as the dominie pronounced the words, the bride was advanced to second."

All Pointing to Hope.

Plants with white blossoms have a larger proportion of fragrant species than any others; next come red, then yellow and blue. Many of the flowers of spring are white and highly fragrant; those of autumn and winter being darker, with less perfume.