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New Blood New Life.

Pure Blood is a guarantee against Disease.

One or two Bottles of good Blood Purifier may save you a spell of sickness.

ROYAL SARSAPARILLA

is guaranteed to do the work. Better take a bottle. It is sure to tone up the Blood and put your system in condition for the long hot summer.

Graham Drug Co.

THE LEADER.

Published Weekly by J. W. Graves.

Subscription \$1.00 a Year.

LITTLE LOCAL LEADERS.

The LEADER wants a few leads of stove wood on subscription.

Our prices are made to all alike and are the lowest, quality of goods considered.

A. R. McDONALD & Co.

Picnic on Cove Creek.

There will be a union picnic on Cove Creek, near the residence of J. A. Aynsworth, on Friday, June 15th, 1897. Everybody invited.

Bigham & Crain wants fifty dozen Spring Chickens; will pay you the cash for them. They will give you more Groceries for your produce than house in Graham.

W. T. Disto, representing Geo. D. Barnard & Co., was in town last Saturday shaking hands with his many friends.

Call on M. H. Chism for Dental work. Gold crowns a specialty.

The heaviest rain of the season fell last Saturday night.

Prof. J. M. Hughes of Indian Mound, was in town Monday. He says he has gone to farming; that he has a fine crop of cotton, but the weeds are so high that he can't find it. He looked like he had been hard at work.

One dozen Cabinet Photos of yourself and a nice Crayon Portrait from any old picture for \$4.00, at CHISM'S GALLERY.

P. A. Martin and family left Wednesday for Greer county on a visit to relatives, and a hunting fishing trip. Our devil, Roz, accompanied them. Mrs. A. J. Broiles.

Bigham & Crain are doing a retail business at wholesale prices. Give them a call.

Justice and wife left Monday for Ft. Worth, Texas, on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. J. Broiles.

Don't buy your groceries until you get Ford Bros. prices.

John Henry of Antelope, was in town Monday.

Elder G. T. Thomas will preach at the Putnam school house Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night.

The greater the number that give me patronage the lower will prices fall on Drugs in Graham. Give me a chance at your trade.

C. G. KING.

E. H. Wade returned last Monday from a trip to Galveston and other points.

You'll have money left for the contribution box if you trade with Matthews, Tidwell & Norman.

Henry Shuster, a Graham boy, now of Seymour, was married last week to Miss Rosa Roberson of Seymour.

firm of Carmichael, Mc-

and Bryan, general black-

you have dissolved. T. J. Me-

going out. Carmichael &

will carry on the business.

It is pleased to wait on

old customers.

few

we have received this week a

bar

assortment of Green Apples

of all kinds of Dried Fruits

will sell lower than they

or been sold in Graham.

able to give you prices.

BIGHAM & CRAIN.

Refreshed Locals.

From the Graham Leader, Sept., 1896. Col. Jack Davis of Cleburne, and Capt. A. B. Gant of Weatherford, gave us a call this week.

It is almost unanimously agreed that it is time some active steps were taken to furnish one of our county officials, named Mike, with a new coat. We do not believe his attire is conducive to the rapid settlement of the county. Subscriptions will be received for this benevolent purpose by the secretary of the Mob.

Two of our prominent lawyers invested twenty-five and ten dollars respectively, during the last term of the Court. They took it in contempt.

We are hourly in expectation of the lightning-rod-man, hence go to press a little earlier this week so as to have his report of the casualties by fire with which he is so familiar, and which never would have occurred if the people had possessed one of his diamond-tipped-never-failing-double-steel-eclipse patents.

When the contribution box comes your way remember that blessed are they that give to the Lord, and that a nickel makes more noise than a twenty-five cent scrip.

Marriage has been recently defined as "a prodigious desire on the part of some young man to pay some young woman a board."

Graham has 99 too many dogs. "Black Jack the religious dog," not included.

We are pleased to note the arrival in our town of Mr. G. B. Jewell and family, late of Dallas. Mr. J. has rented Baker's store house and will soon open a large stock of goods. He has come to stay, and we extend to him a cordial welcome.

When shall we have Bessemer Steel Works in Graham? Iron ore and block coal are all sufficient in quantity and quality.

We will sell you all kinds of heavy Groceries at wholesale prices. Lower than you can buy them at the Railroad.

BIGHAM & CRAIN.

Mrs. Ed. Reeves died at Miller Bend last Sunday morning, after a long illness, of consumption, and was buried Monday morning.

The LEADER extends sympathy to the bereaved husband and the three children left motherless.

Don't Forget the Racket Store.

Our prices this week are:

1 Coffee Mill, 25 cents.

5 papers Needles, 5 "

Extra fine tan Slippers 50 "

Extra fine linen Collars, 5 "

Gents' linen cuffs, 5 "

7 papers pins, 5 "

14 qt. dish pan, 20 "

Bargains can be had in many other things too numerous to mention.

RACKET STORE.

Ed. Lysaght of Coleman & Lysaght, Weatherford, was representing his house in Graham last Tuesday.

Wild Goose Oil possesses the most wonderful healing properties for Cuts, Burns, Sprains and Sores of any Medicine on the market.

For sale by C. G. King, Graham.

Lightning struck John Martin's barb wire fence east of town last Saturday night and destroyed about half a mile. A good many trees were blown down, but no serious damage done.

WANTED—On subscription, two or three fair-sized shoats. Now is the time to pay your subscription without the cash.

A Mass Meeting

Of the Peoples Party is hereby called to meet at the Court House on Saturday, May 29th, at 10 a. m.

A. R. McDONALD,

Ch'man Peoples Party Young Co.

Rev. H. B. Rose will preach at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Land to Trade for Horses or Mules.

160 acres four miles North of Ft. Worth. See Joe Vaughn, or write me at Elm, O. T.

W. P. McCORKLE.

Rev. W. H. Wynough will preach at Finis Sunday morning and at Graham Sunday night.

Best Family Flour at FORD BROS.

Rev. G. W. White will preach at Upper Tonk School House on the fifth Sunday in this month (May 30th) at 11 a. m. Everybody invited.

Babbitt Metal

In any quantity for sale at this office.

CAROLUS.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER
Absolutely Pure.

Celebrated for its great leavening strength and healthfulness. Assures the food against alum and all forms of adulteration common to the cheap brands. ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

The first issue of The Farmer's Health has been received at this office. It is a great, well-planned, and valuable publication. Robt. Hunt, publisher.

Feed and Ice.

All kinds of Feed bought and sold; Cane and Millet seed on hand; Fresh Meal a specialty. Ice for sale at 2 cents per pound.

Free delivery in the city.

MCCAIN & LATIMER.

Drs. LeGrand have moved their office up-stairs in the First National Bank building; entrance from the north.

The man who talks when he has nothing to say, is as bad as the man who tries to sell goods when he has nothing worth selling. Matthews, Tidwell & Norman talk business and sell goods.

The commencement exercises of the high school at the Methodist church last Friday night reflected great credit upon the management of the school. Three graduates, Miss Maggie Starrett, Elmer Timmons, and Herman Lichte received diplomas.

Graham has abundant reason to be proud of her public schools, which from indifferent efficiency and no building worth mentioning, has come to be far the superior of any of our neighbor towns in building, equipment and quality of work done.

Don't be a bat, nor be taken in by any expensive high flown advertising. All we ask is a comparison of goods and prices.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

We learn that the Brazos river is on a boom and still rising.

Another big rain Wednesday night. Wet weather is interfering with wheat harvest.

We have received a fresh supply of Rye Flour, which we will sell you at 2 cents per lb. Pearl Grits at the same price.

BIGHAM & CRAIN.

The Graham Normal School opened last Monday with about forty teachers in attendance.

Bigham & Crain will buy all of your Bacon, Lard, Eggs and Potatoes; will pay you cash. Bring them in.

The wheat and oats crop of Young county is immense, but we fear the wet weather will damage it in the shock.

We are receiving goods every week and continue to sell more goods for the money than any house in town, notwithstanding the great howl our competitors are making.

S. B. STREET & Co.,
Cheapest House in Town.

Lacy Locals.

A heavy rain fell last Saturday night, doing much damage to some of the crops.

A large number of the people of this community attended children's meeting at Farmer Sunday.

All report a nice time and plenty to eat.

W. F. McMillen and Will and Melvin Cox were out hunting last Monday and captured three young wolves.

W. H. Daniels and wife, aunt Mel and Ollie Richardson visited Farmer Monday to do some repairing on his binder.

Misses Emma Cox and Jennie Hawkins are visiting Farmer.

School will close June 4th. There will be no entertainment at night. We think there will be speeches in the afternoon. When this school closes C. W. Rasure will have been in school twelve months without vacation. What country teacher can beat that.

A. Swithin seems to have forgotten himself or to have left the country, so I thought I would write a few dots. I may come again.

CAROLUS.

Farmer Locals.

Corn doing well; cotton in the weeds; wheat and oats looking nice—most ready to cut.

A fine rain Saturday night—South Brushy not fordable till noon Sunday.

A. C. Casey and John Hunt started to the Falls Monday after a new binder.

J. B. Wear & Co. had two wagons to come in Saturday from Weatherford loaded with twine.

S. M. J. Benson went to Graham Saturday.

The children's "May Day" Sunday at the M. E. Church was a grand success. Everybody seemed to be highly pleased with the program. A large crowd was out and the dinner was excellent.

Dr. Johnson of Olney was here Saturday and Sunday. Call again doctor; we are always glad to see you.

J. M. Keen has returned from the west, where he has been looking after his cattle.

Dr. Chism of Graham, was on our streets Sunday.

Rev. Miller of Bellevue, delivered a masonic lecture here Saturday and preached Sunday and Sunday night at the Methodist Church.

Rev. W. H. Farmer of this place and his son, R. C. Farmer of Thompsonston, left Sunday morning for Noesho, Mo., to visit the old home place and attend the Semi-Centennial at the Baptist Church of that place. Brother Farmer organized the church 50 years ago, and was pastor of the same thirteen years—save one. He will preach there Sunday, May 30th. They will be gone a month.

Walter Heifner was in town visiting his sister, Mrs. J. B. Wear, last week.

Harve and Pick Stewart of Lacy, passed through here Wednesday enroute to the Falls to get two binders.

W. L. Harkrider and brother, were here promoting the streets a few days ago in the interest of the New York Life Insurance Co.

J. W. Casey is talking of going to Fort Worth to have his eyes treated.

George Elmore returned from Arkansas a few days ago.

Mrs. B. W. Drum has been visiting relatives at Indian Mound. She returned Monday.

Mat Andrews and Edwin Benson will start soon to Shreveport, La., with a bunch of horses.

Bud Looney returned from Dickens county Saturday.

John Steen of Red Top, spent Sunday in Farmer.

Will Clarida's little boy was bitten by a tarantula last week.

News is scarce—will write again if this misses the waste basket.

SORENOSES.

Let Bigham & Crain have a chance at your trade. They will save you money on every bill you buy.

Want to Sell
A Deering Binder cheap. Will do good work. R. E. MARRY.

South Bend Notes.
We have all been in the weeds so that we haven't had time to write to THE LEADER; we are glad to say that all new have their weeds about subdued, and prospects for crops were never better.

Joe McCluskey says he has the finest corn he has ever seen.

Grain is now ready to cut. The crop is excellent.

Prof. Gray left us Thursday evening to make his home in Graham for the summer. We miss Professor much. However, we wish him a pleasant stay in town. His many friends here wish him great success, and hope that his services may again be secured for our school this fall.

Two professors from Caddo were in our town last week. Some think they were looking for a school, but I imagine they were after a housekeeper. We have many pretty girls but would rather keep them with us.

Although it was a gloomy morning, a large congregation turned out to hear Bro. Parker preach Sunday.

Mrs. Braddock's mother and father are visiting in our community.

Miss Mary Keeter returned home Thursday from Jacksboro, where she has been all winter attending school.

We had the hardest rain Saturday night that has fallen here for years. The river is high. The Brazos had many visitors Sunday morning.

JOLLY JOHN.

Much in Little

Is especially true of Hood's Pills, for no medicine contains so great curative power in so small a space. They are a whole medicine.

Hood's Pills

Always ready, always efficient, always satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. Hood's Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Bitter Creek.

Farmers are in the weeds. We had another fine rain Saturday night.

Oats are about ready to harvest. Wheat is very good. Corn is fine, but not because it has had such good cultivation. Cotton looks hard.

The farmers are in fine condition for work after three weeks' rest, but last week was spent plowing in the mud.

The health of the community is good.

There is a good peach and plum crop this year.

Spring Creek is on a boom, they have started a Sunday school there.

New goods arriving—almost every day at our store, and we propose to sell them at a very small profit. A. R. McDONALD & Co.

Humors, pimples, boils, are very annoying. They quickly disappear when the blood is purified by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Victory Dots.
Health is very good in this community, since the "lagrippe" has forsaken us.

We had some wind and a very hard rain Saturday night. The wind did not damage crops very much.

A crowd of our young folks went fishing last week down on Rock Creek. They did not catch any fish but say they had a nice time anyhow.

Some of Graham's young ladies and gentlemen were visiting at Mr. Carlton's Sunday.

John Martin and daughter, Miss Lula, of McKinney, who have been visiting in this county for some weeks, will start home next Wednesday. Miss Lula has made quite an impression with the young folks of this community and Graham. We wish she would stay all the time.

It was a mistake about the girls of this community being disappointed in not getting to see W. J. M. and back last Sunday. They all say they did not go anywhere to see them.

Good luck to THE LEADER.

C. A. F.

THRESHER AND BINDER FOR SALE
Or Trade for Cattle.

McCormick Binder is pretty good repair—very cheap.

Nichols & Shepard—no horse power—Thresher, complete—good as new.

Call on or address
W. P. STEWART,
Getzville, Jack Co., Texas.

Ford Bros. is the place to get the best and freshest groceries at the lowest prices, and don't you forget it.

DRS. LEGRAND,
PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS,
GRAHAM, TEXAS.
Office up-stairs in First National Bank Building.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF
The Beckham National Bank,
at Graham, in the State of Texas, at the close of business May 14, 1897.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts \$167,414.20
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 3,388.00
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation 25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds 2,250.00
Stocks, securities, etc. 1,427.50
Banking house, furniture & fixtures 12,621.98
Other real estate mortgages owned 16,618.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents) 16,192.00
Due from State Banks and bankers 948.91
Due from approved exchange agents 11,001.50
Checks and other cash items 107.47
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents 12.90

Reserve fund 746.00
Legal-tender notes 6,011.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation) 1,125.00
Total \$368,285.31

LIABILITIES:
Capital stock paid in 210,000.00
Surplus fund 25,000.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid 6,160.95
National Bank notes outstanding 22,500.00
Due to other National Banks 471.54
Individual deposits subject to check 167,980.54
Demand certificates of deposit 617.28
Time certificates of deposit 450.00
Certified checks 100.00
Total \$368,285.31

State of Texas, County of Young; I, J. E. B. Norman, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. E. B. NORMAN, President.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of May, 1897.
ROBT. HOLLINGSWORTH,
Notary Public Young Co., Texas.

Wm. D. CRAIG,
J. B. NORRIS,
J. W. GALLAGHER, Directors

PORTER, EDDLEMAN & FINCH,

MANUFACTURERS OF AND DEALERS IN

Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Whips, &c.

Everything in our line kept constantly on hand or made to Order.

Buggy Top Repairing Promptly Attended to.

PRICE BROS.

Manufacturers of and Dealers in

SADDLES AND HARNESS.

We Carry a Full and Complete Stock.

FINE HAND WORK A SPECIALTY.

All Repairs Done Promptly at Low Prices.

M. H. CHISM,

Dentist and Photographer,

GRAHAM, TEXAS.

West Side Public Square, First Door South of Shumaker Brothers.

E. B. Norman, President. W. T. Stewart, Cashier.
R. F. Arnold, First Vice President. J. B. Norman, Asst. Cashier.
J. B. Norris, Second Vice President.

The Beckham National Bank.

Capital, \$100,000. Surplus, 25,000.

D. M. HOWARD,

Of Mineral Wells, Texas, Carries the Largest

and Best Assorted Stock of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Millinery, Etc.

In This Section of the Country.

I will sell you goods as cheap as any house in North-west Texas. Will buy Cotton and Wheat. Give me a call, I will treat you right.

D. M. HOWARD.

To Texas City or Bust!

Back in Graham and Busted!

J. C. SMART

Would respectfully say to his old friends and customers, as well as to all new ones, that he is to be found on the South side of the Square, at the old stand, with his full line of Hardware, Cutlery, Tinware, etc.

Reverting from a paper of Tanks to a Sewing Machine. A full line of

Guns and Ammunition.

And what you want leave your order and

The Graham Reader.

J. W. GRAHAM, Publisher.

GRAHAM, - - - TEXAS.

May will be in clover during the next four years.

State legislators propose to contract the scope of the kineto-scope.

The man who thinks for himself will also think for the long procession that follows him.

The proposal to put chewing gum on the free list received a knockout blow on the law.

The New York treasury is short of \$1,000,000. For this particular part of Wall street we acknowledge a fellow feeling.

'Who owns Cincinnati, anyhow?' shrieks John R. McLean. The gentleman who returns from over the Rhine after midnight could probably tell with one eye shut.

Mr. Andrew Lang sneers at the 'Inexpensive Paths of Dickenism.' It is not everybody that can afford high-priced paths. That is the reason, perhaps, why the demand for Dickens' books is still so much greater than for Mr. Andrew Lang's?

In this age of sophistication there has been much righteous and indignant protest at adulteration of food products. The price is a menace to health, and as the buyer does not get what he purchases, it is a swindle. It is no wonder that a long-suffering public is beginning to revolt, and there are hundreds of people who will not touch anything that stands back of the editor of the 'Lancet,' Kaa, Chronoscope on this question.

It is said that a number of the 'gents' who read Mr. Ingalls' graphic and really literary account of the mill at Carson have taken exception to the sentence in which the distinguished author says 'I had been treated about.' This regard as having a covert personal application and some of them may send a deft to the attention of the publisher. Mr. Ingalls, however, has purchased three blood-red neckties, and it might be wise for the 'gents' not to be too hasty.

Paris physicians have gone on a strike. The municipality has been paying \$2 a visit to certain designated doctors for responding to emergency calls when the patients were too poor to pay the fee themselves. This arrangement proved somewhat expensive, so that the prefect of police changed the basis of pay and paid the doctors a salary of \$120 a year. In some districts this was satisfactory as there were not many indigent persons. It was discovered that some official physicians were compelled under the new system to make visits for about 50 cents each, and as a result there was a strike among the doctors. The Paris Medical Syndicate will be asked to lead the doctors in their fight against reduction in fees.

The frequent newspaper accounts of accidental shooting are usually accompanied by the plea that the perpetrator did not know the gun was loaded. One efficient precaution, which may serve as an example, was early taught to ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes. He had a gun which he carried about with him. One day he was at a party and he should never point it up or unloaded at any person. This rule was placed in his hands, and he has been a model in this respect ever since. He is now a member of the National Rifle Association, and he is a member of the National Rifle Association, and he is a member of the National Rifle Association.

Recent French statistics show that while the number of adult criminals increased ten per cent during the last five years, the number between the ages of sixteen and twenty increased twenty-five per cent. In Paris, more than half of the criminals arrested are under twenty-one years of age. These facts are manifest in England and Germany and in this country. American criminologists have repeatedly called attention to the increase of juvenile crime. Probably a variety of causes operate to produce this result; but in all the countries mentioned, and in ours not least, one of the chief causes is the publication of the sensational details of crime. The president of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in his last report, declared that the chief agency in training the young in vice is vicious journalism. The papers in this country, and the stories of crime, vividly illustrated, and give elaborate sketches of criminals, lead young readers to imagine that there is something heroic or romantic in a criminal career.

'Heretic' discussions rage, there is comfort for timorous people, who fear the stability of the truth is in the warning address to the most excitable brother by a Methodist divine. 'You think you hear explosions within the church?' he repeated. 'Nonsense! They're only notes in your own brain.'

If ex-Senator Ingalls hadn't been conspicuously engaged elsewhere, we would have had our suspicions as to the authorship of that Gladstone letter to Westminster.

Plink and industry is remarkably illustrated in the pathetic case of a young man in Portland, Me., who, knowing that he will be totally blind in a few months, has invested all of his available means in a boom, and is learning to weave carpets as a means of support. When troubles annoy you, think of this sad case, and take courage.

Hon. Scott Drooper of West Virginia sends a postoffice. If there is anything in a name it isn't likely that Mr. Drooper will be disappointed.

The Philadelphia Ledger didn't print the details of the prize fight. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the Ledger's publisher has a private fortune of \$400,000 and can get along without subscribers if he wishes.

A contemporary says a few swallows of beer make a man feel like him again. Yes, but too many makes him feel like a pig.

A MAN FROM THE CAPE

It was an eccentric

galleries, with pictures painted by men who were young enough to know better, of sprawling ladies in green, scarlet and blue

friction to most of the visitors; the catalogue was usually preserved by suburban natrix for the purpose of frightening birds. Yet the gallery was not without attractions on a cold day when the wind cut along from the Green Park, down Piccadilly, raising another wind which was speeding madly along Pall Mall with a slight start in advance toward Waterloo Place.

'It does one good,' said Mr. James Marchant, 'to come to a show like this. If I ever go out to the Cape again—'

'Which you won't,' said the young lady. 'And I feel satisfied—'

'Mad du pays,' suggested the young lady. 'Exactly. Why, then, I shall think of this hidden collection of pictures, and I shall feel reconciled to my lot. The Cape is not all honey, but at any rate you get nature there. And nature is always good.'

'I suppose these artists think she can be improved by the introduction of a little novelty.'

'I wouldn't,' said Mr. James Marchant, 'if I had my own collection of pictures, and I wouldn't give two pence half-penny for the lot of them.'

'I don't suppose they would care to sell them for less.'

'Mr. James Marchant laughed goodly, and touched her hand, which happened to be resting on her knee. It was a very pretty hand and very neatly gloved, and there was good excuse for him.

'But there is something,' he said, lowering his voice, 'something in the gallery, Ella, that I would give every penny I have in the world to possess.'

'A picture?'

'Better than any picture.'

'Better shaped than any statuette.'

'Not disposed of already?'

'I hope not. There is only one difficulty—I am not sure, if I were to make an offer, that it would be accepted.'

'How shall you find out?'

'He rose and adjusted his frock coat with the manner of a man to whom for some years from coats had not been familiar wear. He was a tall, brown-faced man, with a good deal of earnestness in his eyes.

'Or,' she said, she gasped a little before she went on. 'And you—you think my stepmother will be—will be able to advise you in the matter?'

'I think she will. They walked slowly on the thick carpet to the swing doors. 'Besides, it's only fair to do so.'

'It seems to me,' she said, rolling up her catalogue very tightly, 'rather an old-fashioned mode of procedure.'

'There is this excuse in my case, Mr. Beckett. I have an idea, I am afraid, that I have brought back from the Cape untold gold. I want to make her

'I don't know what you mean, Mr. Beckett. I am not sure, if I were to make an offer, that it would be accepted.'

'Come, come, Mr. Marchant. Don't be too severe. One has to keep one's eyes open in this world.'

'She found the letter with some difficulty, for the pockets of ladies' dresses are remote and difficult of access, and under ambush of his plate Marchant read it.

'Mrs. Beckett,' he said excitedly, 'you have, without knowing it, done me a very great service. I should have declared to me that all the money had been lost. It seems from this letter that he has behaved shamefully, and I shall make him disgorge every penny that belongs to me. I shall go back to the Cape by the next boat.'

'This is very satisfactory,' declared Mrs. Beckett approvingly. 'You can't very well get married before next Saturday.'

'The dear girl will wait,' he answered confidently. 'I'm not so sure of that,' said Mrs. Beckett with some stappishness. 'Dear Madeline is not so young as she was. She is doing with the affair? It is she to be bridesmaid.'

'Madeline has been bridesmaid often enough,' said Madeline's mother, 'but this time, providing this money, she is to be bridesmaid. She will be the bride.'

GEN. W. F. DRAPER.

SKETCH OF THE NEW AMBASSADOR TO ROME.

He Went 'to the Front' When Only Nineteen and Retired from the Army with the Rank of Major-General.

GEN. WILLIAM F. DRAPER, ambassador to Italy, is a prominent manufacturer and a warm personal friend of President McKinley. He is one of the leading men of Massachusetts, and is one of the most prominent cotton manufacturers in the country.

When the general returned from the war he entered the establishment of his father at Hopedale and Milford. Since the death of the elder Draper the general has been at the head of the big firm of George Draper & Sons. He is a man of great ability and strength of character, and in addition to a broad culture, is the possessor of no mean inventive talent. He has given to the world nearly fifty inventions, many of which are of great value to the cotton spinning industry. The product of the machines has been doubled and the cost reduced one-half by his improvements. More power is saved by them than furnished by the Merrimack River, and the cities of Lowell, Lawrence and Manchester. General Draper is interested in many large corporations outside of the cotton industry. He has made a study of protective tariff, and his writing on this subject has been widely read. He is 55 years old, and entered the army at 19. He rapidly rose, and when mustered out was

breast brigadier-general. He was a member of the Fifty-third Congress.

ANTIVENINE.

It Has Been a Wonderful Discovery for India.

Antivenine, a remedy of the serum class invented by a doctor named Calmette, has been subjected to the severest tests in Washington, and has an excellent reputation in that city, not only for its power, but for its simple and unassuming manner, which is as far as possible removed from the haughtiness of the traditional 'snake-bite' remedy.

Mr. Hearst's generosity.

Beginning near Lawton, Mich., and extending westward past Dowagiac, is an immense tract of land, some 100,000 acres. A portion of it is covered with black ash and birch and other large portions have in ages past been covered with a growth of trees that is now being cleared away.

Mark Lands Made Valuable.

Beginning near Lawton, Mich., and extending westward past Dowagiac, is an immense tract of land, some 100,000 acres. A portion of it is covered with black ash and birch and other large portions have in ages past been covered with a growth of trees that is now being cleared away.

Good Roots in Transplanting Trees.

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WHAT ICELAND WOMEN WEAR.

Dresses Are Peculiar, Gay and Striking.

The usual dress of the women of Iceland, irrespective of wealth or station, consists of a long garment of wadmal, hanging from the shoulders to the heels and fastened with a bright clasp at the neck; says Scottish Nights. Over this two or three blue or white petticoats are worn, while a blue cap, hanging down on one side of the head, completes the costume.

On Sundays and festivals the dresses are both peculiar and striking in appearance. There is a bodice, ornamented with gilt buttons and red and black velvet.

Over this is a tight-fitting velvet jacket or 'traja' beneath, two or three bright petticoats, blue or red, and several stockings and shoes of seal or shark skin. The whole is surmounted by a remarkable head dress, very beautiful in effect.

The 'traja,' as it is called, is made of stiffly starched white linen, kept in place by innumerable pins and measuring often so much as two in height.

Dickens as Critic.

Charles Dickens had a great love for music, and particularly enjoyed songs and ballads, anything pathetic in the strains of which quickened his heart.

One day a member of his household was singing a ballad, when suddenly the novelist, who had apparently been deep in a book at the further end of the room, got up, saying, 'You don't sing enough of that sort.'

He seated himself at the piano, and illustrated his idea of the way in which the word to which he referred should be emphasized, and did not rise until the singer had been going to his satisfaction, when he mustered out was

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Field Crops.—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

HE Ohio Experiment Station has been using several methods of treatment and two of these were as follows: A third method reduces the amount of soil to three-fourths.

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