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Mr. Reuter Went Through a
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Trouble. Doan's Brought
Back His Health.

"After an injury I was in terrible shape from kidney trouble," says D. Reuter, North St., West Chicago, Ill. "I couldn't stoop because of the awful pains in my back and the steady, dull misery almost drove me frantic. I had to be helped out of bed mornings, the pains across my kidneys were so bad and no body knows the agony I went through. I couldn't do anything and was almost helpless; it seemed I would never get well."



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"Hearing about Doan's Kidney Pills I used them and four boxes cured me. My kidneys became normal, my back got well and strong and all the other troubles disappeared."

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FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.

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Many Children Are Sickly.
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children break up Colds in 24 hours, relieve Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the bowels, and destroy Worms. They are so pleasant to take children like them. Used by mothers for 30 yrs. All druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Mother Gray Co., Le Roy, N. Y.

The Franco-Prussian war of 1870 cost \$1,580,000,000.

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SKINNER'S
THE BEST
MACARONI



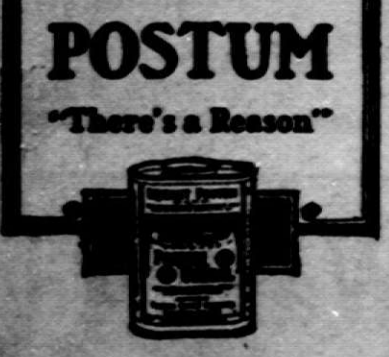
Ecclesiastical Confectionery.
One Sunday a young man from the north of Scotland, while walking out with his sweetheart, noticed over a doorway the sign, "Dairy and Confectionery." Wishing to give the young lady a treat, the youth entered the shop and asked for chocolate creams. "I dinna sell chocolate creams on the Sabbath," said the old lady behind the counter severely.
"But ye sell sweets to the woman that has just gone out," said the young fellow, who indeed had seen the transaction through the window.
"Ay, some ecclesiastical confectionery, but nae chocolate creams," said the lady, and went on to explain: "Ecclesiastical confectionery is peppermint draps, pan draps, and ginger lozengers, but nae chocolate creams."

New Cause for Worry.
"With beef so high," says the Billville deacon, "we could compromise on chicken ment, but chickens air too destructive to raise where farm gardenin' is goin' on. Now, turkeys air more reasonable, an' we've had good luck with 'em, but who wants to live on turkey? Ef we tackle turkey week in an' week out, how kin we enjoy Christmas?"—Atlanta Constitution.

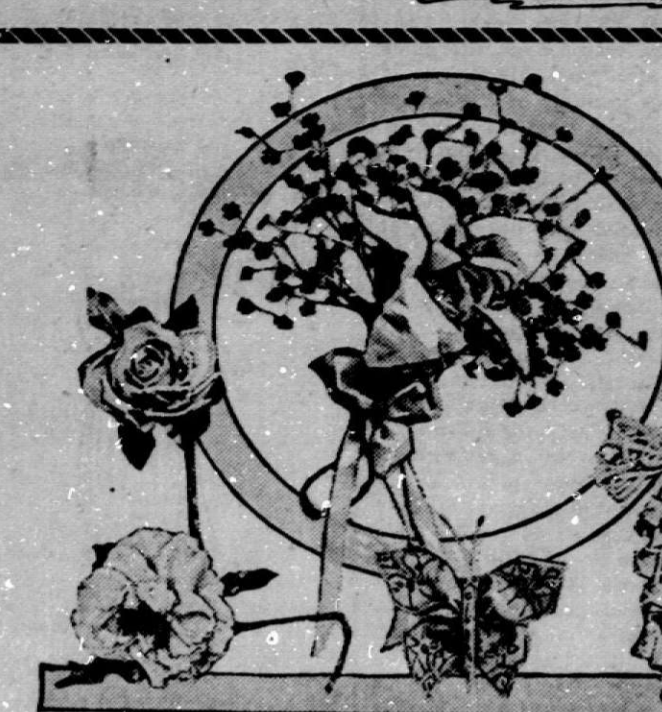
His Money.
"The Lord knows how Binks made his money!"
"No wonder he always looks worried."

"In most cases
of Dyspepsia
Coffee Does
Not Agree"—
says a well known
authority.

Many who use coffee—not knowing that it aggravates stomach troubles—could still enjoy a delicious hot table beverage and escape coffee's effects by a change to the wholesome, pure cereal drink—



What Well Dressed
Women Will Wear



At the Ribbon Counter

Annually the ribbon counter blooms out a month or so before the holidays with all sorts of new and lovely belongings for everybody. Its appeal to the eternal feminine is as certain as the sunrise, no more to be resisted than that of flowers or children. This year not a soul in the household has been overlooked—there is something made of ribbon from everybody from the baby to grandpa.
To begin with there are innumerable bags—knitting, sewing, stopping bags, bags to hold handkerchiefs, slippers, etc., party and opera bags. There are small lamp and candle shades, and little folding screens to stand on the reading or dressing table. There are glorious cushions for bedroom lounges or the living room, and an army of bows of all sorts. There are the perennial corsage roses and other flowers, and small nosegays of little ribbon flowers for the coat or fur neck-piece, to be worn on the street.
In the little group of novelties pictured here there are corsage ornaments and a small bit of ribbon. The ribbon rose is made of pink satin ribbon in two shades, cut into short lengths to form the petals. It is not difficult to make when the braid is once acquired. Millinery stems and foliage and millinery stamens are used with ribbon flowers. The center of the rose is formed by folding the darker shade in the ribbon and wrapping it about the end of the rubber stem.



For Girls of the Northland

Rain or shine, snow or blow, the wearer of a coat like that pictured here may go comfortably on her way. There has been no creation of the hours more dependable than the pluses that have made such progress during the last decade and it is because they have such honest qualities of wear, resistance and warmth, that effort has been spent on perfecting them. They have been made to simulate the short-haired furs almost to perfection. Seal, broad tail and caracul pluses are almost replicas of these skins—all of them rich looking enough to make up, and trimmed with handsome, genuine furs.
The coat shown in the picture is of seal plush finished with a square cape collar of fur which narrows at the front and is lengthened into revers. It may be rolled up about the neck high enough to muffle the throat completely.
This cape collar is made of an inexpensive but effective fur, bluish gray in color, and finished with tails across the back. The imaginative furrier

37% More For Your Money
Get the Genuine
HILL'S
CASCARA QUININE
No advance in price for this 20-year-old remedy—25c for 24 tablets—Some cold tablets now 30c for 21 tablets—Priced on proportionate cost per tablet, you save 9 1/2c when you buy Hill's—Cures Cold in 24 hours—acts in 3 days—Money back if it fails. 24 Tablets for 25c. At any Drug Store

TYPHOID
is no more necessary in San Francisco, as experience has demonstrated the almost miraculous efficacy, and harmlessness, of Antityphoid Vaccination. Be vaccinated NOW by your physician, you and your family. It is more vital than house insurance. Ask your physician, druggist, or send for "Have you had Typhoid?" telling of Typhoid Vaccine, results from use, and danger from Typhoid Carriers. Protecting Vaccines and Serums under U. S. License The Cutter Laboratory, Berkeley, Cal., Chicago, Ill.
MOST PRODUCTIVE PROFITABLE lands in America. Investigate southern opportunities now. Unusual bargains, Louisiana, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama. Any also, Texas, New Mexico, Georgia, etc.
Women are fast replacing men in the British printing trade.
Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of J. C. Fletcher
In Use for Over 30 Years.
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria
Money doesn't make the man, but a little thing like that doesn't worry the man who makes the money.

BUSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP
"Who Will Win This Battle?"
Much of your comfort depends upon knowing that your system will perform its functions properly.
Your kidneys are the filters of the body. If they become inactive and fail to eliminate the waste matter, they are apt to throw the whole mechanism of the body out of order, thus toxic poisons can accumulate in the system and be as deadly as snake venom.
Besides causing the minor ailments of rheumatism, sciatica, lumbago and backaches, neglect of the kidneys is apt to develop into more serious diseases, such as diabetes or stone in the bladder.
Kid the body of toxic poisons—clean the bladder and kidneys and cure the twinges of rheumatism with Anuric, and you win the battle of life.
Anuric was first discovered by Dr. Pierce, and has benefited thousands of sufferers as well as appeared and eliminated the ravages of the more serious kidney diseases. Now procurable at drug stores for 60c, or send Dr. W. M. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package.
If you have rheumatism or kidney trouble, why not let Dr. Pierce's Anuric (double strength) win the battle?
CHICAGO, ILL.—"Just a few lines in regard to Doctor Pierce's Anuric Tablets which I took for kidney trouble. I am glad to recommend them to everybody. I know that they are good or I would not recommend them. After taking a few bottles I saw that the swelling was going down so I continued their use. I have quit taking them now and am cured—getting along fine and dandy."
"One old lady, 65 years old, to whom I have recommended Anuric says that it did her good, took the swelling out of her feet."—RENEE JONES, 6328 S. Seelye Ave.

Notice to Sick Women
The Experience of These Women Prove That There is a Remedy for Your Illness.
Aberdeen, Idaho.—"Last year I suffered from a weakness with pains in my side and back. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I did so. After taking one bottle I felt very much better. I have now taken three bottles and feel like a different woman. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best medicine I have ever taken and I can recommend it to all suffering women."—Mrs. PERCY PRESTIDGE, Aberdeen, Idaho.
Kingfisher, Okla.—"For two years I suffered with a severe female trouble, was nervous, and had backache and a pain in my side most of the time. I had dizzy spells and was often so faint I could not walk across the floor. The doctor said I would have to have an operation. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking ten bottles I am now well and strong, have no pain, backache or dizzy spells. Every one tells me how well I look and I tell them Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound did it."—Miss NINA SOUTHWICK, R. F. D. No. 4, Box 33, Kingfisher, Okla.
LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S
VEGETABLE COMPOUND
has restored more sick women
to health than any other remedy.
At Your Druggist's
LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO., LYNN, MASS.

Davy's Philosophy.
Old Davy Skinner, a fisherman on the Cape Cod coast, was noted for un-failing self-poise and economy of words. No one ever knew Old Davy to become in the least excited, nor did he ever waste a word.
One summer day he was rowing along in his boat, when a dory containing five or six young summer people was captured near him. Naturally there were screams and wild confusion, in the midst of which Davy rowed over to the scene of the disaster and said placidly to the young people who were clinging to the boat, screaming for help:
"Hadn't you better git in?"
oeping of Eggs.
Little Genevieve lived with her grandmother out on the desert on a homestead where company was a rare thing. When some one did come she was almost overcome with joy.
"Sometimes an automobile load would stop to rest on their way through the country. One day a beautiful brown-eyed lady stopped for a while. Genevieve and she were having an interesting time together.
Finally Genevieve said, "You have pretty eyes."
"Have I?" said the lady. "Thank you."
"Yes," said Genevieve, "the yolks of them are brown, just like mine."

For each bachelor who sighs because he is alone fully a dozen married men sigh because they are not.
HEAL BABY RASHES
That Itch, Burn and Torture With Cuticura—Trial Free.
A hot Cuticura Soap bath is soothing to irritated skins when followed by a gentle application of Cuticura Ointment. Use Cuticura for every-day toilet preparations to prevent such troubles. After this treatment baby sleeps mother rests and health follows.
Free sample each by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.
Occasionally a man is clever enough to know how important he isn't.

CARTER'S
LITTLE
LIVER PILLS
For Constipation
Carter's Little
Liver Pills
will set you right
over night.
Purely Vegetable
Small Pill, Small Dose, Small Price

Nothing Left.
Yes, we used to sit out in the old summer house in the beautiful moonlight. Strange to say, Jack never believed he kissed me so often as I accused him of doing."
"Ah, and how did you convince him?"
"Why, the next time I told him to cut a notch in the summer house each time he took a kiss."
"How did the scheme work?"
"Very well for a while, but—by the end of the week there was no summer house left."
He Sticks Around.
Visitor—Is Mr. Henpeck home?
Maid—Yes, Mrs. Henpeck has not gone away yet.
Atlanta, Ga., is to have a rubber factory.

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KIDNEY AILMENTS
There is only one medicine that really stands out pre-eminent as a medicine for curable ailments of the kidneys, liver and bladder.
Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root stands the highest for the reason that it has proven to be just the remedy needed in thousands upon thousands of distressing cases. Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription for special diseases, makes friends quickly because its mild and immediate effect is soon realized in most cases. It is a gentle, healing vegetable compound.
Start treatment at once. Sold at all drug stores in bottles of two sizes, medium and large.
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Will restore color to the faces of those who lack iron in the blood, as most pale-faced people do.

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A toilet preparation of merit. Helps to condition dandruff. For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray or Faded Hair. 25c and 50c at Druggists.
FLORIDA—Get Special Offer on Spotted Land Near 2nd. Specially adapted to trucking, fruit and poultry raising. Write Jacksonville Register Bldg. Co., Jacksonville, Fla.
This is a sour world for the man with a sour disposition.
When Your Eyes Need Care
Try Murine Eye Remedy
No Stinging—Just Eye Comfort. 25 cents in tin. Sold by all druggists.
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We have many useful presents at the right prices.

Silk Waists	\$2.00 and up
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Ladies Union Suits	\$2 and up
Mens Union Suits	\$1.25
Children's Union Suits and single pieces.	
Handkerchiefs, all kinds and prices.	
Perfumes, Toilet Water, Jewelry Cases, Vanity Bags, Manicure Sets, Brush and Comb sets, Pocket Books, Purses, etc., right prices.	
Ladies Aprons	10c, 25c, 45c, 55c, 75c, 79c
Mens Ties, Suspenders, Garters, and Sleeve Holders, right prices.	
Christmas Carols, Christmas Booklets, Story Books, etc.	
Fine fine of Ribbons	
A new line of Crochet and Tatting Books	
Knitting Needles, per pair	10c and 25c

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY
Unbreakable bone hair pins, 25c a yard, (no fake or joke), 32 good bone hair pins for 25c

Yours to please

DORA CLUTE

BELL PHONE 66

WHAT \$100,000,000 HAS ACCOMPLISHED

Since the War Fund raised last June became available the Red Cross has sent commissions to France, Russia, Italy, Roumania and Salonica.

We are sending supplies to 2,428 French military hospitals.

We serve 20,000 soldiers daily at our canteens in France.

We are caring for thousands of French and Belgian children and refugees.

We have established war hospitals in France with a capacity of 100,000 beds.

We have established a sanatorium with 1,000 beds for tuberculous patients.

We are carrying on extensive relief work in Belgium.

We operate an ambulance service which transports 1,000 refugees a day.

We are carrying on repair work in devastated towns.

We have sent 3,000,000 pounds of milk for Russian babies.

We have given \$1,000,000 to the families of sick and wounded French soldiers.

We have given \$1,000,000 to the British Red Cross.

And we have only just begun Help to carry on the work by enrolling during the Christmas membership drive.

Visit the pop corn and candy booth at the Ladies' Fall Festival at the Baptist Church December 7.



We Handle Fine Chickens

For people who do not keep their own chickens the surest way of being certain of what kind they are buying is to come here.

A chicken dinner is worth while if the chicken is tender and wholesome.

The best in meats, too, at the lowest prices. Ask your friends about us.

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CHURCH NOTES

Methodist Episcopal Church

Morning services at 10:30. Subject "Man's Aspirations and God's Limitations."
Evening services at 7:00. Subject Sunday evening at 7:30 an illustrated lecture and missionary program under auspices of Woman's Missionary society.

Epworth League

Epworth League meeting at 6:00. "Epworth Herald Night." Leaders, Mr. Balyeat and Frank Watkins. An interesting meeting has been planned and a large attendance is looked for.

Baptist Church

Morning services at 10:30. Subject "Martyrdom of the Armenians."
Evening services at 7:00. Subject: "Thirsting After Righteousness."

Christian Endeavor

Christian Endeavor at 6:00 p. m.

Free Methodist Church

Services as follows: Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 10:30; preaching, 7 p. m. W. H. Rodine, pastor.

Latter Day Saints

Services at K. of P. hall. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Preaching at 11:30. Religion at 6:30 p. m. There will be a short program each evening. Preaching service at 7:30 p. m. The Book of Mormon from the text, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold." John 10:16. Come and hear about this often misunderstood name, and book.

East Sparta Sunday School

Meets at 10 o'clock every Sunday at the Myers school house. Mrs. S. R. Lown, Supt. Every one is invited.

NEW THINGS IN PHOTOS AT CORRY STUDIO

Call and see samples. And it's about time to see about those Christmas Photos. The soldier boy will appreciate your photo more than anything you can send him and they must be sent soon to reach him in time.

Sunday work done by appointment.

THE CORRY STUDIO

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LOCAL

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 7—Fall Festival at Baptist church.

Dec. 21—Lecture Course number—Reno, the Magician.

COMING AUCTIONS

Dec. 13—John Sweedyk, Englishville, farm tools and stock. A. H. Withey, auctioneer.

Friday, Dec. 7—Mrs. Clyde Whitel. Farm tools and stock. A. H. Withey, auctioneer.

Frank Stauffer's new winter auto top is being appreciated by his jitney customers.

The tree trimming campaign inaugurated by the village officials has provided considerable wood for fuel, and most of it is being utilized.

Dr. S. W. Haines, now located in Ludington, spent Sunday here with his wife.

Thanksgiving gifts to the needy by Sunday Schools and churches were liberal this year and good cheer came to many homes on Thanksgiving day.

Mrs. Henrietta Doyle, mother of Mrs. B. H. Taylor, fell on the cellar stairs Saturday and broke a bone in her wrist.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wykora, recently of Trochre, Alberta, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pearl, Lansing, spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Loop.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Busch left Tuesday for an extended trip through the east. They will visit his daughters, Mrs. C. Alden Loomis, of Newport News, Va., and Mrs. Clarence Loomis, of New Haven, Conn.

Frank Darling and family spent Thanksgiving with Frank's parents Mrs. Dora Clute called on Mrs. Barber and Mrs. Geo. Darling Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ida Darling called on Mrs. Ipes Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Kilgour and Geo. Darling called on Ezra Brown Sunday afternoon.

The Township library board has purchased a typewriter for the use of the librarian.

W. H. Hall has removed from South Union street to the new Anderson bungalow on Centennial Ave.

Mrs. Clyde Moon of Grand Rapids spent from Friday to Wednesday with Mrs. Chas. Berry and Mrs. Glen Stevens.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepherd and Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Clary of Muskegon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Berry.

Mrs. Robert Lundy is making a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Belle Beattie of Muskegon.

Rev. P. O. Lindman will conduct Swedish services in the U. B. church Thursday, Dec. 13, at 8 o'clock.

Walter Bloomer was quite seriously hurt last Thursday at the condenser, when a cable broke letting a steel door fall on his foot. He was taken to Grand Rapids Friday, where an X-ray was taken of his foot, several bones being found broken, making it necessary to put his foot in a plaster cast.

Rev. Frank Currey of Benton Harbor visited Rev. B. H. Taylor and family Tuesday.

Miss Margaret Klenk visited her brother in Chicago over Thanksgiving, stopping in Detroit on her way home.

Mrs. Cary Kingsbury of Dowagiac spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. O. Burke.

Everett Hazelton has returned from Muskegon and is working on the new sewer here.

Frank Ingersoll and family have moved from their farm to the Martindale house on Carrie St.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wykora of Alberta, Canada, are visiting her people, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Loop. Christmas Cards and Booklets at Bolender's.

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PROBATE ORDER. STATE OF MICHIGAN. The Probate Court for the County of Kent.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the city of Grand Rapids, in said county on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1917. Present: Hon. Clark E. Higbee, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of George Stauffer, deceased. Amos Stauffer having filed in said court her petition, praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the R. L. Bowler or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 15th day of December A. D. 1917, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

Miss Pauline Shafer is employed regularly in Ballards' furniture store during the holiday season.

Francis Jacobs, son of Supervisor and Mrs. G. E. Jacobs, is the latest Sparta man to enlist in the services of the government. Jacobs enlisted Wednesday in the Naval Militia and will leave Saturday for the rifle range at Camp Logan, Ills.

Miss Doris Keister spent the Thanksgiving vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Murray.

An all-day meeting of the Ladies Literary club has been arranged by the committee in charge of the Sunshine program, to be held next Wednesday in the Red Cross rooms. A pot-luck dinner will be served at noon and all members are urged to come at an early hour prepared to sew for the Red Cross, stay to dinner and enjoy the program in the afternoon.

The W. H. and F. Missionary society held the last meeting of the year with Mrs. A. Grawn Tuesday afternoon. There was a good attendance and a fine program was given.

Neal Fearron and Oscar Johnson have been promoted to corporal.

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Mekeel of Battle Creek spent Thanksgiving with his mother and sister, Mrs. W. H. Mekeel and Mrs. G. L. Taylor, and family.

Misses Olive and Merle Taylor spent Thanksgiving with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor.

Fred Olson and wife of Grand Rapids visited E. Roberts and family Thanksgiving day. Miss Gladys returned with them and visited until Saturday night.

Work has been commenced at the Brick & Tile works. Clay is being ground for making tile and brick. About 12 men are working now but more will be employed.

Mrs. James Loop and Mrs. Walter Wykora left Wednesday for Lansing, where they visited their daughter and sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Pearl.

Mrs. Jerry Lillibridge of Harrington, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Chas. Berry.

Mrs. J. C. Ballard is gradually improving.

All Red Cross knitters are invited to meet with Mrs. C. Coles Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Irving Gregory went to Grand Rapids Thursday for a week's visit with her son, Ed. Gregory.

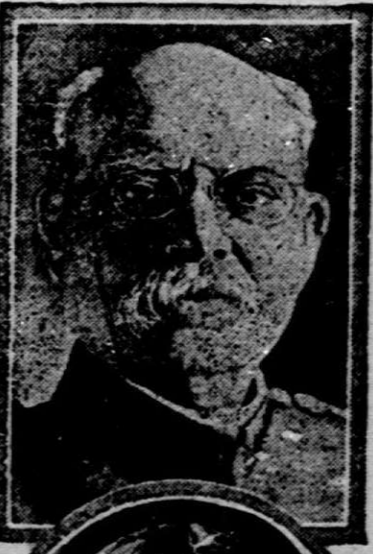
Miss Neva Nelson returned Monday from a visit at her home at Tru fant.

M. G. Collins, as the result of a scuffle, is suffering with a cracked rib.

Contractor J. B. Hoey of Grand Rapids commenced work with a gang of men on a new sewer on S. Union street Monday. The work is being pushed along as quickly as possible. H. Howard, seventy years old, nearly lost a finger when he got it in the way of the saw while taking boards from a buzzsaw.

"Our Theatre" has discontinued the Butterfly films and will hereafter show Triangle films on Tuesday night.

W. V. Waltman gave a very interesting stereopticon temperance lecture at the M. E. church Wednesday night. W. H. Rogers assisted him, singing several religious and temperance songs.



GEN. TASHA H. SLIGER MAJ. GEN. JOHN BIDDLE General Tasker H. Biddle is chief of staff of the United States army, and General John Biddle has just been named assistant. General Biddle is an engineer and is one of the few to be named to a high place in the general staff.

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THE Silhouette which Drecoll, Marguerite, Hickson and other world famous designers approve insists on a perfectly flat lower back.

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Gossard front-lacing corsets have always met the demands of the leading couturiers—and in every style center of the world you can see fashion leaders whose figures owe much to Gossard genius.

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Models as low as \$2.00, others at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and up, give the new figure line. Ask for our Gossard corsetiere—she will know your exact requirements at a glance.

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- LIBRARY LAMPS, The best line ever shown in Sparta.
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- DAVENPORTS, The Kindle Kind.
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