OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

MRS. WASP AND MRS. BEE.

Said Mrs. Wasp to Mrs. Bee
Will you a favor do me?
There's something I can't understand;
Please madam explain it to me.

"Why do men build you a house,
And [illegible] to win it,
While [illegible] the [illegible] not I?
Stay near them for a minute?

"I have a sting I'm [illegible],
And should not like to use it
But so have you, and when you're vexed
I'm very sure you use it."

"Well" said the Bee to you no doubt,
It does seem rather funny,
But people [illegible] fight the sting
Of those who [illegible] them honey.

A CITY STREET.

Many Useful Public Servants Find In It a Resting Place

"Why, what a foolish question!" I hear [illegible] say. "Cobblestones and dirt, of course!"

But [illegible] a moment and look closely at the [illegible] city thoroughfare beneath us. [illegible] warehouses [illegible] to the business [illegible] of the suburbs. You may find [illegible] thought.

[illegible] walk when [illegible] a large pipe which [illegible] beneath the [illegible]. These pipes [illegible] the fresh water of the distant lake to [illegible] where we have only to turn a faucet [illegible].

In the middle of the street we find a large metal square and in the midst of the cobblestones. Usually we pass over it unconscious of its existence but today we will lift it and see what it discloses.

Here is another system of pipes connecting with [illegible] which run into the houses. What do these pipes do? They carry off all the waste of the [illegible], preventing disease. Another glance reveals that the drainage of the street also runs into these pipes which [illegible] together bear the name of sewer.

Yes, the street is dug up. They are [illegible]. Yes, another system of pipes [illegible] homes are lighted with gas [illegible] water and waste all run under the street. Shall we soon add another set of pipes and heat our homes with electricity?

But that network of wires above our heads—what is that for? Here again the street is our helper for telegraph and telephone wires find room, not to mention the electric light which turns night into day.

The red box on the corner lettered "U. S. M." is a convenience we do not appreciate till on our vacation in the country we have to walk three miles to post a letter.

And the other iron box with the little glass window in front, what a protection it is! Here we may call the police, if needed, or have the whole fire department at our service.

At regular intervals you notice that the posts which support the trolley system are painted with a broad band of white. This tells us that here and not elsewhere the cars stop to take and leave passengers.

In some cities—Berlin, Germany, for instance—we may see a small round tower at the street corner serving as a bulletin board. On these towers are placed the posters announcing concerts and entertainments of all kinds, a convenient arrangement, which puts to shame our shiftless American custom of using the sides of houses and fences for this purpose.

If you are early enough or late enough at the corner, you may, to your amazement, see a man come up, open a door in the tower which you had not noticed before, and take out an armful of brooms and scrapers and proceed to the business of street cleaning.

Perhaps some of my readers belong to one of the brigades which have undertaken to make cleaner streets in our cities. Considering all that the street carries for us above, beneath, and on its sides, it is quite right, isn't it, that we do all we can to make and keep our faithful servant clean and beautiful?—Marion B. Knight, in Sun.

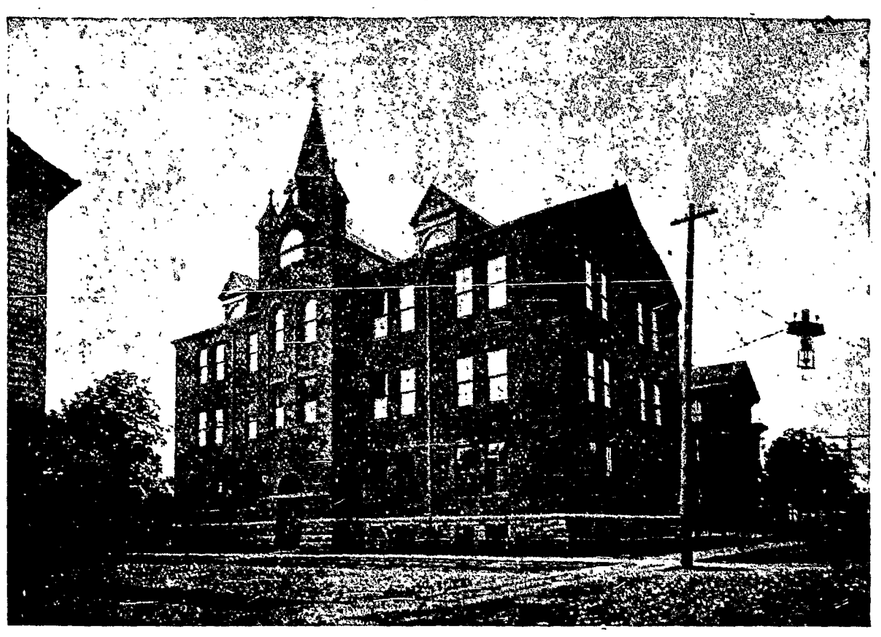
The Beautiful Trogon.

The trogon is one of the birds most sought after for millinery purposes, and, though it is now getting very scarce, its cousin, the trogon collaris, is still abundant.

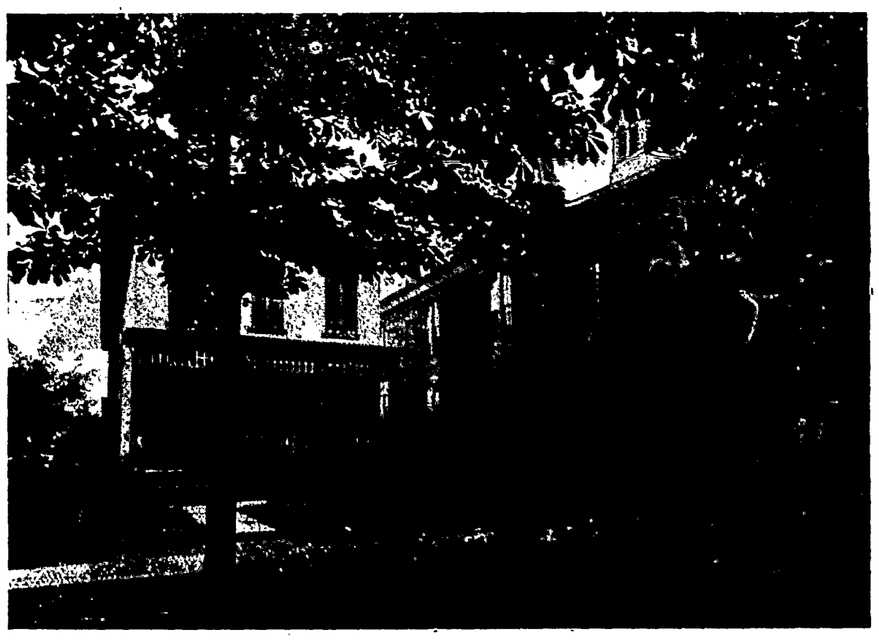
The whole under surface of its body is rich carmine, with a crescent of pure white across the breast, and, beneath, a gorget of green. The upper parts are golden green, and the whole aspect of the bird in the woods is that of a creature especially fitted for glowing and tropical surroundings. The female has soberer colors than the male, but is a fit consort for her beautiful spouse. It is a most unsuspicious, inquisitive bird, gentle and trusting in its demeanor, and deserves a better fate than that which seems sure to overtake its species—swift extermination. Living as it does, mainly upon insects, it is a beneficial visitor to gardens and plantations.

He Wouldn't Ask.

Tommy, aged 4, was very fond of cookies and was always begging for some. One day he was over at a neighbor's, and getting hungry he asked for a piece of bread and butter. "But wouldn't you rather have some cookies?" asked the lady. "Yes'm," replied Tommy, "but mamma told me to be sure and not ask you for any."

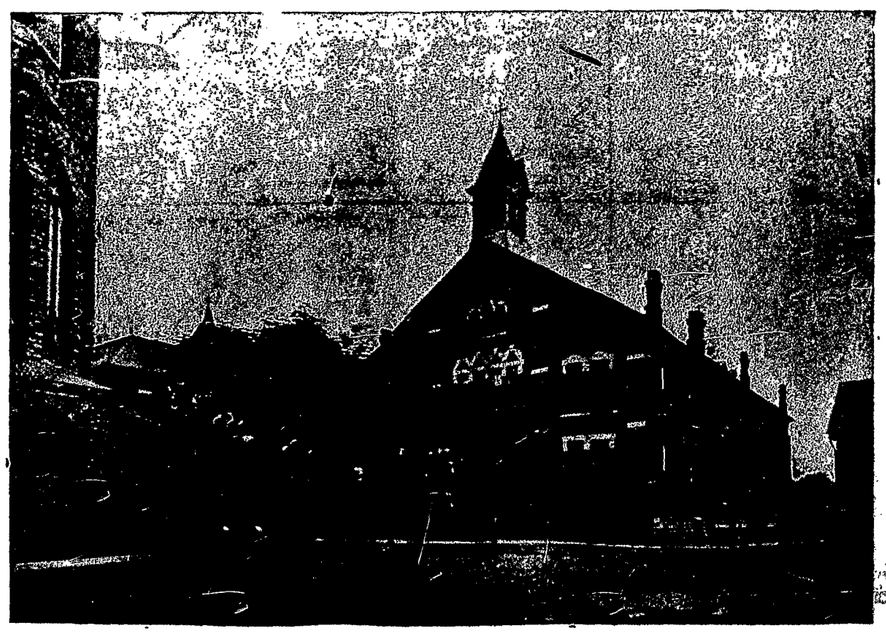


ATHERTON SCHOOL AND HALL.



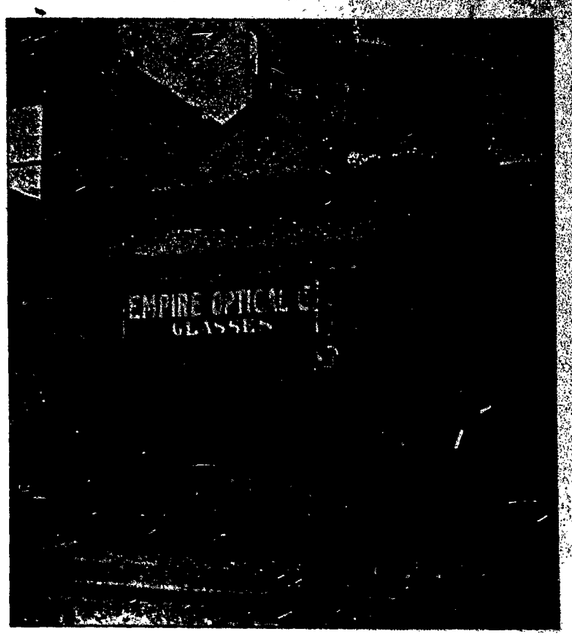
ST. BRIDGET'S SCHOOL AND RECTORY.

OUR LADY OF VICTORY SCHOOL.



ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL.

Empire Optical Company



One of the prominent indications of Rochester's progress is the fact that there is in this city the finest eye-testing rooms in the Empire State, there being no better even in New York City itself. These are the rooms of the Empire Optical Company at No. 15 South Clinton Street, which were opened to the public on April 17, 1897. When this firm first opened, their methods seemed to meet with popular favor from the public from the first day, and they filled a long felt want in doing business on a popular price basis. The management fully appreciating the confidence and liberal patronage that the public have bestowed upon them have from time to time improved and enlarged their quarters, and at the present time their equipments, appliances, and condition for insuring the correction of defective vision are of the very highest possible order. In the front of their building is a room 20 feet square used as a reception and stock room. Back of this and entered through an archway hung with handsome draperies is the testing room, perfect in all its appointments. The light arrangements are perfect. The ceiling and wall tints are green, the testing frames on the wall are surrounded by incandescent electric lights, with aluminum reflectors, and the lights are controlled by independent switches, and can be regulated by the physician at will. In the centre of the room is a Javal Opthalmometer, an instrument used in the best eye and war hospitals in the country, and which is recognized by all eye specialists as insuring the most perfect results. All examinations are free, and from the opening of the rooms the public have been cordially invited to come and have their eyes examined without being under any obligation to purchase glasses. Here are the finest goods known to the trade at popular prices, and they have already fitted more than 5,000 people in Rochester and vicinity with glasses. Mr. Edward E. Arlington, the proprietor, though not long a resident of Rochester, is held in high esteem, and is thoroughly identified with the city's progress.

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