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### Correspondence

**Our Agent.**  
Mr. A. Herman will call on subscribers next week in Ithaca, Elmira, Waverly, Horseheads, Corning, Cothont Bath.

### CALEDONIA.

The devotion of the Forty Hours will open at St. Columba church on Sunday, May 14th.

A large class of children are preparing to receive confirmation sometime in June.

May devotions will be held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings during the month of May.

A very pretty wedding took place here Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock when Mr. David Kelly and Miss Eva Feeley were united in marriage by Rev. G. J. Eisler rector of St. Columba church. Miss Nellie Lee attended the bride and Edward Moran of Avon, was groomsmen. The bride wore a handsome gown of Ecor colored laces and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid wore a gown of Nile green silk. After a short western trip Mr. and Mrs. Kelly will reside here.

### SENECA FALLS.

At the sad news of the death of our beloved companion and friend, Agnes Dreiss, who died at the home of her aunt in Auburn Wednesday morning, sorrow occupied first place in the hearts of all the young people. Her sudden passing away came as a shock to us all and our hearts beat in sincere sympathy with those of her afflicted family by whom her absence will be most keenly felt. The deceased had just passed her 19th birthday and was of a cheerful happy disposition which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact and her death is deeply regretted by her many friends. She had been in delicate health for some time, but her death was not expected so soon. The immediate cause of her death was asthma. The remains were brought to the home of her mother in Mechanic St. The funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Friday at 10 o'clock, Rev. M. U. Dwyer officiating. She is survived by her mother, two brothers and five sisters. The floral offering was numerous and beautiful.

### CANANDAIGUA.

The Holy Name gave a card party at Arwater Hall, Friday evening.

The "Gypsy Queen" drama netted upwards of \$40 for the new church. While the company labored under some slight disadvantages the parts generally were well taken and sustained the interest throughout. The negro specialty by McManis & Collins was particularly bright and up-to-date.

The devotion of the 40 hours opened Sunday at the late mass. The preachers were, Rev. Alex. McCabe, Very Rev. Mgr. J. Hendrick and Rev. J. J. Gleason. Sunday evening Rev. P. Libert of the Seminary heard confessions of the Hollanders.

Miss Mary E. McMahon, sister of Mrs. D. Dear and Mrs. James Allen, who died last week, was prayed for Sunday.

The usual meeting of the L. C. B. A. omitted Tuesday on account of the 40 hours.

First Friday devotions this week.

The school collection amounted to \$69.

Requiem this week were for Richard Hovey, Mrs. Ellen Harrigan and James Fox.

Baptized last Sunday, Cecilia Helen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Maloney of Hopewell Center.

### AUBURN.

The funeral of John T. L. Gaynor was held Saturday morning from his home in Burt Ave., with services at Holy Family church, Rev. J. J. Hickey officiating.

Miss Katherine Long and Charles Bohman were married last Thursday at Holy Family church by Rev. J. J. Hickey. A reception was held at the home of the bride in Cady St. The happy couple left for a trip to New York. They will make their home in Syracuse.

Miss Katherine Welch and George Ringwood were married last week at St. Aloysius church by Rev. Thomas Stafford. A reception was held at the home of the bride in Van Anden St.

The many friends of Father Doran, the able assistant at St. Mary's church, will both regret and gladly receive the news of his promotion as pastor at Groton. Father Doran has only been out of college for two years and the elevation is a mark of the young man's standing among the people of the diocese.

Rev. James Winters another Auburn boy has been appointed assistant pastor of St. Mary's church at Ithaca.

Rev. William Mulheron pastor of St. Mary's church, has returned for a business trip to New York.

The funeral of Thomas Dunn of Park Ave., was held Monday morning from Holy Family church. Burial at St. Joseph's cemetery.

Miss Emma Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Doyle of Grant Ave., and Bernard Rooney, were married at the Holy Family church, Wednesday, April 26th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Hickey. The bride was charming in a gown of cream crepe de chene, over white silk with pearl trimming and point d'esprit lace and a large white picture hat. The bridesmaid, Miss Mary Hogan, was also attired in white. The groom was attended by his brother James Rooney. Following the ceremony at the church a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride and groom are well known and esteemed in Catholic circles. The gifts were beautiful and numerous.

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### Dame Fortune's Freaks.

Of all the freaks of Dame Fortune, few probably are so strange as those which she literally stows away in her lottery wheel. One might suppose that people who paid their money for a lottery ticket, with high money prizes in prospect, would at least take the trouble to look out for the result. The opposite is the fact. Of such sums as £2,000, £1,000 and £4,000 lying in the Credit Foncier and other establishments, unclaimed by the winners, the number is considerable. There are as many as six sums of £4,000. Some of these "lots" have been unclaimed for twenty years, and in ten years more will revert to the State. But all is not yet past hope. It is recorded that a Panama lottery prize of £10,000 once lay ten years before the winner heard of his luck. He had strayed to South America before the "draw," and had not troubled himself about his number. Paris correspondent in Newcastle (Eng.) Chronicle.

### Penny Post in Olden Times.

The automobiles that are to replace the Brighton (England) mail coaches should, from the historical point of view, have run first on the Bristol road, for the earliest coach for the conveyance of letters left London for Bristol in August, 1784. Letters were, however, posted about the kingdom long before that, for Thomas Withering, postmaster to Charles I, was the first to regulate the conveyance of letters throughout Christendom, to run day and night; and in 1680 it was actually recorded that an answer might be obtained in five days from a place that was 300 miles distant in London itself, the first penny post "was set up on our Last Day, A D 1680, a most ingenious and useful project, invented first by Mr. Robert Murray, and then Mr. Doekwa joined with him." Unfortunately for the enterprising speculators, however, the project paid; and so we get the significant rider to the above, "The Duke of York seized on it in 1682."

### Costly Furniture.

An extraordinary suite of furniture has just been made in London, constructed throughout of solid silver. It is destined for the eastern palace of an Indian prince. A massive four-post bedstead which has absorbed a ton of silver, twelve dining room chairs, four tables, two divans, a lady's dressing table, and a cabinet make up the suite, which took nearly a year to make. Weighing altogether over four tons, its value is estimated at £15,000.

### Cracks in the Alhambra.

"Great cracks" have appeared in the walls of the Alhambra at Granada, according to a Spanish message, and the ancient palace of the Moorish kings is in danger of collapse. It is to be hoped that the fate of the famous Campanile at Venice is not to be shared by the great palace of Mohammed, which began by him about the middle of the thirteenth century, has remained a monument of the splendid civilization which the Moors built up in Spain at a time when Christian Europe was in a state almost of barbarism.

### Read this if you are going west.

Now is an excellent time to take a trip to the West, South-west or North-west and for the benefit of those wishing to go to that part of the country to look for farm lands, business locations, or for pleasure, the Nickel Plate Road has arranged to sell round trip Homeseekers' tickets at extremely low rates on March 7th and 21st and April 4th and 18th, and will sell one-way Settlers' tickets to many points in North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Manitoba on each Tuesday during March and April. Also special one-way Colonist tickets to principal California and North Pacific Coast points at rate of \$42.50 from Buffalo and at very low rates to many other points in Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho and Utah, on sale every day until May 15th. Full information

### GUARDING CROPS IN CHINA.

Association Formed to Guard Against Thieving by the Poor.

The great agricultural problem in China is how the farmers can best protect their crops. Of all the various crops which are grown in China there are not more than two which do not give the owner anxiety for fear they are stolen. The heads of sorghum and millet can easily be clipped off, nothing is easier to despoil than a field of sweet potatoes; melons are an easy prey to the thieves; all orchards attract the marauders, and even the cotton fields are not exempt from nightly visits. Where the population is densest the extent to which this thieving is carried passes belief. From these villages when the twilight falls a crowd of men, women and children stream forth which resembles the exodus of workers in the early morning.

In the face of this difficulty the farmers have been obliged to band together to protect themselves from the ravages of the poor, and they have formed societies for watching the crops. The villages which have entered the association usually proclaim the fact by painting upon the side of some conspicuous temple four characters which signify that the fields are looked after in common. Sometimes a number is added which tells the number of persons who will watch the property day and night. When a fixed number of persons is employed the expense is shared by the village, a tax being placed upon the land, and each taxpayer gives the direct ratio of the amount of land he owns. All persons belonging to these leagues are sworn to seize any one who may be found stealing property of any member of the league. Failure to do this makes it necessary for the member guilty of violation of this rule to pay a fine as if he had committed the theft himself. Certain head men from the villages comprise a court before whom offenders are taken, tried and punished. No regular way of punishing offenders is carried out, but the most frequent one is a fine graded according to the amount taken and the financial standing of the culprit. The fine must be paid at once or the prisoner makes it possible that he may be confined in a cage for a month or two at harvest time.

Whatever measures are taken for the protection of crops the rules of the league are also very rigid as to the

amount of gleanings which must be left in the field for the poor. Even the length of the stubble which shall remain after the crop is harvested is regulated by rule. In districts where the sorghum is cultivated it is customary to strip off the lower leaves that the grain may have a better chance to ripen. These leaves are much prized as food for animals. The day on which the stripping of the leaves takes place any one may enter the field of any one else and strip the leaves from the plant, provided he does not go above the stipulated height on each plant. The day is regulated by the league, and no one, be he rich or poor, is allowed to anticipate the day. The day before the stripping a warning gong is sounded in the villages, and next day the main business of every one is leaf stripping. More important than this is the regulation in regard to cotton picking. This crop is perhaps the only one raised in the empire which is absolutely necessary to every one of the inhabitants. It is considered the prerogative of the poor to pick cotton wherever they may find it after a certain date—a date which is, of course, regulated by the league. This day is called "relaxation of punishment," because the fines are not to be enforced.

### Kleptomania as a Business.

A Paris physician, practicing as a specialist in mental diseases, effected some time ago a sudden and very unexpected change of symptoms in a case of kleptomania. One day he was consulted by a man of distinguished appearance, and indicated that he had a really unnecessary amount of money. "Doctor, I have come to ask you to cure my daughter of a terrible affliction," he said. "She is a kleptomaniac, and because of this we are heartbroken." The girl was shown in and the doctor began treatment by "suggestion." She came to his office every day. From the first she carried something away with her each visit, which the father regularly sent back next morning. One day the patient carried off a box of family jewels of great value. The doctor was not at all anxious at first, but when they were not returned next morning, and his fair patient did not appear either, he sent his servant to the address given by the girl's father. Neither the father nor the girl nor the jewels could be found, and the case was turned over to the police as beyond medical skill.



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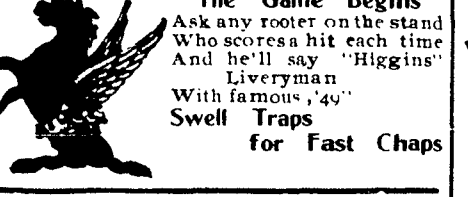
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