# Correspondence.

Spicy News Items Gathered by Gazette Correspondents.

Johnson.

Johnston. On the evening of Jan. 19th, and likewise a Band concert. The affair them. was well patronized as there were representatives from several different parishes of the county. The young ladies of the Sewing Circle were congratulated by all present on being so fortunate as to secure the services of the Narrows Fife and Drum Band, whose efficiency and ability needs no apology as they knew their business and attended to it. The whole affair was a grand success and reflects great credit on the young people of this place.

visited by the Minister of Agriculture with a delegacion of gentlemen who represented different branches of agriculture, and with them were our two representatives Hon. L. P. Farris and Mr. a speech from Hon. L. P. Farris, follow ed by a song from Mr. Milberry. The Min. of Agriculture then came forward outlined the policy of the local govern- that he is taking a heavy cold. ment, giving the people to understand speaking from practicable experience and to be routed in that refunctory manner. knowledge he had acquired in Kings Co., of our farmers can testify.

dairy production was introduced. The country homesteads. its glory. The question of profitable cows springs of water may be rendered impure and the amount of butter a cow should by surface water in rainy seasons finding produce to make her a profitable invest- its way into the exposed and unprotected of friends go round to smoke their pipes ment to the farmer was overlooked in the spring reserved for family use. program. The beef question and the question of tuberculesis were explained but for us to derive the best results it by Col. McCrae of Ontario, and likewise | must be free from foreign ingredients and the production of suitable fodder and contaminating proprieties. care of stock. He argued that it was a necessity to grow clover as the first requirements of good farming. That being an impossibility in our section from the fact that we can get a good catch of seed in the spring yet it winter kills the first winter, that has been my experience. Queens county on the same subject. Mr. | again. McCrae seemed to be ignorant of the fact that there was a fly, generally known as the Texan Horn Fly, that tormented the cattle to such an extent that the cows shrunk both in milk and flesh. The hog production and poultry raising were attended to by some of the speakers. A good deal of time and money lost and very little practicable knowledge gained.

# White's Cove.

Jan. 28.-Mr. E. J. Wright who has been visiting friends at McDonald's Point for some time arrived home on Thursday. Geo. Slocum of City Market was

through this place on Wednesday buying poultry, eggs, etc. for the St. John mar-

ing his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Farris returned to Portland Maine this week.

ner has charge of the school here. Miss Annie Barnes and sister from Mc-Donald's Point are visiting friends here. Damy Orchard daughter of John Orchard Esq. who has been ill so long we

regret to say is not expected to recover. Diphtheria has broken out at Wm. H. Springer's and the daughter of Fred Springer is down with it.

Sidney Stewart who has been laid up with a bad cold is some better.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel F. Farris left this afternoon for Newcastle to visit friends

at W. H. Gunter's

The daily mail will begin on Tuesday 1st and Mr. G. Farris and Son are the contractors to carry the mail from Station to Jemseg. Charles Gunter is mail driver from White's Cove and Robertson's Point.

Jan. 31.—The weather has been very cold for the past week. This morning the thermometer registered 30° below

On Wednesday last "Debby" Wm. Fanjoy's fine trotting mare was taken ill. L. I. Flowers, veterinary surgeon, was summoned and rendered the necessary aid and she is now on the mend. Debby's record is not exactly known by your correspondens but is in the locality of 2.20.

Reese.

Jan. 26.—This place on the 24th experienced the worst storm of the season about 16 inches of snew falling and in in a terrible condition.

Miss Nora Branscombe at present is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James H.

On the evening of the 25th Miss Maud White and Mrs. I. N. Parker snow shoed from the Parsonage at Young's Cove to Jan. 24.—This week was a gay one for Mr. J. H. Reese's residence a distance of three miles and a half in one hour and a the Sewing Circle of this place held quarter. If there are any other two their semi-annual sale and also had a lady snow shoers who have ever beat this bean supper in the public hall at Cody's, or can beat it we would like to hear from

## Chipman.

Mr. William Morrison, who has been sick for upwards of six week with typhoid fever complicated with pneumonia, we are glad to state is able to be up and about the house again. He has had a hard struggle for life and if he had not been attended by two of the best physicians it goes with out saying that he would have fallen a victim to the deadly microbe On the evening of the 20th we were which is ever on the alert to gain entrance into the human system.

This brings us to remark that impure drinking water is one of the favored abodes of this insidious foe which the exceedly numerous is so diminitive in size as Carpenter. The meeting was opened by to escape the vigilence of the unwary traveller as he seeks to quench his thirst by

copious draughts from the limpid stream. After a brief period of incubation the with an address which was listened to by patient complains of being unwell and the audience with great attention. He both he and his friends are persuaded

All the domestic remedies are brought that the government was anxious to do into requisition for breaking up the fever all in its power to improve the condition that is setting in; but the wily microbe of the farmer. Mr. Starr gave the audi- which has become well intrenched in its ence a good lesson on apple growing, stronghold holds the fortress, and is not

Even the "Old oaken bucket, the moss N. S. But the farmer had better go covered bucket that hung in the well" slow as regards apple growing in this which has been immortalized by the poet district for it is a risky business as many and endeared to childhood's memory is not the innocent idol painted by the bard: It was brought out in the meeting that but rather an inviting camping ground for there were difficulties here that were un- man's worst foes and the ancient bucket known in Nova Scotia. There was great no longer considered a household necesinterest manifested when the question of sity is fast disappearing from usage in

different process of making butter was also all wells sunken in barns where thoroughly thrashed out to the satisfact the ground is porous or contiguous to tion of the different speakers, but the compost heaps and chip yards come under cost of its production was left alone in the ban of condemnation for the choicest

Water in a pure state is a great cleanser

Mr. Andrew Darrah has received the contract for carring the trio-weekly mail from Chipman to Upper Gaspereaux.

The Mr. Douglas reported in last week's GAZETTE visiting Cambridge is probably entitled to the surname of Wilson as a young man of that name has been off I would like to hear from the farmers of duty here but has returned safe home

> The cold wave the first of the week wound up the worst snow storm we have had this winter. The roads especially the cross ones were badly blocked but are getting broken out to-day.

Our two councillors have arrived home before the storm set in; but full particu. lars of the Municipal Council are not yet at hand.

from Methodison, is to preach here tomorrow and a full house is expected.

Jan. 29.—People generally in this section of the country are beginning to be mere concerned as to the necessity of insuring a better quality of drinking water than that which satisfied the preceding generation. Disease is no longer looked upon as a mysterious dispensation of Howard D. Farris who has been visit- Providence; but as a penalty for the violation of nature's laws and as contaminaten water is universally regarded as Mr. L. J. Flower of McDonald's Cor- fruitful source of disease some of our citizens have commenced to search for a purer supply by boring deep into the ground until the desired vein or basin is reached that will meet all demands. Such wells have been used in Europe for cen-turies and are known as Artesian wells, so called from the French provinces of Artois where this mode of a well of this kind in Paris, 1925 feet deep and affords four million gallons of water per day; sufficient for the wants of 500,000 people; and another artesian well at Aire has continued to flow steadily to the height of eleven feet above the surface of the ground for more than a century. We have not attained to such Miss Bertie McLauchlin is dressmaking | magnificent results in this province but we consider ourselves fortunate when we get an overflow and are satisfied if we can raise an abundance by the aid of a pump. Several of our neighbors here have been prospecting for water by boring during the past few months with varying results but lack of perseverance seems to be the chief cause of failure. Mr. Stanley J. Winslow of Kent county has bored this winter on Mr. John Briggs' farm and the well which is 160 feet deep yields a great supply of water and works eminently satisfactory. Mr. Winslow is now boring at Briggs' Corner for Mr. Lloyd and has a number of like contracts on hand in the same vicinity.

To-day is the last day for Mr. James Wiggins for carrying the mails from the Narrows to Chipman. Mr. Wiggins has been very punctual in his engagements during the many years past in which he held the position as mail driver.

Next Tuesday the mail will be conveyed by train to Chipman station daily, but the people not living in the immediate vicinity will not be much better off than before and the populous districts like those of Briggs Corner and the Forks will not rest satisfied until they have the benefit of a daily mail.

Rev. Mr. Gross occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church here last Sabbath and consequence the roads are all blocked and I to-morrow Rev. Mr. McIntyre exchanges

pulpits with Rev. Mr. Snell of Havelock. Mr. Snell was a student of the Rev. C. Spurgeon of London. This morning the mercury was 40° be-

MOTHER EARTH.

Grateful it is on the warm earth to lie While purple shadows o'er the far hills

pass, Watching the light-shod wind bear down Watching the clouds-the pilgrims of the sky. The breath comes sweet from fields of meli-

And now the soul of Siegfried's magic

Rings full and clear from a wood thrush's throat. And life's sad stress and burden are forgot.

O, mother, genesitic mother! When
I shall have lived my little human space Until there came a der, at last, When clous above his head were cast-Something had finally happened. So take me to your nourice lap again

And spread your homely apron o'er my As sleep, not dying, to my thought it seems, With dreamless waking in the dream of

-Marguerite Merington.

The Emperer and the Empress Both Be-

WOMAN'S PROGRESS IN JAPAN.

lievers in Modern Ideas. At last the women of Japan are beginning to get their inning. The Emperor himself is interested in their advancement. He hopes in time that they will attain the same position enjoyed by the women of the West. The first step he took toward this advancement was to abolish stained teeth and shaved eyebrows. Next, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his marriage, he introduced the idea of the celebration of a silver wedding into his country. On that occasion he gave a big feast and received countless presents. His female subjects were delighted at this, and said that no

Empress had ever been so honored. The Empress of Japan, Fusaka, is by no means kept in the background by her husband. She shares his throne, and is consulted upon matters of national importance. More than this, she presides at his table, and this is an honor accordnasium, erected solely for her benefit, in the palace. She practices there every day, and is also fond of riding. Who knows but in time she may take to the bicycle? The Emperor has dedicated to her many of his most beautiful poems, which show that the bravest deeds have been inspired by feminine beauty. She is even more interested in the advancement of her sex than he is.

The Private Pic. The number of pigs kept by the colliers and artisans of the North of England fluctuates with the price of coal and yarn. In good times every collier keeps a live animal of some sort, and though dogs, guinea pigs, cage birds, and homing pigeons are attractive, his "fancy wimal" is usually a pig. He admires this on Sunday afternoons, and groups and compare pigs, and bet on their ulti-mate weight. They have private pig shows, with subscription prizes. Each animal is judged in its own sty, and it is interesting to know that the evolution of

an almost perfect pig was due to the in-nate sagacity of the Yorkshire pit hand. The sties in which these animals live are very rough affairs, often made of a few boards nailed over railway sleepers, but it is interesting to learn that when the author was acting as a peripatetic judge at the colliers' show he found young pigs as blooming and healthy as possible, and that, small though the collier's back yard is, he always contrives that his pigsty shall be thoroughly ventirated and look toward the south. Architects of costly home farms often house the unhappy pigs and or north walls and the unhappy pigs under north walls, and condemn them to rheumatism, cold, and sunlessness. Yorkshire produces not only the best pork, but has long been famous for the best-cured hams in the world .-The Spectator.

A Mohammedan Blunder.

"At the out-station of H—, Mr. J. S—, an old and respected tea planter, was church warden and had charge of the church and the arrangements for service. To his old bearer had been com-A new minister, recently converted the holy table for the Lord's Supper. Mr. J. S— was on the occasion in question absent from the station on leave and his place was supplied by a planter not so conversant with church matters. Accordingly, having received notice of the chaplain's intended visit, he ordered his bearer (a very unecclesiast cal person, as it turned out) to prepare the church for the padre sahib.

"Pir Buksh had no idea what to do, and therefore went to a brother Mohammedan to consult with him on the subject. Both of them had heard that on these occasions a clean white cloth was spread on the table with bread and wine. This suggested the whole arrangement. Imagine then the vexation of the chaplain and church warden and surprise and probably amusement of the congregation to find knives, forks, plates and cold chicken, as well as bread and wine."-Rev. J. R. Baldwin, in Indian Gup.

"It is the sea which ennobles everything. Between the line and the surf there was but the ancient foreshore, covered with prickly tamarisks and mauvewell boring was first practised. There is | colored heath, with yellow sand conspicuous here and there. At the limit of the foreshore the rugged border line cut clear into a deep and sombre blue. It is She-blue as any grape on this cluster which hangs in the cooling breeze. The azure deepens, filling up a good half of the range of sight; the white sail of a fishing smack floats alone, like a hollow shell; the eternal monotone of the ocean is borne upon the ear. Draw near and see the leaping silver foam.

"Above this intense blue the sky is transparently, superbly pale, and the stars are hurrying to light their lamps. There is not a living soul, nor a plant, nor any sign of the hand of man. There taight be Nereids and Fauns dancing on the strand, as in the days when the world was young."-H. A Taine, in Journeys Through France.

Some Queer Texts

When ladies were their "topknots" ri diculously high it occurred to Rowland Hill to admonish them from the pulpit. and he did it by means of the words, "Topknot, come down," which he evolved from Matthew xxiv., 17, "Let him which about the garden, never leaving him is on the housetop come down." Of until he reaches the garden gate. George, course, nothing but the exceeding quaintness of the preacher could have excused

It was almost as bad as Swift's uniquely brief discourse on the text, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord." "My friends," said the Dean, as he closed the book, "if you approve of the security down with the dust." As a matter of fact, it is usually only the quaint preachers who do venture on such liberties .- Chambers' Journal.

Busy Cable Hours.

The busiest time on the Atlantic cable average about 900 messages pass over caterpillar dot the cable each way.

WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAP

He grubbed away on a patch of ground, "Waiting for something to happen;" Year after year the same old round,
"Waiting for something to happen."
The moments he had to spare he spent
In "waiting for something to happen;"
His hair grown big should be happen;" His hair grew gray, his shoulders bent, But he grubbed and he loafed, and was

To "wait for something to happen." His tools wore out, and his ground grew

"Waiting for something to happen,"

But he grubbed and he loafed, and he still That "something would some day happen," And many a chance he let go past, "Waiting for something to happen."

REVIVED MEMORY.

When We Grow Old We Recall the Things of Long Ago.

About seventy-five years ago, upon a rainy day, a small boy who had reached the mature age of 6 was sitting with his mamma and bemoaning the state of the weather and accompanying absence of novel entertainment. Mamma wore on her finger a beautiful ring that was a family heirloom, and as she sewed patiently the jewel glittered on her little white hand. The small boy regarded the bright bauble for some time in silence and then sweetly requested mamma to take it off and let him play with it. It was a weak thing to do, perhaps, but she complied. I dare say there are mothers at the present day who can sympathize with her, for human nature is the same thousand fashions about and sympathize with her, for human nature is the same, though fashions change, and when the "dear child" looked up in her face pleadingly he looked with papa's eyes, and papa was dead. So he got the ring and lost it, as might have been expected. He always insisted that he had "put it away to keep," but he could never remember where.

The years went on. The gentle young mother went out into the great unkhown to find the light of her life that shone at his table, and this is an honor accorded to none of her predecessors. The kmpress, from all accounts, is quite an upto-date woman, and has proved herself

to hind the light of her life that shone in "papa's eyes," and the century and the boy having been young together.

grew old in company, too. Finally, age began to tell on them; the century got worthy of all her privileges. She is an active patroness of the Tokio Women's mory for the things of to-day, but bemodern scientific principles. She is also came abnormally reminiscent in regard quite an athlete and has a model gym- to the past. His thoughts often turned back to the young mother long dead, and in the decline of life he had as clear a mental picture of her as his boyish eyes had ever seen. One evening, hav-ing pushed his spectacles on top of his head and hunted everywhere for them head and hunted everywhere for them vainly, he sat musing before the fire, when suddenly a flood of light illuminated that dark corner of his memory where hung the picture of that small edition of himself losing or "putting away" the ring. He sprang to his feet with an excited cry: "The ring! The ring! I slipped it down the crack in the window casing. The one that looks out on the orchard!"

Upon investigation the ring was brought from its long hiding place, which was the exact spot the old man had described.—Buffalo Express.

Snail Raising.

Snail farming forms a peculiar branch of agricultural industry in France and other countries, and the consumption of them in France is very large. Edible snails vary greatly in size; the large white ones are the real escargot, but this term is usually employed to designate all edible snails adapted to table purposes. But in the markets, besides escargot, there are two other varieties, known as limace and limacon, the former being of medium size, and the latter quite small. Though the great majority of the edible snails produced in France are of natural growth, their artificial culture is carried on to a very considerable extent. They are propagated from August to October in ground especially prepared for the purpose, and fed with cabbage clover etc. cabbage, clover, etc.

During the winter they are sheltered in houses composed of brick or wood, and they are gathered and marketed from April to June. In the Tyrol from June to the middle of August the snails are collected from every available damp place and taken to the feeding ground near the owner's dwelling. This is a bit of garden ground free from trees and shrubs and surrounded on all sides by running water. In this feeding ground are little heaps of mountain pine twigs, mixed loosely with wood moss, and these twigs when dry are replaced by fresh ones. Every day they are fed on cabbage leaves and grass, and when cold weather sets in they go under cover, that is, they collect under the heaps of twigs and bury themselves and there seal themselves up for the winter. When this has been successfully accomplished they are collected, packed in perforated boxes lined with straw, and sent off to Paris and other towns.-Nature.

The Angelus Bird.

When traveling in the forests of Guiana and Paraguay it is not uncommon to meet with a bird whose music greatly resembles that of an Angelus bell when heard from a distance. The Spaniards call this singular bird a bellringer, though it may be still more appropriately designated as the Angelas bird, for, like the Angelus bell, it is heard three times a day, morning, noon and night. Its song, which defies all description, consists of sounds like the strokes of a bell, succeeding one another every two or three minutes, so clearly and in such a resonant manner that the listener, if a stranger, imagines himself to be near a chapel or a convent. But it turns out that the forest is the chapel,

and the bell a bird. The beauty of the Angelus bird is equal to his talent. He is as large as a jay, and as white as snow, besides being graceful in form and swift in motion. But the most curious ornament of the Angelus bird is the tuft of black, arched feathers on its beautiful head. It is conical in shape and about four inches

in length.-From The Guardian Angel. A Sparrow's Gratitude to a Boy.

It is a rare occurrence for animals in a wild state to select man for a companion and friend, yet well-authenticated instances when this has been done are a matter of record. The following incident is vouched for by a young woman who is a close and accurate observer: "Last week my brother (a lad of 12) killed a snake which was just in the act of robbing a song sparrow's nest. Ever since then the male sparrow has shown his gratitude to George in a truly wonderful manner. When he goes into the garden the sparrow will fly to him, sometimes alighting on his head, at other times on his shoulder, all the while pouring out a tumultuous song of praise and gratitude. It will accompany him as you know, is a quiet boy, who loves animals, and this may account, in a such a liberty with the sense and sound degree, for the sparrow's extraordinary of the secred text.

degree, for the sparrow's extraordinary actions."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Wanted an Heirloom.

Clerk-I wouldn't like to cut this piece of lace just for one yard, madam; and, besides, that isn't enough to trim any-

Shopper-Oh, I didn't want it for trimming; but it's so nice to have a piece of lace, about the house as an heirloom, you know. -- Puck.

"I dess," said Maud, watching a black is between the hours of 10 and 12 in and brown caterpillar in the path, "zat the forenoon. During that time on an caterpillar dot burnt on before he dot

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