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MICHIGAN MATTERS.
 Work for Teachers.
 The following teachers' institutes will be
 held in August: Teaching Aug. 2—Cold-
 water; Church, C. F. Bellows; Frank-
 lin, A. C. Thompson; Dundas, O. D.
 Thompson; Canby, Austin George; Bi-
 mingham, Joseph Estabrook; Saginaw
 City, C. F. Bellows; Three Rivers, Wesley
 Sears; Ypsilanti, R. W. Putnam.
 Aug. 3—Harrisville, F. S. Pich; East-
 Lansing, Austin George; Cheboygan, E. C.
 Thompson; Charlevoix, A. Strong;
 Grand Blanc, I. N. Demmon; Alma,
 George Barnes; Hillsdale, C. B.
 Thomas; Calumet, J. P. P. S. Sloman;
 Ionia, W. S. Perry; Springport, J. Estab-
 rook; North Branch, J. G. Plowman;
 Adrian, E. C. Walker; Big Rapids, H. B.
 Ford; Iron Mountain, J. T. Ewing; Mid-
 land, E. A. Wilson; Hart, W. Cox; Hig-
 den City, W. W. Simmons; Manistiquet, A.
 E. Hayes; Corunna, W. H. Payne; Caro
 H. R. Pattengill; Decatur, H. King.

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Words of greeting were received from
 Prohibitionists of Wisconsin in convention
 assembled, and also from the Connecticut
 Prohibitionists. After these the various
 patches had been read the work of collect-
 ing campaign funds was undertaken. This
 was done by a committee of five, and the
 receipt of a telegram from John H.
 Finch, chairman of the National commit-
 tee, was received. It was for \$100. He
 received nearly \$1,000 before he
 read it.

The old parties disintegrating in every
 part of the Michigan peninsula, and the
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 1886.
Friends of the Democrat, who
have business at the Probate
Court, will please request Judge
Harrison to send their printing
to this office.

JOTTINGS.
Local on second page also.
Dexter is to have a Chinese laundry.

The 34th annual state fair of Illinois,
Tuesday night, from the town
of A. A. Terry's "hoisting machine"
has been doing good work the past week.

Miss Fannie L. Gwinmer of this city,
has a number of music scholars in
Chelsea.

W. E. Walker and G. F. Bates were in
Adrian last Friday. They say it looks
decidedly Eldridge over that way.

Only six arrests by the police in July.
The police drew their pay Tuesday
July.
Michigan state fair at Jackson Sept.
13-17.

Miss Bertha H. Inas is visiting Miss
Clara Yager in Kalamazoo.
C. A. Mathewson has returned from
visiting friends in Chicago.

Rev. W. W. Ramsey gave a powerful
discourse on temperance at the Baptist
church Sunday evening.

It is owing to the failure of the water supply
that the milkmen have raised the
price of milk to six cents.

Ann Arbor's colored population went
down to Ypsilanti in large numbers,
Monday, to take in the emancipation
celebration.

Prof. Alex. Lange of Racine, Wis.,
and his brother G. H. of Dayton, O.,
were the guests of the Rev. H. B.
Monday and Tuesday.

Geo. Leonard has contracted to build
nearly 100 miles of fence for the Toledo
road company. He is assisted by
Hiram Weeks and Thos. Shorby of this
city.

Pauline Heller, who created a sensation
by suddenly disappearing from Al.
C. Peterson's, where she was employed
as a domestic, was found Wednesday
evening at Delhi by Sheriff Walsh and
Chief Siple, at the home of a friend
whom she was visiting.

John Wetzke, who is making a tour of
the state in the interest of the coming
saengerfest, says everything looks
encouraging for a very large attendance.

Geo. B. Schwab has drafted plans for
an addition to the Rev. M. Klingmann's
residence in Seio, to cost \$1,000. He has
also prepared plans for the Empire block,
to be erected by Geo. Clark on the site
of the old Earl building, which was
recently condemned by the common council
as an unsafe structure.

The democrats of the town of Pittsfield
will hold a caucus at the town
house Monday August 9, at 1:30 p. m.,
to nominate delegates to the county
convention; also delegates to attend the
representative district convention yet to
be called. A full attendance is desired.
The call is signed by Henry Paul, chairman.

All temperance men who are legal
voters (under 45 years of age), or those
who may become legal voters before the
next general election, are earnestly
requested to meet Friday evening, Aug.
13, at the old Baptist church on Catharine
street, for the purpose of organizing a
new township for Ann Arbor city
and township, the object of which will
be to discuss all phases of the temperance
question.

Thos. F. Hill has returned from St.
Paul, Minn.
Mrs. Jas. McMahon has returned from
Houghton, L. S.
Wall L. Pack took a run up from Ypsilanti, Tuesday.

That July is Bargain Month at
Mack & Schmid's
Was clearly demonstrated by their grand
Clearing Sale, but it has been reserved
until now to eclipse all former efforts by
making the
Lowest Prices
Ever Attempted!

The court yard lawn is being marked
up again with foot prints, the path from
the northeast corner being particularly
noticeable.

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have in many of its public streets, but
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Wm. Brown of Milan, the chap who
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for 65 cents, got six months at Ionia,
Tuesday.

Joseph C. Preston of this city, is one
of the stockholders of the Princess
market, produce and commission
company. The capital stock is \$80,000.

W. G. Doty, probate register, had a
boy arrive at his house, yesterday
morning. Will be setting up the cigars on
the strength of the young democrat.

Chas. D. Cornell for over 50 years a
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He was born in Onondaga county, N. Y.

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of Stinson's store, caused by ashes that
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Edwards put out the blaze with a few
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The entertainment given by Arbor
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the large crowd present. The parade
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at very reasonable prices, the purchase
having been made during the decline of
these goods. They also give prompt and
careful attention to mending furniture.
Great inducements are being offered to
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WAIT FOR ME.
Seward runs the little stream
Where the wagon cools his team,
Where the banks of moss are
Stand the stepping stones in a cross,
O'er them comes a little maid,
Laughing, not a bit afraid;
Mother, she upon the shore
Crossed them safely just before.
This little lassie's plea—
Wait for me, wait for me!
Ah, so with the waters run—
One for a step, 'twould you see,
Little heart begins to beat,
Fearing for the little feet,
Soon her fear will all be lost,
When the stepping-stones are crossed.
Three more yet on which to stand—
Two more—one more—then on land!
This little lassie's plea—
Wait for me, wait for me!
Ah, when you, my laughing lass,
For the years have come to pass,
May one still be near to guide,
While you cross life's river wide,
When no helping hand is near,
None, if you should call to hear—
Think, however far away,
Mother, she knows you say,
'E'en in Heaven when your plea—
Wait for me, wait for me!

LADY B'S BUTLER.
London Life.
Miss M. is a pretty heiress, whose name for obvious reasons we must suppress; Mr. R. is a young diplomatist who fancies he has every chance of becoming an Ambassador before the last of his short-cropped locks has deserted him. Mr. R. has heard of Miss M. as being the owner of a wonderfully beautiful diamond necklace, and also as possessing more personal attractions than are supposed to belong to any but interesting paupers. Miss M., on the other hand, has been informed that Mr. R. was a very decent sort of fellow, with the smallest amount possible of Foreign Office swagger. They met for the first time under Lady B's roof, and surveyed each other with mutual interest from opposite sides of an elaborately-decorated dinner table. The necklace came up to Mr. R.'s expectations, but their own surpassed them. Not only was she pretty, but also vivacious and evidently amusing—not a painted, dressed-up doll like the women beside him, but a girl of admiration, and incapable of conversation. Not being accustomed to admire without some sort of return, he left the doll to the tender mercies of her left-hand neighbor, and devoted his attention to Miss M. They had grown quite friendly over five o'clock tea, and now exchanged telegraphic signs across the table about any small episodes that arose during dinner. Mr. R. thought he was getting on, and became so engrossed that he neglected his fork and knife, and had scarcely time to do justice to the saddle of mutton. But when the regulation ice-cream had made its round he noticed a sudden change in the girl opposite to him. She turned as white as her own handkerchiefs, and leaned back in her chair, silent and abstracted with wide-open eyes and parted lips. For the rest of the time she scarcely talked at all, and seemed incapable of rallying; but she shook her head when he made a sign that he was ready to assist her out of the room, and kept her seat till the ladies rose and filed slowly through the door. He would have given much to follow them at once, because his curiosity was so much aroused, but he was sure there was some mystery behind the scenes, for she looked as if she had received a shock—seen a ghost, or discovered an unwished-for friend. As soon as he could get away he looked around the drawing-room, and saw Miss M. sitting apart from the other ladies and turning over the leaves of a photograph-book in evident pre-occupation, he made his way to her, and standing before her, so as to shield her from observation, he spoke in a low voice if he could do anything for her. She looked up in surprise. "Thanks, I don't want anything."
"But you are annoyed or ill, one or the other. I shall never forget your look at dinner."
"Did any one notice it?" eagerly.
"Not a soul, except myself. Of course, I don't wish to force your confidence, but if I can be of any service to you—"
"No one can do me any good," hurriedly. "Only I wish to heaven I had never met!"
He looked at her with genuine compassion, for he saw that she was shivering from head to foot.
"Shall I fetch you a glass of wine?"
"Not for the world. I would tell you, only you would think me so foolish," looking round to assure that "no one could overhear."
"If I promise you I won't," earnestly, "as long as I live, I will not say a word just in front of her, so that she should not have to raise her voice. "Pray tell me."
"It was only a dream," with the ghost of a smile on her face. "I was being murdered for the sake of this necklace, playing nervously with the diamonds round her white throat, and I woke up struggling with a man—a man with a long chin and reddish hair. He was looking at me anywhere, and I saw him to-day at dinner," with a shudder, "handing the liquors."
"Why that was Bird, the butler. You couldn't be afraid of him."
"Not at all. It was with terror in her pretty eyes. "I am sure he will try and murder me to-night. I can't go to bed. I should never close my eyes," and she shivered again.
"You can go to bed and sleep in perfect confidence. I will see that I do for you," and Mr. R. smiled, feeling that he was making a noble effort.
"Our rooms lie on the same corridor. I have heaps of letters to write—worse luck—so that I must sit up. I'll keep my new necklace, but I'm benighted, and there is a light in the passage, and my ears are so sharp that I would defy any to pass it without my knowing it. Will that content you?"
"You are very kind, but he might wait till your letters are finished."
"That will make no difference. I promise to sit up till my hot water's brought. Will that satisfy you?"
"Oh, but that's too much."
"Not at all. If you tell me in the morning that you're had a good night, with a pleasant smile, I shall feel amply rewarded; besides I can do with less sleep than most people, and I'm sure to take it out before lunch."
Miss M. expostulated, but he would not listen, being quite excited at the idea of rendering a service to such a pretty girl; and when the guests separated for the night, and he was whistling, "I have forgotten," she gave him so charming a look of gratitude that his heart fluttered like a schoolboy's.

Two o'clock A. M., with a decaying fire and without the solace of a pipe. He had written two or three letters just to save his conscience, but the effort had been so great that he wouldn't have begun another to save his life. In order to reassure Miss M., who might be on the lookout, he left the smoking-room on pretext of a headache, and established himself in his room about midnight. Smoking and sleeping were both out of the ques-

tion, and two longer hours he had never spent in his whole existence. He heard doors opening and shutting down-stairs, a suppressed laugh at the last good story told amidst tobacco smoke, the tread of several pairs of feet in different directions, and then silence.
Miss M. being no longer there with her white face and her small figure all of a tremble to work up his feelings, he began to feel his position eminently ridiculous. His excitement cooled down, his compassion had waned like the moon; but infinitely bored and intensely sleepy, he was bound by his promise to a girl. And all on account of a dream! He asked himself with his fingers running through his hair, usually neat and his mouth distended in an unconscious yawn, if anybody had ever heard of a man being victimized by somebody else's dream. It was an unheard-of case, and he had a foot to give in to it. No, not a feather, with a throb of compunction, or the girl would have worried herself into fits; but he ought to have reasoned with her, or suggested that she might have a pretty her room. Lady B. would have been sure to bar, if a mouse squeaked, and he would have howled the house down at the sight of a burglar. A pity he hadn't thought of it; but supposing he had, Miss M.'s indignation would have been so great, Fidget and not to himself, and he rather wished to win it. Another yawn, till he thought he had cracked his jaws. The fire was dying out; he was afraid to stir it, but he thought he might tickle it with the poker. He got up cautiously, and was stretching out his hand for the poker, when he heard a sound in the passage. He began to think his nervous system was deranged, for he had never believed there was the smallest reason for his watching.
But the sound was repeated, and sent an unmistakable thrill through his veins. He got to the door noiselessly, thanks to his slippers, and without opening it any further, peered through the crack. He could scarcely believe his eyes when he saw Bird, the butler, carrying a pair of tiny high-heeled boots in his hand. Was there really something in the dream after all? He was about to turn and then stopped at Miss M.'s door, and then placed his hand on the handle.
Then with one stride he was by his side.
"What are you doing here?" he said in a stern voice, staring the butler straight in the face.
The man started, turned perfectly livid, and let the boots fall from his shaking fingers, but he made a great effort after composure, and tried to steady his voice as he said: "I had forgotten to send up these boots before, sir, and I was afraid the young lady might want them the first thing in the morning."
"If she did it wouldn't be your business to bring them. You must be mad or drunk, and I don't report you to your master to-morrow."
The man's under-lip shook, and his eyes shined unhealthily. "I meant no harm," he said, sullenly, as he stooped to pick up the boots.
But Mr. R. stopped him on a sudden impulse. "Leave them here and go off at once."
Bird seemed inclined to remonstrate, and even stretched out his hand again as if to take the boots, but Mr. R. signed to him to go, with a significant frown.
The butler slunk down the passage, giving a backward look before he turned the corner. Mr. R. watched him out of sight, then picked up the boots and carried them to his chamber. Nothing in the first, a dainty, innocent covering for a pretty foot; but something hard rattled in one of them as they dropped on the floor, and he was not surprised to find in the second a pointed knife. He drew it out and scratched his finger with the sharp edge, his blood turned cold as he thought of the girl's white throat and a crimson gash.
Bird had not been in a dream, that girl would have been brutally murdered in her bed.

Mr. R. thought it right to tell the circumstances of the case to Lord and Lady B. Miss M. agreed with him, but said she would not home before he spoke, to avoid a fuss. As soon as she had left the house the story into told, and Lady B. nearly went into hysterics. Lord B. said there was not sufficient evidence to support a charge of murder, but he declined to have his enterprising butler any longer in the house. He therefore dismissed him at once on another pretext, and Mr. George Bird is now on the lookout for another place, where he may cut his own throat. He declined, with no troublesome third party to interfere. A nice thought for those about to engage a butler.
This story is true, only a few trifling details having been altered, and the proper names suppressed. Mr. R. is the only person concerned in it who would be able to bring action for libel against me, but for his own sake he is likely to keep quiet.

American Tools in Colonial Markets.
A Sheffield workman who has spent ten years in New Zealand has addressed some sensible words to his countrymen here, and he says the American tools are fast driving the English out of colonial markets; and diligently inquiring after the reason, he was told by the workmen that American tools are lighter, handier and better finished. He then asked the men a plain question: "Are there any men among you," he says, "men who are able to make an ax as good as an American can?" He thinks it is because they have never tried it, and adds that there is no Englishman who sold the colonies at the present time. Then as to the shovels. When he came to the colonies ten years ago, a number of English shovels made by a man who was a native of the colony, not one is now to be seen in the country. They were made of rotten material that would not last any time, and he had seen English short-handle navy's shovels selling at 5s. and American shovels at 10s. The American workmen preferred at higher prices. "The American shovel," he says, "is lighter and is of better material." If Sheffield wants to maintain its position as the leading edge-tool maker in the world, he must make the men who buy them plain questions: "Are there any men among you," he says, "men who are able to make an ax as good as an American can?" He thinks it is because they have never tried it, and adds that there is no Englishman who sold the colonies at the present time. Then as to the shovels. When he came to the colonies ten years ago, a number of English shovels made by a man who was a native of the colony, not one is now to be seen in the country. They were made of rotten material that would not last any time, and he had seen English short-handle navy's shovels selling at 5s. and American shovels at 10s. The American workmen preferred at higher prices. "The American shovel," he says, "is lighter and is of better material." 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