

**YOU LIVE IN
DOWNERS GROVE**

Read the Story of Why You Should Support the Home Merchant.

The home merchant? Who is he? He is the chap who gives you credit when you are financially broke, and carries your account until you are able to pay.

He is the chap who gives you back your money or makes exchanges when you are not satisfied with what you have purchased.

He is the chap who stands behind his guaranty and makes restoration of all losses that you may sustain on the goods you buy.

He is the chap who meets you at the door with a handshake and lets you out with a message to the "kids" and a real come again good-bye.

He is the chap who meets and greets you on the street every day in the year and takes a neighborly interest in your family and affairs.

He is the chap whose clerks and bookkeepers and other employes live in Downers Grove and spend their money with you and other Downers Grove people.

He is the chap who pays heavy taxes to help support Downers Grove schools and build Downers Grove streets, and maintain the Downers Grove fire and police departments and to keep up the park, parkways, water and lighting systems.

He is the chap who helps to support Downers Grove churches and charity organizations and commercial club and lodges, and talks for Downers Grove and boosts Downers Grove every day in the year.

He is the chap who visits you when you are sick, sends flowers to your family when you die, and follows your body out among the trees and tombs, as far as human feet may travel with the dead.

He is the home merchant—your neighbor—your friend—your helper in times of need.

Don't you think you ought to trade with him and be his friend and his helper in the time of his need?

Don't you know that every dollar that you send out of Downers Grove for merchandise is sent to strangers—to men who never spend a dollar in Downers Grove—to men who would not trust you for a box of matches, to men who would turn you over to the police if you should enter their offices?

You don't save much—most always NOTHING—when you send your money out of Downers Grove, and you take all the risk yourself of short weight or measure, and of getting damaged or inferior goods. And don't you know that the growth and prosperity of Downers Grove depends very largely upon the success and prosperity of the home merchants? Out of town people judge Downers Grove by the appearance of our stores and the degree of enterprise shown by our merchants. And our home merchants cannot succeed unless home folks give them loyal support.

Microbes That Eat Rubber.
If your automobile tires or your rubber boots don't wear so well as they should it may be because microbes are eating them. When perfectly dry commercial rubber is not capable of furnishing nutriment to any form of microbe, but when sufficiently moist it is frequently attacked by certain bacteria or molds which feed on the albuminoids, resins and sugars it contains. The red, yellow, brown and black spots which often appear on rubber are due to the presence of microbes. At least two varieties of microbes are able to assimilate the hydrocarbon of rubber and by so doing destroy its value.

Fate of the Gossip.
A gossip is one who labors without thanks, talks without credit, lives without love, dies without tears and without pity, save that some say it was a pity he died no sooner.—Bishop Hull.

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Illinois State Academy of Science, Springfield, Ill., February 19 and 20, 1915.

Boards of Education in each community in Illinois are invited to send as a delegate some one of their teachers of science to the annual meeting of the State Academy, which will be held at the State Museum, Springfield, February 19 and 20, 1915.

The academy is composed of our leading men of science and of beginners of science as well.

At its meetings the work which is being done to increase knowledge of harmful and helpful insects, of fish and birds, of trees and plants, of drinking water, of soils, of mineral resources, such as oil, coal, clays and building stones; of human diseases, sanitation, etc., is reported and discussed. All phases of science are illuminated and every one who attends may be enabled to be a better teacher and a better citizen.

Physicians who are graduates of reputable medical schools and other men of scientific training and who are working along scientific lines are welcomed at the meetings and are invited to become active members.

The following men have been presidents in the past: Professor T. C. Chamberlin and Professor J. M. Coulter of the University of Chicago; Professor S. A. Forbes and Professor W. A. Noyes of the University of Illinois; Professor Henry Crew of Northwestern University and Director Frank W. DeWolf of the Illinois Geological Survey.

The present officers are as follows: President, Dr. A. R. Crook, Curator of the State Museum of Natural History, Springfield; Vice-President, Professor U. S. Grant, Northwestern University, Evanston; Secretary, Professor E. N. Truesdell, State Normal, Charleston; Treasurer, Professor J. C. Heasler, Milliken University, Decatur; Chairman, Membership Committee, Professor H. C. Cowles, Chicago University, Chicago.

Not Asleep.

Comments by the bishop of London (Doctor Ingram) on the falling birth rate were quoted by counsel in a case, when Judge Clever interposed, "What has the bishop to do with it? He is not married. Example is better than precept."

And when a doctor remarked, in giving evidence, that "everything is possible," Judge Clever replied, "No, it is not; or many a man would like to undo what he has done." While, when counsel put a question to a witness twice, he was sharply rebuked by the judge, who said, "If you see me asleep, tell me; but do not assume it by asking questions twice."

It was Judge Clever, too, who once dryly retorted, when a prisoner said, "I am only speaking the truth." "You must not take unusual exercises here."

Has Had Many Rulers.

The name Roumania comes down from the days of Roman rule, the country previous to that being overrun by seminomadic Getae and Dacians. Its vicissitudes, transformations, malformations and reformations have been innumerable, being ruled by this and that exploiting nation, and it only reached its present independence after the Russo-Turk war of 1877, and with the settlement for that time of the "Eastern question" by the congress of Berlin in 1878, Roumania became in area and impulses the little kingdom of today.

Hardly.

"Some of the weddings must make Cupid laugh in his sleeve," remarks a newspaper cynic. Not the Cupid whose pictures we've seen.—Boston Transcript.

Got His Errands Mixed?

Dolly—"Mrs. Bronson has divorced her husband on account of his failure to understand the needs of family life." Dolly—"How so?" Dolly—"He used to go out after coffee and come home with the milk."—Town Topics.

Church Notes

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Howard Adams Lepper.

On Sunday next there will be held in Episcopal churches all over the country a special service of thanksgiving for the centenary of peace between the United States and the British Empire. St. Andrew's will hold this special service at 11 a. m. All are earnestly invited to attend.

School of religious education will follow at the usual time, 12:15 p. m. Ash Wednesday services at 9 a. m.

LISLE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

S. R. Schieb, Pastor.

The spirit of aggressiveness has reached Lisle Congregational church. You come out next Sunday and see it. Our Sunday school superintendent and his newly elected helpers have arranged something which will take your eye, and we know your attention as well. Do not fail to come to our Sunday school next Sunday.

Remember Saturday evening, all you Lisle Sunday school people meet at or near the parsonage, where there will be vehicles to convey you to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nodleson, for a Saint Valentine party. Meet at 7 p. m. Be prompt or you may be obliged to foot it.

Next Sunday morning Sunday school at 10 o'clock, morning worship at 11. Subject, "The Value of Life." Evening service will be announced on Sunday.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Hold services in the Congregational church every second Sunday.

WALTER BURMEISTER, Pastor.

WOMEN'S NIGHT AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Next Sunday evening promises to be a most interesting and helpful service. The women of the church will have entire charge. They will do the singing, the ushering and the preaching. Dr. Sarah Janson, who has spoken at banquets in Downers Grove on one or two occasions, will give the address.

This service begins at 7:30 p. m. A most cordial invitation is given to every one to attend this meeting.

The regular morning worship will be held at 11 o'clock. The pastor will preach the sermon.

Our Sunday school will begin at 9:45.

The public is invited to all these services.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

James Freeman Jenness, Minister.

Sunday services: Class meeting at 10 a. m. Public worship at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 12 m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 8 p. m. Women's Missionary Societies, first Thursday afternoon of each month. Ladies' Aid Society, second Thursday afternoon of each month. Choir rehearsal, Saturday at 7:45 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. Eneas B. Goodwin, Pastor.

Sunday—8 a. m., Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 10 a. m., High Mass, reading of the Gospel and Epistle of the day, sermon; 3:30 p. m., vespers, benediction, sermon; baptisms, 2:30 p. m. Week days—Holy Communion, 7 a. m.; Mass, 8 a. m. Men's Sodality meets on the fifth Sunday of the month; Married Women on the first Sunday; Young Ladies on the second Sunday; Boys and Girls on the third Sunday. Holy hour adoration every Friday from 3 to 4 p. m.

ST. PAUL'S GERMAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

G. Pahl, Pastor.

Next Sunday, Feb. 14, we celebrate our anniversary and invite the public to the following services: 9:15 a. m., Sunday school. 10:30 a. m., German service. 7:30 p. m., English service. Our new church organ will be dedicated, the "Standard of Efficiency" for church members will be shown and an easy way to cancel a part of our parsonage debt. As the services will have the character of an evangelistic meeting, we hope for a blessed day to each who follow the invitation.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH.

Leo Schmitt, pastor, Sunday services: Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Junior Y. P. A., 2:45, and Senior Y. P. A. at 8:45 p. m. Mid-week meetings: Wednesday at 8 p. m. and Thursday at 7:45 p. m. Choir rehearsal at 8:45. Morning and evening worship with preaching by the pastor. The public is most cordially invited to all services.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST.

Sunday service, 11 a. m.; Wednesday, 8 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m. The reading room is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2 to 4 p. m. The Bible and Christian Science literature may be read or purchased of the one in charge. Visitors are welcome.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Paul G. Viehe, Pastor.

Worship with sermon by pastor Sunday morning and evening. Bible school and Men's class at 12. Endeavor topic: "The Solid Foundations of Life;" leader, Mr. Edward Lacey.

The topic for the prayer meeting is, "An Impregnable Defense."

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Do you need a good kidney medicine? Then read the reports in these very columns of Downers Grove persons cured or benefited with Doan's Kidney Pills. You won't have to go far to find out if they are true. This Downers Grove case is an example. Others will follow:

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HAVE MANY FANCIFUL BELIEFS

Bedouin Superstitions, Firmly Rooted, Are of the Most Peculiar Character.

Some Bedouin superstitions are fanciful indeed. They believe that when a man dies of thirst his soul goes forth in the form of a green owl, which flies about above the desert a thousand years, screaming for water. If a fish leaps from the water into a boat where a woman is riding, it is a sure sign that she will soon bear a son. They live in daily dread of the evil eye; the Arab mother fears for her child, lest this curse descend and blight its life. Some say a man so possessed has merely to cast his baneful glance on a bird flying, when the creature will fall to the earth stone dead. If an Arab woman finds the threads in her "nuttou"—loom—have become tangled, she blames the troublesome evil spirits. Many women have their limbs and bodies tattooed in fancy designs, as much as a charm to ward off disease as for beauty's sake.

Manna is still much eaten among Mesopotamian Arabs; the women collect and prepare it from the ground beneath certain hill trees, whence it drips. Yet the Arabs and the Jews and Chaldeans as well—firmly believe that this sweet, whitish gumlike food is cast down from heaven; that it is the same manna which tradition says was cast down from heaven for the children of Israel.—Geographical Magazine.

For Nervous Persons.

No one can help feeling nervous at times in this age of rush and racket, but it is quite possible to put on the brake, as it were, and not let the nerves run away with us. Here are a few hints on the subject:

"If people fret you, it is not necessary to be rude to them. Try, instead, to avoid them. Don't read books that irritate you. Books are plentiful, therefore put away the offending volume and choose another. If noise at night worries you, don't let it continue to do so. Get up and see to the matter and put it right.

"Don't let yourself get into the habit of being bored. It is not worth while. When you feel it coming on plunge at once into some task that will take all your time and energy. It is better to run away from certain things than to let them irritate you. Such martyrdom is usually unnecessary and bad for you all round."

Character Told by the Fingers.

When long fingers (with shorter palm) are knotted at the joints we find an extreme love for the minor parts of construction, whether it be in the building of a bridge or the endless tasks pertaining to a kitchen.

These persons are also logical, and not at all influenced by prejudice or gossip. They make our best housekeepers, for they are orderly; never caring how many little things they are called upon to do and generally doing them all well.

As scholars they are good mathematicians, making our best accountants. Many times these hands are found upon doctors who have taken up some special branch of study and are making themselves masters of it. These are our specialists.

Reverie of Rust.

Stitch, like rust, consumes faster than labor wears, but the seed hay is always bright.—Benjamin Franklin.

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