

# The Journal.

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Dan's Mercantile Agency reports business improved, with a marked increase in clearings. Profits are not large, but money is being made, and most all traders feel satisfied with the season's business. The money market is easy, and the present low price of iron and other raw staples invite capitalists to invest, feeling assured of a rich return in the future. No fears about the promptness of collections are entertained.

A mismatched couple were granted a divorce in a Chicago court the other day within ten minutes from the time of making application. It is not stated how long before the parties thus separated, were again feeding in new pastures but judging of their ability to expedite matters, would say it could not have been long.

For several days after a heavy rain the residents of Chicago are compelled to drink more or less of the foul river water which is carried by wind and wave to the crib, and there being sucked in, is immediately returned to the city and distributed. It is no wonder Chicago people are so prejudiced against water.

It is quite a common thing now a days for bank clerks, confidential employees, and the like to be arrested for embezzlement. In Cook County jail a score or more men are now confined awaiting trial. Such a condition of affairs will no doubt continue to exist so long as men live beyond their means. A man can't, with a salary of \$1,000 per year, spend \$1,500, or with \$1,500, spend \$2,000 and make ends meet, and, it is the losing sight of this important fact which causes so many aching hearts and troubled minds at the present time. Surely it is better to go slow but sure, saving here a little, and there a little, even if you are compelled to travel meanwhile in the more humbler walks of life in so doing. To observe and adhere closely to this rule is to be independent in the truest sense.

## She Knew Him Best.

John William Blank belonged to the Ancient and Modern and Highly Honorable Sons of Guns of Detroit. If it wasn't that, it was some other fraternal order which meets every Monday night and pays so much to the heirs of every member who happens to die.

John William happened to die the other month, and a committee was appointed to draft resolutions and present them to his wife in person. The first part of their duties was fulfilled to the entire satisfaction of the lodge, but the committee had some little trouble in finding Mrs. Blank. They traced her from one neighbor to another, and finally found her at her sister's, hat and shawl on, and ready to go out.

"Resolutions of sympathy, eh? Well, read 'em."

The Chairman of the committee proceeded to read that John William was a good husband and a kind father and a citizen of unapproachable integrity, when the widow interrupted:

"Too much taffy! We used to have a fight every week, and as for his being a kind father we never had any children. As for his integrity, he stole all the wood we burned last winter."

The Chairman gulped down something and continued to read that John William was an upright brother, a man with a heart full of sympathy for the misfortunes of others, and that charity and forgiveness were the beacon fires which guided his footsteps.

"Fudge!" sneered the widow. "I washed for the money to pay his dues to the lodge, and all the sympathy any one got out of him would buy a cent's worth of court-plaster! Forgiveness! Well, some of you ought to have sat down on his hat some time. He'd have revenge if it cost him a year in state prison. Beacon fires is purty good, considerin' that we never had a decent stove in the house!"

"Madam, your husband has been called hence."

"Exactly; I was at the funeral, and ought to know."

"He was cut down like a flower."

"Well, flowers ought to let whiskey, and saloons, and plug tobacco, and old sledge alone."

"And we trust that our loss is his gain."

"Well, if he's any better off I'm glad on't, but I guess the gain is on your side. Now that's all I want to hear. I can pick up a thousand better men than him with my eyes shut. I'm in a hurry to go down and see a woman who offers to sell a fur-lined circular for \$15, and if you have any more highfalutin Shakespeare to git off my sister will take it in and save it till I come back!"

## Highland Hall.

On Wednesday Sept. 19th, Highland Hall was opened, for the eighth year of the Young Ladies College. Since its founding in the autumn 1876 the institution has steadily grown in all the directions that make for permanent success. During the past summer and fall, a larger number of applications for rooms has been received than ever before. The school at present has representatives of Maine, Utah, Wisconsin, Tennessee, Iowa, Illinois, Dakota and Michigan. Not only the general college course

is pursued; twenty three are studying French or German; thirty four are study the piano; the special students in elocution number sixteen; thirteen studying drawing and painting, larger classes are pursuing the studies of Literature, History, Latin, History of art, Mathematics, and the Sciences.

"Hallowe'en" was celebrated as usual, by the students, by a "sheet and pillow case masquerade" at which numerous friends took the part of lookers on. At about Thanksgiving time the first quarter of the year will close, when some interesting statistics regarding the school will be given.

## Deerfield Doings.

Farms in this vicinity are being sold all the time. Mr. Mailfield, of Deerfield, has bought Mr. Wittmer's place and Mr. Wittmer intends to locate in Minnesota.

Patrons of the Deerfield cheese factory are not aware of a little game one of their number is playing. He will order butter from the factory, and then sell it for several cents more than he paid for it. This has been going on for some time, and he is so many dollars ahead every month. This is not doing as he would be done by, surely.

Mr. Hillis, from Lake Forest,

preached in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday, on the life of Martin Luther. His talk to the young people will be given in two weeks.

Mr. J. E. Knecht has obtained a situation in Chicago, so he will probably be away all winter.

The concert, or musical recital, to be given by Miss Ross is for the benefit of the Literary Society. The vocal music, we understand, will be furnished by members of O. A. C. The society seems to be flourishing nicely, and is probably doing better work after their summer vacation.

Mrs. W. H. Dow has returned to her Vermont home.

Vacation is over, and the scholars with their books were seen moving toward the "Temple of Learning" last Monday morning.

That "sausage" is at rest. Its travels are o'er. Peace be to its memory; or, in other words, the sender has apologized and been forgiven—though probably not forgotten—and everyone is requested to keep still and say no more about it. *Apologies were made on both sides, the receiver going down to Chicago and apologizing for the grand blunder in sending it back to the wrong fellow, and the real offender finally facing about and begging for forgiveness and mercy at the fair receiver's hands. But we are forgetting ourselves; "mum" is the word hereafter.* M(ORE) A(NON).

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