

When your Valentine comes he will call you
his queen;
His own sunny, smiling, bewitching Irene.

FOR "SOMEBODY."

There are Indians that trade
Off the costliest things,
For a few worthless beads
Or some shining brass rings,
A jingle of beads or a glitter of brass
Will win, among Indians,
The "loveliest lass."
And now, little girl,
Do you know anybody
Who is dazzled and won,
By apostles of shoddy,
'Til her very best friend
She'd trade in a minute,
If she only could feel
She really was "In It?"

WINNETKA PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Frank Whitney has recovered from tonsillitis.

Mr. Will Richardson is up again after an attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Frank Windes' baby has been very ill but is now recovering.

The dance at the Winnetka club Tuesday evening was well attended and highly enjoyed.

A masquerade at Grosse Point was reinforced by a large delegation from Winnetka a few evenings since.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Norberg welcomed a new daughter in the "wee sma hours" last Monday morning.

Mr. Chas. Whitney left his room a few days ago for the first time in a fortnight, having been very ill with pneumonia.

The children's dancing class, conducted by Miss May in Prouty hall is being well attended. On Thursday she commenced the second half of her second term.

The social hop given by Mr. F. K. Copeland last Saturday evening proved to be a complete success in spite of the misgivings of many that the extreme weather would prevent a representative attendance. There were present at the function a number of society people from out of town.

The Winnetka office of the NEWS-LETTER is in the Whitney store, Prouty Block, where representatives of the paper can be found on Tuesday and Friday of each week. At all other times Mr. Whitney will receive subscriptions, advertisements and news items.

Winnetka Department

A SERIOUS PREDICAMENT.

Forty service pipes of the water-works are reported frozen. A dead-end on Oak street and two on Cherry street are in the same fix. The ground throughout the village is frozen to a depth of from four to five feet and the warmer weather is pounding the frost deeper. The water-works department has every available man at work and the plumbers are swamped under a load of orders. Two of the city water meters have burst and three-fourths of the pipes on the west side are inoperative. The village is paying the expense of thawing out all pipes to the property line, from which point the expense falls upon the property owners. This unprecedented condition is a matter of great inconvenience, to say nothing of the grave danger should fire break out. There has been no meeting of the village board to take action as yet, but the individual members are canvassing every available plan which promises relief.

The streets are torn up all over the village and fires are burning at nearly every corner. The trouble seems to be that the service pipes and mains were in most instances laid at an insufficient depth in the first place, and the failure to lower all pipes when street grades were cut down preliminary to macadamizing has left exposed to climatic severity most of the mains and pipes which had originally been deep enough.

WINNETKA'S MINERAL SPRING.

TO THE EDITOR: While workmen were digging over west of the track, a vein of mineral water was struck that shot the sparkling fluid ten feet or more into the air. In medicinal properties it was said to excel anything ever discovered on the North Shore. The entire west side turned out, regardless of the zero weather, and carried home samples in bottles, jugs and lard pails. The most surprising feature was that the water kept constantly changing. At first the

vein spurted out almost pure soda water, and later it became strongly impregnated with sulphur. One travelled Winnetkaite pronounced the water far superior to the well-known Apollinaries, and even thought it equal to the boric acid waters of Saffioni in Tuscany. A local M. D. sampled it and said "Sic semper saleratus." Tostevin tried it and said: "I must have some, too," and went back to the depot for a jug. Real estate in the neighborhood advanced 100 per cent. in a few hours. Trustee Herdman appeared on the scene and claimed the spring in the name of the Village of Winnetka, explaining that in case the village didn't want it we could sell the water to Kenilworth or Glencoe. Accordingly he rushed off for a plumber to control the flow. The plumber discovered that the afore-said workmen had plunked a hole into a city water main. The crowd marched back to town, headed by a delegation of milkmen (drawn there solely by curiosity), singing: "Shall We Gather at the River."

KANSAS FARMER.

AN ELOQUENT SOLDIER.

The lecture given by Col. J. B. Sanborn at the Congregational church was one of the finest treats given the people of Winnetka in years. The colonel surprised even those who best knew his abilities by the striking manner in which his discourse was given. The entertainment benefits jointly the Congregational and Episcopal churches, and the receipts reached an amount highly gratifying to Col. Sanborn and to the people. There had been a large advanced sale and the packed audience at the church did not fully represent those to whom tickets had been sold. The stereopicon pictures exhibited by Col. Sanborn are said to be by long odds the finest collection made during the Spanish war, and the bearing of each upon vital points in the conflict was graphically explained by the lecturer.