

## WATER BILL HIGH? READ THIS LETTER

Wilmette Man Finds Reason for Increase in Bill "Seemingly Insignificant Leaks"

Water bill high, and still soaring? You registered a "kick" at the village offices? To be sure, you did. You looked for possible leaks? Probably not.

C. W. Petersen, of Wilmette, looked for leaks when his water bill went up away out of reason. He found the leaks, his water bill descended to normal proportions, and Mr. Petersen, who had registered the inevitable "kick" sat himself down to his trusty typewriter and told a certain village official just how he discovered that he, and not the village clerical staff, was in error. His letter is offered for the edification of those who find their water bills too high. Here it is:

"You will possibly remember my being in your office some time ago, and indulging in considerable "kicking" in regard to the size of my water tax,—\$17.18 for six months; and that you suggested the presence of leaks as the cause of such an exorbitant bill. Though I disbelieved the possibility of any leaks that could escape my attention, causing such a waste of water, I felt I would give the Water department a fair show, and investigate. This is the result: two faucets leaked very little, and I thought I detected a very slight leak in one toilet. After putting new fuller balls in the faucets, and new valve ball in the flush box, I could still hear a slight singing noise in the pipes near the meter, but was unable to find any evident leaks. To do a good job, I changed the fuller balls in all the faucets—16 of them—put new flush valves in all the flush boxes—I have three toilets,—and put new shut-off caps in the flush box inlet valves. The total cost of all this was \$1.32, and about two hours time, which stopped the singing in the pipe entirely. Readings of the meter before the above repairs showed 324 cu. ft. used in six days, or 54 cu. ft. per day. After the repairs were made the readings were 252 cu. ft. in 12 days, or 21 cu. ft. per day. There are seven adults in the house. The washing is done at home, and no particular care is taken as to the amount of water used, but at that, the water bill for six months, with no leaks would be \$8.84—some difference from \$17.

"It seems that if everybody, whose water bill for the ordinary sized family runs over \$9 for six months, would stop the leaks (which surely are there whether one can see them or not) we would have a lot less trouble with lack of pressure, etc., about which everybody — myself included — has done so much kicking the past couple of years. I also want to tell you that by actual readings of the meter it

costs 11.6 cents per hour to sprinkle a lawn—something entirely unnecessary, and most times actually harmful if a lawn is properly cared for. I have gone into this matter in such detail only to show you I am just as ready and anxious to admit being in the wrong as I am to kick when I think my toes are being stepped on, and it might do a lot of good if more people realized how much seemingly insignificant leaks really amount to.

Yours very truly,  
C. W. Petersen,  
625 Park avenue.

### SENSATIONAL COMEDY A GREAT REVELATION

Something new under the sun will be revealed at the Community House when that very important planet is seen rising over the hills that look down on the farm in Mack Sennett's latest triumph, "Down on the Farm." This five-reel comedy sensation released by United Artists will be seen at Community House, next Friday evening.

"Down on the Farm" presents Louise Fazenda, Marie Prevost and Ben Turpin in the leading roles. The blend of many elements is what gives "Down on the Farm" its unique character and the claim is made for it that it provides something different from anything that Mr. Sennett has ever accomplished in comedy, and, therefore, of course, different from anything any producer has ever evolved.

Though the plot is melodramatic and concerns the romance of a pretty maiden of rustic life, a menacing mortgage, a villainous landlord and a harrassed and beautiful wife, the treatment will be found as new as it is refreshing and "different." It is a masterpiece from the hands of the producer who has made more footage of fun than any three producers of merriment in motion pictures.

There will be two shows, one at 7:15 and one at 8:45.

### New Books at the Library

#### ADULT

Lee, J.—The Other Susan.  
Wells, C.—Luminous face.  
Bindloss, H.—Lister's Great Adventure.  
Farnol, J.—Martin Coningsby's Vengeance.  
Chamberlain, G. A.—Cobweb.  
Dowd, E. A.—When Polly was Eighteen.  
Bailey, T.—Gay Cockade.  
Pryde, A.—Nightfall.  
Marshall, A.—Peter Binney.  
Connor, R.—To Him That Hath.  
Vance, L. J.—Red Masquerade.  
Walpole, H.—Young Enchanted.  
Norris, C. G.—Brass.  
Fletcher, J. S.—Borough treasure.  
Rinehart, Mrs. M. (R.)—Sight Unseen and the Confession.  
Benet, S. V.—Beginning of Wisdom.

Lytton, G.—Scenario writing today.  
Johnson, R. B.—The Women Novelists.

Shackelton, R.—Book of Chicago.  
Currier, H. J.—Just for fun.  
JUVENILE

Walker, A. H.—Conjuring Tricks.  
Ernst, C. H.—Mark of the Knife.  
Cregor, E. R.—White Wolf.  
Ames—Terrance from Texas.  
Kelland, C. B.—Catty Atkins.  
Kelland, C. B.—Catty Atkins Riverman.

Theiss, L. E.—Young wireless Operator—as a Patrol.

### MASONS PLAN CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE KIDDIES

Glencoe Masonic lodge announce its first annual Children's Christmas party for the afternoon of Saturday, December 17, at 3 o'clock at the Glencoe Masonic hall, Vernon and Hazel ave-

will provide the principal interest at nues.

Movies and eats, toys and candies, the party, according to Merle B. Walsh, master of the lodge, ho is in charge of the affair.

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Reservations are to be made with W. R. Mitchell, 725 Greenwood avenue, Glencoe.

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