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Girl Wanted.
Girl for general housework wanted by Mrs. Robert Randle, Rensselaer. Small family and good pay.

We hope the hotel registers of Rensselaer are not a criterion of travel everywhere. Possibly, however, this fact explains that all the travel now consists of through passengers to Indianapolis, Canton, Washington and Carson City. Nor do we hear of any let-up on passenger traffic via Monon to Michigan City. Rensselaer is just now unfortunate in not having a penitentiary, insane asylum or prize ring. Only a thriving cannery factory, running overtime and Sundays, as George Pumpfrey puts it, canning the advance agents' prosperity products for future use.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.
The widespread interest in the coming inaugural ceremonies at Washington gives timeliness and value to the article entitled "Ninety-seven Years in the White House," which forms the leading feature of FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY for March. It is written by Joanna R. Nichols, and is profusely illustrated with portraits and interior views reproduced from new photographs. Then there is a vigorous description of the great Lincoln Inauguration, by Hon. A. Oakley Hall, who was a participant in the ceremonies. This is illustrated with a reproduction of a sketch of the inauguration made at the time, and a picture of some of the costumes worn at the Inauguration Ball. There are many other interesting and important articles in this number, and some clever stories and poems. "Va-sar College" is described in a splendidly written paper by Blanche A. Jones; Frederick A. Ober writes of "Some Native of North Africa," which includes the Arabs, Berbers, Touaregs and Moors; there is the concluding paper of Edmund Jennings Lee's excellent estimate of the character of General Robert E. Lee; "A Thousand Miles Up the Amazon" is entertainingly described by Clarence B. Riker; Commissioner Blechenden tells of life in India; the city of St. Louis comes in for an appreciative paper by Charles Thomas Logan; and there is some illustrated stage gossip, a young folks' department, talks about new books, and many other things.—Frank Leslie's Publishing House, New York.

Heard at the Hotel.
A visitor to our city relates what he overheard in the dining room of his hotel one evening this week.

A gentleman accompanied by his wife daughter and an older lady had taken their places, and after giving their orders for the coming meal, the gentleman proceeded to talk over his day's business, after this manner: "Times are pretty good with me, for to-day I took in a team of horses, wagon, harness, cultivator, harrow, corn planter and mower for fourteen dollars." "Well," spoke up the daughter, "you don't need to kick about hard times when you can buy a whole outfit for \$14."

The visitor manifested surprise at the statement he had overheard, and made inquiry outside if it could be true. He was assured that instances of that sort were every day occurrences, and that since the last election there were the best opportunities ever known for persons starting in life to buy anything they needed for so few dollars in cash. The stranger scratched his head as if meditating, and even was heard to inquire why farmers would part with their good implements so cheaply. A wag standing by, spoke up, "you come here and borrow ten dollars of that shark for six months and see if it don't clean up an 80 acre farm to pay it off." As the stranger turned to go out he was heard to mutter something about understanding now what was meant by such a good dollar a few months since.

Many cases of "Grippe" have lately been cured by One Minute Cough Cure. This preparation seems especially adapted to this disease. It acts quickly thus preventing serious complications and bad effects in which this disease often leaves the patient. A. F. LONG.

"Where Doctors Disagree."

There has been a great deal of disagreement from time to time about the therapeutic value of sarsaparilla. In the main, authorities deny any particular medical value to the plant. "It's just an old wife's remedy," they say. And in the main they are right. There are about a dozen varieties of sarsaparilla, scattered through various countries and of this dozen only one has any real curative power. So a man whose experience might be confined to the eleven other varieties might honestly say there was little value in them. The one valuable sarsaparilla is found in Honduras, C. A. Monardes, a physician of Seville, records the introduction of sarsaparilla into Spain as a result of the Spanish discoveries of the New World, between 1536 and 1542. But the root did not accomplish much. But he added, "a better sort soon after came from Honduras." It is this "better sort" that is used exclusively in Ayer's Sarsaparilla. And it is the use of this "better sort" that has given Ayer's Sarsaparilla prominence over all other varieties by reason of its wonderful cures of blood diseases. Send

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Van Rensselaer Chapter No. 267, Daughters of the American Revolution of Rensselaer, Ind., has a membership of twenty-three ladies all descendants of Revolutionary heroes. These, with their husbands and sweet hearts, assembled on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. Alfred McCoy in honor of Washington's birthday.

The commodious rooms were tastefully decorated with flags and bunting in a manner befitting the occasion, and a portrait of Washington occupied the post of honor.

The costumes of the ladies were typical of the Colonial period in our National history and, like the ladies themselves, were charming indeed. The powdered hair, quaint dresses and rare old jewelry worn gave to our modern daughters an ancient atmosphere impressing modern man with the thought that he had been carried back a hundred years, to another day and age.

Many of the costumes made for the occasion were elegant and beautiful. Several of the ladies, however, were attired in dresses that had been the pride of the feminine heart at about the time of our centennial celebration, and fittingly exemplified the revolution that is constantly taking place in modern fashion, altogether forming an appropriate frontispiece to the colonial story in which Washington is a solitary and striking figure; standing as he does in bold relief, typifying that strength of manhood and character that gave to our fore fathers their place in history, and that has called down the reverence, respect and admiration of men of all nations, founding as they did this matchless republic of ours, which illustrates to the world the character of General Robert E. Lee; "A Thousand Miles Up the Amazon" is entertainingly described by Clarence B. Riker; Commissioner Blechenden tells of life in India; the city of St. Louis comes in for an appreciative paper by Charles Thomas Logan; and there is some illustrated stage gossip, a young folks' department, talks about new books, and many other things.—Frank Leslie's Publishing House, New York.

The early evening was spent in song and instrumental music, rendered by some of the accomplished daughters.

After the belated husbands and lovers had all arrived, several hours were pleasantly spent with progressive dominoes. The game waxed merrily until nine games had been played, when an elegant spread, such as gladdeneth the heart of man, was placed before us. For the time at least, dominoes were forgotten.

The fleeting moments having gone all too fast and the hour of midnight having arrived, the guests took their departure, mentally voting Mrs. Alfred McCoy a charming hostess, and the Daughters of the American Revolution a howling success. GUEST.

Fire Sale of Millinery.

Mrs. L. M. Innes will close out all of her millinery saved from the late fire at the lowest prices ever offered in Rensselaer. All of her summer goods were burned but a portion of her new and seasonable goods were saved. The goods are not damaged other than what would naturally result in the confusion of a hurried moving. Bargains on every article. Everything must go before the arrival of her new stock. In the Nowels house block.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters are uncalled for at the Rensselaer post office:
Lydia Meff, Jack Kneader, P. Efferty, James T. Miller and Mr. J. D. Sanders.
E. P. HONAN, P. M.

Jasper Kenton's House Burned.

Fire completely destroyed the new house of Jasper Kenton last night between nine and ten o'clock. The cause is supposed to have been from carelessness in dropping a lighted match in the wood shed. The family had retired and escaped with very few clothes. Scarcely nothing was saved of the contents of the house. Mr. Kenton has only recently purchased the place of Monroe Bancs and had no insurance, though Mr. Bancs holds a \$500 policy on the house which was to have been transferred to him, but had been neglected. Mr. Kenton's loss cannot be less than \$1,500, as the house was well furnished and all was lost including a piano and all the clothing of the family. The discussion of water-works has been resumed again.

Death of James C. Morgan.

The soldier and citizen has gone; the reveille has sounded for him in the camp beyond this vale of tears.

Mr. Morgan was stricken with hemorrhage of the stomach about half past eight o'clock Sunday morning, and he gradually failed until death came to his relief at 2:30 a. m. Monday.

He had been in his usual health and had no warning of the sudden collapse that came upon him. The funeral was held yesterday under the directions of the Knights of Pithias, Rev. Uter officiating at the M. E. church.

James Clay Morgan was 51 years, 7 months and 2 days old.

He was a member of Company K. of the 48th Indiana infantry, and saw much severe service. He leaves a wife Mrs. Eva Child Morgan and one child a daughter of fourteen. He has been a resident of Rensselaer since 1850.

New Tints for Walls.

The wall papers are more beautiful this year than ever before and perhaps a few hints to those contemplating changing their wall decorations will be interested to know what is considered proper in the year of our Lord, 1897. With this in view we called on our genial dealer, Frank B. Myer, for a few points. He was found busily preparing an immense stock for the season which will open March 1st. Expressing surprise that so much wall paper could be sold in one season we were informed that the consumption of wall paper was greatly on the increase from two causes. First, very few people have rooms that are not papered, whereas a few years ago the reverse was the rule, and many people now change the paper on their walls each year, so cheap as well as pretty has it become. In fact many a lady thinks as much about a new dress for her parlor walls as she does about her gowns. No tasteful person wants to buy an 1896 paper for 1897 walls.

Light and dark olives are to be the popular shades for parlors and libraries, terracottas for dining rooms. Beautiful tints in deep blues will also be used on many parlor walls and for chambers. Plain felt papers will be used with shaded borders and ceiling for dining rooms.

There are also delightfully attractive shades of rich dark browns which will be popular for libraries and sitting rooms. This particular color can be had in all grades of paper.

No job of paper hanging is complete without mouldings appropriate to match.

Mr. Meyer has double as large a stock as he has ever purchased before and when it is all in it will be a fastidious lady indeed who cannot find her ideal among the hundreds of patterns that compose it.

Prices in wall paper have fallen considerably in a year, but the fact that Mr. Meyer orders six to eight months in advance of delivery in jobber's lots, and has it all made from order and shipped direct from factory, lessens the cost to him very materially, as the profits of jobbers and wholesalers are thereby avoided, together with all their out of style patterns and colorings, and the benefit given to his patrons. He will be ready to receive callers to see these goods March 1st. There will be no opening but the latch string of the big drug store always hangs out.

The selection of paints in appropriate colors to harmonize with wall paper effects and with carpets is very essential to perfect decoration, and Mr. Meyer has given this detail of the business considerable study and his judgment in such delicate matters will be of invaluable assistance to persons desiring stylish harmonies.

Waiting for the Full Blast.

Elwood, Neb., Feb. 20, '97, F. D. Craig, Dear Sir:—Enclosed find draft for \$1.25 to cover back subscription to PEOPLE'S PILOT. The "advance wave of McKinley prosperity" has struck Nebraska and has, financially speaking, knocked the "wind" out of the inhabitants. Don't know what the result will be when the full "blast" strikes us March 4th.

Yours truly,
S. B. YEOMAN.

Stenography and Typewriting.

Stenographers and typewriters, male and female, are in great demand. This Bureau will fit students for desirable positions in that line without the loss of valuable time or the outlay of much money. The art is easy to acquire, and to experts, desirable positions are easy to secure. Send stamp for particulars, terms, etc. National Information Bureau, 1420 New York Ave., Washington, D. C.

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Eighteen months old, (Hadam Beatrix, Celtic Rector) registered, height 33 inches, weight 190 pounds, orange color, black muzzle good watch dog, price \$35. Machell Cover, Kniman, Jasper Co., Ind.

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Alyssum—This old favorite should be largely used in every garden. A novelty Little Gem. Very dwarf.

Asters—We have selected the best variety that can be found. Large and beautiful flowers.

Balsam (Lady Slipper)—The variety we offer is the superb Canella Flowered.

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Miniature Sunflower (Helianthus cucurbitifolius)—A novelty of great merit. Three feet high. Small flowers.

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Gourds—Dish cloth and all other ornamental varieties mixed.

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WASKEP, Mich., Sept. 22, 1896.

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The field of that sort marked Robinson's Seedling, in package sent you to-day, is a very superior corn. You see the date on the cards, showing time of growth—and the King on new ground is No. 1; not as early as the Robinson on older ground. The first three hills of the latter which I stepped up to test had three stalks in each hill, and there were nine ears on the three hills, every ear as fine as the two sent you (10 inches long). I came near sending the nine ears, but decided to get two of the King that you might examine and compare. The Robinson has been raised on my place now for four years and will be the only kind planted next year. Of course as we have not begun husking I can only estimate relative amounts, but it seems to promise at least 25 per cent more yield than the King. If you wish to use on seed list, let me know, as I can select choice seed and dry it well.

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