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Can always be gotten at his drug store. It has won its way into its present complimentary popularity upon merit alone.

It holds fast the many friends it made many years ago, and proves itself a perfect remedy and toilet article for the uses indicated by its title.

## Gold Fish

We have just received a new shipment of gold fish in all sizes, from 15¢ to 50¢ apiece. We have only a few fine Japanese specialties left. Call and see them or telephone 217.

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Steam Engines, Boilers  
House Fronts, Mill Machinery  
And Tobacco Saws,  
Brass and Iron Fittings,  
Castings of all kinds.  
PADUCAH, KY.

May Be His Last Letter Home.  
Indianapolis, Feb. 17.—Harry J. Keys, an Indianapolis boy, twenty-one years old, was serving a three years' confinement on the Maine. Mrs. J. J. Turner, young Keys' mother, Tuesday received a letter from her son, written from on board the battleship at Havana, in which he described the conditions as seen from shipboard. He said the feeling in Havana was strong against the American sailors, and that little liberty had been allowed them, for fear of trouble. His companions believed the Maine would be specifically called back to the United States, and they were all pleased with the prospect of getting out of Cuban waters. In the letter Keys said there were two big Spanish warships in the harbor, close to the Maine.

Mrs. Turner is almost broken down under the suspense caused by the unexplained fate of her son, and has telegraphed the Department at Washington asking to be kept advised.

Looks Suspicious.  
London, Feb. 17.—The Globe yesterday afternoon commenting on the disaster to the United States battleship Maine, says:  
"It is impossible to refrain from the suspicion that the explosion may have been caused by foul means. Although anchored, the Maine would have had steam up in case of her boilers for the dynamo and auxiliary machinery. If an infernal machine had been hidden in the coal and thrown into the furnaces, obviously there would have been an explosion of the boiler and as a result of a magazine. That this terrible event should have occurred in the harbor of Havana renders a solution of the mystery of international importance."

### WEATHER REPORT.

Louisville, Feb. 17.—Rain and warmer tonight. Clearing Friday. Colder Friday evening.

We want you for a customer.  
NEW CITY STRAW LAUNDRY.

### Dainty Odors...

How much we appreciate the dainty odor of flowers at this season! It is not for all of us, however, to enjoy them as they come from nature, but there is always the kind treated by perfumes—sweet fragrant scents in glass.

May Belle, Vassar Violets,  
Crabapple Blossoms,  
Atkinson White Rose, etc.  
Carnation Pink—very rich and lasting.

LYNE & LYNE'S DRUG STORE

## SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES.

Hole Said to Have Been Found  
In the Bulk of the Battle-  
ship Maine. Has Ar-  
roused Feeling.

Court of Enquiry Will Examine  
Into It Immediately. The  
Latest Story of the  
Disaster.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 3:12 p. m.—Capt. Sigbee is said to have called Secretary Long not to send any more warships to Havana as he (Sigbee) feared treachery. The number killed is two hundred and sixty; missing, thirty.

Washington, Feb. 17.—It is reported from Havana that a hole has been found in the bulk of the wrecked Maine. This circumstance is regarded as extremely suspicious, though the hole may have been caused by an explosion on board the ill-fated battleship.

A court of inquiry has been ordered to assemble immediately to make an investigation of the loss of the Maine. There is nothing else new about the affair.

Washington, Feb. 17, 2 p. m.—The feeling is steadily growing here that the Maine disaster was no accident. Neither Consul General Lee nor Capt. Sigbee have made any report today. An official investigation will probably be held on Monday.

Spanish officials at Havana have resumed censorship of the press and of foreign correspondents with renewed and unusual rigor.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Special to the Louisville Post.—The effort of the secretary of the navy to discover that the explosion was designed is preliminary merely. The secretary has no means of judging the cause of the explosion, other than sent to the general public, except the knowledge of the precautions taken on shipboard to guard against accidents.

To intimate that it had been anything but an accident would be a grave indiscretion on his part and he must necessarily say that it was an accident until information shows the contrary. At the same time information based upon the meager information received and the knowledge of the department as to the location and contents of the magazine and the protection afforded, lead to the strong suspicion that the explosion was designed.

The feeling, not uttered above a whisper, but undoubtedly entertained in the department, is that the explosion was not an accident. The officers familiar with all the conditions on board the vessel suspect some possibility of an accident occurring, nor do they think that the explosion could have been caused by a bomb or torpedo being exploded on deck.

The magazines were so protected that the carelessness of any of the crew could not have caused the explosion, as there is no access to them from the vicinity of the magazine. Another thing which makes still more doubtful the theory of an accident is that the Maine, unlike other vessels in the navy, did not have on board her complement of high explosives, which might have accidentally been discharged. One suspicion is that a drifting torpedo was intentionally exploded under the bow. Some suggest the possibility of a spy having secretly got access to the magazines, but this seems almost as improbable as that an accident could have occurred.

It has been under-tooled here that the Havana harbor is a checkboard of fortresses, and while there can be no official hint of such a thing, there has been a constant fear of treachery on the part of the Spaniards.

The decision of the secretary not to send a fleet is received, with disfavor, and is known to be against the judgment of some of the most capable men in the department. It is regarded by some as indirect proof that the situation remains as it is, the survivors of the Maine's crew on shore and the consulate unprotected, and is extremely risky to send our vessels there, one at a time, "subject to an accident." The fact that Capt. Sigbee did not ask for vessels to be sent other than the teners is not regarded as sufficient warrant for the secretary to assume that the captain does not regard the presence of a fleet as desirable.

The fact that Capt. Sigbee suggests in his dispatch that public opinion should be suspended until further report, is regarded as showing, not that he regards the explosion as accidental, but that he is suspicious of something worse, but unprepared to make a declaration. Were he satisfied that the explosion was accidental, instead of suggesting a suspension of public opinion, he would relieve all doubt by declaring it to have been an accident.

CONGRESS WON'T TAKE ACTION.  
Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs and a member of the committee on appropriations, said that he had just come from an interview with the secretary of the navy, and that he felt confident that the navy department would institute a thorough investigation into the disaster. "There is no occasion," said the senator, "for congress to take the matter up. Surely something should be left to the department, and this is one of the things which, in my opinion, should be so left. It is, of course, impossible from the information received, to say how the accident occurred but I feel confident that the facts when developed will show that it was an accident. The Maine was, of course, prepared for action, and action should be necessary, and had therefore many vulnerable points exposed. A battleship is little less than a volcano under the most favorable circumstances, and when legislation for the increase of the navy I feel that a war vessel may prove to be almost as dangerous to those on board as to those whom it might engage in hostile conflict. For this reason I am sure the affair in Havana harbor will prove a genuine sensation in naval circles and from any political aspect of it."

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—A special copy of the Evening World from Havana says the officers of the Maine state that the explosion was in the central magazine, and that the Maine was raised out of the water and then went partially to pieces. The dispatch continues:  
"All the officers below were in the wardroom at the moment of the explosion. Then came the stupendous shock. All the officers below rushed on deck, but could get no farther forward than the middle superstructure on deck. Only a very pitiable few of the 350 sailors ever got from below. The water rushed over them and many were stunned and drowned but not mangled. It is not likely that more than forty sailors were saved. The officers on deck narrowly escaped. In the junior officers' mess all had to clamber out through water and wreckage waist deep. One ladder from the after torpedo compartment was jammed with men struggling up for life. All agree that a double explosion occurred from the natural result of an under-water explosion of the magazines."

THE DISPATCH SAYS THAT THE ACCOUNT of the passengers on the Ward line steamer City of Washington, which was lying 300 yards from the Maine, bears out the foregoing statement. Continuing, the cable says:  
"Brass pipe, angle iron, etc., fell in a perfect shower on the decks of the City of Washington, so injuring two boats, that when lowered they were useless. Out of the dense smoke came anguishing cries for help. Simultaneously with the cessation of falling fragments, searchlights were thrown on the wreck and its load of agony. Spanish boats from the shore joined those of the Washington alongside at once, but the regular ferryboats, passing soon after the explosion, did not stop to offer aid."

## F. M. FISHER CONFIRMED.

The Senate Acts Favorably on  
His Nomination—Will Be  
in Paducah This  
Week.

C. M. Barnett Also Gets His Final  
Paper—Other Late Wash-  
ington News of  
Interest.

Washington, Feb. 17.—F. M. Fisher was last night confirmed by the Senate as postmaster at Paducah. The other Kentucky cases acted favorably on were: Cicero M. Barnett, surveyor of port at Louisville. Postmasters—Kentucky: R. R. Perry, Winchester; W. Truett, Lancaster; S. Standell, Williamsburg; L. F. Petty, Shelbyville; S. T. Moore, Princeton; C. Matthews, Mayaville; J. A. Deboe, Clinton; W. S. Burgess, Ashland.

A Bold Robbery.  
Princeton, Ky., Feb. 16.—James Calvert, of Dawson, Ky., brother of George and Walter Calvert, tobacco manufacturers in this city, was, while on his way to the depot last night, waylaid and robbed of his gold watch and about \$20.

Several houses were also visited, but nothing taken, as the thieves were frightened away before anything was accomplished.

SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY  
Was Up to Tell Where He Got  
Beer.

Warrants Issued Against W. E. Russell and John Etrod.

Luther Jones, the 6-year-old boy mentioned elsewhere as having bought beer for his older brothers and Arthur Johnson was taken before Judge Sanders after court and questioned.

The boy was made to tell where he bought the beer and said he got it from W. E. Russell and John Etrod. Warrants were issued against them for selling liquor to a minor.

The father of the boy was in court this morning and stated that he had never given his son a written order for intoxicating liquors.

Prosecuting Attorney J. Wheeler Campbell stated this morning that it was a disgrace to the community that boys of such tender age should be able to buy intoxicating liquors, and that he would hereafter prosecute everybody who sold it to minors.

AT HALF MAST.

The Navy Department Orders  
All Flags

On Government Buildings Thus  
Mourning.

Surveyor of Customs J. R. Puryear today received from the navy department, Washington, a telegram ordering him to place at half mast the big flag on the custom house here in honor of those who met death in the Maine disaster.

SUPERINTENDENT HARAHAN  
Writes Mayor Lang a Friendly  
Letter.

Says the Refusal to Let Officers  
Search the Train Will Be  
Investigated.

Mayor Lang today received a most friendly and courteous letter from Superintendent W. J. Harahan, of Louisville, in reply to the one he wrote last week relative to the manner in which local officers were prevented from arresting the three assailants of uniformed Alexander, who passed through on the emigrant train.

Superintendent Harahan assures the mayor that the railroad company's desire and effort is to do all in its power to benefit the cities along its line and tributary to it; that the company upholds none of its employees when they act in a manner discourteous, and that a full investigation will be made of the affair.

Fell In, Fished Out.

This morning a man fell into the river at the foot of Jefferson street while maneuvering around the City of Clarksville. He was fished out after being well ducked.

VIEW OF BENJAMIN HARRISON.

Indianapolis, Feb. 17.—When former President Harrison was asked by the Associated Press for a statement yesterday regarding the destruction of the United States battleship Maine, he said:  
"The occurrence is a most terrible and shocking one. It is to be hoped that an investigation will leave no doubt that it was an accident. If there should be any room for suspecting foul play it would be very unfortunate."

Telephone No. 29 for a nice two horse load delivered promptly. Price 61¢ each. Ohio River Spoke and Elm Co., K. E. Seal.

## MOOSE FAVORS GOEREL'S RILL.

Will Probably Pass His Measure  
to Make Kentucky Safe-  
ly and Eternally  
Democratic.

The Local Option Bill Postponed  
In the Senate—Representa-  
tive Moore Wants War  
With Spain.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 17.—Senator Goebel's bill establishing an election commission was advanced today in the house. The vote shows that the bill will probably be passed. It will however be certainly vetoed by Gov. Bradley, and its passage by the legislature over his veto is uncertain.

In the senate the local option bill was postponed and will probably be defeated. This bill gives counties, as a whole, including cities and manufacturing towns the right to vote on the whiskey license question.

Wants to Fight.  
Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 17.—Representative Moore, of Ballard county, today introduced a resolution in the house that war should be declared immediately with Spain.

THE THREE RIVERS.  
Items of Interest Gathered From  
the River Front for the  
Sun Readers.

The Dick Fowler left for Cairo  
this morning.

The John S. Hopkins left for Evansville at 10 o'clock, carrying the mail, besides other freight, of which she had a good load.

The river is rising here slightly, there being a rise of three inches last night.

The R. Dunbar was here last night from Nashville. She has entered the Evansville, Paducah and Nashville trade.

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The P. D. Staggs leaves this afternoon for Waterloo, Ala. She is expected to leave heavily loaded.

## Upholstery... AND AWNINGS

We are now prepared to do anything in the line of Upholstering  
Repairing of Furniture and Awnings. We manufacture and make  
over all kinds of Mattresses; cotton top, all cotton, moss, hair and box  
mattresses. Odd sizes in mattresses made to order on short notice.  
Telephone 396, and we will call and make estimates on your work.

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NOTICE...  
We desire to inform the  
public that the expected  
shipment of the celebrated

CASA NOVA  
CIGARS

has at last arrived. We  
would be pleased to have  
pleased to have our custom-  
ers who buy them by the  
box to telephone No. 180  
and we will deliver them  
promptly. Kept.

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Sponges

DuBois & Co.  
Druggists.  
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For Chapped Hands  
and Face, Use

WINSTEAD'S  
HANDINE  
There is nothing to equal  
it. Sold by all first-  
class druggists.

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The best meal in town for the  
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Open day and night Short Orders

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Prompt and thorough attention given  
to all cases.  
Vouchers for quarterly payment of  
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made suit at the prices charged by

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Establishment  
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The newest things about them are the tiny prices—just a day old, and small for their age.

Three hundred new more satin and Egyptian novelty silk dress skirts—samples in price and samples of elegance. These skirts range in price from \$5.00 to \$22.00—our prices... \$4.98 to \$10.00. Two hundred brand new wool novelty dress skirts—samples. These skirts should sell for \$6.00 and \$8.00—our prices... \$4.98 and \$5.98. An elegant line of the very newest Kneecap plaid skirts, in all of the latest combinations of colors... \$1.50. Fifteen hundred pieces sample muslin and cambric underwear, consisting of the finest qualities of handsomely trimmed gowns, chemise, skirts, etc., slightly soiled, at... Just half of former prices. Don't fail to see them.

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THE LATEST GOODS

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Three Nights and Wednesday Matinee commencing

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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The Funniest Show on Earth—A drama, comedy and circus all in one.

PRICES 10, 20, 30 CENTS

Ladies free on Monday night with one paid for ticket. Seats on sale Saturday morning at Van Culin's.

FRIDAY, FEB. 13.

## BEACH & BOWERS' FAMOUS MINSTRELS

FINEST UNIFORMED BAND IN THE WORLD.

THIRTY DISTINGUISHED ARTISTS.

A VAST ORGANIZATION

Monarchs of the Minstrel World.

Absolutely an Entire Change of Program Since Our Last Visit.

Watch for Grand Uniformed Band

STREET PARADE AT 11 A. M.

ADMISSION, 25, 35, 50 & 75C

NO ARRESTS MADE.

But the Fight Was an Exceedingly Hot One.

There was a prolonged and desperate fight between two bulls yesterday night, the grocery store being near 9 o'clock, which attracted scores of spectators. The bulls were innocent, but the atmosphere was not, nevertheless the crowd seemed to enjoy the sport.

The goats fought until both were nearly exhausted, and apparently with no cause whatever. Switchmen, motorcade, merchants, pedestrians and others stopped to become spectators. No arrests were made.

No Performance Tonight.

Prof. Cheever will give no performance at Morton's opera house tonight owing to the tightness of the patronage of the preceding nights.

## Millinery Department

Everything in our complete millinery department will be sold at just one-half of our always low prices in order to make room for our new spring goods.

Just received, our new spring stock of hair goods. We are certain headquarters for switches and all kinds of hair goods. We guarantee a perfect match. Ask to see our switches at 75c and \$1.00—you would pay double for them elsewhere.

215 BROADWAY... THE BAZAAR ...215 BROADWAY

## LOCAL MENTION.

Owens Released. Clarence Owens, colored, was released from the county jail yesterday. He was fined \$100 and given fifty days in jail for beating a woman.

Farm for Sale. Thirty acres, known as the Grundy farm, for sale at a bargain. Buildings in good order; just the place for a truck gardener. For further information apply to C. W. Finkbeiner, Paducah, Ky.

Adjudged a Lunatic. Sallie Ainsworth was adjudged a lunatic in the circuit court yesterday and W. A. Wickliffe was appointed to take her to the asylum at Hopkinsville.

Inconvenient lamp globes suitable for system for sale at McPherson's Drugstore.

Watch For the Parade. Beach & Bowers' Minstrel company will arrive in town tomorrow morning and will give a street parade at 11 a. m. Watch for their uniformed band.

Blue Ticker Hurt. About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Hine Eaker, colored, was driving a buggy near the Union depot when one wheel came off, precipitating him to the street. One side of his face was torn by the gravel and he was otherwise painfully hurt.

Wanted. To borrow for several years Five Hundred Dollars on improved city property, worth Two Thousand Dollars. Acquire under letter A. post-office box No. 123, and state interest wanted. 1416

Smoke Pete's Bismark and Star. 1416

Died of Old Age. Mrs. Eliza Durrett, wife of Mr. J. S. Durrett, died yesterday at her home on North Seventh street, 73 years old. She leaves in addition to her husband one brother, Mr. T. P. Durrett, of Calloway county. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock this morning, burial at Oak Grove.

New City Laundry uses no muddy water—clear distilled water only. If you add to the list of the world's most valuable medicines. Harmless in its nature, yet almost infallible in its action, it is undoubtedly the most efficacious means known today of curing coughs, colds and kidney diseases. 1713

Do you smoke Linnwood? If not, you ought to. It is the best. 1713

Capital Stock Increased. The Lack Singletree company has filed amended articles of incorporation increasing its capital stock from \$5,000 to \$30,000. This is necessitated by the great increase in business. The company has been in business only a few months, but it is one of the most enterprising and promising in Paducah.

Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway. Account Memphis Mardi Gras, February 22d, 1898. The Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway will sell round trip tickets to Memphis on February 20th and 21st, good to return on or before February 23th, 1898, at one fare for the round trip. E. S. BERNHARD, Ticket Agent, 425 Broadway, Paducah, Ky.

John McGeehee at Mayfield. John McGeehee, the negro gambler who recently escaped from this chain gang, was wanted at Mayfield for stealing a suit of clothes, pair of gold spectacles and \$120 in money. He was on the chain gang here for carrying concealed weapons.

Special Sale. Pure maple sugar, per lb., 10c. Heinz' Dill pickle, per gal., 30c. Choice dried figs, per lb., 7c. Choice N. O. potatoes, per gal., 8c. Fresh corn meal, per bu., 40c. Oranges, per doz., 10c. to 15c. Qt. bottles best catsup, 15c. I. L. RANDELMAN, Phone 89, 123 S. Second st.

Linnwood is the best good-sized, good quality 5-cent cigar made. Ask for it.

Factory Temporarily Suspended. A small spring broke at the Season Heating Factory yesterday and the force of eighty men was compelled to cease work until the break was repaired. The entire machinery depended on the spring.

Off For the Asylum. W. A. Wickliffe left this morning with Sallie Ainsworth, adjudged insane yesterday, for the asylum.

## MAKE OLD DRESSES NEW.

Diamond Dyes the Simplest and Easiest Way of Home Dyeing

Their Great Superiority Over All Other Ways of Home Dyeing—A Ten-Cent Package Will Color From One to Five Pounds of Goods—Colors That Will Not Wash Out in Strong Soapbuds.

Success in home dyeing depends wholly upon the kind of dyes used. With Diamond Dyes, if the simple directions on the package are followed carefully, and the special dyes for cotton are used for cotton and mixed goods, and the wool dyes used for woolen, there is absolutely no chance of failure.

Diamond Dyes are very simple and easy to use, and by using a stick to lift the goods while in the dye bath, there is no need of soiling the hands. For beauty, brilliancy, and fastness, no other dye stuffs, whether for home use or for the dye shop, equal the Diamond. The latest scientific discoveries are used in their manufacture, they are guaranteed the strongest and fastest of all known dyes, and their solid colors will not wash out in the strongest soapbuds, nor will they fade when exposed to the sunlight.

Try Diamond Dyes once, and see how easy it is to make old and faded dresses, waists, ribbons, coats, etc. look like new.

## PERSONALS.

C. H. Wilson, of Sturgis, is at the Palmer.

Dr. J. Q. Taylor is visiting in Hopkinsville.

Mr. J. R. Puryear has returned from Arlington.

T. H. Fuqua, of Canton, Ky., is at the Palmer.

H. G. McElwee, of Grand Rivers, is at the Palmer.

A. H. Smith, of Mayfield, is at the Palmer.

C. Zuckriegel, of Washington, D. C., is at the Palmer.

Mr. W. S. Wilson, of Pinckneyville, Ill., is in the city.

Mr. Collin McGinnis returned to Creal this afternoon.

Attorney J. M. Worten has returned from Smithland.

Mrs. Geo. A. Reeves, of Mayfield, is a guest of Judge W. S. Bishop and family.

Mrs. Etta Johnson has returned to Henderson, after a visit to Mrs. Will Wright.

A. T. Sahin, roadmaster of the Illinois Central, was in the city yesterday.

John Kirkpatrick, of Rocheblu, Ill., is in the Boyd infirmary for surgical treatment.

J. S. Cupeland and W. S. Cross, of Metropolis, were in the city last night.

M. H. Billington and John S. Culver, of Lovelockville, were in the city today.

Marah Atkinson, H. P. McElrath and J. D. Rowlett, of Murray, were in the city yesterday.

The Shakespeare club will meet with Mrs. Schaeffer on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The services at the Tenth street church grow in interest each evening. A large audience listened attentively last night to Mr. Parker's sermon on "Repentance." Subject tonight "Confession," beginning at the usual hour. All cordially invited.

## ANOTHER BURGLARY.

Residence of Mr. H. C. Curtis. Entered by Thieves.

The residence of Mr. H. C. Curtis, 1940 Broad street, was entered last night by burglars. Nothing was missed except provisions, and these were evidently all the thief was after. The burglary was not discovered until this morning when the family arose.

## CHAIR FACTORY

Will Probably be Located Here. Owner Arrives.

Mr. Henry Mayers, of Union City, who owns the chair factory likely to be located, arrived this morning to look over the city, and seemed well pleased with the advantages of the city.

## BERT WOODHULL

Wins a Championship Game in San Antonio, Texas.

Bert Woodhull, the well known Paducah pool player, won a championship game last night at San Antonio, Texas, from Alex. Frauer, of that place.

## HE CURES "HOODOO."

"Hoodoo" Doctor in Paducah Whose Fame Extends Abroad—Makes His Living at the Business

He Has Four Children He Is Teaching to Become Mind Readers—Located "Misery" in the Reporter.

It is not generally known that Paducah can boast of one of the most celebrated "hoodoo" doctors in the country, but this is a fact.

He is Albert White, colored, of 1313 Harrison street, and he has been in the business thirty years. He has so much faith in himself that he has numbered his house "13" twice for good measure. No "apparitions" need apply at his door. It seems that White is widely known among the superstitious element of the colored population. They were to his house by day and by night, and among his "patients" are a few of the more credulous white people. Not only is he a charm worker himself, but he has four children—two boys and two girls—to whom he is gradually imparting his occult power to cast out "devils" and perform other wonders. His history is an interesting one.

He was visited by a reporter yesterday afternoon, being accompanied by Officer Hoyer. He seemed accustomed to visitors, and asked no questions.

The interior of the house is a veritable work shop of quaint and original carvings, which adorn the walls in the front room, and of herbs, roots and weeds of every variety, which are suspended from the wall in the kitchen. The carvings are crude, and consist of anchors, crosses, men and women, chains, links, squares, compasses and hundreds of designs that seem to have originated solely in the erratic train of the artisan and have no name.

"My power just came to me years ago when I was blind," he began, with a cunning twinkle in his eyes. "I was blind, and I was working on the wharfboat then, and one day came home and got up blind. Then the Lord showed me these 'interpretations' (pointing to the figures on the wall). Several colored men had been after me to join the Odd Fellows, but the Lord revealed all the secrets to me while I was blind, and commanded me to make the 'interpretations.' They tell me they are better 'interpretations' than can be bought for \$1,500. I had hundreds more than that, but sold them."

"Where were you born?" the reporter inquired.

"Twenty-five miles below here, near Ogden, a 49 years ago. I lived in Cairo for several years."

White then told his 10-year-old boy, and gave him two little "tricks," as he calls them. They were small cylindrical objects, covered with red cloth. The boy took a seat, and gazed intently at the floor. His father did the interrogating. Here is an example:

"Bring forth the building where the gentleman works."

"It is here."

"Remove the front."

"It is removed."

"What do you see?"

"Men."

"What kind?"

"They are doing."

"They are gone."

"What street is the building on?"

"It must be on Broadway."

"What part?"

"It must be on upper."

Many such questions were asked, showing that the boy was only guessing at them. Three of the children were called in succession, all with the same result. White seemed to think they had done wonders, and explained that he discovered their power last August. He said they could locate and relieve "misery," meaning pain, and asked one of his children if the reporter had any "misery." The youngster said "yes," and said it was in his feet, legs, back, shoulders and head.

White then explained that he had been a charmer since he was 12 years old. That he used to tell his young "massa" what ailed him, and what to do for it. It was twenty years ago that he received the "divine" "interpretations." After leaving the wharf boat he went into the business of shoeing horses, but the owner of the horse cast too much, because the shoeing was very hard, but it is not a gentleman who has tried dieting, says no never thinks about it except at meal times, and that he is getting used to it with very little trouble. Did you ever notice that a horse is always hungry? He may be fat, but he is always calling for food. His owner knows how much he is good for him, and gives him no more. But the owner of the horse cast too much, because the shoeing was very hard, but it is not a gentleman who has tried dieting, says no never thinks about it except at meal times, and that he is getting used to it with very little trouble. Did you ever notice that a horse is always hungry? 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