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own; but the resolute, high-spirited child
was unshakable. Her step-mother some-
times became discouraged, and regretted that
as she could not conquer her, she had not
her endeavored to manage her by the

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reception from Mrs. Lohdrop, so different from what Edith's and Eva's had been. She did not reflect that these young ladies, acting according to her instruction, had given the lady a choice, but had received her with such rap-

young girl, and looked at her with a slight
of interest. He had a good opportunity
to contemplate her. She had immediately
quitted her previous occupation which he had

bespoke the condition of his poor and
worn mother, and his hat was but a poor
protection against either sun or rain; but as I
saw him, he lifted it with an easy but re-
flecting action: a pleasant smile and cheerful

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Robinson.—'All right. I say, old fellow, I

be at New York a day ahead of you!
[N. Y. Picayune.

The Eastern Mail.

E. H. MAXHAM, DANIEL H. WING,
EDITORS.

WATERVILLE... OCT. 13, 1859.

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ALL LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS, Relating either to the business or editorial departments of this paper, should be directed to 'MAXHAM & WING,' or 'EASTERN MAIL OFFICE.'

Cattle Show and Fair.—Continued.

Among the articles exhibited at the hall, many deserve special notice, beyond that given them by the committee; but we can attend to only a few.

Here are the three silver trumpets, trophies of the Waterville Threes, showing that in three great pitched battles they conquered all their opponents—and here is the history in letters of silver.

One of the utilities, heard of by all, but proved by only one in a thousand, is the sewing machine. There are two of Wheeler & Wilson's, probably among the very best; prices fifty and eighty dollars. Those who have seen it do the work of twenty women, will probably buy it if they have the means.

That Melodeon is a sample of those sold by Mr. Lyford, and is for sale at a low price. A good substitute for the piano, with a saving of one to five hundred dollars, counting nothing for wear and tear of fingers that would do nothing else. Those who are threatened with a piano, will do well to compromise with this more rational instrument, which can in this way be rendered very useful in a family. It sometimes takes the place of reading and writing in the educational department, but much less frequently than the piano, that great enemy of wash tubs and churns.

At a good distance from the melodeon, as though doubting the good sense of the audience, was the patent clothes-dryer, by Mr. Sanborn of Dixmont. Strange, that those who would make home pleasant by making its burdens light, had rather pay the doctor ten dollars than the mechanic one!

Near by, is the patent press, of Messrs. Randall & Drummond. It is a very ingenious machine, and offers among advantages on other kinds, the power of reducing the bundle of hay to a much smaller compass. Good judges speak highly in its praise, as promising to take the place of other presses.

Onions—two kinds, by nobody but Cyrus Wheeler, of course, for nobody raises such monsters as he. In due time we expect to publish his regular annual report.

Celery—from the garden of Dr. Waters, very large, but the Doctor don't bill and blanch his celery, as we do ours. Will he tell us how he proceeds with it to effect this object without which this delicious crop is mere fodder? Cauliflower—very large, but not compact and sweet. Should not the leaves be closed over the head, to keep it from the sun and air? Raised by Dr. Waters.

California Watermelon—the inside of which must tell its story, its size falling short of the monstrosity that comes through the Golden Gate. It was raised by Moses Hanson, Esq. Turnips, too large to weigh, though we guess none of them would balance one brought to our office from the Canton Town Show, by Dr. Littlefield, that weighs 18 1/2 lbs.

Here are cabbages, big enough for a meal for nine tallors.

Grapes—Isabella, from the garden of J. D. Chandler, of this village. The vine was planted three years ago, girdled the second and third years, and kept closely trimmed, according to directions 'given in the Mail' two years ago. Raised 'near a half bushel this year, of good size and quality.

Mr. William Brown, with his usual liberality towards the Society, exhibited one of his excellent wagons and a sleigh. [Mr. B. always helps to make up the show, and gives the premiums to the society, whose thanks, in this case, were tendered him.]

In a meeting of the Society, on Thursday, at the Hall the following proceedings were had: Mr. Dyer stated that Miss Ellen Williams, who took the first premium of \$7 for Riding, had given the same to the treasury; and moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Society be tendered to Miss Ellen Williams for her generous gift of seven dollars to its treasury; being the amount awarded her for the best exhibition of Ladies Riding.

Mr. Maxham stated that Mr. Thos. S. Lang had, from the origin of the Society, acted earnestly for its interests and taken largely of its premiums, all of which had been given to the society; and at this exhibition he had tendered the Society the use of three of his best horses, each of which had taken the first premiums in trotting, which premiums Mr. Lang had generously relinquished to the treasury. Also, in the subscription made last winter, to relieve the Society from debt, Mr. L. was one of the largest contributors. He moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. Thos. S. Lang be tendered the thanks of the Society for his liberal contribution and efforts, past and present, to advance its interests.

Mr. Percival called attention to the beautiful contribution of statuary, graciously made by Mr. Joshua Nye, and it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. Nye for his contributions of so interesting a portion of the present exhibition.

It was also voted that all who had graciously contributed to the exhibition, be embraced in the above resolution, as the recipients of the Society's hearty and well merited thanks. Under this head might be given the names of many who must content themselves with the conviction that they have nobly done their part in originating and carrying out the good and important objects at which they, with the Society, have aimed.

OUR TABLE.

FRANK LESLIE'S MAGAZINE.—A wilderness of reading, is the phrase that always comes uppermost, in setting forth the attractions of this quarterly work; and the engravings are furnished on a scale proportionately liberal. We estimate a few—and only a few—of the articles in the October number, just received. The Critique of the Annie Clarendon, and what came of it; Kaffirland Sketches; The Knight Barnard; May Martin; Soaring in Believing; The Old Soldier's Story; The Reliques of St. Philomena; The Hanted Manor House; Recollections of Metternich; The Stolen Locket; Notes on Ornamental Flower Culture. Most of these articles are profusely illustrated, and the fashion department is very full, with many new designs of rare beauty and grace, and one of those inimitable fashion plates, such as is found in no other monthly. Published by Frank Leslie, New York, at \$3 a year.

THE GREAT REPUBLIC MONTHLY.—To enumerate all the articles in the October number of this magazine would occupy more space than we can well spare, but we mention those most prominent, assuring our readers that a personal examination will alone give them a just idea of the merits of the work.—Sir Agilthorne, a poem, with seven beautiful illustrations; John Bunyan, with four illustrations; Clairvoyance and Imagination; The Gulf Stream and Currents of the Sea, with a map, by M. F. Maury; Varieties of an Artist, with fine illustrations; The Asinine Papers; Thomas S. Grimké, the American Educationist; Recollections of the Revolution; An American at Dusseldorf; Reminiscences of the 'Grand Armée'; The Evil Eye; The Veiled Picture with a well filled Editorial Department.

The proprietors of this magnificent monthly promise and will not doubt perform, great things for the next volume, which will commence in January. Elizabeth Oakes Smith will contribute a novel entitled 'The Prophet, or Scenes of Border Life,' and Calhoun McKean will furnish an interesting original novel, entitled 'The Slave of the Coast, or the African Trader'—and other attractions will be forthcoming. Published by Oakes Smith & Co., New York, at \$3 a year, with liberal discount to clubs; and liberal offers of splendid engravings for small additions to the subscription price, a list of which we shall sometime publish.

NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE.—The October number of this monthly record of the material progress of New England and its metropolis, is brim full of information valuable to all who are in trade or any industrial pursuit, or who are interested in the prosperity of our country. We commend it to all classes, as a valuable contribution to our periodical literature. Published by Dexter & Co., Boston, at \$1 a year.

NEW MUSIC.—The following recent issues have just been received from Oliver Ditson & Co., the well known Boston publishers, who furnish music for all creation.

My Anguish thou Avenger, from the Beauties of 'Le Pardon de Ploumel,' by Meyerbeer.

May I not Call you Mother, now? Music by H. C. Mason, words by T. F. Glancy.

My Heart is like a Reed, Willie. Words by Mother, Music by H. Swift.

When there's Love at Home. A song for the Fireside, written and composed by J. H. McNaughton.

The Welcome Flower. Words by Rev. James G. Lyons, music by Geo. O. Farney.

Merry Merry Sunshine. Quick Step, by W. C. Glynn.

The music enumerated above can be found at Mathews's, with all the other publications of Messrs. O. Ditson & Co.

"BACK AGAIN, OLD TIME!"—There was a merry time at Mr. G. F. Gilman's new place, "Brookside," on Tuesday evening. Two hundred guests met for an old fashioned busking, in the new barn recently erected. None but the oldest there ever saw the like before! nor even they on the broad scale here planned.

In the upper story of the principal building was spread the corn; while, opening from this, a broad hall a hundred feet in length was devoted to the supper and subsequent dance. Two hundred bushels was but a small chore; and with the fine old game of "Red Ears," which the fathers and mothers had not forgotten and the sons and daughters readily learned, the time went most merrily till supper was announced. Those who missed the first table found it well laden for the second set; and with the inspiration of choice old Mocha, and no stint of turkey, chicken, tongue, lamb and beef—not forgetting a boundless supply of pumpkin pie, that would honor the grandmothers of Connecticut—the multitude was ready for the dance. Fifty couples had elbow room to spare, and the rivalry of grandfathers and their juniors never yet made smoother work on rough boards. At a very early hour on Wednesday morning the crowd scattered over the adjoining fields in the directions of their homes, under one of the richest moonlights that ever favored a home-bound lover. O, but wasn't it a time! Such a barn!—such a hall!—such a supper!—such dancing!—such a "housewarming" as Mr. Gilman's new barn had! There is but one other occasion that can ever equal it, at "Brookside," and when that occurs, 'may we be there to see it!'

CHIVALROUS!—Clarion man prints a picture of Anson Advocate man; Telegraph man laughs, and Clarion man prints a picture of him—whereupon Telegraph gives Clarion two pictures at once, which makes him blubber thus:

"The only reply we have to make to the attack upon us in the last week's Telegraph is, that we shall present the whole matter to the Grand Jury at the December term, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the law allows publishers of newspapers to hold private character up to ridicule in the contemptible, unbecoming, and unjustifiable manner in which we are presented by the publisher of the Telegraph."

O, Moses! too much pumpkin has made you mad. We thought that first picture looked like "playing boy," and now you cap the climax by crying baby! Go to the grand jury eh?—why don't you tell your ma's, you lubber you? Can't stand your hand, can you? Now take our advice; go over and shake hands with Telegraph, and tell him he is a little too much for you in the sketching line; and that though you are big enough to boot him, and have brains enough to threaten to "take the law on him," you are not quite fool enough to do either. Go! will ye?—before we set our dog on ye.

DEATH OF COL. SCRIBNER.—The numerous friends and acquaintances of this gentleman will be pained to hear of his decease, at his new home in the west, to which place his son had recently removed from our village. Col. S. was extensively known in Maine as an energetic business man, having been for many years, largely engaged in lumbering. The following notice we clip from a Massachusetts paper:

Col. E. H. Scribner, some ten or a dozen years ago, a resident of Waterville, Me., and well known to many parts of New England, as a stirring business man, died suddenly, at Ripon, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, the 26th ult. Col. Scribner located in Ripon about eight years ago, when, but few inhabitants were there, but he lived to see the town become one of the largest and most thriving in that section of the State, and he contributed no little

toward its advancement by his own industrious habits and enterprising spirit.

"THAT BABY?" Oh, yes, we'll tell you now how it was finally obtained. We meant to have done so last week, and here some of you have all this while been kept upon the tenterhook of unappeased curiosity; for as every body knows, there is nothing that will sooner people into a fever of inquisitiveness, than a real live baby without an owner. 'Where did it come from, to be sure?' that is the question kept before the meeting until it is satisfactorily answered; and in the meantime many slanderous surmises are thrown out by those who think their neighbors are no better than they should be. As we hinted, the wail came to us from a neighboring town, but the 'dropping' was so bunglingly done—the parties not being sufficiently careful in covering their tracks—that the worthy Chairman of our board of Selectmen—who, blest with a heart big enough to welcome all the unclaimed babies in Christendom, has yet an eagle eye for the interests of the town—had no trouble in tracing it to the right door. Baby found many warm friends during its short stay with us, and received a number of presents, from some of the noble-hearted Christian ladies of our village; and there was not the slightest danger of its becoming a town charge, for Mr. Percival had many offers of a home for it.

From childless couples, you probably suggest, well provided with this world's goods, have never been blessed in the matrimonial basket? or from some one actuated by a lofty sense of duty? Not so; these offers came from the hard-working, hard faring Canadian French, whose small cabins were already swarming with children of their own. "We have plenty hard time to get along now," says Johnny—bashfully enough, as though he felt he was doing a weak and foolish action, of which he ought to be ashamed—"plenty hard time, and good many children now, Mr. Percival; but my wife thinks one more won't make much differ, an' so if you will please to give it, we'll take good care of it and be glad." Ah, yes; though you may not know it, Miss Prim, warm hearts beat beneath these swarthy bosoms, which, while you are coolly deliberating and calculating what duty requires of you, in a case of this sort, will have impulsively moved in ahead of you and performed the task plainly assigned to you by the Great Master.

GRAND DIVISION.—The Annual Meeting of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of the State of Maine, will be held in the Hall of Forest City Division, in Portland, on Tuesday, Oct. 18th, commencing at 9 o'clock.

TEICNIC DIVISION, S. of T.—The following is a list of the officers for the current quarter:

Daniel R. Wing, W. P. Cyrus G. Tozier, W. A. Geo. A. L. Merrifield, R. S. Willard Bucknam, A. R. S. Geo. L. Robinson, F. S. Francis S. Chase, T. John P. Richardson, C. Wm. H. Mayo, A. C. Stephen H. Prescott, I. S. David Leighton, O. S.

BANKS IN WATERVILLE.—The annual meetings of all the Banks in Waterville took place on Monday last, with the following result in the choice of directors:

Ticonic.—Joseph Eaton, Jediah Morrill, Samuel Appleton, Edwin Noyes, Samuel Doolittle. This bank at the same time declared a semi-annual dividend of three dollars on a share of the par value of eighty dollars.

Waterville.—D. L. Milliken, J. A. Stackpole, T. G. Kimball, Daniel H. Brown, Charles H. Thayer, C. J. Wingate, David Vickery. The dividends at this bank are made in July and January.

People's.—John Ware, Wm. Conner, T. W. Herrick, J. L. Seavey, Luke Brown, 2d. Homer Percival, C. P. Mason. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent was made at this bank.

CORN.—A fine sample of the Dutton corn, from the Canton town fair, raised by Mr. Hayford, and brought here by Dr. Littlefield, may be seen at our office. We think it would even look well by the side of that presented by Crowell Taylor at our fair, which was also very good.

FESTIVAL.—The members of Ticonic Division S. of T. held their anniversary festival on Friday evening, with the popular ceremony entitled "Good Time." In addition to their own hall they have engaged Town Hall, directly over it, for the occasion. They have a poem from a member, with refreshments, &c.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT.—Three young men, the eldest about 20 years, all sons of Mr. Wm. Wyman, who lives near the cranberry meadows in Belgrade, were drowned in Snow Pond on Saturday last. They left home together about noon, to shoot ducks, and went upon the pond in a small bark canoe. As they did not return at night, some search was made, but nothing discovered till Sunday forenoon when the canoe was found, bottom up. On Wednesday the body of one, the eldest, was discovered, but the others have not yet been found.

ELECTIONS.—In Ohio, so far as heard from, the returns indicate a republican gain.

In Iowa, the returns are meagre, but they are about the same, so far as received, as in 1857, when Lowe, republican, was elected by 2000 majority.

From Pennsylvania we get nothing very definite, thus far, but the indications have a hopeful look for the republicans.

In Baltimore, there was much disturbance, and the reformers were in many instances driven from the polls. Considering the circumstances, however, they did nobly.

The trot, on Wednesday, between Ethan Allen and Columbus resulted in the triumph of the former. Best time, 2:23 3/4.

Reports.

Below are the reports of most of the committees, three or four others being deferred to next week.

DRAWING OXEN.

There were exhibited ten pairs, five years old and upwards. Nearly all of them showed that they had been well managed, well kept, and carefully handled. A pair of Bradford Sawtell's of Sidney, were finely formed, "fat and sleek,"—a well trained, docile pair. Wm. Gifford exhibited a pair of light cattle that can hardly be beaten in drawing a heavy load, by oxen of their size. In fact we think seven pairs of the ten deserving of premiums; but as we are limited to three, we award to S. S. Parker, of Waterville, the first, \$3.00; to Warren Withey, of Winslow, the second, \$2.; and to Alden Horn the third, \$1. Agriculture.

Of the seven pairs exhibited of the class four years old and under, several were so nearly equal that it was difficult to decide to whom we should award the premiums. A pair of grade Herefords, belonging to Asa Holbrook, of Fairfield, are deserving of notice, as being handsome and strongly made, but not very well disciplined. Alfred Lawrence, of Fairfield, had a pair not in appearance inferior to any of this class. Enoch Fuller, of Winslow, with a pair of four years old, girls 6 ft. 7 in. drew the load with more ease and less trouble than any of the others, and we unanimously award to him the first premium of \$3.00; to Seth Holway the second, \$2.00; and to Moses Penney the third, \$1. Agriculture.

I. C. GREGORY, for Com.

STEERS.

The first premium we award to E. Morrill, Waterville; the second to Alfred Lawrence, Fairfield; the third to Charles Mitchell, Waterville. We award the first premium on two years olds to Morrison and Libbey, Waterville; the second to Alfred Lawrence, Fairfield. On yearlings, 1st prem. to W. & W. Jones, Fairfield. On trained steers none were exhibited except yearlings, and your committee were much pleased with the performances of one pair in particular, which was exhibited by Charles Jones, of Fairfield, but which were not entered for trained steers, therefore we gave the 1st prem. of two dollars to Master Fuller, of Winslow; 2d, to Master Gatchell, Waterville; 3d, to Master Morrill, Waterville. E. G. SAWTLE, for Com.

FAT CATTLE.

It is a matter of regret that so few entries were made in this department for Premiums, when Beef enters into our living as the first and most wholesome of meats; and we regret so little inducement is offered for encouragement for excelling in this department by this society. We believe a little increase in Premiums for beef cattle, and a little less offered for riding well would be an improvement. After an impartial examination of those presented, your committee have awarded the first premium to Ephraim Morrill, of Waterville, for his three years old steers. Average girls seven feet one inch; 2d, to Seth Holway, of Fairfield, for his twin oxen 4 years old. Girls 6 feet and 8 inches. SAMUEL DOOLITTLE, Chairman.

OXEN.

There were twelve pairs of Oxen entered for premium, all very good, and your committee found it very difficult to decide which was most worthy of the society's premium.

One pair entered by Watson Jones; one pair by A. C. Holbrook; two pairs by Bradford Sawtelle; one pair by Alfred Lawrence; one pair by Seth Holway; one pair by John Heron; and one pair by C. H. Mayo were very fine, and your Committee would have been glad to give them all premiums had it been at their disposal.

We award the premiums in the following manner:

1st, to Allen Jones, Fairfield; 2d, to George E. Shores, Waterville; 3d, to Crowell Bickford, Waterville.

NATHAN PERRY, for Com.

COWS.

But three cows were entered for premiums on stock, two of which were for dairy and one for all purposes; with one entry for best lot of cows. In all 7 entries. On stock cows we award 1st premium to J. Percival, 2d to H. C. Burleigh, and gratuity of a book to W. B. Hamlin. There was but one dairy cow presented, by B. C. Paine, Winslow, which we consider in every way worthy the 1st premium. We append his statement:

I have made 256 3/4 lbs of butter from the milk of my cow May 3 to Sept. 30, having used 2 1/2 qts in May. This butter was weighed when ready to put down. The weight of milk was 6,720 pounds, averaging about 31 1/2 lbs milk to a pound of butter, or 8 1/2 lbs to the pound. I have sold two-thirds of this butter for 23 cts. per pound.

B. C. PAINE.

For the best cow for all purposes we give the 1st premium to Obed Emery, of Fairfield, and for the best lot of cows to H. C. Burleigh. O. EMERY, for Com.

SHEEP.

There were eleven competitors for the society's premiums on the different varieties of sheep, of all grades, from the long or coarse wool varieties, such as the Leicester or Cotswold up to the fine Spanish Merinos; and it is not an easy task to select out of so many good ones. Indeed, in many cases it required very nice discrimination to determine which was the best. All showed much care and labor in breeding and crossing, so as to gain two important results, mutton and wool, and both combined to one flock; and this seemed to be the praiseworthy endeavor of all.

We award the 1st premium to John Hunnewell, of China, on his Spanish Merino Buck; 2d to D. Sisson, 1st on Cotswold Buck to H. Whiting; 2d to H. C. Burleigh. Two best buck Lambs, Morrison & Libbey. 6 best Ewe Lambs, H. Whiting. 5 fat Sheep, H. C. Burleigh. Best flock of sheep, George E. Shores; 2d J. Percival; H. C. Burleigh. Your Committee regret they had nothing to offer Mr. Hunnewell for his very excellent grade bucks, but the reward of care and well doing.

JOHN B. STRATTON, for Com.

FARM STOCK.

There was but one entry of Farm Stock, and that by H. C. Burleigh, consisting of one Durham Bull, a very fine one; one pair of oxen, good workers; one pair of fine 3 years old Steers; one 2 year old Heifer, and 5 nice looking Cows. We award to him the 1st prem. of four dollars. We regret exceedingly that Mr. Burleigh found no competitors.

WARREN PERCIVAL, for Com.

OXEN.

The Committee are sorry to say there was not so good a show as we think there might have been. There seems to be a want of interest on the part of the owners of stock. There were but three teams of oxen which your committee could find. To Waterville Team, eleven yokes, we award the 1st prem.; Winslow Team, eight yokes, the 2d; Fairfield Team, eight yokes, the 3d.

One Dagworth, for Com.

HOUSEHOLD MANUFACTURES.

One half of the appointed members of the Com. on Household Manufactures having failed to appear, at a late hour Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Spring, of Winslow, were called in to fill vacancies, and the examination was commenced and carried through, somewhat hurriedly, perhaps, but in as thorough a manner as the time would admit.

So great is the variety of articles submitted to the inspection of this committee—so diverse and so numerous—that the task imposed upon them, if faithfully performed, is by no means a light one. The present committee do not claim to be infallible; they do not even assume to possess critical ability beyond their fellows; they have simply tried to perform their duty faithfully and honestly, and to render decisions according to their best knowledge and belief. To err is human—to forgive divine; they have the utmost confidence, that all of human infirmity found in these awards, will be more than matched by the divinity of the disappointed ones among the fair contestants.

We found on our schedule one premium for best bed spread, to compete for which there were entries of bed spreads, coverlets, counterpanes, and quilts—articles, which, when we consider the various uses and ends of their creation, are to be commended for qualities so different that they cannot fairly be brought upon the same plane of comparison. The committee therefore take the liberty to divide them into three classes—indicating the best in each—and hope that rigid as is the economy enforced this year, in order to save the life of the bird that lays the golden eggs, a premium may be allowed for each.

Of Bedspreads proper, there was only one entry; but this—No. 38, by Mrs. Thomas Ayer, of West Waterville—needed no foils by its side to set forth its merits or to show that it deserved a premium.

The Coverlets and Counterpanes were numerous, some of them, perhaps, might have been more appropriately designated as fringed blankets. No. 56, presented by Miss Laura Cool, was quickly decided to be the best; but it was so seriously and beautifully woven, that some of the committee were a little skeptical as to its origin. Should it prove not to be a home production, then No. 43, by Mrs. Daniel Jones, of Fairfield would stand at the head.

Of Quilts—while questioning the propriety of such an investment of so large a quantity of the "stuff of which life is made," as must have been required in the manufacture of most of the specimens—No. 1, by Mrs. Daniel B. Lewis, of West Waterville, was pronounced of surpassing beauty and entitled to rank No. 1.

There were two entries of Filled Cloth, both very good. To No. 6, by Mrs. Ambrose Stilson, of Sidney we award the first premium.

Two pieces of wool flannel were submitted to the inspection of the committee, one green and the other plain. So evenly were their merits balanced that the choice was not easily made, but the premium was finally awarded to No. 20, by Miss Keziah Morrison, of Albion.

Of the three pieces of Cotton and Wool Flannel, entered, No. 34, by Mrs. Thos. Ayer of West Waterville, was pronounced the best, though the others were lacking but a shade.

A single specimen of Woolen Carpeting was all we found—No. 36, by Mrs. Thos. Ayer,—but this was honestly entitled to the Society's premium.

Two very good specimens of Rag Carpeting were presented—an excellent fineness of material and smoothness of finish, and the other in the choice and tasteful arrangement of the colors, while by no means inferior in strength and durability. To the last, No. 5, by Mrs. Ambrose Stilson, was after considerable discussion, awarded the premium.

Three Rugs were presented, each of which richly deserved a premium. Two of them exceedingly beautiful. Between Nos. 47 and 48 the committee lingered a long time in doubt. "Long time in even scale the battle hung." No. 47 was of the finest material, and of superior workmanship, and transcendently beautiful; indeed, all pronounced it a "love of a rug;" but No. 48 was also as handsome as a picture, and altogether too good to be trodden under foot, and to this, with an eye to utility, was finally awarded the premium. It was presented by Mrs. John Palmer, of Fairfield. No. 40, a braided rug, handsome and substantial, was much admired.

The competition was very spirited in Woolen Hose, and so excellent was each individual stocking, that the Committee, in making their choice, did not care whether they put their foot in it, or not. Of Women's Stockings, No. 49, by Mrs. Thomas Ayer, were pronounced best, and No. 23 by Miss Keziah Morrison 2d best. Of Men's, No. 8, by Miss Sophronia Parker, were pronounced best, and No. 24, by Miss Keziah Morrison 2d do.

A single specimen only of Woolen Yarn, was presented, but it was most excellent, and to Miss Julia A. White, of Vassalboro, was awarded the Society's premium.

Woolen Mittens.—Here the committee again found themselves in a "muddle," in consequence of the variety and excellence of the specimens, but they finally fixed upon No. 41, by Mrs. Abram Morrill for the 1st premium, and No. 27 by Miss Ellen Morrison, of Albion, for the second.

Lamp Mats.—No. 35, by Mrs. Charles Drummond, were selected to receive the premium, but No. 14 were very pretty.

The only specimen of Fine Needle Work, No. 9, by Mrs. W. Chipman, was thought deserving of the Society's premium. Of Plain Needle Work there were several good specimens, the best of which was thought to be No. 31, by Mrs. Charles Drummond; but the committee would recommend a gratuity to No. 12, by Mrs. Lydia Remick, a lady 81 years old, for the purpose of encouraging rising merit.

For Woolen Shawls there is no premium, but No. 22 was so good that it was thought deserving of a gratuity. It is the work of that persevering and industrious house-wid, Miss Keziah Morrison.

A good piece of Satinett was presented by Miss Elizabeth Morrison. It deserved a premium, but having none to offer, we commend the case to the liberality of the trustees, as one in which they ought to be liberal.

Drawers.—Here were serviceable and important articles, for which no premium had been provided. No. 18, by Miss K. Morrison were thought to be the best.

Two lots of most excellent blankets were offered—woolen, and cotton and wool. There is no premium provided, but a gratuity is recommended for Mrs. John Palmer, who presented both lots.

A variety of nice linen articles were found, but there being no premium, the committee can simply indicate their preferences for No. 21, by Miss Keziah Morrison—they being very good and evidently of more recent make than most of the other specimens.

A very nice piece of Crash, was presented, with no premium provided; but as it was said to be the work of a "girl of 17"—a gratuity is recommended.

One pair of very good Woolen Gloves were presented by the same young lady, Miss Ellen

Morrison, but we are sorry to say that there is no premium for the article.

No. 54, a pair of Leggings, by Mrs. John Palmer; No. 46, a lot of Worsted work by Mrs. Edwin Smiley; No. 15, two worsted ties—good specimens of articles happily going out of fashion; and No. 15, a very handsome Sofa Pillow—were all deserving of what we did not have to give—liberal premiums. A trifling gratuity, which we might recommend, would be of little worth to the fair makers, compared to the inward consciousness of desert, and the hearty "well done," pronounced by all who saw these specimens of their handiwork. Slight indeed are the rewards any receive, pecuniarily; and we are satisfied that it is not simply with a hope of obtaining them that all these rich and rare creations of skill are displayed here; but rather with a desire to confer pleasure and induce others to go and do likewise.

D. B. WIRE, for Com.

FINE ARTS.

The number of articles entered on exhibition in the department of "Fine Arts" this year is not so large as we should like to have seen; nevertheless any deficiency doubtless has not arisen from a want of accessible means.

For the effort, however, which has been exerted in forming the collection, for what and all that has been accomplished for the quality, genius and skill, comprised in the various articles on exhibition, the society will cordially unite with the committee in awarding the fullest thanks.

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