

TO THE HOME--You Bring Happiness for Christmas and for All the Time in the Gift of a

Grinnell Bros. OWN MAKE PIANO

That which makes the Grinnell Bros. Piano (our own make) such a splendid instrument, makes it likewise a magnificent remembrance. Its tone has a purity and depth which is a constant source of delight to the music-lover—finer materials cannot be procured than those it embodies—its principles of construction are those which time has proven best—no instrument presents a higher grade of workmanship.

These features have placed the Grinnell Bros. (own make) Piano in the position it occupies today—among the world's finest makes—gaining it the endorsement of Nordica, Galski, Frank LaForge and many other celebrated artists and making it unsurpassed in musical quality and value. This Piano is built to give a lifetime of service, and enjoyment—and for this reason presents a Xmas home gift of the highest class.

Special Christmas Terms

You actually buy this Piano at Factory-to-Home price, for it is built in our own Detroit and Windsor plants. Handsome designs, both Upright and Grand, in Mahogany, Oak and Walnut, are presented. Knowing full well the extra demands of the Holidays, we are making especially easy payment terms, and you will find it an easy matter to present this superb instrument as the home gift of 1911. We will hold for Christmas delivery on small first payment—arrange for this matchless remembrance now.



Every Member of the Family Would Enjoy a

VICTROLA



These splendid instruments bring a world of music and entertainment to the home. As Christmas gifts they are immensely popular and each succeeding Holiday season finds them in greater demand. We have one of the largest stocks in the whole country—every model is included. Now would be an excellent time to secure an outfit.

Prices \$15 to \$200

Through no similar amount spent in any other way could you possibly bring so much pleasure to so many people. You need pay but a small amount down; we will hold the instrument you choose and deliver just when you wish—easy weekly or monthly payments on the balance. Let us send you Catalogs, if you can't call. As a gift for the home one of these instruments would be a splendid choice.

A Fine Assortment of Christmas Remembrances Embraced in our Great Stock of

SMALL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Best makes of VIOLINS, MANOLINS, GUITARS, BANJOS, BASS DRUMS, etc. TOY PIANOS, TOY MUSIC BOXES, DRUMS, HARMONICAS. Also an immense assortment of MUSIC ROLLS and BAGS. BUSTS OF FAMOUS COMPOSERS, etc.

Violin Outfit, \$5

Good Stradivarius model Violin, Brazilwood Bow, Wood case and extra set of strings.

Banjo Outfit, \$5.50

First-class Banjo, nickel rim and brackets; calfskin head; good Case and extra Set of Strings.

Mandolin Outfit, \$5.75

Butterfly Mandolin, leather bound canvas Carrying Case, extra Set of best quality Strings.

Guitar Outfit, \$5.75

Fine, standard size Guitar, excellent tone, canvas Carrying Case, extra Set of Strings, etc.

Music Rolls and Bags

25c to \$10. All leathers and styles Name in Gold Free. On all Bags and Rolls at \$1 and over purchased this month, we will place recipients name in gold, free.

GRINNELL BROS. MUSIC HOUSE

24 Stores Headquarters, Grinnell Bldg, 243-247 Woodward Ave.

We pay transportation in Michigan on all Orders amounting to \$5.00 and over.

MEANS MAN IS GROWING OLD

To Be Called "Mister" Is Not Always Pleading, Says the New Yorker.

"This town of New York is pretty light of heel, but I find time now and then to realize that I am not carrying as much splash as I thought," said a sixty-year-old to a cronie who had come down to pass a few days in the big city. "Before I moved here to live I had occasion to be here frequently on business, but I never tarried long enough to have things rubbed in."

"You know I grew up with the old town back yonder, and we were all in the same boat. I was always Sam or Sammy. My wife always called me Samuel, and as becoming. Even when I went out to parties and was introduced, it was always as Samuel or Squire."

"The first time I was ever called 'mister,' so far as I can remember, was in this town of New York. I attributed it to the style of the place at first, but when I heard others called by their first names while people addressed me as 'mister' I began thinking it was on account of a slow get or being kind of round shouldered. A man who knocks about a good deal does not notice such things."

"However, I was getting a little used to it until one day I went to the telephone. When I got the man I wanted I began talking straight from the shoulder when he interrupted by asking who was talking. I replied 'Sam Ramsey.' 'Who?' he asked, and then I repeated my name. 'Oh, is that you, Mr. Ramsey?' he asked. When I had said yes, and asked if I hadn't said so in the first place, he said: 'We respect you too much to call you by your first name. We always address men of your age as "mister."'

"That set me thinking. It had never occurred to me that I was getting on so far that men looked on me as being in that class."

REVELATION



The Dentist—Now, open wide your mouth and I won't hurt you a bit.

The Patient (after the extraction)—Say, Doc, I know what Ananias did for a living, now.

EXPERIENCE?

Because Mrs. Stanton is the daughter of one doctor, the daughter-in-law of another and the wife of a third, nearly everybody was much amused when she attended a course of "first aid" lectures, and received instruction as humbly as the other villagers.

Doctor Stanton is still amused—although his wife cannot see why. Not long ago, when recounting the facts to a visitor, also a physician, Doctor Stanton added:

"And you can't tell the difference between drunkenness and apoplexy, can you, Julia?"

"Certainly I can!" retorted Mrs. Stanton.

"How?" returned the visitor. "By the smell," Mrs. Stanton replied, with dignity.—Youth's Companion.

HE CAUGHT IT.

"You look warm." "I have been chasing a hat." "Did your hat blow off?" "It was not my hat; it belonged to somebody else and it had a pretty girl under it." "Did you catch it?" "Yes. My wife saw me chasing it."—Houston Post.

Notice

Current bills are payable at the Farmington Exchange Bank and discounted December 20th.

AFTER JAN. 1st 1912 bills will be discounted on or before the 15th, of EACH MONTH.

EASTERN MICHIGAN EDISON CO. Farmington, Mich.

Division Office Rochester, Mich.

New Subdivision, for Redford

T. Hitchman has purchased the Schroeder farm of 40 acres on the Waterford road, which he intends to sell in acre lots at low prices. He has already sold 5 acres to Mr. Krey and recently sold 5 acres on the Snyder road for Mrs. Keenan to Mr. Gallino.

T. C. McKinney Kills Himself

T. G. McKinney, a wealthy resident of Birmingham, ended his life Monday morning by hanging. No reason is assigned for the act, members of his family having been unaware of the condition of his mind. They are at a loss to account for the ending of his life.

McKinney, who was 36 years of age, was in his usual health when he went to the barn. Just before dinner his wife sent their four year old son to the barn to call his father to dinner and the boy made the discovery of his father's body. Neighbors cut the body down and Justice Campbell was called, but decided no inquest was necessary. The body was cold when discovered.

He is purported to have been worth \$70,000. So far as is known his domestic life was pleasant.

He was a son of Wm. McKinney, a wealthy resident of that village, and a brother of Wm. McKinney, Jr., also living there. The family went there from Redford several years ago. McKinney had no occupation. His wife was formerly Miss Blanch Newman of Orchard Lake.

Mr. McKinney was drawn as a juror for the present term of the circuit court and served on the Wm. Dunston case last week. He was to have gone back this week to serve the remainder of the term.

We have enquiries for farms in this section and want to get in touch with sellers at once.—Ramsey Realty Co.

Local News

T. H. McGee's drug store is a good place to look for that Christmas present.

Mrs. Mary Osmus is suffering from a very severe attack of pneumonia and is being cared for by a trained nurse.

At Royal Oak thieves steal horses and buggies from the church sheds while the owners are attending the service.

An Oxford justice compels drunks to sign a pledge if they would escape a sentence in the House of Correction.

Friends in this vicinity have been enjoying a visit from Mrs. Ed. Walton and son, Wade, who live at Carrington in North Dakota.

After an illness of several weeks Fred Simmons passed away at five o'clock Thursday morning. He was a prosperous farmer and lived about three miles southwest of Farmington.

The M. E. Sunday-school will have a Christmas tree this year and it will be on Saturday evening, the 23rd. Appropriate class exercises and other songs and readings are being planned for the occasion.

R. L. Cook & Co. have made preparations to care for Christmas shoppers and have put, in a large line of goods suitable for gifts. They can supply almost anything wanted at prices much lower than are given in Detroit.

A team belonging to Wm. Maas, Sr., made a clean get away from the grist mill Wednesday and took a swift run up Division street and across lots, but finally came to a stop without doing much damage except to the wagon.

Don't forget the annual donation held by the Ladies' Aid in the town hall Friday, Dec. 5. A chicken pie dinner will be served at noon and a splendid supper will be served in the evening. Aprons and other articles on sale.

L. C. Schroder means business and his full page advertisement in this paper contains much good reading for those who have to do the family marketing. He has a fine line of Christmas specialties to which he calls attention and quotes low prices on everything for cash buyers.

A cordial invitation is extended by the Men's Class to all men of the community to attend their meeting next Sunday, 11:30-12:30 in the vestry of the M. E. church. An interesting discussion is expected. S. D. Harger, the teacher will conduct the class and lead the discussion.

Grinnell Bros., the popular Detroit piano dealers, have an advertisement in this paper that will certainly interest those who have a desire to own a piano. This firm is the largest concern of the kind in the state and has by years of fair dealing established a reputation for square treatment that bring prospective buyers to them from every section of Michigan as well as from many other states.

The services at the Baptist church Sunday, Dec. 17, are as follows: Morning service at 10:30; subject, "Just one Touch." Bible school at close of service. Evening services at 7:00 o'clock; subject, "There Is No Difference." All who enjoy singing are cordially invited to come and take part in a twenty-minute song service conducted by W. E. Proust. Everybody cordially invited.

The Youth's Companion Calendar for 1912

The publishers of The Youth's Companion will, as always at this season, present to every subscriber whose subscription (\$1.75) is paid for 1912, a beautiful calendar for the new year. The cover picture reproduces a water-color painting of a bit of New England coast, giving a glimpse of breeze-swept ocean, of smiling sky, of warm, sunny rays, which will come like a breath of salt air to those who have once lived near the sea and to those whose whole life has been passed inland. The picture being in eight colors, the tones of the original are faithfully reproduced.

New Piano for Methodist Church

Next Sunday the services in the M. E. church will be greatly aided by a brand new piano to be placed in the building this week.

It will be remembered that the Epworth League, by their endeavors in the Pontiac Press Gazette contest won a prize of a \$200 payment on a \$400 piano. This week a committee went to Grinnell Bros. and picked out their instrument. By paying cash for the balance they secured a discount of \$40 making the piano cost them \$160. This amount is to be paid by the Epworth League, the Farmington Guild and the Sunday-school.

The installation of electric lights and a piano within a few days will certainly add very much towards making the services more enjoyable and the work done by the various societies to secure improvements is certainly a credit to them.

Few Take Advantage of Law

Compared with the large number of mortgages which are on record in the office of the register of deeds, but few persons have so far availed themselves of the opportunity for exemption under the new mortgage tax law. December 31 is the last day mortgage holders have the opportunity and as that day fall on Sunday, Dec. 30 in reality will be the last day. Those who do not pay when the time limit expires will be assessed under the old law and will be obliged to pay annually one and a half and two per cent instead of a half of one per cent which the new law specifies will exempt the mortgage in the future.

After January 1 it will be necessary for mortgage owners to pay the one-half of one per cent before a new mortgage is recorded. It will make no difference whether the holder is a resident or non-resident of the state or whether individual, bank or corporation. The fee must be paid before the document is recorded.

Register of Deeds E. S. Gardner says that a total of 298 mortgages have been exempted since August and the biggest part of this number have been paid during the last few weeks. It is expected that between now and Dec. 30 there will be a rush to get in before the time limit expires. It is stated that the mortgages so far recorded are small, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Several have been \$4,000 and \$5,000 and only one reached \$10,000.

"A lot of people will get left," said County Treasurer Geo. B. Richardson. "Why I ought to have taken in \$20,000 so far and I have not taken in to exceed \$3,000. They tell me there are 5,000 mortgages on the books in the register of deeds office and less than 500 have been exempted so far. Why if I was to work every minute from now until the end of the year I couldn't make out the certificates for all these mortgages. If I knew they would be brought in I could get a corps of clerks to help but at the present time there doesn't seem to be any need of it for they are coming in slowly."

"Many are of the opinion they will get this chance to exempt their mortgages every December. This is not the fact. The new law provides that they shall have only until Dec. 31 to exempt their old mortgages and if they do not pay by that time the mortgages are taxed under the old system as personal and the holders in the course of a few years will have to pay many times more than if they get in under the new law."

Taxes

I will be at the Chamberlin barber shop hereafter on Friday and Saturday of each week for the collection of taxes. On any other day of the week can be seen at my home.

Dated, Dec. 6, 1911.

JOHN E. THAYER, Treasurer of the Township of Farmington.

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FOR BRUISES, SWELLINGS AND CONSTIPATION