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## SANTA CLAUS' VISIT.

In every corner  
Till the night before Christmas, when all the  
house.  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with  
care.  
In hopes that St. Nicholas would be there;  
The children were tucked all snug in their  
beds.  
While visions of sugar-plums danced through  
their heads.

And now in his tomb he lay asleep,  
Had just nestled our brains for a long winter's  
nap.

What was on the lamp when a clatter  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the noise.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
To see if there was some mistake.

The moon on the breast of the new snow  
Gave the light of day, and that which told  
From a thousand trees and bold they roared,  
With a loud old cheer so frosty and quick,  
I knew it must be St. Nick.

More than ever his coming they came,  
And in whiskers and stockings, and said "Ho, ho!"

"Now, ho, ho, ho, Santa Claus, Please

On, come, come, come, Come, and I'll give

To the two of the cords to the top of the roof,  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all."

And by hand-cards and hand-saws,  
When he went with an old team he'd say,

Snap to the horses, the corners they few,  
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## The Northville Record

SAMUEL H. LITTLE, Editor.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15, 1877.

Break another issue of the Record the twenty-fifth of December will have passed and while imagining the various methods among our numerous patrons for celebrating that time honored anniversary of our Savior's earthly existence, we take this opportunity of wishing them all "A Merry Christmas."

The fall of Plevna causes a commotion in Europe and especially England. The more victorious the Russians the more danger to English interests, and it will not be surprising if the English yet have a bloody hand in the settlement of this Turkey problem.

The obstinate defense of the Turks at Plevna is cited as most remarkable considering that they numbered but 27,000 half starved men and with 60 cannon while opposed to them were nearly 150,000 Russians and Roumanians and 400 guns.

James Davis, of New York, is taking the advantage of an old law in that state regarding the sale of liquors. This decides that only a hotel can be licensed and that provision for the accommodation of at least three guests must be provided therein. Saloons and restaurant keepers are of course interested at this decision.

The Russians have lost over 75,000 men since the beginning of the eastern war and the loss of Plevna shows that Turkey requires more than称赞able skill.

Killing a man while he's down seems to be characteristic of Nations as well as individuals, as demonstrated by the declaration of war on Turkey by Greece immediately after the fall of Plevna.

The recent exchange of courtesies (?) between Senators Conkling and Gordon is but one illustration of what constitutes gentlemanly demeanor according to Washington ideas. Calling a man a liar is consistent with public sentiment there.

Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 1877.  
Washington Correspondent, Northville Record.  
Now that the regular winter session of Congress is fairly under way, office seeking has begun again with redoubled vigor. Usually the Treasury has been the much sought goal but just now the Post Office appears to be the objective point, and that Department is continually thronged with Senators and Representatives asking positions for their constituents, thousands of whom are seeking work. At winter and spring it was said that the Capital had never been so full of office seekers but the echo is stronger still now. I fear pitiful times are before us this winter. Various charitable operations have already commenced in view of such a state of things—the different churches are forming their sewing circles, appointing their committees for visiting the poor and so on; several pious parties have been given over this early, and sacred charity's hand and heart are open wide. The Labor exchange is working in a most methodical and effective way, furnishing employment of all kinds to those who are inclined to work, from street sweeping and errand running to making paper bags and painting china ware. It is also proposed to institute a "Penny Restaurant" similar to one lately established by a lady in New York, where working people of all classes are able to buy a substantial meal for from one to five cents. This seems hardly plausible, but when we remember that material for carrying out of such a scheme may be bought by wholesale, that it is not done for the purpose of making money, and that we would not be expected—at such prices—to furnish surloin steaks, pastry and puddings we can see how it may be done. The lady in question puts palatable and strengthening food before her customers. They have baked beans, soup, boiled cabbage, stew, corned beef, coffee, tea, bread and butter, and even pie, besides other similar dishes. She buys beans by the dozen bushels, pork by the carcass, necks, legs and other parts of beef, which are inferior in price but superior in point of nourishment, vegetables by the quantity and thereby saves a vast amount of money. She tells amusing stories of occurrences she witnesses—as for instance, of a certain new boy who had 25¢ for a show but concluded to spend it on his stomach instead, and eat full half as many meals as he had pennies during a single day.

M. H. L.

## Midland.

One of the go-ahead towns of Michigan—Where the lumber for the Northville opera house comes from.

Twenty miles above, or rather west of Saginaw, on the F. & P. M. road, lies the city of Midland. This has a population of about 2500. Here is a bank, newspaper, and a goodly number of business houses. Many fine residences are to be seen here while a spirit of enterprise pervades the community characteristic only with these northern towns.

The main business institution of the place is centered in the milling and lumbering firm of Larkin & Patrick. This firm employs the year round from 60 to 80 hands. Mr. John Larkin, the senior partner, well known in that section, has been engaged here in this business for some twenty years. His partner, Mr. Wm. Patrick, an old lumberman and formerly of Flint, has been in the firm a little over a year. Mr. Patrick, a brother of the latter, is book-keeper for the firm.

It is from this place that the lumber for the Northville opera house is supplied; their facilities for getting out long timbers etc., being better than at other points, and also for the reason that the firm bears the reputation of giving low prices and dealing honorably.

The Stronghold of the Turks taken.

The Turkish stronghold of Plevna which has been besieged by the Russians and Roumanians for some time past, was surrendered to the allies on Sunday last. On that day, despatched with cold and hunger, Osman Pasha, with his garrison, attempted a sortie in the direction of Widin. He was at once attacked by the Russians in front and rear, and after a glorious struggle, in which he was himself severely wounded, he was compelled to surrender unconditionally. His gallant conduct excites the warmest admiration in all lands. Special ad-

vice from Buchanan put the number of Turkish prisoners taken at Plevna at 30,000, and the number of guns captured at 400. The ground which was the scene of the sortie was literally strewn with thousands of dead and dying. The sufferings of the Turks in the beleaguered town were actually awful. Cold, disease and famine decreased the ranks and reduced the soldiers to living skeletons. To aggravate the suffering there were no doctors, and no medicine could be obtained.

Cards in Southern.

The best arrangement for the comfort and convenience of Detroit and Michigan people took effect Monday, Nov. 25th, 1877.

Commencing with that date the 12.15 p.m. (1450) fast New York express on Canada Southern railway will have attached elegant sleeping and drawing room car for New York without charge, arriving there in grand central depot at 10.30 next forenoon. Retiring this car leaves New York at 6.00 p.m., arriving at Detroit 5.45 next evening (in time for supper), being the only line connecting with all evening trains for the interior of the state. The time of trains is as follows:

Atlantic express runs daily, and leaves Detroit 12.30 a.m., arrives in Buffalo 1.40 p.m., Rochester 4.30 p.m., Albany 4.45 p.m., New York 6.45 a.m., Boston 8.20 a.m., has attached drawing room and sleeping cars running through between Chicago and Boston.

East N.Y. express runs daily and leaves Detroit 12.10 p.m., Albany 4.30 a.m., New York 10.30 a.m., Boston 2.40 p.m., with through sleeping car running through between Chicago and Boston.

Lightning express, which runs daily except Saturdays and Sundays, leaves Detroit 11.10 p.m., arriving in Buffalo 7.30 a.m., Rochester 10.00 a.m., Albany 12.30 p.m., New York 10.00 p.m., and has sleeping cars from Detroit, Toledo and Port Huron to Buffalo and Rochester.

Applications sent by letter or telegraph in relation to tickets or sleeping car accommodations, will receive prompt and careful attention, by addressing Frank E. Snow, Genl Passenger and Ticket Agent, Detroit.

Wayne.

The committee of investigation Supervisors Wallace, of Wayne, Scott, of Plymouth, Kurtz, Taff and Finnegan, of Detroit—appointed at the October meeting of the board to examine into the affairs of the county house have been sitting for a few days, and have gleaned the following facts: The superintendents not succeeding in inducing the country to consent to a purchase of a farm belonging to S. W. Walker, of Wayne, then offered for sale at \$3,000, they purchased the standing timber on the farm for \$2,500, with the understanding that Walker should receive all the milling timber, worth probably \$300. The farm was afterward sold to other parties for \$1,600. Thus in all Walker had realized \$5,000 for his \$3,000 tract. The committee agree that the fuel for the paupers was not purchased at fraudulent rates, but say that the county officials might exercise more care in public transactions.

M. H. L.

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Charlie Grow, Manager.

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DEPARTURE TIME.

MORN. 7:14 A. M. MAIL 8:00 A. M.  
SUNG EXP. 8:31 A. M. DAY EXP. 8:31 A. M.  
DARK EXP. 8:46 P. M. DAY EXP. 8:46 P. M.  
NIGHT EXP. 1:23 P. M. NIGHT EXP. 1:23 P. M.

TRAINS LEAVE FLYNNVILLE DPT. LANSING FLINT MICH. R. R.

DEPARTURE TIME.

MORN. 8:34 A. M. MAIL 9:05 A. M.  
SUNG EXP. 9:55 A. M. DAY EXP. 9:55 A. M.  
DARK EXP. 10:10 P. M. NIGHT EXP. 10:10 P. M.

LEAVE WAYNE ON MICH. CENT.

DEPARTURE TIME.

MORN. 8:45 A. M. MAIL 9:15 A. M.  
SUNG EXP. 9:55 A. M. DAY EXP. 9:55 A. M.  
DARK EXP. 10:10 P. M. NIGHT EXP. 10:10 P. M.

NORTHVILLE MARKETS.

Northville, Dec. 18th, 1871.

APPLES, DRIED 50¢

BRAINS, 5 lb. 75¢

BUTTER, 1 lb. 12¢

CLOVER FIELD, 5 lb. 12¢

DRESSED BEEF, 5 lb. 12¢

DRESSED CHICKENS & 12¢

DRIED PEAS, 5 lb. 12¢

Eggs, 1 dozen 12¢

FLOUR, 50 lb. 12¢

HAMS, 5 lb. 12¢

LARD, 5 lb. 12¢

HATE, 5 lb. 12¢

POTATOES, 5 lb. 12¢

SHOULDER MEAT, 5 lb. 12¢

SALT, 50 lbs. 12¢

SUGAR, 5 lb. 12¢

TAUJOW, 5 lb. 12¢

WHEAT, 50 lbs. 12¢

No. 1. 12¢

No. 2. 12¢

Home and Vicinity.

A. J. LITTLE, LOCAL EDITOR.

Business lively.

Christmas coming.

Who'll see Santa Claus?

The last week has seemed more like spring, than winter.

Methodist social at H. D. Clark's, Wednesday evening, the 19th.

Capt. S. Gardner and lady, of Detroit, were in town this week.

H. M. Perrin, of Detroit, made Northville a call one day this week.

Miss Minnie, daughter of Benj. Brown, of Ann Arbor, is visiting the family of J. S. Lapham.

Arrangements have been made with Prof. Simonds, of Detroit to instruct the Northville glee club.

C. G. Harrington and J. G. Lapham will start next Monday on a week's partridge hunt at Belleville.

A number of Plymouth people were in attendance at Miss Cady's Dramatic Entertainment, Tuesday evening.

The scarlet fever prevails to that extent at Vassar, that the Union school had to close. So a person here learns from a friend living there.

Geo. Wick has sold out his cigar manufacture to Wood Bros, of this place and will act as foreman in the latter's employ.

The Presbyterians are preparing for a Christmas tree and have extended an invitation to the Methodists and Baptists to join them on this pleasant occasion.

There is to be an organ recital and social concert at the Presbyterian church, Thursday evening Dec. 20th. Those that have an ear for good music should be in attendance.

It is said there are two different classes of people in this place, and that while one class sleeps nights, the other sleeps in the day time. Nights being the only time that the latter can borrow wood.

Samuel Starke, of Salem, a well-to-do Farmer, fell down dead, Tuesday evening the 4th. His funeral sermon was preached at the Salem Congregational church, Friday the 7th, by Rev. James Dubois, of this place.

The local editor of the Record is always pleased either at home or abroad with the drama, and wishes the Plymouth dramatic club to accept his thanks for favors at their late entertainment and similar courtesies on previous occasions.

Our townsmen, Winfield Scott, is one of the committee of township supervisors, at present, making an investigation of matters pertaining to the management of the Wayne County House. He has been making a trip to that place daily this week.

D. H. Dörrer has entered into partnership with W. W. Brown in the Restaurant. Dörrer says himself and partner not only mean to keep a first-class restaurant, but that they will strictly comply with the law, selling only what their license permits.

Work on the opera house is progressing rather slowly on account of scarcity of lumber—bill stuff; the present kind of weather being rather damp on mill-owners whose dependence on hauling logs is in frozen ground instead of mire, and the latter ingredient is very plentiful just now in the lumber districts north.

A new ad appears in this issue

for the dollar store. It would be well for you that are buying holiday goods at Detroit to remember that the most available point for trading is at the Alhambra dollar store.

Even a visit there will repay one well. There's everything to be seen there and all

selling at the low price of one dollar—some articles at even less.

Without the least doubt this house

is preferable to any other in the city

for the purchase of holiday or other goods. Try for yourself.

**Griswold Cake Party.**—A griddle cake party was given by Herbert Clarkson, at his father's house, one mile west on Wednesday evening of this week; to which number of young people from this vicinity were invited. Griddle-cakes were plenty and willing hands made them, and at a seasonable hour the guests started for their respective homes, well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

**List of Uncalled for Letters at the Northville Post-office.**

H. C. Lester, Wm. Cork, Sarah Clegg, Mrs. J. Clark, Martha Dowdall, Mr. and Mrs. Pittman, John G. Hopper, Mrs. J. C. Goodell, F. C. Hopkins, Mrs. J. C. George, Mrs. George, Mrs. H. C. Lester, Mrs. Pittman, John G. Hopper, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, Anna Westcott.

**What David Brooks says:**—Mr. David Brooks was on the street Friday for the first time in several weeks. He is troubled with a cancerous growth which together with a rheumatic ailment in his back, keeps him confined to the house. Having been engaged during his life in many building schemes at his old home in the past, he still takes pride in all improvements of a public nature. He took a survey of the work on the opera house so far, and after a look at the perspective view, to be seen in this office, and remarked that the acquisition of such a building to the town ought to make every resident feel not only a degree of pride, but a sense of their own duty towards aiding in its construction.

**A Success.**

Such might very properly be claimed for Miss Cady's entertainment last Thursday evening. A dramatic exhibition, participated by home talent, is always sure to draw a full house, and that was the case on this occasion—a good and appreciative audience. We need not discriminate in reference to the young ladies and gent's participating, as the audience were capable of forming a proper opinion as to each one's merits; but if a word of commendation would be in order we might state that the young ladies engaged, Misses Neilia Cady, Matie Lapham, Nettie Randolph and Minnie Little, assumed their different characters admirably and elicited merited applause.

The Northville corner band as usual discussed some of their choice music before the opening.

**Plymouth Items.**

**Plymouth, Dec. 18th, 1871.**

From our Special Correspondent.

Frank Black, of this place, who was injured by attempting to jump from an express train on the M. C. a short time since, died on the 8th. His funeral sermon was held at the Methodist church last Sunday and was very largely attended.

A social was held at the Methodist church, last Wednesday evening, now commencing its fifty-seventh volume. Progressive, comprehensive, sound, reliable, it is just what is needed in your household. Send \$3.15 for a year to The New York Observer, 37 Park Row, New York. Sample copies are sent free.

**Missing Numbers Wanted.**

We wish very much to have the following numbers of the Record to complete our file. If any of our readers will forward these of the number and date mentioned to this office they will be rewarded:

Vol. NUMBER DATE.  
S. 12 Dec. 16, 1871.  
S. 14 Jan. 16, 1872.  
S. 17 Feb. 2, 1872.

### A FATAL ACCIDENT.

A young man of this place meets his death very suddenly.

Frank Booth, aged 25 years and oldest son of Mrs. Mary Booth, was thrown from a buggy last night (Friday) and killed.

Frank is company with Bass Peck, a young man in the employ of W. P. Yerkes, drove to Plymouth last evening to attend the dramatic entertainment at Amity Hall. The horse, a spirited animal, belonged to Mr. Yerkes and was driven to a buggy and thrown both occupants to the ground. Frank's head struck the steps leading to Mr. Bachner's rooms and from that moment he never spoke.

They returned home about half past 12 o'clock and together with another

they were trouting at a good speed. When opposite Mr. Bachner's stable the horse suddenly turned in toward the building, turning the buggy and throwing both occupants to the ground. Frank's head struck the steps leading to Mr. Bachner's rooms and from that moment he never spoke.

Holiday goods at SANDS.

You can get a pair of Johnston & Conrath's patent Economical Spectacles, or easy fitting Eye-glasses and have your eyes fitted by their perfect eye test at A. E. Rockwell's.

Agents wanted for the best selling article cast. H. C. Bradley, Northville, Mich.

Foot Rests, Picture Frames and Chromos at SANDS.

It will be for your interest to see the stock of Silver Plate and other goods at A. E. Rockwells, before making your selection for the holidays.

Goods were never so cheap—quality considered. A 2 oz. Silver Hunting case Elgin Watch—Steel winder and set for \$16.00.

A good Stock of Baskets at SANDS.

You should see those Magic Stop Organs at A. E. Rockwells.

They are superior to any other in the Action Stop and pedal work, and they

are record to none in power and

sweetness of tone and finish. It

will be for your interest to see

the Sherman Family.

Washington Oct. Northville Record.

The Sherman family is a peculiar

one and one in which the whole public

is ever interested. The General and

his wife are as opposite as the poles

socially; she would seem more like

her brother-in-law, the Secretary of

the Treasury. Genl Sherman is very

lively and a lover of society, theatricals,

operas, and all sorts of public

gaiety, while his wife is almost

a recluse. She is enthusiastically re

ligious and right devout to the

Roman Catholic faith, which is a

source of regret to the General's

friends, for his lady does not care to

make friends outside of Catholicism.

This it occurs to pass that few people

know Mrs. Sherman at all intimately

and she seldom appears in society,

the General usually attending his

young and interesting daughter.

"The years have told upon him in

his white hair and furrowed face

since he left our hero is marching

through Georgia; but his heart

is sternly young. He must be

recognized as a type of himself, one

of the characteristic and extraordi-

nary men of the country."

We keep saying that winter has

come, but the air is still without much

"hiss" to it. We have had

## The Northville Record.

SATURDAY, LITTLE, ETC., & CO.

NORTHVILLE, MICHIGAN.

### AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC.

Cork is coming into use in Germany as a filling for winter bed-scrierets, in place of feathers. It is said to be not only lighter and cheaper, but decidedly warmer.

Chickens for shipping to market should be dry picked, and care taken to remove all the pin-feathers, and avoid tearing the skin. For packing, use clean, hard-threshed rye-straw. If this cannot be obtained without some trouble, clean oat-straw will answer. Place a layer of straw at the bottom of the box, then one of poultry, packing singly, backs upward, filling all vacancies with straw so that the cover will draw down singly on the contents.—*Iowa State Register.*

There is a class of farmers who are constantly on the lookout for a better place to go to. Their farms are always "for sale," and they dream of luxuriant lands in some other part of the country which can be bought "for a song," where they imagine they would be more prosperous, and enjoy life better than where they now reside. Many of these men own mortgaged farms, and for such men to desire to remove "where they can own a free farm, though it be far, far away, is but a natural manifestation to better one's condition which the mind cannot resist. But where can these men go after selling their farms, and be contented? This is a serious question, which no man can answer of his own knowledge.—*Colonial Farmer.*

The extra price received for a superior article is nearly all profit. And this is especially the case with the farm. It costs no more to raise a good horse than poor scrub. No more feed or care is time required. And if the plug horse can't be raised so as to pay expenses, there is a fine profit in raising first-class horses. The same is the case with meat cattle. In fact it costs more per pound to raise such a steer as would sell for three cents per pound than one which sells for six cents per pound. In this case there are nearly double the number of pounds, and double the price per pound, and yet the former steer takes no more food or care than the other. In this case not only the extra price is the profit, but the extra weight also.—*Iowa State Register.*

Dig a narrow pit from twelve to eighteen inches deep, throwing the earth all out on one side. From near the bottom of this pit dig a trench of sufficient length to hold one or two joints of stove-pipe, at such an angle as will bring the end away from the pit to the surface of the ground. Over the end of this pipe set a common four-barrel or large cask, as may be needed, and having removed both heads, back up around it with a little earth, so that no smoke can escape at the bottom. Hang the bars, etc., in it, using coarse round sticks to run through the strings. Putting a cover on the sticks will leave space enough for draught to let the smoke pass freely. Build a smoke-hole of coarse, damp hard-wood or sawdust, in the pit, and you will have a cheap, safe and efficient smoke-house, with very little trouble.—*Ohio Farmer.*

### Preparation of Poultry for Market.

Although advice and warning have repeatedly been given on the subject of preparing poultry for its consumption, there are a great many persons engaged in the business who are still in need of instruction as to the best methods to be adopted for this purpose. There are others who, if possessed of the proper knowledge, are yet careless and slow in their practice. A glance through Fulton and Washington Markets in this city, furnishes convincing evidence of the truth of these statements. The number of really few fowls, now to be seen in those places is out of all due proportion to the ill-conditioned and squalid ones displayed.

While this continues, the complaints frequent heard of unprofitable shipments on the part of consignors will continue, and, on the other hand, just in proportion as the appearance of the poultry in market improves will these complaints disappear. It is a matter largely within the control of farmers, breeders and packers. Good poultry, delivered in good form, will almost always bring remunerative prices. This is proved by the extra pains bestowed on the preparation of poultry for the holiday season, and the extra prices always asked and readily obtained at that time. The same skill and care applied throughout the year would undoubtedly be the wisest course for all concerned to pursue! The holidays are again approaching, and it is a good time to enforce the principles governing this matter.

Trussing is a point of the first importance. All poultry intended for the table should be trussed. To do so will amply repay the trouble and expense attending it. The common practice is to pen the fowls up together and feed them all; they will eat of proper food. "Cramming" is also a method followed to considerable extent in this country. In France, it is a special trade, carried on by certain persons in the poultry breeding districts, who buy from the farmers or in the market for this purpose. Good-sized and strong, healthy fowls are generally selected to be trussed. Weak fowls will not stand this process, and small ones will hardly take on sufficient weight to make it worth while. It is believed by some, that, in order to facilitate the fastening, the fowls should be kept separate in dark coops, which should remain uncleaned during confinement. This is a most absurd theory, contrary to nature and careful experience. The best practice is to provide separate compartments for the fowls where they will not see each other, but to give them plenty of light and air, and to keep the coops perfectly clean and dry. Some whitewash them every day.

There are two systems of cramming used in France; the dry and the liquid. The latter is done by introducing into

### the throats of fowls a funnel, and forcing through it into their crops barley, meat and milk three times a day. One person can cram in this way easily sixty fowls per hour, and the fastening lasts not longer than three weeks, varying according to the disposition of the fowls to fasten. For dry cramming the meal of barley and buckwheat is made into a stiff paste with milk and water, then formed into pills two inches long and half an inch in diameter. These are dipped into water, and forced into the throats of the fowls until the crops are filled twice a day. It is, however, important not to cram a fowl until the previous meal is digested, as otherwise it might produce indigestion and death.

### KILLING.

Select a cool, dry day for this purpose. The fowls should remain unfed twenty-four hours previous to slitting. Wrapping the necks is a barbarous plan, which is condemned on all hands. It disfigures the fowls and leaves the blood in their bodies; unless their heads are chopped off immediately after. A good way to kill is to tie by the legs to a line all kinds of poultry, and cut their throats near the head, by a small incision and let them bleed to death. Avoid a large gash, as it is unsightly. Another plan is to open the back of the fowl and make an incision with a pointed and narrow knife at the back of the roof. This will divide the neck bone and cause instant death. After the bleeding ceases the head is rinsed out with vinegar and water. Fowls killed in this way do not present any external marks and keep better than those killed by the other methods. When the heads are cut off, the skin should be drawn over the neck bone and neatly tied.

### DRESSING.

The best method of plucking is to dry-pick the fowls, and this should be done while the full animal heat is yet in their bodies, when the feathers are more easily removed without tearing the skin. The practice of scalding chickens and turkeys to save labor in removing the feathers is not good, and ought to be entirely abandoned. They are far inferior in appearance to the dry-picked, and are sold with greater difficulty and at lower prices. A skilled chicken butcher will kill and dry-pick sixty fowls per hour, or one per minute. Geese and ducks are frequently plucked after being plunged in water-soaked, boiling, and impossible to get off.

### THE CANNING OF FOWLS.

For a few minutes the fowls are

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