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CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Presbyterian—Spring Mills, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon.
Lutheran—Union, morning; Georges Valley, afternoon; Centre Hall, evening.
Reformed—Centre Hall, morning; Tusseyville, afternoon.
Methodist—Sprucetown, morning; Centre Hall, afternoon; Spring Mills, evening.

SCALDING TROUGH TO LET.—The undersigned offers for rent an Excelsior Scalding Trough, at 50c per day. This is a modern contrivance. Fire is built under the trough, saving water and wood. Light to handle and can be set anywhere.
D. W. BRADFORD,
Centre Hall, Pa.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—LETTERS TESTAMENTARY on the estate of Michael J. Decker, late of Potter Township, deceased, having been duly granted to the undersigned they would respectfully request any persons knowing themselves indebted to the estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement.
D. F. W. and J. L. DECKER, Executors,
o. Dec 31, Centre Hall, Pa.

FOR SALE.—A sorrel driving horse. Perfectly safe, and fearless of steam and automobiles. Good reason for selling.
MARY BURKHOLDER,
Centre Hill.

POTATOES.—The undersigned offers for sale potatoes in large or small lots.
S. W. SMITH, Centre Hall, Pa.

LARGE STOCK SALE.—Owing to the destruction by fire of the barn and outbuildings on the Mary Potter farm, as well as all the hay, grain, implements, harness, etc., the undersigned, who are joint owners, will offer for sale
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1 P. M.
on the Mary Potter farm, 1.14 miles east of Linden Hall, and 4 miles west of Centre Hall, on Brush Valley road:

NINE HEAD OF HORSES—5 work horses, all in good condition. One is a brood mare in foal. Two are four years old, well broken to harness. One is three years old, halter broke; will make a good general purpose horse. Sucking colt, bred from the mare mentioned above and sired by a Clydesdale. 12 MILK COWS—Three of these cows are fresh; the remainder will be fresh between time of sale and spring. FOUR STEERS—Two of these steers are about two years old, and in good condition; two are yearlings. FULL BLOODED SHORTHORN BULL 7 HEIFERS—Two are two years old; three are yearlings; two are six months old. 5 SHOA'S. Also a sheet-iron scalding trough constructed so fire can be built underneath it.
Rare opportunity for bargains in horses, cattle and hogs.
MAY POTTER,
GEO. W. EARHART,
Frank Mayes, Auct.

SALE REGISTER.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, one o'clock, one mile east Centre Hill, sale of personal property of Amelia Boyer, dec'd, by John F. and Edie R. Boyer, executors: Horse, 2 cows, heifer, range, cook stove, heater, ten-plate stove, beds, sewing machine and other household goods.
TUESDAY, MARCH 9, Philip C. Frank, near Centre Hill: Farm stock and implements.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, nine o'clock, by Nicodemus Luse, on W. H. Meyer farm, one mile south east of Centre Hill: Seven horses, 40 head horn cattle, 32 sheep, 40 hogs; farm implements, all as good as new.
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, near Penns Cave, by H. D. Ro-sman: Farm stock, implements and household goods.
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 10 a. m., 2 1/2 miles east of Centre Hall, by G. F. Emerick: Full line farm implements, horses and live stock.

GRAIN MARKET.

Wheat	70	1 00
Barley	60	50
Oats	50	50
Corn	50	50

PRODUCE AT STORES.

Lard	93	Butter	28
Potatoes	85	Eggs	30

Smulton
There were fifty-three porkers in this town, all having been killed except one. The average weight was about 260 pounds. J. S. Emerick takes the lead, two of his porkers having weighed 708 pounds.
Revival services in the M. E. church closed Tuesday evening of last week. One conversion was the success attained.
George Miller and wife, of Lock Haven, are spending some time here, being called this way on account of the illness of their daughter, Elsie, who is down with rheumatism.
Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Spigelmyer, of Millheim, were guests at Robert Hackenberger's, one day last week. Mr. Spigelmyer is the up to date liver-ryman of his town.
C. H. Bierly has his saw mill, east of town, in operation part of the time. He is greatly hampered by lack of water to supply the boiler.
Mr. Monks, of the firm of the Lester Piano Company, Philadelphia, was a guest at the home of George H. Smull, where he placed one of the company's pianola piano players, the selling price of which is \$750. The Lester people have a reputation for the manufacture of the finest instruments, and to hear them is a treat. To the knowledge of the correspondent this is the first instrument of the kind in this valley.
A. E. Strayer and son are at present painting the interior of the Lutheran church, at Tyler'sville.
J. W. Brungart is improving his home considerably, adding greatly to its general appearance.
House next spring will be very smart, caused by the sale of several properties to persons who will hereafter occupy them themselves.
The stream supplying water for this town and Rebersburg is lower than it ever was known to have been. Let us hope for copious showers before winter sets in.

There are no "H's," "A's," nor "B's" about the ease and comfort of FITZEZY shoes. For ladies only, at Yeagers.

Four Horse Team Runs Off
You would hardly think it, but good horseman as he is, Nicodemus Luse, of Centre Hill, permitted a four-horse team to run away from him the latter part of last week. He was returning home from Centre Hall station with a laddered wagon, and on reaching the brow of a hill he went to the rear of his wagon to draw the brake. When the team reached the flat, the wagon was unlocked, and Mr. Luse mounted the wagon at the rear. In walking forward over the coards forming the bottom of the side of the ladders, one of them gave away, the breaking causing a sharp report. This caused the horses to take fright, and they at once began running. The driver, in his effort to reach terra firma, became impaled on one of a number of pins on the ladder, and it was with difficulty that he managed to extricate himself, but finally succeeded. The horses were not moving slowly—too fast for Mr. Luse to reach the saddle horse although within two feet of the rein. Eight hundred or more dollars worth of horse flesh pulled off, leaving the driver in the rear. A short distance farther on the wagon and a telephone pole met, causing the wagon to part with the tongue. The horses galloped on until they reached the Centre Hill corner, and on passing the Strohm farm, Mrs. William M. Sweeney captured the runaways. No damage was done the animals, and they were not at all excited. Mr. Luse was slightly injured, but his predicament for a time was very serious.

The Krape House Afire.
The residence of Al P. Krape made a narrow escape from being burned Monday morning. Mrs. Krape was away on a visit, and his daughter, Miss Clara, is the night operator in the Centre Hall telephone exchange of the Bell system, leaving Mr. Krape and a little daughter aged about three years at the home. Monday morning Mr. Krape arose leaving the little girl in her crib, made the fire, and went to the stable to do the feeding. In the meantime the child awoke, climbed out of her crib, and in some manner threw clothing against a stove pipe passing through the room. The little one went down stairs, and to the house of a neighbor—Lyman L. Smith—and told them "their house was smoky." This led to investigating, and not too soon for the interior of the room was badly damaged, as was also the furniture in other parts of the house. The floor about the stove pipe was burned away for several feet. It was a close call. Mr. Krape's home is one of the most substantial dwellings in town, and the loss, had it been burned, would have been quite heavy.

Transfer of Real Estate.
John D. Barker to Albert Urbern, Nov. 9, 1908, premises in Rush twp. \$3025.
W. Fred Reynolds, et. ux., to S. H. Williams, Aug. 22, 1908, lot No. 29 in Reynolds Addition. \$250.
Martha Stalker to John H. Miller, March 30, 1908, 133 1/2, 35p in Ferguson twp. \$3800.
Geo. W. Zeigler, et. ux., to Martha C. Parker, Nov. 18, 1908, premises in Phillipsburg. \$1.
S. B. Parker, et. ux., to Geo. W. Zeigler, Nov. 18, 1908, premises in Phillipsburg. \$1.
T. W. Walker to Nathaniel Bowersox, Dec. 27, 1901, 4 acres, 94 perches in Miles twp. \$504.
J. W. Harter, et. ux., to Jacob Winkleblich, March 27, 1908, 25 acres in Miles twp. \$125.

Keith's Theatre.
A leader at Keith's Theatre, Philadelphia, this week, is Eva Tanguay, who is there for her second and last week. Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne are appearing in Mr. Cressy's play, "Bill Biffin's Baby." Fiddler and Shelton give songs, mimicry and impersonations. The best terpsichorean act in vaudeville is that of the six American dancers. Jesse L. Lasky's presentation of the musical comedy "At the Country Club," is an especially attractive number. Green Brothers, burlesque jugglers, and Mc-Lain Sisters in songs and dances, are other interesting entertainers.

How to Save Money.
J. D. Murray, the popular druggist, is selling Dr. Howard's celebrated specific for the cure of dyspepsia and constipation. In addition to selling a fifty-cent bottle, containing a month's treatment of sixty doses, for 25 cents, he gives his personal guarantee with every bottle he sells to refund the money if it does not give satisfaction. This unusual offer has brought hundreds of customers to his store in the last few weeks, yet out of the many bottles of Dr. Howard's specific he has sold, but one customer has asked to have the money returned. This was done without any questions, although he does not think the remedy could have been given a fair trial.
Doctor's bills can be saved by the use of Dr. Howard's specific for the cure of constipation and dyspepsia, and by taking advantage of this special half-price introductory offer, our readers can save half the regular price of the specific.

LOCALS.
The last November days were most beautiful.
The jurors drawn for December court are reprinted in this issue.
Remember the public sale on the Potter farm Saturday afternoon.
This much is certain. You'll never be sorry that you selected FITZEZY shoes. For ladies only, at Yeagers.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Copenhaver, of Colyer, went to Altoona Saturday afternoon to spend a short time with Mr. Copenhaver's parents.
The Pennsylvania State Grange will convene in Altoona Tuesday. The session will be attended by a number of persons from this county.
The Lutheran church, at Tyler'sville, which is being remodeled, will be painted by A. E. Strayer, of Rebersburg. The carpenter work is being done by Smith and Bierly.

Word was received by letter from the warden of the Western Penitentiary, at Pittsburg, that Jacob From was in the Penitentiary Hospital, ill of typhoid fever, and that his condition was regarded serious.
Mrs. Clayton Getting, of Colyer Saturday returned from Millheim where she was entertained by Mrs. James B. Wagner, during the absence of Mr. Wagner, who was on a hunting expedition in the Brush Valley narrows.
By getting his hand mixed up with a hay baler, Paul, the little son of J. H. Ross, of Linden Hall, had it badly crushed. The lad was playing about the machine, and in some manner got his hand fast in the chamber of the machine.

Montgomery & Company, the Rebersburg clothiers, come to you this week with their Christmas advertisement. Read it over. Remember Montgomery's clothing is of the highest grade, but the price is no higher than that asked for by other and inferior suits.
Saturday afternoon Mrs. Reuben Colyer returned from Pittsburg where she was called on account of the illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ray Burnes. The lady is in a very serious condition due to pulmonary troubles. Mr. Colyer brought home with her Mrs. Burnes's daughter, aged about two years.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has issued a bulletin stating that the whiskey has been placed on the inflammable list, and in shipments of five gallons or more must bear the red label. That's about the same as giving it the Indian name of fire water, and the red label to correspond to the color of the habitual's nose.

A valuable horse belonging to George Giegerich was kicked on the inside of the hind knee four weeks ago, and later complicated a set of that will likely cost the animal's life. Mr. Giegerich and Dr. Ritter have been giving the horse much attention, but there is not much prospect of getting the animal on his pins again.
When you buy a National American Red Cross Christmas stamp you are paying no one a profit. The proceeds of all sales go to the treasury of the National Red Cross Society, and will be used in fighting the great white plague. These Red Cross stamps can be purchased at The Centre Reporter office, and no Christmas package or letter during the Christmas season will be complete unless it bears the Red Cross emblem. Aid the cause to the extent of a few pennies, at least.

Colyer.
With regret it is stated that Jacob J. Jordan, of this place, is among the sick.
Raymond Smith, who was injured while hauling cornfodder, is improving slowly.
Monday being the last day of the hunting season a number of hunters made another attempt to bag game of some description.
A. J. Weaver and daughter Willis, and Mr. and Mrs. Eye, spent Sunday with friends at Lemont.
William Strong has removed from his mountain home to Colyer, it requiring more than two days to transport the goods.
Asking a girl to accompany her home is not what it is cracked up to be judging from the lack of courage displayed by several Centre Hill lads. Pick up courage and come back a man.
Harry Horner, of Coburn, is visiting his brother, John and James, at this place.
While attempting to separate two vicious dogs that were scrapping, Samuel Slack was bitten in the hand.
Philip Bradford's daughters, from Lemont, are at present visiting their grandfather, John R. Lee, at this place.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Farner and daughter, of Philadelphia, are at present visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Farner, at Colyer.
Mrs. Dr. Alexander, of Poters Mills, visited her sister, Mrs. D. G. Iss Wagner, near Tyler'sville.
Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Copenhaver and son Russel, visited the former's parents in Tyrone.

Sam, the expert mason, masoned until he lost his hammer, then he used the ax as a stone dressing implement. Any one needing a mason call on him by mail or phone.

Harris Township.
Mrs. Amanda Walker is visiting at Centre Hall.
Mr. and Mrs. John Kline, of Centre Mills, visited at the home of William Myers over Sunday.
William Cramer, of near Rock View, spent Sunday in Boalsburg.
George Dale, of Dale Summit, was one of the guests at the L. Motber-bugh home on Thanksgiving day.
Samuel Kaup and family, of Renovo; James Fry, of Clearfield, and Calvin Fisher, of Bellefonte, were visitors at the home of George Kaup.

Miss Annie Myers and her little nephew, John Andrew Myers, of Millheim, visited from Wednesday till Monday with friends at Oak Hall and Boalsburg.
Will Hoy and family, of State College, spent Sunday at the R. B. Harrison home.
Mrs. Katharine Sanders with her bright little daughter Elizabeth, of Centre Hall, enjoyed the Thanksgiving season with friends at State College, the Branch and Boalsburg.
A very interesting mission service was conducted by the ladies of the Lutheran Missionary Society on Sunday evening.
John Myers, of Millheim, spent Sunday and Monday with relatives at Oak Hall and Boalsburg.

Mrs. W. E. Gettig with her children, William and Katharine, of Altoona, spent a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meyer, who moved into their new home on Friday.
George E. Meyer, of the Mountain City, returned to his home Sunday, after spending two weeks with his parents.
Mrs. John Fortney and Mrs. Ira Kishel spent Sunday at the Messinger home, near Tusseyville. Mrs. Will Hess, of near Pittsburg, and Mrs. Alfred Osman, of Altoona, daughters of Mr. Messinger, are spending some time with him.
Will Hess and family, of Pittsburg, were visitors at the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Segner.

Mrs. E. E. Brown returned on Friday from an extended visit among friends in Clearfield county.
Charles Fenstermacher, of Chicago, spent Thanksgiving at the home of Andrew Lytle, near State College.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fenstermacher were guests at the home of Mrs. Margaret Miller, on Sunday.
Adam Zeigler, of Linden Hall, spent Sunday in Boalsburg.

Miss Pearl Stover returned to Centre Hall last week after a stay of eight months at the home of Elmer Ishler. S. E. Weber is attending the meetings of the Mason's Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this week.
W. B. Young departed on Monday for Poters Mills, where he has contracted for some work at plastering.

Mrs. Samuel McClintock, of Walnut Grove, spent Saturday in Boalsburg.
Mrs. F. W. Weber and son John assisted at the moving of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ross.
Mrs. M. A. Woods gave a supper Saturday evening. The guests were: Mrs. Frank McFarlane, Mrs. W. A. Murray, Mrs. Alice Magoffin and Mrs. William Goheen.
Mrs. Frink, of Tyrone, and Mrs. J. F. Stover, of Bellefonte, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Laura Bricker, over Thanksgiving.
Miss Rose Woods entertained some company at a card party on the evening of Thanksgiving day.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher, of Danville, visited Mrs. Emma Fisher, over Thanksgiving.

Aaronsburg.
Perry Adams and family, of State College, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Mingle over Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. McClintock and Master John English, of Lock Haven, visited at the home of John H. Crouse over Thanksgiving.
Mr. and Mrs. George Fehl, of Bellefonte, are guests of their son Edward Fehl at this writing.
Rev. and Mrs. Snyder, of Rebersburg, are assisting Rev. Garrett to conduct a revival service in the Evangelical church.
Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brown, of Salona, visited the latter's father, James Weaver, for a few days.
The Reformed Sunday-school will render a Christmas service on Christmas eve.
Mrs. Chestie Wert, of Rebersburg, spent a few days with her many friends in town, and was also at the home of her son, Luther Wert.
Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, of Milton, are the welcome guests of Grandmother Bower.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Meyer and family, of Coburn, were guests at the home of Mrs. Meyer's father, George Weaver.
Rev. and Mrs. W. Donat had their babe baptized at the Salem Reformed church on Sunday afternoon. The rites were performed by Dr. D. M. Wolf.
The condition of Thomas Frank, who has been ill for the past few months, is critical.
Dr. Louis Dend.

Dr. William Laurie, for many years pastor of the Bellefonte Presbyterian church, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Eldredge, in Cape May, New Jersey, Tuesday.

Oak Hall.
Miss Gertrude Wieland spent her Thanksgiving vacation with her sister, Mrs. Mitchell Garbrick, at Clearfield, returning Monday morning.
Mrs. Krape departed for her home at Salona on Saturday, after a very pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. William Ferris.
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dale enjoyed a visit with friends in Johnstown and Altoona last week.

Miss Irene Segner, of Boalsburg, spent last week in Bellefonte, and on her return visited her sister, Mrs. Zong.
W. H. Fry, of Pine Grove Mills, was in town Saturday.
Charles Corl, of Boalsburg, spent some time in town last week, sawing wood with his steam circular saw.
A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Miller, of Altoona, last week. Mrs. Miller was formerly Miss Mary Dale, of Oak Hall.
Mrs. Luther Peters spent Thanksgiving with friends at Spring Mills.
Miss Ella Dale spent Saturday in Bellefonte.

Dr. Church, of Wilkes-Barre, was in town Sunday inspecting a herd of cattle purchased by James C. Gilliland.
Elmer Houtz, who was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, is much improved at this writing.
Monday morning Samuel Bible met with a painful accident, falling from the top to the bottom of the stairway. The result was a broken collar bone and numerous bruises.
Mrs. B. Frank Homsy has been ill for several weeks.
Miss Mary Baker, of Lemont, was a caller in town last week.
Mrs. Henry Homan, of Centre Hall, recently visited friends in town.
Edward Sellers transacted business in Philadelphia last week.

Among recent improvements are a number of new roofs. The dwelling house owned by Ira Korman, the factory and the grain house all were recently covered with galvanized roofing.
Samuel Everhart, of the Branch, was in town Saturday and Monday.
The pupils of the Grammar school gave an entertainment Wednesday afternoon. A number of visitors were present.
Miss Bertha Meyer, of Linden Hall, was the guest of the Misses Zong on Wednesday.
Miss Izora Rupp spent several days last week at Sunny Hillside.

Spring Mills.
Benjamin Donachy, a student in the Williamsport Business College, is here on a visit to his mother and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Herring.
Harry Allison, who has been employed at Marion Centre, Indiana county, is home on account of a sprained back.

Katie Lambert, of Madisonburg, visited Mrs. Rev. Caris over Sunday.
Lester Byrnes and wife, of Howard; Miss McKibben, of Salona, and Miss Mabel Long, a student at the Lock Haven Normal, spent Thanksgiving with the family of C. P. Long. Mrs. Stoves will be better remembered as Miss Jo. Condo.
William Allison, a student at Penn's State College, spent the Thanksgiving season at home.
Miss Mabel Allison visited friends in Mill Hall over Sunday.
Mrs. Gordon, of Mount Union, recently spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Horner.
Mrs. T. M. Gramley, who has not been well for the last few years, is taking treatment in the University Hospital, Philadelphia.
Mrs. H. S. Braucht, who was confined to her room for the past week, is again able to be up and about.

Last Monday night one of the citizens was favored with a visit by a member of the ghost clan. He says he was not scared at all, but he felt greatly relieved after the visitor departed.
Prof. S. W. Gramley and H. F. McManaway, both of Millheim, spent a few minutes in town Sunday. They were taking advantage of the fine weather and traveled on walker's hack.
The Lutheran Sunday school voted to render a Christmas service on Christmas eve. The Reformed Sunday school will hold their Christmas evening following Christmas.

There were no special services in this village on Thanksgiving day, but it is sincerely hoped that a thankful spirit prevailed, nevertheless. It seems as though the children are not supposed to be thankful because the school teachers "can't afford to lose the day." All honor to the one teacher who believes in observing holidays.
A few days ago, while Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Rossman were returning from a visit to Penn Hall, their horse became frightened at a passing bicycle and got unruly. As a result, Mrs. Rossman was thrown from the buggy and rendered unconscious, but sustained no serious injuries.
At present there are so many "dry wells" in this town that, in case of fire, some sections would be almost helpless. Shouldn't this be a strong argument in favor of a water company? There is excellent mountain water available and enough pressure to throw it over the entire town. Why not take the proverbial "stitch in time?"

THE SANCY DIAMOND
Legend of Louis de Berquem and the Celebrated Gem.

A NIGHT LAMP FOR A KING.

Checked Career of the Brilliant Stone After the Death of Charles the Timid. Some Facts About the Invention of Diamond Cutting.

Louis de Berquem, says tradition, was a poor jeweler's workman, but he fell in love with the daughter of a wealthy jeweler. This avaricious father would not give his daughter in marriage to any man not possessed of gold. Louis, having neither "expectations" from relatives nor favor at court, sought to make his fortune. He had often heard the father of his beloved remark that the man who discovered a method of cutting diamonds would become very wealthy, for up to that time they knew nothing more than to scrape off the gravel, and the diamond was left in its native state. Neither lime, fire nor the mill could affect the diamond.
After many investigations and deep thought Louis bethought himself that iron is fashioned with steel, which is only hardened iron, and it occurred to him that perhaps the diamond would yield to the diamond. He made an experiment, which was at once crowned with success.

A few days later he presented himself before the rich jeweler with two diamonds cut into facets. He obtained the hand he sought and amassed a great fortune by his secret, which he divulged only after he had become wealthy.
King Charles the Timid was the principal customer of Louis de Berquem. The fastidious enemy of Louis XI, then possessed a large diamond, since become celebrated, accounted among the finest of precious stones. But this diamond was ill shapen, and the fires which it held burned in vain.
Louis de Berquem cut and polished this stone, and nothing could equal the joy of Charles the Timid when the jeweler brought him the great diamond, so glittering with light that it lit up the darkness, and this to such an extent that the prince said, "It will serve me as a night lamp." Berquem received 3,000 denats for his work.
As for the diamond, this is the one which was found in January, 1477, on the body of Charles the Timid after the battle of Nancy. A soldier picked it up, sold it for one gold piece to a priest, who in turn sold it for three pieces of gold to a merchant, who took it to the Duke of Florence.

From the hands of this prince it passed into the possession of the king of Portugal. He sold it for 70,000 francs to one of the companions of Henri III., Nicholas de Harlay, baron of Sancy. Since this time the first large diamond to be cut is known as "the Sancy."
This legend leads to other considerations of the cutting of diamonds ascribed to Louis de Berquem at Brussels in 1465.

Hardly any one will assert boldly that no diamonds were cut before that date, but it is reasonable to suppose that Louis de Berquem regulated cutting by arranging the facets.
Long before the birth of Louis de Berquem cutting was known in India. Even in Europe we find among the treasures of the churches thick diamonds cut into table and culet, the upper sides beaten into sections. In 1390, according to the inventory of the jewels of Louis, duke of Anjou, is found an entire series of cut diamonds. There is mention of a flat diamond with six sides, of a heart shaped diamond, of a diamond with eight sides, of a lozenge shaped diamond, of a diamond pointed on four sides and of a reliquary in which was set a diamond cut in the shape of a shield.

History informs us that 150 years before the first work of Louis de Berquem there were at Paris, at the corner of the Corroyerie, several diamond cutters.
The Duke of Burgundy, after a fastidious repast given at the Louvre to the king and the French court in 1403, offered to his noble guests eleven diamonds estimated to be worth 780 pieces of gold, the money of the period.

It is hardly possible to suppose that these were uncut diamonds; all of which goes to prove, notwithstanding some opinions, that Louis de Berquem did not invent the process of diamond cutting.
It is no less interesting to follow the fortunes of the Sancy a little further. It remained in the Sancy family some time, and Henri III. took it from them. It was destined to serve as a pledge for the raising of a body of Swiss soldiers, but the servant entrusted with bringing this diamond to the king was attacked, put to death, and the diamond was thought to be lost. Finally it was discovered that the servant had been assassinated in the forest of Dole and through the care of the priest had been buried in the village cemetery. Then the Baron de Sancy resolved that the diamond must not be lost. In fact, they found it in the stomach of the hapless, faithful servant, who swallowed it at the moment that he fell. According to the inventory of 1701 the Sancy weighed 83 1/2 carats.

It disappeared in 1792 to reappear in Russia. Its value is estimated at a million francs. Before the revolution it was among the French crown jewels.—New York World.
Silence is sometimes the severest criticism.—Baxter.