

The Forest Republican.

Rates of Advertising.

Table with 2 columns: Rate description (One Square, One Square, etc.) and Price (\$1, \$3, \$5, etc.).

Local notices at established rates. Marriage and death notices, gratis. All bills for yearly advertisements collected quarterly.

Little Things.

We call him strong who stands unmoved— Calm as some tempest beaten rock— When some great trouble huris his shock; We say of him, his strength is proved; But when the spent storm folds its wings, How bears he then his life's little things?

Margaret Arnold's Christmas.

Margaret Arnold laid a letter on the table in the hall, where were other letters waiting the hour of mailing, and tripped upstairs cheerily, with a smile on her lips and in her dark eyes.

dressed to "Mrs. M. Arnold, Conn." "My DARLING MOTHER: I thought to spend this Christmas with you, but Mrs. Granger has decided that my services are needed here. I am paid for those services—what right have we to grumble? In fact, what rights have the poor at any time, mother? Does this read bitterly? Well, my heart has ventured to rebel against fate a little to-night, for, one hour ago, I was so happy I fairly sang, and my heart was so full of plans for you and myself that I even regretted the few days intervening between now and the time of my expected homeward start.

grew sick at heart with envy. Nothing that young damsel might do, whether jewelry rich and rare, or robes of silk and velvet, could cause or help her outshine the perfect loveliness of quiet, gentle Margaret, who daintily clothed herself in black, and wore no jewels save the pearl pin which inclosed her father's hair.

den weakness, sat down in the nearest chair. "Pardon me, I did not know you were—" "Oh, Margaret, it is really you whom I see at last—at last!" Harold interrupted.

TIMELY TOPICS. The following figures, compiled from the returns of twenty-nine important railroads, show the average life in years of certain items of material and equipment: Locomotives.....16.98 Passenger cars.....13.81 Stock cars.....9.00 Freight cars.....10.80 Iron rails.....7.30 Steel rails.....14.67 Oak ties.....6.77 Pine ties.....3.75 Hemlock ties.....6.41 Cedar ties.....3.75 Truss bridges.....9.27 Trestle bridges.....7.08 Pile bridges.....8.45 Joint fastenings.....7.62 Telegraph poles.....9.50 Fencing.....8.65

Christmas Carol. File on the Christmas logs Higher and higher; Cheerily, cheerily Crackles the fire. Now let the bells ring out, Merrily, merrily; Now let the children shout Cheerily, cheerily. Let no harsh voices sound Drearly, drearly; Let naught but joy abound Merrily, merrily. Now let home voices sound Brintful of merriness; Now let bright eyes abound, Radiantly beaming. Let not a note be heard Breathing of sorrow; Let not a soul bring here Care for the morrow. File on the Christmas logs Higher and higher; Cheerily, cheerily Crackles the fire. Herald of future bliss Joyously dawning; Hail to thee, hail to thee, Bright Christmas morning. ITEMS OF INTEREST. It is hard to fool castor oil—the is it is hard to take it in.—Wheat Leader. Some enemy of a Minnesota saw-mill owner drove spikes into the logs so that \$500 worth of saws were spoiled.