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To Buy Your Jewelry.

Nothing in Town to Compare With
the Quality that We are Giving
You for the Low Price Asked.

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HEATERS;

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We can sell you in stoves anything from a fine Jewel Base
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Hot Air, Steam and Hot Water Heating and
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Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.

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313 Pine Street,
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Snowy attractive Muslin Underware that combines so much comfort
and beauty was never offered at more attractive prices. All these gar-
ments are full size and splendidly made of excellent Muslin and Cambric.

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We believe the e Petticoats to be
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and fancy striped Seersucker with
ruffles or deep tucked flounces. at
\$1.00 To \$1.50

Black Taffetas and Peau de Soie.

When asked for here they are shown in all qualities and widths and the
prices are very reasonable when the qualities are taken in consideration.

Fancy Silks for Dresses.

To merely mention the kinds and varieties of each would make a pretty
long list so we simply say come and see them and get the prices.

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DRAINAGE OF ROADS.
**Water is the Greatest Enemy of
Good Highways.**
Among the elements and forces of
nature there are several enemies of
good roads, but the greatest of them is
water. It washes away the material
of the road. It soaks into the road
and softens it so that the wagon
wheels cut into the surface, making
ruts and holes. It permeates and
softens the foundation so that the sur-
face of the road sinks or breaks up.
In the winter the water that is in the
road freezes, expands and loosens and
disintegrates the road material.
The most important thing in the
building of roads is to lessen or pre-
vent the ravages of water. Yet no fea-
ture of the work is so neglected as
this. Many local road supervisors seem
to give no consideration to the ques-
tion of drainage, and the result is a



RESULT OF IMPROPER DRAINAGE.
regular mud blockade during several
weeks or months of the year. The
following are a few simple rules the
observance of which would go far to-
ward bettering the roads of this coun-
try:

First.—The road should be so located
and constructed as to avoid steep
grades down which the water rushes
during heavy rains, tearing up and
washing away the road material.
Second.—The foundation of the road
should be thoroughly drained by open
side ditches which will carry off the
water, and where necessary the drains
should be laid in the foundation itself.
Third.—The surface of the road
should be hard and smooth and have
sufficient slope toward the sides to
shed the surface water.
Fourth.—Ruts and holes on the sur-
face of the finished road should be
filled as fast as made, so that no water
can lie on the surface to be worked up
into mud.

These rules are simple and easy to
follow, and any one who gives any se-
rious thought to the matter can see the
wisdom of following them. Still, they
are almost universally ignored, as the
condition of our roads abundantly
proves. The bad roads of the United
States are a blight, a curse, a disgrace,
and all patriotic, progressive citizens
should make a grand united effort to
wipe them out and put our nation on a
level with the advanced nations of
Europe in the matter of roads.

ROAD BRIEFS.

**What Various States Are Doing to
Improve Their Highways.**

New York will establish a state plant
to be operated by convict labor at Sing
Sing to crush stone for use in con-
structing good roads.

The Chicago Automobile club has or-
ganized a camera club to travel
throughout the country around the
city and take pictures of the bad roads.

At all the road conventions held dur-
ing the last year the question of co-
operation in road building between the
federal government and the states has
been a leading topic of discussion, and
every convention held up to this time
has indorsed the plan with practical
unanimity.

The farmers of Vermont are asking
half a million dollars for good roads
next year.
During the past ten years Massachu-
setts has shown an increase of \$35,
000,000 in farm values, and it is at-
tributed mainly to good roads.

It is said that a horse can pull 6,270
pounds on a level macadamized road,
and it takes five horses to pull the
same load on an ordinary dirt road
and ten horses to pull the load in loose
sand or mud.

Costly For the Farmers.

Many times it happens that the farmers
in the stormy season cannot get to
the railroads, and therefore the prod-
uce which he would like to market and
for which the market is clamoring is
cut off by bad roads. Could the farm-
er at all seasons draw his produce to
the nearest shipping point he would
use his own time to better advantage
because he would do this drawing in
full seasons, and the rolling stock of
the railroads would be far more ef-
fectual, because a steady supply of
freight would in a measure do away
with the congestion of traffic which
happens from time to time and which
is a source of great loss to all con-
cerned.

SONESTOWN.

Miss Mary Gray of Picture Rocks
was the guests of Mildred Hall on
Sunday.

Its announced that the Clothes
Pinfactory will very soon resume
work.

William Swisher on Tuesday had
his cat down to Muncy Valley and
was descending on the merits of the
afor said animal.

Jeome Laird is having some im-
provements made on his house.

Coley Oberrender was in Eagles
Mee last Tuesday.

A T. Armstrong made a trip to
Eagles Mere on Tuesday.

Misses Celia Donovan, Bertha
Johnson and Blanch Miller of
Muncy Valley drove to Sonestown
Tuesday evening.

Miss Jennie Hazen who has for a
few days been the guest of her sis-
ter at Eagles Mere is again home.

Orville Hall, Clarence Freas,
Charles Morrison, Mart Swank and
Lloyd Larah who have been to Get-
tysburg with the 12th Regt. N. G.P.
of which they are members returned
home last Saturday and Sunday.

Barnley Anderson was in Dushore
last Wednesday.

The Junior baseball team of this
place drove to Laporte on Saturday
to play a return game. The nine
boys were accompanied by five girls,
their mascot and a dog. In the face
of such odds the Laporteboys stood
no chance whatever despite the fact
that the ball ground was located on
a hill containing a hornet's nest.
The insects fought well for their town
so did the boys, but the score at the
end stood 12 to 3 in favor of Sones-
town.

Miss Myrtle Edgar and Agnes
Laird called on Mrs. Thomas Laird
of Nordmont Saturday evening.

The picnic which was to have gone
to Eagles Mere on Thursday of this
week has been postponed for satis-
factory reasons. Announcements
will be made later.

Miss Mae Donovan of Muncy Val-
ley gave a supper recently in honor
of her Sonestown friends. Those
present beside the family were Miss
Celia Minnier and Myra Long of
Muncy Valley and the following
from Sonestown, Misses Mable Haz-
en, Celia Magargle, Reba Hess, Myr-
tie Edgar and Ada and Mildred
Hall. The girls had their pictures
taken engrour and enjoyed a deligh-
tful evening.

A certain horse was quite active
last Sunday afternoon in hauling
young ladies, for particulars ask
anybody in Sonestown.

RICKETTS.

The 31st of July was a very warm
day here.

Mr. Morton Boyd, left here Thurs-
day, for a visit to his home which is
in St. Stevens Canada.

Mr. John Lunley has gone to Oliv-
ers Mills, where he has a new posi-
tion.

Mr. John Morgan fell while work-
ing on a log slide and dislocated his
wrist.

Mr. Mortin of New Albany, was a
visitor here on Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George
Allen a son.

Mr. Eugene Schock had the end of
his thumb pinched off in the Mill
on Monday.

Miss Cora Herrington of Towanda
visited her brother Mr. William
Herrington on Wednesday.

The berry pickers are busy and re-
port a fine crop of berries.

The citizen's Band of Lopez will
hold a celebration at that place,
August 15. Extensive preparations
are being made and a big time is
anticipated.

Bradford and Sullivan counties
Pomona Grange, No. 23, will con-
vene with Andawa Grange, No. 174
at Big Pond, August 18 19. Thurs-
day morning session will begin at
ten o'clock; reports will be received
and committees appointed.

Discussions on five questions will
follow. After dinner the address of
welcome by Andawa Grange and re-
sponse by Smithfield Grange. Good
speakers will be in attendance at all
sessions and good music will be fur-
nished. Open session on Thursday
evening.

Hillsgrove's Fast Ball Team.

**The Silver Slippers Defeat the
Williamsport Colored Giants**

**Barton's Buzzing Bullets Bust Bill
Town's Brilliant Bubble.**

By Harry Green.

Six hundred eager anxious fancies
handed over their twenty cts. to the
gate keeper of the athletic park on
Saturday last and breathlessly await-
ed the arrival of the Diamond Dan-
dies.

Our Silver Slippers in their faded
grays and the Williamsport Giants
in Sun burned blue and kiki re-
splendent in natural war paint rang-
ing from chocolate to charcoal march-
ed across the field to the inspiring
strains of "Meet me at St. Louis,"
sung by our colored friends. Promp-
tly at 2 P. M.

Umpire Bachle called the game
and then pandemonium broke loose
among the spectators. Hillsgrove
drew a blank in the first and second
innings. The Giants did the same,
the third gave the giants a score on
McBride's error. The Silver Slippers
sent three men over the lid on a
two base hit by Mike Morris. The
fourth, fifth and sixths were blanks.

In the seventh we scored two
on White's error, at this point a
sideshow opened in which a Hills-
grove Fan, and a Proctorville slug-
ger fought a five round draw. In
the eighth the giants scored on Sul-
livan's error. The last half of the
eighth the giants announced a bat-
ting rally, which failed to
materialize. Pitcher Emery and
seven of them sent the ball
where no one was likely to find it,
six tired but happy athletics came
trotting to the home plate.

The giants failed to fud Barton in
the ninth and history records the
contest as a brilliant victory for the
boys our girls admire, the tune of
2 and 11.

Manager Pon Dexter of the giants
congratulated the Hillsgrove people
on the support to give the best ama-
ture team in five counties, saying
that out of twenty four games played
in the last three weeks had lost four
games and the margin of the other
three were less than the number of
scores made by Hillsgrove.

Capt. McBride laughingly assured
our colored friends that they had all
the black meat on the outside, that
they were the best losers and the
whitest players his team had ever
came up against. Beer and music
followed until the Giants boarded
the overland for Glen Mawr.

Score by innings.
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Giants 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0-2
Hills've 0 0 3 0 0 0 2 6 0-11

SHUNK.

There was a Sunday School con-
vention at the church here Tuesday
the 26 there were able speakers from
abroad and some very fine music.

There was a charitable gathering
at E. P. Famings one day last week
to do his haying it was well attended.

Calvin Flemmings steps high and
softly, and says its a girl.
The haying in this part is about
wiped up, plenty of it and a good
quality.

The thirtieth of July was the last
legal day of trout fishing, boys and
children be careful, the law is strict.

The telephone is kept busy and
the ladies visit over it every after-
noon and in the evening concerts
with music from E. W. Betts on his
violin.

The grist mill here run by O. J.
Williams is full of feed and whole
grain and he holds it at a very mod-
erate price, call on him at a very time
and be satisfied at this we close.

Family Reunion.

The Annual Reunion of Rogers
Family will be held at Forksville,
Thursday Aug. 25, 1904.

Arrangements same as last year.
By order of Ex. Com.
Mary F. Snyder Sec.

HILLSGROVE.

Saturday was a big day for the
Hillsgrove base ball team. They
with the Williamsport Colored Gian-
ts. The boys had just finished their
new diamond and what the Giants
got was hardly worth while mention-
ing: but they fought hard and were
a gentlemenly lot of players; about
500 paid admission fee. John Bart-
on pitched a superb game and a
pocket-full of coin-betting was lively
fun from beginning to end. Proctor-
ville sent over her usual number
of toughs: the score was 11 to 12 in
favor of Hillsgrove.

Hillsgrove wandered over to Rals-
ton and played a return game with
Ralston team. It was a fast game
from start to finish and should have
been called at the second 7th inning

On account of rain the game stood
1 to nothing in favor of Hillsgrove
at the ending of the 7th. Talk
about rain the boys did get wet and
the umpire insisted on playing it out
so they for hung 12 innings. Then
the game went over to Ralston:
score 3 to 2.

We understand the manager of
the base-ball team here S. Galough
will have a couple of guards here-
after to keep order on the grounds
while there is a game.

Hillsgrove will cross bats with
Forks ville next Saturday on Forks-
ville grounds.

Garfield Harrison has returned
home after a visit with friends at
Buffalo and Scranton.

Lewis Gumble and family of La-
Porte were at Hillsgrove on a visit
last Saturday and Sunday.

Chas. Spencer station agent at Hills-
grove was a caller in town Sunday.
Urban Moulthrop has returned to
his work in Binghamton, after a
visit here in the Grove.

Mrs. F. L. Spooner and Mrs. Ed.
Buckingham of Camal, are visiting
their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve
Harrison at this place.

Dr. Davies of Forksville took in
the ball game here Saturday, also
Charles and Howard Plotts of Estel-
la, and George Jenkins and Fred
Crommiller of Laquin.

W. L. Hoffman has just complet-
ed an office to his store.

Work on the Sones railroad is pro-
gressing very fast.

ESTELLA.

The Quarterly Convention of the
Church of Christ will convene at
Estella, beginning Thursday even-
ing, August 11th. Friday afternoon
there will be a meeting of the C. W.
B. M. Splendid singers, an evangel-
ist and six or eight ministers will
be in attendanc. A large tent has
been secured, and it is hoped that
much good will come of these meet-
ing which will last two or three
weeks.

All are invited to attend the Lad-
ies' Sewing Circle at C. B. Wheat-
ley's.

The eleven year-old son of W. E.
Wheatley fell from a stump last Sat-
urday, breaking his arm above the
wrist. Dr. Davies was called and
set the injured member, and made
his patient as comfortable as possi-
ble.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs.
William Keating was buried at Lin-
coln Falls last Saturday.

Wallace Hoagland, formerly of
Lincoln Falls, now of McKeesport,
accompanied by his wife and moth-
er and his partner in his photograph
establishment, are visiting at his
sister's home, that of Mrs. Wm.
Keating.

Mr. and Mrs. I. K. Brown of
Jersey Shore visited relatives at this
place last week.

Mrs. George Teiter of Wyalusing
returned to her home Sunday accom-
panied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs.
Isaac Brown.

Quite a number from this place
took in the ball play between the
Hillsgrove team and the William-
sport giants, and were glad to think
that the laurels were left in little
Sullivan.

Dell Brown is cutting the hay on
Mrs. Allen Brown's farm. We un-
derstand that Dell has bought this
farm and will move there in the
near future, and it is an open secret
that Mrs. Brown is going to a home
in Windfall, where she will reign as
queen, and where a bachelor has
heretofore held sway.

Mrs. George Brown slipped when
going down stairs, spraining her knee
so badly she cannot walk with it.