Old Landmarks of Litchfield.

The Section Known As Potterstown-Some of the Old Families and Homesteads-Reminiscences of Old Settlers.



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JOSEPH WILLIAMS' PLACE, POTTERSTOWN, LITCHFIELD.









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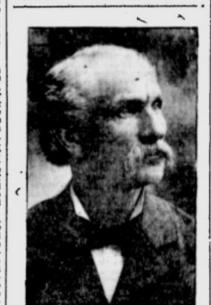
lar manner was wandering among the ruins. It turned out to be Mr. H. E. Shorey of Chicago and on saluting alm he remarked: "I was born on this spot he remarked: "I was born on this spot and am here today to take one more look, at the dear old place. When I was a child this was a famous place and people came here from all the surrounding country for business and pleasure. There was a debating society here 50 years ago and able speeches were often heard in the old hall where the meetings were held. To me it is very sad to see the place so different, but I suppose it is the fate of humanity.

The John Randall farm remains much as it was in the days of yore. For 20 years this man was a deputy sheriff, and during that time became a terror to all evil-deers. This was in the long ago, as he was one of the pioneers of the town. More than 50 years ago he was old and infirm in addition to being in straightened circumstances financially. Being a member of the Masonic fraternity, a large number of his brethren of the inystic tie gave him a visit and incidentally left a goodly sum of money. The tribute was deserved, as he was one of the bravest of officers and most faithful of friends. The old farm is still kept up and a granddaughter of Randall still lives on the place.

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Reaching "The Plains," in Litchfield, several objects of historic interest were found. Here is the Baptist church, and just across the street is a large and fine appearing cometery whose central feature is the soldiers monument. This beautiful and stately statue was procured largely thru the efforts of the Libby Relief Corps, and will long stand to the credit of its membera as well as to the memory of the boys in blue. This is comparatively a new burial ground, and to this fact is doubtiess due its clean and well-kept appearance. What will it be 50 years hence? That is the true test in matters of this nature. Without public ownership and a system of perpetual care it will surely go the way of all our old burial grounds in the past. History hath not one page regarding this matter. As soon as the interested generation passes on, the succeeding one will allow this yard to pass into desolation and decay. All this might be avoided by public ownership, and this would impose no special hardship on the generations yet

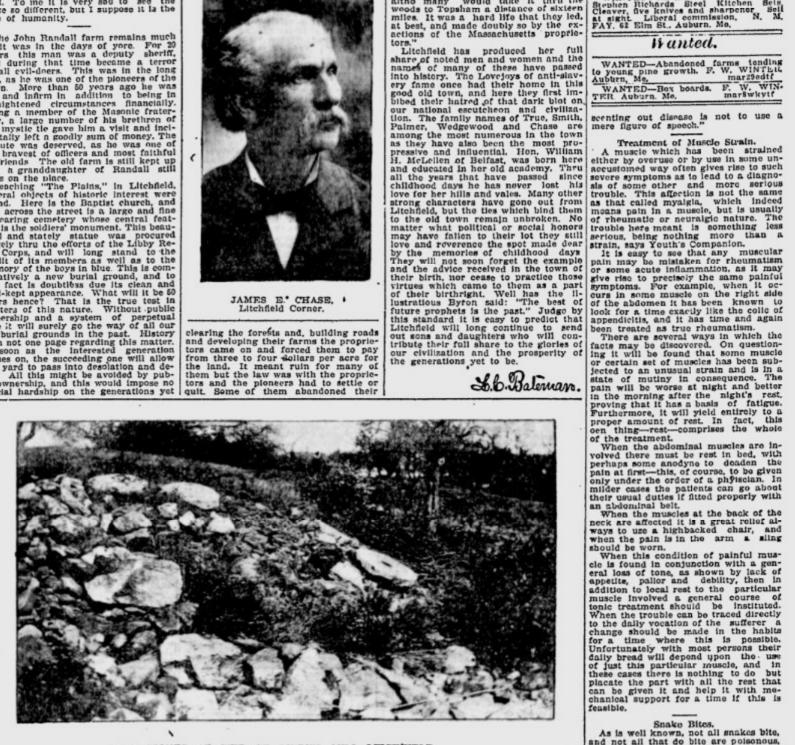
Litchfield," he remarked to the Journal,
"The pioneers suffered very much at the
hands of the proprietors who were
Massachusetts men. These pioneers for
the most part were originally squatters
and the actual proprietors said nothing
but allowed them to go on and make
improvements of all kinds. After



20 years before the proprietors came upon them with these demands. It was a cruel thing to do but they had no choice but to pay up or leave their 3 Cts. a Word.

"Living here in Litchfield at tha "Living here in Litchfield at that time was anything but a picnic. Before the Libby mill was built the settlers had to carry all their corn on their backs to the Cobbonseconice stream where it was taken by canoes to Gardiner to be ground. That was the usual method, altho many would take it thru the woods to Topsham a distance of sixteen miles. It was a hard life that they led, at best, and made doubly so by the exactions of the Massachusetts proprietors."

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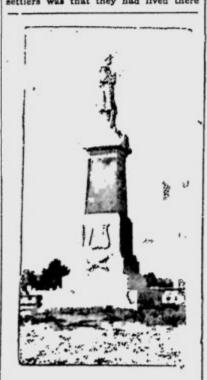


MILL STONES AT SITE OF LIBBY'S MILL, LITCHFIELD.

to be. It is simply a matter of public duty and public decency.

And then we stopped a moment to look at the stately old mansion once owned by Dencon Cornelius Toothaker. While the good old deacon was not a pioneer, he was at least an early settler, as he came here from Harpswell in 1817, and here he soon became recognized as one of the ablest business men in this entire section. If he was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, he at least had the ability of putting one there himself, and for many years previous to his death was known as the wealthiest man in town. He was a man of more than ordinary executive capacity, and his home dinary executive capacity, and his home was one of the business and financial centres of the town. Lacking the advantages of education, he made ample provision that his children should not be reared in the same manner, and to each provision that his children should not be reared in the same manner, and to each of them he gave the best possible training. If he was shrewd in making money he was never suspected of unjust methods in gaining it or of being niggardly in its use. He was a man of high ideals and was one of the first to respond and advocate the cause of the southern slave. In an age when the use of liquor was well-nigh universal, he became a pronounced temperance advocate and was identified with the first movements in that cause. In short, Deacon Toothaker was one of those strong characters who always make a deep impression for good on the age in which they may live. The Eaptist church at this place was organized and built up largely thru his efforts and his memory is now revered as its founder. The soldiers' monument is just in front of this church, and may be regarded as the finest work of art that the town can boast. This statue is the work of John True of Auburn, and it speaks volumes for his ability and skill as a sculptor. There is nothing else of special interest to be seen at "The Plains" The Litchfield fair ground is close by, and here the people gather each year to perpetuate the custom of the old-fashioned here the people gather each year to per-petuate the custom of the old-fashioned cattle show. It is one of the last of the old-time town shows, and we may add that it is one of the most successful

And then the horse's head was turned towards home and Mr. Ridley became | fever is like the washings of a dirty | useful than the ammonia, and is in no reminiscent." But few towns in Maine have seen more ups and downs than MONUMENT, LITCHFIELD PLAINS. - "So, you see, to speak of a foctor lon."



Hints from the Medical Hen.

Home Remedies for Croup.

I had five children who were subject to croup in its worst form, and D liver's seven miles from a physician, says a contributor to Pictorial Review. My ellest boy died before the physicran coult reach him. My serious problem then, was. "How could I meet this dread disease until help could arrive?"

An old lady solved the problem by telling me of a method that had been used in her family and neighborhood for 25 years, not only for croup, but also for pneumonia and diphtheria, and which had been tiven up by physicians. Crop 20 onlors: add same amount of rye meal and vinegar. Simmer until thick. Fill three bars with this paste, putting one on throat and lungs, the others on soles of feet; give dose of syrup made by putting sliced sugared onlons between hot weighted plates.

There must be two sets of poultices, kept as hot as the patient can bear and changes mado so quickly and deftly that there will not be a moment's exposure of body surface. The result is magical.

Discase Scents.

"Every disease, almost, has its peculiar odor," said a doctor. "This odor helps us greatly in diagnosis.

"Gout imparts to the skin a smell precisely like whey. Diabetes causes a sweet, honeylike smell. Jaundice occasions a smell of musk. Smalipox has a very strong and hideous smell—it is like fresh brown bread hot from the oven; that of the treatment of snakes—bits, the like burning bones. Mensies has a smell as of fresh-plucked feathers.

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Snake Bites,
As is well known, not all snakes bite, and not all that do bite are poisonous, but it is not always easy to distinguish between the harmless and the poisonous repulse by their looks. Appearances in the snake world, as well as elsewhere, are often deceitful, and it is not safe to assume that a strange snake is harmless because he looks like one that is known to be non-poisonous. One had better, therefore, not make an intimate of any snake if his exact status in ophidian sosnake if his exact status in ophidian so

LIBBY HOMESTEAD ON LOON POND STREAM, IN FRONT OF WHICH BROOD THE FIRST GRIST MILL IN THIS SECTION.