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BOARDING-HOUSE.

Mr. Kinsley reported that he and Mr. Kellogg called upon Mr. Atkins this morning to see if he would rent his house. He would not rent it. Then they asked if he would sell, and found that he would for \$2,000, but not less. They would not give the price, so the matter dropped.

Mr. G. W. Hamilton then said, that a little after eight this morning Mr. Worden arrived at the shop "puffing and blowing," and invited the Committee on the boarding-house question to return home immediately, as Mr. Noyes had something to communicate. They accordingly returned, and met Mr. Noyes who said something to this effect.

"It was reported last night that we wanted to get a place for our family to board, and it was suggested that we hire or buy Atkins's place. Why not take immediate possession, if you can, of our own property over there, and turn your boarders off to board among the neighbors?" There was some talk about preliminaries, after this. Mr. Worden and my brother went over and broached the subject to Dunning. He took the plan easily, I understood, and said he should not stand in the way of our carrying out our plan. I supposed he was in good faith. At noon when the hands

came from the boarding-house there were indications that they had learned something new. I went up and asked Mr. Dunning if he had reported our plan to the boarders, and he said he had told them they would have to find other places to board after a week from to-day, as the Community wanted the boarding-house. The hands in the shop were in more or less excitement all the afternoon. Meantime Mr. Worden and Myron had been around among some of the neighbors to see if they were willing to take boarders. Some appeared ready, and others were not. I had a talk with the hands just as they quit work, and found some of them took it rather hard. I told them we would try and find places for them to board, and there our responsibility would cease. They felt better when they understood the matter. We have about twenty hands in the machine, trap and blacksmith shops, and were expecting to get some more soon."

Mr. Uragin:—I confess I feel thankful for the move. I am glad there is so hearty a response on the part of our business men to carry out promptly Mr. Noyes's proposition. This move is calculated, I think, to secure to us a permanent victory that will make future enlargements in business a great deal easier. Mr. Noyes took the ground that our businesses are increasing, and will require a great deal of hired help and that when we had paid them a fair compensation for their services, we should have no further connection with them. He thought we should have no diff-

culty in securing all the help we required; and if a boarding-house is needed over there, some person would come forward sooner or later and establish one. There are many persons who can make it profitable to keep boarders. Then I like the idea of having our own family placed beside our business. The trap and silk businesses are our largest, and those upon which we shall mainly depend for our income, and it seems very desirable that we should have a permanent family there.

Then this satisfies all my desires or proclivities for preaching to outsiders. We can have our meetings and other means of improvement there, and exert an influence in a quiet way, that will gradually tell upon the people about. It may damage our business some for a while; but we can afford that, if spiritual interests demand the change, and I believe they do.

WILLOW-PLACE ITEMS.

The wire cable that has done duty on our dumb waiter for more than two years, has at length shown unmistakable evidence of wearing out. It is accordingly being replaced by a new one of similar material.

A set of twist drills has just been bought for the Machine-shop at a cost of \$45.00. These drills are short steel bars of different sizes, graduated in diameter from one and one fourth inches down to one thirty-second of an inch. They derive their name from deep spiral grooves which are cut in their sides, something in the style of augers. Two patent "chucks"

for holding the smaller drills, have also been procured: price \$28.00.—For the benefit of the initiated, it might be added, that the machinists are also going to have complete sets of “taps,” “reamers” and “mandrels.”

A Miss Dunn (a cousin of Leonard and Fidelia), who has been in Ohio some two or three years, and is on her return to Vermont came here yesterday.

A man also by the name of Cleveland, from Ohio, called and wanted to join. He said he wanted a home, and he thought we were a happy harmonious people.

“Winter still lingers in the lap of Spring,” giving us cold raw weather. Some one remarked that they heard the blue-bird a day or two since, but we think they must have been mistaken.

Mr. Noyes and Woolworth went to Utica yesterday to see Victor. They did not return till after meeting—consequently no report as yet.

E. S. Burnham sprained his ankle a few days ago, and at the present time is obliged to use crutches for walking.

Charles Van Velzer started this morning on his first peddling trip for the season.

Yesterday's temperature—

7 A. M., 42. 12 M., 44. 6 P. M., 33. Mean 39½.