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## BUSINESS MEETING.

At ten minutes past eleven this morning there were three persons present besides the Chairman and Secretary. These were considered a quorum, and they accordingly proceeded to business.

Mr. Nash reported that he had the material ready for building the front fence, and he wanted help to put it up. Messrs Thacker, Kellogg, Abram, and Mr. Nash were appointed committee.

J. P. Hutchins said that the noise of heating water in the kitchen was a great nuisance to all who worked there. It is almost intolerable, and is kept up most of the time that work is going on there. Those especially suffer from it who work at the dishes. J. P. H. said, "There is not a woman in the kitchen who would not shower blessings on the heads of those who would put a stop to it." A good strong committee was appointed to investigate the thing, and if possible provide some remedy.

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While passing through the children's room just after the noon meeting, yesterday, we were greeted with, "*Stop and look into the next room—open the door carefully—make no noise.*" We obeyed wonderingly. The blinds were partially closed, which gave a slight-

ly mystical appearance to the room, and sure enough, there in very truth was a "mystic ring." Twelve little innocents, all wrapt in the arms of Morpheus; it was as if they had all tumbled down on the floor in sport and at that moment been overtaken with slumber, so careless and graceful were their attitudes, and yet so symmetrical their circle. But this was no farce; they were truly sound asleep this time, and all unconscious of the many gazers who soon flocked in. There was not only the usually quiet Theodora and Virginia, the sedate Anna, but the hopping and skipping little Fanny, stalwart George, and even the irrepressible Ormond, all taken captives, and sleeping as peacefully on the hard floor, as if it were the softest bed. We regret that Mr. Smith could not photograph the scene, for it was a fair and rare sight indeed. AITERCUL.

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A young man named Dana Ward, who is in our employ, consented to act as hostler on the Fourth. He worked pretty hard, and was furnished with all the lemonade he wanted during the day. He drank very freely, and at the same time ate freely of the lemon and peel. After meeting, Mr. Quance, the keeper of the Boarding-house, came over in great haste, to get help, saying that young Ward was in great distress. A Dr. was sent for, and he has had distressing spasms ever since, till yesterday, when he seemed some better, and hopes were entertained of his recov-

ery. The Dr. says that his sickness was caused by the poison there was in the peel.

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Botanical specimens sent to S. E. Johnson, by C. S. J., from different localities.

1st. Gorse, from Whetmore, in Staffordshire, 2nd. English Daisy, from St. James Cemetery in Liverpool, 3d. Groundsel, from near Northampton in Northamptonshire, 4th. Buttercup, from Berkhamstead in Hertfordshire, 5th. Holly, from Regent's Park, London, 6th. Fir, from Buckingham Palace.

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Since Mr. Smith joined us, the question has arisen, "Can we not make photography serve us in copying Mr. Noyes's Home-Talks, and thus save much time and trouble." Last night we saw a specimen of Mr. Smith's attempts at photographing some talk we had at the noon meeting, which was very legible, and Mr. S. says, promises success in that direction.

We also saw a nice picture of his, a view taken from the south end of the garret.

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The carpenters have put up a building eighteen by thirty-six feet and one and a half stories high, to be used for the present, to lodge extra help. The design is in the fall to build a cellar and move the building over it, when, with the addition of a leanto, it will make a double tenant-house. The location is east of the school-house.

Mr. Robinson left, Friday afternoon, having staid only two nights and about one day and a half. We were quite surprised that he should go so soon, but he may have had good reasons for going.

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We had a bee last night after supper, for picking strawberries, which was thought to be the last one we should need, though there will still be berries to pick, for two or three days to come, but not in large quantities. Two hundred quarts were picked.

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We had letters again Saturday, from our TRANS ATLANTIC brothers. They are having wonderful success in presenting the truth to the *Literati*, and men of high rank in the old World.

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Our flower-gardens are now in all their glory, roses, white lillies &c. in full bloom. The air all around is filled with their delicious fragrance, and the lilly sprinkled in here and there, presents a beautiful appearance.

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Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Shaw, with their little girls, left for their homes this morning. They have been here about nine days.

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4,100 quarts of strawberries have been put up this season. The Fruit-preservers are at work putting up pie-plant to-day.