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"I was running a drug store at Shelbyville, the county seat," said Mr. Shackelford, "and on one of my trips to St. Louis I purchased a couple of lamps and two gallons of coal oll. When my fellow citizens learned -of the proposed Illumination something PORTLAND like a hundred of them assembled at the store to watch the anticipated explosion. I didn't feel so safe myself, but as it was my show I had to face the music. I loaded the lamp and turned up the wick. Then I got a long pole, and tied a piece of paper to the end. The paper was lighted, and the crowd ran out and looked in at the window. I reached the fuse over and touched off the wick, without casualty. The boys filed in and watched the lamp glow, with contradictory opinions. I bought several more gallons ers to use it, but sold only one gallon

the year following. "Oil then cost \$3 a gallon, and the If you want to be sure your Cream home-made candle was regarded as beter and cheaper. The manufacture of candles was turned over to the housewife and one of the children. There were molds that would hold from four to a dozen, and every farmer had plenty of fat and grease to make the candles. Usually it took about two days to make enough candles to last the family a year, and they were laid evenly away in boxes. They furnished a satisfactory light, and I never heard of young people in those days having trouble with their eyes, And there was

no swearing by the head of the house about gas and electric light bills." A Law to Proteot hunters. Michigan recently passed a statute which makes it a criminal offense for one hunting in the woods to kill or in jure another accidentally. The law is the result of the many accidents in which human beings were mistaken for animals and were shot. The penalty is ten years' imprisonment or a

thousand dollars' fine. A chance to test the new law came at once during the last open season. PORTLAND A man shot and killed another sports man, whom he mistook for a deer The case was interesting in its out

The offending hunter was acquitted because the victim, clad in garments Millinery and Suit House somewhat resembling a deer's hide, was unconsciosly imitating the movements of a fleeing deer as he leaped from log to log in the cedar swamp Moreover, such is the grim humor of events, it proved that the victim was stalking the man who shot him, under the same delusion: thus it was merely a question which should happen to

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