

### CROOM WAS GIVEN MAXIMUM PENALTY BY THE RECORDER

Other Defendants Paid the Cost and Were Promptly Rearrested

### MUST ANSWER ON VAGRANCY CHARGES

Constable John Davis Did Not Wait Until Cost Had to Be Paid Before Warrants Were Served

Walter Croom, white, was fined \$50, and taxed with the cost in Thursday's morning session of Recorder's court following conviction on a charge of assaulting and seriously injuring Rome W. Potts, a soldier from Fort Caswell, and Levi Merritt, Sam Watson, Frank Ferguson and Clarence Hewlett, young white men charged with conspiracy and with aiding and abetting in the fight that occurred between Croom and Potts, had their prayers for judgment continued for a period of two years upon the payment of the costs. Recorder Harris in structing the solicitor that if at any time it was shown that they were not at work or were not living as they should, he hoped that the Solicitor would pray the suspended judgment and that he would do the rest. Richard Brown, white, was discharged, there being no evidence that he was even present at the time. The fine imposed on Croom was the maximum for the offense charged.

Warrants charging Merritt, Hewlett, Watson and Brown with vagrancy were served on the four young men by Constable John Davis while they were paying the costs in the other case and \$50 bonds were required for their appearance in court. The warrants were issued from the office of Justice J. J. Furlong and made returnable before him Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Efforts were being made by those arrested early this afternoon to arrange bond.

The conviction and fining of Croom grew out of Monday night's affair when young Potts was so badly beat up in front of the Olympia cafe that it was necessary to remove him to the hospital. Croom pleaded guilty to a charge of assault, but excused himself on the ground that he was drinking and not wholly responsible. In fact he told the court that he did not travel with the men under arrest with one or two exceptions.

The evidence tended to show that Potts and Merritt had trouble on Saturday night at the home of a colored woman in the Brooklyn section and one of the soldier witnesses admitted buying a \$7 quart of monkey rum from a negro in that section. It was admitted by the soldiers that the house they entered was of ill fame, but it was brought out that it was a negro house. Recorder Harris was determined to sift this matter to the bottom and something may yet develop, it was stated.

Speaking from the bench, Recorder Harris stated that he was determined to see that visiting soldiers in the city were accorded every protection, but added that he did not want them to construe this to mean that they were to be permitted to do as they pleased, for this was not meant. They will be expected to conduct themselves properly while here else they,

### LOW WAS ELECTED HEALTH OFFICER AT CALL MEETING

Succeeds Dr. Slocum as Head of the County Health Department

### ACTION WAS TAKEN THURSDAY AT NOON

Was in Conference With Members of Board All of Wednesday — Comes From Spartanburg

Dr. C. B. Low, of Spartanburg, S. C., was unanimously elected whole time health officer of New Hanover county at a special meeting of the Board of Health Thursday at noon, at a salary of \$3,000 per annum, and will begin his duties here May 1. Dr. Low succeeds Dr. R. B. Slocum, member of the board and head of the department, as part time officer since acceptance of the resignation of Dr. Charles T. Nesbitt. Dr. Low was in conference with the board much of Wednesday and again Thursday morning. He is still in the city, but leaves Friday morning. He had not resigned as head of the Spartanburg department prior to coming here, but will offer his resignation there immediately upon return.

Dr. Low is a native of Oswego county, New York, and has been the active head of the Spartanburg health department for the past two years. He has accomplished a wonderful work while there and comes to Wilmington and New Hanover highly recommended by Dr. Hayne, secretary of the South Carolina State Board of Health, and by Dr. W. S. Rankin, of the North Carolina State Board of Health.

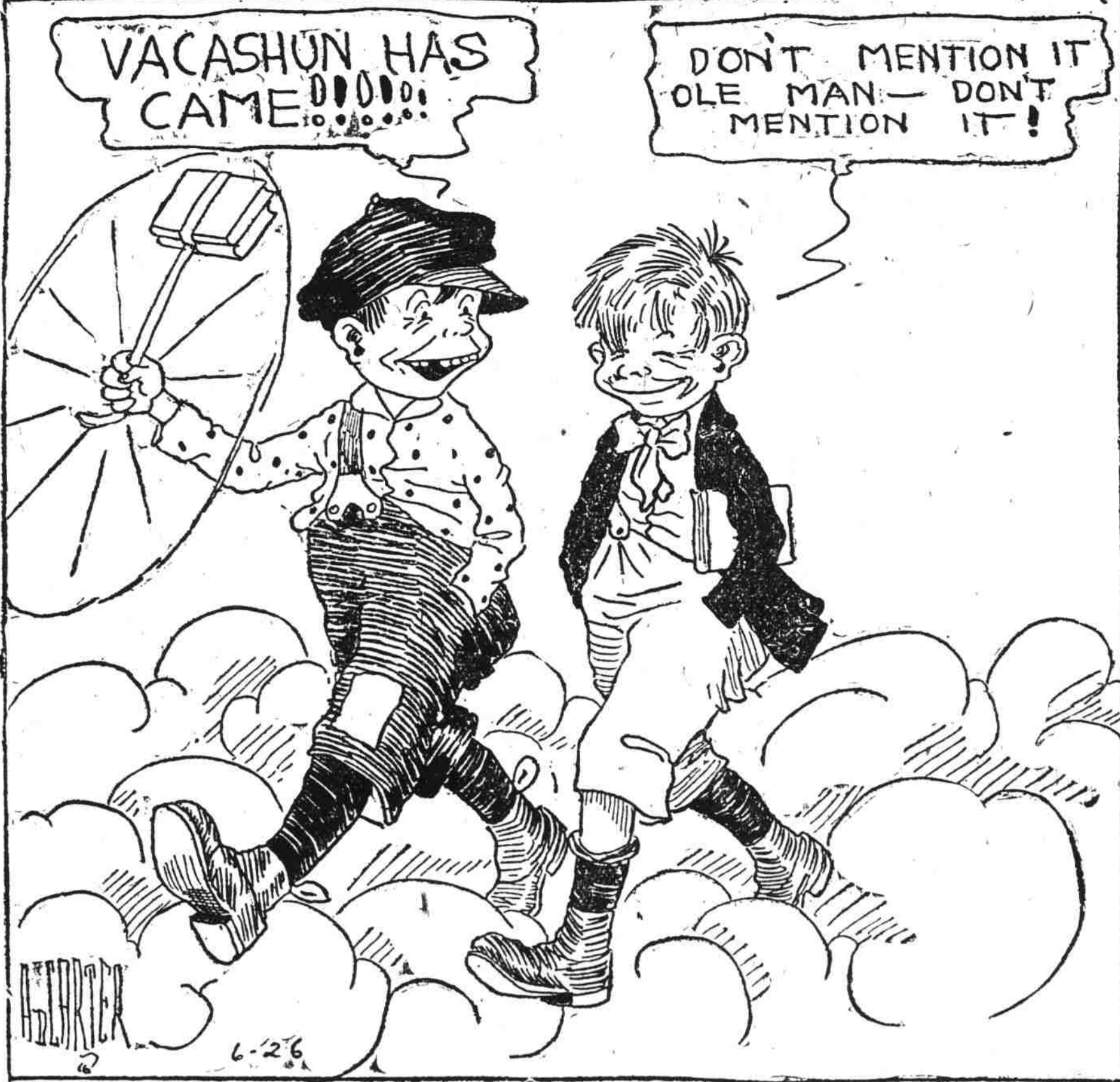
In employing Dr. Low the board is fulfilling its every promise, made during the recent agitation when the name of Dr. Nesbitt was freely used. The board agreed to employ the first candidate for the office who showed proper qualifications, advising those urging employment of a whole time officer that this would be done when the proper man was found. It is believed that Dr. Low is just the man the board has been after. He is competent, agreeable and comes highly recommended by known authorities in the health world.

too, will find their way into court. Continuing, he said that he understood whiskey was being sold soldiers, and stated that he considered this nothin' short of treason, and that he hoped for the sake of the guilty parties that they would not be convicted before him on this charge. He admitted his inability to court-martial and kill anyone, but he made it plain that it lay within his power to "kill" these persons for a period of two years, and that he meant to do it. Concerning the loafers which Wilmington is supposed to have the court made it plain that he meant to secure employment for all those not inclined to work. Superintendent H. Mack Godwin, of the stockade, was present and made the statement that the county was terribly in need of help.

**LOST—CUFF BUTTON, INITIALS "W. O. C."** If found return to Sou. Bell Tel. Co. W. O. Cochrane. 3-21-21f.

### JUST KIDS — Walking on Air.

By Ad Carter



### BUSINESS SPECIALS

#### MESSENGER SERVICE.

For this service we use the Postal Telegraph Cable Company's messengers. They will call for your "ads," in the same manner and quick time as they now cover the city for telegrams, night letters, cables, etc.

For further information as to "ads," call 176, but for telegraph service call "Postal Telegraph."

**NOTARIES PUBLIC AT YOUR SERVICE.** Harris Printing and Advertising Co. 2-22-1f.

**STENOGRAPHER WANTED—MALE** or female. Must be competent and available at once. Do not reply if you can't hold a good job. Salary good, and hours desirable. P. O. Box 1132. 3-13-3t

**WANTED—A SERVANT, ONLY TWO** grown people in family. Call at No. 6 Church street. 3-21-1f.

**FOR SALE—ONE 500 LB. IRON** safe in good order. D. J. Ferguson. 3-21-3t.

**\$25.00 REWARD FOR 15-YEAR-OLD** white boy giving name of Zach Lungston, home said to be Kinston, dressed in brown suit, knee pants, cap and shoes, with L. W. Davis' name on shoe strap. Dark hair, full face. Boy stole \$200 from me Monday night, March 18. J. P. Newton, Wilmington, N. C. 3-19-1f.

**WANTED—A GROCERY BOY OR** man at once for study; good opportunity for advancement. State your age, reference, address and phone number and wages you can start with. "Grocery," care Dispatch. 3-20-3t

**WANTED—YOUNG LADY FOR** office work. Experience not necessary, but one who can use typewriter preferred. Good opportunity for advancement. Reply in own handwriting to Postoffice Box 963, City. 3-19-1f.

**LOST—A LADIES' SMALL SIZE** watch with chain. Waltham movement. "M. C." engraved on one side and "1907" on other. Liberal reward if returned to 208 North Fourth street or phone 618. 3-20-1f

### COAL

#### Builders Supplies

200 tons Ground Limestone.  
100 tons Land Plaster.  
(in stock and transit).  
3,000 bags Portland Cement.  
1,500 bags wall plaster.  
300,000 shingles.  
100,000 laths.  
850 rolls rubber Roofing.  
Fire Brick, Clay, Asbestos, pipe, etc.

We solicit your orders.  
**W. B. THORPE & CO.**

### "SANS-SOUCI" SAUSAGE

Pure Pork Sausage  
Fresh Sausage  
Smoked Sausage  
Frankforts  
Bologna  
Head Cheese  
Liver Sausage  
New England Ham  
Made without cereals  
Sanitary, clean delicious  
Take no substitutes  
For sale at all first-class grocers and markets.

**CAROLINA PACKING COMPANY**

**NOTICE—I AM SELLING THE BEST** of native meats. Round steak, 25 cents; rib steak, 25 cents; chuck steak, 20 cents; stew beef, 18 cents; veal, 25 cents; pork chops, 35 cents. Cured ham, bacon, pork sausage, etc. Hoy Kennedy, 512 South Fifth St., phone 670. 3-5-30t.

**WHEN YOUR BOY GOES INTO THE** Trenches see that he takes with him your portrait. He will treasure it above all the gold on earth. Holtz and Kendrick. 1-13-1f.

**CASH FOR OLD FALSE TEETH.** Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2.00 to \$15.00 per set, also cash for old gold, silver, platinum, dental gold and old gold jewelry. Will send cash by return mail and will hold goods ten days for sender's approval of my price. Mail to L. Mazer, 2007 South Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa. 2-22-30t.

**JUST RECEIVED CAR OF EATING** potatoes, turnips, cabbage, seed potatoes—Try our fine Greenfield Delatour Chocolates, Bear Produce and Mdse. Co., Wilmington, N. C. 3-9-1f.

**WANTED—THIRTY YOUNG LADIES** over sixteen years old to work in our up-to-date Hosiery Mill. All modern conveniences, good houses and low rents for families; good boarding houses for single girls. Wages good. Apply at once, Orion Knitting Mills, Kinston, N. C. 3-11-30t

**WANTED—COLORED MEN OVER** 16 years old to sack and tie on automatic packing machines. Good wages. Beginners paid while learning. Blackwells Durham branch Durham, N. C. 2-19-1f.

**APRIL SIXTH IS THE DATE THAT** the Hanover Building and Loan Association will open its 27th Series. Stock may be secured now, 25c per week per share, you pay in \$32.50 and get \$100 at maturity in about 330 weeks. There is no better way to save money, or buy a home, we are always willing to assist you. Your money is available at all times. J. W. Yates, President, H. F. Wilder, secretary and Treasurer. 3-10-1f.

**FOUND—ROOF SPECIALISTS WHO** guarantee to stop that bad leak. Give us a trial and be convinced. Slate, tin or tile. Phone 431, Young and Gorman, 10 1-2 South Second St. 3-14-30t.

**SAFETY RAZOR BLADES SHARP-** ened. Double edge 35c per doz. Single edge 20c. J. T. Scarborough, Room 1, Davidson Building, Charlotte, N. C. 1-30-Wed-Sun-1f.

**WANTED—TO BUY CLEAN** cotton rags—will pay 2-1-2 cents per pound. Bring or send them to the Queen City Cycle Co. 209 Market St. 2-11-1f.

**UNREDEEMED—SINGER SEWING** machine, drop head, in first class condition. Unredeemed price \$17.50. Call at Chas. Finkelstein, 6 South Front street. Phone 642.

**\$500.00 FOR OLD NEWSPAPERS.** I will pay \$500 for a file of The Messenger, a weekly anti-Whig newspaper, published in Wilmington in 1844. I will also pay correspondingly high prices for single issues of this paper of the year 1844. Old residents of Wilmington and vicinity may be well repaid for looking over the old papers in their attics and storerooms. Other publications of same year also purchased. Address P. O. Box 13, Back Bay, Boston, Mass. 3-20-16t.

**WE DELIVER ALL MAGAZINES ON** date of issue when so requested. Phone your order to 745, Gordon's News Stand. 10-7-1f.

### Where Is Your Money?

While the family was at dinner over \$900, hid in a desk upstairs was stolen from a St. Louis, Mo., home. Depositing money in a strong institution is the very best insurance against fire, burglars and dishonest servants. Our bank welcomes both the large and small depositor and pays 4 per cent compounded quarterly on accounts of \$5 and over.

### THE PEOPLES SAVINGS BANK

CORNER FRONT AND PRINCESS STREETS

### Condensed Report of Condition of the American Bank and Trust Co., of Wilmington, N. C. At Close of Business March 4th, 1918.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts	\$2,294,401.94
Overdrafts	10,524.92
Real Estate	46,281.40
Furniture and Fixtures	25,107.46
Bonds and Securities	291,377.74
Domestic Acceptances	1,27,400.00
CASH and Due from Banks	955,028.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,749,822.23</b>
LIABILITIES:	
Capital Stock	\$ 200,000.00
Undivided Profits	35,410.00
Acceptances	50,000.00
Dividends Unpaid	411.00
Bills Payable	235,000.00
Re-discounts	83,316.18
DEPOSITS	
Banks	\$1,670,893.38
Individual	1,474,791.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,145,685.00</b>
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**OFFICERS:**  
THOS. E. COOPER, President  
MILTON CALDER, Vice-President  
CHAS. E. BETHEA, Cashier  
E. FRED BANK, Assistant Cashier  
ROBT. L. HENLEY, Assistant Cashier

### WE WANT

**The Account of Every Person in This Vicinity**  
You can open an account by mail as easily as if you lived next door to the bank. Simply send us a Post Office Money Order or Express Money Order for whatever you wish to deposit, or send bills in a registered letter and we will at once forward you a pass book with the amount entered in it.  
No one should keep his surplus money hidden around the house where it may be burned or stolen. This strong bank is the place for your money.

### CITIZENS BANK

Corned Second And Princess Streets.

### WANTED TO BUY

**CLEAN COTTON RAGS**  
Wilmington Printing Co.

### Join Uncle Sam's War Savings Club

Buy War Savings Stamps. A profitable, simple, secure investment paying 4 per cent compounded, redeemable at any time upon ten days' notice, issued in two denominations, 25 cents and \$5.00.

25 cents and \$5 seem small amounts but remember that a single strand in a cable has no strength but thousands of these strands bound together uphold the Brooklyn Bridge.

Do your bit. A country worth fighting for is worth saving for.

**W. B. Cooper & Co.**  
Wilmington, N. C.

### The Murchison National Bank

Capital and Surplus \$1,800,000

H. C. McQUEEN, President  
J. W. YATES, Vice-President  
M. F. ALLEN, Asst. Cashier  
J. V. GRAINGER, Vice-President  
C. S. GRAINGER, Cashier  
W. S. JOHNSON, Asst. Cashier  
J. V. GRAINGER, JR., Asst. Cashier



How I keep his little woolens soft and sweet

**"BEFORE** my baby came, the trained nurse had cautioned me: 'Have all the tiny garments of the best quality and have only as many of each as you really need to keep your baby fresh and sweet. That is the actually important thing. Launder his things constantly. Never let one little garment stay soiled from one day to the next.'

"From the very first I used Lux for them. It was so easy to whip the pure delicate Lux flakes into rich suds—so simple to squeeze the suds through the little garments—then take them out absolutely sweet and clean and fresh.

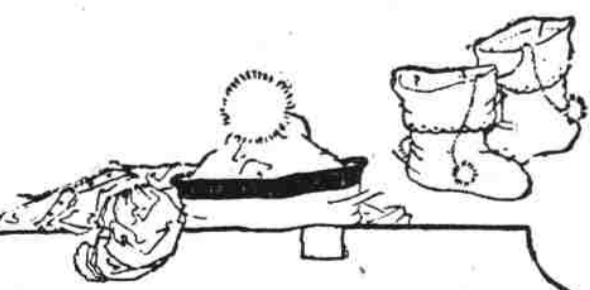
"The little woolens never shrank a thread—never stiffened or grew thick—*not* after repeated washings. And his precious little dresses were always as dainty and fresh as new."

See for yourself how the Lux way of washing *without rubbing* keeps your baby's woolens soft and unshrunk. Your grocer, druggist or department store has Lux—Lever Bros. Co., Cambridge, Mass.



**LUX**  
Won't shrink woolens

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#### How to Wash Babies' Woolens

Use two tablespoonfuls of Lux to a gallon of water. Dissolve the Lux flakes in boiling or very hot water, and whisk into a thick lather. Put the little garments in and let them soak until the water has cooled enough for the hands to bear with comfort. Squeeze the suds through the garments. *Do not rub.* Rinse three times in clear water, hot as the water you washed the garments in; dissolve a little Lux in the last rinsing water, but do not beat into a lather.

This leaves the woolens softer and fluffier. Squeeze the water out. *Do not twist.* Dry in the shade, and press with a warm iron, *never* a hot one. A damp piece of cheese-cloth will prevent the iron from scorching or yellowing the garments. Wash colored woolens in lukewarm suds, and do not soak.