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WORTHINGTON.—The good old town of Wor-  
thington still lives, although business, to all ap-  
pearance, is about dead. The frosty chains of  
winter have been broken, and the ice-bound  
rivulets are free once more, and the time of the  
singing of birds has come. The sugar season  
has about wound up, and the sugar-mongers  
have reaped a bountiful harvest, and many have  
been the gatherings of lads and "lasses" around  
the steaming, foaming sugar-kettle with paddle  
in hand in the old sugar camp. Money is decid-  
edly tight, or at least those that have any hold it  
so tight that we have almost forgotten how a  
greenback looks. But notwithstanding this,  
some real estate has changed hands, and several  
new comers are welcomed by us from abroad.  
We have two hotels licensed in town and we be-  
speak for them a liberal patronage. H. E. Tower  
is "pegging away" at the basket business, but  
not doing as much as usual, on account of the  
dullness of trade in that line. H. Cole & Son  
have filled their store with new goods, and sell O,  
how cheap. D. T. Hewitt is at his old tricks  
again, selling sewing machines with a rush, and  
why shouldn't he, having the agency of the  
simplest-made, stillest-running, easiest-operat-  
ing, surest of stitch, cheapest and best machine  
now made, viz., the Willcox & Gibbs machine.  
The only real sensation is in the extreme east-  
ern part of the town, where A. Stevens & Son  
are manufacturing the most useful article ever  
introduced to the public, viz., Wickes & Wat-  
son's patent plant protector, which securely pro-  
tects squash, cucumber, tomato and cabbage  
plants from all bugs and cut-worms, without  
shading the plant or retarding its growth in the  
least. They give employment to 12 or 14 hands  
and turn off about 500 a day, but cannot begin to  
supply the demand. Success to them.

WEST CUMMINGTON