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Jesse M. Romberger, of Valley View, has in the few years of his business life there shown himself worthy of the patronage of the community, and his well conducted bakery has become deservedly popular with the townspeople. Combining ability in the management of his affairs with a thorough practical knowledge of his trade, he has the prospect of a useful and prosperous career.

Born in 1886 at Helfenstein, Schuylkill County, he comes of an old family of Dauphin County, this State, where his great-grandfather was born. His grandfather, **William Romberger**, was an old resident of the Lykens Valley in that county. During the Civil war he enlisted from either Snyder or Perry County, Pa., for the Union service, and was accidentally drowned while on his way home after the close of the war. **James M. Romberger**, father of **Jesse M. Romberger**, was born at Gratz, Dauphin Co., Pa., and is now living retired at Pitman, Schuylkill County. Throughout his active years he was engaged in merchandising, having a general store at Helfenstein, this county, for five years, and he also did business at Valley View and Pitman. He married **Josephine Sigfried**, who was born in Columbia County, Pa., daughter of an old settler of that county, and they are the parents of nine children, namely: **Walter W.**, the eldest, is now engaged in business at Pitman, dealing in general merchandise and agricultural implements; **John** is a resident of Cressona, this county; **Elwood** is deceased; **Jesse M.** is next in the family; **James** is living in California; one daughter is the wife of **Elias Wetzel**, of Pitman; **Raymond** and **Jennie** are deceased; **Edna** is the wife of **Victor Snyder**, of Pitman.

Jesse M. Romberger grew up at Helfenstein and received a public school education. He learned his trade at Valley View, serving his apprenticeship with a **Mr. Keifer**, and six years ago became established in the business there on his own account. By supplying his customers with high-class goods he has had a steadily increasing trade, and he has endeavored to merit the good will and substantial approval of his patrons. He has allied himself with local affairs outside of business, having joined the I. O. O. F. lodge and P. O. S. of A. camp at Valley View, and he and his wife hold membership in the Church of God.

On Nov. 17, 1906, **Mr. Romberger** was married to **Sallie Klinger**, of Sacramento, Schuylkill County, daughter of **William** and **Elizabeth (Updegrave) Klinger**, both of whom are now deceased. **Mr. Klinger** was a farmer in the valley. Four children have been born to **Mr.** and **Mrs. Romberger**, namely: **Verna, Josephine, Melvin** and **Bernice**.

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