

# The McLean News

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## Satisfied

I am satisfied with my trade and still have lots of stuff left and lots on the road

Prices Right

W. L. Haynes

## On Federal Reserve Act

Speaking of the value of the Federal Reserve system, which, by the way, is a distinctive democratic measure, Secretary McAdoo, has the following to say:

"The financial strength of the United States—the greatest in our history—gives us a commanding position in world finance. We have been transferred from a debtor into a creditor nation. On November 1, 1916, the stock of gold coin and bullion in the United States was estimated at \$1,700,136,976, an increase of \$714,597,804 in the past 16 months. This is the largest of gold ever held in the United States or any other country of the world. Through the operations of the Federal Reserve System and without abundant supply of gold as a basis, the credit resources of the United States have become more than sufficient for home demand and we have been able to finance our great domestic and foreign trade without strain and to extend vast amounts of credit to other nations throughout the world. "The experience of the past two years has brought into strong relief the value of Federal Reserve System. It is not too much to say that our great prosperity could exist without it. The usefulness of the system has been broadened recently by the amendatory act of September 7, 1916, which renders it more attractive to member banks and increases the scope and services of the Federal reserve banks. Due to the transference of vault and other reserves to Federal reserve banks, authorized by the original act and amendatory act, the resources of said banks are now more than \$650,000,000, while the total reserves held are over \$4,000,000,000, and in addition, more than \$230,000,000 is held by the Federal reserve agents as special security against Federal reserve notes. About one-fourth of the country's stock of gold is thus mobilized in the hands of Federal reserve banks and agents.

"The increasing strength and efficiency of the Federal reserve banks have enabled them to enlarge their direct service to the business community through the introduction of a definite and comprehensive system for the clearance of checks throughout the country.

"It would have been impossible to finance our vast domestic and foreign trade without the facilities provided by the Federal Reserve System. Not only has it met the normal and extraordinary needs of business, but it has established confidence securely. Business has been able to go forward without apprehension and the several crises which the country has faced in its international relations during the past two years have been accompanied by no disturbances and have caused not even a tremor in the financial world. The crops of 1915 and 1916 were financed without difficulty and to the great advantage of farmers, and the industrial troubles which at one time seemed imminent, because of the threatened railway strike last summer, were not accompanied by the slightest financial uneasiness. Happily the country has been at peace and business and

## To Add New Equipment

Believing that the splendid development of prosperous conditions that prevail in this section will warrant us in the future, the News has decided to augment its equipment by the addition of new and modern machinery by which it may place its plant on an equal footing with the most aggressive of its kind in the entire Panhandle country.

One of the first considerations will be a late model press with a capacity two thousand papers an hour. This press will also serve in the job printing department for the handling of the larger jobs that require expert press work.

Another contemplated improvement is a typesetting machine and we hope to be able to announce its installation in the very near future in order that the McLean News might take its place among the best of its class.

While all this additional will cost considerable money, we believe the future of the McLean country amply justifies the venture.

enterprises have had the largest opportunity for favorable development under the most auspicious conditions. If we make intelligent use of our great power and exceptional financial resources, we can cope successfully with any condition the future might develop."

"Incidentally there is a feeling here which is quite general among certain senators and congressmen that in due course of time the federal reserve system and the federal farm loan system will be consolidated. These legislators say there is no reason why there should be two banking systems in the country, one for cities and one for rural communities. On the other hand they say, there should be only one system and the heartiest co-operation all along line between the various interests involved. This feeling it is known, was shared so strongly by Senator Lewis of Illinois that at the time Governor Dunne of his state was being discussed for membership on the federal loan board, the senator advised him not to take the position if offered him, because of the danger of a quite limited tenure of office.

The Farm Loan Board is expected to profit by the experience of the Federal Reserve Board. Secretary of the Treasurer McAdoo, who is an ex-officio member of the latter, will be able to give the Farm Loan commissioners much beneficial information concerning organization work when they return here. The layman finds it difficult to ascertain anything about the workings of the Reserve Board. It appears to be an organization for insiders. The general public does not come in contact with it and the general public, it is safe to say, doesn't understand it or its work.

### Georgia Cane Syrup.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl S. Hurst of Meigs, Ga., remembered the News family recently with a case of real Georgia Cane syrup. The syrup is put up in pint cans (48 of them) and is the very best we have ever eaten, having been raised on "sorghum." D. N. Massay came in for a share of this syrup but as it came in our name we divided it as we saw proper.



When your market basket's heavy  
And you think you're almost done,  
Don't forget that sack of Candy  
You promised to take home.  
You know the children watch for you  
And meet you on the run.  
So don't go back without that sack  
And spoil all their fun.

**ERWIN DRUG CO.**

## Progressive Conservatism

A Bank can be so "hidebound" in its conservatism as to lose its powers of expansion or, it can be so liberal in its policies as to endanger its solvency.

This bank has tried to strike the happy medium a PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATISM, which combines all the elements of safety, with a policy of liberality without prodigality.

### The Citizens State Bank

Of McLean, Texas

(Guarantee Fund Bank)

A Home Bank Owned By Home People

## Listers

Time for listing your land is here, and you will naturally want the best lister money can buy.

The Canton No. 111 has stood the test of three fourths of a century and is giving the utmost satisfaction, every Canton owner is a Canton booster. The price is advancing all the time, so why not get yours now and save money.

Yours for business

**C. S. Rice**

Hardware And Furniture

Phone 42

## More About the Roads

As stated in our last issue, the measure is unalterably opposed to the levying of a special road tax of fifteen cents for the purpose of building roads, for it has been an observation that this character of taxation is hopelessly inadequate to care for our urgent needs at this time, but it has been suggested that in case of a change of this special tax arrangements might be made to anticipate the collection of funds and in this manner secure enough money in a bunch to build adequate roads.

If this can be done and the funds derived from a special levy of fifteen cents used efficiently in road construction, we will be entirely in favor of it.

Road improvement, right at

this time, is our most urgent need. The country is rapidly developing and her resources are broadening with the coming of each succeeding year and we must keep pace with this development and growth by making such developments as will insure its stability and permanency. Of this character of improvements road building is the first and foremost.

Not only do bad roads hamper our growth and development and settlement of our untitled acres, but they are costing us hundreds and thousands of dollars annually in the moving of crops and other products and provisions, besides their destructive effect on vehicles of every character.

There is not an argument in favor of bad roads.

## Prices On Coal Reduced

We wish to state to the public that the high prices in coal has been reduced and we are in hopes that it will soon be down to at least normal.

We have two cars to be shipped out this week and watch when it arrives and ask us about it we know it will be cheaper. All kinds of building material on hand.

Tell us your wants.

**Cicero Smith Lbr. Company**

Phone 3

# INDIGESTION, GAS OR SICK STOMACH

Time it! Pape's Diapepsin ends all stomach misery in five minutes.

Do some foods you eat hit back—taste good, but work badly; ferment into stubborn lumps and cause a sick, sour, gassy stomach? Now, Mr. or Mrs. Dyspeptic, jot this down: Pape's Diapepsin digests everything, leaving nothing to sour and upset you. There never was anything so safely quick, so certainly effective. No difference how badly your stomach is disordered you will get happy relief in five minutes, but what pleases you most is that it strengthens and regulates your stomach so you can eat your favorite foods without fear.

You feel different as soon as "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach—distress just vanishes—your stomach gets sweet, no gases, no belching, no eructations of undigested food. Go now, make the best investment you ever made, by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia or bad stomach. Adv.

### Justification.

"Jinks drinks like a fish."  
"Why, I thought he was strictly temperate."  
"So he is, but then fishes, you know, never drink anything but water."

### COVETED BY ALL

but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is harsh and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

### Bonus System in Japan.

The highest salaried man in Japan does not receive enough money in that form to pay for gasoline used by his automobile, for salaries of the managers of business corporations are insignificantly small, says the Japan Times. Salaries, however, are not the total income of business men. Under the Japanese custom there is a liberal bonus system, and the bonus amounts to 300 or 400 times the monthly salary in some cases.

The Mitsui company is regarded as the biggest corporation in Japan and their directors are noted for their large incomes. Each director is said to receive in the form of a bonus about \$100,000 a year, although his salary may be only \$250 a month.

### Here's a Tip About Hotel Guests.

In the American Magazine a writer says: "Here's a funny thing, by the way, that I've noticed about hotel guests: You have a soiled towel in a room, and the guest will probably complain. But you can leave a basket of paint and a paperhanger's scaffold in the hallway, and compel the guest to crawl under a stepladder to get to his room, and he will put up with it cheerfully—because he knows you are painting or papering by way of making an improvement, and he is in sympathy with that. It doesn't cost much to make over a carpet so that a bare spot in front of the dresser will be eliminated, but such little details are a vast help in making a hotel prosper."

### Unbreakable Windows.

Repeated coats of raw or boiled linseed oil applied to a newly meshed wire fabric will give a good substitute for window glass. The wire may be used for many purposes, and is especially good where glass might easily be broken. The fabric may be dipped in the oil instead of applying it with a brush.

The temperature of Southern Australia varies not more than 20 degrees during the year.

# Before Drinking Coffee, You Should Consider Whether Or Not It Is Harmful

"There's a Reason" for POSTUM

# FIVE-ROOM HOME WELL ARRANGED

Many Practical Features Are Combined in This Product of Architect's Skill.

### VERY LITTLE WASTE SPACE

Convenience and Appearance Two Most Important Features to Be Considered in Planning the Home for the Family.

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1327 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

It is your home that is to be planned and built. You and the members of your family will be the first to occupy it and it may be handed down to your children to the fourth and fifth generation.

On the other hand, a change in employment or circumstances may make it advisable for you to sell.

So, when building or looking over plans, keep those two thoughts in mind, for they are the factors by which the worth of your investment is governed.

"What a beautiful home!" exclaims the passer-by. A neighbor confirms that thought, but adds that the interior is poorly arranged, that the resources of owner and architect seemingly were exhausted when the exterior was planned.

Farther down the street is a house with a dreary and uninviting exterior appearance which has a convenient and well-appointed interior arrangement.

It is entirely practical and should be the chief ambition of every builder to combine in every structure these two elements of real value and desirability.

In the home here illustrated many

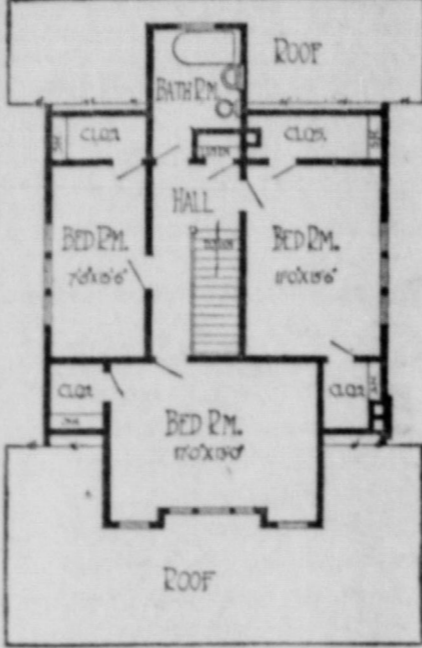
ures up to the current standard. The staircase is conveniently arranged and economical both with respect to cost and space occupied.

The projection in the wall, forming the outer end of the dining room, is glazed, and if this is given a southern exposure it will prove excellent for ferns and flowering plants.

Kitchen is compact and convenient, and that is all a kitchen need be.

Toilet on the first floor is centrally located, a big point in its favor. Access may be had through the kitchen or the "north" bedroom.

That corner room, labeled "bed room," is filled with possibilities. The wife would instantly recognize it as a sewing room, the husband as a den.



Second-Floor Plan.

the children as a playroom, the farmer or doctor as an office—in which case an outside entrance should be provided. It could be used for any of these purposes, and at a pinch also serve as a bedroom.

Upstairs are three large bedrooms, bath and numerous commodious closets. These closets are commodious with respect to floor area, but cramped for height. They occupy the low space under the roof, but do not continue to the point where the rafters join the plate.

The only foot of waste space in the house is in the upstairs hall, and that unused space is limited in area.

In many homes a considerable per-

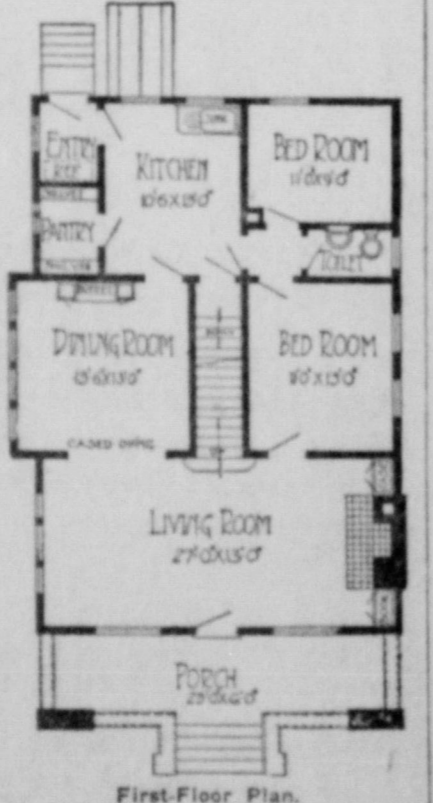


practical features are combined. The rooms are large, conveniently arranged and well lighted. The exterior is attractive.

This home may not suit you in every particular, but then you are reading plans to get ideas and you get one, or a part of one, from every plan you examine, and one day you will find all of your ideas combined in just the way you want them combined, and that will be your house.

All worthy ideals are worth striving for, and your ideal of a home certainly is worth the effort it will cost you to secure or produce it.

Why not take this design and ex-



First-Floor Plan.

amine it in the light of modern ideas and compare and contrast it with your ideals.

There are the steps leading to the porch, with a convenient railing on which the young folks may roost during their twilight chatters. If left uninclosed the porch is wide enough for all practical purposes. If inclosed an additional two feet in width, for which arrangements possibly could be made, would increase its use value.

Entering, we find a large living room, one of the first essentials of present-day houses. This living room, with its fireplace and bookcase, meas-

centage of the inclosed space is of no practical value, but the cost of such space is just as great as though it were available for manifold uses.

In home planning and home building—and the idea of building a home or the desire to plan one is dormant or active in every normal person—the chief trouble arises from endeavors to associate ideas that are incompatible.

Many home builders seek to use the feature ideas of many houses, and that is utterly impossible, for the ideas are dissimilar and cannot be put together without disregarding cost or sacrificing appearance.

In building a home the thought should be borne in mind that every cubic foot of inclosed space represents a fraction of the cost. In actual practice the cost ranges from 15 to 20 cents per cubic foot. If, due to careless or impractical arrangement, the space is not usable, it represents a dead loss, and that fact will become painfully evident to the owner if ever the house is placed on the market.

These practical ideas of value should be kept in mind when examining a plan with a view to its adoption, or in making up tentative plans from which the final design is to be made.

### THIS MAN'S HOBBY IS SNAKES

St. Louisan Travels All Over the World in Quest of Rare Specimens of Reptiles.

Julius Hurter, Sr., of 2346 South Tenth street, noted snake hunter and herpetologist, owner of one of the most complete collections of reptiles in the world, died. It is understood that he will his collection to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington. Hurter had traveled all over the world in quest of rare reptiles and amphibians. He captured many of these alive and kept them at his home until a favorable season for killing them and preserving them.

In his snake hunts Hurter followed the dangerous plan of waiting until the reptile struck and then jumping aside and catching it by the tail. Sometimes he was bitten, but the hypodermic needle and strychnine averted evil effects. Hurter never sold any of his specimens, but sometimes traded.

For preserving paintings a German has patented a process which consists of inclosing them in tight glass-front cases filled with nitrogen.

# HORSE MUST BE WELL FED DURING WINTER

The efficiency of the farm horse next spring and summer will depend largely upon the feed and care it receives this winter, asserts Dr. C. W. McCampbell, associate professor of animal husbandry in the agricultural college.

"Despite the fact that feeds are high in price, the farm horse must be well fed during the coming winter months," said Doctor McCampbell. "A study of market prices reveals the fact that bran and alfalfa hay are two of the cheapest feeds available when feeding value is considered. Both are well adapted to winter feeding because of the lighter work of the farm horse during the winter season, and because of the cooler weather. This being true, both should enter largely in the farm horse ration this winter.

### Use Much Roughage.

"At present prices a combination of 3 parts of corn and 4 parts of bran is 20 cents a hundredweight cheaper than corn alone, and has practically the same feeding value as

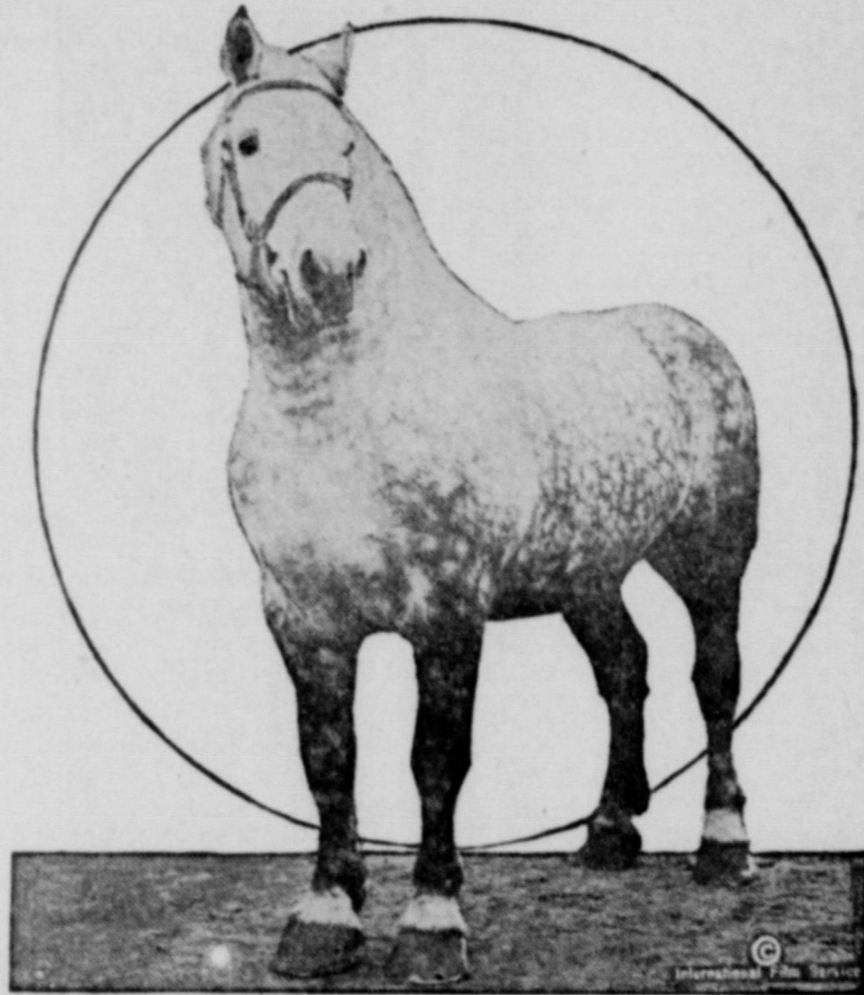
first 18 months and especially the first winter determines to a great extent the size of the colt at maturity," said Doctor McCampbell. "The size of a horse determines very largely its value.

"Good breeding gives wonderful possibilities, but it takes feeding if these possibilities are to be fully realized. The best bred colt will be no better than a scrub if fed upon a starvation ration.

"A draft colt makes one-half of its development by the time it is one year old, hence the importance of a good start. The colt should be taught to eat grain before it is weaned, and after being weaned should be allowed a liberal ration of alfalfa or clover hay with other available roughages, such as corn fodder, kafir butts, cane hay, and straw. The colt should be fed sufficient grain to keep it in a good growing and thrifty condition.

### Colts Need Exercise.

"One should never be able to see a colt's ribs. A ration of from six to



HORSES OF THIS KIND ALWAYS IN DEMAND.

an equal weight of oats. Ten to 12 pounds of alfalfa hay a day in place of prairie hay will enable one to reduce the grain ration approximately 20 per cent.

"Large amounts of roughage, such as corn fodder, cane, and straw, which might otherwise be wasted, may be utilized when alfalfa hay is fed, for the richness of the alfalfa causes a craving for other roughages."

The size of the draft horse will depend largely upon the feed and care that the weanling receives during the first winter, asserts Doctor McCampbell.

"In developing the colt, it must be remembered that the feed it gets the

eight pounds of grain a day should be fed for each 1,000 pounds of live weight. Oats is an excellent feed but at present the price is so high that it is not practical. A good substitute is corn, 70 per cent; bran, 20 per cent; and oil meal, 5 per cent by weight."

Colts should not be housed too closely during the winter, pointed out Doctor McCampbell. In this climate a shed opening to the south will furnish sufficient shelter for winter.

Colts should have access to a pasture or large lot so as to have plenty of exercise. Where winter pasture, such as wheat or rye is available, the feed bill may be cut down considerably.

# IMPORTANT TO SAVE ALL LIQUID MANURE

Considerable Proportion of Nitrogen Lost Through Fermentation and Leaching.

The fertilizing value of the total excrement from horses is about \$20 per animal per year, and from cattle about \$25, according to the chemistry section of the Nebraska experiment station.

Nearly half of the nitrogen and potassium from farm animals occurs in the liquid excrement. It is therefore important that this be saved through use of sufficient straw to absorb it. Manure stored in the open barnyard loses a considerable proportion of its nitrogen through fermentation, and its potassium and other mineral elements through leaching.

This loss may be avoided by hauling the manure to the field as fast as it accumulates. If this is impracticable, it may be stored in a covered shed, where animals run over it, and so keep it well packed. The greatest loss of fertility occurs when the manure is stored in loose piles.

# HOG LICE QUESTION IS VERY IMPORTANT

Pests Take Advantage of Conditions in Cold Weather and Breed Quite Rapidly.

(By R. C. ABILEY, Minnesota Experiment Station.)

It has been estimated that a 150-pound hog has 92,000 drops of blood. Suppose he is supporting 1,000 lice and each takes one drop of blood per day. What per cent of his blood will be lost daily, and who will pay the bill?

The question is important right now, for lice are worse in winter than in summer. The hogs pile up closely and spend much time in their beds. The lice take advantage of the situation and breed rapidly.

To remove the lice is neither diffi-

cult nor expensive. Dipping or spraying with coal-tar compounds is dangerous in winter, but three other treatments are available. There are:

1. Equal parts kerosene and machine oil mixed together and applied with an oil can, brush or swab.
2. Crude oil (thinned with kerosene, if too thick), applied with a brush or as a spray.
3. Powdered staphisagria dusted on the pigs, or steeped as a tea and applied with a brush or as a spray.

For a small bunch the first treatment is the most convenient, but when one has many hogs the crude oil is cheaper. Be sure to apply behind the ears and in both flanks. The lice prefer folds of the skin.

Clean the beds and pens thoroughly, also. If these are thoroughly sprayed with the oil there should be no further trouble from the lice. If the hogs sleep in straw sheds one can keep them free from lice by treating them every two weeks. Try it!

# STURDY COCKERELS MAKE BEST CAPONS

Fowls Should Be Good-Sized, Vigorous and With Large Frame—Keep Them Growing.

The very best cockerels must be selected for capons. They should be good-sized, vigorous. A large frame is necessary if much flesh is to be put upon it, and in breeding for capons one should select a strain that matures as early as possible.

The capons must be kept growing every moment and they should have a reasonably large range.

If confined too closely they are apt to become droopy and sick. While not particularly active, they thrive better if they have a reasonably large run, and they seem to take on fat better.

Too many people make the mistake of waiting until within two weeks of marketing before fattening their birds. They should be pushed at least six weeks to get the very best results. This will produce a large, fat capon that will bring a fancy price if packed in clean, white paper in a clean box.

# PEEL OFF CALLUSES WITH THE FINGERS

To painlessly and quickly remove callus spots from the bottom of the foot apply a few drops of freezezone directly upon the hardened skin and shortly it will peel right off without pain, soreness or bleeding.

This drug is an ethyl compound. It simply loosens the dead callused skin. It doesn't eat it away, but loosens it so it peels right off with the fingers.

A quarter ounce of the freezezone costs little more than any drug store, but is efficient to remove even corn or callus from one's feet. This is the only way to free the feet from corns and calluses without soreness, danger or infection.

After the corn or callus is lifted away the skin beneath and surrounding is found pink and healthy, and not inflamed, or even irritated. This is a good thing to know.—Adv.

### A Cynical Miss.

She—Tell me a story.  
He—Once upon a time before people married for money—  
She—Oh, that's too ancient; that must have happened before money was invented.—Boston Evening Transcript

# FALLING HAIR MEANS DANDRUFF IS ACTIVE

Save Your Hair! Get a 25 Cent Bottle of Danderine Right Now—Also Stops Itching Scalp.

Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scurf. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its luster, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair.

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, luster and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness, but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp. Adv.

### Wouldn't Be a Queen.

He—Queen of my heart—  
She—Queen nothing! Queens can't pick their husbands. I can—and believe me, I'm some picker.—Judge.

# Texas Druggists Praise Best Kidney Medicine

For the past fifteen years we have handled and sold Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root to a large number of customers who claimed that it had produced the most beneficial results in each case and they praised it very highly for what it had accomplished. We enjoy a fine sale for the medicine and believe it is a very good preparation for what it is recommended.

Very truly yours,  
McCOLLUM BROS., Druggists,  
Oct. 26, 1916. Crawford, Tex.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You. Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

A plank road in portable parts is being laid in the California deserts for economy and convenience.

Dr. B. F. Jackson, Celebrated Physician, handed down to posterity his famous prescription for female troubles. Now sold under the name of "Femina." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

A scoop which is also a scale has been invented by a man in Mobile, Ala.

# WHAT IS LAX-FOS

LAX-FOS is an improved Cascara (a tonic-laxative) Pleasant to take

In LAX-FOS the Cascara is improved by the addition of certain harmless chemicals which increase the efficiency of the Cascara, making it better than ordinary Cascara. LAX-FOS is pleasant to take and does not gripe nor disturb stomach. Adapted to children as well as adults—just try one bottle for constipation. 50c

### FOR OLD AND YOUNG

Tut's Liver Pills act as kindly on the child, the delicate female or infirm old age, as upon the vigorous man.

# Tut's Pills

Give tone and strength to the weak stomach, bowels, kidneys and bladder.

# GALL STONES OF ALL KINDS

Allen's Stone Remedy (No Oil) dissolves Gall Stones, Biliousness, Headache, Constipation, Indigestion, Nervousness, Bloating, Stomach Troubles, and all Gallstone ailments. Price 50c per bottle. Free literature on request. Allen's Stone Remedy Co., Dept. W-4, 1219, Broadway St., Chicago.

### AN APPEAL FOR FAIR PLAY

When the Stomach, Liver and Bowels rebel, and— Refuse to perform their regular functions,— Play fair,— Give Nature the help required, by trying

## HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

Harsh Intimation.  
He—I suppose you think I couldn't make any woman happy.  
She—Yes, there is one woman you could.  
He—Who's she?  
She—Your widow.

### GOOD FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN

Children love Skinner's Macaroni and Spaghetti because of its delicious taste. It is good for them and you can give them all they want. It is a great builder of bone and muscle, and does not make them nervous and irritable like meat. The most economical and nutritious food known. Made from the finest Durum wheat. Write Skinner Mfg. Co., Omaha, Neb., for beautiful cook book. It is sent free to mothers.—Adv.

Contrary Methods.  
"He tried to hang himself because he was cut up."  
"And he didn't succeed because he was cut down."

Important to Mothers  
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. L. Fletcher* In Use for Over 30 Years.  
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

A strike of undertakers took place at Liverpool, England, recently.  
Isaac Gaskill, age ninety, of Mulville, N. J., is a devotee of dancing.

### When Work Is Hard

That kidney troubles are so common is due to the strain put upon the kidneys in so many occupations, such as: Jarring and jolting on railroads, etc. Cramp and strain as in barbing, moulding, heavy lifting, etc. Exposure to changes of temperature in iron furnaces, refrigerators, etc. Dampness as in tanneries, quarries, mines, etc. Inhaling poisonous fumes in painting, printing and chemical shops. Doan's Kidney Pills are fine for strengthening weak kidneys.

### An Oklahoma Case

W. E. Doorley, 121 E. Broadway, Kingfisher, Okla., says: "My kidneys were so weak that I had little control over the kidney secretions and I suffered from a constant pain through the small of my back. I can't describe the awful misery I endured. On a friend's advice I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they fixed me up in good shape. Whenever I have taken them since, I have had fine results."

Get Doan's at Any Store, 50c a Box  
**DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS**  
FOSTER-MILBURN CO., BUFFALO, N. Y.



Mr. Wise—"Do you know what's good for rats?"  
Mr. Stove—"Why, poison, of course."  
Mr. Wise—"No, that would kill them—cheese."

Do you know what's good for a cough, throat and lung troubles, that will allay inflammation and insure a good night's sleep with free and easy expectoration in the morning? The answer is always the same year after year, is

### Boschee's German Syrup

Soothing and healing to bronchial and throat irritation. 25c. and 75c. sizes all Druggists and Dealers everywhere. Your grandfather used it 51 years ago. Try it yourself and see how it stops a hacking cough like magic.

### COTTON

We handle cotton on consignment and have the finest concrete wash with almost unlimited capacity. Your cotton will be absolutely free from all weather damage. Highest classifications and lowest interest rates on money advanced. Write us for full particulars.  
**GOHLMAN, LESTER & CO.**  
The oldest and largest exclusive cotton factors in Texas.  
HOUSTON, TEXAS

"ROUGH ON RATS" sends rats, mice, dogs, cats, and other vermin, like and like.  
W. N. U., Oklahoma City, No. 3-1917.

### OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE MISSED

Why Wait? Why Not Go to Western Canada Now?

The writer has frequently heard the remark that "after the war we will go to Western Canada." It does not occur to those making the remark that if they wish to secure lands in Western Canada, whether by homestead or purchase, the best time to go is now. After the war the welcome will be just as hearty as ever, but the chances are that land values will increase and today homesteads are plentiful and land is reasonable in price. There is no question about what the land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta will do, what it will give under proper cultivation.

Farmers in Western Canada are paying for their land holdings with the proceeds of last year's crop. That this is no idle statement may be gleaned from the three following items, which are picked out at random:

"In the spring of 1916 a half-section of land was offered for sale at \$17.00 per acre. There were 105 acres of summer-fallow, which because the owner could not at the time find a buyer, were seeded to wheat. A yield of 40 bushels per acre, 4,200 bushels all told, grading No. 1, was obtained. The price the day the grain was sold (which was very early in the season, before grain prices advanced to round about \$2.00) was \$1.60, which brought the handsome total of \$6,720.00. Three hundred and twenty acres at \$17.00 equals \$5,440.00, so that a buyer, by placing less than half of the whole under crop, would have made a profit of \$1,280.00."—Robson Messenger, Robson, Sask.

"That the 'Indiana Boys' farm this year raised sufficient crop to pay for the land, all the machinery and all overhead expenses as well as make a handsome profit, is the information given by N. B. Davis, the manager. The wheat yield was over 22,000 bushels. Of twelve cars already sold, nine graded No. 1, and Mr. Davis has sold over 2,000 bushels locally for seed at \$2.00. Naturally, when he gets to Indiana he will be a big booster for Alberta."—Bussano Mail, Bussano, Alta.

"Oscar Castalar, who bought land at Blusson after the crop had been put in last spring, for \$3,800.00, has threshed 3,000 bushels of wheat, which is worth at present prices about \$7,500.00. He refused an offer of \$5,000.00 for the land after the crop had been taken off."—Lethbridge Herald, Lethbridge, Alta.

Reports from the wheat fields are highly encouraging and show that the wheat crop of many farmers in Western Canada was highly satisfactory.

Coblenz, Sask.—W. A. Rose has threshed an average of 33 bushels per acre and 83 bushels of oats.

Gleichen, Alberta.—Up to date 237,812 bushels of grain have been received by local elevators, of which nearly 180,000 bushels were wheat. Seventy-one cars of grain have already been shipped.

Stoop Creek, Sask.—James McRae has threshed 5,400 bushels of grain, 2,000 bushels of which were wheat, grading No. 1 Northern. One field averaged 44 bushels per acre, and a large field of oats averaged 83 bushels.

If information as to the best location is required, it will be gladly furnished by any Canadian Government Agent, whose advertisement appears elsewhere.—Advertisement.

### Rough Philosophy.

"I'm not averse to helping you, my good man," said the careful philanthropist, "but are you sure you will put this dime to good use?"  
"You kin count on me, guv'ner," answered the tramp. "A dime ain't goin' ter make a man, an' on de other hand it ain't goin' ter ruin 'im."

### BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK "CASCARETS"

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach. Poisonous matter clogged in the intestines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the delicate brain tissue it causes congestion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

Cascarets immediately cleanse the stomach, remove the sour, undigested food and foul gases, take the excess from the liver and carry out all constipated waste matter and toxins in the bowels. Cascaret to-night will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box work while you sleep—means your head from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

No Hope.  
"You are not foolish enough, are you, to think you can drown your sorrows in drink?"  
"Of course not. My wife can swim."

### In Woman's Realm

Pretty and Sensible Morning Dress Which May Be Made of Linen, but Is More Likely to Be Made of Cotton, Such as Indian Head or Some Other Suitable Weave—Pretty Head-dress for the Opera.

Here is a pretty and sensible morning dress which may be made of linen but is more likely to be made of cotton such as Indian head or some other suitable weave. For it appears that linen is soaring in price, with the end not yet in sight. There is no very good reason for preferring it to substantial and beautifully-woven cotton materials.  
Now that the days are short and the evenings long, and while the weather out-of-doors is not inviting, springtime clothes may be got under way. The dress shown may be cut by a



EMBROIDERED MORNING DRESS.

pattern for a plain skirt and jacket, furnished by any of the standard pattern companies. It has a wide cape collar and a belt with sash ends made of the same material as the dress. The skirt is embroidered near the bottom with occasional sprays of flowers, and this embroidery reappears on the cuffs, collars, and sash ends. The jacket is laid in plaits at each side of the front and across the back. The sleeves are plain. Plain white buttons, either bone or pearl, and buttonholes, are used for fastening the jacket. Whether the material of the dress is with spangles or rhinestones, make a background for wonderful feathers or other ornaments.  
A head-dress of this kind is pictured here. It consists of a fan of plaited malines, set on a headband made of wire, covered with many thicknesses of malines. In front of the fan of malines a smaller fan-shaped ornament of fine rhinestones is set, and bands of rhinestones are slipped over the headband, at short intervals, all the way round it.  
Silver cloth and silver lace make headbands that are ornamented with



HEADRESSES FOR THE OPERA.

either strands of pearls or rows of spangles or rhinestones set on them. They are easy to make. The foundation is a narrow band of buckram, covered with silver cloth. Silver lace is placed over this and sewed along the upper edge. In one of these ornaments a strand of pearl beads is sewed along the upper edge, and a disk, covered like the band with silver, is set at the front. Pearl beads are sewed all over its outer surface.  
Even those who have no ear for music find the opera alluring, and one might be stone deaf and still find it

### Women of Middle Age

Many distressing Ailments experienced by them are Alleviated by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Here is Proof by Women who Know.



Lowell, Mass.—"For the last three years I have been troubled with the Change of Life and the bad feelings common at that time. I was in a very nervous condition, with headaches and pain a good deal of the time so I was unfit to do my work. A friend asked me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which I did, and it has helped me in every way. I am not nearly so nervous, no headache or pain. I must say that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the best remedy any sick woman can take."—Mrs. MARGARET QUINN, Rear 259 Worthen St., Lowell, Mass.

### She Tells Her Friends to Take Lydia E. Pinkham's Remedies.

North Haven, Conn.—"When I was 45 I had the Change of Life which is a trouble all women have. At first it didn't bother me but after a while I got bearing down pains. I called in doctors who told me to try different things but they did not cure my pains. One day my husband came home and said, 'Why don't you try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash?' Well, I got them and took about 10 bottles of Vegetable Compound and could feel myself regaining my health. I also used Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash and it has done me a great deal of good. Any one coming to my house who suffers from female troubles or Change of Life, I tell them to take the Pinkham remedies. There are about 20 of us here who think the world of them."—Mrs. FLORENCE ISILLA, Box 197, North Haven, Conn.

### You are Invited to Write for Free Advice.

No other medicine has been so successful in relieving woman's suffering as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Women may receive free and helpful advice by writing the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. Such letters are received and answered by women only and held in strict confidence.

Gold brick buyers are born often enough to keep the manufacturers from going out of business.

Pimples, boils, carbuncles, dry up and disappear with Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. In tablets or liquid.—Adv.

Natural Enough.  
"I hear the coal barons are again raising prices."  
"That's foolish. The public are mad enough as it is, and this continual raising of coal only adds fuel to the flames."

THAT GRIM WHITE SPECTRE, Pneumonia, follows on the heels of a neglected cough or cold. Delay no longer. Take Mansfield's Cough Balsam. Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Obviously.  
"Smithers dressed up that story he told."  
"I suppose that is why he took it to a swallow-tale party."

The average man has to sprint occasionally in order to keep up with his running expenses.

### The New Method

(BY L. W. BOWER, M. D.)  
Backache of any kind is often caused by kidney disorder, which means that the kidneys are not working properly. Poisonous matter and uric acid accumulate within the body in great abundance over-working the sick kidneys, hence the congestion of blood causes backache in the same manner as a similar congestion in the head causes headache. You become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish, irritable, have spots appearing before the eyes, bags under the lids, and lack ambition to do things.  
The latest and most effective means of overcoming this trouble, is to eat sparingly of meat, drink plenty water between meals and take a single Anuric tablet before each meal for a while.  
Simply ask your favorite druggist for Anuric. If you have lumbago, rheumatism, gout, dropsy, begin immediately with this novel treatment.

### WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC

Sold for 47 years. For Malaria, Chills & Fever. Also a Fine General Strengthening Tonic. 50c and \$1.00 at all Drug Stores.

### HELIOTROPE THE ALWAYS RELIABLE FLOUR?

is really and truly deserving of the endless praise it receives. We hear the tidings of Heliotrope success from over ten states. Won't you let us persuade you to try it?

Ask your grocer—  
**Oklahoma City Mill & Elevator Co.**  
OKLAHOMA CITY

## Big Sale

On Men's Overalls Work  
Pants and Dress Pants

Feb. 9th March 1st

\$1.25	Overalls for	1.00
\$1.50	Work Pants for	1.15
\$2.00	Work Pants for	1.35
\$3.00	Dress Pants for	2.15
\$4.00	Dress Pants for	3.00
\$5.00	Dress Pants for	3.65

McLean Shoe Store

## To Promote New Road

F. P. Reed of Mobeetie, was a business caller in the city the first of the week doing preliminary work looking to the laying out and logging a highway that will connect his town with McLean and Clarendon. The people of Mobeetie just now are engaged in an effort to promote a Denver to Dallas road that will pass through their town and Canfield and when this is completed they will want to extend their line through here as indicated. A road out in the direction of Mobeetie would make our town available to considerable trade territory that now goes to Miami and Ramsdell and would be a

material asset to the town.

Mrs. Kibler was called to Clarendon the latter part of last week in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. F. P. Naylor. Mrs. Naylor died Monday.

Posted.

The public is hereby warned that no hunting or otherwise trespassing on my place 4 miles east of McLean will be allowed. Please keep off.

I. X. Kachelhofer.

Posted.

Take notice that no hunting will be allowed on my section south of town—keep out or take the consequences. I will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

J. P. Reeves.

### Acknowledgment.

We were honored with an invitation to attend the Commencement Exercises of the graduating class of the Houston High School, January 29-31. Our little friend, Mary Marguerite Stulting, was one of the honor members of this class. Among other important positions she filled during the year she had the distinction of being the first girl to serve on the Board of Athletics for the school. Miss Stulting entered the Rice Institute immediately after her graduation.

The Girl's Bible Study class will meet Saturday afternoon at 3:30 at the Methodist church. following is the lesson:

Character of Ahab.

What judgment does Elijah predict against Ahab and his people? 2 Kings 17:1

Elijah's experience during the drought. Kings 1:24

Meeting with the priests of Baal and the result. Kings 8:23

Elijah on Carmel. 1 King 8:42-46

What followed? 1 Kings 19:1-14

Who his associate and successor. 2 Kings 2:1-18

Four incidents in Elijah's life:

(1) Widow in distress relieved, 2 Kings 4:1-17. (2) Kindness toward the Shunamite 4:37 (3) The poisoned pottage, 4:37-41 (4) Feeding the multitude.

Story of Nathan, 2 Kings 5.

## Buys Fine Herefords

J. S. Stephens, who owns a splendid ranch south of McLean on Skillet creek, has recently purchased a fine two year old bull from C. M. Carpenter at a price which shows that the trend of quality in beef breeding in this section is distinctly upward. This animal which will be two years old in March is an intentionally bred Anxiety bull and was christened Beau Mere 17th. His sire was Beau Mere, a son of the famous Beau Brummel, and his dame was direct descendent of Lamplighter, another famous Hereford sire.

We are glad to note this trend in beef breeding as it bespeaks an advancement in the industry that will eventually put this section in the van with the most progressive and prosperous stock farming sections of the United States.

Last Friday Mr. Carpenter received from a breeder in Clark, Mo., another fine calf which is also of the Anxiety strain. This animal is a splendid individual and gives promise of developing into the blue ribbon class.

## True To Uncle Sam

The general American public has been deeply interested in the German-American population in case of war with their Fatherland, and hence we give below some extracts from prominent German American papers which show that their opinions are widely divergent, but their loyalty to the Stars and Stripes seems faithful:

Chicago Staats Zeitung—It cannot be doubted that an overwhelming majority of our people stand behind the president in his efforts to keep this country at peace with all the world. But it is doubtful that a majority will endorse giving the German Ambassador his passports at the present time. Let us consider America first. Millions of Americans are bound by loyalties to Europeans who are fighting. Were Americans to engage

in the war on either side, the hearts of millions would be saddened by the knowledge that they must wage war against their kin. The war of races would break out in the midst of us, passion aroused and hatred engendered, internecine war would result, unless the causes led to our entering the European war were so shocking, aggravated and often repeated that all peaceful procedure became futile; and then only would the government have a united nation supporting a war policy.

Philadelphia Morgan Gazette—As American citizens it is our duty to remain loyal to the country to which we have sworn allegiance, the United States of America. We must in every way fulfil the obligations of our American citizenship, no matter what is exacted of us.

Los Angeles (Cal.) Germania—We stand firmly behind the president in every effort to keep this country out of war. If we must, let us fight our own battle. We are all good American citizens—free and sovereign—loyal to this country. We owe no other allegiance to any other nation.

Seattle (Wash.) German Press—The national honor of the United States is not at stake. The pro-British press of this country does not reflect the sentiment of the people. The people do not want war; they want peace, because they realize that active participation in this conflict for obvious reasons is impossible. Besides there is no obvious reason for it. No nation has the right to protect foolhardy adventurers who insist on presenting themselves as targets to the German bullet. And that is what American citizens are doing who enter the barred zone.

San Francisco Democrat—President Wilson in announcing the break gives us the hope that it will not lead to a declaration of war. Should it come to this citizens of German decent will not fail in their sworn duty to the country of their adoption.

Louisville Anzeiger—Without doubt every German-American especially those whose cradle stood in old country, has heard President Wilson's step with deep regret, but as to the stand they will take, there is only one answer: Every German-American who has become a citizen of this country knows his duty in this hour, knows which flag he must follow.

Fresno (Cal.) Der Buerger—Wilson was justified in severing diplomatic relations between the two countries. The president has a right to fight for the rights of Americans on the high seas.

Fresno (Cal.) Post (German)—The United States had no right to break with Germany under the circumstances. The United States has continually catered to England, but has treated Germany most unfairly throughout the war.

New York Staats-Zeitung—The Staats Zeitung Sunday printed an editorial signed by Bernard H. Ridder, in which he says: The president has spoken. He has spoken for the country, for all the people. Regret as we may the trend of events, it now behooves every American to stand squarely behind the president.

R. N. Ashby received a message the first of the week announcing the sudden death of his mother, who was in feeble health, but death came as a surprise as she was not considered seriously ill. Another son of decedent, J. A. Ashby, also lives here and their many friends join in extending to them sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

## Under New Management

I have leased the Storage and Repair Department of the Garden-hire Garage and will be prepared to take care of your car troubles

Day or Night

First class repairing—all manner of auto fixtures—you don't have to wait. Day phone 37, night phone 134.

Arthur J. Poncelet

## Why Bank With "American First"

It is a strong, careful, liberal, accurate and successful institution.

People find it a growing, active, progressive up-to-date bank in every particular.

It is well equipped, the book-keeping machine the best money can buy, and pronounced the most accurate methods of keeping accounts. This is the first bank in the county to be so equipped.

A semi-burgular and fire proof vault and a model burgular proof safe are at your disposal for your funds, valuables and papers.

Your account will be appreciated by this bank and your interests carefully considered

Every depositor is always a welcome visitor at this bank.

This bank can take care of you through thick and thin, as it has never refused a loan where the security was good and the terms satisfactory.

Its dealings with all customers are absolutely confidential; and it is always ready to assist you.

Because the directors and stock holders [the men behind the bank] are successful men, and you know they are money lenders, not borrowers.

The proof of good service is constant growth.

Because we do not believe you can ask for better service than this bank can give you and we ask that you give this bank an opportunity to serve you.

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Safety and Service

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Dealer in Real Estate and Rental Property

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McLean

Texas

## The Dort Design French Type Motor

A high-speed motor, created to the smallest detail by the brain of the best European-trained engineer we could engage—M. Ethienne Planche. It is unique for stamina and dependability and has mechanical features that are the marvel of the foremost automobile designers—such as dual exhaust, combined clutch-and-brake, aeroplane fan, infallible Westinghouse starter and electric equipment, independent cooling of cylinders, and similar superiorities.

### Power Pre-Eminent

The Dort climbs and travels to the limit of one's desires. Its flexibility has made it a ladies' favorite. In traffic, for instance, drivers of the fair sex find the combination of clutch and brake a welcome relief. No need to take the right foot from the accelerator, hence no "stalling." And a pick-up that spells safety—always in critical places. The of the Dort is ever on tap with a reserve power that keeps you out of accidents and obviates late arrival.

D. N. Massay  
Agent

## Be Not Deceived

by the statement that foreign trees are as good as home grown. If you want an orchard that will give you satisfaction, make sure by buying your stock from the

Plainview Nursery  
Plainview, Texas

# Special Prices

For a few days  
We will make  
Special Prices  
On Flour  
Every sack  
Guaranteed  
Soft Wheat

**\$4.75 per Hundred**

Better prices on  
500 lb. lots

**Bundy-Hodges  
Merc. Co.**

Our sweet potatoes are fine—Bundy and Biggers.

For Sale—Second hand survey in good condition. E. A. Turman. 2c

The early bird catches the worm and the early chicken brings the best price. Get a Never Fail incubator and get your chickens hatched off early. C. S. Rice.

J. M. Morelan was over from Alanreed Monday.

A cheap article is expensive at any price. If you want rich bran and shorts, worth the money, We've got it. Bundy & Hodges.

For Sale—A \$350 Ludwig piano. Will make a sacrifice price for a short time. Mrs. Lee Van Sant

You don't know just how hard we try to make the McLean News a good local paper, but we cannot fulfill our efforts unless the readers will take the trouble to phone us the news items they happen to know. This means EVERY reader in this vicinity. Will you do it? Our phone is 47 or 54.

\$10.00 reserves 100 shares in our company for 90 days and if two more big wells, each producing 100 barrels of oil or 10,000,000 feet of gas, are not brought within that time your money refunded. O. E. Hilton, Texola, Okla.

Whole wheat and pan cake flour at Bundy & Biggers.

We have two big producers all ready, and if two more are not brought in within 90 days your reserve will be refunded. See Rev. Goodwin and let him explain fully. O. E. Hilton, agent.

We certainly appreciate all news items phoned or sent to the News office.

Canned cabbage, and it's fine. Bundy & Biggers.

You can buy this stock now under the guarantee for only \$1.25 per share but this low price only holds good for a short time. Big dividends are almost certain. O. E. Hilton, agent

Miss Jessie Easty of Shamrock visited friends in the city Sunday.

Miss McCurdy attended a lyceum number at Shamrock Friday night of last week.

Paul Machina of Ramsdall has renewed his subscription to the News for which he has our thanks.

For Sale—Eight registered Hereford bull's, coming yearlings. Present or spring delivery. C. M. Carpenter.

Quite a number of local people attended the Hay Sale at Alanreed Wednesday.

It is urged by many that the city council take some action in the near future toward furnishing water for the town, as with present conditions a fire anywhere in the business district would mean dire disaster, with no water available.

Owing to bad weather only twenty-two young people attended the Union Sunday afternoon. Horace Deen had charge of the meeting and Miss Grace Hamilton told the story of Esther in a very interesting manner. Next Sunday Miss Alma Evans will be vice president and Mrs. Ragsdale will continue her story on "Life in Russia."

Miss May Gentry of Shiloh, Ark., is visiting at the home of her Uncle, A. B. Rippey, and family, in the Beald neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Kester Rippey will occupy the new cottage now under construction on the Bailey place west of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Biggers are rejoicing over the arrival of a little son on the 2nd inst.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harris of Elmer, Okla., are visiting their parents this week.

Light Crust Flour at Bundy & Biggers.

If you want good Registered Hereford bull calves see Bob Harlan. These calves were sired by Strikeout No. 371602, one of the best sires in this or any other state. If

### The Hen That Lays.

is the hen that pays. If she does not lay, kill her, but before you kill her give her B. A. Thomas' Poultry Remedy twice a day for a week, and then you will not kill her for she will be paying you a profit. It not only makes hens lay but it is a remedy for Cholera, Roup, and Gapes. We guarantee it to cure or we refund your money. McLean Hardware Co.

C. F. Wilkins has moved to Range, Okla.

A most wonderful guarantee offer is made by the American Oil and Refining Co. See Rev. Goodman when he comes to McLean. O. E. Hilton, Texola, Okla., agent.

We are exclusive agents for Tan-lac, a splendid tonic and system and blood purifier. Erwin Drug Co.

S. H. Bundy as bought the Palace Drug Store.

For Rent—One half of the C. A. Cash building see McLean Shoe Store.

### Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists. Also 75¢ Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.



THE Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv. 4

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Richardson have as their guest their sister, Mrs. May E. Hart of Pasadena, Cal.

J. E. Calvert and Mr. Wickens of Chillicothe are prospecting here this week.

Seed corn, white and yellow, 1915 crop. See sample at Bundy & Biggers. If any wanted out in order by March 1st I. D. Shaw. 2p

For Sale—Good iron bedstead and springs at a bargain. Mrs. Richardson.

Wanted To Buy—A few young chickens, fryers preferred. Mrs. Richardson.

### Alanreed Culture Club.

The Ladies Culture Club of Alanreed was charmingly entertained on Friday afternoon from four till six o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. J. Ball. The time was interestingly spent in preparing a study for the club year. Delicious refreshments consisting of brick ice cream with chocolate and angel food cake was served to Mesdames J. M. Blackwell, C. C. Slaven, J. W. Kolb, S. L. Ball, J. T. Blakney, and E. B. Reeves.

Mrs. Kolb will be hostess to the club on Friday, Feb. 9th.

—Club Reporter.

Just received car of stock salt—plenty of plain and sulphurized block, 25 lb and 100 lb sacks. Also Michigan Meat Salt—Bundy & Biggers.

## Local Happenings

Items of Interest About  
Town and County

"Uncle Johns" tree syrup—its fine. Bundy & Biggers

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster are entertaining a little son at their home.

Your child can trade at our store with the assurance of getting an honest price. Bundy & Biggers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Trawock have a little daughter, born the 4th inst.

The best cranberries you ever ate—"Eat more cranberries."—Bundy & Biggers.

Lost—Eastern Star pin last Sunday. Finder please phone Mrs. Scott Johnston. 2p

Found—A square. At the News office.

Grandma Rogers came up from Wheeler to attend the Preachers Institute this week.

Choice dried apples, peaches apricots and grapes. Bundy & Biggers.

Our next car of coal will be cheaper, watch for it. Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

I will be glad to take your order for cut flowers from the Amarillo Green House. Mrs. Richardson.

Lost—A bunch of keys. Finder please return to T. J. Coffey

The New Spring

Styles Of

# Waists

Now On Display

At

## T. J. Coffey's



The waists in vogue this spring are triumphs of the fashion art—never before have dainty fabrics and delicate colors been modeled so beautifully.

This waist shown here is a Marquette Betty Boyd Georgette Crepe, hand embroidered in silk. The genuine hand embroidery is typical of the quality which distinguishes the Marquette Betty Boyd Waists.

The colors are: White, Flesh, Bisque, Burgundy, Peach, Maize and Nile—also Navy Blue and other staple colors.

Come see these Marquette Betty Boyd Waists in Georgette Crepes, Crepe De Chine, Fancy Plaids, Striped Shirtings, and other fine fabrics.

Betty Boyd Waists are made in the ideally sanitary, sun-lighted Marquette factory.

# Listers And Cultivators

We sell John Deere and Oliver Listers and Cultivators. The best on the market.

**McLean Hdw. Co.**

Do We Want To Make Money

# YES

But we don't want to make it all off of you

## Small Profits Satisfy Us

That is the reason we have marked every article in our stock to a small margin of profit. You will find astonishing prices on all groceries in our store. Come and be convinced. Then you will buy:

**G. R. Bellenger**



**Texaco Axle Grease is Real Grease—pure lubricant throughout.**

Get a trial can—say just a pound to begin with. Subject it to the test of heavy hauling in hot weather. Keep a careful check on the number of times you need to regrease the axles.

You will see that Texaco Axle Grease costs less because it lasts longer.

It is one of the many Quality Products we rely for use on the farm, in the factory, in the everywhere where oil products are used—try and abroad.

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General Offices: Houston, Texas

# The Turmoil

By BOOTH TARKINGTON

## The Story of a Big Man in a Big Town

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### SYNOPSIS.

Sheridan's attempt to make a business man of his son Bibbs by starting him in the machine shop ends in Bibbs going to a sanitarium, a nervous wreck. On his return Bibbs kills himself an inconceivable and unconsidered figure in the "New House" of the Sheridans. The Vertrees, old lawyer family next door and impoverished, call on the Sheridans, newly-rich, and Mary afterward puts into words her parents' unspoken wish that she marry one of the Sheridan boys. At the Sheridan housewarming banquet Sheridan spreads himself. Mary frankly encourages Jim Sheridan's attentions. Mary shocks her mother by talking of Jim as a matrimonial possibility. Jim tells Mary Bibbs is not a lunatic—"just queer." He proposes to Mary, who half-accepts him. Sheridan tells Bibbs he must go back to the machine shop as soon as he is strong enough, in spite of Bibbs' plea to be allowed to write. Edith, Bibbs' sister, and Sibyl, Roscoe Sheridan's wife, quarrel over Bobby Lamborn. Sibyl goes to Mary for help to keep Lamborn from marrying Edith, and Mary leaves her in the room alone.

For all his restless energy and confidence, Sheridan is about to receive a great blow. Bibbs shows to better advantage in the crisis than you'd believe he could. It is a question, now, whether the old man will recognize his "weak" son's power and give him something better to do than working in the factory.

### CHAPTER X—Continued.

He expanded this theme once more; and thus he continued to entertain the stranger throughout the long drive. Darkness had fallen before they reached the city on their return, and it was after five when Sheridan allowed Herr Favre to descend at the door of his hotel, where boys were shrieking at editions of the evening paper.

"Now, good night, Mr. Favre," said Sheridan, leaning from the car to shake hands with his guest. "Don't forget I'm going to come around and take you up to— Go on away, boy!"

A newsboy had thrust himself almost between them, yelling, "Extra! Extra! Extra! Extra! All about the horrible accident! Extra!"

"Get out!" laughed Sheridan. "Who wants to read about accidents? Get out!"

The boy moved away philosophically. "Extra! Extra!" he shrieked. "Three men killed! Extra! Millionaire killed! Two other men killed! Extra! Extra!"

"Don't forget, Mr. Favre," Sheridan completed his interrupted farewells. "I'll come by to take you up to our house for dinner. I'll be here for you about half-past five tomorrow afternoon. Hope you enjoyed the drive as much as I have. Good night—good night!" He leaned back, speaking to the chauffeur. "Now you can take me around to the Central City barber shop, say. I want to get a shave 'fore I go up home."

"Extra! Extra!" screamed the newsboys, zigzagging among the crowds like bats in the dusk. "Extra! All about the horrible accident! Extra! It struck Sheridan that the papers sent out too many 'extras'; they printed 'extras' for all sorts of petty crimes and casualties. It was a mistake, he decided, critically. Crying 'Wolf!' too often wouldn't sell the goods; it was bad business. The papers would 'make more in the long run,' he was sure, if they published an 'extra'



Mr. Farver. Pla!

the youngsters working so noisily to get on in the world.

But as he crossed the pavement to the brilliant glass doors of the barber shop, a second newsboy grasped the arm of the one who had thus cried his wares.

"Say, Yallern," said this second, hoarse with awe, "n't chew know who that is?"

"Who?"

"It's Sheridan!"

"Jeest!" cried the first, staring in-sane-ly.

At about the same hour, four times a week—Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday—Sheridan stopped at this shop to be shaved by the head barber. The barbers were negroes, he was their great man, and it was their habit to give him a "reception," his entrance being always the signal for a flurry of jocular hospitality, followed by general excesses of briskness and gayety. But it was not so this evening.

The shop was crowded. Copies of the "extra" were being read by men waiting and by men in the latter stages of treatment. "Extras" lay upon vacant seats and showed from the pockets of hanging coats.

There was a loud chatter between the practitioners and their recumbent patients, a vocal charivari which stopped abruptly as Sheridan opened the door. His name seemed to fizz in the air like the last sputtering of a firework; the barbers stopped shaving and clipping; lathered men turned their prostrate heads to stare, and there was a moment of amazing silence in the shop.

The head barber, nearest the door, stood like a barber in a tableau. His left hand held stretched between thumb and forefinger an elastic section of his helpless customer's cheek, while his right hand hung poised above it, the razor motionless. And then, roused from trance by the door's closing, he accepted the fact of Sheridan's presence. The barber remembered that there are no circumstances in life—or just after it—under which a man does not need to be shaved.

He stepped forward, profoundly grave. "I be through with this man in the chair one minute, Mist' Sheridan," he said, in a hushed voice. "Yessuh." And of a solemn negro youth who stood by, gazing stupidly, "You goin' resign?" he demanded in a fierce undertone. "You goin' take Mist' Sheridan's coat?" He sent an angry look round the shop, and the barbers, taking his meaning, averted their eyes and fell to work, the murmur of subdued conversation buzzing from chair to chair.

"You sit down one minute, Mist' Sheridan," said the head barber gently. "I fix nice chair fo' you to wait in."

"Never mind," said Sheridan. "Go on get through with your man."

"Yessuh." And he went quickly back to his chair on tiptoe, followed by Sheridan's puzzled gaze. Something had gone wrong in the shop, evidently. Sheridan did not know what to make of it. Ordinarily he would have shouted a hilarious demand for the meaning of the mystery, but an inexplicable silence had been imposed upon him by the hush that fell upon his entrance and by the odd look every man in the shop had bent upon him.

Vaguely disquieted, he walked to one of the seats in the rear of the shop and looked down the two lines of barbers, catching quickly shifted, furtive glances here and there. He made this brief survey after wondering if one of the barbers had died suddenly, that day, or the night before; but there was no vacancy in either line.

The seat next to his was unoccupied, but someone had left a copy of the "extra" there, and, frowning, he picked it up and glanced at it. The first of the swollen display lines had little meaning to him:

Fatally faulty. New process roof collapses hurling capitalist to death with inventor. Seven escape when crash comes. Death claims—

Thus far had he read when a thin hand fell upon the paper, covering the print from his eyes, and, looking up, he saw Bibbs standing before him, pale and gentle, immeasurably compassionate.

"I've come for you, father," said Bibbs. "Here's the boy with your coat and hat. Put them on and come home."

And even then Sheridan did not understand. So secure was he in the strength and bigness of everything that was his, he did not know what calamity had befallen him. But he was frightened.

Without a word, he followed Bibbs heavily out through the still shop, but as they reached the pavement he stopped short and, grasping his son's sleeve with shaking fingers, swung him round so that they stood face to face.

"What—what—" His mouth could not do him the service he asked of it, he was so frightened.

"Extra!" screamed a newsboy

straight in his face. "Young North side millionaire insanity killed! Extra!"

"Not—Jim!" said Sheridan.

Bibbs caught his father's hand in his own.

"And you come to tell me that?" Sheridan did not know what he said. But in those first words and in the first anguish of the big, stricken face Bibbs understood the unuttered cry of accusation:

"Why wasn't it you?"

### CHAPTER XI.

Standing in the black group under gaunt trees at the cemetery, three days later, Bibbs unwillingly let an old, old thought become definite in his mind; the sickly brother had buried the strong brother, and Bibbs wondered how many million times that had happened since men first made a word to name the sons of one mother. Almost literally he had buried his strong brother, for Sheridan had gone to pieces when he saw his dead son. He had nothing to help him meet the shock, neither definite religion nor "philosophy" definite or indefinite. He could only beat his forehead and beg, over and over, to be killed with an ax, while his wife was helpless except to entreat him not to "take on," herself adding a continuous lamentation.

Edith, weeping, made truce with



"Not Jim!" said Sheridan.

Sibyl saw to it that the mourning garments were beyond criticism. Roscoe was dazed, and he shirked, justifying himself curiously by saying he "never had any experience in such matters." So it was Bibbs, the shy outsider, who became, during that dreadful little time, the master of the house: for as strange a thing as that, sometimes, may be the result of a death.

"Dust to dust," said the minister, under the gaunt trees; and at that Sheridan shook convulsively from head to foot. All of the black group shivered except Bibbs. He had been close upon dust himself for a long, long time, and the machine shop, if he had to go back to it, would probably bring him closer still. To Bibbs' knowledge, no one and nothing had ever prevented his father from carrying through his plans. He had the gift of terrible persistence, and with unfeigned confidence that his way was the only way, he would hold to that way of "making a man" of Bibbs, who understood very well, in his passive and impersonal fashion, that it was a way which might make, not a man, but dust of him. But he had no shudder for the thought.

The truth about Bibbs was in the poem which Edith had adopted. But he had not hidden his feelings about his father where they could not be found. He was strange to his father, but his father was not strange to him. He knew that Sheridan's plans were conceived in the stubborn belief that they would bring about a good thing for Bibbs himself; and whatever the result was to be, the son had no bitterness. Far otherwise, for as he looked at the big, woeful figure, shaking and tortured, an almost unbearable pity laid hands upon Bibbs' throat. Roscoe stood blinking, his lip quivering; Edith wept audibly; Mrs. Sheridan leaned in half collapse against her husband; but Bibbs knew that his father was the one who cared.

It was over. Men in overalls stepped forward with their shovels, and Bibbs nodded quickly to Roscoe, making a slight gesture toward the line of waiting carriages. Bibbs gazed steadfastly at the workmen; he knew that his father kept looking back as he went toward the carriage and that was a thing he did not want to see.

After a little while, "It's too bad!" he half-whispered, his lips forming the words—and his meaning was that it was too bad that the strong brother had been the one to go. For this was his last thought before he walked to the coupe and saw Mary Vertrees standing all alone on the other side of the drive.

She had just emerged from a grove of leafless trees that grew on a slope where the tombs were many. Against such a background Bibbs was not incongruous, with his figure, in black, so long and slender, and his face so long and thin and white; nor was the undertaker's coupe out of keeping, with the shabby driver dozing on the box and the shaggy horses standing patiently in attitudes without hope and without regret. But for Mary Vertrees, here was a grotesque setting—she was a vivid, living creature of a beautiful world. And a graveyard is not the place for people to look charming.

She also looked startled and confused, but not more startled and confused than Bibbs. All his life Bibbs had kept himself to himself—he was but a shy onlooker in the world. Nevertheless, the startled gaze he bent upon the unexpected lady before him had causes other than his shyness and her unexpectedness. For Mary Vertrees had been a shining figure in the little world of late given to the view of this humble and elusive outsider, and spectators sometimes find their hearts beating faster than those of the actors in the spectacle. Thus with Bibbs now, He started and stared; he lifted his hat with incredible awkwardness, his fingers fumbling at his forehead before they found the brim.

"Mr. Sheridan," said Mary, "I'm afraid you'll have to take me home with you. I—" She stopped, not lacking a momentary awkwardness of her own.

"Why—why—yes," Bibbs stammered. "I'll—I'll be de— Won't you get in?"

In that manner and in that place they exchanged their first words. Then



He started and stared.

Mary, without more ado, got into the coupe, and Bibbs followed, closing the door.

"You're very kind," she said, somewhat breathlessly. "I should have had to walk, and it's beginning to get dark. It's three miles, I think."

"Yes," said Bibbs. "It—it is beginning to get dark. I—I noticed that."

"I ought to tell you—I—" Mary began, confusedly. She bit her lip, sat silent a moment, then spoke with composure. "It must seem odd, my—"

"No, no!" Bibbs protested, earnestly. "Not in the—in the least."

"It does, though," said Mary. "I had not intended to come to the cemetery, Mr. Sheridan, but one of the men in charge at the house came and whispered to me that 'the family wished me to—I think your sister sent him. So I came. But when we reached here I—oh, I felt that perhaps I—"

Bibbs nodded gravely. "Yes, yes," he murmured.

"I got out on the opposite side of the carriage," she continued. "I mean opposite from—where all of you were. And I wandered off over in the other direction; and I didn't realize how little time—it takes. From where I was I couldn't see the carriages leaving—at least I didn't notice them. So when I got back, just now, you were the only one here. I didn't know the other people in the carriage I came in, and of course they didn't think to wait for me. That's why—"

"Yes," said Bibbs. "I—" And that seemed all he had to say just then.

Mary looked out through the dusty window. "I think we'd better be going home, if you please," she said.

She gave him a quick little glance. "I think you must be very tired, Mr.

Sheridan; and I know you have reason to be," she said gently. "If you'll let me, I'll—" And without explaining her purpose she opened the door on the side of the coupe and leaned out.

Bibbs stared in blank perplexity, not knowing what she meant to do.

"Driver!" she called, in her clear voice, loudly. "Driver! We'd like to start, please. Driver! Stop at the house just north of Mr. Sheridan's, please." The wheels began to move, and she leaned back beside Bibbs once more. "I noticed that he was asleep when we got in," she said. "I suppose they have a great deal of night work."

Bibbs drew a long breath and waited till he could command his voice. "I've never been able to apologize quickly," he said, with his accustomed slowness, "because if I try to stammer. My brother Roscoe whipped me once, when we were boys, for stepping on his slate pencil. It took me so long to tell him it was an accident, he finished before I did."

Mary Vertrees had never heard anything quite like the drawing, gentle voice or the odd implication that his not noticing the motionless state of their vehicle was an "accident." At once she discovered that he was unlike any of her cursory and vague imaginings of him. And suddenly she had a glimpse of Bibbs' life and into his life. She had a queer feeling, new to her experience, of knowing him instantly. It started her a little; she did not realize, however, that she had made no response to his apology, and they passed out of the cemetery gates, neither having spoken again.

Bibbs was so content with the silence he did not know that it was silence. The dusk, gathering in their small enclosure, was filled with a rich presence for him; and presently it was so dark that neither of the two could see the other, nor did even their garments touch. But neither had any sense of being alone. The wheels creaked steadily, rumbling presently on paved streets; there were the sounds, as from a distance, of the plod-plod of the horses. Oblongs of light came lancing into the coupe, and passed, leaving greater darkness. And yet neither of these two last attendants at Jim Sheridan's funeral broke the silence.

It was Mary who perceived the strangeness of it—too late. Abruptly she realized that for an indefinite interval she had been thinking of her companion and not talking to him. "Mr. Sheridan," she began, not knowing what she was going to say, but impelled to say anything, as she realized the queerness of this drive—"Mr. Sheridan, I—"

The coupe stopped. "You, Joe!" said the driver, reproachfully, and climbed down and opened the door.

"What's the trouble?" Bibbs inquired.

"Lady said stop at first house north of Mr. Sheridan's, sir."

Mary was incredulous; she felt that it couldn't be true and that it mustn't be true that they had driven all the way without speaking.

Bibbs descended to the curb. "Why, yes," he said. "You seem to be right." And while he stood staring at the dimly illuminated front windows of Mr. Vertrees' house Mary got out, unassisted.

"Let me help you," said Bibbs, stepping toward her mechanically; and she was several feet from the coupe when he spoke.

"Oh, no," she murmured. "I think I can—" She meant that she could get out of the coupe without help, but, perceiving that she had already accomplished this feat, she decided not to complete the sentence.

"You, Joe!" cried the driver, angrily, climbing to his box. And he rumbled away at his team's best pace—a snail's.

"Thank you for bringing me home, Mr. Sheridan," said Mary, stiffly. She did not offer her hand. "Good night."

"Good night," Bibbs said in response, and, turning with her, walked beside her to the door. Mary made that a short walk; she almost ran. Realization of the queerness of their drive was growing upon her, beginning to shock her; she stepped aside from the light that fell through the glass panels of the door and withheld her hand as it touched the old-fashioned bell handle.

"I'm quite safe, thank you," she said, with a little emphasis. "Good night."

"Good night," said Bibbs, and went obediently. When he reached the street he looked back, but she had vanished within the house.

Moving slowly away, he caromed against two people who were turning out from the pavement to cross the street. They were Roscoe and his wife.

"Where are your eyes, Bibbs?" demanded Roscoe. "Sleep-walking, as usual?"

But Sibyl took the wanderer by the arm. "Come over to our house for a little while, Bibbs," she urged. "I want to—"

"No, I'd better—"

"Yes, I want you to. Your father's gone to bed, and they're all quiet over there—all worn out. Just come for a minute."

He yielded, and when they were in the house she repeated herself with real feeling: "All worn out! Well, if anybody is, you are, Bibbs! And I don't wonder; you've done every bit of the work of it. You mustn't get down sick again. I'm going to make you take a little brandy."

names of the donors of flowers and wreaths. She pressed Bibbs to remain longer when he rose to go, and then, as he persisted, she went with him to the front door. "He opened it, and she said:

"Bibbs, you were coming out of the Vertrees' house when we met you. How did you happen to be there?"

"I had only been to the door," he said. "Good night, Sibyl."

"Wait," she insisted. "We saw you coming out."

"I wasn't," he explained. "I'd just brought Miss Vertrees home."

"What?" she cried.

"Yes," he said, and stepped out upon the porch, "that was it. Good night, Sibyl."

"Wait!" she said, following him across the threshold. "How did that happen? I thought you were going to—"



"My God!" He cried, "What's That?"

wait while those men filed—the— She paused, but moved nearer him insistently.

"I did wait, Miss Vertrees was there," he said, reluctantly. "She had walked away for a while and didn't notice that the carriages were leaving. When she came back the coupe waiting for me was the only one left."

Sibyl regarded him with dilating eyes. She spoke with a slow breathlessness. "And she drove home from Jim's funeral—with you?"

Without warning she burst into laughter, clapped her hand ineffectually over her mouth, and ran back uproariously into the house, hurling the door shut behind her.

### CHAPTER XII.

Bibbs went home pondering. He did not understand why Sibyl had laughed. At home, uncles, aunts and cousins from out of town were wandering about the house, several mournfully admiring the "Bay of Naples," and others occupied with the Moor and the plumbing, while they waited for trains. Edith and her mother had retired to some upper fastness, but Bibbs interviewed Jackson and had the various groups of relatives summoned to the dining room for food. One great-uncle, old Gideon Sheridan from Boonville, could not be found, and Bibbs went in search of him. He ransacked the house, discovering the missing antique at last by accident. Passing his father's closed door on tiptoe, Bibbs heard a murmured sound, and paused to listen. The sound proved to be a quivering and rickety voice, monotonously bleating:

"The Lo-ord grivth and the Lo-ord takuth away! We got to remember that; we got to remember that! I'm a-gittin' along, James; I'm a-gittin' along, and I've seen a-many of 'em go—two daughters and a son the Lord gave me, and he has taken all away. For the Lo-ord grivth and the Lo-ord takuth away! Remember the words of Bidad the Shuhite, James. Bidad the Shuhite says, 'He shall have neither son nor nephew among his people, nor any remnant in his dwellings.' Bidad the Shuhite—"

Bibbs opened the door softly. His father was lying upon the bed, in his underclothes, face downward, and Uncle Gideon sat near by, swinging backward and forward in a rocking chair, stroking his long, white beard and gazing at the ceiling as he talked. Bibbs beckoned him urgently, but Uncle Gideon paid no attention.

"Bidad the Shuhite spake and he says, 'If thy children have sinned against him and he have cast them away—'"

There was a muffled explosion beneath the floor, and the windows rattled. The figure lying face downward on the bed did not move, but Uncle Gideon leaped from his chair. "My God!" he cried. "What's that?"

Did Mary Vertrees wait at the cemetery until Bibbs was ready to go just because she wanted to make his acquaintance? Jim is dead, you know, and the aristocrats must have money.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Anything Believable. After reading the actual accounts of the fighting in several regions of the war, we believe every fairy tale we ever read—and "Jack the Giant Killer."

# Gales of GOTHAM and other CITIES

## Some Odd Things That Are Found in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA.—Col. Caldwell K. Bibbe used to say he could write a book about the queer people he knew in Philadelphia. Another book would be written about the many odd institutions or odd features of institutions about which only a few persons know anything.

There are the two quaint old fire insurance companies. "Our annual meetings," says a policyholder in one, "last only six minutes, but the annual dinner following the meetings continues three hours."

The "Hand-in-Hand" and "Green Tree" are quite as their names, while as for solvency, the bank of England may not turn up its aristocratic nose at either. Then there is that curious old Free Quaker charity, a big one, too, devolving solely in its management upon the Wetherill family. This is the remnant of that famous band of belligerent Quakers of the Revolution, made still more notable by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell's "Hugh Wynne."

Another curious fact is that one of the city's savings banks could pay every depositor every cent and have remaining more than \$16,000,000, which apparently would belong to nobody, as there are no stockholders.

Then there is that tiny square behind the Ritz-Carlton hotel—an Indian reservation that must remain vacant for all time.

Who except the relatively few who contribute know about the Merchants' fund? And yet that very honorable association is exactly as old as greater Philadelphia, which is to say sixty-two years.

It has an invested fund of more than a million dollars, the income from which goes to "furnish relief to the indigent merchants, especially such as are aged and infirm."

Last year its beneficiaries numbered 51 and they each received an average of \$412.

Akin to the Merchants' fund is the Mercantile Beneficial association. With a record of noble work of exactly three-quarters of a century behind it, few outside of the nine hundred or so who keep the fires burning know it exists.

It has more than \$200,000 invested and, like the Merchants', it is managed by a set of remarkably high-class men. As its name implies, the Mercantile Beneficial is open to anyone engaged in merchandising, and its helping hand is reached out, as in the other case, without any of its own members except a small committee knowing who has called for help.

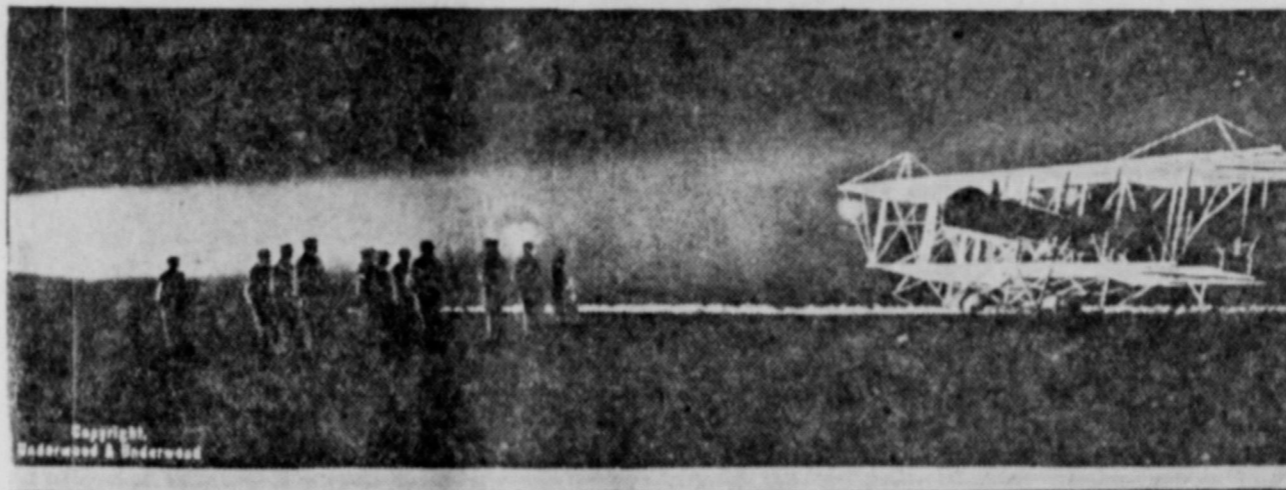


## CHURCH PARADE OF TROOPS AT MONASTIR



British official photograph taken at Monastir, showing a church parade of the troops. The chaplain of the regiment is holding the service. Religious services are held daily.

## SEARCHLIGHT SHOWS "HOME" TO NIGHT FLYER



This extraordinary photograph shows the return of a French Bourget plane after a night trip over the enemy's lines. It is not a simple matter, making a landing or finding "home" in the darkness of the night. The searchlight is powerful enough to illuminate the surrounding territory and show the way to the air pilot. The plane is shown making a landing in the full glare of the searchlight.

## Romance and Comedy in Postal Report of Chicago

CHICAGO.—Two certified and indorsed checks, each for \$24,000, wandered idly and carefree through the musty confines of a United States mail sack, with no apparent destination and no home until a scrupulous clerk spied them and found their owners. This is one of the many incidents of mystery, of romance, of tragedy, and of comedy, which fill the report of the Chicago post office for the last year.

Traveling on its way to the limbo of forgotten and unread writings, in which government reports rank high, this report has been discovered as a mine of philosophy, satire, humor and pathos. With each detail enumerated of the enormous business done by the Chicago post office which brings it near the top of the list of post offices, a sentence or two of observation by the compiler gives spice that makes the report singular among its brethren.

Commenting upon the number of newspapers which are sent by home folks to the man away from home and which because of defective addresses are undeliverable, the report observes: "To the lonely man in a strange land, the home paper is about the next thing to a certified check."

Of the total of 981,751,926 pieces of mail originating and delivered in Chicago during the year, 1,500,000 pieces were short of postage.

"This not inconsiderable item gives an inkling of the number of people," says the report, "who, through haste, carelessness or the disposition to 'let George do it,' indulge the human trait of passing the buck."

## Figures That Show New York's Traffic Congestion

NEW YORK.—No wonder shoes are wearing out and the price of sole leather soaring. A survey made by the traffic squad of the police department shows that 2,152,271 persons cross the principal street intersections during the average ten business hours in a day in Manhattan, the Bronx and Brooklyn. The largest number of pedestrians is observed at a crossing in Park Row—296,200 in a day, and the greatest number of vehicles at the crossing of Fifth avenue and Forty-second street.



The figures indicate that about one-half the population of the city crosses the streets each day. Recent complaints to the police about "hold-ups" of pedestrians by vehicular traffic and their accompanying dangers at the principal crossing, not to speak of the inconvenience to which the public is being subjected daily thereby, have emphasized the necessity of diverting traffic to lesser used thoroughfares. The police officials, however, are wondering how this can be accomplished. The greatest delay and the busiest street crossing in New York is the corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-second street, where it was found that nearly 19,000 vehicles, the greater number being autos, cross between seven in the morning and five in the afternoon. It is estimated that between five o'clock morning and midnight about 4,000 make use of Fifth avenue, or an average of 600 an hour; this added to the previous figures, shows that more than 22,000 autos use that avenue daily. Numerous accidents along Fifth avenue are solely due to this great congestion of traffic. Despite the efforts of the traffic policemen to hold the crowds in check while vehicles are making the crossings, impatient persons frequently are struck by autos in an effort to cross the streets between the densely packed vehicles which fill the street from curb to curb.

## Mining for Garnets in the City Lots of Gotham

NEW YORK.—Buyers of unimproved city lots ought to be sure to have the garnet-mining rights included, for you never can tell what's in a 25-foot front until you put the pick and shovel into it and turn it over. James G. Manchester, president of the New York Mineralogical club, says that more than 100 minerals have been found in recent years lurking under this city.

A nine-pound-ten-ounce garnet was turned up just off Broadway 21 years ago. This is the largest garnet of any kind found in the country. It was supposed at the time that this particular gem had wandered away from its regular reservation and become lost in the big city, but recent finds have proved that it was one of a large flock. Prospecting in the rich One Hundred and Seventy-ninth street hole, near Northern avenue, recently, where apartment-house borings are being made nearly every day, Mr. Manchester and the treasurer of the Mineralogical club, discovered half a crystal chert and the treasurer of the Mineralogical club, discovered half a crystal in which was embedded 50 garnets. One gem weighed three-fourths of a karat. The other half of the crystal is probably in the cellar walls of one of the new six-room-and-bath apartments.

Foremen of excavating up that way nearly all wear garnet stick pins. Boys of the neighborhood hang around with ash sieves in the hope of panning a gem or two.

Oh, yes, New York is a regular garnet bonanza.



## HIS MENTALITY PERFECT



Thomas J. Abernethy of West Penrose, Me., Harvard student, who was pronounced 100 per cent perfect mentally by Professor Munsterberg just before the latter's death. Abernethy was the only one of Professor Munsterberg's class of 340 in psychology to display perfection. Munsterberg put his class through 12 different tests in order to reach the different aspects of their intelligence. The attention, memory, combinatory, imagination and similar functions were called into play.

## FIGURES IN WASHINGTON "LEAK" WRANGLE



Left to right: Robert L. Henry, chairman of the house committee on rules; Representative W. R. Wood of Indiana, author of a resolution to investigate the alleged "leaks" at Washington concerning the peace notes, and Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, who charges that he and others made large sums in the stock market by reason of the "leaks."

## AN IDYL OF THE WAR IN FRANCE



This gay French soldier, on his way to the battle front, has stopped by the roadside for a chat with a pretty country maiden.

## SYRUP OF FIGS FOR A CHILD'S BOWELS

It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Adv.

Applying Physics in a Street Car. One of the fundamental theories you were taught in your high school physics will save you a lot of trouble every day if you apply it.

Straphangers in the street cars lurch forward when the car stops and backward when it starts. It's inconvenient, especially if a 200-pounder hits you.

Remember that place in the physics text—"To every action there is an opposite and equal reaction."

Well, apply it. When the car stops, lean toward the rear. When it starts, lean toward the front.

You lurch because you're the opposite reaction to the car's movement. Simple and practical, isn't it?

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## Leap Year.

By the present method of reckoning time every year of which the number is divisible by four without a remainder is leap year, excepting the centennial, or even hundredth years, which are only leap years when divisible by four after suppressing the two ciphers. The year 1600 was a leap year, the years 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years, but the year 2000 will be and every intervening year that is exactly divisible by four. From 1796 to 1804 and from 1806 to 1904 were eight-year intervals without a leap year.

## ACTRESS TELLS SECRET.

A well known actress gives the following recipe for gray hair: To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Harbo Compound, and 1/4 oz. of glycerine. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Harbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off. Adv.

## Full of Trouble.

"You're looking awfully gloomy, old top. What's the trouble?" "Trouble enough old top. Me valet's sick, don'tcherknow, and I don't know whether I've got on the proper tie and socks that go with the suit I'm wearing."—Browning's Magazine.

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## An After Thought.

"I told Mr. Thickwitz that his baby looked like him." "Of course, he was pleased?" "Immensely. He didn't hear me add 'Poor little devil,' under my breath."

## RED CROSS BALL BLUE

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## Power of Music.

"Why do people prefer music to conversation?" "Seems to be some sort of instinct about it. There isn't anybody who wouldn't rather listen to canary than to a parrot."

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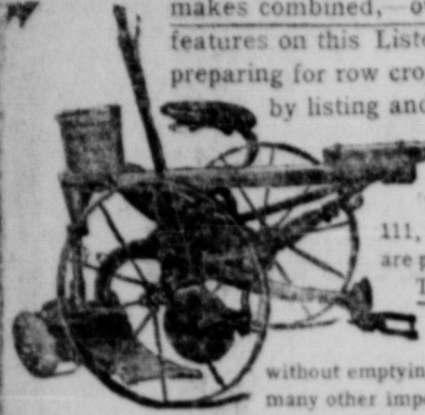
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### The P. & O. No. 111 Lister

This lister is known to farmers wherever sold as P. & O. No. 11, but the improved type is called No. 111-on account of important improvements.

There are more of them in the hands of farmers than all other makes combined,—over 2,000 sold by one dealer in one county in West Texas. The special features on this Lister made it deserving of its immense sale. Its use is not confined to preparing for row crops; it is now almost universally used for plowing for small grain crops by listing and re-listing, leaving the ground in oval waves, which not only catches and holds the moisture but prevents the loose soils of the West from blowing away.



The adjusting link on front end of beam is an important exclusive feature on the No. 111, absolutely preventing the point from running below the desired depth. The wheels are provided with dust-proof boxes, an immense help in the sandy loam lands of the West. The feeding device absolutely deposits one seed at a time of any of the row crops, besides can be equipped for both corn and cotton. You will have to see this wonderful improvement to appreciate it. The tilting hoppers allow change of plates without emptying them. Furnished with either disc or shovel covers. This Lister embodied many other important features that will convince you that it is the best on the market.

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### LAST LAUGH ALWAYS BEST

Well to Remember That Amusement at New Member of Force May Be but Temporary.

Don't laugh at that green, ungainly-looking fellow who has just joined your force. In a few years you may be asking him for a job.

No, it is not at all impossible. There are thousands of such instances. You can think of some yourself.

That new boy may not be as natively dressed as you are; he may not be as keen at repartee; he may not be a "fast stepper," but he may possess the characteristics by which he may climb fast while you slip back.

The time you spend enjoying yourself he may be using in study which will help him to advance.

One of these days there may be a change in the business and the young man of whom you are making sport may step into the high place.

Should that time come, do not be so small that you say that he must have had some kind of a "pull" or "that he was a fool and worked overtime and did everything he could to get a stand-in." Maybe he did. You might have done the same. So shut up and take your medicine.

But do not let the next one get ahead of you.—Toledo Times.

### TRUE QUALITY OF COURAGE

Vicksburg Veteran Has Left Graphic Description of the Bravest Man He Ever Saw.

The quality of courage is largely an inherited trait. Some people are as naturally timid as others are naturally brave. These varying qualities exist among animals as they do among men. A bulldog of fighting strain often will whip a mastiff double his weight because he has that tenacious courage peculiar to his type of the species.

But there is wider diversity in qualities of courage among men than among animals. With men much depends upon the angle from which they see things. A veteran who served through the campaigns around Vicksburg with Grant said the bravest man he ever saw was a poor fellow who occupied a position one day where the bullets were flying thick and fast. His knees knocked together and his teeth actually chattered because of his excessive fright. But he was sustained by a most magnificent sense of duty. He was loyal to his country and the flag. Overwhelmed with physical fear, his reason sustained him. He would not seek safety when such seeking meant disobedience of orders or desertion of comrades. That was a case where moral courage triumphed over physical fear.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

### A WAR ON CATERPILLARS.

A war on caterpillars that have been destroying all the foliage of the trees in the woods of Surrey, England, has been declared by flocks of starlings and jackdaws. Battalions of the birds have attacked the mischief makers, and the trees have been black with them, while the noise made by the birds in their search for the caterpillars can be heard for half a mile away. Only those caterpillars which have succeeded in hiding themselves in particularly deep crevices of the trees have escaped the onslaught.

### COMPETITION.

Artist—Oh, milkmaid, if you will pose for me I'll give you a dollar an hour.

"Sorry, sir; but I'm getting a thousand a week from a moving picture concern over the hill."—Life.

### THE WAY OF IT.

She—Didn't your proposal for me make a hit with pa?  
He—No, he made the hit. He struck me for ten dollars.

### UNNECESSARY.

"Going away for the summer?"  
"It doesn't seem necessary. The summer seems to have come to us."—Detroit Free Press.

### MISPLACED.

"Is he a man with plenty of punch?"  
"Yes—but it's always inside of him!"—Town Topics.

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### Baptist Church.

Preaching second and fourth Sundays in each month at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. every Sunday. C. S. Rice, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m. every Sunday. Reop Landers, president. Ladies Aid meets on Tuesdays at 2 p. m. Mrs. Myrtle Hamilton, president. Church conference on Saturday before the second Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. R. F. Hamilton, Pastor.

### Nazarene Church.

Services Second and Third Sundays at 11 and every Sunday night School every Sunday at 10 a. m. Our Meeting will be held the last two weeks in April. The public is invited. S. R. Jones.

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### Sued Because He Does'n't Preach.

Because he became a school teacher instead of a minister following his graduation from Polytechnic College in 1911, the Texas Woman's College filed suit Wednesday in county court against B. F. "Bert" McGlamery for \$340 in tuition.

The petition states that ministerial students were given free tuition at Polytechnic College on condition that they enter the ministry of some evangelical church within two years after their graduation.

It is alleged that McGlamery was a student from 1905 to 1911 and that he did not carry out the agreements under which free tuition is secured. He is now a resident of Wichita county.—Memphis Democrat.

### Trail Inspection in June.

Oklahoma City, Jan. 27.—W. H. (Coin) Harvey, president of the Ozark Trail association, in the following statement, has made it clear that the official Ozark Trail between St. Louis and a connection with the Santa Fe Trail in New Mexico, will be made in June:

"We expect to settle the route from St. Louis to a connection with the Santa Fe Trail in New Mexico, in June.

"Our annual convention to convene at Amarillo, Texas, has been set for June 26, 27 and 28

### Bids.

Notice is hereby given, that in accordance with Title 44, and Chapter 2 thereof of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, (1911 Edition) notice is hereby given, that the commissioners' Court of Gray county, Texas will convene at the Court house thereof, in the town of LeFors on Tuesday, the 13th, day of February, 1917, to receive sealed bids, filed on or before the first day of said term, from any Banking Corporation, Association or Individual Banker in Said County, desiring to act as Depository of the funds of said County for a term of two years, beginning April 9th, 1917.

All bids should be accompanied with certified check in the sum of \$75.00.

Said Court reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

Given under my hand, at office in LeFors, Texas, this January 17th, 1917.

T. M. WOLFE,

County Judge, Gray County, Texas.

Just received car of stock salt—plenty of plain and sulfurized block, 25-50 and 100 lb sacs, Also Michigan Meat Salt—Bandy & Biggers.