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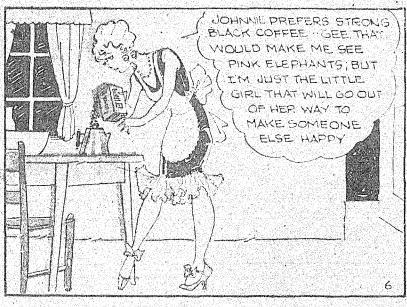






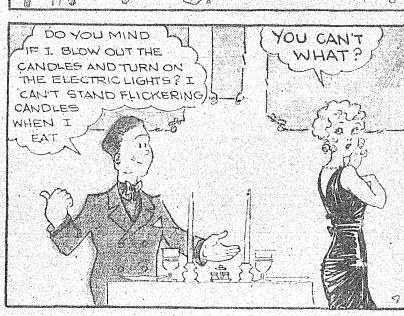






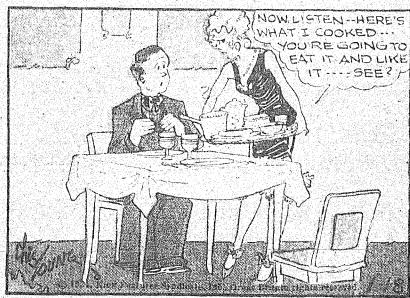


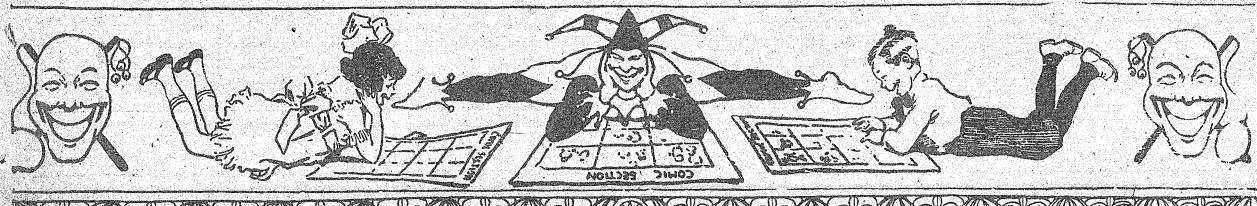












Fence-Cutters War

By C. E. LEE (Copyright, 1931, by the Home Color Print Co.)

R. RIPLEY, writing under the title of "Believe It or Not," entertains with marvelous, but sometimes questionable, bits of information. Recently he told the world that in Texas it was a felony to carry a pair of pliers, or nippers, in an automobile. This statement was received with incredulity by the public who, having no knowledge of the peculiar circumstances that led to the enactment of the anti-fence-cutting law of 1884, could not understand why a law, apparently so absurd, could have got through the Texas Legislature.

In fact, no law in Texas ever forbade the carrying of pliers, or suppers, in an automobile for, in 1884, when the antifence cutting law was passed, automobiles had not come into general use. But there was a time in Texas when to be caught with a pair of pliers would have subjected the person so caught to suspicion and possibly arrest.

Origin of Fence-Cutters War

The transition from the open range to the closed pastures, in West Texas, is contemporary history to many of the older residents of the State. One of the episodes concurrent with and marking this change was the Fence-Cutters' War. Now the word "war" may mean much or little. In this laud of peace and security it doesn't take much of a social disturbance or revolt against established authority to make people use the word 'war." There was Dorr's Rebellion tin Rhode Island, we believe), and Shays' Rebellion in Massachusetts, and the Whiskey Insurrection in Pennsylvania. None of these outbreaks were more than local disturbances that affected a lesser territory than was involved in this vieorous protest of the settlers in West Texas against the introduction of barbwire tences.

Coming of Barbed Wire

Early in the 80's barbed wire fenges began to appear in Texas. This new method of fenering marked an economic revolution. It made practical the fencing in of vast areas of land that had heretofore lam oren breause materials.

for fencing were not available on treeless away from his shack, but a wire fence prairies. All of West Texas, from Fort Worth to El Paso and from the Pauhandle to the Rio Grande, was a vast open country, on which grazed millions of cattle. It is an oft-repeated tale that cattle, north of the Texas & Pacific Railway, drifted south before the "northers" every winter, had to be rounded up next spring down in South Texas, where their drift had been checked by the Rio Grande, and turned back north, solved the problem of the gordian knot Rounding up these tangled herds

presented a difficult problem. The wire fence at once became popular as a means of holding these drifting herds. However, the land fenced in with barb wire was not always the property of the owner of the cattle, nor the land under lease, for a lease law as vet had not been en-

Migration of Nesters

Coincident with the construction of t, h.e. earliest barbwire fences came the surge of settlers into West Texas. These pioneers won for themselves, the name of "nesters." Singly and in col-

onies, with or without legal title to the land, they each took up a section or more and asserted their right to hold it: gration westward brought them in contact with wire tences. And here is where the trouble started.

When a nester, or a community of mesters, found their homes enclosed

ten or twenty miles in length would stretch between him and the water. Or the fence might cut across his land, keeping him from passing from one part of his farm (as he called it) to another. This was an awkward situation. But the resourceful American pioneer has never stood back for what he thought was an infringement of his rights. In this case he solved the problem as Alexander - however, not with his sword, as did and cutting out the numerous brands. Alexander, but with his nippers.



"Armed with nippers (as well as other weapons that might serve their purpose) nesters operated at night, and when morning came cattlemen beheld miles of ruined fences.

In a Desperate Plight

The nester, in some respects, was in a desperate plight. He was inclosed by a Tence that allowed him no ingress to against all claims of cattlemen. This mi- or egress from his home. Often this fence itself unlawfully took in land to which the cattleman had no right. The only way the nester could get out or, being out could get in, was by cutting the barb-wire that surrounded his home. with a barb-wire fence, it arrested on . He was asserting a lawful right by untheir part all freedom of movement. The lawful means. Public sympathy, as al-

fight. If the nesters had stopped there, with defensive action to support their claims, this chapter might not have been written, but they went too far in asserting their claims of self-protection, and began a war of aggression, Bitterness and revenge became the moving forces, while wanton destruction followed, Some settlers cut fences needlessly for the purpose of inflicting loss on cat-(lemen. Sabotage then came into the picture.

Men worked in bands. Armed with wire-nippers (as well as with other

weapons that might serve their purpose) nesters operated at night, and when morning came cattlemen often beheld miles of ruined fences, every wire strand cut from top to bottom, and some-times the posts pulled up.

Sheriffs and other peace-officers were appealed to, but with little effect. The country was so scantily settled and officers so few it was next to impossible to capture or get evidence against the depredators. Cattle owners and their cowboys were not backward in defending their

property, and vigilantly, patrolled_miles of fences. When a band of cowboys would come upon a bunch of cutters engaged in their nocturnal work of destroying fences, a gun battle invariably took place and men were wounded and killed on both sides. Five men were killed during a single fight in Brown county between rangers and fence-cutters.

Legislature Takes a Hand

Cattlemen called on the Governor for

quate to deal with the situation, and the area of hostilities was extending almost over the entire western part of the State. Governor Ireland called the Legislature together in special session to take action for bringing the strife to an end. Strong feeling prevailed among the legislators, and drastic action was indicated by the bills offered. One bill would have had the effect of outlawing the fence-cutters by making it justifiable homicide to kill any person caught in the act of cutting a fence. This measure was strongly supported, and probably would have passed, but for the efforts of Senator Barnett Gibbs of Dallas, who made a temperate speech against the proposed law. He pointed out that with such a law any person whose enemy was near a wire fence could shoot him down, cut a few strands of barbed wire, drop a pair of wire-cutting pliers beside the dead body, report to the sheriff that he had shot a fence-cutter and go free.

The Law As It Now Stands

After weeks of wrangling, such as usually accompanies the passage of a bill through the Legislature where intense feeling prevails, the fence-cutting bill was finally passed, as it now stands in the Texas Criminal Statutes, unrepealed long after the abuses that brought about its enactment have ceased to exist. The penal provision of this bill is here quoted:

"Any person who shall willfully and wantonly cut, injure or destroy any fence or part of a fence," etc., "shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years.'

Convictions under this law were few. but the evil it sought to abate soon ended; fence-cutting grew rarer, and in a year or two ceased altogether. The enactment of a lease law followed, that provided for the leasing of the public domain by cattlemen or others and, when so leased and fenced, the lessees had to provide gates or gaps at certain distances to allow persons the privilege of passing through the barb-wire fences.

This, in part, is the story of the fencecutting war which prompted Mr. Ripley to contend that the carrying of a pair nester's water hole might be only a mile ways, was with the under dog in the protection. There was no law then ade- of pliers in an auto is a felony in Texas.

Fishing Grand Canyon of Rio Grande

By HUGH M. LINCECUM

ON'T read this story unless you do. me the justice to believe it. Some folks call a man a liar without evidence to back it up. Anyhow, it is very difficult to make people believe a real true fish story. But bere

Two men came to my home town from Artesia, New Mexico. They were both named Dunn and had the fishing urge. I had the same urge, so we all set out. bound for the Grand Canyon of the Rie Grande, in the Big Bend country.

The canyon is an outlet for the river, and I am wondering what would have become of the river had it not cut an opening through the canyon. At any rate, the canyon's there, just where I discovered it seven years ago. It flows through a mountainous country and about eight miles of the river front has water 2,000 feet below the top of the canyon.

The morning after the Dunns arrived, it leaked out we were going to the canyon to fish. About fifty men wanted to go along with us. But at noon we slipped out of Fort Stockton with Ben Owens, bound for the river, 150 miles across a rugged country. At sunset we were camped on a brink of the canyon.

Strenuous Time

Next morning we got our boat down into the river. We tried the outboard motor, packed our fishing tackle, bedrolls, food, et cetera, into the little boat and headed up the river, through the Grand Canyon. Our favorite fishing place was five miles up stream, part of the way between narrow gorges where water ran swift and treacherous. We had a strenuous time of it. Three paddles helped the outboard motor through the rapids, but sometimes we had to get out, waist-deep in the water, and push the boat with main strength.

It was now 4 o'clock in the after-

noon. We were in camp again, our bed-him cook. This is against his will, but he ding and food safely placed upon a high shelving rock; also some wood we had standing-no lightbread. The old man a rest, we all began casting in earbrought along. We postponed cating is a full-blooded Holland Dutchman and nest.

until we could eatch some fish. the canyon-you get your choice of the ried along two gallons of sour milk, fish you want, either blue cat, yellow flour and other ingredients. We have cat or channel cat. When you've hooked nicknamed him "Dutch Oven Dunn," for one, the chances are it will be a goodsized cat, and you'll be lucky if you don't - cooking.

need belp to land it. At last we had everything ready for

a good start, R. W. D u n n - manifested "original" ideas for bait and fishing. His buit was a handful of earth worms -and he had a long cane pole, a cotton line as large as your finger, and a hook of colossal size. He hiked along the edge, hugging the wall of the canyon, until he came to a sandbar about four feet wide and twenty feet long; there he stuck an end of the pole in the sand and went back to camp to rest. Others of the party continued fishing. in every conceivable place where fish

would likely bite, but not a bite did they down on Grand Canyon at nightfall,

First Honors

First honors eventually went to Owens, who landed a blue cat about sunset. It weighed six pounds. Hungry from the result of a day's tugging and mauling,

finally accepts the job with one underprefers that everybody eat great big There is one complex to fishing in biscuits. We knew this, so we had cara Dutch oven is the thing he uses in

> Midnight in Egypt is nothing as compared to the blackness which settles



Carrying a Catch of Big Ones to Camp.

when there is no moonlight. Yes, and it is mysterious, too—weird sometimes if a full moon creeps over mountain tops and floods the great walls of the canyon with a mellow glow. You marvel at the glory of it all.

We had eaten supper and were talkwe dressed the fish and passed it to old ing and philosophizing—waiting for the man Dunn. He comes out with us on a good many trips and we always elect canyon was light enough for us to start

fishing. With the exception of old man Dunn, who spread out his blankets for

Patience Rewarded

For a time we had no luck, sitting there upon a rock-ledge, tired and almost tottering as we dozed. A fisherman has a tragic time of it—when fish do not bite. He must be patient and hopeful, two cardinal virtues of a good fisherman. But it is fascinating sport.

A startling yell broke the stillness —a yell of mingled surprise and delight. It was old man Dunn. Something had happened! We hurried down to where he was struggling on a boulder; we wanted to help him land the fish, but he hollered for us to keep out of his

way. "I'll land that fish or fall into the river!" he shouted excitedly. "Get away! Get back!"

What a battle and what a scene. There in the moonlight, a man trying to land a monstruos fish that threat-

ened to pull him into the river. I can see it all over and over again. Old man Dunn about to go overboard, struggling manfully to stay on the boulder.

The fish broke water—a sign of weakening. Dunn now realized he had the advantage. Though short of breath, he shrieked out another whoop louder than ever.

When the old man appeared to be

pretty well tired, one of us dropped a net about the big fish and towed it in. We tried to make him understand that the fish would have gotten away if he hadn't been fishing with rod and reel, but he hooted the idea.
"Them new-fangled things are just

good for some folks," he said.

Sixteen Big Fish

How many pounds did the fish weigh? One hundred and fifteen! Pretty big, I'll say, but yellow cats have been caught bigger than this one from the waters of the Rio Grande:

However, this is not all the story. By 1 o'clock that night we had sixteen big fish staked out. All at once they quit biting; the water had risen.

By now a cold, biting wind whipped through the canyon. We loaded up, putting fish and blankets into the boat, as well as outboard motor, and pointed down-stream. The rushing waters car-ried us swiftly into the narrow channel, churning up a foam. All we had to do was steer the boat, as down the rapids we shot, looking out for accidents of course, as we darted near boulders or dashed around curves.

Our boat raced down-stream at the rate of probably 30 miles an hour. We dreaded "Devil's Pass," where the canyou narrows to a mere crack in the wall, where water is high and lashes back in a frenzy. We knew the river, however, and steered our course without accident, but were glad when the boat grounded at the end of our journey and we stepped out safely, though wet from

spray.
"Dot was fine," blurted old man Dunn, "but sometimes I don't like him so fine."

A big crowd greeted us when we arrived home. There were many tender-foot in the crowd, but it is the tenderfoot who loves to talk about fishing and gives you the warmest welcome when he sees your big catch.

Treacherous Quicksands of the South Canadian

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a toll bridge across the South Canadian river, between Purcell and Lexington, will expire May 18, 1981; on and after that date the bridge becomes free to the traveling public. The South Canadian has the reputation as being one of the worst rivers in the world. From time immemorial the river has been noted for its shifting, treacherous quicksands. It is said, with every head rise, the main channel changes its course somewhere along the shore-line.

In the early days, before bridges were THE State charter for operation of built, travelers were compelled to "ford" the South Canadian, and fording was dangerous, even with the river at low

Nature has made little provision in the way of banks or bed for this prodigal stream which, at flood stage, strikes out boldly across countryside, washing away homes, bridges, culverts, livestock, ruining farm crops and otherwise destroying whatever happens to be in the path of its mad waters.

dian-of lives that have been lost in attempting to ford the stream. One of the weirdest stories told is that in connection with the opening of Oklahoma to settlement, April 22, 1889. On that memorable day a cavalry troop was stationed along the south shore of the river to hold back homeseekers until the sig-nal gun would be fired. These homeseekers were lined up back of the cavalrystroying whatever happens to be in men. A lone "sooner," afoot, had secret- his footing, only to fall again. When he each of its mad waters.

Many stories are told concerning the for the purpose evidently of being the on the shore were quick to realize that

treacherous sands of the South Cana- first homeseeker to stake a claim. About he had been caught in a quicksand an hour before time for signal to be given, he was seen to dart into the water in an attempt to get across the river, on the opposite side, ahead of the crowd of homeseekers that were waiting.

The cavalrymen spurred their horses into the river, in an attempt to drive him back, but they made little headway through the shifting sands. The "sooner" was seen to stumble and fall, regain

pocket. The cavalrymen lashed their horses furiously in an effort to reach the doomed man.

Body Goes Under

For some time the sinking man's body was seen from the hips up, then from his shoulders up, while he waved his hands frantically above his head. Horses bearing the cavalrymen stumbled on through the water and heavy sand to the "sooner's" rescue, but the river's

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Maytime

HIS is May, the Queen of months. May gets its name from Maia, the mother of Mercury, the Roman God of Prosperity. Since May was named for and dedicated to gain, surely business ought to pick up and money become plentiful this month.

But just now we are not thinking of money or prosperity, even though the geysers in the new oil fields are spouting petroleum so high that the spotless robes of the angels are in danger of getting soiled; we are rejoicing over the coming of May. The meadow lark is warbling, the frog is wooing his true love with a melancholy boom. What beauty and glory of color! We have in the May sun the golden glow of the topaz; in the new-washed May skies the purity and glory of Heaven's amethystean blue; in the poppy's rubied heart the purest and reddest of red. I should like to go out into the garden of language and gather all the fairest flowers, then pass through the storehouse of metaphor and select the choicest specimens, then dive deep into the truths and promises of Holy Writ, and from the trinity weave an immortelle to lay it on the brow of May. But May is so beautiful and so glorious that one can only stand speechless before her just as I used to stand speechless before a radiant maiden to whose charms I would fain have paid tribute back in the long ago when there was springtime in my heart and hair on my head.

Reforming the World

Some time since the writer was seized with the idea that he ought to do something toward reforming the world, and for a time was as bold in the work as was Don Quixote. While reading a daily paper I found an account of a man who was drunk shooting and killing a useful citizen who was quietly eating his lunch in a cafe in one of our cities. Here was the text for a powerful sermon on the evils of drunkenness, and I longed for words and thoughts that I might paint such an ugly picture for these columns on the evils of intoxicants that no reader would ever get drunk. But I continued to read, and in the next column found a story on how two men had had a difference over a school trustee election and one had killed the other. These men were not drunk-they were just mad-mean mad. Here was food for a story on the evils of uncontrolled temper, and I craved words that I might persuade men to never again let their angry passions rise. But I read on. In the same paper was an account of a Kentucky youth killing his sweetheart and himself. This youth was not drunk, neither was he mad; he was just a fool. And on the same page I read that a young man had killed another young to mix religion and politics, and must man for no other reason than the latter had married the former's sister. Here I there was a very warm gubernatorial gave up the work of reform. If, in order campaign in Texas. The Democratic con-

to stop killings, I must warn all men not to marry any other man's sister, then some other fellow may have the job of reforming the world.

The Good Old Days Again

In a paper before me I read the following wail of an editor for a return of the good old times: "It is a curious, a lamentable fact, that the right kind of meal has almost disappeared from the market. One must seek for it in the remote nooks and corners of the far interiors where a few old-fashioned watermills still stand along the aldershaded streams. It is there that the right kind of meal can be found,"

Another victim of the "good old times" theory. This writer has felt the sting of such a doctrine many times and to flaunt it before him has about the same effect as shaking a red bandana at a bull. There was a good steam grist mill within a mile of where I was raised, but the old folks looked upon it as one of the devil's agents and wouldn't allow it to touch their corn. Fifteen miles away was a little watermill which made assaults with intent to grind corn when the water was neither too high nor too low. The road which led to this little mill was awful, and before the mill was reached there was a levy, with its numerous shackly bridges that were never safe for man or beast. And yet the boys of the neighborhood were forced to turn their backs on the fine steam mill nearly every Saturday and ride a lazy mule loaded with a twobushel sack of corn to the old watermill that stood on the mill pond near the muddy river. For many hours they waited there on the lazy mill and lazier miller for their turns, usually reaching home long after the curtains of night had been drawn. Had the good steam mill been patronized the boys would have had a full half day for ball playing or riding yearlings, but the old folks knew the steam mill couldn't make meal fit to eat. I couldn't see then, neither can I understand now, how the power that turns the mill exercises any influence over the quality of the product, but there are people now living who will make their boys straddle old Beck and ride fifteen miles to a water mill. just as many of the boys of my old neighborhood had to do years ago when Cooper's mill on the Forkeddeer river held out more terrors to them than Hades itself.

Church and State

The doctrine of the separation of church and State is one of the foundation stones of our government. I have heard a great deal of talk about mixing the affairs of church and State, but never knew of but one serious attempt say that it resulted seriously. In 1892

vention split and nominated two candidates, James Stephen Hogg and George Clark. The Populist party was strong in the State that year and had as its candidate Thomas L. Nugent. The negro vote was badly needed by each of the candidates and was eagerly sought. A short time before the election the negroes, swelled with their importance on account of being eagerly sought, held a great mass meeting in Fort Worth. In his opening prayer the sable chaplain pleaded with God to bless Brother Clark, who was the favorite candidate of the darktown brigade. At the conclusion of the prayer a brother arose and moved that the name of Brother Hogg be substituted for that of Brother Clark in the prayer, and an amendment was offered by another delegate that the name of Brother Nugent be given favorable mention in the invocation. The convention broke up in a free-for-all fight and enough wool was left on the floor to have stocked a mattress factory.

The Dance Goes On

Not so long ago I read in one of the papers a notice of a death at a dance. On the ball room floor, while the devotees of Terpsichore executed the figures of the dreamy waltz, one of the dancers was suddenly stricken with heart disease and dropped dead on the floor. The music was stopped, the neryous screamed, and the fallen form was removed to the undertaker's. After a short pause the same cry was heard that was heard at Brussels on that eventful eve before the fateful battle of Waterloo—"On with the dance, let joy be unconfined." Again the music was heard. and in less than an hour after one of the dancers answered the summons of the bugler from the dim shadows across the river "the sound of revelry by night" had gained its, accustomed pitch. This may have been cruel, it may have been heartless, but it is life, especially in the larger cities. And so, the world is a dance hall and the people are the dancers. Ever and anon the voluptuous strains of the world's waltz fall upon ears that have been deafened and hearts, that have been numbed, but those who cannot dance to the tune are removed and the dance goes on as merrily as before. The dead to pleasure must bury their dead-the living are too busy.

"There is room in the halls of pleasure For a large and lordly train.
But one by one we must all file on Through the narrow isles of pain."

When You Catch On

Fortunate indeed the man who catches on." Several years ago the writer made a little visit to St. Paul. Gypsy Smith, who as his name suggests, is a Gypsy, and whose home is in England, preached in that city several days. The auditorium he preached in seats 41,000 persons, yet overy night long be-ting on horse-racing. After a hard fight

fore the service began every seat was the movement was defeated, but, legal occupied and policemen stood at the entrance to keep others from breaking in. Mr. Smith is a preacher of fair ability; a man of pleasing appearance and good voice, but neither eloquent in delivery nor profound in thought, but people trampled each other down in order to attend his meetings, while men superior in knowledge of the Scriptures and ability spoke to empty pews. And when a collection was taken at Mr. Smith's meetings people flashed bills who take out a nickel when they drop in a dime at other services. What was the secret? Why Mr. Smith had caught on, and when a fellow catches on the battle is

On one occasion I virtually fought my way into a tabernacle to hear Rev. Dwight L. Moody. I did so simply because many others were also fighting their way in. If nobody else had evinced a desire to hear Mr. Moody it is more than likely that I would have loitered on the street the entire afternoon. If I am a judge of sermons, I have heard many better ones right here in my home county than Mr. Moody preached the afternoon I pushed and shoved like a wild man in order to get within range of his voice—but Mr. Moody had caught on. 車車車

About Newspaper Makers

There are now many schools of journalism, and every year I meet happyfaced young people who have completed the course of study in one of these schools and are anxious to begin their life work. They seem anxious for a word of encouragement and should have it. but having been associated with newspaper workers for more than forty-five years, I dare not tell them what I feel surely awaits them. Of course there must be ceaseless toil and a ceaseless strain: the ambitious do not cringe before these, but the reward must be ceaseless hoping and never achieving. Even at the best, achievement is a sad disappointment to aspiration. To be sure, there is a passing excitement as the story is written, but this is followed by pittiless self-criticism when the printed product appears. After spending a life-time with those who toil in the "mythical kingdom" I make bold to say that no newspaper writer has ever furnished a story over which he could say "well done, neither has any publisher ever given to the world a paper of which he did not in a measure feel ashamed. Hope, the passion which sustains us all, soothes the grinder at the desk with the promise that his next effort will soar above the low ground of self-criticism, but hope encourages only to disappoint, and so the grind goes on, even to the end.

√ Gambling

A movement was recently put on foot in my State to legalize some form of bet-

or illegal, people are going to bet on horse races as long as the ponies run. They bet on them now, and they always have done so. The last horse race I witnessed it seemed that fully 25 per cent of the people present made wagers thereon. Furthermore, they bet, and are going to keep on betting on football, baseball and other sports. The gambling mania is mighty and prevails. It is much in evidence, even among savages and in the parlors of society's "four hundred." Men get it in such violent form that they will sit up all night and pay from three to ten dollars an hour for the privilege of pushing chips across a table. when sawing three sticks of wood would give them muscular contraction of the biceps. They will stand twenty hours at a faro table guessing at the high card without weariness and fall dead of heart trouble when their wives ask them to pack a pail of water. They will lose five hundred bucks a night with a smile and then shout "busted!" when the women of their hearts tremblingly ask for a new dress. Strong is the gambling mania among men. The writer once passed through beautiful Southern California with a large party of people. About fifteen of the men went through the land of fruits and flowers without beholding the golden glow of an orange orchard, or a hydrangea, or a palm. They were busy playing poker in the baggage car and didn't look out.

A fellow who is suffering from a belated attack of flu writes in to ask if buttermilk will cure the flu. It will not. Neither will it cure a March wind, a yearning for riches, a motherinlaw's lecture, or a desire to hurl a boot at the cat that warbles at 2 o'clock a.m. The best treatment for flu is to forget it. This you can sometimes do by holding a red-hot poker in each hand and letting a heavy from safe restyon your little fee.

There are grounds upon which to base the prediction that the repairers of human frames will finally become so expert in their calling that they will be able to keep man up and going for at least a thousand years. Out of a human repair factory in New York there went not long since a man with a new nose; another man who had been blind for years had his sight restored by grafting the eye of a rabbit to his optic nerve. and still another went away without any stomach at all, went to work and got fat. It is now known to the surgeons that many of the organs of sheep, rabbits and pigs will work as well in men as in their original positions, and it seems foolish for a man to give up the ghost on account of defective organs when he can get new ones by applying to his friends the sheep, rabbits and pigs. The change is nearly as simple as putting new spokes in a wheel, so the surgeons say.

But Wiser Bunch of Suckers

"please don't let my intrusion interfere

with the pleasures of the evening, for I

once was a young man myself and know

something of the diversions of youth.

my health and, seeing your camp fire,

thought I would make you a friendly

We explained to him that we were

passing off the time with a little game

of poker and a small ante just to make

it interesting; would be care to join

us. He demurred on the assumption that

it had been so long since he played the

game he feared he would retard its

progress—and preferred to be a mere

onlooker. However, if we insisted he

would join us for a short time, but if we

found him tiresome just to let him know

Out of Practice

that were dealt him we knew he was out

of practice. He asked all sorts of fool

questions about the game. Didn't know

the meaning of a "full house," and was

under the impression that a straight

beat a flush and that two pairs beat

three of a kind. But in spite of his dern-

ed ignorance he was a game cuss and

stayed in most of the jack-pots, no mat-

ter what sort of hand was dealt him.

We felt sorry for him and advised him

to drop out of the game, but he was not

a quitter and took his losses good-

thing happened. It was the stranger's

deal. After messing and fumbling the

Along about eleven o'clock a peculiar

As soon as, he picked up the cards

and he would quit.

naturedly.

By JOE SAPPINGTON

old papers a few days ago I found a letter I received from Mace inviting me to join him in a fishing

letter to the public, not that it has any special literary merit, but for its optimism, its subtle appeal to primitive man and its friendly greetings. Here is the letter:

"Dear Sap: Through an old Mexican sheep herder I have located one of the best hunting and fishing places in all Texas. The old Mexican made me promise to never reveal the place to any one

as long as he lived · going to share the secret with a few of my best friends. But I want just like that old Mexican surprised me the day he showed me that pool of water ante. where I caught not less than forty trout in less time than an hour. After catch- had just raked in the first pot of the ing all the fish I could carry I returned evening when a stranger suddenly apto the camp and found to my surprise that old Pedro had brought in nine squirrels, a dozen Mexican quail and a big bucket of honey from a nearby bee embarrassment.

"I wish each of you a pleasant good night

HILE going through a package of imaginable. A spring of water near by, old papers a few days ago I found as sold as as cold as ice, gushes forth from the base of a rock, clift at least three hun-Huggins more than 30 years ago, dred feet high. But I shall tell you no I am a stranger in these parts, camping more. We are leaving one week from to- out, and traveling over the country for and hunting trip. I am revealing this day and are expecting you to join us without fail.

> Yours truly, MACE HUGGINS."

call.

Lure of the Great Outdoors

I was very busy at the time I received Mace's letter, but could not resist the temptation to join him. The lure of the great outdoors has never failed to take strong hold of me at the first sign of spring.

It was our third night in camp; the moon was shining brightly and the plaintive call of the

and a safe return to your loved ones." and now, that he is dead, I am whipporwill was heard down near the river bank. It was a little too early to go to bed, so Tom Nelson suggested a to surprise you and the other boys little game of poker. We all consented provided there should be only a penny

The game was young and Tom Nelson peared in our midst. He looked like a preacher and our first impulse was to hide the cards. He seemed to sense our

> most to save the man, yet they were afraid to go any nearer to him for fear their horses would also be caught in the quicksand pocket.

> Riding slowly back to their posts the cavalrymen, a few minutes later, fired

"Now gentlemen," he remarked; legs a few times, he finally dealt each complying our pockets, we were still str player his proper quota of cards; the potwas opened and every one stayed in the game, 'How many cards, gentlemen'" innocently asked the guest of the every every man take his money back, where ming, and each one declared he was upon he started to take his part of the satisfied with his hand.

Mace Huggins started the ball rolling by tossing in two silver dollars and by the time-it got around to the dealer it took twenty dollars to stay in the game. Again the stranger wanted to be straightened out on the current value of flushes and straights; after being duly informed by Tom Nelson, who advised him to drop out of the game, he reached back in a hip pocket and brought forth a lot of bills and laid twenty dollars in the pot, thereby raising it twenty. Bruce Jackson secretly passed the news to the rest of us that he held four kings. Of course, we dropped out, and Bruce proceeded to raise the gentleman stranger another twenty dollars.

Twenty Twenty-Dollar Bills

The stranger's mind seemed to center around straights and flushes; he asked for the fourth or fifth time which outranked the other: It looked like he was going to lay down his hand, but after fumbling and fidgeting his cards, for some time, he covered the raise, then deliberately counted twenty twenty-dollar pistols so we could kill him. bills, pitched them in the pot and said:

"I raise you four hundred dollars." Bruce Jackson asked how much we could raise, proposing should he win to become of our watches, pistols and divide the pot equally among us. After jewelry:

cards and letting them fall between his in rushing across the river, gave a and the sin which doth so easily beset wide berth to that particular spot where us, and let us run with patience the race one of their number had been seen to

Wherefore, seeing we also are comthe 12 o'clock signal gun that released passed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, throne of God. Heb. 12:1, 2,

\$200. Seeing that we could not match his raise the good hearted stranger suggested that we call the game off and money out of the pot; but we grabbed "That's funny," he said. 'I need two this faild and told him not to be cards fo fill in my hand and I hope I'm so blamed fast. Naturally it occurred to us that he had purposely made the bet so high that we could not call it. There were three watches four rings, two diamond phis and four pistols in our crowd; we piled them all on the blanket and wanted to know if he would take them for \$200. After looking them over and asking if the watches were in good running order, he agreed to take them at our valuation, Immediately Bruce called the bet, turned up four kings and reached for the pot. But the stranger laid a six-shooter gently, but firmly, across Bruce's arm with the remark: "I'll take charge of the pot," and deftly turned up four aces. After pocketing the loot, the mysterious stranger spoke as follows: "I wish to thank you gentlemen for the very pleasant and; may I add, very profitable evening spent in your midst. I wish each of you a pleasant good night and a safe return to your loyed ones.

Not a word was spoken until the stranger's footsteps had died in the distance and then Bill Davis broke the spell by saying: "Wish he had left one of our

The next morning we left for home a sadder but wiser bunch of suckers. Some of us spent the next two years explaining to our wives about what had

Treacherous Quicksands of the South Canadian

(Continued From Page 2) cunning proved too much and finally the man's head went out of sight, leaving his hair blowing in the breeze and his arms wildly extended. The cavalry- Although the cavalrymen did their ut- the crowd of anxious homeseekers who,

men applied whip and spur, but treacherous sands slipped from under the horses' feet and made the task of rescue hopeless.

The poor "sooner" continued to sink slowly until only the tips of his fingers remained above the sand-laden river.

disappear in such a tragic manner.

that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the

BRIEFNEWS TEXAS

FROM OVER THE STATE

TEXAS' EARLIEST SNOW

October 9 is the date of the earliest snowfall in Texas. On October 9, 1909, there was quite a fall of snow over most of the upper Panhandle region. November 20 is the earliest snow for Northwest Texas on record.

PEANUT PLANT ENLARGED

The pecan and peanut shelling and grading plant of the Barnhart Mercantile Company at Denison is to be expanded by the erection of a new factory building. The factory employs 250 women in addition to a staff of salesmen. When the plant is enlarged 400 people will be employed.

LONGVIEW'S NEW HOTEL SOON TO OPEN

Longview's new \$200,000 hetel, which is being constructed by the Southern National Hotel Corporation of Gulveston, will be ready for the formal opening by May 15, it is approunced by the manager. This will be one of the timest hatel structures in Past Texas

BRICK AND THE PLANT FOR PARKER COUNTY

A long is and tile plant costing about \$100,000 will be built in the western part of Packet county. It is said that there is a large disposit of very fine white and yellow clay there, which will he used in the manufacture of ornamental the and other clay products:

DEER KILLED IN DEATH STRUG-GLE MOUNTED

The menuted bodies of two large buck look, killed two yours and near Christal' ity, has been spresented Witte Menios rial Misserini San Ambanto, by Alex. Schleyer, who mounted the bodies. The horus are still locked, and it would be necessary to bread, some of the fronts. 46 disengage than row. Mr. Selle er.

WORK ON VETERANS HOSPITAL

Work a new hispergree out the Paul ed States Veterons Hospital at Ware, nwexs having been complished for the lacation of stile diffeen building that cill be effected as the first unit come

The general contract in connection with the \$1,200,000 project was awards ed to a Chicago company some time ago. with the stipulation that the work be completed within 360 cidendar days.

TO OPEN SABINE RIVER BRIDGE

Plans are being made for the edebration of the opening of the new bridge across the Salume error, mar Newton. conecting Newton and De Hidder, La. on July A. The bridge is hang erected. at a cost of \$180,000 by the States of Texas and Lemistana and the Federal government, Hawill form an important crossing; crypur three highwaces its terway, \$90,000; Galveston Harbor, through Dallies.

THE TALLEST TENAN

tallest man the United States has produced, was Cal U. C. Thereton, who died at his home in Almint Pleasant. Texas, in 1909. Mr. Thouston measured: WHE OF MAN WHO RECAPTURED seven feet, seven and one half inchys, standing barefooted.

For several years Col. Thruston trace oled with Barnum's show and wie one of the exhibition's great dealures. The rasket in which he was buried was made to special orders it was eight and onehalf feet long. Col. Thruston was 79, years old at the time of his death.

HENDERSON AN OLD TOWN

Henderson, one of the important oil cities of East Texas, was deeded to the commissioners for the location of a city during the year 1843, by Gen. James Smith. This was soon after the organization of Rusk counts, named in honor of the first United States Senator from Texas. The fown was named for Hon. J. Pinckney Henderson, tirst Covernor of Texas, there being a provision in the deed saying the town must be so named. and that if the name of the town should ever be changed from Henderson the property on which the city stood should revert back to the heirs and assignees of the donor.

FREDERICKSBURG PIONEER DEAD LEGISLATIVE ACT CLEARS TITLE THREE MILLION U. S. MONEY IN

On February 28 there died in Frederickshurg one of the pioneer women of Gillespie county, who came with the first settlers of the county from Germany, Mrs. Margaret Buag. Mrs. Baag was 92 years old at the time of her death and was born in Germany. She landed in Texas in 1856 after a 70-day voyage on the sail ship "Anna Elise."

OLDEST TEXAS MASON

John T. Henley, of Paris, who is the oldest Mason in Texas, celebrated the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birth last month, at which time open house was kept to his friends at the home of his daughter.

Mr. Henley has resided in Paris since the close of the war between the States. He served as treasurer of Lamar county tourteen years. He is a member of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp of United Confederate Veterans.

MEAT PACKING PLANT FOR BROWNSVILLE

A new and important industry is announced for Brownsville, Hausman Brothers, of Laredo, have leased the city abatoir and started preparations for opening a meat packing plant. The Jarge plant, which has been operated by the city seven or eight years, is to be remodeled and the interior changed entirely, with machinery and equipment for handling all kinds of meats. The concern intends to supply that part of South Texas and a portion of Northern Mexico with meats.

A: & M. TO SHARE IN ROYALTY ONFOIL

ythe Texas Legislature has passed a d permitting the Agricultural and Muchanical College of Texas to share in the income of the permanent endow-Ment lund of the traversity of fexareversed from revaities and leases on oil ands. I adout he provisions of the bill N & M. will receive \$200,000 annually to September 1, 1984 after which sit Will receive one third of the income of the Fund. Before passage, the full was appresed by the governing hodies of the two postitutions. The money received by A. & M. will be used in the trection of iew huildings.

TENAS RIVER-HARBOR PROJECTS GET APPROPRIATION

The vivor harbor bill passed just be fore the adjournment of Congress, carried appropriations for Texas projects

Analmad channel, \$11,000; Cedar Bayou, \$13.500; Clear Creek, \$7,000; Freeport Harbor, \$130,000; channel Four Aransas Pass to Corpus Christ. \$175,000; Port Arthur, \$190,000; Brazo. Island Harbor, \$9,000; Galveston district surveys, \$10,000; Sabine Naches waterway, \$110,000; Sabine myor-Cor-\$126,000; Galveston channel, \$200,000; channel from Galveston Harbor to Texas City \$370,000; channel to Port Bolivar. \$24,000: Houston Ship Channel, The tallest Texan and perhaps the \$814,000; Double Bayon, \$9,000; New Orleans Sabrue river section of Intracoastal canal, \$969,000.

CUSTER'S FLAG RECEIVES CIPATION

Mrs. Ora McClinton, of Pharr, Texas. recently received from the Linited States War Department a citation which her late husband, a 4 pited States cavaliyman, woo fifty years ago by recapturing the flag taken away from Custer when that officer and his men were massacred. The flag was recaptured in the Indian village of Slim Buttes and the officer, William J. McClinton, slashed his way through the Indians to re-

take the flag. The story of Mr. McClinton's recapture of Custer's flag is one of heroism and adventure. As the American soldiers rushed into the Indian village to avenge the death of Custer and his men, McClinton fought his way to the tent of Chief American Horse, where he stripped the blood-stained flag from the walls and fought his way back to his men. A bloody battle, in which practically all the Indians for miles around in the National Museum at Washington. no longer will be necessary.

TO LANDS

One important act of the Legislature was the enactment of a law giving West Texas owners of school, mineral and grazing lands the mineral rentals and

The validating act was made necessary by a decision of the Supreme Court in 1928 that the State was entitled to half the rentals and bonuses as well as half the royalties. A large number of West Texans supported the bill claiming it was the intent of the previous law that the owners should receive all the rentals and bonuses and that the land had been bought under that understanding.

CLOCK 160 YEARS OLD

A clock said to be 160 years old is owned by John Trimmier, who is postmaster at Bland, Bell county. All of the ancient timepiece's works are constructed of wood, with the exception of the weights. In spite of its great age, the clock keeps perfect time. According to Mr. Trimmier the clock was brought to Texas from Georgia in 1835, and was even then an aged relic.

It is said that the clock was acquired, y Mr. Trimmier's great-grandfather about the close of the eighteenth century. It is of Seth Thomas make. Some time ago Mr. Trimmier wrote the company giving a description of the timepiece and asking for an estimate of its age. He was informed that the clock was at least 159 years old, as none of, that model had been made since the year 1770.

FROM NEW YORK TO LOS ANGELES IN A DAY

It has been announced that after the middle of June Los Apgeles and New York will be only a day apart by airplane. About that time big multi-engine transports will be put in service between these Atlantic and Pacific cities, and will make the journey in twenty-four hours. In addition to passengers, the hip transports will also carry cargoes of mail and express. We are told that some of the planes will be equipped with Pullman berths.

The planes will have a capacity of thirty-two passengers and will be operated on regular schedules, and on systems like trains, with light signals, radio direction and two-way telephone service, keeping the plane under direct order from the ground. There will be a change of pilots every six hours.

TEXAS TO GET AID FOR RODENT DESTRUCTION

At the late session of Congress a bill was enacted authorizing an appropriation of \$1,000,000 a year for ten years rels Ubristi section of Intracoastel was for cradication and control of rodents in co-operation with the States affected. Before any money is available for the first year, 1932, however, an appropriation must be passed by the next Congress. The Bureau of Biological Survey of the United States Department of Aginculture will administer the law.

Widespread interest, was manifested in the legislation by the Texas livestock interests. Federal appropriations prorated to the States on a dollar matching hasis, similar to the Federal highway aid, amounted to \$607,000 last year, and a like amount is provided for the next fiscal year begining July 1. The increase to \$1,000,000 a year becomes available July 1, 1932;

Debates in Congress on the bill disclosed that Texas is now providing six times as much as is contributed by the Federal government for control and eradication work. Estimates show that covotes, wolves, mountain or Mexican lions, bob cats and some stock-killing bears cause an annual loss of more than \$20,000,000, allowing loss in game, ground and nesting birds, as well as cattle, sheep, goats, swine and poultry. Heavy losses are also caused by ground squirrels, prairie dogs, rats, mice and other rodents. Officials of the biological survey believe the ten-year control program will see the practical extermination of rodents and predatory animals, or, at least, see them reduced to such were killed, followed. The flag is now an extent that Federal aid to the States

VALLEY PROJECTS

The Federal government is preparing to spend more than three million dollars in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, on constructing projects, practically all of which will be started the present year. The construction will be in the two counties of Cameron and Hidalgo.

The greatest single item of construction work is the port project of Brownsville and Port Isabel, on which the government is to spend \$2,158,000, supplemented by \$3,500,000 of Valley money.

The remaining \$1,000,000 or more will be spent on postoffices in the Valley, the largest of which will be a \$450,-000 building in Brownsville. Other postoffice buildings in the Valley will be erected at San Benito, Harlingen, Mercedes, Mission, McAllen and Edinburg.

ANCIENT FARM TOOLS UNEARTHED

A few weeks ago a cache of primitive agricultural implements, considered by Texas A. & M. College scientists as very fine and unusually large specimens, was unearthed in Brazos county, about three miles northeast of Bryan, by a farmer while ploying. The implements, fashioned from flint, were presented to A. & M. College as museum specimens.

The flint implements, apparently of Indian fashioning, include spades, hoes and axes. The largest, measuring seven inches across and twelve inches in length, was doubtless used as a spade, and is one of the finest specimens yet found.

The implements were stacked togethor in a neat pile. Experts say they must have been imported, as flint from which they were made is not a native of that section.

PREPARING FOR TEXAS CENTENNIAL

Some ten years ago the Texas Legislature created a Texas Centennial Exposition directorate as the first step toward providing for an appropriate observance of the centennial of Texas Independence in 1936. One hundred members of the directorate were appointed by Hon. Pat Neff, then Governor of the State. Recently a meeting of the directors was held at Austin, but only 30 of the 100 members were in attendance, some having died and some having left the State.

The first business of the Board was to fill the vácancies occasioned by deaths and removals, then initial steps were taken toward providing for appropriate observance of the Independence of Texas. It is the hope of the directors to create a real world's fair in celebration of the great event in the history of the State. To observe the centennial of Texas independence in this way, the directors say a fund of five million dollars will be needed. Such a fund would have to be raised either by taxation or private subscriptions.

TEXAS LONGHORNS PRESERVED

The Texas Longhorn cattle, which once roamed the plains in countless numbers, will not perish from the earth, notwithstanding their marked inferiority to members of the bovine tribe which have taken their places. The Longhorns would doubtless soon have become extiget but for the government's foresight in placing a few of the primitive cattle in the Wichita National Forest and Game Preserve near Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1927. This bunch of Longhorns are virtually all that remain of the millions that once swarmed over the great plains of Texas

There were thirty Longhorns in the herd originally placed on the preserve by the government; the herd now numbers 72.

An appropriation of \$3,000 was made by the government for the purchase of the Longhorns in 1927. When the appropriation became available a search was begun for animals of the desired type. The search continued forty days over ranches along the Rio Grande and Gulf coast regions of the State before the desired animals available to purchase were found.

In addition to the herd of Longhorn cattle about 280 buffaloes, about 300 elk and about 400 Virginia white-tail deer and antelope also graze on the pre-

TEXANS CARRY THREE BILLIONS IN LIFE INSURANCE

Recently the Board of Insurance Commissioners of Texas issued a report giving statistical information on insurance in Texas for the calendar year ending December 31, 1929, which is the latest information available, since about one year's time is required to assemble and tabulate information from the 759 insurance companies of all kinds which operate in Texas.

This report shows a total of \$3,090,-145,869 of life insurance in force in the State, which is something like an average of \$2,600 for each family in the State. The report shows there are 155 legal reserve life companies operating in the State, 26 mutual assessment life and accident companies and 65 fraternal life insurance societies.

Of the total amount of life insurance carried by Texans, \$2,671,528,214 was held by legal reserve companies. Of this insurance Texas companies held \$1,127,-341,333, and companies having headquarters outside of the State held \$1,-544,186,881. The report shows that the claims paid by both Texas and out-of-State companies on Texas policies totaled \$17,020,973.

THE OLDEST TEXAN

So far as there is any record; the oldest person ever to reside in Texas was Isaac Brock, who passed away in 1906. Mr. Brock lived for many years in Mc-Lennan county, near Valley Mills, where he had many relatives. His longevity was attributed to the fact that he always lived an out-door life.

Mr. Brock lived a few months beyond the 121st anniversary of his birth. Some people having expressed doubt that the man was as old as he claimed to be, prominent citizens of Waco became interested and made a thorough examination of records, which showed that Mr.

Brock really was 121 years old. On account of his great age a medicine company obtained a testimonial from him regarding the virtues of its medicine, and had his picture printed in their newspaper advertisements for many years. He was a blacksmith and shod horses at the age of 90. At 110 he was an important witness in a landsuit. The family Bible showed that Isac Brock was born in Buncombe county, North Carolina, March 1, 1778. He died in September, 1906. Up to his death he had witnessed the election of every President of the United States.

ELEPHANT SKELETON FOUND NEAR DALLAS

While working in a gravel pit near Dallas a few weeks ago, workmen unearthed the bones of an elephant. The fossilized skeleton of the mammoth was uncarthed in a gravel pit about seven miles south of the city limits of Dallas, near the Kaufman road, by workmen who were excavating a sand pit for gravel. Geologists of the Southern Methodist University, who examined the bones, said it was a genuine find, confirming former geological estimates of the mid-pleistocene period of what is now Texas.

An unusual feature of the find was that almost the entire skeleton was unearthed, enabling the reconstruction of the frame of the massive body as it was when animated thousands of years ago. The skull was practically intact, including the upper and lower jaws. The tusks, five feet or more in length, are definitely shown, as are the bones of the leg, most of them too large and heavy to be handled by one man.

The skeleton was found about ten

feet under what would be the normal level of the land, in a sand and gravel formation, indicating that the elephant had died or been killed near a watering place, the body later being covered with silt from floods in the adjacent river.

The bones were treated and arranged by geological students and then removed to Southwestern University, where efforts are to be made to recreate the animal's structure. The head of the geological department of the university said this was about the twentieth elephant skeleton to be found in that region, the find adding to the mass of testimony to the geological theory that elephants once inhabited this part of the earth's surface.

in East Texas in Production Texas First

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HE recent opening of an immense oil field in East Texas, centering around Henderson, Kilgore and Longview, recalls the fact that the first oil field in Texas was discovered in the eastern part of the State, near Nacogdoches, in 1866.

Texas, which now leads all the States of the Union in the production of oil, producing 300,000,000 barrels of black gold annually, has been known as an oil

would flow today.

It was in 1895 that oil was first produced in commercial quantities in the Lone Star State, but three years later the Texas oil industry was a very small and insignificant affair. In 1898 the Corsicana oil field, which was the first real field in Texas, had a daily output of 1,250 barrels, the output coming from about 100 wells.

The Corsicana oil find was not, however, the first in Texas. In 1866, just after the close of the war between the State since 1895, but production in that States, several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a one showed a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in that their city was in urgent need of a daily production of 22 bar-several well and a daily production of 22 bar-several wells were drilled in the daily production of 22 bar-several well and 22 bar-several w

was so small that it was unprofitable and interest soon waned, not to be revived until 1877 when another discovery of oil was made in Nacogdoches county and several wells were drilled, none of them being more than 200 feet in depth. This time production was heavy enough to warrant the construction of a pipe line five miles long, from the field into the town of Nacogdoches. Production soon dwindled to nearly nothing and the pipe line was taken up. In 1894 the people of Corsicana found

that their city was in urgent need of a

of the city. They were chagrined and disappointed when water was reached to find it strongly impregnated with oil. But the element that seemed to blast the people's hopes of a fine supply of water caused several far-sighted men to catch a vision of an oil field and so the next year, 1895, a well was drilled about 200 feet from the water well, and sure enough, oil was found. The first well produced only two and a half barrels of oil a day but the next one showed a daily production of 22 bar-

and began drilling a short distance east wells were also found, until eventually the field had a daily production of about * 65,000 barrels.

Spindletop, near Beaumont, followed the Corsicana discovery. It was at Spin-dletop that the first real oil gusher was brought in, which created tremendous excitement throughout the State. The Spindletop discovery well ran wild for days, pouring a six-inch steady stream of oil over the derrick and crown-block. No way had been found at that time to shut down gushers running wild and several men were killed while trying to bring the first Spindletop gusher under



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Something Like That

Teacher-"Who can tell me what a geyser is? All right, Bobby.' Bobby-"It's a waterfall where the water falls upward."

Grandma Was Stout Grandchild-"Grandma, what made the Tower of Pisa lean?"

Grandma-"I wish I knew, darling-I'd take some myself.'

Not Table China

The Newlyweds drove past a farm on which was a sign advertising "Poland China for Sale.'

"Oh, John, dear, let's stop and go in," said Mrs. Newlywed. "Maybe that's just the kind of dishes we are looking for.'

Inevitable

Doctor-"Did you put a mirror in front of the patient's mouth to see if she is still breathing?"

Nurse-"Yes, and she blushed and asked for her vanity case."

Present Generation Bad

Little Daughter-"You know the old vase, mamma, that you said had been handed down from generation to generation.

Mother (anxiously) "Yes, dear."
Little Daughter—"Well, this generation has dropped it."

Snappy Comeback
Irate Diner—"Look here, waitress!
There isn't a particle of turtle in this turtle soup.

Waitress-"Well, what of it? We have cabinet pudding, but you wouldn't expect to find Andrew Mellon in it, would

The "Big Meetin"

An Episcopal church in a North Carolina town employed as sexton an old negro, who, like all his race, had great faith in revivals, or "big meetin's," as he called them. Soon after he was installed, Lent began, and he was called upon to ring the bell, open the church and pump the organ every day. At first this was all right, but as the services went on much longer than his experience judged necessary, he grew impatient, and when one morning a lady he knew came to service early, he went up to her and said: "Miss Mandy, when dis big meetin' you alls call Lint gwine to

Trying to Penalize Sara

Mrs. Joy's colored cook, who went home every night the moment she had washed the dinner dishes, often forgot to come back in time to prepare breakfast the next morning.

"Sara," said Mrs. Joy one day, "every time you fail to come and get breakfast I shall take off a quarter from your wages.

Sara silently consented, and the next few mornings she came in early. Then one morning she did not appear till ten

o'clock. "Look here, Sara," complained Mrs. Joy, "I had to fix breakfast again this

morning." "Well," returned Sara indignantly, "ain't ah paying you foh it?"

Irish-American Patriotism Chauncey Olcott tells this story:

During one of his return voyages to this country the vessel on which he was a passenger arrived in New York on July 4. As the steamship neared the city the sounds of celebration were dictinctly audible and several Americans on deck cheered lustily. Standing near Olcott were an Englishman and an Irishman. At the sound of the cheering the Englishman said:

"What's all the row about?" "Arrah, don't you know?" queried the Irishman, in surprise.

"Sure, me boy," answered the Irishman-American patriot, "this is the day we licked yez."

You Laugh

Jokes to Make

Not Explicit Enough Sambo—"Whut time do dis train get to Jackson?"

Conductor-"Four-five a.m." Sambo-"Yassuh, but how long fo'

Just a Misunderstanding

Small Rex, ready to go to church, asked his mother for some chewing gum. She had none, so gave him a piece of paraffin as a substitute.

Coming home Rex announced surprisedly that the people in church had sung, Rex Chewing Paraffin."

Later his mother discovered the song was "Rescue the Perishing."

Everybody for Himself The Smiths were on the balcony and overheard a young fellow about to propose to the light of his life.

"I don't think we ought to listen," said Mrs. Smith. "Why don't you whistle to distract his attention and perhaps he'll wait until we leave."

Why should I?" was Smith's comeback. "Nobody whistled to warn me."

Proof Positive

O'Grady had just paid his personal taxes and hunted up the assessor.

"Begorra, an' why did you assess my goat so high?" protested O'Grady. Shure an' \$6 is more than the beast is worth.

The assessor drew out his tax rate

"Any property adjoining or abuting on the sidewalk shall be charged \$3 per front foot," he read. "So there ye are."

Nothing Else Left

A colored man, injured in a motor accident, died and the insurance adjuster went to investigate. "Did Washington P. Johnson live

here?" he asked the weeping wife who opened the door. "Yassah," she replied between sobs. "I want to see the remains."

Wiping tears away on her sleeve, the bereaved wife looked up sadly and said; the best essay on Jefferson Department of Agricultume in working salvation in the T'se de remains.

Radio Complications

A man had just installed a radio. He tuned in, getting three stations on the same wave length. One was a minister, one a man telling the condition of the roads and the third a lecturer on poultry. Here is what he got:

The Old Testament tells us that baby chicks should detour one mile south of Salina and listen to the words of the prophet, Isaiah-be careful in the selection of your eggs and you will find a hard-surfaced road on to-Garden City. We find in Genesis that the roads are muddy just west of the henhouse and clean straw is essential if you would save your soul. After passing through Leavenworth, turn north to Jericho. Three wise men bought a large incubator on account of a bad detour. The baby chicks were troubled with pip and bond issue is being talked in Holy City. Keep the feed clean, live a life of righteousness and turn south one mile west of the schoolhouse.

"Much care should be taken in commanding the sun to stand still, as there is a washout on the bridge just south of Paola, and the road to salvation is under repair, making it necessary for 70 degrees in the brood house at all times.

"After you leave Winfield, unless you do these things the wrath of the Lord will cause the pin feathers to fall out and detour one mile south. Many are culled, but few have any luck unless gravelled roads between Topeka and Lawrence is mixed with feed. Out of 500 eggs one shoud get good roads from Coffeyville to Tulsa and He commanded Noah to build an ark just one mile west of Wichita. It rained 40 days and 40 nights and caused an eight-mile detour. Just west of the brood house many tourists from the House of David are trying the Plymouth Rocks mixed with concrete and a desire to do right.'

By F. W. KAZMEIER Poultry Breeder, Bryan, Texas.

Green Food for Growing Chicks

Arc you giving the

growing chicks plenty of freshly cut, tender green food? If not make arrangements to do so now. We are still feeding fine-cut burr clover, which is excellent; soon we will have to look for something else to take its place.

We have already about six acres of Sudan coming up, which we will cut later, and run through our grass cutter. It is not too late to now Sudan in May, if you have not already done so, although it does better sown earlier. Sudan grows and does well in hot weather, and it can stand a great deal of dry weather

Where alfalfa may be grown successfully no doubt that is one of the finest green growing

crops for poultry of all ages.
One point I would like to bring out as forcibly as possible is that a very liberal supply of green food for growing chicks is very essential, in fact almost necessary. It is just essential, in fact almost necessary, it is just as important as the growing mash or drinking water. A liberal supply of green food aids digestion, promotes growth and will do much to keep the chicks healthy. It is not very easy to feed too much green food, especially if it is fed regularly every day. Also, few people realize the large quantities of fresh cut, tender and succulent green food growing chicks can consume.

Raising Chicks Indoors

Many people still think that in order to raise chicks successfully it is necessary to allow them to run outdoors over large acreage. This is by no means a fact! If you have a large farm, and can each year provide uncentaminated ground, then it is desirable to allow them the use of outdoor'free range. By uncontaminated ground I mean ground upon which no chickens have been raised for at least two years. In raising chicks indoors, however, they must not be over-crowded, the houses should be cleaned out each day and thoroughly disinfected at least once a week. If possible for late chicks use wire screen floors. Provide plenty of opening on south, east and west sides of houses so that direct sunlight may be provided whenever the sun shines. This is in reference to brooding chicks in the regular style, namely under hovers on the floor. Where battery brooding is resorted to, the question of light and sunshine must be handled in a dif-ferent manner. This article is mainly written for those brooding chicks the old way

I am brooding something over 12,000 chicks, some the old way and some in batteries. I believe the coming way of brooding chicks will be in batteries, because it has labor-saving advantages over floor brooding, also much more sanitary. However, like any new idea it will take time for the majority of people to adopt it.

HAS THE LOST HERD

Not long ago some of the daily papers of the State carried an item regarding the finding of a great cave containing many acres on the Texas-Mexican border by an East Texas man who was searching for a lost silver mine. As the report went this great cave was literally covered with the bones of cattle. and that the man brought out a pair of steer horns measuring eight feet from tip to tip. Many believe that in the finding of this cave and the great sea of cattle bones a great mystery has been solved.

Whether it is a fact or not we dare not say, but it has long been a part of the early history of the cattle industry of Texas that a herd of five thousand cattle disappeared mysteriously in that region long before Texas was a State. As the story goes, in 1812 a man named John Loner was driving his herd of five thousand cattle to the Mexican border, and one night following a snow, the cattle became stamtpeded and were never seen or heard of again, though long and diligent search was made Fort Worth for them. The opinion has been advanced since the late find that the cattle wandered TEXAS INCREASES EXinto this cave and died, and that the bones found were of this lost herd.

TO OFFER PRIZES

Davis, the best essay on Al its research into the stock middled the earth. Thou didst bert Sidney Johnston, the bat-shipments. visions close on September 15. tics.

BEEN FOUND?

The Texas Division of the 1929, 23,000 more hogs were fense in any criminal case, ac-Daughters of the Confederacy shipped out than came in, and cording to an opinion recently offers sixteen prizes this year in 1930 the movement out delivered by the Attorney for historical essays on sub- was 1,000 head larger. These General of the State, who held jects pertaining to Confeder figures are from statistics that the limitation of the ate history and the Old South, compiled by the bureau of right of a convict to testify it has been announced by Mrs. business research of the Lini- was removed by the Thirty's A. L. Ridings, of Sherman versity of Texas, which has Ninth Legislature. historian of the Division. the co-operation of the Austin The prizes are offered for office of the United States

tle of Chickamaugua, the best - Data new being compiled by Thy breakest, the heads, of poem on General Robert E. the bureau of business re-leviathan in pieces and gavest Loe, the best collection of pa-search will give similar sta-him to be must to the people pers written by school child tistics on the movement of inhabiting the wilderness dren, and for essays and other hiestock and poultry Thou didst cleare the fountain poems on many other sub- and eggs; together with ships and the flood; thou driedest iects. The contests on all di-ments and receipts by count up mighty rivers. The day is

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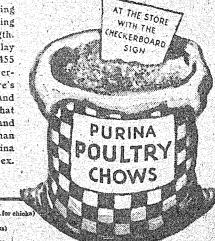
divide the sea by the strength. thing, the night also is thing,



WHEN EGGS FILL YOUR BASKET next October and November and December and January, there are reasons for it. One reason is feed... the feed that fills your hoppers this May and June and July and August. Pullets grow from feed ... nothing else. The job of feed is to grow little bones into big bones. ...little muscles into big muscles...ounces into pounds. When your pullets lay... how your pullets lay ... depends on the kind of feed in the hoppers.

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CHICK CHOW
(secratch,...for chicks)



TEXAS FARM NEWS

students of vocational agri-

farming amount to about

\$1,800, with other assets

amounting to \$300. Young



home demonstration and labor. farm work in Texas show that home demonstration work is now being carried on in 119 counties of the Paige exhibited in Coleman and investment in the busi-State, and that county four of the largest hon eggs, ness of farming. Young Mr. farm agents are serving in ever seen in that section. Baker owns 87 head of cat-191 counties.

production of last year on and weighed three and a land. His working capital the Texas & Pacific Rail-half ounces. Another, laid amounts to over \$2,000. He way Company's cantaloupe by a Rhode Island Red hen, is also a trader and a reinfarm, 17 miles southwest of weighed three and a half vestor, having built up his Pecos, a California com-pany, P. W. Williams, Inc., and a half by eight inches, manner, Young Mr. Baker's is taking over the farm and The third weighed four income from four years of planning to go into the pro- ounces and measured seven home project work amounts duction of cantaloupes on a by eight inches; it was laid to about \$1,300, obtained very large scale. Production by a White Langshan ken, from the raising of hogs from the farm last year The fourth egg was laid by and calves and the growing was 100 carloads of canta a Rhode Island Red, meas of watermelons, spinach nearly a carlead per acre.

counties of South Texas has been taken by the live stock sanitary commussion, following the discovery of an infected the of chickens A. & M. College have been nership interest in 62 head.

and on qualities of leader the customary low rates. Hands.

on an acre of land, above degree conferred by this says the Florida Experiment nome demonstration and later.

One of the eggs, which was the and hogs, farms 13 acres laid by a Plymouth Rock of land on a half share Following the bumper hen, measured 8x6 mehes basis and rents 20 acres o. loupes from 117 acres, or fixed seven by eight inches and corn. He has assisted nearly a carlead per acre. and, weighed four ounces, in making farm surveys and The eggs have been placed in the buying and kelling of Steps to combat ayıan in cold storage and will be live stock as group protuberculosis in one of the exhibited at the Coleman jects. His investments in County Pair next fall.

ers short course at Texas of live stock and has a partannounced as July 27 to He also holds 10 acres of ed by the county agent and announced as July 27 to He also holds 10 acres of August 1, inclusive, by H, land in partnership, the insection birds were sent to the large and State agent of the gift from his father. This laboratories at College State and State agent of the gift from his father. This francisco use it exclusively, stong After verification at extension service. Cutting year, the farming entertions After verification of the cost of production to prises in which he has enthe diagnosis by a bacilli meet the low farm levels gaged include watermelon

About 4,000 acres of Paul Janak, a 4-H Club Two Texas boys, Lacy The first carload shipment cantaloupes are being boy of near Lavaca, grew Baker and H. R. Wright, of of radishes went out from Gil grown this year in the 70 bushels of corn per acre Dilley, Frio county, were mer, Upshur county, the lat- feeding and flock manage- crop of 1929. Texas led the found 88. On the first of sandy areas of Wise and last year, but was not pleased with the price of-loupes grown in these counties. Cantaloupes grown in these counties are fered for his corn, so he fed Congress of Future Farm-lies last year were of a very it out to five pige and so

loupes grown in these county tered for his corn, so he can be less last year were of a very lit out to five pigs and received high quality and the intercest is high in this new intercept less last year were of a very lit out to five pigs and received high quality and the interceived \$1.50 per bushel for held in Kansas City. The lock with 4-4-50 Bordeaux to control downy mildew and crop in the Laredo area is said control downy mildew and to have been of the best quality over produced there, al-\$97.01 for the corn grown key, emblem of the highest nailhead spot respectively, to have been of the best qual-the Extension Service of A. &

> The Texas peanut acreage culture. The degree is based Recently Mrs. W. F. on scholarship leadership has been increased this year about 60 per cent, sweet potatoes 50 per cent, oats, barley and cowpeas each 30 per cent and corn 15 per cent, according to reports made to the Department of Agriculture, For the United States as a whole the peanut acreage will be increased 30 per cent and cowpeas 29 per cent.

> > The United States horse population dropped 40 per is one reason for the farmer's ington. marketing woes.

Dates of the 1931 farm. Mr. Wright owns 12 head

Six acres of paper shell petest all infected birds were prevailing and short cuts to production, corn production, cans made purpose money in living at home will feature sorghum; beef and hogs for 1930 than did 237 acres of cotthe programs of this twen-market. His working capiton and grain. Ten years ago of the smallest counties in ord of his hens showed an av-Two West Texas boos, ty-second annual event, tal amounts to over \$600. Mr. Maples began to topwork James Potts of Lubbock which will follow as a guide Has done three years of native pecan trees with imwhich will follow as a guide Has done three years of native pecan trees with discovery which will follow as a guide Has done three years of native pecan trees with discovery which will follow as a guide Has done three years of native pecan trees with discovery which will follow as a guide Has done three years of native pecan trees with discovery was established in Camp county on the industry was established in Camp county on New York, Hickman Price is chib boxs at the national dent T. O. Walton It is ex-ments in farming amount from had grown to 1,000 washington in June and poeted that the railroads to nearly \$3,000. He has Washington in June, and will again co-operate by of shown his ability as a a pound for all the nuts he will make the trip as guists fering very low rail rates to farmer in carload feeding produced, which gave him of the Texas Bankers! As College Station for the of steers on home-grown 3100 an acre for the six acres ociation. The selections were based on ability to the college au-feed planting and improving planting and the college au-feed planting and improving budded trees in bearing. One in addition to thousands of the country are planning to ing farm beyonts and the college au-feed planting and improving a budded trees in bearing. One in addition to thousands of the country are planning to ing farm beyonts and the college au-feed planting and improving a budded trees in bearing. One in addition to thousands of the country are planting and improving the country are planting and improving the country and the country are planting and improving a make money by farming turnish meals and rooms at tegracing of his project five-year-old tree last year produced \$24 worth of nuts.

In four Gonales county \$38.18 on 160 hens. Proper bales less than the 14,547,791 the tomatoes on the plant and

lity ever produced there, alharvesting.

23,948,512 bushels of ground soning. grain, according to the United States Bureau of Census, This cent from 21,550,000 in 1918 gave Texas fifth rank among over feed cost during a month cial scale this season. to 12.803,000 in 1931. The feed the States. Minnesota was of the lowest price levels in that 9,000,000 horses con-first, Kansas second, New years was accomplished by F. O. Masten, of Collingssumed thirteen years ago York third, Missouri fourth nine Uvalde county poultry worth county, produced 230 must now be marketed in and Texas fifth, followed demonstrators during Februbales of cotton last year on other ways, and this, perhaps, closely by Illinois and Washary, according to a report sent 152 acres of land. The yield of

> A dispatch from Kansas condition.

43 cents.

Miss Pauline Roberts, of ments. near Brady, who is fifteen vears old, will soon embark the auction.

The final report on the third and Alabama fourth.

The chief entomologist of M. College warns against de- been a nuisance to farmers in though the crop was small. Struction by grasshoppers this the past, may produce a posacres. The first carload shipment went out April 13, and tion general grasshopper infesta- ers of the Lower Rio Grande at that time it was believed tion may not occur in 1931, Valley, according to J. E. the yield would be around several local areas in Texas Davis, who has been experi-1,100 cars. Hundreds of labor- are especially liable to out- menting with the dishrag ers were given work in the breaks this year. He mention- gourd. He believes that the ed especially as areas likely to tough inner fiber of the be invaded by hoppers this gourd, which is used by house-Texas ranked fifth last year the sections around Ran- wives for dishrags, is a better year in total wheat flour pro- dall, Lynn, Tarrant, Bexar, material than cork or rubber duction. Texas mills produced Tom Green and Wichita coun- for manufacturing shoe in-5,264,942 barrels of wheat ties. Control is easy, he says, soles. Each gourd will make flour during the year from through early bran mash poi- two "rags," it is said, and 20,-

The "double row" system of City says that with most of during the month at an aver-maryclous. Only eight inches acres of truck crops go in age of storage space is certain feed cost. All of the nine principles of good agriculture, under this method of planting. and market gardeners around Los Angeles and San a part of the holdover wheat most of them being fed a ity and placed them on his removed before that time, home-mixed ration. By using land, plowing them under dur-Heavy snows and rains put a home-mixed ration and milk ing the winter when work was the crop in the great wheat-R. M. Simmons, with 310 stack. Some of his land being growing States in splendid White Leghorn hens, produced undesirably sandy, he over-Camp county, although one February. The production rec- to bring up the clay and thus Texas, is said to ship annually erage of 19.8 eggs per hen in ing was done with a specially

> a small scale about seven one of Texas' leading farmers. high as two and one-half bales years ago and has gradually While he maintains a home in of cotton per acre. grown until potatoes consti- New York, Mr. Price spends tute one of the principal crops much of his time in Texas bushels trucked from Pitts- year Mr. Price harvested 600,burg, the county seat, to other towns, The bulk of the crop goes into distant States, where a decided preference has been shown for Texas potatoes. One potato firm of Dittalway had evidence for 24 In addition to wheat, corn is Pittsburg had orders for 24 In addition to wheat, corn is carloads more than could be grown in large quantities on filled. There are four main Mr. Price's farm. Mr., Price potato curing plants in Pitts-says that last year he proburg, in addition to numerous duced wheat, delivered on community and individual board cars, at a cost of 25 farm plants located at various cents a bushel. He also says points over the country. Prices that he made a good yield of paid growers last season was corn at a cost of \$2.50 an acre. 85 cents per bushel for pota-lagainst a national average of toes delivered at the curing more than \$15 per acre. The plant. The lowest price paid great farm is conducted withsince the potato industry was out horses or mules. Giant established in the county was tractors draw multiple units of breaking, seeding, cultivating and harvesting imple-

> Fewer people are leaving upon a college career for the farms and more people which she has provided by are moving to them, with the feeding a Hereford calf which result that the total farm won first prize at the Fort population on January 1, of Worth Stock Show in March. this year, was 27,430,000, Miss Roberts now attends the compared with 27,222,000 on Rochelle school in McCullough January 1, 1930, according to county, driving seven miles the Bureau of Agricultural from her home to the school Economics. This was the first each day. The calf which she gain in farm population in the entered in the Fat Stock ten years for which annual Show, besides being junior estimates have been made champion baby beef, was The number of persons leav-junior and grand champion ing farms for cities in 1930 steer of the Hereford breed, was 1,543,000, compared with The winning of these awards 1,876,000 in 1929, while movemade her calf the first club ment of 1,392,000 from cities calf ever to win its way to to farms in 1930 was the competition for title of grand largest since the peak of 1,champion steer of the show, 396,000 in 1924. Net moveshe being a member of the 4-H ment away from farms last Calf Club of her school. Her year was 151,000 persons, but calf weighed 870 pounds and a normal increase of 359,000 was sold at auction after win-births over deaths on farms ning the championship at \$2 resulted in net increase of per pound, bringing the very 108,000 in farm population. A neat sum of \$1,740. She se-decided check in the movelected the calf from a herd on ment away from the farm was a ranch of which her father is noticeable in the West, South foreman. She began feeding Central, Middle Atlantic. the calf on the 18th of April, South Atlantic and East last year, using rations pre-North Central States, where scribed by her county agent. 262,000 fewer persons left She kept a book showing the farms in 1930 than in 1929. changes in ration and the Estimated farm population in amount of weight the steer the West South Central States gained from day to day. She was 4,502,000, compared with exhibited the animal herself, both before the judges and at No estimates of population by States are made.

> Mrs. R. H. Swarts, of Houspoultry demonstrations dur- number of bales of cotton gin- ton, reports that a tomato ing January the profits above ned of the 1930 crop was re-plant came up in her yard late feed cost, despite the very low cently made by the United last summer and has proved a price of eggs, were \$262.69, States Bureau of the Census, wonder. The tomato plant from 714 hens, \$233 from 713 It shows that 13,753,883 bales, grew and grew until a height hens, \$155.60 from 462 hens, exclusive of linters, was gin-of eight feet was reached. On with all the feed bought, and ned. This was nearly a million Christmas day she counted ment are credited with the States with a crop of 3,886,141 March the plant was still in a splendid results shown in the bales. Georgia was second in flourishing condition and cotton production, Mississippi more than 100 luscious tomather of the low price of eggs. toes had been gathered from it since the vine began to bear.

> > The gourd vine, which has 000 gourds could be harvested from an acre. Mr. Davis is Producing eggs at a profit planting gourds on a commer-

in from Uvalde. The 2,575 about one and a half bales per hens in these flocks produced acre during the greatest an average of 15 eggs per hen drouth in years was truly practiced in California and 1930 crop of 260,000,000 bush-Arizona under irrigation, els and indications for a Each year around 150,00) bumper crop this year a short-acres of fruck crops age of storage space is contain eggs at a feed cost of five came the bad results of blowcents a dozen in January and ing by plowing deep enough designed plow, which was drawn by seven mules or a tractor. On small plats of land Mr. Masten has produced as



 $B^{\mathrm{UT}}_{\ \mathrm{to}}$ it was no joking matter to the bride. Someone had stepped on her "going away" handkerchief. The rare little bit of handed-down lace was crumpled and soiled. And it had to be washed with infinite care. Could we? We could and did.

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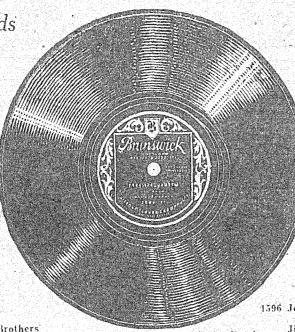
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Sara's coat is warm and new; Take your brush and paint Sara's hat, as you will

note,
If painted (4)——will match her coat. Sara's socks are likewise plainly seen, So you will want to make

them (5)——.
For winter days she does not lack A warm fur muff of deepest (6)-Isn't Sara such a pretty sight Dressed in (7)—and (8)—and (9)—and

10)——? Sara's brother, tiny lad, Too, is dressed in colors bright, and glad, Hat of orange, clean and new, With his suit of matching hue,

DEAR FRIENDS:

Well, it is certainly good to be back with you all again. How I missed our little visit last month. From the many sweet letters I have received I am glad to know that so many of you seemed to miss me. I am happy to report that my baby son, William Byrd, is doing nicely. He was a very sick baby. I certainly appreciate all the kind letters about his illness and wish to thank each one of you for your thoughtfulness.

Now, boys and girls, school is out for some of you, but do not forget that suffering is "out" with our Shut-Ins, as they must lie or sit indoors just as much in summer as in winter. So please do not forget your duty to them during the summer months, when there are so many pleasures to take up your time. Put your shoulder just a little firmer to the wheel and push just a little harder.

Lots of love to all my friends. (Signed) AUNT MARY.

Sunshine for Shut-In Club News In law received many letters this month that I am sure you will enjoy reading, therefore I am going to give them preference on this page.

We shall first hear from a sweet Shut-In,

Frances Johnson, Mount Pleasant, Texas: "I. am writing you again. I am so happy because I receive so many nice cheerful letters from the Shut-Ins, as well as those that are not. Aunt Susan Hughes is the sweetest and she has sent me some of the best reading material. Also little 11-year-old Kenneth Coop, of Purmela, Texas, sent me one of the prettiest little gifts and one of the sweetest stories. I wish every Shut-In could read it—it was so funny. I cannot close without mentioning how sweet and nice Aunt Tillie Boden has been; she spoke of sending me a wool jacket, which would surely be appreciated. So you see, Aunt Mary, the rays of sunshine have been continually beaming into my doors and windows all along; I pray that the wonderful Shut-In Club will last forever."

Odic Thompson, Gatesville, Texas, sends in the name of her brother, Ordie, for membership. We certainly appreciate having Ordie with us and thank Odie for sending in his membership. Hope he will like us, too.

Velma Ziese, Kenedy, Texas, says: "How it did sadden my heart to hear about your little son's illness, but there is great hopes for his recovery and I almost know he will." Thank

you, Velma, for your sweet letter.
Sallie Lucille Garth, Hico, Texas: "I was so sorry the baby had been very ill and also that you couldn't be with us this month. I feel, though, that each one enjoyed the Boys and Girls Page; your sister made it interesting, but it seemed something was missing and surely there was, for Aunt Mary wasn't there. I do hope that you can be with us next month and that the darling baby is well by now. Tell your sister I judge, by reading the April Boys and Girls Page, that she is a wonderful woman whom any one should be proud to know.

Didn't God give us a beautiful Easter? A day like that makes me want to stay out in the open and enjoy the beauties of nature. How can some men doubt there is a Divine creation, when on a still moonlit night, with everything bathed in silver, they look up at the moon and the stars—all of God's creation? I believe, deep down in their hearts, these doubters know there is a God, but they want to be different. Life is a mystery and each day it seems to unfold something new and wonderful; at times it puzzles me. We cannot know what the future will unfold for us, but may we be pre-pared to meet whatever comes. I do hope you and the baby are alright and may God forever bless you and keep you for me—a member—and one who desires to be counted among

Sallie, dear, you are one that has caught the aunlight on the hilltop; you have glimpsed God in all His glory; for you can see His beauty and His self-evident truths. You know, we are told, "None are so blind as those that will not see." Thank you for your kind, loving thoughts of me and mine. I feel certain, because of the numerous and sincere prayers effered to the Throng of God in behalf of my

little one, that God has spared his life and lightened his suffering. The story and poems you sant me were lovely.

We certainly welcome Virginia Burdett, Porum, Okla., into the club. I am sure she will be a good and faithful member. I am sorry, Virginia Sure and telebrate and tele a good and faithful member. I am sorry, Virginia, I cannot send you an individual name; that would be impossible for so many members, but the Shut-In list is printed on this page, together with the numbers of the members. Your number will be in the upper right-hand corner of your membership card.

Aint Mary was very serry to miss Mrs. Miller during her reseat trip to Fort Worth However, I am sure gone friend must have



His leggings lined with softest down, Dressed in orange and in (12)-

ANSWER TO LAST MONTH'S COLOR RHYME
Colors in Rhyme: 1, green; 2, white; 3, yel-

written her about the serious illness of my baby, which prevented me from leaving his bedside. Just now I have no phone in my home. Please let me hear from you soon, Mrs.

We are happy to welcome Perry Clayton, Jr., and his good mother of Taboka, Texas, into the club. We hope both of you will like us

very much. To Fannie Bentley, Wichita Falls, Texas: I would like to comply with the request in your recent letter, Fannie, but I believe it would not be quite fair to that particular Shut-In. We are so happy to have you in the club.

Mrs. J. F. Dillard, Bigfoot, Texas, writes to

thank the Shut-Ins and to say that she and her husband are getting along fine. Mrs. Dillard has not walked, by herself, in 41 years and she is now 64 years old. The most that she can do is to piece quilts, therefore, good folks, if you have any quilt scraps please send them to her as I am sure they will be much appreciated.

Bertha Bentley, Rush Springs, Okla., says she feels so much better. We are happy and thankful for this. She says she has received lots of interesting letters and surely appreciates them; also glad that she discovered the Shut-In Chib and joined it. We are glad you discovered us, Bertha, as you have been a wonderful addition.

Mrs. Eula Mays, Winfield, Texas, writes to inquire about William Byrd and says she is much better. We thank you, Mrs. Mays, and hope you will soon be on our membership list and not a Shut-In, because you will then feel so much happier. Koma Byrl Mahler, Claude, Texas, in apply-

ing for membership, writes Aunt Mary a very cheerful letter. I think your joke is very good Koma: it is one I had never heard before. Gladys Motley, Mooringsport, Louisiana, is

also a new member we are glad to welcome.

Dorothy Dell Borchers, Yoakum, Texas, is seven years old and in the third grade. She is a new member of the club and we welcome her. We are pleased at your reference to the baby,

Juanita Thetford, Ireland, Texas, writes that she has a great-aunt living with her who is 90 years old and a cripple. Would she like to be on our Shut-In list, Juanita? If so, have her send in her name, address and physical condition. Glad you are working in the club again. Read the article preceding the member-

ship coupon for the information you want. Catherene Weathers, Canyon, Texas, writes that she enjoys the Boys and Girls Page. She also says Aunt Mary made the mistake of saying she was bed-ridden, when she can easily get around on crutches. Catherene, the Shut-Ins do not have a number on their cards as they are not obliged to write to anyone except to the Boys and Girls Page once in a while, reporting their condition and their address. You may write to any you please after you have answered those that write to you. Roselee Yelton's grandmother is a neighbor of Aunt

Hattie Adair, Kaufman, Texas, wants to be a member. We are glad to have her and hope she will like the club,

Lola Miller, Rogers, Texas, is still another new member that we are happy to welcome. Pearl Sexton, Kilgore, Texas: I am sure your membership card was sent you; however, as soon as Aunt Mary gets caught up with her work she will send you a new card. Glad Mrs. Sexton is better and hope she has received sunshine by now. Some members, of course, will fail each month and that makes Aunt

Mary sad. Velma Ziese, Kenedy, Texas, says in another letter that Claudine West is in a sanitorium and cannot write to club members. We wish you would write to Claudine's mother, Velma, and ask her to send us Claudine's address; if she is willing for her mother to write us once in a while, that is all that is necessary. Lillie Belle Hunt, Buckholts, Texas, is wel-

comed as a new member. Mrs, Sallie Martin, Troup, Texas, writes that she has not been out of the house for two

years. She gets very lonely and certainly appreclates the Shut-In letters. Patsy Ann Rutherford, Tatum, New Mexico, received the wrong impression while reading this page last month—Aunt Mary was not sick,

dear, but it was her baby son, William Byrd. He is much better now, ... Mildred Ridens, Route 2, Olive, Okla., sent to me such a sweet letter that I am sure each Shut-In who hears from her will be very

happy,

I have saved the best until the last, I am sure all of you can guess to whom I referthere are so many nice things written about her. It is Aunt Susan Hughes, of Galveston, Tenas, Rev letter was written in a happy, yet sad, state of mind, the was happy because the gun was chiques, but sad because she did not

have money to help all who needed help. Isn't that just like dear Aunt Susan? She says: "I can almost hear the flowers and vegetables kicking their way to the top of the ground, hurrying to come up into magnet. . . . I see so much to be done. . . . Still I have so much to be thankful for—have so many blessings; I can write to others and cheer them with love and sympathy. . . That is the spirit of this club. We do not try to offer financial aid, or material aid, for we cannot, but we can give to each one that 'thing beyond price'—the assistance of a kind, loving hand and beaut Theorems, this world. cannot, but we can give to each one that thing beyond price"—the assistance of a kind, loving hand and heart. There are in this world things of greater value than precious stones or glittering gold. These things cannot be purchased, or stolen or begged—they must come from the willing heart that gives kindly and unselfishly." Are gives kindly and unselfishly." Are you willing to give as Aunt Susan has given—Love, Friendship and Sympathy? The strange part about this sort of giving is that you receive more in return than you give, no matter how generous may be your gift. Just try it once and see for yourself.

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Texas; hasn't walked for H years.

4.5-Miss Bertie Thompson, 'Rt.
3. Royce City, Texas; are 61; in bed.

6.7-Zelma Arthur, Skip, Ky; age 15; paralyzed.

8-9-Rob Boyd, Kaufman, Texas; age 18; run over.

10.41-Ha Owens, Winfield, Texas, Robert St.

12.13-R. C. Shaw, Route 3, Market May and the St. Louis Mo.

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32-33—Leithor Darter, Millsap, Texas; age 30; cripple.

34-35-Iris Flatt, Route 5, Canton, Texas; age 18; cripple. 36-37—Louise Sluder, Graham, Pexas; age 7; can't talk. 38-39—Roselee Yelton, Hella Temple, 2021 Wilburn, Dallas,

Texas; age 13.

40-41—Ernest Clifford, Burlingon, Mich. 42-43-Harriet M. Enright, Shar ron, Conn.; heart trouble. - 44-45—Lizzie Whitake, Isom

Va., 57 years old. 46-47-Lometer Cartright, Route I, Canton Texas; in bed. 48-49-Mr. Josh Duncan, R. F D., Devine, Texas; age 80.

50-51-52-Ada, Stella and Chas McWhorper, Devine, Texas; ages 53-5 -Betha Bentley, Rush Springs, Oklahoma,

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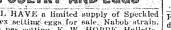
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SUCCESSFUL CLUB PRESIDENTS

Last month we discussed various topics concerned with the Parent-Teacher Association. This month I want to discuss some essentials of being a successful club president, and while my thoughts are chiefly on that of the P.-T. A. the same principles might apply to any other.

The work of the P.-T. A. is far-reaching in , influence, in the cities as well as in the rural communities. This influence is not for today only but for years to come. An organization of this kind, so vitally affecting the life of the child and the home, should consider itself fortunate and should assume its responsibility cheerfully, seriously and sincerely.

It is important that a club president should one who is not too quick at decision or to ne one who is not too quick at decision or to taking sides on issues without first giving each side a fair and impartial hearing. She should be some person not closely allied with any faction or clique, not prejudicial or inclined to favoritism.

After a president is chosen, her first duties for success should be to select chairmen for each branch of work, select chairman most adapted for the work and who can carry on the work with the least friction. The club president who can work with the least possible friction is the most successful. In order to do this well a president must have, among other requisites, a sense of humor, along with tact, backed by enthusiasm. While trying to create enthusiasm the

come dictatorial or over-aggressive.

A rudimentary knowledge of parliamentary law is, of course, necessary for a club president in order that she may keep things running correctly and smoothly, but small clubs need only observe the simplest rules. To become arbitrary in parliamentary procedure will, often irritate members and tend to upset the president's good composure. Timeliness is an-

other point in favor of a good president. Start at the exact time designated, even if there are only two or three members present; one or two meetings of this kind will bring the crowd out on time and much happier relations will result. Arrange a program that will not last longer than the time designated. Start and stop on time at all meetings.

Another practice which will help to make

P.-T. A. meetings run more smoothly is the regular "get together" of committee chairmen and officers. These meetings in no way should be considered official, but rather a friendly discussion of women who gather together for a common good; no definite decisions need be made or formal plans outlined. Just heart-toheart talks that help to remove any petty fric-tions or misunderstandings. This is an excel-lent way for a president to carry out pro-grams without appearing dictatorial. At these meetings it would be well to ask for suggestions. Some member may have a helpful idea

for the good of the cause. After all, there is very little difference in being a successful club president and in being a successful mother; it is all in the manage-ment. To be a successful mother you must be a good salesman-the most important salesman in the world—as you have to "put across" the ideals of right living, right doing and right thinking. This also holds true in being a good club president-you have to sell your ideas to anization

If you are not yet a member of this great organization, plan now to be one; not only a member that pays dues, but one that is willing to live up to the part, whatever that may be. Put your shoulder to the wheel and help in the great work of trying to bring home and school into greater harmony, to make boys and girls of today more useful men and women of

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE HOME

There are so many interesting things in the shops today, some of them reasonable in price, why not do a lot of the things you have been planned and wanted to do for a long

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us today. Where we used to think in terms of hours we think in terms of minutes today, since there are so many interesting and fasci-

nating things to be done. When you are ready to hang new draperies consult with a salesman in some curtain department, some store that features and spe-cializes in this line. He can give you suggestions on the latest fashions to match the scheme of each room. It is just as cheap and just as

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW?

hours of home nursing; it brought to my mind that perhaps my readers would like to have another series of suggestions on home nursing. A few years ago this Woman's Page carried a series of articles on nursing and, from the many letters received, it met a ready response

Recently I have been face to face with long in many homes. Would you like such a series again? The articles would discuss practical home nursing; the things that can be done in an emergency—and in chronic cases how best to make the patient comfortable. If interested, please let me hear from you at once. Write to Mrs. Margaret Stute, Box 1012, Fort Worth,

GOOD TESTED RECIPES

Here are a few recipes that are both delicious and good to look at. Serve them often and try some new frills of your own. Send us some of your favorite recipes. Address Mrs. Margaret Stute, Box 1012, Fort Worth, Texas.

Creamed Bacon

Ten slices bacon, 11/2 cup milk, 11/2 tablespoon flour, salt and pepper to taste.

The slices of bacon should be very thin; lay them in a frying pan and place in a hot oven; when brown and crisp, set the pan on top of stove and remove the bacon to a hot platter Add flour to the bacon grease and stir until smooth but not browned. Add the milk a small amount at a time to the flour mixture and atir to make a smooth gravy. Let the gravy cook about five minutes after it has reached the beiling point; season to taste. Turn the gravy on a hot platter, lay the pieces of hacon

on it and serve at once. This makes a good supper dish.

Chicken Pudding

Cut up two young chickens, cover them with water and cook until tender, then season with salt and pepper and simmer ten to fifteen minutes longer. Cool chicken, then remove all the bones and put meat in buttered pudding dish, season more if desired and add a few pieces of butter. Over the meat pour a batter made as follows: Beat 8 eggs, stir in 1 quart milk, 3 tablespoons butter (melted), teaspoon salt, 3 teaspoons baking powder, and enough flour to make a batter thick as for griddle cakes. Bake 1 hour in a moderate oven. Thicken the broth from chicken with 1 tabelspoon flour stirred into ½ cup melted butter, boil until four is cooked and serve with the pud-

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seated. The announcement was nade that ex-Governor O. M. Roberts, the "old Alcalde," would be a candidate for Governor of Texas on an independent ticket in opposition Governor Charles A. Culbertson, the Democratic nominee. However, a few weeks later Governor Roberts issued a statement saying he would not make the race.

May 15 a very destructive cyclone struck Sherman, Texas. Sixty-five people were instantly killed in Sherman and Grayson county, and hundreds were injured. Two people went violently insane during the progress of the storm. The property loss was very heavy.

The Texas Midland Railway had entered into a contract to extend the road from Greenille to Paris and construction work had begun.

The most destructive storm ver to visit America struck he city of St. Louis May 27. Nearly one thousand lives were lost and the number of injured ran far up into the thousands. The center of the city was wrecked.

INDIAN BODIES FOUND IN MOUND NEAR WACO

Archaeologists recently nade excavations in what proved to be an Indian burial ground in Coryell county, 30 miles west of Waço, and found a number of Indian skeletons and also a number of crude but well-wrought implements.

The bodies had been buried in three tiers, one above the other, and the archeologists believe the Indians belonged to hunting tribes. The utensils found indicated that the Indians had been buried there before they contacted the white man.

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