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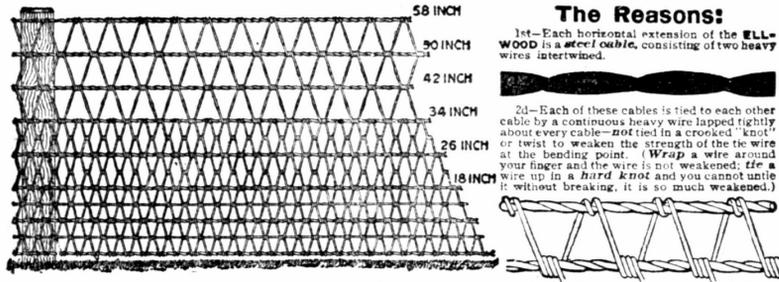
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This is written to the boy or girl who didn't pass in school this June.

You're pretty unhappy about it, of course. But this is written to tell you that it isn't all your fault. Don't take this to mean that you're not to blame, in part.

Maybe you didn't do your best. You know that. But, if you did do your best, your very best, and then didn't pass, a whole lot of the blame rests on your school.

There is a man in this country whose name is Leonard Ayres.

With the millions of the Russell Sage estate behind him, he is studying our public schools. He has found out some interesting things about the boys and girls who do not pass. After he had studied 55 cities, with this regard he decided that something was

the matter with the schools. He thinks that a school in which many children do not pass is a bad school; that a teacher who doesn't pass most of her pupils is not a good teacher, and that a city in which many of the children are repeating a grade has a poor school system.

It will cost about \$43 to send you through the grade in which you have failed. In these 55 big cities in which Mr. Ayres studied schools, about 3000,000 children will fail to pass this year. It will cost these cities about \$14,000,000 to have you boys and girls who didn't pass do your work over again. It costs these cities \$75,000,000 to educate the children who do not fail.

These schools are all like factories. They are intended to turn out a wonderful product of trained children. They are the most important factories in the

whole world. Without them no other factories would have been possible.

Yet these factories that we call our schools didn't do their work as well this past year as they might have, though perhaps they did it better than they ever have done it before.

They will have to spend about one-fifth of their money to do one-fifth of their work all over again. You see, in a way, they didn't pass either.

Any other factory run like this would be a business failure. Suppose a glove factory made one poor glove out of every five and had to make it over again. That factory would soon close. Yet our schools did no better than this, Mr. Ayres says.

Some of them did a good deal worse. For instance, at Camden, N. J., almost one boy or girl in every three fails to pass. If you happen to live in Camden, N. J., it will be all right for you not to feel worried about not passing.

The school system is to blame. But there are some things for you to remember.

For instance, you are not helpless, like a glove. The glove doesn't have to help make itself. But you do.

Our school systems are getting better. Great minds are at work on them. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent to find out what is the matter with them. You must do your part, too.

The time will come when few children will be unable to pass a grade.

You must help by doing your best in school, to bring this time about.

But, up to now, too much blame has been placed on the boy or girl who didn't pass, and too little blame has been placed on the schools.

So don't you worry, just begin next year to do your best.

Says the Tonkawa (Okla.) News: "Last Saturday Joe Marcus, a Tonkawa Indian, subscribed for the News. The following Tuesday he came to the office with his war paint on and wanted to know why he wasn't getting his paper. We have been visited by indignant subscribers before, but not so soon after becoming one. Joe was pacified by the assurance that the paper was issued but once a week. He departed with the very reassuring remark: 'You no send paper me maybe so take scalp.' There is one thing sure: There might be some of our readers who will fail to get their paper, but Joe Marcus will not be among the number."

Eagle Pass Vs. Del Rio.

The agony is over and both sides are satisfied.

The grounds on Saturday evening were well sprinkled with enthusiastic spectators and the 'jolly ing' and rooting on both sides was the result of good humor and a better feeling between the contestants.

The first game was snappy skillful and interesting, though Del Rio showed to the best advantage and wrested the laurels from their stubborn opponents after a hard and well contested battle royal.

Manager Leslie Braun and Capt Roscoe Merritt of the home team expressed much satisfaction over the result and will now proceed to strengthen and re-inforce their hardy champions. The line up was as follows: Del Rio Roscoe Merritt—Capt & left field.

Sam Jones—Pitcher. John Stadler—Catcher.

Pedro Trevenio—First Base. John Welch—Second Base. F. Howard—Third Base. Herman Chapman. Hope Warner, Lige Stewart. Field.

EAGLE PASS.

DeBona, McMinnemon, Jaggi, Hausser, E. Schmidt, Geyer, Rainwater, Veltman, F. Fox. Veltmann, of Brackett, umpire.

Veltmann made the only run for Eagle Pass while Del Rio piled up five. F. Howard one, Chapman 2 and Trevenio 2. Excepting one or two errors the fielding of the home team was splendid—notwithstanding the terrible rays of the burning sun.

The visitors demonstrated their ability but appeared to be out of practice allowing several errors—but they are a good aggregation and routed the enemy next day but the least said about that game the better for all.

John Stadler, for Del Rio, did some effective work which the fans did not fail to appreciate.

Manager Braun is now working hard to secure the best material and has already booked "Smiling Jones who did such telling twirling on Saturday. We are also in-

formed that arrangements materializing for a fine park town; the boys having practical contracted for a high platform and a grand stand.

We are just itching to give a pine a good drubbing.—We Texas News.

PREVENTABLE DISEASES.

"If you have typhoid fever in your neighborhood you deserve it. If you have scarlet fever, you deserve it. This was the assertion of Dr. W. Evans, health commissioner of Chicago, in an address recently given here," he added, "that where typhoid and scarlet fever epidemics occur they are always deserved. They never enter in unless the door is left open. And the careless ones are those who permit the doors to remain ajar."

GATHERING AMMUNITION.

"What makes you think our new congressman is going to be so successful as a speechmaker?" said one constituent.

"Because," answered the other, "whenever he hears a story that strikes him as funny he goes into the hall and makes a note of it in his memorandum book."

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# The Brackett News.

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BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS

## DOINGS OF A GREAT STATE

Belton physicians are circulating a petition in favor of a sewerage system. The Santa Fe depot at Pecan Gap was burglarized a few nights ago and some whisky was carried away.

The first regular train carrying passengers on the newly constructed Abilene and Southern road left Abilene Wednesday at 2 o'clock.

Henry Milam and his 6-year-old son were cremated Saturday night on W. M. Linville's farm near Hereford. The lamp exploded, setting fire to the house.

One of the strongest winds in the history of the town swept over McGregor Sunday morning. Small buildings were damaged, awnings blown down, shade trees broken off and persons frightened.

J. F. Glover, a structural iron worker employed at the First National Bank Building, which is being erected in Ft. Worth, fell two stories Friday and was apparently uninjured, with the exception of a scalp wound.

Miss Jessie Lena Thompson of Decatur, who was the guest in Ft. Worth of her sister, Mr. C. D. Sellers, was found dead in her bed Thursday morning, having expired some time during the night, presumably from heart failure.

Machinery for a new electric power plant is being installed at Clifton and will be ready for use in a few days. This plant supplements the water plant already in use and will insure Clifton twenty-four hours' electric service every day.

The Webster Refining Company of Jennings, La., an independent company with offices in New Orleans, has been awarded a large oil contract to supply 160,000 gallons of kerosene oil to the Panama Canal Commission during the coming year.

The State Commissioner of Insurance and Banking at Austin has granted licenses to the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia and the Royal Neighbors of America, a fraternal organization of Rock Island, Ill., to do business in Texas.

One more chapter in the history of the Waters-Pierce litigation was enacted Thursday when Sheriff George S. Matthews of Travis County was allowed fees amounting to \$4,542.28 for the collection of the Waters-Pierce fine under execution.

Thursday was Clean-Up Day for Amarillo, the city officials and the Civic League working in conjunction to bring about a clean city, and as a result of their combined efforts the city is tonight absolutely cleaned of all rubbish such as would breed disease.

General orders for the Texas National Guard encampment, to be held at Camp Mabry, near Austin, beginning at 9 o'clock on the morning of July 6, and ending at 6 o'clock on the evening of July 15, have been issued by Gov. Campbell and Adj. Gen. J. O. Newton.

E. E. Barclay, representative of the Swenson Land Company, declares that it is the purpose to open immediately for settlement by farmers from Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania a tract of about 80,000 acres in the Toyah Valley.

Eight bags of registered mail, the loot of the Union Pacific train robbery, were found in Omaha Friday morning in the attic of the Brown Park Schoolhouse, near which the guns and masks of the robbers were found Thursday. The mail had been rifled.

Reports received Monday in Fort Worth are to the effect that a heavy hailstorm passed west of the city about four miles in width, extending from Benbrook, twelve miles west of the Texas and Pacific, to Iona, four miles further up the line.

W. W. Jacobs of Temple, Thursday, disposed of seventy-two bales of cotton he has been holding, selling the entire lot to a local buyer at 10 1/2c.

The Panhandle Automobile Association met in Plainview, Amarillo, Lubbock, Floydada and a number of other towns were represented. After the business meeting a procession was formed at the Santa Fe depot on arrival of the afternoon train and paraded to the court house square, where all the cars were formed in line and photographed. There were ninety-nine cars in the line-up.

Articles of incorporation of the Altus, Lubbock, Roswell and El Paso Railroad company, were filed in the state department Monday at Austin capital \$500,000. The principal office is Lubbock, Lubbock county.

Complaint has been filed with Representative Garner by persons interested in the coal mines at Laredo and Eagle Pass, charging that the Mexican Government is discriminating against Texas coal through exorbitant freight rates on the Government-controlled railroads from the Texas coal fields.

That \$29,585.87 had been raised for all purposes in the Dallas district during the last six months was the report made Wednesday at the district conference of the Methodist Church, Dallas District, in session in Oak Cliff.

## SHORT NEWS MENTION

OF HOME AND ABROAD OF INTEREST TO EVERYBODY.

### EPITOME OF LATE DOINGS

Of the Entire Week of Most Interesting Reading of Importance of Today.

#### WASHINGTON.

President Taft Friday appointed Wm. R. Harr of the District of Columbia as assistant attorney general of the United States. Mr. Harr, who has been an attorney in the department of justice for the past nine years, succeeds to the place made vacant by the resignation of Alfred W. Cooley, who was recently appointed a supreme court justice in Arizona.

The fourthcoming report of the civil service commission will show that the Southern states in the past year have made notable progress in furnishing their quota of appointees to government positions under the civil service outside of the states from which the appointees came. Texas is entitled to 305 appointments in the general service, and of this number has already received 276, leaving but 29 appointments still coming to the state.

As a result of the recent attack on the cotton schedule by Senator La Follette and other progressives, it appeared for a while that the genuine break in the Aldrich ranks had occurred. So strong and effective was the attack that Senator Aldrich, without attempting to defend his schedules, fell back generally upon the assertion that its assailants were basing their attacks upon misinformation, and that he would be able to show at some later time that their figures are incorrect.

Information has come from a London source that the Chinese government is trying to negotiate a loan, said to be about \$100,000,000 in the banking centers of the United States. Official confirmation is lacking, but it is known that the state department has a confidential list of large banking interests in New York which have been in communication with the department relative to loaning money for development work in China.

The construction of a big fleet of war balloons, with depots at strategic points along the coasts of the United States in which the aerial craft may be housed between flights, is the task set for Maj. Geo. C. Squier of the signal corps. Maj. Squier was given instructions Friday to prepare plans for the defense of the gulf and Atlantic coasts from Galveston to Bath, Maine, and he has set to work enthusiastically. The plans, when completed and approved, will serve as models for the aerial defense of the Pacific coast.

#### STATE AND DOMESTIC.

H. M. Parkman, a union pressman at Atlanta, Ga., this week was sentenced to thirty days in the stockade and held in \$1,000 bail to answer charges of assault with intent to murder.

The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company Friday announced the closing of a contract with the Southern Railway company for the construction of four passenger and freight steamers to run between New York and gulf ports, the contract aggregating \$3,000,000. The steamers are to be 450 feet long and will have a speed of 15 1/4 knots.

The charter of a new railroad, to be known as the Houston, Fostoria and Northern Railroad company, with headquarters at Fostoria, in Montgomery county, was approved Friday by the attorney general's department and filed in the office of the secretary of state.

The union drivers of State street department stores in Chicago, displaying union buttons on their caps this week are ordered to take them off. Refusing they are fired. A strike is likely.

An unknown white man was found hanging to a tree limb on the outskirts of Doven, N. J., Friday with \$1,193.72 in his pockets.

"The Philadelphia street car strike has been settled. The men will receive 22 cents an hour beginning Saturday morning and ten hours will constitute a day's work." This statement, emanating from C. O. Pratt, chairman of the executive committee of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, followed by the deportation of 450 strike-breakers who came from New York, ends the strike of the employees of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

"Americans work harder when they play than the Chinese do when they work" was the assertion of Wu Ting Fang after a visit to Coney Island Friday. He wonders what the Chinese would do if Coney Island were suddenly to be placed in their midst.

Friday morning Austin was visited by a heavy electrical storm, accompanied by a high wind and much rain. The wind was very severe and did considerable damage. All over Austin trees were blown down, while the main building of the University of Texas has been decapitated of part of its roof. About 175 square feet of tin roofing, covering the museum, was blown off, while the water poured in the opening. No exact estimate has been made of the damage, but it is believed that it will amount to \$1,000 or more.

Albert T. Patrick's application for a writ of habeas corpus releasing him from Sing Sing prison, where he is under life sentence for the murder of William Marsh Rice, was denied in the appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn Friday. This ends another chapter in Patrick's sensational fight for release from prison, where he is confined under conviction of having murdered William M. Rice, the Houston multi-millionaire.

The transference of the body of William Penn from an abandoned cemetery in Buckinghamshire, England, to an appropriately marked place on the Delaware is the plans of several members of the house at Washington at present.

The attorney general of Texas is to make an inspection of the state banks and trust companies organized under the old law.

The physicians and nurses of the Brooklyn, N. Y., Home for Consumptives resigned because the managers of the institution insisted on keeping children in the wards with hopeless adult cases.

The wife of J. W. Phelps, tax assessor of Alpine, Brewster county, Tex., was found dead Wednesday in an outhouse, a bullet hole through her heart; a pistol lay beside the body. There is no explanation. Deceased is survived by a husband and six children.

Two localities in Texas are to be the scenes of a new plan in colonization. An Italian syndicate will establish in the middle part of the state two agricultural colonies each composed of one hundred families or about one thousand in all, brought directly from the agricultural districts of Northern Italy. The entire scheme calls for the expenditure of about \$1,000,000. One-third of the amount has been subscribed by Texas capitalists, headed by Capt. Nicolino, Italian consular agent at Galveston.

The big lumber plant of the J. A. Bell Lumber company of Lake Charles, La., which has been idle now for the past six months, will resume operations about June 15. This will employ about 200 men and is one of the largest in the Lake Charles territory.

Two young ladies of New York delayed this week the departure of the Kaiser Wilhelm II. One of the young ladies at the last moment decided not to go, and one of her trunks was in the hold of the vessel. After getting it out she again decided to go and the trunks had to again be put aboard.

Four masked highwaymen held up a crowd of thirty merry-makers at Tavern, a resort at Petersburg, ten miles from Denver, Tuesday night, and make away with more than \$5,000 worth of diamonds and \$2,000 in cash. They escaped on horseback.

Cash wheat again established a new high record in St. Louis, No. 2 red cash reaching \$1.62. Records for fifty years back fail to reveal as high a record price. Receipts continue light and flour milling concerns are becoming hampered for supplies.

A party from the Mamou oil fields, near Estherwood, La., reports the Crowley Oil company bringing in a 5,000-barrel gusher this week, with a fine grade of oil, and quite a distance from any other oil well which materially adds to the wealth of their valuable holdings and field. Indications are that the oil field will very soon be a proven field at least one-half mile to the southeast.

Except for \$325,000 to be devoted to charity and his employees, the will of Charles Morrison, comparatively unknown, who died recently near Reading, London, leaving an estate valued at between \$50,000,000 and \$75,000,000, bequeathes the whole of the great fortune to relatives. Not since the death of Cecil Rhodes has such a remarkable testament as the will of Mr. Morrison appeared.

American lodge of Free Masons for Americans in London was consecrated Thursday.

The Gross airship conducted a series of experiments Friday over Berlin with wireless telegraphy. The apparatus was recently installed upon the airship and the trials lasted for some hours while the craft maneuvered over the roofs of the city. An attempt was made to put the instruments in tune with the wireless land stations. The army officers who controlled their airship, however, declined to make any statement as to the results obtained.

That secret trials of airships and aeroplanes in Northern Japan have demonstrated that guns and heavy loads can be carried, was the story brought to Victoria, B. C., Thursday by the steamer Mont Eagle. It is said that the Japanese have invented an airship destroyer filled with shells that explode on contact with another airship.

The populace of the Island of Corsica is in dire straits for the necessities of life, owing to the strike of Marseilles sailors, which has cut off their main means of support. In addition, the strike of the railroad men has now been going on for a month.

After some of them had spent twenty years in the leper settlement of Molokai, Honolulu, ten or eleven supposed lepers, who were returned there at the instance of the territorial legislative committee, to be re-examined, have been judged to be free of trouble.

Serious drouth is reported in Buenos Ayres. Cattle are suffering.

The pope was 74 years old Wednesday, having been born at Riese on June 2, 1835. In accordance with his wish, the celebration of the day was private.

## SLEW HER CHILDREN

WOMAN CUTS THROAT OF THREE, THEN KILLED HERSELF.

### SHE FEARED A SEPARATION

Told Friends She Could Not Bear to Have Her Little Ones Taken From Her.

Corstana, Tex.—A horrible tragedy was enacted Saturday morning at Richland, twelve miles south of Corstana, the result of which a mother and three children are dead.

The news first came by a telephone message to County Judge J. M. Blanding that Mrs. J. M. Green had killed herself and her three children with a razor. From reports gathered later, it seems that Jim McNeal and his wife, who were spending the night at Mrs. Green's house, were awakened by a struggling in Mrs. Green's room, and on looking in saw her three children lying on the bed dead, with their throats cut and the mother standing near the bed with a bloody razor in her hand.

Mrs. Green, seeing McNeal's wife, said she had killed her children and was going to kill herself. McNeal and his wife spread the alarm.

The next arrivals on the scene found the tragedy complete, as Mrs. Green had also cut her own throat.

Mrs. Green was about 29 years old. The children are Virgie, aged 12; Paul, aged 7, and Eldridge, aged 2. Mrs. Green was the wife of J. M. Green, who was arrested a few days ago on his wife's complaint. The grand jury, after a full investigation, failed to find a bill against Green, and he was released. It is said that Green came to the house and proposed a separation and a division of the children. He did not remain long at the house, leaving long before the tragedy.

Mrs. Green left a letter in which she stated that she did not wish to have her children taken from her.

#### Marshall and East Texas.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department Saturday approved an amendment to the charter of the Marshall and East Texas Railway company, which runs from Marshall to Winsboro, Wood county, increasing the company's capital stock from \$75,000 to \$200,000 and extending the main line from Marshall in a southerly direction through the counties of Harrison, Panola, Shelby, San Augustine, Sabine and Newton to Newton, in the latter county, a distance of about 125 miles.

#### Big Fire at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex.—One life was lost in the fire that gutted the three-story Knight building, on Elm and Harwood streets, Saturday morning. Several persons were seriously injured by leaping from the second and third stories of the rooming house. At least three of these are believed to have sustained fatal injuries. The loss on building and contents, not including the personal effects of the roomers, will amount, it is estimated, to \$50,000.

#### Houston County.

Grapeland, Tex.—After a good season of rain just at the right time we are now having a few days of sunshine, and the farmers are all busy with their crops and there is but little doing in town. The potato season is about over. There have been shipped from the Grapeland territory so far twenty-two cars which netted \$9,321.95 with one or two cars yet to be dug.

#### Money for Storm Sufferers.

Stephenville, Tex.—The citizens of Stephenville have sent about \$205 through the First National Bank to the storm sufferers at Zephyr.

#### Clovie-Coleman Cut-Off Contract Let.

Amarillo, Tex.—The contract for the construction of the Santa Fe extension from Clovie, N. M., to Coleman, Tex., was let Friday to the C. H. Sharp Contracting Company of Kansas City. The road will be 176 miles long. The cost will be close to one and one-half million dollars.

#### Girl Drowned in Guadalupe.

Gonzales, Tex.—While in bathing in the Guadalupe river on the Enderly place, five miles from Gonzales, Lucile, the daughter of Mrs. Oscar Schleyer, was drowned on Saturday afternoon. She had gone into the water with a couple of companions and, getting into a swift current, was carried to her death, her companions being unable to render assistance. The body has not been found.

#### Bolmes for Pension Commissioner.

Austin, Tex.—The governor Friday announced the appointment of Capt. E. A. Bolmes of Harris county to be commissioner of pensions under the new law. Capt. Bolmes has long been chief pension clerk in the controller's department.

#### Mt. Vernon Bonds Approved.

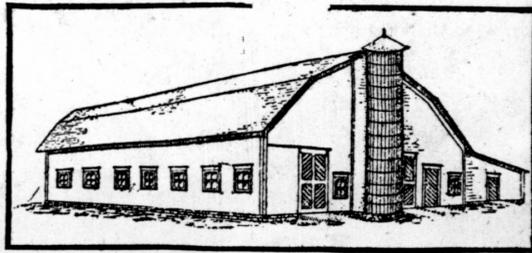
Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department Saturday approved a \$15,000 school house bond issue for the Mount Vernon independent school district.

#### Grimes County Potatoes.

Singleton, Tex.—The farmers of this neighborhood are loading a car with Irish potatoes. This is the first car of truck shipped from this place, but we hope in the future to see many loaded here.

## DETAILED PLAN FOR PRACTICAL FARM BUILDING

Complete Design Given for Erection of Structure that Will Accommodate Horses, Cattle, Feed and Other Accessories.



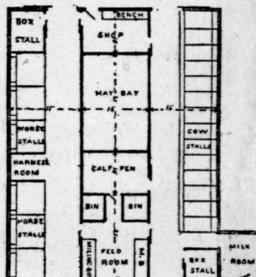
Barn for Mixed Farming.

The farmer who can so adjust his work that he may dispense with the help of one man is lucky indeed, but many a farmer has done so by simply changing his system of feeding and caring for the stock; also by so disposing of the grain and hay that instead of hauling many tons of it to market it is fed on the farm, and the beef, pork, butter, cheese, etc., sold. This allows the farmer to restore to the ground at least a part of the fertility in the shape of manure.

The barn plan shown herewith in the two illustrations, the ground plan and the perspective view, is so arranged that one man may feed and care for the stock in a short time. As shown on the floor plan, the barn will accommodate 14 cows, 12 horses, has box stalls for both the cows and horses, also a large calf pen. The installation of manure carriers and hay fork is very easy, and these will soon pay for themselves in the labor saved. A feature of the barn not to be overlooked is the arrangement of the feed room and silo. The four-foot chute extends the entire length of the silo, and has small windows for light, a tight door below separating same from the feed room to keep out dust and odors. The silage is dropped down this chute, and from there shoveled to the mixing boxes—one for the cows and one for the horses. There are two bins in the feed room and two more may be located on the floor above and connected by small spouts for drawing off the grain. These spouts may be located directly over the mixing boxes. All hay is supposed to be fed from above, one hay chute being provided for each two stalls.

The milk room being located as it is, the milk may be taken to it at once. In this room should be located the separator, also plenty of clean water; if possible running water should be provided. The shop is a very necessary room, and it will save many repair bills. In it may be stored the nails, bolts, etc. In the horse barn the harness room is located in the center, which makes it handy to all parts of the same. The two box stalls provide room for both male animals as well as sick and ailing ones.

The hay bay is supposed to be open clear to the roof. However, some farmers may wish to arrange this space different. The partition separating the cows from the center section is boarded or plastered up tight, excepting the calf pen, to separate the cows from any odors, dust or dirt from the other animals. The box stalls, however, in both the cow and horse barn are so constructed that the inmates may have a good view of the other animals. They like company,



GROUND PLAN.

#### Ground Plan.

as shown is 12 feet to the eaves and 38 feet to the peak; the silo is 33 or 40 feet high.

The barn should of course have a good foundation of stone, brick or cement. On many farms it has been the practice to build a small shed here and there and the stock is scattered all over the farm. This causes an unnecessary lot of labor to care for them; also an unsightly appearance to the surroundings. In constructing a barn of this sort it will not be necessary to do all the work before the same may be used, but a portion of it may be left until time and perhaps your purse will allow it to be finished.

## KEEP BOYS AND GIRLS INTERESTED

Children Should Take Pleasure in Farm Life.

The accompanying picture shows one way how the boys and girls of the farm may become interested and take pleasure in farm life and its surroundings. The young farmer is Master Lewis Daniels with his trained steers which he commenced to break



Master Lewis Daniels and His Trained Steers.

when they were only three weeks old, and which were so well trained when this picture was taken that he could drive them anywhere, either riding on the wagon or driving alongside. They have become so handy, and the driver as well, that they do lots of small jobs on the farm, such as drawing wood from the pile where it is sawed and split to the chicken sheds, carting feed to the chicken houses, gathering leaves to put in the pig pens and lots

of other little things that save time on the busy farm of which he is a member.

The young farmer, although only nine years old, takes such an active interest in the dairy herd kept on this farm that he has become so skilled at to have charge of the feeding of the twenty or more head of calves and young stock, that the owners only deem it necessary to give them occasional oversight. I believe this is one of the best ways to keep the boys interested and when the steers have grown too big and old for them to handle, if they are sold, the money should

be placed in the bank to their credit, and the future will hold for them a strong tendency to remain upon the farm.—H. O. Daniels.

#### Tips Abolished by State Law.

The state of Washington has abolished the tip in hotels, dining cars and other public places. The new law makes both the giving and receiving of a tip a misdemeanor, and imposes a heavy fine.

# SERIAL STORY

## THE VANISHING FLEETS

By ROY NORTON

ILLUSTRATED BY A. WEIL

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### SYNOPSIS.

"Vanishing Fleets," a story of "what might have happened," opens in Washington with the United States and Japan on the verge of war. Guy Hillier, secretary of the British embassy, and Miss Norma Roberts, chief aide of inventor Roberts, are introduced as lovers. At the most inopportune moment Japan declares war. Japan takes the Philippines. The entire country is in a state of turmoil because of the government's indifference. Guy Hillier starts for England with secret message and is compelled to leave Norma Roberts, who with military officers also leaves Washington on mysterious expedition for an isolated point on the Florida coast. Hawaii is captured by the Japs. All ports are closed. Jap fleet is fast approaching western coast of America. Siego, Japanese spy, discovers secret preparations for war. He follows auto carrying presidential cabinet. He unearths source of great mystery and flees, murmuring, "The gods save Nippon." Fleeing to Pacific coast, Siego is shot down just as journey to get awful news to Japan seems successful. Japan announces intention to attack seaports. Tokio learns of missing Japanese fleet and whole world becomes convinced that United States has some powerful war agency. England decides to send a fleet to American waters as a Canadian protection against what the British suppose is a terrible submarine flotilla. Hillier is also sent to Canada to attempt to force his way through American lines with a message to the president in order that protection for the fleet may be assured. Japan appeals to Britain for aid. British fleet departs, amid misgivings of English. Fleet mysteriously disappears, a sailor picked upon a raft being the only evidence of the loss. Powers begin to fear for their safety. Hillier makes a failure of effort to deliver message to the president. War between Great Britain and Germany is threatened. The Kaiser disappears. King Edward of England is confronted by Admiral Bevins of the United States.

### CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

To summon a king, a prime minister and the highest official of the earth's most mighty navy to a private interview at midnight! Even in times like these it seemed preposterously impudent; but this man came as a friend from the land of silent terror which threatened to conquer the world, was undoubtedly in deadly earnest, and was a means of information between what had actually happened and what was to come.

"Time will not wait, even for kings," quoted the monarch with some undershade of bitterness, and from his guest came the whispered return:

"No, time cannot wait, even for kings."

The monarch slowly settled back into the hollow depths of his chair and, as if seeking a moment's respite to review the situation, looked upward at the hangings of his box and then out toward the garish lights of the stage. The hush of expectancy over the house had reached a climax of intensity, and the master of ceremonies in a raucous voice was shouting toward the roof in deliberately prolonged tones: "Are you—all—ready?" From somewhere above them came a faint response, "Yes," and then with speed gathered by its long flight through the air there came flashing comet-like from high above an extended splotch of white, the sound of a sharp splash, and a burst of applause as the "event of the evening," a high dive, was consummated. Neither occupant of the royal box paid any attention to this feat. Bevins remained in an attitude of expectancy, waiting for the king's next words. The success or failure of his enterprise might depend upon them, and in this light they seemed of almost tragic consequence.

"What do you propose?" the ruler asked, again facing the admiral as though there had been no lapse of time; and the other, relieved by this sign of assent, gave an involuntary and deep-drawn sigh of relaxation.

"If your majesty will be so kind, I think it best that I should meet you in the palace within an hour after your departure from this place. That will give leeway for the gentlemen to respond to the summons and be there at the appointed time."

The hand struck up "God Save the King," in token of the closing of the performance, and from where they were they could see the audience standing, in total ignorance of the presence of his majesty and unaware of the fact that a momentous interview, involving life and death, peace and war, and the welfare of empire was being conducted in a tiny over-

hanging box above them, while a leering mask of tragedy stared hollow-eyed from the stage as if in mockery. The king and the admiral were both on their feet, the one looking absent-mindedly through an aperture, his mind concentrated on the decision he must make, and the other watching and waiting with breathless suspense. Below the throng began a steady movement toward the exits, constantly dissipating itself, and the house was almost emptied before the officer had his reply.

"Very well, you may come, and I shall have the others sent for at once."

Bevins gave a quick start of exultation; but his companion continued without a pause:

"I shall be there within half an hour, and shall instruct the guard at the outer gate to admit you immediately on your arrival."

His companion held up a hand as if forgetting something. "If your majesty please, I should prefer that you instruct the guard at the private entrance leading from the garden in the rear."

To this also the king assented, attributing it to a desire for concealment on the part of his companion, who almost at once made his adieu, passed out beyond the curtains, through the door, and joined the rest of the lagging crowd. The fog had not abated, but seemed even more impenetrable than in the earlier hours

and seeming to remember something familiar in the face. They waited without speaking until the lord of the admiralty appeared, showing from his garb that he had been compelled to hasten his coming; and then came the king.

"Gentlemen," he said, turning to the others, "this is Admiral Robert Bevins of the United States navy."

Had he said: "Gentlemen, here is an assassin with a pocketful of bombs," the effect on the members of his cabinet could have been hardly less marked. Bevins bowed and extended his hand to each in turn, assuring them of his friendliness. The king himself without parley conducted them to a more private room, and offered each in turn a cigar, after which he looked inquiringly at his guest, who answered by drawing from his pocket a sealed dispatch, which he delivered. It was torn open and read in silence, passing from hand to hand, after which the admiral, without prelude, plunged into his subject.

"As will be witnessed by the dispatches I have brought, the United States wishes nothing more than complete harmony. It has been compelled for the sake of peace to adopt rather unprecedented methods, which I can assure you will at least revolutionize all methods of warfare as generally understood. The letter is to reassure your majesty."

The two members of the ministry looked at each other in strained sus-

ment, reading in this placid assertion a threat.

"No, it not a menace to you or the world, if you will but grant my wish. Gentlemen, I am asking you to be my guests in the name of humanity, which is above all rulers and above all governments!" His voice was vibrant and almost pleading in his anxiety to gain his point.

The king alone seemed half inclined to go. "I have known Bevins for 30 years," he said slowly, "and we have been very good friends, indeed intimate at times, and I would intrust my life in his keeping; but a man and a king are two different beings. As a man I would go at once; but as the representative head of a nation I cannot take the risk unless there is no other way."

The minister and the lord of the admiralty spoke together in their disapproval, and besought their superior to refuse such a demand under any and all conditions. Bevins saw that he was losing his point, and stepped into the breach.

"Wait!" he begged, rising to his feet. "Will your majesty permit me to bring other proof that what I ask is for the best?"

The king nodded. "Then grant me an order to the guard at the door which will enable me to pass without interruption and return."

There was the pressure of a button, an order to the equerry to do as the visitor wished, and the officer bowed himself out of the room. His majesty's advisers began an impassioned appeal that he should under all circumstances refuse to leave the security of his palace. They pointed out the dangers which might assail him in many ways, despite the fact that his visitor was his friend; but to all of these advices he made no reply, lounging in a careless attitude and blowing wreaths of smoke toward the shaded electric lights above his head. There was a rap at the door, and it was thrown open by an equerry, who stood at attention, his face betraying no sign of anything unusual.

Into the room entered another visitor, followed by Bevins, who closed the door after him. The materialization of a ghost could have created no greater surprise. The king dropped his cigar on the carpet and, like his companions, jumped to his feet and stood like a statue. The prime minister's hand was half poised in the air and remained there while the lord of the admiralty shoved his head forward in an attitude of awe-struck questioning.

The king broke the silence. "Field! is that you?" he asked, in utter astonishment.

"Yes, your majesty, it is I," and he advanced to meet the king, who suddenly held out his hand.

The others rushed forward almost incoherently in greeting the admiral who had sailed away in command of the great fleet of demonstration and had been given up as dead.

Field was apparently enjoying the situation, and waited until they began to ask question before expressing his views. "I am under my word of honor, or I might say parole—"

"Not that," Bevins interrupted. "You are not a prisoner."

"Well, under promise then, that I shall say nothing concerning the mystery which I now thoroughly understand." He made a little grimace as if the subject brought up unpleasant recollections of defeat, and went on: "I am here to-night as the guest of our friend the admiral. He has told me of his failure to convince you that what he asks is necessary, and I have come to add my arguments to his, urging upon you to do as he says. He has told you the truth when he says that it may mean an end to war."

The ministers and the lord of the admiralty looked shocked; but the king made a decision without hesitancy. "I will accept, and believe it best that the others should accompany me." It was conclusive.

They donned their light coats, and when the monarch stepped from his wardrobe a moment later he, too, was garbed for his trip and preceded them down the hallways, through corridors and arched doors, over heavy carpets where the noise of their feet was deadened, and across tiled floors where the ring of their boot-heels disturbed the silence. Only once did the king halt, and that was for Bevins to indicate whether it was desirable to pass through the private door or into the broader corridor leading toward the front of the palace. They chose the former course, passed the wondering sentry at the door, and out into the night. The odor of June flowers came to them on every side through the weird veil of fog, and from the drive beyond the pile of stone and brick came the steady clattering of horses' hoofs. They walked closely together, the king holding Bevins' arm. The sentry heard their feet steadily crunching out over the gravelled walks, started at the sound of a melancholy, far-reaching whistle, wondering whether it was a signal of some strange import, and then resumed his usual motionless attitude.

The king and his ministers had been taken by the fog, the night and the mystery.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



They Stood for a Moment, the King and the Admiral.

of the evening and rendered traffic more difficult. Here and there came the glow and halation of an arc light, dimly showing through a veil and lighting up a tiny radius in the gloom. A constable kept calling: "Keep close to the wall! Keep close to the wall!" his voice sounding from a long distance and muffled. Cabmen were insistently shouting, and when Bevins came to the first street crossing he was almost run down by a slow-moving automobile whose eyes stared at him suddenly like those of a great beetle. It was the king driving to his residence.

At Buckingham palace, where the royal banner was hanging sodden from its staff, the guards with busbys coated with the perspiration of the night, tramped briskly to and fro at the great iron gates in front as well as past the gates of the garden on Buckingham road, a half mile in the rear. The time of the appointment was past when the guard at the private entrance received the expected visitor with a comment of surprise and apology that he had not been accompanied through the gardens by the farther sentries.

"Very thoughtless and unusual, sir," he said, "and I'll report them at once." "No, no, don't do that," Bevins hastily requested. "I wished to come alone. By his majesty's permission," he added, and the man conducted him to the private audience chamber, where he was given a seat.

The prime minister entered only a few minutes later and stared hard at Bevins, evidently trying to recall whether or not they had met before,

pense, and eagerly waited for the American to continue, which he did after brief thought, in which time he gravely studied the king's face.

"It has not been pleasant for my country to take the steps it has; but there were no other means of establishing and maintaining—perhaps forever—a continued state of peace. Gentlemen, I believe that the day of war has nearly seen its sunset. I believe if you will intrust yourselves to my care for the next few hours, under my assurance as a representative of my government and as a friend of his majesty's, that no harm will come to any of you, that I can convince you of what I have said, as well as of the uselessness of strife."

Again there was silence, while those in the room looked at each other questioningly.

"Yes, it will require your leaving the palace," the admiral continued as if responding to an interrogation, and then with grim humor added, "that notwithstanding the disappearance of the kaiser and his chancellor."

The ministers shook their heads, indicating that it was impossible.

"The reason this is necessary," the officer hastened to add, "is that your people will never understand the power of the United States nor believe in it on less distinguished testimony than that which you will be able to render. Even then it will be hard for them to comprehend that my country is in possession of an engine of war that could bring all nations to its feet, or annihilate them if it chose."

His hearers stiffened up for a mo-

corner of the city, until, as one has said: "Literally, there is scarce a street, bazaar, khan, courtyard or dwelling house which has not its marble or stone fountain constantly filled with running water supplied directly by the Abana itself." Thus, the Abana, not fruitlessly wasting her waters on that thirsty land, saves them in her narrow gorge till she can fling them well out on the desert, and extends all her life at once in the creation of a single city.—Biblical World.

# THE VOGUE IN PARIS



DAINTY, dazzling, delicious, such are the creations which Dame Fashion has introduced for the summer of 1909.

To accommodate the clinging, slinky, floppy styles now in vogue, materials are all of a kind calculated to fall in soft folds and drape in folds known as "classic," and which are purely Parisian, and as much superior to classic folds as the smart Paris gown is to the cumbersome toga, writes Marie de Montaigne.

Sheer white embroidered robes are features of this and the coming season, and these are distinguished for the delicacy and exquisite workmanship of the embroidery. This, in the better class of machine-made embroidery, rivals hand work in beauty, and only an adept or the person who paid the bills could tell the difference between them.

Our first illustration shows an admirable design in the latest mode for our warm season. It is a gown that may be made up in a wide variety of materials, from cloth to chiffon, or linen to mull. A gorgeous dinner gown could be created by making the guimpe and stock; the full drawn puff across the front between the empire band and sash, and the sleeves of silver tissue with a gown of thin blue satin; or of gold tissue with any kind of black evening material. In the first case the empire bolero with its short upper sleeves; the sash, cuffs, edge of overskirt and bottom of skirt would be embroidered or braided in silver. In the next instance the black gown would be embroidered in gold.

To make an afternoon gown of this model use soft silk or satin, and work an elaborate pattern of hand-embroidery or soutache braid over the broad part of the bodice, which is formed somewhat on the bolero order in regard to brevity, and which serves to support the skirt by means of two broad, embroidered straps which are buttoned to the top of the sash. Of course, the strap is usually sewed firmly to the sash, but it is quite possible to fasten it on the button and with a concealed hook and eye in each corner. This would permit one to wear a sheer blouse on a warm day without the embroidered covering.

The overskirt is looped in upward folds on each side, and is embroidered to harmonize with the design used upon the bodice. This begins in a tiny scallop high up the front of the overskirt, and increases in the size of scallops towards the bottom. Buttons or button effects are set in each scallop. Usually these are of raised embroidery, beginning with a mere dot and growing to quite a large disc lower down on the overskirt.

Upon the skirt is repeated another harmonizing embroidery or braid design that extends around the bottom on and above the hem and straggles up charmingly into an irregular point upon the front of the skirt.

The bottom of the skirt lies on the floor in full, floppy folds all around and has a slight trail in the back.

Between the embroidered bolero sleeves and cuff is a plain sleeve, fitted and buttoned down the outer side.

This may be of the dress material or of the sheer fabric used for the collar and front of the gown.

When built of thin white or flowered summer cotton fabrics the embellished portions of the gown may be cut out of all-over embroidery or lace and supplied by edgings and flouncings to match.

Striped linen is used in making up the gown shown in the illustration on the right. A combination of plain and striped linen would also be most effective in this model, while silk, in the same plan, would also serve charmingly.

The coat is built to fasten at one side under a panel front, in each of which is inserted along the middle a piece of trimming material. A semi-fitted effect is given the garment by means of narrow plaits or pin tucks that extend from below the bust down and emphasize a short-waisted appearance. A babyish round collar is edged with trimming, which may be either a striped material or tucking, similar to that used upon the coat panel. Large buttons decorate each shoulder and also the sleeve cuff and straps around the upper arm. Perhaps the most striking feature in the gown is its pretty sleeve. This is mousquetaire, of three-quarter length, and shows, below it, a fitted cuff of lace or such embroidered material as may be selected to trim the dress with. A plaited skirt, made walking length, completes an effective costume, which might be made up attractively in any cotton, linen, silk or thin wool goods suitable for a dress to be worn in the forenoon.

With this costume is shown a basin-shaped hat with flowers around the crown and big loops of soft ribbon hanging over the back.

Linen is an admirable material in which to build the model shown. It is a style equally adapted to light wool and silk fabrics.—Boston Herald.

### ORNAMENT FOR THE HAIR.



A Becoming Coronet of Silver Filigree and Seed Pearls.

Dainty gloves for summer evening wear are of delicately tinted silk, embroidered in jewels.

## Rivers That Make Damascus

Situated in Desert, Town Would Be Uninhabitable Were It Not for These Two Streams.

The situation of Damascus is remarkable—she stands isolated on an oasis of the vast desert which everywhere hems her in. You may see from Damascus the sunset fires touch with purple the low western hills 25 miles away. These hills mark the

beginning of the great desert—beyond them there is nothing but a rolling waste and the long roads to Palmyra and Bagdad. The permanence and prosperity of Damascus are due to the presence of two rivers, which have converted this spot of the dreary, desolate and uninhabited desert into a smiling and well watered plain. The Pharpar approaches only within seven

miles of Damascus, but by means of canals and aqueducts sends its life-giving waters to the gardens of the city. The Abana is the stream from which the city's main supply of water is obtained. Minerva like, it springs full born from the base of a perpendicular rock at Ain Fijih, in the heart of the Anti-Lebanons, and runs a course of ten miles in a gorge, a large river 20 to 30 feet wide and four feet deep, its waters always fresh and ice cold, casting out branches everywhere, permeating every nook and

## DIRECTORY.

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 Rev. F. X. Brule, O. M. I.

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 Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 11 a. m.  
 Evening Prayer at 7:30 p. m.

Chaplain Mills.  
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## LOCAL.

### Advertise in the News

T. B. Overstreet was in town Thursday.

Martin Boehmer left last Wednesday for Eagle Pass.

P. C. Riddle was enjoying the sights of our city the last part of last week.

John Villareal, the deputy county clerk was in Uvalde Sunday.

Sam Harwood spent the first part of the week renewing old acquaintances.

Miss Edna Slaton spent the first part of the week in town, the guest of Miss Hope Anderson.

Frank Clamp, of Tularosa was renewing old acquaintances in town Tuesday.

Tom Martin, of the Martin ranch, was in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. James H. Ballantyne commonly known as "Tuteje" went to San Antonio Tuesday.

Miss Leila Slaton was visiting friends and acquaintances in town Monday and Tuesday the guest of Miss May Gowan.

J. W. Nolan, from the Northern part of the county, was seen on our streets the first part of the week.

Max Herbst and brother Fritz, with their mother and sister were in from the West Pinto looking at the town Thursday.

Fresh fruit at the City Bakery next door to Holmes Drug Store

## Ice Cold Drinks.

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Word was received last Saturday from Mr. Price. He said that he made the trip without a hitch.

Miss Lucy Windus after having completed a successful term of school at Sanderson, returned home last Wednesday. We are glad to welcome Miss Lucy home.

J. G. Blackman, the jolly stock man of Northern part of the county, was in town last week. Mr. Blackman says everything is in its second Heaven out there.

Max Herbst, a prosperous ranchman from the West Pinto, was in town last week and although he says everything is pretty dry cattle are holding their own.

Mr. Bless was talking to the correspondent of the News-Mail and says some of his corn is over two feet high and although it is real dry that cotton and corn is holding its own.

The six troops of the Third Cavalry and Band left yesterday for Fort Sam Houston, where they will be stationed. 'Tis with regret that the people of Brackett sees the boys of the Third go.

W. B. Hudson, the successful farmer from the Pinto, was in town Saturday. Mr. Hudson says not withstanding the dry weather that cotton and corn is not suffering and will do all right for fifteen days longer.

Geo. Robertson, the successful sheep man, from the Northern part of the county was in town Monday and left Tuesday morning before day light and when asked the cause of such performances he replied, "Reasons."

The News-Mail office printed the invitations announcing the marriage of Miss Minnie Rowland and Mr. James H. Ballantyne this week. The wedding is to take place Wednesday evening at 8:30 and they are to be married at the Catholic Church.

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Mr. Will Price of Texas is visiting at home this week, - Baldwin (Kan.) Republican.

Col. Wm. W. Price editor of the Brackett News-Mail came up to root for Eagle Pass, but finding that Notson had an option on the rooting business, quietly subsided. He was a pleasant caller at our sanctum and is a most genial gentleman, - West Texas News

Mr. Geo. Robertson, the Kinney county sheepman was in town this week and reported sheep in fine condition and a little later left for Del Rio but would give the writer no reasons for deserting Brackett and his sheep.

Mr. Tillman Hunt, one of Brackett's young bloods, gave a dance last Friday night at the Olympia Hall. Tillman saw that everybody had a good time. The young people danced to the early hour of one and everybody voted Tillman their sincere thanks for the way he had royally entertained them.

### Subscribe for the News.

County Surveyor, C. F. Hodges, has just returned from a surveying trip down at the new town on the Dixie crossing. Mr. Hodges reports the country to be looking pretty good and that work is progressing nicely. They are going to call the new town "Said."

Mr. Sam Witt, of the firm of Witt Bros. was on the sick list this week. Mr. Witt while passing through town last Friday stopped in at this office and showed the reporter some very fine imported bees. The bees came direct from Italy and were the very best obtainable. Mr. Witt says he imports Italian Queen Bees every once in a while.

### Give us your job work.

### The B. B. Club.

Wednesday morning, June 2, most of the members of the B. B. Club met at the Sauer ranch.

Each one brought lunch. They arrived at 9:30 and spent the time from then to twelve in playing croquet, authors and dominoes. Then dinner was served. An hour later every one took their lunch and walked to the Las Moras where we all went wading.

Then we all rested. After a while some of us went to Gilder's house, but were back soon. At about 6 o'clock the lunches were spread on a very nice place on the right bank of the river. All ate to their heart's content.

We had just crossed the river when we heard a wagon coming.

It was Mr. Sauer who then took all of us to town. A good time was reported. Those present were: Misses Fannie Bell Patrick, Kathleen, Myrtle and Gladys Nolan, Maggie Keplinger, Roberta Ballantyne, Adele, Else and Hortense Sauer. Messrs. Burn Ballantyne and Oswald Sauer.

### A MEMBER.

### GOOD AVERAGE.

Madge—How did your summer campaign pan out?

Dolly—It was fairly successful. I captured five engagement rings and only two of them turned out to be paste.

County Surveyor, C. F. Hodges, is surveying this week at the Anacho.

Sam Harwood, one of the most progressive stockmen of northern Kinney county, was on the streets this week. Mr. Harwood reports cattle to be doing fine and although it hasn't rained out there recently the range is in first class condition.

Fresh Candies at the City Bakery next door to Holmes Drug Store.

### The Horse and the Auto.

Auto racing will in a measure supersede horse racing at the International Fair next autumn, not that the ponies are not to be in evidence on the course as here to fore, but recent legislation is assumed to have put a crimp in the turf sports as they were formerly conducted by eliminating the bookmaker and the betting features that contributed so largely to the making up of the attractive purses that were the inducement for entries.

The motor vehicle is the Twentieth Century evolution of the horse. Electricity and gasoline have superseded him as a motive power for pleasure carriages and for traffic to a great and increasing extent, and now the motor car is about to push him from the race track, and in the last analysis it may relegate him to the limbo of forgetfulness or to the meat stalls of the butcher.

There are those who still cling to their preference for the noble animal who is man's best friend, both for pleasure and for work, and who will not exchange him for the new fangled motor cars.

There are still those who would much rather see a horse race than an automobile race, but perhaps the latter can be made equally exciting and equally as attractive by the short distance contests which have been scheduled and the interest which is enlisted will increase rather than diminish by the repetition.

The suggestion that the Fair would suffer seriously from the elimination of the horse races as the main feature was never subscribed to by those who appreciate the real mission of the exposition of industries, arts and sciences, and who realize that other considerations than those which draw the sportively inclined to the Fair Grounds may be equally potent in swelling the gate receipts as well as in fulfilling the mission of the Fair. There will be plenty of entertainment and amusement at the next autumn session of the International Fair even without any horse racing, but the devotees of the turf need not be disheartened, for there will be horse racing also.

The directors and managers of the Fair are going about the preparations for the coming autumn in the right way, and there is promise of the fullest measure of success.

For galvanized tanks see Wm. Haines of Brackettville, Texas

### COLLECTS CURIOUS LAMPS.

Mrs. Larz Anderson has some very beautiful lamps that she has gathered from all parts of Italy, where she spent several years. She has some used by Etruscan ladies. Quite a number of eastern women are making a fad of collecting quaint and beautiful lamps of past fashions.

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**SPOFFORD NEWS.**

Tom Black left Sunday for San Antonio.

H. G. Martin came in Sunday from San Antonio.

Mrs. T. Scott is here on a visit to her daughter Mrs. Buck West.

J. M. Chittim came in Wednesday from San Antonio.

J. M. McKean shipped one carload of horses to Kingsburg Monday.

J. F. McCormick spent several days in San Antonio the past week on business.

Mrs. O. W. Zuehl and daughter Kathleen returned from San Antonio Saturday.

C. L. Miller spent Sunday in San Antonio with his brother Oscar Miller.

Miss Ruby Curtis is spending several days with Mrs. F. O. Miller at Anacho this week.

Miss Bessie Zuehl left Monday for a ten day visit with Miss Mary Black.

Mr. F. O. Long was in Brackett Monday and Tuesday on business.

T. N. Smith of the Nicholson Furnish and Smith Land Co. of San Antonio was here on business Tuesday.

Wray Zuehl left Monday for Austin to attend a summer school there he will complete his course in preparatory work, thus enabling him to enter the university this fall.

Nell McCormick left for Houston Friday where she will spend several weeks with her school mate Alice Sears.

Ground is being cleared and work will start at once on a four room cottage to be built and occupied by the Del Rio Southwestern telephone Co.

Randolph Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. Gay Mrs. O. F. Miller were in to attend the Pratorian entertainment Tuesday evening.

Mrs. F. O. Long and little daughter Myrtle were guests of Mrs. N. P. Petersen at Brackett Monday.

Mrs. Gus Black left for Uvalde Sunday where she will visit for a day or so before going on to see her son Allan graduate with highest honors at St. Edwards College.

The Praetorians entertained their friends with an informal reception at the school house Tuesday evening. After several musical selections recitations were given by Miss Nell McCormick and Master Joe Cox, two exciting contests were held. The prizes in the ladies contest going to Mrs. L. N. Lewis, first prize, and Miss Gertrude Zuehl consolation prize. The childrens prizes went to Clara Salmon first and Pauline Shugke consolation. Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served. At a late hour all departed and expressed themselves by saying they had spent a most pleasant evening.

**FASHIONABLE STONE FOR 1909.**

The amethyst is the fashionable stone for 1909. It is pronounced by the prophet Zedekiel to be the "lucky stone."

If the love and friendship which the amethyst represents are of no account to wearers let them remember that it is also a charm against the evils of intoxication! Anyhow the art jewelers have seized upon this oriental superstition and set the stone in a myriad of designs which make it peculiarly lovely and attractive.

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**PARDON CONSPIRACY LEADER.**

**Taft's Clemency Frees Encarnacion Diaz Guerra After Two Months.**

Leavenworth, Kas., June 4.—Encarnacion Diaz Guerra, leader in the conspiracy to invade Mexico and overthrow President Porfirio Diaz, which resulted in the massing of American and Mexican troops at Del Rio, Tex., two months ago, and who was pardoned by President Taft, left the federal prison here today.

Guerra arrived at the prison April 5 under an eighteen months sentence. The pardon was received this morning.

**The W. O. W. Turned Out.**

Last Sunday, the sixth of June was memorial day for the Woodmen of the World.

Nearly thirty Sovereigns assembled at the lodge room about six o'clock and at 6:15 they started to march in column of 2's out to the cemetery to decorate the grave of Sovereign Hunt.

The ceremonies were solemn and impressive.

When the sad rites were over at the cemetery they marched back to the lodge room as they had left it.

**\$100.00 Reward**

I will pay 100.00 [one hundred dollars] reward for information resulting in the conviction of any party or parties leaving open the gates or injuring the fences of my pastures on the Nueces. See articles 794 and 795 page 144 revised statutes.

DAVE ROSE

**It Is Different Now.**

Twenty-two years ago President Taft and bride went to Paris on their bridal tour and wished to see all that was to be seen—even the royal families.

"It was then," says the Vicksburg American, "that Mr. Taft requested Mr. White, then secretary of legation, to procure an invitation for him and his bride to some notable function. Although he could have easily obtained the card of admission, Mr. White sent Mr. Taft the following kind note in response to his request: 'I am sorry to inform you that I was unable to accomplish what you asked. The affair is very exclusive. The number of invitations is limited, and they have been ordered sent only to persons of importance and distinction. I enclose, however, tickets to the museum, and trust that Mrs. Taft and yourself will spend a pleasant afternoon.'"

Mr. Taft, like all fat men, is good natured and forgiving, and would probably have long ago forgotten the incident, but Mrs. Taft kept that letter for twenty-two years.

The result of it is that Mr. White will no longer be ambassador to Paris, a post which is sold to be his life's ambition; and when he comes back to America and asks for an invitation to the White House he will probably be handed a ticket to a moving picture show."

**The J. S. C. Entertainment.**

Miss Eunice Perry entertained the Jolly Social Club last Thursday evening.

The club was called to order and the officers were elected by acclamation. The following officers were installed:—Miss Hope Anderson, President; Miss Myrtle Anderson, Vice-President and Miss Glenn Veltmann, Secretary.

The club intends to give quite a few receptions and entertainments in the near future.

**FRANK LANE**

Attorney At Law  
Office in Courthouse  
Brackettville Texas.

**Arrivals From Eagle Pass.**

Del Rio was alive last week with visitors from Eagle Pass and Brackett and the city was, by universal consent, turned over to them, though we think Del Rio should have put out a reception committee to receive and entertain our distinguished guests—Special cars were chartered.

Those arriving to participate in "Strife" and base ball were: R. E. Rainwater, A. Notzon, T. McAlpin, J. W. Chichester, H. D. Oldham, Mrs. Joe DeBona, Mrs. Lomard. The Misses Graves Fox, Maudie McAlpin, Clara White, Inez Zaragora, Louise and Adeline Whitehead, Geraldine McCarty and Childs. Mrs. J. D. Childs, Mrs. Brookins, Mrs. H. Jackson and daughter. Messrs. J. D. Beck, Joe DeBona, R. C. DeBona, G. Cheek, O. Zeigle, C. F. Pilgrim, W. Denalson, Perez, G. J. Geyer, J. K. Wilson, R. DeBona, Jr., Perry McMinomon, L. Jaggi, Arch Schmidt, E. H. Schmidt, F. Fox, F. Hausser, M. Collis, Z. Melancon, Alf White, T. H. Terrell, Tom Fox, J. M. Milson, F. Fessman, S. Dolct, F. H. Schmidt, all of Eagle Pass and Col. L. Ellsworth, U. S. Consul at C. P. Diaz.

Those arriving to root for Eagle base ball club were. Editor Wm W. Price of the Brackett News-Mail, Jim Clamp, J. H. Stadler, H. Veltmann, Jr. H. E. Veltmann and J. T. Nolan, all of Brackett.

**For Sale.**

The Brackett Hotel property for sale. Good location. Good trade. For further information see

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For headache Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills.

**Brackett Won Out.**

The ball game between Brackett and Fort Clark was called at 2 o'clock Sunday.

The principal feature of the game was the heavy hitting. There was four home runs made during the game. Bihey Veltmann, of Brackett, worked Lindered for one of them.

Outside of the loose playing on both sides it was a very good game.

The battery for Brackett was Veltmann and Read and for Fort Clark was McGown and Turner for the first part of the game and Lindered and Morgan for the last part of the game.

The score was 17 to 7 in favor of Brackett.

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**Smoother Then.**  
 The second-year debutante, as she managed her left cheek with a rotary movement, said:  
 "Of course I love him, though he's rather rough, I confess."  
 "Before I threw him over," said the third-year debutante, looking up from the face-steaming machine, "he shaved every day."

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## The Clew of the Liquor Bottles

Edited by William J. Bacon

A True Story of the Secret Service, as Told by Capt. Dickson

**S**OME years ago, before I became connected with the United States secret service in the east, I was engaged by a member of the western express companies to do some special work for them," began Capt. Dickson. "My headquarters were in Denver and my work, on the whole, was decidedly interesting. One adventure in particular made me proud of my service for our company, although it was largely a matter of luck that brought about my success in that instance. I am a firm believer in luck, for it plays an important part in every man's life, and it has figured to a large extent in my own affairs. I am free to confess.

"A daring express robbery had been committed in the western part of the state, near the Utah line, by three men. The messenger had been murdered and the passengers throughout the train robbed of all their money. The hold-up men secured something more than \$15,000 from the express company's safe and fully \$5,000 from the passengers. They took nothing but money, however, leaving valuable jewelry, diamonds and watches with their owners, and ignoring the parcels in the express car. This circumstance showed that the gang was composed of experienced thieves, for money is the hardest thing in the world to trace.

"I was notified of the robbery on the afternoon of the second day after it occurred, and although I hastened to the spot with all dispatch and made my arrangement by wire, it was noon of the third day before I alighted at the nearest station. Here I had arranged for two horses and a prospector's outfit, deeming it best to follow the bandits in the disguise of a miner, as the robbery had been made at a point near the mining region of southwestern Colorado, and I expected to find the criminals at some of the numerous mining camps.

"I have never been a believer in disguises except as to clothing. All efforts to change the face with grease paints and wigs and the like only tend to attract attention and direct suspicion to the man thus togged out. The casual observer might not notice the deception, but the criminal, and especially the hunted criminal, is no casual observer. He has formed the habit of noticing everything, and he will detect the least false point in a man's appearance and shun him as if he were afflicted with the plague.

"A change of dress will work wonders in a man's appearance. If a man can wear other clothes than those he is accustomed to, and wear them easily and naturally, he can more effectively disguise himself by this means than he can with all the wigs and paints and whiskers in existence.

"Coming across the continental divide, I had suffered a slight attack of indigestion. I sent the porter after a flask of whisky, asking for a certain brand. He returned in a few minutes with one of the diminutive little bottles customarily sold on sleeping cars at a quarter a bottle. It was not the kind I had ordered, but the porter explained that this was the only brand of liquor the company sold, and I had to be content with it. The label of the bottle stated that it was put up expressly for the company.

"On reaching my destination, I immediately assumed the character of a miner and set about my inquiry. There was little information to be gathered beyond what was contained in the express company's report of the robbery, of which I had a carbon-copy. Satisfied that time spent here would be wasted, I set out for the scene of the robbery, riding a wiry little pony and leading another on which was packed my outfit of grub and cooking implements and miner's tools.

"The place was a desolate spot. The road ran through a broad alkali valley which had not, at that time, been brought under cultivation by irrigation. It was easy to pick up the trail of bandits and follow it across the valley in a southwesterly direction to the foot-hills of the Rockies, where the trail disappeared, the rocky ground leaving no trace of hoof-prints.

"From this point on it was to be a matter of luck and guesswork. I believed my men had made for Telluride, Ouray, Silverton or some other mining camp, but I was not rash enough to venture a guess as to which it might be at that stage of the game. These camps, with their rough, shifting population, offered capital retreats for criminals, and from past experiences I knew that my three rogues would, in all probability, remain in one of these camps until the excitement from the robbery had subsided, and then make for civilization to spend their money.

"For three days I drifted at random through the mountains, following trails and paths, for there were no roads, endeavoring to pick up some clew or find the place where my party had spent the first night after the robbery. The hold-up had occurred about noon, and, by hard riding, the three highwaymen could penetrate some ten or twenty miles into the fastness of the mountains before it became too dark to travel further. It was out of the question for any one to advance through that region after dark. I hoped to find the place of their camp, and felt sure I would do so by persevering.

men. They had not stopped there certainly, so I took the trail to Telluride, a mining camp farther on in the mountains. Telluride was then a camp of 800 or 1,000 souls, and there was a bit of a mining boom on which daily brought new prospectors to swell its citizenship, fatuous souls brought there by the greed of gold—a lure that never fails to attract victims in swarms. For three days I searched in vain through the saloons and dance halls and other places where the rough miners congregated without finding a trace of my three rogues. That infallible sixth sense of mine was doing its best to keep me longer in Telluride, although my judgment told me to move on to Silverton; but in the end my intuition won the fight and I remained.

"One evening I was drinking with a raw-boned miner. The whisky where it was made would never have recognized its product in its present form. I complained of the poor quality of whisky and asked my acquaintance if there were not some better stuff to be found in the camp. He said there was not, at any of the bars, but that he had been given an amazingly good drink by a miner, whose name he mentioned. He said it had been in a little bottle which held just enough to tease one, but it was the best liquor he had drunk since he left Kentucky many years before. He licked his lips in pleasant memory of the drink.

"I almost gave myself away, so keen was my pleasure at this chance remark. I inquired about the gen-

eral owner of the good liquor, with a show of indifference I was far from feeling. He was a late arrival, it seemed, and lived in a shanty far up on the mountain-side with two companions. The three were making a rather poor attempt to work a claim they had preempted.

"Getting away from my loquacious miner-friend, I climbed the steep trail to the cabin and set about an investigation of it with great caution. The men were at home, and from the sounds issuing from its closed doors I guessed they were having a rare old time that evening. I approached to the very door and listened with my ear to the planks to sounds of revelry within. The men were gambling and drinking, and I could hear the clink of coins and the rattle of bottles and the ribald jests with which they made their bets and gloated over their winnings and cursed their luck when they lost.

"I was the dry season, and this was in my favor, for no rains came to obliterate the trail. For five days I followed the bandits across the hills and through the valleys, verifying my route from time to time by fragments of broken whisky bottles along the way, and at the places where they had camped for a night. The buffet-car must have been well stocked, for I found many bottles in this journey.

"The trail eventually came to a well beaten road, which, from my map, I learned was the stage and mail route from Montrose, the nearest railroad point to Ouray, then a rather insignificant mining settlement. I lost no time in getting to Ouray, for it was impossible to trail my men along this road and I was sure they had headed for the mining camp.

"Two days were spent at Ouray without finding a trace of the three

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Tampico, Mexico.—A party of English fishermen had an unusual and most exciting experience in the Panuco river with a large sting ray or devil fish. It is very rarely that these fish are seen in the river, for they are supposed to confine themselves to the sea, although they are often encountered near the coast along the south Atlantic and in the Gulf of Mexico. Occasionally a small one is taken by fishermen near the coast of Florida, but their appearance in the Panuco river is something unheard of before.

The party of fishermen in question consisted of Capt. A. Paget, Capt. Molyneux, Sir Charles Cost, Maj. Ramsden, Capt. Robert Duff and Lady Juliet Duff, who were out in small boats in quest of tarpon, when three of these monster rays were encountered. One of the boats, being supplied with a small harpoon, threw it into the nearest ray, when the fun began. The other boats came to the assistance, and made fast in an effort to keep the first boat, which was being fast towed seaward by the monster devil fish, but the five boats and a launch which had come up in the meantime were towed down the river with as little effort as if they had been mere toys invented for the playthings of this queer shaped monster. In the struggle of the fish, Capt. Paget narrowly escaped being dragged overboard, as the rope attached to the harpoon, in a sudden run which the fish made, caught the captain's foot in a loop, which would have made short shift of this famous sportsman. Just at that moment, however, the fish gave a sudden turn which loosened the rope and enabled the captain to extricate himself.

After several minutes of the wildest excitement which has ever been



The Boat Was Being Fast Towed Seaward by the Monster Devil Fish.

experienced by fishermen in the Panuco, they succeeded in dragging the monster into comparatively shallow water, and were congratulating themselves on the probable capture of the greatest fish that had ever been taken from the waters of the Panuco, when the monster gave a mighty flop that threatened to engulf all the small boats, dashed under the launch, almost capsized it, and succeeded in tearing out the harpoon, and thus escaped. This fish is said to measure at least 18 feet from tip to tip of its wing-shaped fins or flippers, while the other two from the feeting glimpse gained, were nearly the same size.

Many wonderful stories are told of the prowess of these monster fish, such as attaching themselves to a boat of considerable size and dragging it about as if it were a toy, and while they are supposed to feed and live near the bottom of the sea, instances are recorded where they have come to the surface and thrown one of their large, flipper-like fins over persons happening to be in the water, and dragged them down. Small boats have been capsized in the same manner, whether accidentally or purposely can not be said. The fish are known by the various names of devil fish, sea devils and vampires, and attain in some species a weight of more than a ton, and all are provided with long tails covered with a row of spines and terminating in a hard bone weapon of the shape of a long-headed lance, which is used with deadly effect for either offensive or defensive purposes.

**A Natural Sequence.**  
"The rescue Jenks made at the fire is quite a feather in his cap."  
"I suppose that is why he plumes himself so on it."

## BURDENS LIFTED

From Bent Backs.

A bad back is a heavy handicap to those of us who have to work every day. Nine times out of ten, backache tells of kidney weakness. The only way to find relief is to cure the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills have given sound strong backs to thousands of men and women. Mrs. Wesley Clemens, 311 Marion St., Manchester, Ia., says: "Constant work at a sewing machine seemed to bring on kidney trouble. The kidney action was irregular and the pains in my back and loins so severe I could hardly endure it. Doan's Kidney Pills made me feel better in a short time, and I took them until entirely free from my trouble."  
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## BILL'S AFFLICTION.



"Why, uncle, how are all the folks?"  
"They're all well, thanks, 'cept Bill. He's got the baseball fever!"

**Prominent Women Aid Good Cause.**  
A large number of women occupying prominent positions in society, or on the stage, are taking an active interest in the anti-tuberculosis campaign. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt has recently given \$1,000,000 for sanitary homes for consumptives. Mrs. Keith Spalding of Chicago has erected a sanitarium for the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute at a cost of about \$50,000; Mrs. Collis P. Huntington and Mrs. Borden Harriman have given largely to the consumption fight. In Porto Rico, Mrs. Albert Norton Wood, wife of a prominent army officer stationed at San Juan, has stirred the entire island through the anti-tuberculosis crusade she inaugurated. Mme. Emma Calve is a most enthusiastic worker, and has given largely of her talent and money for the relief of tuberculosis sufferers, and Miss Olga Nethersole has even lectured before the public on tuberculosis.

**An Unconscious Tribute.**  
When his business had yielded such profits that he began to take life more easily and think of retiring, Mr. Holden endeavored to throw some good things in the way of a younger firm. "How about letting Hobbs & Rawson have your next consignment of canned novelties?" he suggested to one of the manufacturers. "They are hard-working gentlemen young fellows."  
"That's just the trouble," said the manufacturer, with a decided shake of his head. "I'm no gentleman myself, and I don't propose to mix up nor have any business dealin's with gentlemen."  
"I'll consign my goods to you, same as I've always done, and you can do as you like with 'em."—Youth's Companion.

**Well, What If He Didn't?**  
For many years Dr. Francis L. Patton, ex-president of Princeton university, wore side whiskers. Whenever he suggested shaving them there was a division of opinion in the family. One morning he came into his wife's room, razor in hand, with his right cheek shaved smooth.  
"How do you like it, my dear?" he asked. "If you think it looks well, I will shave the other side, too."—Everybody's Magazine.

## MAKING SUNSHINE

It Is Often Found in Pure Food.

The improper selection of food drives many a healthy person into the depths of despairing illness. Indeed, much sickness comes from wrong food and just so surely as that is the case right food will make the sun shine once more.

An old veteran of Newburyport, Mass., says: "In October, I was taken sick and went to bed, losing 47 pounds in about 60 days. I had doctor after doctor, food hurt me and I had to live almost entirely on magnesia and soda. All solid food distressed me so that water would run out of my mouth in little streams."  
"I had terrible night sweats, and my doctor finally said I had consumption and must die. My good wife gave up all hope. We were at Old Orchard, Me., at that time and my wife saw Grape-Nuts in a grocery there. She bought some and persuaded me to try it."

"I had no faith in it, but took it to please her. To my surprise it did not distress me as all other food had done and before I had taken the fifth package I was well on the mend. The pains left my head, my mind became clearer and I gained weight rapidly."  
"I went back to my work again and now after six weeks' use of the food I am better and stronger than ever before in my life. Grape-Nuts surely saved my life and made me a strong hearty man, 15 pounds heavier than before I was taken ill."  
"Both my good wife and I are willing to make affidavit to the truth of this."

Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason."  
Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

## BOY'S GRATITUDE WAS REAL.

Has Long Cared for Grave of Man Who Had Been Kind to Him Many Years Ago.

Rev. John Henri Sattig, pastor of St. Philip's church, Dyker Heights, Brooklyn, tells this beautiful story: "In Milford, Pa., there is an old graveyard, neglected, weed-grown and unkempt. Of all the mounds in that village of the dead only one is cared for. On that the grass is neatly trimmed, flowers bloom and never a weed appears. The visitor who looks upon this evidence of love and devotion amid so many examples of forgetfulness usually asks whose grave it is, and the sexton answers: 'The man whose body rests there had neither chick nor child. Nearly every day for the six years since the man died a boy comes here to tend to the grave. Winter and summer he comes. The lad is the butcher boy. The man was the only human being who ever was kind to the boy.'"

## SKIN ROUGH AS BARK.

Baby Boy Had Intense Itching Humor—Scatched Till Blood Ran. Found a Cure in Cuticura.

"Our son, two years old, was afflicted with a rash. After he suffered with the trouble several weeks I took him to the doctor but it got worse. The rash ran together and made large blisters. The little fellow didn't want to do anything but scratch and we had to wrap his hands up to keep him from tearing the flesh open till the blood would run. The itching was intense. The skin on his back became hard and rough like the bark of a tree. He suffered intensely for about three months. But I found a remedy in Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. The result was almost magical. That was more than two years ago and there has not been the slightest symptom of it since he was cured. J. W. Lauck, Yukon, Okla., Aug. 28 and Sept. 17, 1908."  
Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

## PITY FOR THE TOILER.



"I hear, Limpy, dat de price of livin' has increased."  
"Yep. Gee, it must be tough to have to work for wot a feller eats."

**Mar-vel-ous!**  
At a baseball game in Chicago the gatekeeper hurried to Comiskey, leader of the White Sox, and said: "Umpire Hurst is here with two friends. Shall I pass 'em in?"  
"An umpire with two friends!" gasped Comiskey. "Sure!"—Everybody's Magazine.

**For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.**  
The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is HICKS' CAPUDINE. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10¢ and 50¢ at Drug Stores.

**Success.**  
"Why did you marry?"  
"For sympathy."  
"Did you get what you were after?"  
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## THE HINT GENTEEL.



Mr. Saphead—By Jove, it's nearly 12 o'clock. Perhaps I had better be going.

Miss Smart—Well, they say "Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."

**Couldn't Stand It.**  
A Raleigh, N. C., woman not long ago received into her house for "training" a "cracker" girl from the mountains.

Endeavor was made to inculcate in the girl a love for order and cleanliness, but suddenly this discipline ceased, for the "poor white" fled to her home in the fastnesses. Thither the Raleigh woman traced her after some difficulty.

"Why did you leave me, Mary Jane?" she asked.  
"Mis' Morgan, I jes' couldn't stay!" exclaimed the girl. "I was jes' cloyed with neatness!"

**Obedience.**  
Prompt and unquestioning obedience is the corner stone of the foundation of success in life. No man can give orders properly who has not learned to take them, and "save his nerve, no man may rule." It will be found that the men who have won their way to positions of power and responsibility have invariably been the men who did not reason or argue or even "respectfully represent," but who promptly did as they were commanded without questioning. It is the large man, not the little man, who recognizes a superior authority.

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

**To Check Spread of Trachoma.**  
It has been reported that the disease known as trachoma, or granular eyelids, has been spreading rapidly among the Indians. To check this trouble congress appropriated \$12,000, placing it in the hands of the commissioner of Indian affairs, for the immediate investigation and treatment of the disease and to check its spread.

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**Japanese Mercantile Marine.**  
In its mercantile marine Japan has 1,618 steamships, of 1,153,340 aggregate tonnage; 4,515 sailing vessels, of 372,319 aggregate tonnage, and 1,390 Japanese "ships of the old style," of 511,452 aggregate tonnage; in all, 7,523 ships, of 2,037,111 aggregate tonnage.

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"Sure is. Even calls his price list a scale of prices."

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Brackett Texas May 12 1909.  
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Brackett Independent School District on Thursday June 17 1909 at 2:30 p. m. and opened on said date from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in said county or elsewhere as the depository of the funds of said Brackett Independent School District until June 17 1911.

Each bidder will state what rate interest it or he is willing to pay for such deposit per annum, and each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one half of one per cent of the county revenue for the preceding year, as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Given under my hand and official seal at my office in Brackett Texas, the 12th day of May 1909.

R. Stratton, President Board of Trustees Brackett Independent School District.

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on the ranch known as the Mariposa ranch for the purpose of hunting, fishing or cutting wood will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. All permits previously issued, either verbal or written are hereby revoked.

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## Nervous Indigestion

The action of digestion is controlled by nerves leading to the stomach. When they are weak, the stomach is deprived of its energy. It has no power to do its work. If you want permanent relief, you must restore this energy. Dr. Miles' Nervine restores nervous energy, and gives the organs power to perform their functions.

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**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that the commissioner's court of Kinney County will meet as a Board of Equalization on the second Monday in June A. D. 1909, as provided by law, Art. 5120 R. S. at the Court House in the town of Brackett at which time all parties interested may appear.

By order of the court  
Chas. Kartes, Clerk County Court, Kinney County, Texas,

**NOTICE.**

My pastures formerly known as the Furnish Ranch are posted. There will be no fishing, camping or hunting allowed in any of them, any one found violating this notice will be prosecuted.

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**\$100.00 Reward**

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One pair gold cuff buttons with small stone set, Ten dollars reward for return to O. W. Stadler, J. D. JENNINGS.

**NOT DISOBEDIENT.**



"Why, uncle, I thought the doctor ordered you not to go out of doors this weather!"  
"Well, I didn't. I climbed out of the window!"

**DID HAVE WORD RIGHT ONCE**

Bad Speller Fooled Critics Who Had Idea He Could Not Get It Correctly.

Some bad spellers hit on a phonetic version of a difficult word and stick to it; others are of the wobbly kind. One of these latter is an inspector for a fire insurance agency. He was ordered to visit a certain premises daily and report the amount of inflammable material stored there. In his first list he mentioned a certain number of gallons of "kerosene."

"Funny that he always gets these words wrong," said a man in the office. "You'd think that he'd get them right once in a while under the law of chances."

"Oh, he does hit the nail on the head-sometimes," declared another man. Thereupon a bet of cigars was made that in his next ten reports the inspector would not spell "kerosene" correctly.

This unique spelling bee, in which there was only one contestant, and he unconscious of the match, aroused keen daily interest. Here is his exact list:

Kerosene, Ceresene, Caresean, (three times), Careosean, Kerosene, Caresean, Karesean and Keareseane.

Thus on the seventh shot he hit the bullseye, and the bet was won by the man who didn't believe that the devil was as black as he was painted.

**PCOR ON NATURAL HISTORY**

South American May Have Known How to Manage Estate, But He Didn't Know Locusts.

Some years ago, in one of the South American republics, there was a sudden and devastating plague of locusts. They came, nobody knew whence, in millions, and soon stripped the territory over which they swept of every speck of green.

It happened that a planter was staying in one of the cities over which the locusts swarmed. As soon as the first disquieting news came to him from the neighboring plantations he sent a telegram to the major domo on his own estate, asking whether any locusts had appeared. The major domo replied that he had seen no signs of locusts.

Then worse news came. Locusts had appeared at plantation after plantation, causing awful damage. Again the planter, more worried than ever, telegraphed to his plantation: "Have the locusts appeared?" Again the major domo at once answered "No."

Soon after that the planter heard that a plantation contiguous to his own had been ravaged frightfully. Again he telegraphed. This was the answer from the major domo: "No, sir; no locusts have been seen, but there are millions of little yellow grasshoppers here, which are ruining the coffee crop."

**RESULT OF FLY PEST INQUIRY.**

A curious result of the fly pest investigation in London has been the discovery that the number of flies in a house varies greatly from day to day, the cooking operations and the greater use and warmth of the rooms causing a large week-end increase. The daily average noted by one observer was 26 for Friday to Monday, 14 for Monday to Wednesday and eight from Wednesday to Friday. Washing days have marked influence, and in one instance wedding preparations decidedly increased the flies. Horse refuse is the chief breeding ground of horseflies. The number in some localities is almost incredible, and the bulk of a summer's catch with flypaper in one small room would have been an appreciable percentage of the room's capacity. With hot weather and many flies is associated a prevalence of summer sickness.

**WHAT IT WAS.**

She was visiting a Chinese restaurant for the first time, and had ordered among other things an omelet. After sampling the succulent chop suey and the appetizing chow mein, she turned her attention to what seemed a dish of pancakes. Puzzling over the combination of ham, onion, and other ingredients, she suddenly exclaimed to her companion: "Why, there's egg in this."  
"Sure; it's the omelet," he replied.

**SOCIETIES**

Las Moas Lodge No. 444 A. F. & A. M. meets 1st and 3rd Saturday in each month in Masonic Hall, over the Post Office. A cordial invitation extended to all visiting Brethren. E. A. Jones, W. M. J. F. Ray, Sec'y.

Echo Lodge No. 279 I. O. O. F. meets every Thursday night at their Lodge room in Filippone Hall, Visiting brethren cordially invited to attend Geo W. Kesterson N. G. Will W. Price Sec

Rosewood Camp No. 128 W. C. W. Meets every Wednesday night in K. P. Hall F. J. Gilson C. C. J. E. Wright Clerk.

Keithley Camp No. 13191 Modern Woodmen of America meets in the Woodmen Hall on the first and third Saturday of each month. J. S. Pape Consul. H. M. Sager Clerk.

Las Moras Lodge No. 2383 W. O. W. meets every Friday night at Filippone Hall, Visiting Sovereigns invited to attend. O. B. Castro, C. C. Chas. Kartes, Clerk.

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