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RUSH FOR LANDS.

RECEIPTS AT THE STATE TREASURY ON THE FIRST DAY.

Reached the sum of \$33,000.—One Fortieth of the Purchase Price.—Much of the Money is Refunded Applicants.—Other News Telegrams.

Austin, Texas, June 2.—The receipts at the state treasury from land sales and leases is something enormous. Yesterday the first payments amounted to \$33,000. The number of acres involved is very large, as first payments constitute one-fortieth of the total amount to be paid for the land. The sales, Mr. Robbins states, have been exceedingly large for the last two years, and that since the recent act placed 4,500,000 acres of public domain on the market, the sales have grown larger every day. Mr. Robbins says that there is the wildest kind of a rush for school lands, that applications to purchase accompanied by the money are received every day for lands that are not on the market. Some of it is owned by private individuals, while other land is the property of railroad companies, for the recovery of which suit is pending, but of course is not subject to sale.

Where the land commissioner rejects an application to purchase Mr. Robbins returns the money, and by way of the large number of illegal payments, his land force is kept busy attending to the receipts and refunds. The recent decision of the supreme court in the case of Schwarz vs. McCell, in which it was held that a person can not buy an additional three sections of land, after three years' occupancy of the home section had been proven, without actual settlement at the time of the purchase, is also causing a rush, declared Mr. Robbins. The latter states that in his opinion there exists a necessity for a governor calling an extra session to the legislature to protect innocent purchasers by validating the titles to land before it is settled. Mrs. Robbins says that before she got to her daughter Mrs. Bonous she had to go through a legal and a long office.

Both of the latter gentlemen have spoken of the large number of married women and minors who while innocent of any wrong intention, will be affected by this decision, and who, above all, should be protected, they claim.

Mr. Robbins states that hundreds of dollars of improvements have been placed on land that is affected by the decision, and to which title is now clouded, and he insists that the necessity exists for an extra session.

The gentlemen in question spoke very bitterly of the bonus jumpers that infest the public lands. He said the land owners view the parties in question as most despicable; that they squint on land and remain until paid to move off.

Referring back to the demand for school lands, the state treasurer states that it often occurs that three or four parties make application to purchase land, which is more than the demand for school lands.

Overhaul System. San Antonio, Texas, June 2.—T. J. Vann Ness, an expert electrician of the McMillan company, which controls the local system, is in the city, and under the direction of Mr. E. H. Jenkins, the popular proprietor of the local corporations, will make a complete plan of the reconstruction of the distribution system and wires of the entire electrical plant. The street car system, also controlled by the same firm, is to be entirely rebuilt and ten new cars of the latest pattern will arrive in a few weeks.

Brazos Booming. Waco, Texas, June 2.—A heavy rain fell here last night and the Brazos river is rising rapidly. Advances from points above here are to the effect that copious rains, amounting in some places to cloudbursts, have visited the upper Brazos and tributaries and the indications point to an overflow from Waco down. The river is three-fourths full and at 10 o'clock last night was rising very fast. All along the Texas Central railroad rains fell yesterday afternoon in torrents and wind and hail is reported from some localities, but no material damage has resulted so far as known.

A Bold Hold-Up. El Paso, Texas, June 2.—At 3 o'clock yesterday morning the night clerk of the Pierson hotel in this city was held up by two masked robbers and the safe opened by two masked men. They looted of all cash and valuables. The clerk was held up and covered by the robbers and their task was an easy one. Thus far there is no clue to the perpetrators. They are believed to be professionals.

HAS GREAT WEALTH.

INTER-STATE SECTIONS BELONG TO THE STATE.

Mostly Leased to Cattlemen.—Under the Present Law it is Possible to Beat the State Out of Its Share.—Can Mine Without Legal Steps.

Austin, Texas, June 4.—News has reached here that very extensive operations are going on in the mining business in Brewster county. It is reported that within a radius of five miles a mining expert sent by capitalists reports having found a probable value of four hundred million dollars of quick silver deposits. Rumor has it that miners are flocking to Brewster county from all parts of the country. It is said quicksilver can, figuratively speaking, be dipped up with a spoon, and also that from present indications this will prove to be one of the richest cinnabar or quicksilver regions known to the mining world. A repetition of the Klondike is reported—fabulous values spring in a day. One party is said to have refused more than \$200,000 cash for a hundred feet square of land.

Now to the point. The reports in circulation may be greatly exaggerated, but quicksilver is known to exist in Brewster county in large and paying quantities, and within this territory the children's school fund has as much land as any individual; that is, the land was, years ago, by virtue of railroad certificates, divided into sections of 640 acres each. The owner of the certificate surveyed one section for himself and one for the school fund. Nearly all of the school lands are under lease to stockmen for grazing purposes at 3 cents per acre. But the prospectors, who seek the minerals in the land pay nothing, not even for minerals that may be found and carried away.

Under our defective mining laws one may prospect, do certain work and develop untold wealth, and carry it away, and unless he wants to pay the state some \$10 to \$25 per acre for this valuable land, and ask for a patent there is no way to prevent it. There is nothing to compel the payment of any sum. This condition simply gives opportunities to rob the school fund. A few years are given, and within this period of time a person could manage to carry away fabulous wealth which belongs to the school fund, and at present it is impossible to prevent it. In fact there is no constituted authority to look after the mining interests.

The law provides that claims may be located in a certain manner, and that such claims must be filed in the land office. But if persons see proper to go on mining without taking legal steps, they can do so. And further, a person may own mineral lands for some years and develop quite a mine, and all the remedy the state possesses is to declare the claim forfeited after a certain time if the party does not pay for it and request the issuance of a patent. This is not adequate and there might as well not be any law regulating mining in Texas. In fact, it is about as incomprehensible as the school land law.

With prompt action the school fund of Texas may be saved such sums as to make it the richest endowment in the world; but a large amount of wealth will be carried away within the next year.

A Peculiar Worm. Denison, Texas, June 4.—There is a peculiar kind of worm that is doing many farmers in the Drop neighborhood a good turn. The worm is described as about an inch to an inch and a half long, something like a small caterpillar, and its color is black without markings of any kind. He seems to have a strong predilection for the army worms that have been working in the cotton in that part of the country, and whenever the black worm strikes the army worm, he kills most of the racers and the remainder leave. It is said the destroyer gets in his work rapidly, and that the army worms leave as soon as the other make its appearance.

Woman Fatally Burned. Richmond, Texas, June 4.—While attempting to build a fire with coal oil yesterday noon on the Reading place near town, a negro woman named Riley was burned so that she died at 2 o'clock this morning. The oil exploded in the can and burned every shred of her clothing from her.

Gonzales Cotton Oil Mill. Gonzalez, Texas, June 4.—The stockholders of the Gonzalez cotton oil manufacturing company held a meeting Friday night, and the report of the superintendent of the mill showed a successful run, with a dividend of 10 per cent. For the coming year the following board of directors were elected: H. Lewis, C. T. Rafter, T. F. Harwood, W. M. Fly, W. B. Sayers, A. R. Wright and J. H. Broothe.

SURVEY OF BRAZOS.

FROM WACO TO THE SOUTH PROVIDED FOR.

Improvement of Harbor at the Mouth of the River Provided for in a Bill Introduced by Hawley—Hawley's Gulf Coast Canal Bill.

Washington, June 5.—The emergency rivers and harbors bill as it came from the senate contained an amendment providing for a survey of the Brazos from its mouth to the city of Waco. The survey included cost of removing obstructions and procuring a navigable depth of four, five and six feet respectively from the mouth of the river to the town of Old Washington, in Washington county. The report from Old Washington to Waco is to show the most advantageous depth to each point and whether a system of locks and dams will be necessary, and the cost and location of same. The bill is now in conference and will probably be disposed of tomorrow. The friends of the Brazos river are confident that the amendment will stick in the conference.

Along with the senate provision looking to a survey of the Brazos river is a bill introduced by Mr. Hawley appropriating \$400,000 for maintaining and further improving the harbor at the mouth of the river. Out of this sum an expenditure of \$150,000 is contemplated for repairing and completing the present jetties, and the balance is to be devoted to the construction and operation of a dredge to secure and maintain twenty feet of water.

Mr. Hawley has also introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the improvement of a sheltered waterway four feet deep and 100 feet wide at the bottom, beginning at Sabine Lake and ending at Corpus Christi. The bill contemplates the purchase of the Galveston and Brazos canal at a cost not to exceed \$500,000, and provides further that the secretary of war may enter into contracts for the completion of the entire project at a cost not to exceed in the aggregate \$500,000.

The St. Louis Car Strike. St. Louis, Mo., June 5.—Every power house and car shed of the St. Louis Transit company is being guarded today by Sheriff Pohlman's posse communitas. In all about 900 men are on duty. A force of from fifty to sixty men has been stationed at each power house and will remain on duty throughout the day. This watch is kept both night and day and the crew change guard duty at 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. This mode of procedure will obtain until the strike is settled. The posse is armed with Winchester repeating shotguns. Shells loaded with buckshot will be used in case of a disturbance. While on guard duty the members of the sheriff's posse will be subject to strict military discipline. Those not on guard will be held in reserve at the different police stations. None of the deputies will be used to guard the cars, the police being retained for that service. After being in session all day without reaching an agreement, the citizen's committee, which attempted to bring about arbitration between the Transit company and the strikers adjourned until this morning. Nothing could be learned as to what will be done during the day's conference.

No Regulation Prohibiting It. Washington, D. C., June 5.—The postmaster general was asked today whether or not the department would take any action in regard to the reported project of postal clerks to raise money for the purpose of securing the passage of the "classification bill" by congress. He said there was no regulation of the department forbidding clerks to contribute to such a fund, although it was the policy of the department to look with disfavor upon such attempts to influence legislation.

Kansas City Hotel Rates. Kansas City, Mo., June 5.—Colonel John I. Martin, sergeant at arms of the democratic national convention, has arrived here and will establish permanent headquarters. Speaking of the charge that hotel keepers are making exorbitant rates for the democratic convention, Colonel Martin said: "Five dollars a day at leading hotels is a reasonable rate and Kansas City hotels are entitled to charge that rate." The sub-committee of the national will meet here Thursday, June 14 to consider among other matters, the question of hotel rates.

Charged With Murder. Sherman, Texas, June 5.—Tobe Gannett, colored, is on trial in the criminal district court today on the charge of the murder of his wife, Adaline Gannett, ten years ago. Only three witnesses were procured yesterday afternoon and the case will go over until this morning. The homicide was committed ten years ago. Gannett was arrested near Shreveport, La., by Sheriff Shrevebury.

TEXAS QUARANTINE.

El Paso, Texas, June 4.—State Health Officer Blunt with Drs. S. Norton and Massie returned at 3 o'clock yesterday morning from San Francisco, where they made a careful investigation of the bubonic plague conditions, or the present at least, the Texas quarantine regulations will not be modified. Only locked cars of freight destined for points beyond the state and express matter for Mexico via Juarez will be allowed to pass.

Mrs. Massie and Blunt did not stop in this city, but after being fumigated, went into quarantine at the camp near the state line, where he was seen last night. He declined to talk for publication, but intimated that there was no danger of the disease spreading, and that the quarantine will not be raised until the health authorities at San Francisco show themselves able to cope with the situation in Chinatown. He has provided himself with a supply of serum, etc., for the treatment of the plague should any cases make their appearance in this territory. Dr. Blunt was in a hurry to get home to look after quarantine matters.

Cloudburst at Meridian. Meridian, Miss., June 4.—A cloudburst over the city at 6 o'clock last night resulted in much damage to property. The downpour lasted forty minutes, and registered 2.78 inches at the signal station. This is believed to be the greatest precipitation for the length of time on record. Ten minutes after the rain began the streets were flooded and twenty minutes later hundreds of stores were a foot in water. This will result in many thousands of dollars' damage, as the merchants had no opportunity to get their goods to places of safety. A large portion of a roof over the wholesale grocery warehouse of Three-foot Brothers gave way beneath the weight of water and flooded the floors below, resulting in heavy damage. The damage to the city and to individuals is large.

Swine Breeders Organize. Bonham, Texas, June 4.—The Bonham county swine breeders' association was organized in the district court room yesterday. Several prominent swine raisers, J. C. Cobb of W. S. Spotts secretary. A committee was appointed to draw up the by-laws of the association and present them at the next meeting of the organization, which will be held the first Saturday in June next. It is the intention of the association to hold a swine breeders' show in this city, this fall, at which time prizes will be given for the best stock. The stockmen and poultry fanciers of the county will be asked to join them in this movement.

Fight With Cattle Thieves. Van Horn, Texas, June 4.—Mr. Joe Marley, who owns a ranch on Rio Grande, came to town yesterday morning and reported two men killed and one badly wounded in a fight between his cowboys and Mexican cattle thieves yesterday. Marley found several of his unbranded calves in a pen belonging to Mexicans and afterwards met the two Mexicans and began talking about them being there. The Mexicans jumped off their horses and opened fire, mortally wounding Decatur Graves at the first shot. Sam Geaslin and Cort Mortley, two of the other cowboys, returned the fire, killing one of the Mexicans and wounding the other one, who escaped in the brush. Graves died and was buried here this morning.

A Deputy Sheriff Killed. Wimsboro, Texas, June 4.—Deputy Sheriff R. T. Mattox was shot and killed last night about four miles south of town. He and a small posse had gone down there to arrest a young man for fighting in Wimsboro just a few hours before. The posse got scared, and it was not known till this morning that Mr. Mattox was killed. No arrests have been made.

Tampa Fire Losses. Tampa, Fla., June 4.—The damage by last night's fire will reach \$200,000. The losses are estimated as follows: Cohen, Friedman & Co., stock \$100,000; Insurance, \$50,000; Davis block, loss \$20,000; Insurance, \$10,000; Jackson block, loss \$20,000, insurance unknown; J. L. Mairson, stock \$25,000, insurance unknown; H. T. Vatterlin, loss not yet assessed; other tenants' losses, \$25,000.

An Ostrich Story. Chicago, Ill., June 4.—A paper here says three expert thieves on the way to the Paris exposition with an ostrich stole \$45,000 worth of jewels on board a steamer. There was no clew to the gems until Commissioner Peck's ostrich not turning up the Paris police found its body in the suburbs last night. There was still some jewelry inside. Mrs. James H. Davis of Texas missed about \$8000 worth of jewelry.

ENGINEER WAS WATCHFUL.

Jacksonville, Texas, June 5.—Last night at 10 o'clock, south of this place, No. 4 northbound International and Great Northern passenger train was held up by four masked men and an attempt made to rob the express car. The robbers stopped the train by placing a lantern on a pile of crossties which they had stacked up across the track. As the engineer came down from his engine to find the reason for the obstruction he was covered by two heavily armed masked men, who demanded him to uncouple the baggage, mail and express cars from the passenger coaches, which was immediately done. Then the robbers forced the engineer to pull the remaining part of his train to a deep cut some 600 yards distant, leaving the passengers unmolested in the coaches. On reaching the desired place the train was stopped, the engineer taking off the engine and guarded by one of the robbers, while another took the freeman and made him break a hole in the door of the express car, which the messenger had refused to open. The freeman was then compelled to go in the express car through the entrance he had made with the instructions to open the door. During this time the engineer had succeeded in escaping from the robber who was guarding him and running on the opposite of the train he jumped on his engine, opened the throttle and ran to this station at the rate of sixty miles an hour with the freight train locked up with the messenger freeman in the express car. Soon after reaching this station the engineer returned to the scene of the hold-up, finding that the robbers' wheels were scarred on the unopened passenger coaches at once ordered a special watch which run over the Cotton Belt short line to the East Texas penitentiary.

Postal Clerks. San Antonio, Texas, June 5.—The advance guard of the one hundred delegates to the national association of railway postal clerks who meet in annual convention here June 9 to 11, arrived today. President G. L. Shaffer of Chicago, Secretary George D. Woods of Portsmouth, N. H., besides delegates from nearly all of the New England and northern states, are here. It is expected that every state in the union, with the possible exception of California, will be represented. The principal work of the convention will be the perfecting of the insurance feature of the order and a modification of the bill for the reclassification of the railway mail service. A banquet by the citizens and a tour through the Mexican republic will form the social features of the convention.

El Paso Printers Strike. El Paso, Texas, June 5.—A short time ago a typographical union was organized in this city and the local newspapers and job offices served by a committee from the union with a demand for higher wages, and that the composing rooms be placed under the management of the union. The Morning Times acceded to the demands of the printers, but the afternoon News and Herald declined to pay the prices asked. As a consequence all printers on the Herald and several reporters failed to report for duty yesterday morning and that paper is seriously inconvenienced. The News' force is still working.

Pronounced Bubonic Plague. San Francisco, Cal., June 5.—Health Officer O'Brien and bacteriologist Kellogg have reported that the case of the Chinese who died Saturday after one day's illness was undoubtedly one of the bubonic plague. Temporary quarters will be established on Angel Island sufficiently large to accommodate 3000 Chinese. The passage of street cars through Chinatown will be stopped and all permits to pass there will be revoked. D. R. Kinyon, the federal health officer, reports that three guinea pigs inoculated with the plague virus are all dead. No new cases have been reported.

A Factional Feud. San Augustine, Texas, June 5.—In a general row yesterday morning A. S. Roberts and F. G. Roberts were instantly killed and Sheriff Noel G. Roberts was wounded. Excitement runs high. The governor was telegraphed for troops and the Stone Fort rifles from Nacogdoches are en route from there at this time. They will probably arrive this morning. The above killings grew out of Eugene Wall killing Ben C. Brooks last Saturday evening. More trouble is anticipated by the citizens of this place.

Wreck in North Carolina. Weldon, N. C., June 5.—A disastrous collision occurred on the Atlantic Coast line at Garrisburg, near Weldon, in which two men were instantly killed and three seriously injured. The Atlantic Coast line's fast mail ran into an open switch at Garrisburg, colliding with some freight cars. The killed are: Engineer Chestman, unknown while tramping. The injured: Mail Clerk McGeorge, seriously; three mail clerks, slightly; two colored firemen, seriously if not fatally.

FARM AND FLOCKS.

Wheat harvest is on.

The whirr of the reaper is heard. Oats in some localities are being cut. Wet fields have retarded wheat and oat cutting in some localities. J. K. Harvey of Clarendon sold to Ed Dwyche of Childress 100 cows at \$24. From April 26 up to May 25 Canyon, Texas, has shipped over 10,000 cattle. A truck growers' association was formed a few days ago at Greenville, Tex.

Gunter & Jones of Alice, Tex., sold to Hines Clark 500 2 and 3-year-old steers. S. S. Evans of Hereford, Tex., bought of J. W. Puckett 300 cows for \$2600. Coggin & Davis delivered 1000 2-year-old steers to South Dakota parties at Giles.

J. M. Sedberry of Runnels county purchased G. G. Odum's spring crop of calves. John W. Cook of Beville, Tex., sold to H. Williams of the Territory 300 cows at \$20. Wash Mauldin of San Saba, Tex., sold to W. R. Harris fifty-one head of mixed cattle at \$15.

The shipment of watermelons to the north by Texas growers will begin about the 10th inst. M. Marcus bought of J. B. Kerr at Amarillo, Tex., forty head of mixed cattle at \$25. A. C. Erkel of Brady, Tex., bought of Ira Tisdale twenty-seven head of stock cattle at \$18.50.

Chas. Coppinger of Colorado, Tex., has finished gathering a bunch of 1400 cattle to fill contracts. E. F. Dawson of Odessa recently drove 1000 head of cattle from Crane county to New Mexico. The Albert Urbahn wool clip amounting to 150,000 pounds, has been delivered at Laredo.

Joe Curdy of Eldredge states that stock is flourishing in this vicinity, though trading is slow. Major Dale shipped a trainload of cattle from San Angelo to the Indian Territory a few days ago.

In some parts of Ellis county complaint is made that the wheat is so heavy it breaks binders. Over 50 per cent of the cotton exported from the United States is cleared from the ports of Galveston and New Orleans.

W. D. Johnson shipped twenty-nine cars of cattle and one car of horses from Van Horn to Moorcroft, N. Y. A party at Alvin, Texas, shipped over 200,000 cape jasmine buds last week.

The genuine Mexican boll weevil has been discovered at Alleyton, Colorado, the past few days, and appears to exist in large numbers. Farmers are desirous of that a means for ridding the plants of this pest be offered them at once.

I. B. Hood, a well known stockman, died of pneumonia at his ranch in Borden county. He was a resident of Kingwillow, Navarro county, but had extensive cattle and ranch interests in different parts of the state. He was ill about two weeks.

The origin of the "Indian Runner ducks" is unknown. They are said to have been introduced into England about twenty years ago. Some poultrymen who are raising this breed make great claims for them. They claim they will lay nearly 200 eggs per year.

Harris county will have 1500 or more acres in rice this season and fully 1000 acres will be produced near Angleton, in Brazoria county. Columbus county will grow about 8000 acres. Liberty county 3000.

Since the first day of May nearly 6000 head of cattle have been shipped from Silver City, N. M., to towns in Colorado, Kansas and other northern states. The cattle already shipped average nearly \$20 per head.

A. Rowe and Jack Hall of Fisher county, Texas, were in Roswell, N. M., where the former received 2000 2-year-old steers, which were shipped to Amarillo for branding. They will be trailed from there to the R O ranch, twelve miles east of Clarendon.

Armour, Swift, Cudahy and other large packing concerns are buying eggs at 5 cents per dozen and will place them in cold storage till next winter, when they will be sold as fresh eggs at prices ranging from 15 to 25 cents.

F. O. Perry of San Angelo and Thompson Bros. of Billinger and Austin have leased a hundred sections of land in Crane and Upton counties for ten years at 3 cents per acre per annum, and will fence it and will drill and erect ten wells and windmills. For the first time in years great quantities of corn have been shipped from the southern part of South Dakota, and it is said a fairly good margin has been made by the transaction. Most of it went to the northern part of the state and to North Dakota.

# LOVE AND LAW.

By the author of "BONNY'S LOVERS"

CHAPTER XI.—(Continued.)  
 "Possession is nine points of the law," I answered. "I am afraid it will be a difficult matter to eject Mr. Branscombe unless we can produce the colonel's will."  
 "Which we cannot?" "Which we cannot at present?"  
 "Then nothing can be done?"  
 "I fear nothing, excepting to apprise the heir-at-law of the possible existence of the will made in Miss Branscombe's favor, and to warn him that it may any day be brought forward."  
 "Humph!" growled the rector. "And if it should never turn up—if, as I begin to suspect, there has been some deep-laid plot—some rascality of which Master Charlie is, as usual, the head and front, what then?"  
 "Then," I replied, "Master Charlie will remain in possession."  
 "And Nona will be a beggar," said Mr. Heathcote sadly. "Poor child, poor child!"  
 "Is Miss Branscombe at Forest Lea?" I ventured to inquire presently.  
 "No; she and Miss Elmisle are with us. Mr. Charlie's bachelor establishment was hardly a fitting home for her, and we thought it advisable that she should leave the neighborhood at present—at all events until we had heard your opinion."  
 "In the circumstances I should advise Miss Branscombe to retire," I said gravely.  
 "Yes, yes, exactly," assented the rector. "In the circumstances—as I now understand them—she must of course leave the neighborhood."  
 We drove on for some time after this in silence. I was occupied with the colored dreams of a future which had evidently not entered into the rector's calculations, from the same point of view at all events.  
 "If the fellow were not what he is, the poor colonel's original plan would have settled the difficulty," muttered Mr. Heathcote, as he touched up his stout cob. "But he was right—he was right; it would be a sacrifice not to be thought of—not to be thought of."  
 As he spoke we were passing the Forest Lea woods, which here swept



"FORGIVE ME," I CRIED. "MISS BRANSCOMBE—NORA."  
 down to the edge of green turf bordering the road. From one of the gladiolus-like openings two figures emerged in front of our carriage, sauntering slowly along on the grass, too deeply absorbed in conversation apparently to be aware of our approach. One—a slim girlish figure, dressed in black garments, with graceful, fair hair bowed like a lily only stalk—was, as I knew at once, Nona; and it needed not the rector's impatient exclamation and sudden, quick jerk of the reins to tell me that the slight, almost boyish figure by her side was that of her cousin, Charlie Branscombe.  
 In an instant the half-scotched serpent of jealousy was roused again and stung me to the heart. All my doubts and suspicions rushed back like a flood. Fool that I had been ever to dream of hope in the face of what I had seen and knew.  
 There was something of mockery in the elaborate bow, returned by a curt nod, with which Mr. Charles Branscombe greeted the rector; and, as I read it, a gleam of triumph on the handsome fair face in which I recognized the fatal beauty de diable I had heard described.  
 A passing glimpse of Miss Branscombe showed me a half-startled, surprised glance of recognition—a swift, shy blush, in return for the grave bow with which I acknowledged hers. The meeting had upset the rector's equanimity as much as it had mine. He spoke no more until we turned in at the rectory gate.  
 CHAPTER XII.  
 Nona was not in the drawing room before dinner. Miss Elmisle was, and received me with tearful cordiality.  
 "It's a sad change," she whispered, "especially for the dear girl. But she doesn't seem to feel it. I really believe she is glad that Charlie is at Forest Lea." And then she asked the inevitable question, which had come to be almost an exasperating one to me—"Any news of the will, Mr. Fort?"  
 "None," I answered, "its loss is as great a mystery as ever."  
 It was not until we were seated at the dinner table that Nona slipped quietly in, and took a place by Miss Elmisle opposite to mine. There was a consciousness in her manner, a deprecating timidity, as she met my eyes, which confirmed my fears. She was lost to me, and the Gordian Knot of the Forest Lea difficulty was cut by her hand, in a way for which I at least

ought not to have been wholly unprepared.  
 The rector was called away on some parochial business after dinner, and I not caring to join the ladies in the disturbed condition of mind, slipped out through the open dining-room window and wandered about the old-fashioned walled garden, and presently out into the green lanes, sweet with the perfume of late-blooming honeysuckle and silent in the hush of evening's rest from toil and labor.  
 Love and courtship were certainly in the air of that corner of Midshire, and I was always condemned by some malicious fate to be not an actor in the sweet drama, but a listener and an intruder. For the third time since my introduction to the neighborhood I encountered a pair of lovers.  
 They were leaning against a gate, looking into a meadow, hidden from me until I was close upon them by a great tangle of traveler's joy, wreathing a jutting bush of wildbrair rose at the corner of the hedge. It was too late for me to retire when I came upon the couple, so there was nothing for it but a discreet cough, which I had the presence of mind to set up for the emergency. The woman turned hastily at the sound, and to my surprise I saw that it was Woodward, Nona's maid.  
 To my surprise, I say, for there was something in the staid settled plainness of the maid's appearance which was incongruous, to my fancy, with lovers and love-making. Decidedly I should not have given Woodward credit for having a sweetheart. Yet there she was, keeping a twilight tryst amongst the clematis and the honeysuckle, like any maid of eighteen. And if anything could have added to my astonishment it was the discovery of the swain whose arm was about her waist, whose head was bent over hers, whose eyes were looking into hers. There must, I thought, be some new maid in the neighborhood, and she had certainly met them all her young life. Possibly, I thought, and perhaps I am not far wrong, it was a sacrifice—bless the groom and which

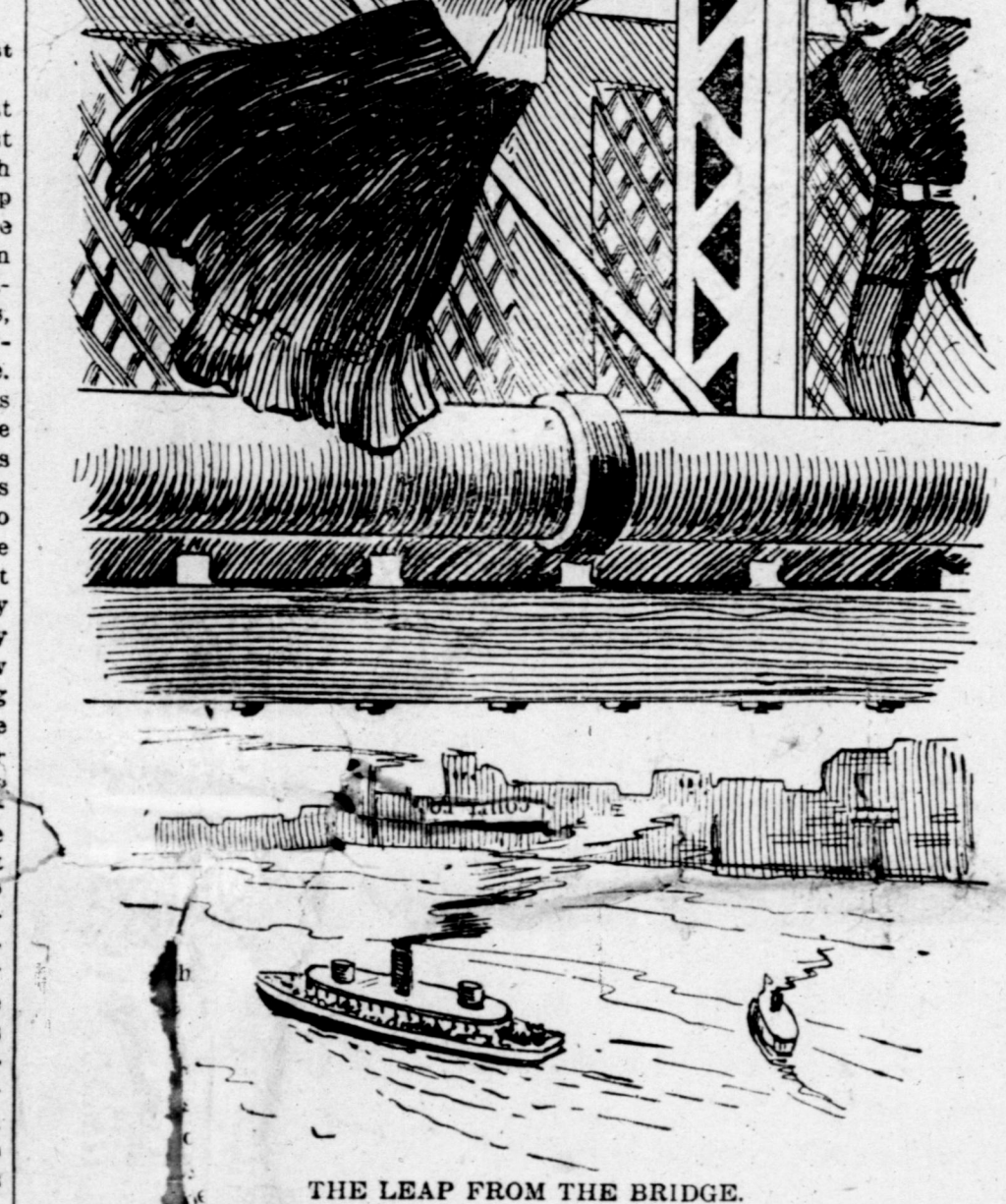
### GIRL'S TRAGIC LEAP

FROM BROOKLYN BRIDGE TO THE WATER.

The first woman who ever leapt from the Brooklyn bridge is now in a hospital suffering from the effects of her mad act. She had hoped that she would find death in the chill waters below, but her designs in that respect were frustrated.

When pretty Marie Rosalie Dinze hired a cabman to take her to No. 112 Fulton street, Brooklyn, the other day, she had no money with which to pay her fare. She offered a diamond ring in payment, but the cabman said he must have money. Thereupon the girl told him she would pay her fare when she reached 112 Fulton street, and he drove her to the hospital.

Dr. Meirowitz, a specialist on nervous diseases, a member of the academy of medicine, of the neurological society and professor of neurology at the post-graduate hospital, recently reported to the academy of medicine a remarkable case of a girl recently treated in New York.



Marie Rosalie Dinze, a girl of 19, who was treated in the New York World, was a girl wealthy and of distinguished family, whom the physicians say had curious "hysterical disturbances of vision." Daily for a month during the last year she was hypnotized. In her hypnotic sleep Dr. Meirowitz would suggest to her that she could no longer see the doubles of people and other strange sights in the air of which she complained, and by degrees he cured her. When she was first taken to Dr. Meirowitz, it was explained that in the dark corners of the house the girl would see irregular figures, some black, some colored, mostly blue and green. Elliptical shapes were seen on the pavement, in the air, on books or newspapers. On sunny days there would be glaring orange, violet and green spots on the pavement or in the sky. On a dull day the spots were not so numerous or of such intense color. Passing people on the street or looking at them out of a window, the girl would see a margin of light surrounding them like an aureole. At the same time she would see a double of the person with an outline of orange. The parents of the girl, whose name is withheld, told Dr. Meirowitz that six of the foremost oculists of the country had treated her unsuccessfully.

A Building That Travels.  
 One of the most modern buildings of the Mississippi valley is now being torn down at Lanark, Ill. It is known as the Tomlinson building. It was built in New Orleans. When first built the structure was used as a cotton gin. It was moved up the river to St. Louis by water. At that place it served as a warehouse. From St. Louis it was again moved—this time to Clinton. From there the structure was moved to Savannah, again being towed up the Mississippi. At Savannah, for the third time, the building was landed on the river shore and once more used as a warehouse. It was finally sold and was moved again, for the last time, being taken to Lanark.

A Pothetic Incident.  
 The body of a drowned man dressed in the uniform of a sailor of the United States navy, was found floating in the Elizabeth river, at Norfolk, Va. The body was identified by bluejackets as that of Fred Robbins, late of the training ship Essex. There were no marks of violence on the body and \$3.35 in cash and a letter were found in the young man's shirt. The letter was from the young man's mother, who resided at Philadelphia, and who begged him to secure a furlough and come home and see her.

No man who isn't married and doesn't play chess needs to take life very seriously.

### TERRIFIC HEAT

In Phoenix Has No Terrors for Any but Women and Cats

The cottonwoods, there are no terrors for any but women and cats. In Phoenix, the heat has been a thunderbolt out of the sky. The temperature is most ready to cut; strawberries have long been out; oranges are in bloom; the umbrella tree is putting out its leaves; last summer's suit has been cleaned and pressed; the small boy has gone swimming in the canal; the wise man stays up nights and steals irrigation water from his neighbors; alfalfa is most ready to cut; strawberries have been shipped; mulberries are nearly ripe; summer will soon be here, and the Phoenix summer bedroom will soon be a necessity. Phoenix sleeps out of doors in summer, and the bedroom is born of that necessity. It is on stilts, is built of wire screen of fine mesh, for the Phoenix mosquito is microscopic in size; it is furnished, according to the taste of the occupant, with interior curtains to keep out the morning sun, the gaze of the curious and the sandstorm. The bed is a cot of canvas or woven wire, covered, perhaps, with a sheet, but even a full sheet feels like a feather bed on a Phoenix summer night. The bed covering is the roof of the bedroom, and careless folks who consult their comfort don't wear nightshirts. Phoenix is proud of its climate during eight months of the year, but it doesn't talk much in public about its midsummer. It is a right warm day when the government weather bureau doesn't know what the sun temperature is, and is unable to determine it, and that is how hot it gets in Phoenix. I called on Observer Buins one day last July and asked him what the "official" temperature was in the sun. He said he didn't know, and the government couldn't afford to experiment to that end. He said he had attempted to catch the sun temperature during the summer of 1898, and had broken a three-dollar thermometer in the attempt. To please my curiosity he hung a thermometer in the sun, watched it until it registered 136 degrees, and then took it in, fearing it would break. The dryness of the atmosphere relieves this great heat of any terrors to all living things except women and cats.—Arizona Graphic.

Valley Falls has a citizen who acknowledges that he is too lazy to fish. —Leavenworth (Kan.) Times.

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Paris possesses 80,000 trees in the streets and public places. There are 26,000 plane trees, 17,000 chestnut trees and 15,000 elms, the remainder consisting of sycamores, maples, lindens, etc.—Scientific American.

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### A TAILOR OUTWITTED.

The Victim Tells the Story at His Own Expense.

At the expense of himself a certain fashionable Philadelphia tailor told the following story: Quite recently a man went into his establishment and told him that Mr. So and So, a prominent customer (in full standing) had said that Mr. Tailor had several misfit suits to dispose of and as he needed a new suit immediately he thought he'd like to look them over. One was found to fit him perfectly and he took it at the price, \$50. "But," he said, "Mr. Tailor, I have not enough ready money to pay you. I must have the suit. Now do you know Mr. Pancake, the Chestnut street confectioner? Well, on being assured that Mr. Pancake was also a customer in your establishment, he said some money which he has promised to pay this afternoon, and if you are agreed I will walk over there with you and ask him to send \$50 of it to you." Such a proposition and the riddance of a bad suit could not be overlooked, and when they arrived at Mr. Pancake's shop, without preliminaries the man said: "You know that hundred you promised to send me to New York, Mr. Pancake? Well, just send fifty of it to Mr. Tailor and the other fifty to the address I gave you."  
 That afternoon Mr. Tailor received a neatly done up package containing 50 beautiful cream puffs.—Philadelphia Times.



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### CHINESE VEGETABLES.

Chicago, Raises the First East of the Rockies.

Chicago Times-Herald: The first crop of Chinese vegetables raised east of the Rockies was marketed in South Clark street early in the week. Hop Chang, an ex-laundryman, was the grower, and the miniature farm upon which he raised the Chinese equivalents for turnips, peas and cucumbers, is a one-acre tract of land in Forty-seventh street, near Kedzie avenue. Early this week the first vegetables grown in Chicago by a Chinaman were picked and carried in two large baskets to South Clark street. When news that green stuff such as they were used to eat in far off China was for sale, the folks of Chinatown came flocking. But there was grief for many, for the wily Hop Chang knew he had a monopoly and charged accordingly. "How mucchee?" said a laundryman, holding up a green looking vegetable about the size of a tomato. "Sixteen cent," said Chang. The laundryman dropped it, remarking scornfully something that sounded like "Oh, Gee!" A rich Chinaman bought the vegetable, and in a few moments the entire stock was taken at extravagant prices by the epicures of the colony. Hop Chang's crops are in a very thriving condition, and give promise of a rich pecuniary harvest. He has sent to China for more seeds and certain farming implements he deems essential to the best results in gardening. Other Chinamen will doubtless take up farming as a vocation since Chang has demonstrated its feasibility in this climate. Should the Chinese undertake vegetable gardening in and about Chicago they would prove formidable rivals to the Dutch and German gardeners, who now practically monopolize the field.

### Dickens' Best Novel.

It is well known among literary people that Charles Dickens considered "David Copperfield" the best of his novels, but occasions when he actually expressed that opinion are so rare that it is worth while to recall an incident which happened while he was in Philadelphia. Mr. Chapin, father of Dr. John B. Chapin, the well-known expert on insanity, was at that time at the head of the blind asylum here. Raised type for the blind was just coming into vogue, and, desiring to have one of Dickens' books printed in that way, Mr. Chapin took advantage of an introduction to the great novelist to ask him which of his works he considered the best, and mentioned the reason why he wanted to know. Dickens unhesitatingly answered, "David Copperfield."—Philadelphia Record.

### First Exposition.

Perhaps the first industrial exposition on record was held in 1569 in the Rathaus of Nuremberg. A catalogue published at the time states the purpose of the exposition: "It shall bring before the public all innovations in the trade of the whole world in modern times, together with domestic art productions."  
 Our characters are formed by our own actions and purposes, and not by others. Calumnies may usually be trusted to time and the slow but steady justice of public opinion.



MISS MARIE ROSALIE DINZE, part of the East river was heading toward the floating object, Capt. Briggs, on board his feet tug Tacoma, was nearest of the steam craft, and he pulled the throttle wide open as he headed the boat for the woman. Her head was beneath the surface of the water. Her feet were visible above the edge of her skirt, which was buoyed up by air. Other craft rushed toward her. Capt. Briggs rang for the engine to stop and gave the wheel to a deck-hand. He leaped from the pilot house and seized a boat-hook. He leaned far over the starboard bow, crying orders to the man at the wheel. He crouched, and with a deft twitch of the boat-hook caught the skirt of the woman. The engine, meanwhile, was backing furiously, and the boat was almost brought to a standstill. Capt. Briggs lifted the woman up far enough to enable him and a deck-

LOCAL NEWS AND NOTE

Write us the news, o vbyody. Mrs. Cruce Silverthorne has been quite ill this week. Will Terrell has returned from a trip around the world.

Since the unprecedented season of wet weather we have had an army of toads have come out of the ground, where they have been, no doubt, buried for centuries. You know a toad never dies.

Milton Locke. The subject of this sketch died in Brackett Sunday morning at 1 o'clock, after a lingering illness extending over a month, and was buried Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.

First Communion. Last Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock high mass at the Catholic Church 22 children received their first communion. The church was beautifully decorated and the music was fine.

Official Directory. County Judge - R. STRATTON. County Attorney - W. L. CLAMP. District Court - O. F. SEARGEANT.

Why Women Worry Most. Have More Leisure Time Than Men. Naturally, then, men have more time to relax.

Current Newspaper Statements Concerning the Will of Rosa Bonheur. The fact that the principal legatees, until the last year of the great artist's life, an entire stranger to her.



Spofford News and Notes. Mr. and Mrs. George West went to Austin this week to attend the wedding of Mrs. West's sister.

Notice to Taxpayers. Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners' Court of Kinney County will meet as a Board of Equalization Monday, June 11th, 1900.

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# CZAR NOW HAS A SCHLATTER.

## John of Cronstadt Has Thousands of Deluded Followers in Russia.

Not only to every nook and corner of the vast empire of Russia has the name of John of Cronstadt spread, but it has reached the outside world, and there are few places where his name is not known. He is a Russian who is believed by the Russians to have the power of working miracles and who evidently believes himself that he has such a power. He has made Cronstadt a place of pilgrimage for the lame and the lazy, the afflicted in mind, body and estate of all Russia. The peasants in their foul-smelling dresses of skin, their dirt, disease and laziness, throng

him come and go. A traveler in Russia, who recently witnessed one of these visits of the priest, thus describes the scene. "Crowds of people are not usual in Russia, for they are forbidden by the police regulations. It was, therefore, all the more striking to observe a gathering of about a hundred beggars and cripples of all ages, with the ubiquitous begging nun, attired in rusty black, besieging one of the lordly mansions on the Winter Palace Quay of St. Petersburg one beautiful March morning. Such a gathering together of

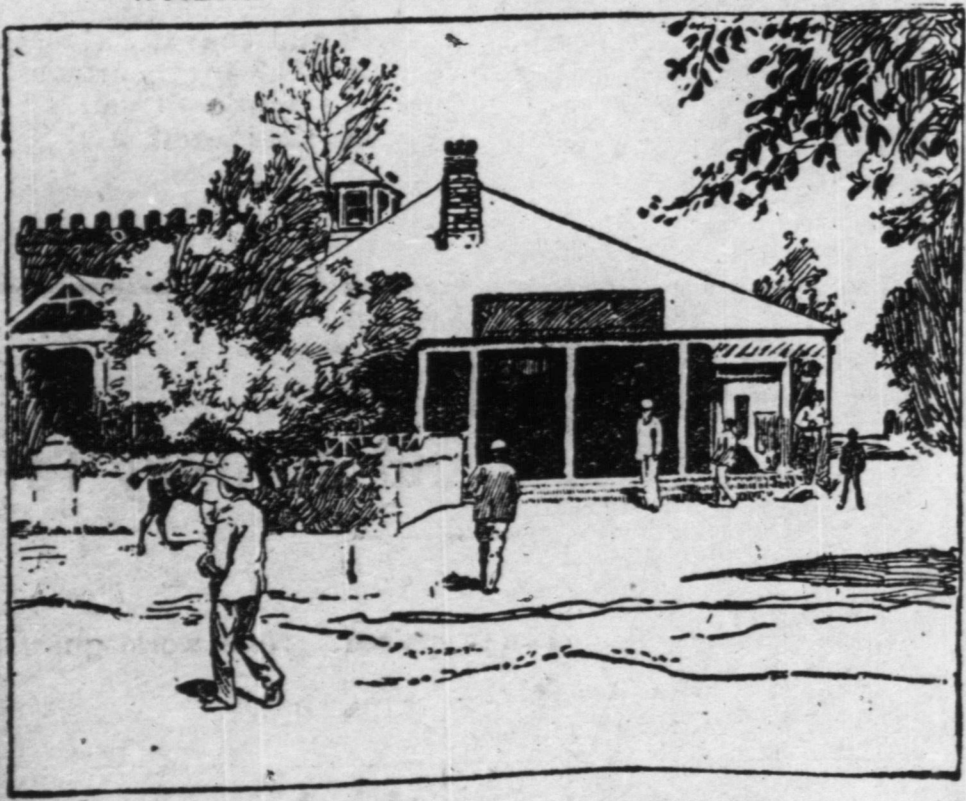


FATHER JOHN OF CRONSTADT.

the city, much to the disgust of the regular dwellers there. From the shores of the Arctic and the Pacific to the Bay of Bengal and from the borders of Alaska to the shores of the Indian Ocean, the pilgrims flock to Cronstadt, to be cured of their ailments by the blessing of the holy Father John. Many lodging houses have been built in Cronstadt by enterprising persons where the pilgrims are crowded in together, paying what they can. Some of the proprietors of these places have bargained to secure the presence of Father John at their establishments. Of course it is given out that Father John is so busy that some days must elapse before he will be able to attend; meanwhile the number of the faithful increases, and when a sufficient number has been got together they are assembled into a dimly lighted room, into which another priest hurries, quickly gives his blessing and as quickly withdraws. Such shameless deception became known to the town authorities; the pilgrims were denounced as a nuisance, and some months ago great efforts were made to get the nuisance abated. However, nothing has yet been done in this direction, and it is unlikely that any repressive measures will be taken. When Father John appears abroad the multitude crowd to touch the hem of his robe or even to get within the range of his vision. It is no wonder that the ignorant peasants have such a faith in him when the nobility and the educated classes seem to have a like belief. When the Czar Alexander III lay dying in the Crimea it was Father John who, when the medical men had given up hope, was summoned to the bedside of the emperor to try to accomplish by his prayers, what medical skill had failed to do. The fact that the czar died did not injure the reputation of Father John. People said that the miracle worker's want of success was due to the will of God, and he was as much sought after as ever. Sometimes Father John is summoned to St. Petersburg, to the homes of those who sit in the seats of the mighty. On such occasions there is always a great gathering of the populace to see

the people almost within earshot of the Winter Palace itself was a thing unheard of. It appeared that the police regulations were not being observed because Father John was expected to arrive at noon for the purpose of laying his healing hand upon the death-stricken child of a high functionary of the imperial court. Not the slightest attempt was made to control the crowd, which in the end stretched across the road right up to the low granite wall which borders the Neva. Alighting from an ordinary drosky, the miracle worker made his way slowly and gently through the surging mass. Babies smitten with a nameless scourge, children with sightless eyes or crippled limbs were held by eager mothers in the path of Father John. Over some he breathed a few short words of prayer, over others he laid his hand in passing, and in every case the mother's face was wreathed in glad smiles, and one could catch many a prayer for the little child lying sick unto death in the great house. In this case the child died, and it is quite likely that the crowd at the doors never heard the result of Father John's unavailing intercession on its behalf. Throughout Russia the pictures of Father John are to be seen more frequently than any other portraits except those of the czar and zarina. They are of all kinds, from the oil painting in the palace of the noble to the cheap print in the cabin of the peasant. The higher officials of the Russian church seem to be the only people who regard John of Cronstadt as a pious fraud. Several of them have not hesitated openly to express a contempt for the man and his alleged miracles. One story which is a matter of common belief in Russia is that once the Metropolitan Archbishop of St. Petersburg summoned Father John before him and requested him to cease from his supposed miracles. Soon after the rebuked priest had left the Metropolitan's presence that haughty prelate was smitten with blindness. The archbishop's friends begged him to send again for Father John. He did so, and Father John restored his sight. A variant of this story is that the Metropolitan dismissed John with a wave of his arm, whereupon the arm became paralyzed.

## WHERE TOMMY ATKINS BUYS BEER.



The average British soldier is a great consumer of beer, and even in the field he expects to be able to have his occasional pot. A good proportion Atkins pay of the ordinary Tommy Atkins goes for his liquid refreshments, and the canteen men who follow a camp usually make good money at their

business. Here is a picture of the only public house, as Tommy calls his saloon, in Enslin. When the British soldiers were encamped here there was a tremendous rush of business done in this little public house, for it was the only saloon at the front in that neighborhood.

## OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

### SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

**Just Like Her Father or the Story of a Burning Love Affairs—Selling State News—Consolation in Grief—Something Wrong.**

#### Just Like Her Father.

The wooing had progressed splendidly. It had even progressed to a point where she had been won—that is, ostensibly won. If she proved to be a truthful girl, she would in time be his wife. If she were not truthful—well, no man wants a wife who is not truthful. That's the way some men console themselves when they fall to marry. But she seemed to be truthful, and as he drew her closer to him he whispered:

"And when we are married, dearest, we will have the happiest home in all the wide, wide world!"

"Yes, George," she replied.

"There can never be a harsh word in our home."

"No, George."

"And when I come home tired and worn out with work at the office and the worries of business you'll be kind to me?"

"Y-e-s, George."

"I knew you would. You'll soothe me and put me in better humor?"

"Y-e-e-s; but I say, George!"

"Yes, dearest."

"Why shouldn't you do a little of this yourself?"

"Why, darling—"

"Yes, that's all right. But to come right down to business, as papa says—why shouldn't you also be kind to me when things go wrong? I don't want to do it all, you know. You're not looking for a private nurse, are you?"

"Why, Mabel?"

"When the cook leaves unexpectedly to go to the bedside of her second cousin, you might be just a trifle considerate, you know?"

"How strangely you talk, pet."

"Well, they say I'm papa's girl, you know, and I notice when any one tries to make a bargain with him he generally gets some stipulation to his own interest put in, just as a precaution."

George and Mabel have now been married exactly five years and three months, and at the moment of going to press have never had a single quarrel!—Tit-Bits.

#### Those Artful Men!

Mrs. Nagerton—I cannot understand what the attraction of a public dinner is to you men. You can enjoy a good meal at home if you want to, or if not there are plenty of restaurants where you might go, but only the young men seem to take advantage of them.

Mr. Nagerton (absent-mindedly)—At a public dinner, my dear, there are no women, don't you see (he never finished).—Ally Sloper.

#### Art Is a Slave!

Artman—Crayon portraits are abominable. I'd rather be done in oil.

Speckman—Well, I wouldn't. I was done in oil once.

Artman—Ah! but you say the one who did it was not a real artist.

Speckman—Oh! he was an artist in his line, all right. He was a crafty broker.

#### Content!

"Did you say they made fun of my speech?" said the statesman with the unwavering self-esteem.

"Yes, I'm sorry to annoy you, but—"

"Oh, it doesn't annoy me. You know you can't be sure anything is a real work of art unless somebody burlesques or satirizes it!"

#### A Woman's Decision.

"I see," he remarked, as he looked up from his paper, "that the British have recovered that battery of guns."

"What was it covered with the first time, dear?" she sweetly asked.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

#### Force of Habit.

She—Why does that piano sound first loud and then soft when Miss Wilson plays it?

He—Well, you see, she is learning to ride a bike, and uses both pedals from force of habit.

#### State News.

"You'll be getting locked up, young un, for allowing false news."

"Not much I shut; these pipers are three weeks old."—Moonshine.

#### Be Never Sleeps.

Fuddle—You know Stocks, don't you?

Doctor—Yes, indeed. He is now a patient of mine.

Fuddle—Pretty wide-awake man, isn't he?

Doctor—I should say so. I'm treating him for insomnia.

#### Cash Depositors.

One Small Boy—My papa puts the money he don't give to mother in a coffee pot.

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## Wanted Sketching.

She had shown her friend over the blue villa, which she had just taken, and which was very much like a somewhat enlarged doll's house.

"And now, dear, what do you think of it? Isn't it sweet?"

"Yes, indeed," replied the friend; "but what are you going to do with all those little rooms?"

"Oh! I shall let them out, dear."

"Oh! that will be all right, then, for I'm sure they want it."—Ally Sloper's.

## Behind Ma's Back.

"Pa" said little Harry, "after ma hit her thumb with the hammer today she says she suffered untold agony for ten minutes."

"My, my, my!" exclaimed the boy's father. "Wonders'll never cease. That's the first time she ever let anything go untold that long."—Chicago Times-Herald.

## Consolation.



Jennie (to her aunt, who is grieving over the loss of her pet canary)—"Well, auntie, there's one comfort, anyhow, we know he's much better off where he is."

## Something Wrong.

Mr. Benny Benedict had been reading his paper in quietude for almost five minutes. Presently he looked up at his wife with an agonized expression of fear and dread.

"What's the matter with the baby?" he cried.

Mrs. Benedict jumped up like a bucking mule. "Good gracious, nothing I hope!"

"There must be. I feel inwardly that there is something grievously wrong with the pet."

"Why, Benny—oh, why?"

"He isn't howling!"—Ally Sloper.

## Willing to Show 'Em.

An honest young man who had escaped a great peril by an act of heroism, was much complimented for his bravery.

One lady said: "I wish I could have seen your feat."

"Whereupon" he blushed and stammered, finally pointing to his pedal extremities, said: "Well, here they be, mum."

## About the Size of it.

Father—Where is your mother, Johnny?

Johnny—She's out in the back yard whitening.

Father—Are you sure she is whitening?

Johnny—Yes, sir; she's trying to sharpen a lead pencil.—Chicago News.

## Mere Matter of Figures.

He entered the cheap restaurant and took a seat at one of the tables. "Will you have a 25 cent dinner or a 50 cent one, sir?" inquired the waiter.

"What is any real difference?"

"Certainly, sir."

"There is it?"

"Twenty-five cents, sir."

## At the Wrong Door.

"Madam, I am soliciting for home charities. We have hundreds of poor, ragged children like those at your gate, and—"

"Sir, those children are mine!" and the slamming of the door could be heard in the next street.

## Distorted by Glamour.

"What is the honeymoon, pa?"

"Well, the honeymoon is the only period in a man's life during which he considers it funny to come home and find that his dear little wife hasn't dinner ready on time."—Detroit Free Press.

## Recognized His Opportunity.

Ada (pensively)—I hope you'll invite me to the wedding when you get married.

Jack (boldly)—I'll invite you before I ask any one else, and if you don't accept there won't be any wedding."

## A Dog's Life.

Brown—Yes, Jones married a rich wife; but he leads a dog's life.

Smith—Is that so?

Brown—Yes; he doesn't do a blessed thing but lay around the house and go out for an airing between meals.

## An Impossible Husband.

"I can't imagine a woman marrying a prize fighter."

"Too brutal?"

"I should say. Why, he would never give her a chance to talk!"—Philadelphia North American.

## Got Even with Them.

Novelist—Those confounded critics slated my new novel most unmercifully.

Friend—Well, you have your revenge. They had to read the book.

## It Gilda Her Charms.

"They say the Philadelphia stenographer who has just inherited \$50,000 is very plain."

"She can't be with all that money."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Purely Ornamental.

Visitor—Your smoking room is beautifully furnished.

Mr. Henpeck—Yes; if I only were allowed to smoke in it!

## The Beloved Color.

Larry—Ye have a frog in ye'er throat.

Denny—Ye is, but he is grana.

## FOR HOME AND WOMEN

### ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR MAIDS AND MATRONS.

**Some Few Pictures of Current Fashions—Black and White Effects—This College Girl Is O. K.—Don'ts for Mistresses—Cooking School.**

**Take Me, I'm All Thine Own.**  
This hand is free, this heart is pure; it beats for thee, and only thee. Until I saw thy winning face I loved not, and was fancy free. I loved thee, and if thou canst say You live for me and me alone—That I dwell in your heart of hearts—Then take me, I'm all thine own.

**I love thee! deeply, truly love;**  
For thee my life I would resign! But I require in exchange A passion that will equal mine. A queen I'd in thy bosom reign. Without a rival near my throne. If thou canst this condition meet. Then take me, I'm all thine own.

**'Tis heaven when two are joined in love**  
So deeply that 'twere death to part; But, oh, 'twere death if I were doom'd To live on a divided heart! If thou shouldst ever slight my love. The crime thou never couldst atone— But perish thought so base as this! Take, take me! I am thine own!

**This College Girl Is O. K.**  
A college girl, slipping down to New York last month for a Sunday at home, found presently her seat in the train shared by a young man. His appearance betrayed his species—the sort in whom assurance is developed at the expense of breeding—and in a few moments his conduct tallied with his looks.

Finding that staring and smiling were ignored, he offered a newspaper to his companion, which was declined by a nod of the head; then a magazine, also declined. Undaunted, he

**Don'ts for Mistresses.**  
Don't put your maid in an uncomfortable room to sleep. Make it attractive.

Don't ignore the fact that she needs some time to herself to mend her clothes.

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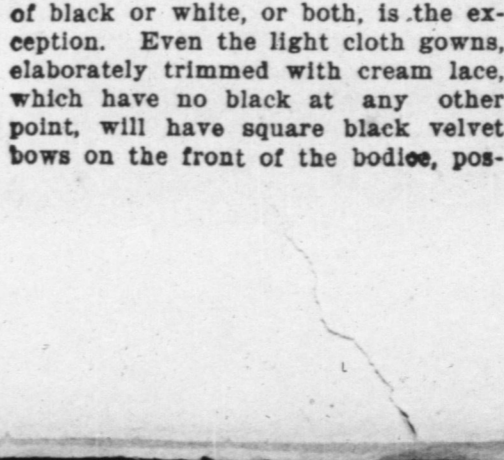
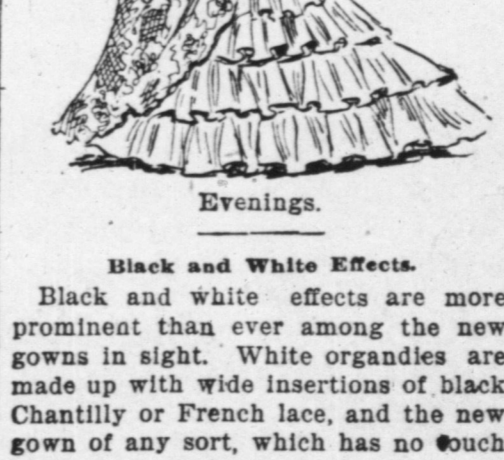
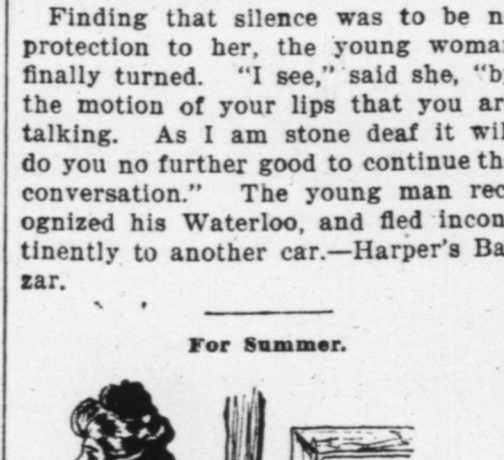
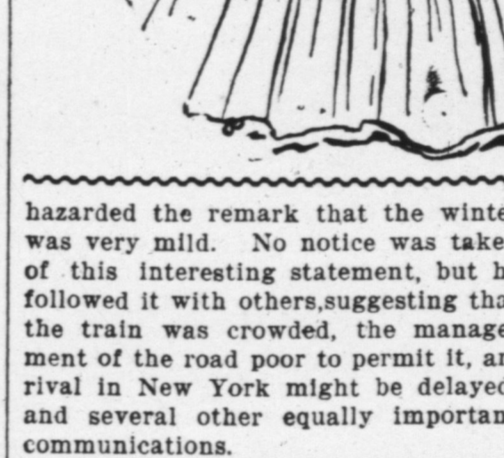
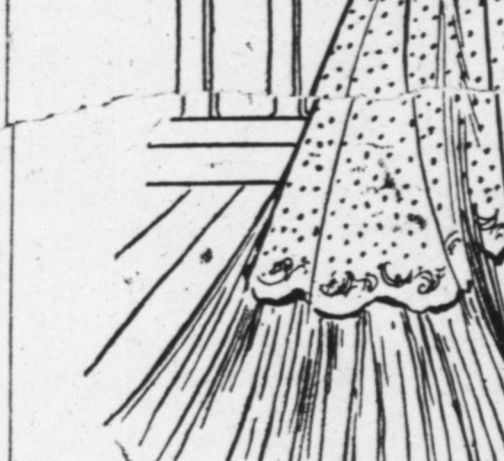
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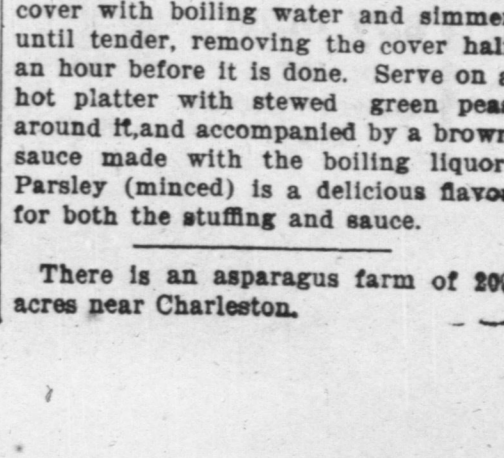
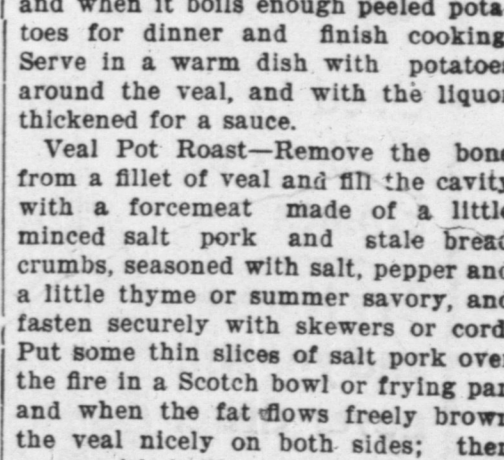
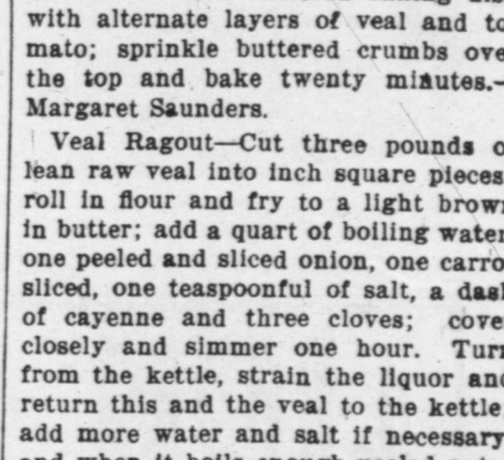
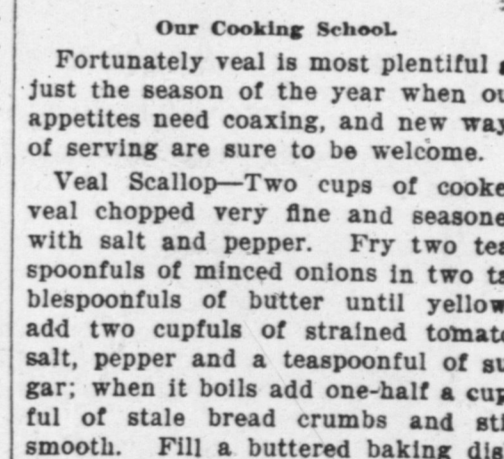
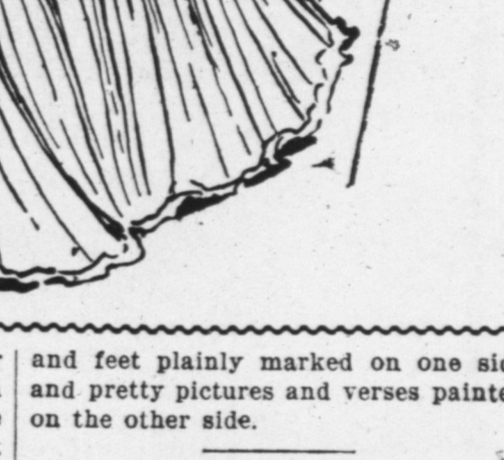
An important feature of the new thin gowns which must not be overlooked is their sleeves. They appear in great variety, but the most fashionable are the elbow sleeves, which appears with or without a cuff, but is generally finished with a frill of lace or of chiffon wider at the back than it is at the front, and the new lingerie sleeve, which is a sleeve which ends just below the elbow. From this point there emerges a full undersleeve of some thin fabric or light texture confined in a cuff or finished with a ruffle.

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**A WOMAN is sweet from a to Izzard.** The editor of the News has never seen one yet who did not seem precious in his eyes. We love 'em all the way from four years old till they die, and then we love their memory.

**THE News man has received** an invitation to attend the Exercises of the seventeenth commencement of the University of Texas. This is a noble institution and deserves all the encouragement and the people of the state can give it.

Miss Mabel Fegan of Del Rio, sister of Customs Inspector Al Fegan, is the guest of Miss Josie Watkins.—Eagle Pass Guide.

**Now The News can't blame the Record** for claiming everything for Del Rio, but when the Guide joins in the iniquity and even appropriates the Brackett girls it is high time to call a halt. We demand an apology at the point of the boot.

The indications from the money reports that come from London are to the effect that there will be no speculation in American securities of any amount for indefinite time, also that American railway stocks are likely to be largely alone until money shows a disposition to remain stable at some point. There are enterprises enough in the United States for the investment of American funds at present.

### Grace Church and Its Saloon.

"The Spirit of '96 and the spirit of '97," Grace church, New York, has bought a bit of property on fourth avenue, which contains a saloon. Rev. Dr. Huntington says the object is to extend the church buildings when need is, and not primarily to expel the saloon, which is held under a lease that continues for two years, and which, he adds, has never been a nuisance. For the present the saloonkeeper is tenant of Grace church, but that body will not, as Trinity has done, maintain such leases when the time comes that it can get rid of them. Dr. Huntington does not even believe in the regulated church saloon, which Dr. Rainford has advocated.

The Topeka Capital Co., says the Mail and Breeze has given Rev. Charles M. Sheldon \$5,000 as his share for the week he edited that paper: He has given it all for charitable purposes as follows: Indian famine sufferers, \$1,000; Topeka Detention hospital, \$1,000; Christ's hospital, Topeka, \$1,000; Washburn College, \$800; Topeka Y. M. C. A., \$500. For a public drinking fountain, \$300; Kindergarten Association, \$100; Y. M. C. A., \$150; W. C. T. U., \$100; Ingleside Home, \$100; State Temperance Union, \$100; Anti-Cigarette League, \$50.

The Populists will be on hand in the National committee organization at the National Democratic convention in order to confer with their partners in political iniquity and see if there is not some ground of agreement upon which they can unite their forces. The cohesion of the spoils is all sufficient, and this is just what the Populists want to ascertain, what proportion of the spoils is to be assigned them.

"This novelist says of a man, 'His face lit up.' How ridiculous!" "Not at all, perhaps he was lantern-jawed. Smoke up, old man, and let's see your face light up."

### A Spell of Spelling.

Stand up, ye spellers, now and spell— Spell phenakistoscope and knell; Or take some simple word as chilly, or gauger or the garden lily. To spell such words as syllogism and lachrymose and synchronism And pentateuch and saccharine, Apocrypha and celandine, Jephine and homeopathy Paralysis and chloroform, Rhinoceros and pachyderm, Metempsychosis, gherkins bosque, Is certainly no easy task. Kaleidoscope and Tennessee, Kamohatka and erysipelas, And etiquette and sassafras, Infalible and pyralism, Allopathy and rheumatism, And ocatolysm and beleaguer. Twelfth, eighteen, rendezvous, intriguer, And hosts of other words all found on English and on classic ground; Thus Bering strait and Michaelmas, Themopylae jalap, Havanna' Cinquefoil and ipecaouanha And Rappahannock, Shenandoah, And Schuykill and a thousand more Are words some prime good spellers miss in dictionary lands like this. Nor need one think himself a sorcerer if some of these his efforts foil Nor deem himself undone forever To miss the name of either river, The Dnieper, Seine or Guadalquivir.

The Galveston News says: From Present indications it will require all the money that can be raised in Cuba from taxation to demonstrate to the Cubans how to establish and conduct "a stable form of government." The Cubans, who have never had an independent government and therefore know very little about independent governments of any kind, will probably conclude that if the "stable" variety costs so much they would better have the other and cheaper kind.

A perquisite pill or \$124,000 a year for the postal department of Cuba is altogether too large for so small a patient. Better retire the pillmakers and put them in cramped quarters for a season where a lesson in contraction of ideas will be involuntarily taught them. It is the only efficient remedy now.

It looks very consistent (P) for a man to vote for local option in Midland and send for whisky by the jug from our neighboring towns, and no-one can deny but this is being done nearly every day. A great world and a great people this.—Midland Gazette.

Fifty-two automobile wagons have been specially built in Paris for inland service in Africa. They will be used in the Congo Free State to transport freight and passengers from the present terminus of a railroad at Badumbe to the Upper and Lower Niger. Even garbage is adulterated nowadays. In Bridgeport, Conn., where the removal of garbage is paid for at so much per hundred weight, the contractors have been defrauding the city by mixing marble dust and water with the refuse in order to make it weigh heavier.

### ARTIFICIAL SILK.

Development of the Industry Now Going On by Leaps.  
The silk worm, with its comparatively small output, has now a rival in artificial "silk," and it was to explain the processes by which this is produced that Joseph Cash, chairman of a factory at Wolston, near Coventry, read a paper at the Society of Arts, says the London Mail. Sir T. Wardle presided. Many attempts have been made, said Mr. Cash, to produce a material resembling silk, but only recently have they resulted in a commercially successful fabric. The earliest imitation was spun glass, which in its flexibility and brilliancy is excellent for millinery or dress ties, but its limitations are soon reached, for it can only be spun certain lengths, and it possesses little or no warmth. "Polished" cotton, "mercerized" cotton and "Pandura" silk, made of gelatin thread, have struggled for recognition in the market, but complete victory seems to be reserved to what is known as collodion "silk," produced by the Chardonne method, which is elaborate. Enormous sums of money it appears had been lost ere the present success was attained two years ago. But now the development of the industry is going on by leaps and bounds in Besancon, in France and in Switzerland. The material has an even greater brilliancy than silk, but the warmth is not so great. It is more durable, however, than the natural silk as known to the ordinary customer.

### Mammoth Engine.

The mammoth machine for supplying power for the Boston Elevated Railway, now in progress, is said to be the monarch of engines. Its indicated power at maximum efficiency is 4,000, but this can be varied 12 to 15 per cent either way, without affecting its efficiency; the engine shaft is of hollow forged nickel steel, 27 feet 14 inches in length, 32 inches in diameter in the bearings and 37 inches in the body, with a 17 1/2 inch hole through its length. The weight of the engine shaft is 65,410 pounds, of the crank disc 58,064 pounds, of the armature 125,000 pounds, and of the fly-wheel 265,515 pounds, making a load on the bearings, aside from the connecting rod, pistons, etc., 513,929 pounds; 143 pounds per square inch of projected area. The diameter of the fly-wheel is 28 feet, and the main bearings are 22 inches in diameter, 56 inches long and 7 feet 6 inches center to center.

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**A Rare Find.**  
A rare find in the shape of a man's egg has been made in a mining district in Central Otago. There was a "tail of earth" in a dredging claim, and presently the huge egg was seen floating unharmed in the water. The discovery is the more interesting from the fact that this is the second perfect moa's egg that has ever been found. The only other perfect specimen was unearthed by a man while digging in the alluvial soil at the Kalkoura mountains in the early sixties. This egg, which was nine inches in length and seven inches in breadth, was taken to England and sold for 100 guineas. Some idea of the size of these eggs may be gleaned from the fact that a man's hat makes an excellent egg-cup for them.

**A Costly Drought.**  
The drought of the last few years has cost New South Wales an enormous sum of money. The flocks of the colony have shrunk from 65,000,000 to 46,000,000, representing a loss of 20,000,000 sheep. If to this is added the loss of the natural increase, the shrinkage amounts to 50,000,000 sheep; enough, that is, to equip a considerable-sized colony. In addition there has been a loss of nearly 300,000 horses and 350,000 cattle. That the colony has been able to survive these terrible losses is a striking proof of energy and resource. Translated into money the colony has suffered a loss due to inadequate rainfall of from \$80,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

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**A Novel Wedding Present.**  
One of the recent brides has received a small hand "flash light" as a wedding gift. It may be turned on in a moment by the mere pressure of the thumb, which when removed extinguishes the light. It is of a convenient size for carrying about in one's pocket, and would be fine to flash a light on burglars. The charge gives 8,000 flashes, or will burn steadily for over five hours. It is the most ingenious little novelty for a wedding or birthday present.

**Mid-Summer Lingerie.**  
The silk shirt has been pressed decidedly out of service this summer, for the sandy, fluffy gowns will have nothing but lingerie to match. Only the finest muslin and sheer linen undershirts are worn, and these are made light at the hips with many elaborately-trimmed ruffles at the bottom. The newest chemise has no sleeve at all; it is held in place by ribbons that tie in a bow over the shoulder.

**To Measure Devotion.**  
The measure of a woman's devotion is the extent to which she will make herself uncomfortable for you; the measure of a man's is the effort he will make to have you as comfortable as he proposes to be himself.

**Escroquerie is a crime** which has no distinct counterpart in any country but France. An English lady was recently sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for ordering a costume that she was not able to pay for, and an English governess was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment for taking a cab without being able to pay the fare. The French are eminently practical people, and see no great difference between running off with an article and getting it without paying for it. It often happens that the English fall under the law with regard to escroquerie.

# THE MAGIC QUILT

A JUVENILE STORY

BY MARY CAROLINE HYDE

In a little house on the edge of a wood there lived Rosalie and her baby sister, Elsie. The house was built of logs and had but one room, one window, one door and a big chimney pushing its way through a miserable roof of thatch. Rosalie shivered whenever the little sister awoke, for she knew that each meal brought them so much nearer the end of the food. There were but two potatoes left and only a crust of bread. Elsie-awoke crying hard for something to eat. Rosalie gave her the crust and tried to decide what next to do.

"I think I had better wait till morning and take all night to choose what it shall be," she said to her sister, who was already asleep. "How nice it would be to wish for a new house, made of stone with a tight shingle roof and a vine growing over the front porch."

Rosalie, by the light of the still crackling fire, drew the quilt from the chest, pressed her fingers upon the second block and wished for a new home supplied with every comfort inside and out, to say nothing of the vine over the front porch. Like the first, the second block ripped itself free from the rest of the quilt and flew up the chimney. Even as Rosalie refolded the quilt and put it in the chest, there seemed something unusual going on about her; but she went to bed without trying to see what it was, and strange to say, as at once asleep, not to

waken till the sun an hour high, looked in through the windows of her pretty new home and aroused her.

Elsie, too, was awakened by the bright sun, and, sitting up in her bed, called, laughing to see herself in a fine new room. Her cradle and the chest in which Rosalie kept the quilt were the only things unchanged.

"Isn't it beautiful here, now?" exclaimed Rosalie. "I wish father were here to help us enjoy it. I am going to ask the quilt to write him a letter for me, because I don't know just where he is, and tell him to come home this very day, if he can."

She opened the chest, drew out the quilt and, laying her hand on the third block, said:

"Dear quilt, won't you please write father a letter, and say how his little Elsie and I have built for us alone."

Immediately there shifted out from the edges of the block a letter stamped and addressed to Rosalie's father, while the block fluttered loose from the rest of the quilt and sailed across the room to the new fireplace, up which it disappeared.

"Dear!" exclaimed Rosalie, picking up the letter, "why didn't I wish it sent directly to father; he won't get it for a long time if I send it by the village post," and touching the fourth block, she said:

"Please, quilt, speed today, father's letter on its way. Bring him ere night to his daughters, two, as you know so well how to do."

No sooner had she said this poor little rhyme than the letter vanished and the fourth block followed the others up the chimney. She put what was left of the magic quilt again into the chest and began at once to get everything ready for her father's return, but to-was it nightfall there was a heavy step across the new front porch. Rosalie, watching, knew it was her father and hurriedly opened the door to find him standing there, his hand covering his eyes.

"Oh, father!" she cried, "I knew you would come; the quilt never fails. Why do you cover your eyes?"

"I am just off the battlefield, Rosalie," he said, "where a shot destroyed my sight. The rest I cannot tell you about, only that I am here. If I could only see you and Elsie, we would never complain."

"You shall see us, father," said Rosalie, taking his hand and leading him across the room to the chest. "Feel this, father, it is all that is left of the quilt. Now I shall wish that you get back your sight," and she pressed her hand upon the fifth block.

In a twinkling it had separated from the last block and whirled up the chimney, and Rosalie's father's sight was perfectly restored.

"What magic is this?" he cried. "I can see as well as ever!"

"It is the precious quilt, as I told you, father," she answered, putting the last block into his hand.

"Seeing is believing," he said, looking at the block curiously. "Put it away, Rosalie, to wish by when you are married."

Rosalie took it from him.

"I wish for nothing more, now that you are home, but that we shall live long and be happy."

This was enough! The block fluttered from his fingers, drifted across the room, up the chimney, leaving the gift of long life and happiness in the pretty home on the edge of the wood.—Detroit Free Press.

An Indian Child's Prayer.

Miss Mary P. Lord, a teacher among the Sioux Indians, tells us this beautiful little story: "An Indian baby was lying in its father's arms, while nearby stood another little daughter, a few years older, who was a Christian. 'Papa,' said the little daughter, 'little sister is going to heaven to-night. Let me pray.' As she said this she knelt at her father's knee, and this was the sweet little prayer which fell from her lips: 'Father God, little sister is coming to see you to-night. Please open the door softly, and let her in. Amen.'—Ram's Horn.

### Terrible Affliction.

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So deep has the military craze taken root that dinner parties in London are now being khaki tablecloths with bright red flowers placed in imitation of cavalry boots.

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Large Damages Awarded. There are fifteen suits for damages filed against the M. K. and T. railway Co. of Texas, aggregating \$150,000. These suits grow out of the alleged introduction of small pox into Italy last summer by the defendant's company. James N. Wilkerson is attorney for plaintiffs.—Waxahachie Light.

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Mr. T. L. Harris of Shelville was in Monroe yesterday. He says that the people there who were so fearfully injured by the recent hail will have to plant their crops over, putting it in cotton or corn. In some places the hail drifted to a height of fifteen feet, and much of it yet remains on the ground. It will require several weeks of warm sunshine to melt all of it.—Walton (Ga.) News and Messenger.

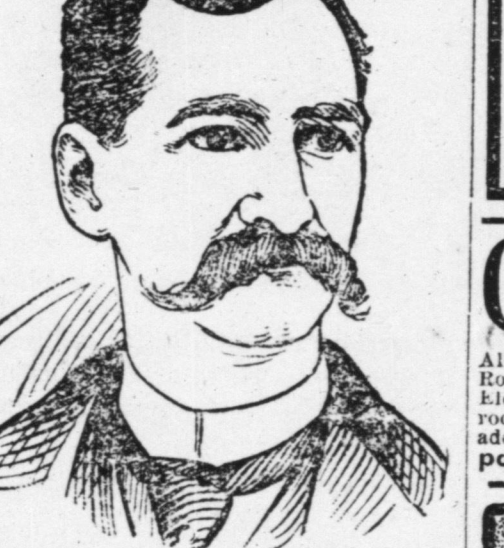
When a man has looked through six pockets for something his wife wants and can't find it she begins to look uneasy, but he keeps on and finds it in the seventeenth.—Athletion Globe.

Two years ago the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London, known to the world as "Spurgeon's," was burned down in an hour. It is now nearly rebuilt and within a month or two will outwardly be as of yore. The old tabernacle cost \$100,000; the new one will cost over \$200,000. It will seat about 4000 persons—1000 less than the old one—but there will be more comfort. The formal opening will take place in September.

On Lake Baikal, in Siberia, on February 10, a new ice-breaking steamer, which was built on the lake, was given a trial trip. The journey was made from Listvenitchnoye to Pereyemaya and back through ice 2 feet 7 inches in thickness, the distance of eighty miles being traversed in twelve hours. The trip was considered most successful, and the engines of the steamer developed sufficient power to keep the lake open for traffic during the winter.

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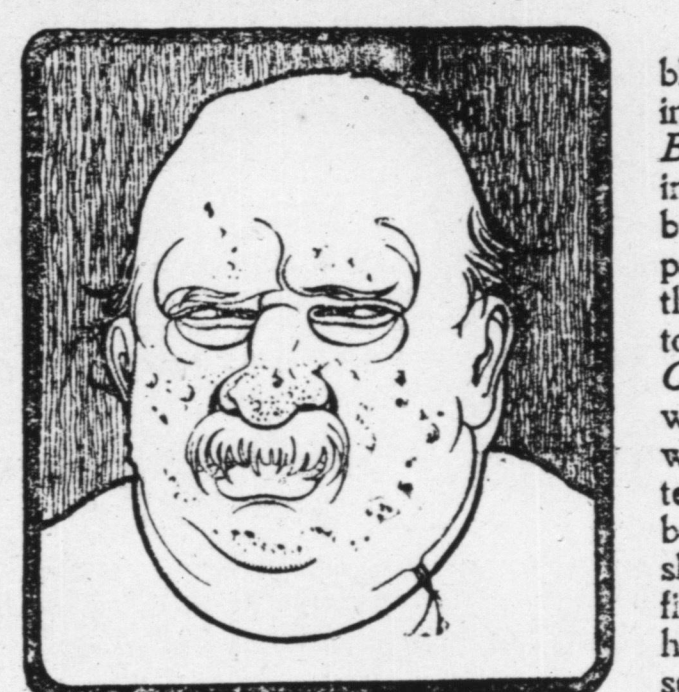
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**PREMATURE NEWS.**

**JOHANNESBURG WAS NOT ENTERED UNTIL YESTERDAY.**

Robert's Official Reports of Delay and Latest Entry of Johannesburg—Notes of Movements of His Troops—Krugger Was Reported Captured.

London, June 1.—Lord Roberts' latest dispatches shed a somewhat different light on the situation. Before they were received celebrations were organized in the country towns in honor of the fall of Pretoria. In Chester a public holiday was declared, while at Dover, Portsmouth and many other places in the provinces flags were flown and the rejoicing general. Pretoria, however, is not yet in the hands of the British, though there is no reason to doubt the authenticity of the report that Krugger has evacuated the place and that the municipality is ready to surrender when confronted by superior numbers. At 9 o'clock last night the final forward movement on the Transvaal capital had apparently commenced. All Roberts' dispositions of troops appear to apply to Johannesburg, and though the British seem certain to reach Pretoria within a day or so, they will not occupy it without fighting, if the opposition of the Boers around Johannesburg is any criterion. So thoroughly is the country here imbued with the belief that Pretoria has fallen that Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, speaking today at a meeting of the university of Birmingham, said he has sent the queen a message of congratulation upon the capture of Johannesburg and Pretoria, which was sent to the afternoon papers.

The afternoon newspapers all acknowledge the prompt readiness of the United States consul to Pretoria, Mr. Adelbert S. Hay, in assisting on the release of a number of British officers to take command of the British prisoners in order to avert disturbances among the latter.

**Fighting Near Pretoria.** Lorenzo Marquez, June 1.—There are persistent rumors here that the British have entered Pretoria. The seat of the Transvaal government has been moved to Middelburg and will probably be shifted still further east. Fighting took place yesterday at Kaatfontein, midway between Pretoria and Johannesburg. The bridge at Irene has been accidentally destroyed by the Boers. Krugger's movements are attended with much mystery. This is probably intentional.

**French and Hamilton Engaged.** Elandsfontein, June 1.—Generals French and Hamilton were engaged to the west of Johannesburg. I tried to get there yesterday, but found Kibbusheng on the way. Since Sunday the western columns have been fighting, but although guns were used, the actions were only big skirmishes. The Boers are retreating to Pretoria. Donoghue, correspondent of the Daily Chronicle, was captured yesterday.

**Miners in Session.** Ft. Smith, Ark., June 1.—The miners of district No. 21, United Mine Workers, are in annual convention here today. About sixty delegates from Arkansas and the Indian territory are present, and meeting with them are James Boston and Joseph Pendleton, two national delegates. They will be in session during the remainder of the week, and after finishing routine business will consider the scale of wages, the subject which brought on the strike a year and a half ago, and is still on. Al Struble is president and George Brackney secretary. The election of officers for the ensuing year will be held today.

**Dispatch From MacArthur.** Washington, D. C., June 1.—The following dispatch was received at the war department yesterday from General MacArthur at Manila: "Small surrenders continue in the district of northern Luzon. Corino, fugitive governor of Benguet, active friend of Aguinaldo, captured yesterday near Cabayan; important. While scouting near San Miguel de Mayumo (Luzon), May 29, Captain Charles D. Roberts, Privates John A. McIntyre and Lyell W. Akens, were captured, Sergeant John G. Allen, Privates Joseph McCourt and John A. Green killed; George Kilinger wounded, thigh. All of company I, Thirty-fifth regiment."

**Child Saved from Drowning.** Waco, Texas, June 1.—Westbrook Robertson, aged 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Robertson, went on a visit to his cousins, sons of Mrs. C. A. Westbrook of Lorena, McLennan county. All the boys went swimming in a creek near Lorena and Westbrook Robertson sank the third time and did not again rise to the surface, having been completely exhausted and being probably attacked with cramps. Louis Westbrook, aged 13, dived again and at last got hold of his little cousin and pulled him to the shore, where he was resuscitated after protracted rubbing and the usual remedies resorted to in such cases applied by a physician, assisted by the little boy, Louis Westbrook, who rescued his cousin, is a delicate little fellow and although three years older, is not much larger than the child whose life he saved. He was congratulated by the people of Lorena on his brave effort in behalf of his cousin.

**A Gold Discovery.** Abilene, Texas, June 1.—What may prove to be a rich gold mine has been discovered in the southern portion of this county, near Jim Ned creek. The prospective mine is located on the land of Mr. H. E. Cook, formerly sheriff of this county. Some weeks ago an old miner was passing through the country and secured temporary employment as a ranch hand on one of the ranches in the neighborhood. In passing through Mr. Cook's pasture his attention was attracted by certain peculiar rocks that he found jutting out of a hillside. He investigated them and pronounced them rich in gold. He at once went to work to collect some of the ore and reduce it by primitive methods. He found that by this method his labor would be rewarded with several dollars' worth of gold per day and he at once quit ranch work and went to gold mining. He informed Mr. Cook of what he had found and furnished him specimens to be sent to the assayer. Mr. Cook sent the specimens to the London and Colorado gold and copper extraction company of Denver, and has since received the assayer's certificate signed by the president of the company, which gives the value of the samples tested at \$1200 per ton in gold and \$7.40 per ton in silver. Mr. Cook says there seems to be an abundance of such ore on his land and the land adjoining and he will make further investigations as to the paying qualities of the supposed bonanza.

**Convict Found Safe.** Caldwell, Burleson Co., Texas, June 1.—After winding up all the business before it, district court adjourned yesterday evening. The most important case was the trial of Ed Gayton on an issue of insanity, and after a fair hearing he was adjudged sane. Gayton is a black negro about 20 years old, and last fall murdered Dan N. Ragdsdale in a most horrible and brutal manner. He was tried at the November term of court here, convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged in January. Counsel had been appointed by the court to defend him, but he had no defense and pleaded guilty. As he seemed to be extremely ignorant, not being able to count ten, a friend filed an affidavit of defendant's insanity. He is sentenced to be hanged on Saturday, June 30.

**Plague in India.** London, June 1.—The Daily Express has the following from Bombay, dated yesterday: "An unprecedentedly severe epidemic of cholera has broken out in the northern districts of Bombay presidency, especially in the famine camps. Several deaths have increased 40 per cent within three days. In the Kaira district there have been 1330 deaths in seven days. The government has made a special grant to cremate 61,500 of the dead immediately. In Palampur state on the first day there was one death, on the second there were 84 and on the third there were upward of 400. The swiftness of infection was due to the fact that the first death was near the only available water supply. The germs were thus carried all over the camp. In the city of Bombay there have been sixty-seven deaths in the last seven days."

**Difficult Surgical Operation.** Nacogdoches, Tex., June 1.—A surgical operation was performed here yesterday evening upon a young negro man named Genie Hunt, who was wounded in a difficulty about two weeks ago by a pistol shot, about the junction of the thigh and abdomen. Today hemorrhage from a big artery broke loose and he was about to bleed to death in short order. Under direction of a doctor the blood was held back by pressure until the operation of cutting down and tying off the artery could be performed under chloroform, a difficult and delicate operation.

**Departure of Krugger.** Pretoria, June 1.—Last night the president and government left for the south, the state attorney being the only member remaining. At a meeting yesterday morning Burgomaster Potgeiter de Solha and secretary of war were handed provisional administration of the towns. An influential committee has been appointed to assist them. Last night considerable anxiety was felt here about the British prisoners of war at Waterval. Accordingly de Souza took twenty-three British officers and parole was handed over to them to control the prisoners. Everything is quiet and orderly.

**Mill Men Pleased.** Orange, Texas, June 1.—The mill men who went to New Orleans to see Major H. M. Adams returned yesterday and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the manner in which the major received their explanations, and they are convinced that he took a practical view of the situation and that he will recommend that the floating of logs on this river be not disturbed, as the order of the secretary of war was clearly made on information that was not reliable. Congressman Cooper accompanied the mill men when they called upon Major Adams and assisted in explaining local conditions. He will give the matter his further attention upon his arrival at Washington.

**Egg Shipments.** Bonham, Texas, June 1.—Three thousand dozen eggs were shipped from this city to New Orleans yesterday. This seems a large quantity of eggs, yet it is considered a small shipment compared with the usual shipments.

**EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.**

Peru wants a representative at Washington. An alleged military scandal has been unearthed in Serbia. The United States supreme court has adjourned until October. A fresh outbreak of bubonic plague is reported at Alexandria, Egypt. In Bombay, India, there were sixty-seven cholera deaths in seven days. The failure of Seymour, Johnson & Co., brokers of New York, is announced. The United States cruiser Albany was commissioned at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Marquis de Gallifet, French minister of war, has resigned. Gen. Andre is his successor. M. Emile Zola, the author, vigorously protests against the proposed amnesty bill of France. While watching at Denver, Colo., the eclipse, Prof. Howe rediscovered the planet Eros, lost two years ago. Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, is coming to this country in the interest of his invention. Fourteen young Puerto Ricans have come to the United States to study for the Roman Catholic priesthood. Owing to his feeble condition, Gen. Wade Hampton could not attend the Confederate reunion at Louisville, Ky. Fire broke out in the shaft of the Hecla mine, near Houghton, Mich., and one man of a party of twelve lost his life. The Colorado state board of health has decided to quarantine against the entrance of Chinese and Japanese into that state. The senate committee on privileges and elections reported adversely a resolution providing for the election of United States senators by the people. A cablegram received from India by the India Finance association describes dire scenes. Camps are stamped by cholera and the fugitives spread the disease. Hernandez, a native Honduran, was at Guatemala convicted of the murder of Imboden and the wounding of Golden, two Virginians, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment. Senator Tillman has recovered an old state document, missing thirty years, proving South Carolina's revolutionary, Mexican and 1812 war claims for \$500,000.

Russia has abolished the distinction that has heretofore existed between Russian and Finnish postage stamps. Finnish postoffices are now provided with Russian stamps only. On Decoration day the crew of the United States coast steamer Blake decorated at St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, the grave of Rhodes of the Dixie, who died there in February last. "Skin the Goat" Fitzharris and Joseph Mullet, recently released from Me sentence in a British prison for complicity in the Phoenix park murders at Dublin, have arrived at New York. The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers decides that when a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen wishes to join the engineers he must retire from the brotherhood of firemen. For the first time on record the czar invited the members of the British embassy to dinner on the occasion of the queen's birthday. The innovation is regarded as of great political significance. A portion of the embankment of the Sabermutee river, India, on which Ahmedabad is situated, caved in while many men, women and children were washing clothing in the river. Thirty lives were lost. The Arkansas State Bar association met in annual session at Fort Smith with about 150 members in attendance. The sessions were held in the United States court room, which had been elaborately decorated for the event.

Miss Katherine Stauffer Clark, the daughter of Senator William A. Clark of Montana, was married to Lewis Rutherford Morris at St. Thomas church, New York. Several thousand invitations were issued for the ceremony and the church was crowded. After an exciting contest lasting many months the advocates of the Grout bill placing an almost prohibitive tax on oleomargarine and like imitation butters, succeeded in having that measure favorably reported upon by a vote of 10 to 7. The commissioner of internal revenue has ruled that bank checks issued by clerks of the United States and state courts in their official capacity and by authority of the court are exempt from taxation.

The Methodist general conference at Chicago practically decided to make no change in the attitude of the church in regard to card playing, dancing, theater going and other forms of amusement, which 1872 have been under the ban of the church. Measures will be taken to protect the American interests in China, but the authorities do not care to land troops, so the United States and other nations proceeded to land marines on their own account.

At Hagerstown, Ind., the monument in memory of the battle of Antietam was dedicated. President McKinley was the orator. In his address the president said that American soldiers surrendered to none but American soldiers.

**TEXANETTES.** The colored railroad train porters of Texas had a picnic at Fort Worth. The Central Texas Negro fair will be held at Corsicana August 16, 17, 18 and 19. Winice Ellison shot in the groin at Terrell and also had two fingers wounded. The business of the express office at Alvin for the month of April exceeded \$12,000. Track laying has commenced on the Calvert, Waco and Brazos Valley railway. San Antonio claims nearly 11,000 school children and bases her population on 13,900. A call for a railway employers' meeting to be held in June at Fort Worth has been issued. Four mules ran away with a binder in a field near Waxahachi, badly damaging that implement. Tom Moran, a section hand on the Houston and Texas Central railway, was cut in two by a train near Whitney. President S. B. Donnelly of the International Typographical union visited several Texas cities the past few days. Nueces county marketed a lot of tomatoes May 23, taking the lead among Texas counties marketing the vegetable. Money for the Young Men's Christian association building to be erected at Corsicana is being liberally subscribed. A Rock Island freight train loaded with cattle was derailed on account of a washout about five miles north of Bowie. Six cars of cattle were turned.

The wife of Senator Culberson has presented that gentleman to a daughter, and the senator is one of the happiest men in the national capital. A man named Lancaster, a graduate of Cambridge university, a Red Man and Mason, was found dead at Corpus Christi. He was addicted to the use of cocaine. A Southern Pacific freight train collided with an engine and four stock cars on a curve at San Antonio. John Gillard and Andrew J. Crowley jumped and were caught between cars and crushed to death. Suit has been instituted at Belton by Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick against B. Lantry Sons for \$35,000 damages, charging defendant with being responsible for a derrick falling on her husband and killing him. The fatality occurred three miles from that city. The railroad companies paid the county tax on their passenger earnings for the quarter ending March 31: Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio \$1,022.77; Gonzalez, Brownsville, Pecos and New Orleans \$356.23; Galveston, Houston and Northern \$139.94. The Spanish steamship Gadtano sailed from Sabine Pass for Liverpool via Newport News, carrying 1,515,759 feet of pitch pine lumber, valued at \$18,621, shipped by the Morgan Lumber company. The Gadtano went out of port drawing 24 1-2 feet of water.

The city marshal and constable at Flatonia arrested eight negroes charged with highway robbery. A crowd of negroes met a restaurant keeper and robbed him of \$4. An attempt was made also to hold up two Mexicans, but as the Mexicans made a fight, they escaped. In the criminal district court at Galveston Will Starke, a negro, was convicted of burglarizing three clothing stores and his punishment assessed at twenty-three years in the penitentiary. A state conference of Social Democrats will be held at Dallas on July 4 for the purpose of perfecting a state organization and arranging for the selection of electors and placing a state ticket in the field. Continued rains have put farmers very much behind around Tetrifana. Some of them will be compelled to mow the weeds on the land before it can be broken for planting. The small grain is very fine. An abundant crop will be harvested. Mr. A. P. Foutte of Fort Worth is in receipt of a letter from the secretary of the Credit Men association of America, asking him to prepare a paper for the grocers' conference, to be held at Milwaukee, Wis., on June 15 next.

In a train of thirty-one cars that arrived a few days ago at Denison there were twelve cars of woodenware, five cars of builders' cement and six cars of coarse cotton goods, destined for various points in Texas. The 17-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCullum, who live near Bartlett, drank a quantity of coal oil a few days ago which had been left after kindling a fire. The child's life was saved by prompt medical assistance. In a difficulty between negroes on the Paris and Brookston road, eight miles west of Paris, Bentley Moss received a serious stab in the back and another on the throat, which extended from one ear almost to the other. Sturm Bros, of W. H. Staley, brought in a fine producing oil well on the Polk lease near Corsicana, which they report makes a showing of thirty barrels a day. The well is about like the other wells drilled on this lease.

**SMITH ON THE BOERS.**

**HE DEPLORES GREED OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.**

History, He Says, Shows No More Memorable Fight Than the Present War—Says Victory Over Boers Will Be a Moral Defeat.

Prof. Goldwin Smith, who gave up a place in British politics and also a position in Oxford University in order that he might live in Canada, has recently returned from a European trip and has given his views on the Boer war. "None of my English friends," he says, "has ever doubted that would be the issue of a war in which the entire forces of the British Empire were opposed to those of a population not half as large as the population of Liverpool. The Boers have put into the field decrepitude and childhood. They have no reserves. We shall win, and, having won, we shall, too, probably, reap in the judgment of posterity a measure of the same glory which we reaped by the burning of Joan Arc. We shall be fortunate if we escape the guilt of opening an era of unscrupulous rapacity and violence which might throw back for a century the progress of moral civilization. "A civilian can have nothing to say about this dispute as to the conduct of our generals. The generals were distinguished men. The British soldier has shown his wonted valor. Canadian and Australian have fought gallantly at his side. Our military administration seems also to have really done well and put into the field with striking rapidity an unexpected amount of force. But besides the difficulties of the country, we have encountered in our enemy a moral force on which we did not reckon and which escaped the discernment of Cecil Rhodes. We have encountered in its greatest intensity that enthusiastic patriotism which turns the sluggard's blood to flame. Can history show a more memorable fight for independence than that made by the Boer? Does it yield to that made by Switzerland against Austria and Burgundy, or that made by the Swiss under Hoter? The Boers get no pay; no comforts and luxuries are provided for him by fashionable society; he can look forward to no medals or pensions; he voluntarily endures the utmost hardships of war; his discipline, though unforced, seems never to fail. Boys of sixteen—a correspondent at the Cape tells me even at four years—take the rifle from the hand of the mother, who remains to pray for them in her lonely home, and stand beside their grandfathers to face the murderous artillery of modern war. A newspaper correspondent the other day saw a boy of sixteen lying mangled on the field, and saying: 'It does not hurt much; only I am so thirsty.' Rude, narrow minded, fanatical in their religion, these men may be; so were the old Scotch Calvinists; so have been some of the noblest wildstocks of humanity; but surely they are not unworthy to gaze at a nation. "As on shoulder the Boers twice found out how to make for themselves a home in the wilderness where they might live their own life. Who had a right to take it from them? Her Britannic majesty did not create Africa. There is too much truth in the saying that this is the best of all possible worlds. I am sure we shall find what hands my country has fallen."

**Words Born in the War.** It will be interesting to note what marks the present war will leave on our manners, customs and language. A big war has results of this kind. The wars with Napoleon gave us "Wellingtons," "Bluchers," and probably, war supplied us with a new name for girls, "Alma," broke down the military monopoly of a fringed upper lip, and made the long familiar sight of his polished mahogany obsolete for the Englishman who reached the stage of his dinner when dessert is laid and the wine goes round. That war made crutches common and "coasters," a curiosity. The great Franco-Russian campaign had comparatively little social influence on us—probably because we were not actual belligerents. We learned to take interest in maneuvers, a word which soon superseded the old "sham fights." As yet the present war has influenced more our language than our customs. "Freaking" and "spinning," "Khaki" has become a familiar color, and "colonial" uniform familiar in our streets. We may each note for ourselves these indirect, unobtrusive, but probably lasting influences of the war.—London News.

**Exalting the Uniform.** Ever since the outbreak of the South African war military enthusiasm has run high in Great Britain. A London paper relates that at an entertainment in Edinburgh, soon after the war opened, the audience stopped the performance to sing the national anthem. Meantime a group of excited men toward the door caught sight of a man in uniform, and before he could form any idea of what was being done they had him on his shoulders, and were shouting him about the building, snoring and singing. When they had done this to their hearts' content they set him down, and some one asked him, "What's your regiment?" "Regiment!" he exclaimed. "What's gone wrong with you? I'm the door-keeper!"

**Sacred Fire of India.** The sacred fire of India have not all been extinguished. The most ancient which still exists was consecrated twelve centuries ago in commemoration of the voyage made by the Parsees when they emigrated from Persia to India. The fire is fed five times every two hours with sandalwood and other fragrant materials, combined with very dry fuel.

**A Fearful Suspicion.** "Don't you sometimes feel a twinge of self-reproach in connection with this Puerto Rican matter?" "To tell you the truth," answered Senator Sorghum, "I do. Every now and then I hal suspect that we didn't get quite as much out of that deal as we might have secured."

**TO FRAME BRIDE'S PICTURE.**

**How a New Chicago Matron Remembers Her Friends.**

A recent Chicago bride who was going out of town to live distributed photographs of herself and farewell gifts to her relatives and friends and had them framed in a unique and attractive manner. They were all mounted under glass in the manner familiar to all and known as passe-partout, but instead of the usual mat of linen or cardboard she used a material which was especially appropriate, and one which made frame as well as picture worthy of being preserved among the family heirlooms. The picture which she gave her mother had a mat of the white satin which had been used for her wedding dress, and across one corner was a bit of the lace with which the dress was trimmed. To a sister she gave a picture also mounted in the white satin, but with a design of orange blossoms embroidered upon it, while the mount for the one given her maid of honor was of the white satin embroidered with a graceful spray of bride roses. Friends less near received pictures mounted with the goods which had gone to make up the different gowns of her trousseau. The mount made from the material of her "going-away gown" had forget-me-nots embroidered in small scattered sprays, while some of the silk and figured goods were made up plain, being sufficiently decorative in themselves. In each case the mount picture was bound in the glass with a narrow strip of soft leather in a shade to correspond with the color of the mount. Upon the back of each was plainly written the name and date of the wedding. It is needless to state that the gifts were prized as the pictures alone never could have been, and it is safe to predict that other brides will follow the graceful fashion.—Chicago Chronicle.

**A SLIGHT MISTAKE.**

**The Bride's Father Was a Teller, but Not Connected with a Bank.** "Can I tell you the meaning of euphuism?" said an old reporter the other night in response to a question by one of the younger men on the staff. "Why, certainly, my boy. It is the pleasant art of calling a bootblack a gentleman of polish, and it's very valuable in newspaper work, provided you don't carry the joke too far. I remember when I was a cub myself and was working out in Denver a fellow came in one day and asked me to write a nice little notice about the marriage of his brother to a girl over in Centre City. 'Who is the bride?' I asked, so as to get some material for the paragraph: 'what is her father's occupation?' 'Why, he's a teller,' said my caller, hesitating a little. 'All right,' said I, and thinking it would sound a shade finer, I referred to the lady as 'the beautiful and accomplished daughter of the well known banker of Centre City.' Next day the boss came in foaming at the mouth. 'What in blazes do you mean by speaking of old as a banker?' he howled. 'He's a professional clairvoyant and the lady's brother is a teller at a bank.' There I was, with the paper right now, offering to reveal the past and future for 35 cents and a lock of your hair! I was overwhelmed with chagrin and hunted up my informant. 'Why did you tell me that girl's father was a banker?' I asked reproachfully. 'I didn't,' he answered, 'I said he was a teller.' 'No, it isn't,' said he; 'you jumped at conclusions. I didn't mean a paying teller, I meant a fortune teller.'—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**SITUATION OF WHISKERS.**

**The Mustache Is an Ancient Ornament.** From "Robinson Crusoe." "My beard I had once suffered to grow until it was about a quarter of a yard long, but as I had both scissors and razors sufficient, I had cut it pretty short, except what grew on my upper lip, which I trimmed into a large pair of Mohammedan whiskers, such as I had seen worn by some Turks at Saltee, for the Moors did not wear such, though the Turks did; of the mustachios, or whiskers, I will not say they were long enough to hang my hat upon them, but they were of a length and shape monstrous enough, and such as England would have passed for frightful." From Wilson's "History and Antiquities of the Dissenting Churches." "Joseph Jacob, an independent preacher at Turner's hall, Philpot Lane (in the beginning of the last century) made a church of his own. He passed an order obliging the whole of the congregation to stand during the time of singing. This, though by no means an uncommon thing in the present day, was then looked upon as a great novelty. In this reformed church all periwigs were discarded, the men members wore whiskers upon their upper lips, in which Mr. Jacob set them an example." From "Hunt's Travels in 1792." "They (the Hungarians) shave their beards, except the upper lip, which is generally adorned with a pair of huge whiskers."

**A Flying Postal Service.**

There are several small islands in the Pacific ocean that belong to England. A vessel was wrecked during a storm on one of these islands, and it was necessary to get word to Auckland. Carrier pigeons were used. They carried the messages and brought return messages. This success led to the buying of a large flock of carrier pigeons, who were trained for the work on these islands. Each bird can carry four messages, each written on paper of a certain quality and size. When four messages are ready, a bird is sent off. Each message costs either one shilling or sixpence. These pigeons are private property.

**An Exception to the Rule.**

"We ought to put more personal warmth in our letters." "Oh, I don't know. A man I knew once put a lot of personal warmth in some letters, and it got him into court in a breach of promise suit."—Indianapolis Journal.

**A Dry Sermon.**

"How was the temperance sermon yesterday?" "Dry."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

**EXPENSES IN POSTOFFICES.**

**Expanding Postal Business Leads to Items of Expenditure.**

The American method of conducting the postoffice business so as to give "the greatest good to the greatest number" has no profit to the government, has no disadvantage. That is the impossibility of providing from time to time, as the requirements of an expanding volume of business call for them, new buildings for postoffice uses, or for the extension of those already in use. At the time of the last report there were 1,000 postoffices of the first and second classes in the United States, exclusive of minor or village postoffices, and of these chief postoffices 252 were in buildings owned by the government, and the remainder were in leased premises, the gross annual rental of which was nearly \$500,000 exclusive of nearly as much more paid for the rent of postal stations. The entire appropriation paid for leased buildings and parts of buildings the usage of the government is to provide in leases of buildings for postoffice use for heat, light, and a safe or vault) is \$1,500,000 a year, and the larger postoffices, which are, of course, the which yield the most profit to the government, the minor ones being operated at a loss, entail no expenditure for buildings, money for which is separately appropriated from government funds by congress. Estimates differ as to the value of postoffice buildings owned by the United States government. The New York postoffice cost \$7,000,000, and all large American cities, Washington now included, have postoffices of modern design, the collective value of which is certainly not less than \$100,000,000, and may be considerably in excess of that amount in view of the fact that in many cases the sites for postoffice buildings have been presented by the state or municipalities, as the case may be, without any cost to the general government, and if the value of land be taken into account and the expense of interior equipment added, it is probable that the postoffice buildings, represented by the government, and included, would represent a capitalization of \$200,000,000, the annual interest charge on which would about equal the annual deficit from postoffice operations, which is from \$9,000,000 to \$10,000,000. It is under these circumstances that the demand for new postoffice buildings or for the improvement of established postoffice buildings is usually resisted by congress. There is considerable rivalry between cities in this regard. The Kansas City postoffice, when completed, is to cost \$850,000; the St. Paul postoffice \$800,000, the Omaha postoffice \$750,000, the Savannah postoffice \$400,000, the Charleston postoffice \$400,000 and the Newark postoffice building a like sum. New York exceeds all other cities in this respect, not only in respect to the volume of postoffice business, but also in the profit arising from it.—New York Sun.

**BRIDE AND GROOM.**

**No More Kissing at the Altar.** The ring and the knot of the bride and groom are complete. The ceremony is over. "The bride and groom," writes Mrs. Burton Kingsland, in the March Ladies' Home Journal. "Inside the ring—always a plain gold one—are engraved the initials of bride and groom and the date of the wedding. It is placed on the third finger of the left hand because of the fanciful conceit that from that finger a nerve goes straight to the heart. Some say that the word 'obey' in the marriage service is an anachronism and holds only those who choose to be bound, but American women do not feel their chains. In some provinces of Russia the bride's father gives her a little cut with a whip, which instrument of correction he then presents to the groom for future emergencies. The kiss, formerly given by the young husband to his bride after the words 'I pronounce you man and wife' for which so many rehearsals were necessary—has gone out of fashion. It is a time-honored observance of wedding etiquette that the bride shall not be seen by the bridegroom on the fatal day until she appears coming up the aisle to meet him. Hence the custom of the bridal procession is for him—not a pageant for the guests."

**Some Leading Facts About Chicago.**

The first Chicago boom occurred in 1830. Chicago was chartered as a city in 1837; the great fire took place October 9, 1871. The area embraced within the corporate limits at present is 157,128 square feet, the population is estimated at 2,000,000. Length of streets, 2,570 miles; length of boulevards, 66 miles; length of sidewalks, 4,863 miles; bridges, 60; viaducts, 39; sewers, 1,305 miles; water mains, 1,692 miles; public school buildings, 272; pupils in public schools, 239,230; churches, 647; convents, 22; theaters, 25; area of parks, 2,210 acres; lake vessels annually entering port, 8,000; yards, 35; postoffice carriers and sub-stations, 110; prominent hotels, 31; hospitals, 41; longest street, Western avenue, 22 miles in length. Chicago is the greatest railroad center in the world, the leading maritime port on the continent.

**Some Common Weather Signs.**

If swallows fly near the ground there will be rainy or windy weather, chickens seek shelter it will be wet, if chickens and other fowls pick their feet and damp, if weather will be cloudy, roosters crow early during severe frosts, will rise. When ducks bathe and messes are ready, a bird is sent off. Each message costs either one shilling or sixpence. These pigeons are private property.

**Buy Land of Potawatomies.**

According to an agent of an investment syndicate who has been looking up data in Waukegan, Ill., an attempt is to be made to cloud land titles along the west shore of Lake Michigan from Indiana to Wisconsin. The syndicate is buying up the unextinguished rights of the Potawatomies to the lands, and hopes to make out some upon its investment.—Chicago Tribune.