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## ABOUT TERRY COUNTY

Ft. Worth Telegram

The little city of Brownfield, in the Plains of West Texas is growing in years, but as one approached it from the East a very interesting aspect arises before him. The city, tho' yet small is well built.

Here ninety miles from a railway is a \$5,000 court house, a \$100,000 school building and a first class methodist church. Ninety miles is a long way from a railway in these days. The residents of the place claim there is no other county seat in the whole United States located farther.

At Brownfield there is a good little weekly newspaper published by a young woman, Miss Elma Neill, sister of the county judge and it is a very creditable newspaper too. The county has been organized some three years, but this little county seat of Terry county is coming forward with strides unexpected in the face of obstacles it is meeting in the building.

It takes the mail two days to come from Big Springs, the nearest railway point. Plainview is about as near, but the traffic and mail all go to the other town.

It takes freighters eight days to go to Big Springs and return to Brownfield. And at this they have little time to fool away. A few of the ranchmen better fixed than the rest have automobiles, and thus make the trip when they wish to go, comparatively in quick time.

Automobile roads are found everywhere thru these Western plains. Cattle guards are built where fences between the ranches are to be crossed, and this necessitates no opening of gates. Cattle guards are made by digging a deep ditch where the auto road intersects a fence, that cattle cannot cross. Stringers are then laid across this ditch too narrow for cattle to walk across yet wide enough for the tires of the automobiles.

In the manner the automobiles by following regular courses can be driven almost anywhere upon the plains. And it is surprising how the Westerners are taking to the big machines. Cowboys everywhere are investing in motor cars.

They tell that some of them in moments of excitement when they find heavy roads or an engine goes dead, forget themselves and and spur the machines onward, inflicting lasting spurcuts upon the highly finished panels by the sides of the seats.

One thing is certain, and that is that many of the cowboys have discovered a new and exciting sport. They will sight a band of antelope and give chase with the machines. In numerous instances cowboys have driven their machines up close enough to the fleeing antelopes that the animals have been roped and thrown. The level plains offer a good opportunity for such chases and the men much love the sport for sport is tamer on the plains since roping contests and the

six-shooter have been tabooed.

The country about the city of Brownfield is largely of a sandy nature. An average dept of water is above 100 feet, some a little more, and the water is of an excellent quality. There is some land upon the market now and some school lands are opening for settlement.

The ranch of M. V. Brownfield is some of it, selling now at from \$6 to \$10 per acre. There are forty sections in the entire ranch. South of town M. B. Sawyer is cutting up perhaps twenty sections.

The city of Brownfield has but a few hundred souls, but is quite well represented in business firms and houses. There are three general merchandise establishments, one hardware store, a blacksmith shop, drug store, dry goods store, grocery, livery stable and a hotel. There is one bank with a capital of \$25,000, a lumber yard, and a telephone system connecting with the outside world thru Tahoka, Big Springs and Plains.

Brownfield is a sister town to Gomez, five miles further west, but is younger. Gomez was the original town of this section, and the main town of Terry county until about three years ago, when Brownfield was started.

Thru a certain amount of good policies on the part of Brownfield and the Brownfield adherents in other sections of the country, it is said that city obtained the court house and became the county seat.

Since that time Brownfield has been growing fast. The weekly paper up to that time published at Gomez, was removed to Brownfield and became the official publication of that county.

This does not mean that Gomez is a deceased town. It is not. There is room for Gomez and Brownfield both in Terry county and another town or two besides. Near Gomez, considerable land has been placed upon the market as school land recently, and a number have come to prove up on the lands.

This is quite a fertile section. Plains crops all do well and if the longed for railroad comes will open up with wonderful rapidity. Here, far from the railroads, it is always the cry "railroads." Railroads are always wanted—except by the old-timers, who cannot see the need of "hustle."

The 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lindsay of Oklahoma City while climbing on the porch fell, biting the end of its tongue off. Physicians stitched it back together and are waiting to see the results.

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Tom McWilliams of Greenville, was arrested on a charge of attempting to poison his parents by putting arsenic in the soda. He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

Miss Lizzie Patterson of Ft. Worth died at her home Dec. 27, from a dose of sulphuric acid. She had been in ill health for sometime and took the acid thru mistake.

The F. and M. Bank of Sapulpa Okla. has announced that it will be ready to resume business by Feb. 16, with a capital stock of \$50,000.

A bank at St. Joseph Mo. was robbed of \$25,000 on Dec. 27.

They were discovered by citizens but three explosions, which totally destroyed the building, were set off after the alarm had been turned in. A fierce fight between citizens and the robbers took place and many shots exchanged but the robbers made their escape altho they were captured several hours later and placed in jail.

Postmaster Barkley of Ft. Worth received several Christmas presents from Chinese friends, in token of their appreciation of his kindness in going on their bond not long ago, and is at a loss to know just what to do with some of the strange looking specimens.

Captain McKenzie of the steamer Rollesby has reported a volcano in eruption in the ocean, which is throwing boiling water to a height of 40 and 50 feet.

J. R. Tackers of Ft. Worth while hastily preparing for a Christmas celebration, dropped a loaded pistol from his coat pocket which was discharged the bullet going through his body killing him almost instantly.

George A. Wythe of Galveston is exhibiting a curiosity in malformation of animal life in the shape of a young pig fully developed, but which is ahead of the famous Siamese twins.

The pig was born with two heads, eight legs, two tails, four ears, four eyes, a double body, two snouts, all of which were perfectly developed. The head, which is the most peculiar part, looks as if two heads of young pigs had been taken and a third of each one cut away on right and left sides, the cut being just alongside the snout and then the heads joined together, they running back into but one perfectly developed neck, joining onto which is the double body from which project in their proper places the necessary appurtenances thereto. Only one mouth and set of teeth, but a double tongue is another part of the pig's makeup, while it has four eyes, the two inside being alongside of each other. It only lived a few hours, but is being kept in a preserving fluid by the owner as a curiosity.

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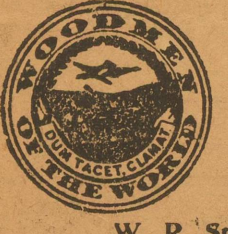
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**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**Brownfield:**  
M. D. Williams, 1st Sunday.  
P. E. Riley, 2nd Sunday.  
J. B. Kerr, 3rd Sunday.  
P. E. Riley, 4th Sunday.  
**Gomez:**  
J. O. Gore, 1st Sunday.  
A. L. Estes, 2nd Sunday.  
J. O. Gore, 3rd Sunday.  
J. R. Miller, 4th Sunday.  
**Meadow:**  
**West Point:**  
T. J. Feuts, 2nd Sunday.  
**Arnett:**  
T. J. Feuts, 3rd Sunday.  
**Aldie:**  
T. J. Feuts, 4th Sunday.  
Sunday School every Sunday morning at all of above named places at 10 o'clock A. M.

Admiral Brunston, resigned from U. S. Navy last week because some of the officers and he couldn't agree.

If we were to resign every time some body didn't agree with us, we would be taken up for vagrancy.

Wm. J. Bryan spent Christmas duck hunting with Gov. Campbell in South Texas.

Trading and business in general is picking up a little this week.

1907 is gone. Well, it ought to have left for it was about wore out, and its last 3 months will long be remembered for its dullness.

Had 1907 quit us about Oct. 1, many nice fortunes might have been saved.

A Pittsburg minister refused a donation of five \$30 gold pieces of new coinage, calling it Godless money, because the motto "In God We Trust," was missing. This goes to show that there is some good in the worst places.—Record.

Pittsburg, Pa., banks are all paying currency pay rolls now, instead of checks. It seems that the dark clouds of the panic are rapidly clearing away, and before the first of Feb. all will be gone and the sunshine of good times and plenty of money will come down and our country be in better condition than ever before. Many suspended banks are re-opening and all are getting on a cash basis again.

The wife of a prominent judge was making arrangements with the colored laundress of the village to take charge of their washing for the summer. Now, the judge was pompous and extremely fat. He tipped the scales at some three hundred pounds.

"Missus," said the woman, "I will do your washing, but I'se gwine ter charge double for your husbands shirts."

"Why, what is your reason for that, Nancy?" questioned the mistress.

"Well," said the laundress, "I dont mind washing for an ordinary man, but I draws de line on circus tent, I sho' do."

At Henryetta Okla. excitement runs high on account of reports that an armed body of negroes were ready to attack that town. The white men are short of ammunition, owing to the fact that the negroes bought all available before leaving the town. Militia companies are ready to move to the scene at any moment.

A Georgia woman has sent President Roosevelt a nice, fat possum. There could have been no greater courtesy from that mighty commonwealth, unless the yams had been sent along.—Record.

**Amarillo Killing**

In a difficulty in the back room of the Silver saloon on Polk St. this afternoon about 2:30 o'clock J. M. Price, Deputy sheriff of Wheeler county, from Mobeetie, shot and killed a Mexican railroad laborer. Price was arrested immediately and is now in the county jail.

What the cause of the trouble was, no one at the scene of the

killing this afternoon could explain. Price, according to one of the men of the saloon came here yesterday and had stated several that he was bound for Plainview on a mission which he did not explain. From Plainview he said he was to go back to Shamrock. He had been around the saloon a good deal and this afternoon, some of the men tried to get him started to Plainview. But it seems that he had either formed an acquaintance with the Mexican, or had had dealings with him elsewhere, for the two were in the saloon together. A short time before the killing, the two were talking together and by standers saw Price write something that the Mexican told him down in a book. A little later the Mexican called Price back and the two went into the rear of the saloon. A few minutes later men in the saloon heard a shot quickly followed by two others. The Mexican was dead by the time other men reached the place.

Whether or not the officer attempted to arrest the man and shooting followed resistance on the part of Mexican could not be learned, both men, according to bystanders, had been drinking somewhat. There had been no apparent trouble between the two and the officer did not attempt to arrest or detain the Mexican while the two were together in the saloon.—Panhandle

We'll bet you wrote it 1907 didn't you.

R. J. Helms and ... made a business trip to Big Spring this week.

A large number of people from Gomez attended meeting here last week.

**Mistakes of Candidates.**

A candidate can defeat himself, but it takes several to pull down another fellow. But the average candidate makes the mistake of thinking he can beat a rival as easily as himself—a grievous blunder, which often passes into a political crime under Talleyrand's definition.

**Picture Rise in Value**  
A picture by Guido, sold in Torquay a few years ago for \$5, fetched shortly afterwards \$2,500. Millet's picture, "The Angelus," sold by the artist for \$72, later on rose in value to \$23,266.—London Answers.

**Warning.**

Look not upon the blackberry brandy when it is red. It may contain salicylic acid, which is almost as bad as some other things usually found in strong drink—alcohol, for instance.—Minneapolis Times.

**Luxurious Auto.**

Some enthusiastic automobilists in Paris are having their cars built large enough to hold ten passengers. In luxurious appointments they remind Americans of Pullman palace cars.

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**Grand's Size.**  
Ethel was making her first visit to the metropolis and her eyes were wide with wonder at a strange and curious things she seen and heard. She had seen the dazzling Broadway bridge, the wonderful Central Park, the great city, and all the sights which her young aunt had selected for her to see. Finally they came to a tomb as the last thing to be seen and remembered. Ethel was thoughtful a few moments looking down upon the sarcophagus, then whispered, overcome with the immense size of it all: "Auntie Clara was he a giant?"—Boston Journal.

**Sense of Smell in the Aged.**  
Old people have an atrophied sense of smell, and they do not seem to be conscious of this infirmity. Even when they can scarcely distinguish a familiar odor in tea, and when they make strong smelling liquids for water, they assert that they enjoy the perfume of flowers. Their visual organs, for they recognize the perfume of flowers when they are able to smell. The olfactory image thus an independent intellectual exists, since it is capable of functional rival.

**Moral Imbeciles.**  
As the outcome of much painstaking investigation the existence has been demonstrated of a class of human beings called moral imbeciles. Their essential characteristic is complete moral insensibility, revealed by a total absence of repugnance to the suggestion of crime before the deed.

**Another of Life's Woes.**  
Politeness forbids a guest to eat the sweetest part of a sparerib, lamb chop or chicken, because it lies next to the bone, and the bone must not be eaten in the fingers and gnawed. The servant, the cat and the dog are luckier than the master and his family.—New York Press.

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**MINDING ONE'S OWN BUSINESS.**

One of the Most Excellent Rules a Person Can Follow.  
To tell a man to his face to mind his own business would be considered about equal to knocking him down, or, as the Frenchman said: "Horizontalizing his perpendicularity." And yet it is one of the simplest rules of right conduct and the most useful that mankind can adopt in their intercourse with each other. There is a great deal of the Paul Pry spirit in the human heart, or wonderful inquisitiveness in regard to the personal and private affairs of friends and neighbors. This spirit makes more mischief than almost any other cause, and creates more malice, envy and jealousy than can be overcome in a century. Let every man mind his own business, and there will not be half the trouble in the world that there is at present.

# Local & Personal

Bob Means, of Shafter Lake, our old confectionery man, is in Brownfield for a few days.

Jeff Pyeat and "Deacon Donaldson returned from Gail to take Christmas.

Fred Wafford returned this week from a pleasure trip to East Texas.

Fred Morris of Gomez, who has been taking a business course at Ft. Worth, came in for Christmas, and says he will probably remain a month or so.

J. C. Scuddy and Wife were intown Friday.

Miss Hattie Knox of Gomez spent a day in Brownfield last week.

G. E. Lockhart passed through here Friday evening, enroute to Gomez from a trip East.

Mrs. H. M. Kinard held the lucky ticket in the doll contest at the drug store. The doll was a beauty, and Mrs. Kinard is to be congratulated upon her success.

Rev. P. E. Riley spent the holidays with relatives at Ft. Worth.

Miss Lula Currier, of Gomez, visited Mrs. Boon several days last week.

Misses Flora Robinson and Orell Harris spent Christmas with their parents here. Miss Orell, has finished her course at Sherman, and will probably remain with us.

We commend Terry county for her good order and decent observance of Christmas.

Wes Key was here from Gomez last week.

Mr. J. Morris and H. L. Ware of Gomez were over from Gomez on business.

Joe Morris is back in Brownfield again after about a year's stay in Oklahoma.

Rev. T. J. Fouts left last week for a visit to Waco.

Quite a number of Turkey dinners were served Christmas and New Year days.

First dance since Summer was had at the Court House Christmas night.

Among the many Christmas entertainments was one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Boone. A large number of young people were present and all reported a royal time.

Cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Miss Ann Pveatt to Mr. P. M. Horn, Jan 12 1908.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lane has been dangerously ill for the past ten days, but is reported much better at this writing.

Alvin and Alvis Groves of Gaines, county spent Christmas with their father, J. N. Groves.

Mrs. Maywood Sharp of Ratliff is here spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harris.

W. T. Dixon and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy who made his appearance last Sunday morning.

Miss Frankie Gentry is visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Black.

Miss Doll Pyeatt entertained the young people at the Hotel Pyeatt on the night of December 30th. An interesting evening was spent and all enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

J. C. Whisenant and family arrived home Wednesday from a two months visit to relatives at Dublin. They were accompanied by J. R. Burnett and family who will likely make Brownfield their home.

Many Christmas parties and dances were enjoyed by our young people, all last week and they regretted to see the holidays pass so quickly.

Mrs. J. W. Neill accompanied Miss Elma Neill from Big Springs, and will visit the family of Judge Neill for a several days.

Mr. John Baker and family of Aute, Texas, have been here the past week visiting Mrs. Baker's sisters, Mrs. J. W. Black and Mrs. Fred Heinie.

Amos and Artie Blankenship, of Stanton, spent the week visiting in this county.

Dr. Rump, of Lamesa, was prospecting in this section the past week.

Aut Graham had the misfortune last week of getting one of his houses burned on his place near Big Springs.

Will Johnson spent a few days visiting in Lamesa this week.

Fred Morris came in from Fort Worth and spent Xmas with home folks.

Mr. Hughes, of the Ed. S. Hughes Co. of Abilene, was locking after business matters here this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Black, Jr., of Gomez, a girl on the 2nd inst.

Last Tuesday evening the young people of Brownfield gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Neill for the purpose of watching the old year out and the new year in. A pleasant evening was spent and just a few minutes before the clock struck twelve all left for town, where the noise began.

Cannon-crackers, shot-guns, bells, sky rockets and anvils furnished the noise and light by which the old year 1907 died. After arousing everybody in town and wishing them a happy new year, they bid each other night with good wishes for a prosperous new year, and returned to their respective homes.

## Christmas Tree

"Twas the night before Christmas" when one of the most elaborate displays of nice presents was seen at the church in this place.

The tree was artistically decorated, and was laden with many rich and appreciative presents. It is estimated that \$600. worth of presents was handed out from the hand of Santa Clause that night. A nice program was rendered by the choir.

The management is to be commended for its work, as well as those in attendance for their good order.

We learn that the Christmas tree at Gomez was a grand success, and passed off with splendid good order. Did not learn the particulars.

## Baptist Meeting

The 5th Sunday meeting of the South Plains Baptist Association was held here last Thursday to Sunday. J. W. Baker of Lubbock presiding. Rev. B. T. Dixon of Lubbock delivered some forceable sermons. Rev. J. R. Miller, J. H. Hones, S. C. Cowan, Mr. Stanton and Mr. Noble of Tahoka Revs. A. L. Estes, J. B. Garrison and W. A. Shepherd of Gomez were in attendance, as was quite a number of local citizens.

Christmas days are over and past, and we're back at home at last. We spent a merry Christmas at home and a nice four days drive there and back. At Lamesa we met one of our old Comanche friends, D. C. Ashmore who is editing the Dawson County News, a live plains paper. We also met some of our old Ft. Worth friends Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey is one of the leading druggists of Lamesa. After rustling some business in that thriving town we made our way home, and have been very busy ever since working up news for the Herald.

**Crows Killed in Cruel Way.**  
In Italy crows which injure the crops, are destroyed in the following cruel manner: A hole is dug in the ground, at the bottom of which is placed some decayed meat. A funnel-shaped wedge of paper is then inserted into the hole, the upper edge of the paper being coated with birdlime. A crow sees the food from afar, descends to grasp it in its beak, and when he has firm hold of it he rises up again. His head is, however, swathed with the paper cap and in his mad endeavor to rid himself of it he circles up to extraordinary heights in the air, revolving constantly and at so rapid a pace that, soon overcome with giddiness, he falls to the earth dead.

**Discouraging Suicides.**  
A favorite method of suicide in Japan lately has been to leap over certain waterfalls. So frequent have such occurrences become that police are now constantly stationed in their neighborhood, and large notice boards are erected bearing inscriptions in large letters, of which the following is an example: "Do not drown yourself here! Intended suicides are warned that heaven disapproves of the utilization of Kegan waterfall for the purpose. This is certified to by the best priestly authority, and serious consequences in the hereafter are guaranteed. To drown here is also forbidden by the prefectural authorities."

## W. A. NELSON MISSING

### Mysterious Dissapearance of Terry County Citizen

W. A. Nelson, a well known citizen of this county who has been residing in Lubbock recently, left Lubbock last Monday for his ranch in the northeastern part of this county in his buggy. He was seen at J. W. Gordon's ranch in the north part of this county, inquiring the way to the Mallett ranch in northwestern corner of Terry county, but went due north instead to the S camp Hoekley county, and there about sundown Monday evening inquired the way to Abernathy's ranch, which is east of the S camp, saying he would stay all night there. Nothing further is learned of him. On Tuesday his team was found with harness on and breast yoke, near Abernathy's and the buggy near by. No damage appears to the buggy or harness, except the lines broken where they were tied together tugs unhitched. The S man came over that morning and identified the team. The matter was reported and from Tuesday till we go to press a large number of people have been searching the entire country, but trace or clue to his whereabouts can be found.

## Will Nelson Found.

Just as we close the forms, the horse comes from Plains that a friend of W. A. Nelson has found him in an apparently crazed condition. He was riding on horseback, and states he was going to Arizona. He was found five miles west of Broncho. Particulars next week.

## Great Men in Germany.

Germany has recently voted to decide who are the twelve greatest men in the fatherland. The list begins with the emperor. The second choice is Gerhart Hauptmann, the dramatist, Robert Koch, the scientist, is third, and Ernest Haeckel and Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen, who have added to the scientific reputation of their country, are the fourth and fifth selections in the list. The sixth name is the present chancellor of the empire, Prince von Bismarck. Seventh and eighth are Max Klinger, the painter and sculptor, and Richard Strauss, who has been selected to represent music. August Bebel, the Socialist, and Count Haeseler, who is high in the military affairs of the country, are the ninth and tenth. The eleventh niche was awarded to Ernest von Behring, the physician and scientist, and Reinhold Begas, the sculptor, completes the list.

## The Circle County.

The oddest shaped county among the thousands which go to make up the separate divisions of the various states is Warren county, Tenn. It lies almost exactly in the geographical center of the state and is about as near a perfect circle as any division of land could possibly be. The circle would be perfect but for the fact that there is a short stretch of the northern boundary line which follows a small stream for a short distance. It is bounded by Cannon, Dekalb, Coffee, Grundy, Van Buren and White counties.

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Wood for Paper costs \$26,000,000.

To-day there is a general complaint among publishers that printing paper is constantly growing dearer. In the Middle West many local papers are raising their subscription price 50 per cent in order to pay for the paper. From the time when Gutenberg first used movable type, made of wood, to the present day of metropolitan papers, some of which consume the product of acres of spruce in a single edition, printing has in a very large degree depended upon the forest.

In the face of a threatening shortage of timber, the amount of wood consumed each year for pulp has increased since 1899 from two million to three and one half million cords. The year 1906 marked an increase of 93,000 cords in the imports of pulp wood, the highest average value per cord for all kinds, and a consumption greater by 469,053 cords than that of any previous year.

Spruce, the wood from which in 1899 three-fourths of the pulp was manufactured, is still the leading wood, but it now produces a little less than 70 per cent of the total. How well spruce is suited to the manufacture of pulp is shown by the fact that during a period in which the total quantity of wood used has doubled and many new woods have been introduced, the proportion of spruce pulpwood has remained nearly constant in spite of the drains upon the spruce forests for other purposes. During this time three different woods from widely separated regions, have in turn held the rank of leader in the lumber supply.

New York alone consumes each year over a million and a quarter cords of wood in the manufacture of pulp, or more than twice as much as Maine, which ranks next. Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and Michigan follow in the order given. Sixty per cent of the wood used in New York was imported from elsewhere, and even so the supply appears to be waning, since the total consumption for the state shows a small decrease since 1907, whereas the other states named have all increased their consumption. Other states important in the production of pulp are, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Oregon, Vermont, Virginia and West Virginia.

The average cost of pulp delivered at the mill was \$7.21. The total value of the wood consumed in 1906 was \$26,400,000. The chief item determining the price of paper is the cost of pulp. An example of the increased price of paper is found in the case of a publisher of a daily paper in the Middle West who recently paid \$1,200 for a carload of paper. The same quantity and grade of paper cost a year ago but \$390.

The chemical process of paper making which better preserve the wood fiber, are gaining over the mechanical process. In 1899, 65 per cent of the wood was reduced by the mechanical process; in 1906, less than 50 per cent.

All importations of wood for pulp are from Canada, and comprised in 1906, 739,000 cords, nearly all of which was spruce. Four and one half million dollars worth of pulp in 1906, a slight falling off from 1905.

Circular 120 of the Forest Service contains a discussion of the consumption of pulp wood in 1906, based on statistics gathered by the Bureau of the

Census and the Forest Service. The pamphlet can be had upon application to the Forester, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington D. C.

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amount to much, but several columns of such news is the life of a local paper. See?—Ex.

### COMFORT FOR SANTA CLAUS.

How Little Edward Provided For His Chimney Friend.

Edward was seven years old and had not yet been disillusioned out of that old yet ever new story of Santa Claus coming down the chimney. Just before Christmas he had proudly written a letter (his first), stating the particular gifts he wanted, and after his mother had read it it was carefully put into the fire.

"Now," said Edward's mother, telling the lie cheerfully, "that letter will go right up the chimney and direct to Santa Claus."

Edward seemed very much impressed.

Christmas morning the child was perfectly delighted with the shower of gifts and with the glittering tree.

"Wasn't it good of Santa Claus to bring me so many more things than I asked for in my letter?" he said at the breakfast table, clasping his hands in an ecstasy. After this outburst he grew thoughtful, then, suddenly jumping up, disappeared into the kitchen.

His mother and father looked at each other and wondered. Then the mother followed to see what the inspiration might be.

She found Edward standing in front of the kitchen stove pouring out a cup of coffee.

"Why, Edward, dear, what are you doing?" his mother asked, coffee being one of the child's "forbidden things."

Edward looked up appealingly. "It is such a cold morning, mother—"

"But, Edward, you know I never permit you to take coffee!" his mother interrupted.

"No, no, mother; I do not wish to drink it. I want to give it to Santa Claus. He was so kind to send me more engines and things than I asked for. May I give him some coffee and rolls, mother—may I?"

Before his mother had time to think of a suitable reply the child had put cream and sugar into the cup; then, with his little face all aglow with appreciation and gratitude, he earnestly poured the steaming coffee into the fire.

"There now!" he exclaimed, with satisfaction. "That will go right up the chimney and direct to Santa Claus, won't it, mother? And it will warm up his

little round belly  
That shook when he laugh'd, like  
A bowl full of jelly—  
"won't it, mother?"—Lippincott's.

### ALLIGATORS SCARCE.

The Demand For Their Skins Has Nearly Exterminated Them.

"An alligator is a rare thing in the southern states now," said C. B. Bunge of Pensacola, Fla.

"Where they could be seen in hundreds two years ago, dotting the banks of the rivers and swimming in the Florida swamps, the sight is now becoming a very uncommon one. The great demand for their skins has practically exterminated the creatures, and they will soon be as scarce as the western buffalo. Some may still be found in the Everglades and other swamps, but they are rarely seen, as they live in mudholes to which even the Seminoles cannot gain access.

"The few that are captured are caught by means of strategy, as the open water shooting is a thing of the past. A strict watch is kept over their holes, and the moment the gator appears he is lassoed and dragged bodily from his home. It is a very dangerous method while in the water and it requires the combined force of a dozen men to drag an eight foot alligator to the mainland. Even when this is done the captors are wary, as a blow from the creature's tail would seriously disable the stoutest man.

"An alligator is slow and clumsy in his movements, but can swing his tail around in the twinkling of an eye. The Indians generally wait until they have the animal in a position where he cannot use his tail and then sever the ligaments with a well directed blow of their sharp instruments. The government has taken the bounty off the alligators, which in former years was a great source of revenue to the shiftless Crackers that inhabit the swamps and make their living in the easiest possible manner. The price of the skins has become double what it was a few years ago, and it will not be long before the dealers will have to find some substitute for the skin of the alligator."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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