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der, intelligence and virtue pursue the relentless course that has marked the progress of the ages.—Fort Worth Record.

### ALFALFA CULTURE.

For the benefit of those who intend sowing alfalfa Mr. H. C. Harding, manager of the LX ranch, who has been successful in raising alfalfa on the ranch of his company, favors us with the following information on the subject. He says the most important thing to do in order to secure a good stand is to have the ground in the very best condition. It should be thoroughly pulverized and broke just as deep as possible. This should be done in order that the root in its tender stage may get a good start. The best time to sow is in the fall, and should be sowed with a nurse crop of either rye, wheat or winter oats, the latter being preferable and more profitable. The object in doing this is that the root will make a good growth during the winter months and by the time the nurse crop is harvested the roots of the alfalfa will have descended deep enough to reach the moisture and when that is done no weed can live in an alfalfa field.

If sowed in the spring at least thirty pounds of seed should be sowed to the acre. As the plant is very tender while it is young and is easily burnt out by the hot sun and choked out by the weeds. If sowed in the fall eighteen to twenty-two pounds is sufficient; of course that depends upon the condition of the ground.

When it is three or four weeks old it is well to run a heavy roller over it and when six weeks to two months old it can be grazed lightly; of course that depends upon the growth of the nurse crop. But too much grazing when it is young is not good for it. After the first year the average yield is about four tons to the acre, cutting from three to four crops to the season. The time to harvest the crop is when it is well in bloom.

This is the greatest feed for cattle and work stock that has ever been tried. Cattle will not eat anything else when they have alfalfa, horses and mules will quit eating corn or oats to eat it and it is said that to give a milk cow a bale of alfalfa you can sit down and milk as long as the bale lasts.—Amarillo Champion.

**BUFFALO BILL WANTS DIVORCE.**  
Denver, Colo., March 11.—A petition for divorce filed in the District Court of Big Horn County, Wyoming, Jan. 9, last, by Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) has just been made public.

The complaint charges cruelty and alleges that on Dec. 26, 1900, Mrs. Cody attempted to poison the plaintiff. Another ground on which plaintiff asks a decree is that the marital relation has become intolerable to him by his wife's refusal to entertain his friends at his former home at North Platte, Neb.

Mrs. Cody, who is at North Platte denies her husband's charges and will contest the suit. Col. and Mrs. Cody were married at St. Louis, on March 6, 1866.

**Coughed All Night.**  
"A few mornings ago Mr. J. G. Smitherman, a good citizen of this place, came to the store for a cough medicine," says Dr. C. N. Parnell of Maplesville, Ala. "He was so hoarse he could hardly talk and said he had coughed all night before. I sold him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and told him if it did not relieve him he might bring the bottle back and get his money. I saw him the next morning carrying the bottle to the store where he works, and he told me it did him more good than any medicine he ever used. For sale by Miami Drug Co."

**PRaises PANHANDLE CATTLE.**  
Ft. Worth, Texas, March 11.—One of the firm of Crocker Bros. of Bar, Kansas, Arthur Crocker, is here and has been during the convention. He, in praising the Fat Stock Show exhibit, said today that he had found from a experience that the feeders which were the best of them in all respects were the Panhandle cattle. For several years they have used the Pandandle cattle to a large extent.

The firm owns about 45,000 acres of land, and it is no unusual thing for them to have 8,000 head of cattle fattening for the market at one time.

Dalhaut will vote on incorporation April 2nd.

Johnson county will vote on local option April 7th.

A Texas grape vine 17 feet in circumference is to be exhibited at the World's Fair.

Dominicans protest against removal of the ashes of Columbus to St. Louis for exhibition purposes.

Amarillo is making preparations to entertain the crowd at the meeting of the Panhandle Cattle Raisers Association April 19th.

At the election last Saturday in Donley county the pros carried by 122 votes. Only 332 votes were cast in the whole county.

The Texas Cattle Raisers Association voted to hold their meeting next year at Ft. Worth. Year after year the Panther city takes the prize.

At the investigation of the Reed Smoot case President Smith stated that he, Smith, had five wives and forty children, twenty of the children being girls and twenty boys.

A Texan, W. M. Littleton, who went from Dallas to New York seven years ago and has made a great success as a lawyer and politician, is spoken of as a Democratic nominee for governor.

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Greenville, Tex., March 11.—Rev. J. A. Cain, a historic character of Texas, is in the city. He was 101 years of age on the 4th of last month and is perhaps the only living survivor of the battle of San Jacinto. Rev. Cain formerly lived at Galveston, but the flood swept away his property and family. He has been a Baptist preacher for eighty years.

"To err is human, to forgive is divine." The latter part of this saying has been perfectly and beautifully verified in the conduct of the Jewish physicians of Russia in going to the war front to administer to Russian soldiers. Only a short while ago these same people were forced to appeal to the world against cruel and inhuman treatment at the hands of the Russians. Such conduct is not only noble and philanthropic, but so rare as to suggest a spark of divinity.—Ft. Worth Record

Countess Oyama, wife of the Field Marshal of Japan, who will direct the field operations of the island empire against the Russians in the Far East, graduated from Vassar College in 1882 as Stemetz Yamakama, and nearly one-quarter of her life has been spent in the United States. She is the daughter of a former Daimio, one of the class of chief feudal barons of territorial nobles of Japan, who exercised independent authority over their respective domains, though they acknowledged the Micado as the legitimate ruler of the whole empire.—Dallas News.

Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department in Washington, in a recent interview said that the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas was the most progressive and best organized institution of its kind in the United States. Mr. Wilson was president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Iowa when he was called to the cabinet of Pres. McKinley, and his opinion in such matters is thereby given additional weight. This statement from such a high source will bring forcibly to the mind of the people of the state the fact that the College is really doing its part in the educational work of Texas; and that it deserves the continuous and hearty support of all patriotic citizens.

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**GERONIMO'S FIFTH WIFE DIES.**  
Lawton, Ok., March 9.—Mrs. A. Teppata, the fifth wife of the chief of the Apache Indians, Geronimo, who was 42 years old, died at the Apache hospital on the Federal reservation, where the tribe is held by the government as prisoners of war. She was to have been one of the tribe that was to accompany the noted warrior to the World's Fair and be on exhibition, and her death will somewhat spoil the exhibition. Geronimo is 93 years old.

**CHOCTAW ROAD NO MORE.**  
Oklahoma City, Ok., March 10.—April 1 the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad will be completely absorbed by the Rock Island and will be known in the future as one of the divisions of the Rock Island system. The operating department of this road had been notified that on and after that date all cars are to be relettered with the Rock Island trademark and the words "Rock Island System."

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**BAILEY'S KENTUCKY HOLDINGS.**  
Lexington, Ky., March 10.—Senator Bailey of Texas today bought the farm of T. H. Shelby, two miles from Lexington, containing forty-six acres, for which he paid \$9,180. He will remove his trotters from the Tod Hunter farm, which he has leased, to the new purchase. He has invested here now in trotters and real estate about \$100,000.

**PAY FOR GREER COUNTY CLAIMS.**  
Washington, March 11.—The House Committee on Claims will tomorrow report favorably the Stephens claim bill, which provides for the refunding to the State of Texas of \$50,975 due to the Lone Star State in the adjustment of claims relating to the transfer of Greer county to Oklahoma from Texas.

**Cigarmakers in Germany.**  
According to a recent report furnished by the German government 175,000 persons are employed in making cigars in the empire.

**Cement for South Africa.**  
South Africa is at present importing immense quantities of cement. It comes chiefly from England, Germany and Belgium.

**Choice of a House Cat.**  
A good cat—the kind you want to have in the house, if any—will have a round, stubby pug nose, full, fat cheeks and upper lips, and a well-developed bump on the top of the head, between the ears, betokening good nature. A sleepy cat that purrs a good deal is apt to be playful and good natured.  
By all means to be avoided is a cat with thin sharp nose and twitching ears. It must be remembered, also, that a good mouser is not necessarily a gentle or desirable pet. Although any good cat will catch mice if she is not overfed, quick, full, expressive eyes generally betoken a good mouser. The greatest mistake—and probably the most common one—is the care of domestic cats is overfeeding, particularly too much meat. In wild life the cat has exercise which enables her to digest her food. In the lazy house life the same full feeding leads to stomach troubles and to fits.—Philadelphia Record.

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of land, cannot help enjoying a most rapid growth, and that is what is happening in the Panhandle.  
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has on sale daily a low rate home-seekers ticket, which allows you stop-overs at nearly all points, thus giving you chance to investigate the various sections of the Panhandle. Write to  
A. A. GLISSON,  
General Passenger Agent, Fort Worth, Texas.

### INCITING NEGROES.

Confirming what the Record had to say a few days ago concerning President Roosevelt's indirect responsibility for recent race troubles, comes the report from Mississippi of distribution among the negroes of pictures of the President and Booker T. Washington dining together and a negro man embracing a white woman.

The circulation of the Roosevelt-Washington picture is in itself evidence of the pernicious influence of the incident. The circumstance is not taken as a distinction confirmed by the President upon the greatest black man of the age and thereby as an incentive to culture, but as a promise of universal social equality. It appeals to the ignorant minded an encouragement to expect a like dignity which they can not perceive must be won through education and enlightenment. If the president had any design beyond a purpose to exhibit a foolish bravado it was to pay a tribute to the worth and refinement of a distinguished and deserving negro. How much more his action taught he can now see if he has the discernment to reason from cause to effect. He has inspired the whole race with an expectancy of social equality regardless of fitness or circumstance.

The other picture is evidence of a further and more dangerous.



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though none the less natural, result of the President's mistaken teaching. It exhibits a mad passion which the negro had not before dared to express in terms or signs. But he is reasoning from the President's premises: Social equality, radical amalgamation—it is all implied if not expressly taught.

The association of the two pictures and their circulation tells the story more forcibly than philosophy could point the moral or prophecy foretell the end. It is not surprising to anyone acquainted with negro character.

The pity of it is that a President of the United States should be so stupid and that the poor, deluded negro himself should be the sufferer as he will be as surely as social or

Emporia National Bank, Emporia, Mo. First National Bank, Amarillo, Texas. Lee & Company, Bankers, Miami, Tex.







Abstract No. 3; Grantee B. B. R. & C. Certificate No. 35-84, Survey 1, W 34, containing 330 acres, and on the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1904, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Unknown Owner in and to said property.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF ROBERTS.  
In the District Court of Roberts County, Texas.  
The State of Texas, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Unknown Owners, Defendant.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Roberts County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, in favor of the said State of Texas and against the said Unknown Owner, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Roberts, State of Texas, and belonging to the said Unknown Owner, to-wit:

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COUNTY OF ROBERTS.  
In the District Court of Roberts County, Texas.  
The State of Texas, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Unknown Owners, Defendant.

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COUNTY OF ROBERTS.  
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The State of Texas, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Unknown Owners, Defendant.

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In the District Court of Roberts County, Texas.  
The State of Texas, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
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THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF ROBERTS.  
In the District Court of Roberts County, Texas.  
The State of Texas, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Unknown Owners, Defendant.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Roberts County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, in favor of the said State of Texas and against the said M. C. O'Brien, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Roberts, State of Texas, and belonging to the said M. C. O'Brien, to-wit:

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
COUNTY OF ROBERTS.  
In the District Court of Roberts County, Texas.  
The State of Texas, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Unknown Owners, Defendant.

WHEREAS, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Roberts County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1904, in favor of the said State of Texas and against the said E. F. Phelps, on the 9th day of March, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Roberts, State of Texas, and belonging to the said E. F. Phelps, to-wit:

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A NECKLACE WORTH \$125,000.

What the Jeweler's Circular describes as one of the most elaborate and expensive necklaces seen in the trade for some time was taken to Europe recently by a New York dealer in diamonds and pearls. The accompanying illustration reproduced from the Circular shows the actual size of the ornament, which is composed of diamonds and pearls of extremely large size and excellent quality, mounted in gold and platinum, and arranged alternately with a pearl and a diamond. In the entire necklace there were 700 diamonds, weighing in all 375 carats, and 147 pearls, weighing 1,100 grains. Two of the largest diamonds weighed 30 carats each, while the others grade downward in weight to 15 carats. The largest pearl weighs 95 1/2 grains. Each of the large pearls and each of the large diamonds are set in a cluster of 14 smaller diamonds, interspersed with 10 still smaller diamonds. The pearls are likewise mounted.

Among the diamonds are several widely known stones, including the Alvin Joslin gem, the Maximilian diamonds, two other diamonds which once formed the chief stones in a pair of link cuff buttons that belonged to "Boss" Tweed, and two of the Hope diamonds. The two Tweed diamonds weigh 45 carats, and the two Joslin diamonds 40 carats. The pendant attached consists of a pearl, mounted in the center of a cluster of diamonds, with three pear-shaped pearl drops. It can be used as a corsage piece or brooch pin.

**TROUSSEAU A THING OF ENVY.**

Wonderful Costumes in the Possession of Mme. Wong. Where is the American heiress who can boast a trousseau of 300 costumes, in which every stitch has a poetic and symbolic significance? A wardrobe of this kind is the possession of Mme. Wong, the wife of the vice-commissioner from China to the St. Louis world's fair. These wonderful dresses were unpacked the other day at the Wong residence in St. Louis. No two of the gowns are alike and many of them are woven in an entire piece. The exquisite workmanship on the robes is beyond the power of description. All are embroidered in so delicate a fashion that an artist's brush could not have delineated them more perfectly. Each flower and emblem worked on the gown of a Chinese woman of rank signifies some beautiful sentiment. A robe embroidered with plum blossoms speaks the poetry of life. The phoenix, with its outstretched wings, denotes wedded happiness. To the uninitiated eye this wealth of embroidery is the perfection of the artist's skill, but to the Chinese husband each sprig and blossom, bird and butterfly, carries its own message of love.

**DUTIES OF "ELBOW MEN."**

Prompt Presiding Officers of the House and Senate. Mr. Frye likes his duties as presiding officer of the senate, but he likes them much better when his "elbow men" is present. Both the presiding officers of congress have "elbow men," and who are experts in handling the details of legislative proceedings. It takes years of experience to be able

**HE TOLD THE TRUTH.**

Reluctant Singer Very Properly Described His Voice. Once a number of kindred spirits were enjoying a supper in the land of Burns. When the cloth was removed and the usual toasts were proposed some one suggested a song. The efforts of the first Scotchman met with such a hearty reception that others were induced to follow his example. In the end it was found that every one had contributed to the evening's entertainment but the medical gentleman who occupied the vice chair. "Come, come, Dr. Macdonald," said the chairman, "we cannot let you escape." The doctor protested he could not sing. "As a matter of fact," he explained, "my voice is altogether unmusical, and resembles the sound caused by the act of rubbing a brick along the panels of a door."

**A Hint.**

"Something bothering you, Miss Weaver?" "Why, yes, Mr. Ragmore. It's only a trifle, of course, but our lives are made up of trifles, you know. Mamma and Aunt Miriam have been giving me such a lot of nice linen lately, and I was just wondering how I would have it marked." "Why not with your name?" "Yes, of course. But if I wanted to change it?" "But you don't want to change it, do you?" "Oh, Mr. Ragmore, this is so sudden!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**Gain in Export.**

The value of the exports of the whole country in 1903 was \$3 per cent greater than in 1893, but the gain in New York was only 31 per cent, and the gain at New Orleans was 49 per cent, at Galveston 239 per cent and at Mobile 422 per cent.

**Profitable Anger.**

My old medical precursor told me that when he was a boy his father took him to a doctor who told him that he could not live long, but it made him angry and he went home with his father, filed up some nails and took the iron dust as medicine, then he went to the sap-bush and built him a hut and lived there during the run, making maple sugar. He got well and is living to-day, so far as I know, while that must have been a half-century ago. Some people may prefer calling it determination in place of anger.—Earl M. Pratt.

**A Four-Hundred-Day Clock.**

A clock which will be a joy to the forgetful housewife is known as the four-hundred-day birthday clock. It is the latest thing in the clock line. It is a foreign novelty, mounted in brass and set in a glass case. One winding suffices to keep the pendulum moving for thirteen months and five days, without further thought. Instead of the orthodox swinging pendulum, the works look like cog wheels, which turn first to the right, then to the left, and so on.

**Queen Victoria's Lace.**

Princess Beatrice, when she married Prince Henry of Battenberg at Whippingham church, appeared in the lace worn by Queen Victoria on her wedding day in 1840, having been lent by the august mother for the occasion—a deep flounce, a veil, sleeves, and corsage trimmings of very beautiful Honiton lace. In 1858 her majesty's mauve velvet dress had been draped with some of it for the marriage of her eldest daughter, the princess royal; and when the Duke of Albany was married the queen wore the full set, veil included, with robes of richest black satin. This superb Honiton lace made its last appearance in public when the venerable sovereign attended the Duke of York's wedding.

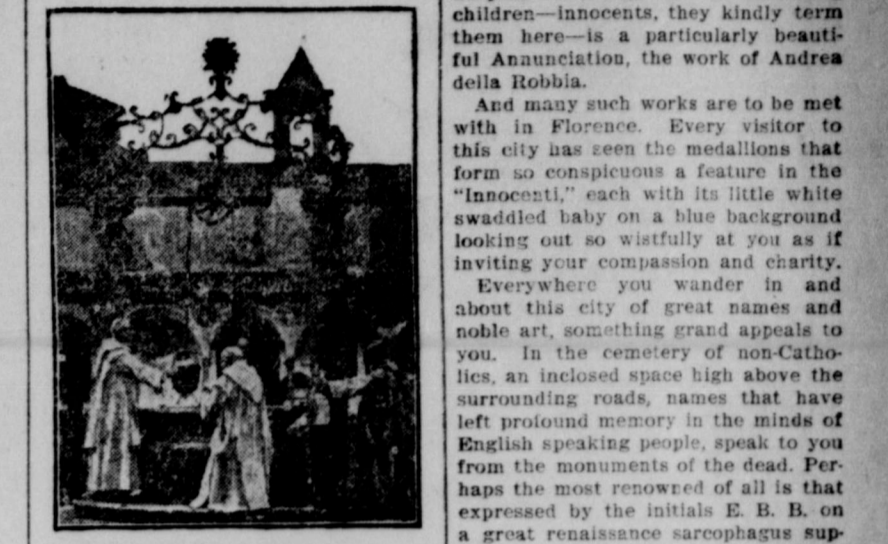
**Life of Parliaments.**

The Austrian Parliament lives six years. The Italian, German, Prussian and Spanish live five years. The French, the Dutch, the Belgian, the Portuguese and the Roumanian live four years. The Danish and the Swiss live three years. The United States lives two years, and the Austro-Hungarian only one year.

**CHARM OF FLORENCE**  
NATURE AND ART COMBINE IN SPLENDID BEAUTY.

Italian City Teems With Masterpieces of Architects, Sculptors and Painters—Genius of Michael Angelo More Than Any Other Man is in Evidence.

(Special Correspondence.) The charms of Florence are the eyes of the stranger, and of those of the sojourner in Italy, are without end. A recent writer trying to describe what rendered Florence supreme in the line of beauty as compared with other places, says: "It is that in it you can entwine your thoughts with art in gal-



Old Well and Monks.

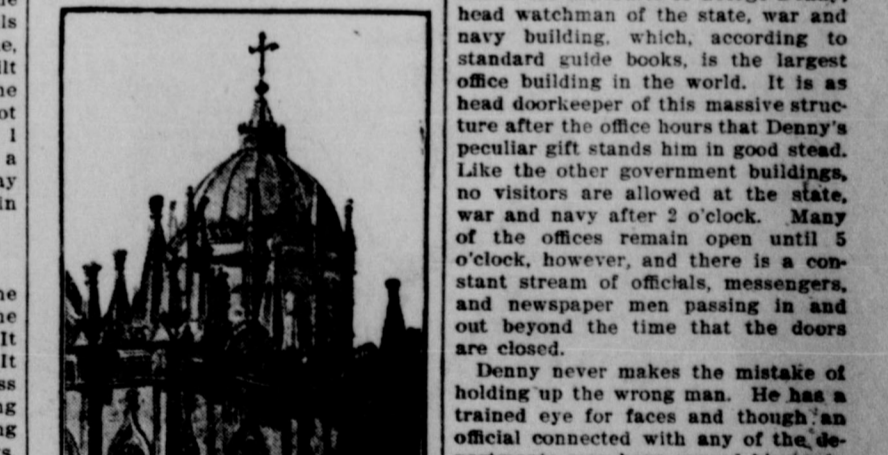
leries rather than with nature in the fields." And what renders it so worthy of praise is that nature and art, God's work and man's, the past and the present, are here together, all within sight, within touch. Such are the motives that lead one who, knowing Florence well, admires it above other cities. In the very midst of the busiest street in the city, which is, I suppose, the Via Calzaioli—"the stocking makers' street"—where the crowds press both ways, from the Duomo to the Signoria, and from the Signoria to the Duomo, you have but to look beyond the end of the street toward the Duomo to see the high and distant Fiesole, white and shining against the vines and trees that clothe the hill to the very summit.

Nature in all its charm and rich suggestions of exquisite landscape, and rare views over fertile plains, and rich harvests and vineyards, now that the golden wine month witnesses the bringing in of the grapes, lies before the eye of the spectator. At his side, rubbed up against by the people coming and going, is one of the grandest combinations of the architectural and sculptural arts to be met with in this land of art, the quaint formed church of San Michele.

Here also, at the corner of this street and the Cathedral square, one of the prettiest and tiniest bits of early Florentine architecture—the Loggia del Bigallo—gladdens the eyes. Andrea Orcagna, the architect and painter, was the builder of it, and here it stands, over against the Baptistery and opposite Giotto's Tower, and the marble wonder of the Duomo, and still it is not out of place—rather its exquisite charm is rendered more conspicuous by its vicinity.

Turning to the other side of the city the eye rests with pleasure on the hill of San Miniato, with its cypresses around it, suggestive of the graves within its walls. Looking south from Lung Arno, the eye is gratified by the noble marble facade of the Church of San Miniato, with its windows of flaming alabaster. The fortresslike building has a tower that the mind back to a troublous time in the story of Florence, when this height was considered a point of vantage, and where Michael Angelo designed and labored at the fortifications raised upon it, and which were deemed necessary for the protection of the city on this side.

You come across the memory of this man "of four souls," as he has been described, poet, architect and sculptor in several parts of the city, but



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those who have read it before or after coming here, as if they had been made memorable by the deeds of real heroes.

**KEEN MEMORY FOR FACES.**

Washington Doorkeeper the Right Man in the Right Place. A remarkable memory for faces is one of the attributes of George Denny, head watchman of the state, war and navy building, which, according to standard guide books, is the largest office building in the world. It is as head doorkeeper of this massive structure after the office hours that Denny's peculiar gift stands him in good stead. Like the other government buildings, no visitors are allowed at the state, war and navy after 2 o'clock. Many of the offices remain open until 5 o'clock, however, and there is a constant stream of officials, messengers, and newspaper men passing in and out beyond the time that the doors are closed.

Denny never makes the mistake of holding up the wrong man. He has a trained eye for faces and though an official connected with any of the departments may have passed him only once or twice during the regular hours Denny remembers him and he goes in and out without any fear of being heard off by a messenger with the sharp rebuke: "After office hours. No visitors allowed." The other doorkeepers are cultivating the same gift.

**Of the Best of Recent Fiction.**

A story that is full of human interest and is written in defense of home and country, pure love and just law, is one to be read. When "Alter Stairs" appeared people who rarely or never read fiction were drawn to it and as the story developed its subtle love complications, its dramatic power, and its strong presentation of the contest of "the fruits of industry" with the deeds of industry, intensified the interest. It is not of the "goody-goody" class of literature, but is a novel of high purpose, with a fascinating love element. The author, a distinguished judge, knows the world of which he writes and his refutations of the oft-repeated charges of injustice that Christiania believers are more guilty of intolerance and prejudice than those claiming to be "liberal thinkers" is very complete. The story is in no sense a sectarian one.

**Do Not Waste Water.**

The people of Thibet rarely wash, finding it warmer to be dirty.





