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NO. 19.

DRAINAGE WORK NOW TO BE PUSHED

COMMISSIONER STILES RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON.

MUCH WORK IS TO BE DONE

Next Work to Be in Dallas Section So That Reclamation Work May Proceed.

Austin: Arthur Stiles, State Levee and Drainage Commissioner, returned from a protracted stay in Washington, D. C., where he arranged for the survey work in Texas during the next two years. He also put the finishing touches to the work done during the last two years. One of the maps has been issued and the other five will soon be out. They show all elevations, levee locations, dimensions, etc.

The contract made with the United States Department of Agriculture for topographical surveys in certain sections will be along the Texas coast, where drainage and reclamation is badly needed, and the State will be furnished with the work free. The State will, however, do the finishing work, such as calculations and surveys showing where levees should be placed, their dimensions, etc.

Whatever the contract or arrangements to be made, Mr. Stiles says that the next topographical work is to be done in the Dallas section. The next maps will cover that area, after which reclamation can proceed in that territory.

THREE BLOCKS ARE BURNED

Sherman Has a Disastrous Residence District Fire.

Sherman: Fire originating in the home of John Heim, at 4:30 p. m. swept one block on Willow street, two and a half blocks on Wood avenue and reached into Richard street. A stiff south wind was blowing and the fire department was helpless before it. Many families succeeded in getting their effects out, to have to at last abandon them to the flames.

Fred Duer of the central fire station was overcome by heat, as was N. Pitts, a citizen who was helping fight the hose, but both are out of danger.

Ed Walcott and Sid Kimball, from the central station, were bruised by a falling truck.

The total loss will reach about \$33,000, with about 60 per cent insurance.

MAINE EXPLOSION MYSTERY

Most Probably Never Be Definitely Settled.

Tampa: The secret of the destruction of the battleship Maine will never be known, said Gen. W. H. Bixby, chief of engineers in charge of the work of raising the Maine. The destruction to the vessel was such, says Gen. Bixby, and the deterioration has been so great that it will be impossible to say whether the ship was blown up from a force from the outside or inside. The greatest force, however, was from the inside, indicating that the forward magazine had exploded. Whether this was from a sympathetic explosion caused by a torpedo from the outside may forever remain a mystery.

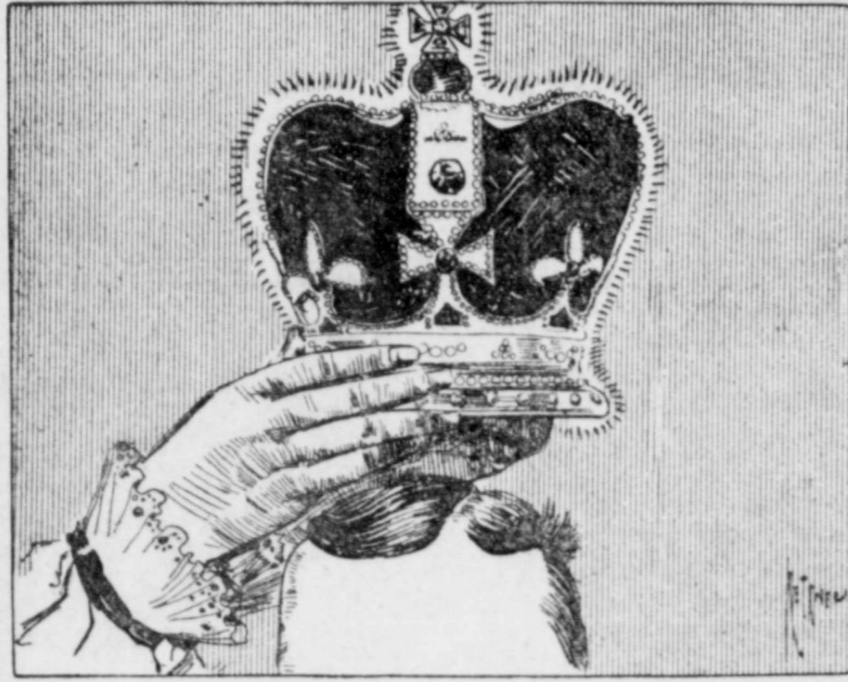
Gen. Bixby says that unless the fragment of a torpedo is found there is no way of connecting some outside agency with the blowing up of the vessel.

Confederate Reunion at West.

Waco: Committees of the veteran camps of McLennan County are making arrangements on a large scale for the reunion at West, to begin Aug. 1 next and continue for four days. This will be probably the greatest reunion in the history of the McLennan County Confederate Veterans' Association, which was held last year at McGregor and brought together a crowd estimated at 20,000. The business organizations of Waco are preparing to entertain the veterans and the junior organizations in a manner which will do credit to that progressive town. The reunion will take place in a well-shaded park a short distance north of the Katy station. This park will be fitted up with tents, a kitchen and a dining hall.

At Amsterdam two thousand dock hands struck Monday in sympathy with the striking seamen. Work ceased at all of the ships of the eight largest firms.

"HEAVY, HEAVY HANGS OVER THY HEAD"



ENGLAND'S NEW KING SPLENDID CORONATION

PAGEANTRY CARRIES ONE BACK TO MEDIEVAL DAYS.

AN UNEQUALLED ATTENDANCE

The New King Knows His Country and His People and the Confidence is Mutual.

London, June 23—Probably at no previous demonstration of the sort has England so strenuously striven for pageantry as at yesterday's coronation of George V and Queen Mary. Never in history and the imperial note been struck in such a magnificent manner. Its imperial aspect undoubtedly has been the most remarkable feature of the coronation.

George V, more than any sovereign of the past, represents the embodiment of the imperial idea. He only, of all his predecessors on the throne, traveled through his vast dominions, and thus acquainted himself at first hand with the needs and aspirations of all the various peoples in his Empire.

Then, by happy coincidence, the Imperial conference, sitting at the time of the coronation, enabled all the representatives of the King's overseas dominion to participate in the significant ceremony at the opening of the new reign, which, if the hopes of those attending the conference bear fruit, will bring all parts of the Empire into closer and more intimate relations.

The great State pageant was carried through with dignity and impressiveness and made a deep impression upon all those privileged to witness it, and it was accompanied by an outburst of loyalty throughout the Kingdom that might appear surprising at a period in the world's history when thrones no longer appear to be established on the surest foundations.

The remotest suburbs of the great city and every village in the land gave evidence of devotion and loyalty to the throne. The humblest home displayed a flag or illuminated device, portraits of the King and Queen and a loyal motto.

The stirring events of the day were carried through without hitch or serious accident of any kind. Every civilized nation was heavily represented and many Americans for the nonce forgot the simplicity of republicanism in the imperial atmosphere. England is at peace with all the earth, her trade is flourishing and all starts well with George V.

Remarkable Sleeping Case. Vandalla, Ill.: Miss Hazel Schmidt, daughter of former Alderman George Schmidt, whose sixty-five days of constant sleep has baffled physicians and specialists, awakened last Wednesday morning on her own accord and remained awake fully two hours and a half. All the time she was awake she was perfectly rational and conversed with members of her family. She inquired what month it was and asked to see the daily newspapers, which she was unable to read owing to her weakened condition. She was given some nourishment and again fell asleep, but awakened an hour later and this time remained awake almost two hours.

France again faces a quarrel in her cabinet resulting in its entire resignation. This reversal was wholly unexpected.

TWO COSTLY CONFLAGRATIONS

Ice Plant at Brownwood a Total Loss; 23 Acres of Stock Pens Burn at Fort Worth.

Brownwood, Texas: A Sunday morning fire destroyed property to the amount of \$60,000, when the entire plant of the Brownwood Ice & Fuel Company was destroyed with the Knox Produce Company and Swift & Co.'s stock, which was in the same building occupied by the produce company. The fire started in the building occupied by the produce company, and a strong wind soon fanned the flames to the ice factory, which was only a few feet away.

At the time of the fire three cars were consumed and the third slightly damaged. Losses: Brownwood Ice and Fuel Company \$500,000, with \$35,000 insurance; Knox Produce Company \$2,000, with \$1,000 insurance; Swift & Co., \$2,500, insurance not known. Snyder Brokerage and Storage Company of San Angelo, loss on building occupied by Knox Produce Company and Swift & Co. \$3,000, with \$2,000 insurance; two refrigerator cars.

Brownwood is without an ice plant, but S. J. Candler, manager of the plant, says that a new and modern plant will be built as soon as possible.

Stock Yards Fire. Fort Worth: Sunday the Fort Worth Stock Yards were visited by another disastrous fire, the second since the beginning of the present year.

Fire, which started about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and burned fiercely for two hours, swept bare twenty-seven acres of cattle and hog pens, destroying property variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

A spark from a locomotive is believed to have caused the fire.

So far as known only about fifty head of cattle and 200 hogs were destroyed of the thousands of head of live stock in the pens. Such hogs as died, perished more from heat and smoke than from the fire. Boys and men drove them out on the runs ahead of the advancing flames and many excessively fat porkers dropped in the street hundreds of yards from the fire and died.

The property loss was fully covered by insurance and, as facilities remain for handling 326 cars of cattle per day, there will be no interruption of business, according to an official statement issue by General Manager King of the Stockyards Company.

The pens which were consumed covered a stretch of ground nearly one mile in length and one-eighth of a mile in width, to the west of the packing houses of Smith and Armour.

Irrigation Around Lampasas.

Lampasas: The continued dry weather is causing large quantities of gasoline to be used and is giving the irrigated farms an opportunity to test themselves. There have been quite a number of irrigation plants installed near Lampasas during the last few years, and on Sulphur Fork of the Lampasas River, which runs through this town, there are half a dozen plants within five miles of town and several times as many acres under irrigation as ever before. Prospects are good for a large crop of onions and potatoes on these farms.

Oil Fire at Port Arthur.

Port Arthur: Thursday morning during a heavy rain tank No. 615 of the Texas Company was struck by lightning and set on fire. The tank contained about 18,000 barrels of refined oil, about 8,000 barrels of which were saved. The tank is a complete loss. The total loss is estimated at approximately \$65,000.

DALLAS GETS TWO NEW LINES

Dallas to Waco and Dallas to Corsicana via Ennis, Both Through Waxahachie.

Dallas: That there is absolutely no connection between the projects of the Stone & Webster Company to build an interurban line from Dallas to Waxahachie, and probably from Waxahachie to Ennis, and that of the Southern Traction Company to build lines from Dallas to Waxahachie and Waco and from Dallas to Corsicana, including Ennis, are declarations made by Edward T. Moore, local manager for the Stone & Webster Company, and Osce Goodwin, vice president of the Southern Traction Company.

Each of these gentlemen declares that the project of the other company will not be permitted to interfere with the project of his company. They declare that the preliminary work will go ahead without cessation, and Mr. Moore says that the Stone & Webster line will be running cars into Dallas by September, 1912. Because of the larger territory covered, Mr. Goodwin says it will probably be a longer time before the lines of his company are completed.

IMPORTANT RAILWAY DEAL.

Katy is Reported to Have Bought All the Kemp Lines.

St. Louis: A deal has been consummated by which the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad virtually will take over the properties controlled by J. A. Kemp of Wichita Falls, Texas. The purchase by the Missouri Pacific of the Boonville, St. Louis and Southern Railroad was also announced.

The Katy has taken a friendly interest in the Kemp and Kell properties, being a lessee of one line. President A. A. Allen announced the Katy will co-operate in building an extension of the Wichita Falls route north through Oklahoma.

The Kemp properties include the Wichita Falls & Northwestern, the Wichita Falls & Northwestern Railroad of Texas and the Wichita Falls & Southern. The Wichita Falls & Northwestern operates from Wichita Falls, Texas, to Hammon, Okla., about 150 miles. The Wichita Falls & Northwestern of Texas extends from Wichita Falls to the Oklahoma line, covering a territory not heretofore accessible to the Katy. The Wichita Falls & Southern extends from Wichita Falls to Newcastle, Young County.

Planting Much June Corn.

Dallas: Undaunted by the fact that practically all the corn in their section has been killed by the long spell of dry weather, farmers residing in the neighborhood of Grand Prairie, and in fact all over Dallas County, are plowing the corn which was killed and have gone to planting June corn. Dealers in seed corn in Dallas report an unprecedented demand for June corn.

Expenditures of Congress.

Washington: Appropriations made by Congress in the third session of the Sixty-First Congress amounted to \$1,026,682,882, according to a joint statement by the House and Senate Appropriations Committee. This was \$1,218,747 less than the appropriations of the previous session. In addition, however, contracts were authorized to be entered into for certain public works calling for future appropriations of \$48,454,145.

Deaf Mutes to Hold Gabfest.

Fort Worth: Deaf Mutes of Texas will hold a reunion here July 3 to 5 under auspices of the score or more of mutes of this city. The gathering will occur at Marine Park, in North Fort Worth, and several hundred are expected to attend. The First Evangelical Church for the deaf has raised funds for the entertainment of the visitors during their stay in the city.

Mysterious Cattle Disease.

Alpine: A mysterious disease is killing many cattle here and an effort is afoot to have the State Sanitary Board investigate. The cattle become afflicted with weak legs, lie down, unable to walk, and die while apparently healthy.

James Proctor Knott Dear.

Le'anon, Ky.: James Proctor Knott, former Governor of Kentucky and prominent for many years in Congress, died at his home in this city last Sunday afternoon at the age of 82 years. He had been enfeebled and partially blind several years.

The Second Texas Bale.

Houston: Ernest Matz of San Benito not only raised the first bale of new crop cotton, but the second as well. The latter reached the Houston Cotton Exchange Tuesday morning, weighed 490 pounds and classed strict middling.

RECALL IS UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

MAJORITY SUSTAINS RECALL FEATURE OF CHARTER.

DALLAS SCHOOL BOARD CASE

The Disposition of Case Sets at Rest Right of Legislature to Provide for Elective Removal.

Austin, Texas: Just before finally adjourning Friday for the term, a majority of the Texas Supreme Court, Judges Brown and Ramsey, sustained the recall provision of the Dallas city charter and affirmed the cases of Shearon Bonner and Arthur Lefevre vs. E. A. Beisterling et al., from Dallas.

Associate Justice Dibrrell dissents, and gives notice that he will file a dissenting opinion later.

Two cases known as the recall cases were filed by Arthur Lefevre and Shearon Bonner against members of the Dallas Board of Education elected at a recall election held on April 4. The petitions were similar in their language, with the exception that it was shown that Mr. Lefevre was the superintendent of the Dallas public schools and the Mr. Bonner was one of the members of the School Board recalled, which facts were set out in the petitions. The cases were tried before Judge Foree of the Fourteenth District Court and in his decision he held that the recall provisions of the Dallas city charter were valid. The cases were appealed to the Court of Civil Appeals, where the action of the lower court was sustained. E. G. Senter and A. B. Flannery appeared for the plaintiffs in the cases, while City Attorney Collins represented the Dallas School Board, the defendants.

The plaintiffs' petition alleged that the defendants were illegally claiming to be the true and lawful Board of Education of the city of Dallas, and were usurping the powers belonging to the board; that they were elected under what is known as the recall provision of the Dallas city charter and that that provision was illegal. An injunction was sought restraining the defendants from discharging the duties of the Board of Education, and asking that the plaintiffs be allowed to proceed with their duties. The injunction was denied and the plaintiffs appealed.

THE METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Planned to Be Largest and Best in South.

Dallas: It is declared that the plans for the Southern Methodist University, just accepted, contemplate the establishment in Dallas of the most comprehensive development of landscape gardening and magnificent architectural effects to be found in any educational, or, perhaps, in an institution of any other kind in the South.

President R. S. Hyer is determined that the Southern Methodist University shall profit by the experience of and shall avoid the mistake made by so many of the great universities of this country, in that they "just grew" without a definite plan to which the development should conform.

The expenditure of about \$2,000,000 will be required to carry out the plans now prepared. The work will commence, probably, with an outlay of \$500,000. It is not expected to build this university in a day, and when there have been erected an administration building, men's dormitory and women's dormitory, with two academic buildings, the Southern Methodist University at Dallas will be formally opened.

Dr. Hyer, Bursar Frank Reedy and Dr. H. A. Boaz have established offices in the Methodist Publishing House, and will be in Dallas henceforth, giving all their attention to the development of the Methodist Southern University plans. President Hyer expects to make extensive investigations of conditions at other colleges with a view of working out certain other details not fully decided upon in the plans for the university here.

More Invalid Legislation.

Austin: Another act of the Legislature was declared unconstitutional, being the provision of the statutes imposing a tax of \$15 on sewing machine dealers, that is, \$15 to the State and \$7 to the county. Another provision imposes a tax of \$3 to the State and \$1.50 to the county on merchants who are permitted to sell sewing machines. It was alleged that this was discriminatory and against the Constitution, which guarantees equal and uniform taxation on all classes of persons, business and property.

TEXAS VITAL STATISTICS.

Consumption Leads in Death's Grim Procession.

Austin: According to a statement by John E. Rosser, State Registrar of Vital Statistics, pellagra claimed twenty-two victims in Texas during the month of May. Nineteen of the number were whites. Hitherto the number of deaths attributable to pellagra has rarely exceeded ten or twelve in any given month, the total number for the year 1910 being but 116. These cases were distributed as follows: Dallas 3, Hamilton 1, Travis 1, Erath 1, Grayson 2, McLennan 2, Parker 1, Jefferson 1, Lamar 1, Lampasas 1, Tarrant 2, Navarro 5, Harris 1.

For the month of May there was reported a total of 5,853 births, thus analyzed: Whites, alive 4,339; Blacks, alive, 335; whites, no sex given, 37; blacks, no sex given, 7.

The mortality table shows a total of 2,664 deaths for May, of these 2,199 being whites and 465 being blacks.

2 MEN KILLED UNDER WALLS

Fatal Fire at Denton Causes \$20,000 Loss.

Denton: In an early morning fire here Friday Joe Turpin, aged 30, a member of the Denton Fire Department, and Ernest Bushey, the 17-year-old son of S. A. Bushey, were killed, and S. S. Grant, the 19-year-old son of A. Grant, was seriously, but not, it is now thought, fatally injured beneath a falling wall of the Craddock Building. The two men who died were holding a nozzle directed into the interior of the building, after the fire was under control, and S. S. Grant was aiding in holding the hose several feet away. Without warning the brick wall toppled over, burying all three beneath bricks and debris.

The fire preceding the casualties is pronounced by local firemen to have been the most dangerous in the history of Denton. The property loss is between \$16,000 and \$20,000, partially covered by insurance, but at times during the fire it looked as though it were impossible to prevent the flames from setting fire to the west end of the south side of the square. The woodwork in the rear of several of the stores caught fire several times, indeed, but each time the incipient blaze was extinguished before it got beyond control.

U. S. Wheat and Flour Exports.

Washington: The United States furnish about 18 per cent of the total international trade in wheat, including flour, according to a statement of the Department of Agriculture. In recent years the world's wheat crop has averaged slightly more than three billion bushels annually, of which about 8 per cent is exported from one country to another in the form of flour and 17 per cent in the form of wheat, making a total of about 25 per cent of the world's wheat crop which enters international trade. The United States exports about 62 per cent of all the flour that is shipped from one country to another and about 11 per cent of the wheat.

Successful Anti-Fly Crusade.

Fort Worth: It is estimated that the patent fly traps placed by the city in the various places where flies were most numerous have caught 5,000,000 flies. The sanitary officers allege that the campaign against flies has already resulted in a marked decrease in the number of flies in this city, their inquiries having been made particularly among the restaurant and stable keepers.

Westminster Fire Swept.

McKinney: The town of Westminster, fifteen miles north of McKinney, was visited by a fire Wednesday that destroyed half the entire business portion of the town. The losses were from \$25,000 to \$30,000. The only means of fighting the flames was a bucket brigade, which was of little assistance. The fire finally stopped when it reached a concrete building. It originated in the restaurant and market occupied by Ashmore Bros., and spread rapidly. Ten buildings—all of the north and west side of the square, were destroyed, only eight business buildings now remain standing.

Free But Ruined in Health and Pursue.

Wichita Falls: Five time tried on a charge of murder, four times convicted, once sentenced to prison for life, Walter Hickey, broken in health but cheerful in spirit, hobbled from the Wichita County court house a free man after one of the hardest fights for freedom known in any court history in Texas. Hickey has been in jail the greater part of the eight years while his case has dragged from one trial court to another.

Greenville's new \$70,000 high school building will be ready for the opening of school this fall.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miss Elma Sheppard served a three course luncheon Tuesday evening at the home of her sister Mrs. Henry West. Her guests were Misses McDonald, Warren, Burroughs, West; Messrs. Jones, Earnest, Sharp, Ferguson, John and James West. Afterwards they went to the home of Miss Zora West where they were treated to lovely music. Several numbers of special music given by Messrs. Owens on the violin and mandolin added much to the pleasure of a delightful evening. Besides the guests of Miss Sheppard the guests were Misses Clara and Margie Saffle, Paylor, Pipes, Johnson, Cooper, Merritt, Counts, Warnick, Touchstone; Messrs. Gaither, Ferrier, Barnett, Merritt, Pate, Cybert, Earnest and Pyrtle Owens, Sharp, Burroughs and Touchstone.

Little Miss Lurlyne Powell of Anson was the guest of honor Tuesday evening when her cousin Miss Bera Stallings entertained 12 little neighbors and their baby dolls from 6 to 8. Various games were played on the grassy lawn. Ruth the beautiful doll of the honoree was awarded the prize for being the prettiest doll at the party. Arkansas Jack was very popular, the only boy doll present, but sad to say he went crying home—too much ice cream. Paper dolls were given to each little guest as souvenirs, they also served to pair off the crowd for the delicious ice cream that was served to little Misses Warren, Howard, Bigham, Douglas, Angus, Tracy, Ritch, Armstrong, Powell, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Lois and Mildred Hogue. Misses Fay Lowrey and Louise Kelly of Loraine assisted in entertaining.

A most delightful and informal porch party was given Monday evening by Miss Fannie Burroughs. The guests found the large porch furnished with chairs, floor pillows, rug, etc., all in readiness for their entertainment. Music, instrumental and solo, floated out on the evening air from the music room and was greatly enjoyed by all. Refreshing fruit punch was served to Misses Rister, Sutphen, Paylor, Johnson, Cooper, Sheppard; Messrs. Gaither, Earnest, Ferguson, Cordell, Jones, Sharp, Pate, Otis and Lowe Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Scheidler celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Tuesday with a family homecoming and big dinner. They were married at home near Pleasant Hill and have lived in the immediate vicinity all their lives. Mrs. Scheidler was Rachel Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hill. Both are 71 years of age. While their history is not unlike that of hundreds of others, they have always been respected by neighbors and friends and have always been associated with church work and are well known all over Wayne county.

Mr. and Mrs. Scheidler are both in excellent health and bid well to enjoy many more anniversaries of their wedding and their friends truly hope as much. They have five children, Moses and Harry S. Scheidler of this city, S. S. Scheidler of Merkel, Texas, Rev. Monroe Scheidler of Kokomo and Mrs. W. H. Cook of Hicksville, Ohio, fifteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, all of whom were present to help them celebrate the day.

An impromptu program was arranged which proved a very interesting feature—a duet by Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Scheidler, a reading by Gladys Cook, solo by Mrs. Cook, instrumental music by S. S. Scheidler and short talks by several members of the family. The remembrance from the children of a gold headed cane for the father and an umbrella for the mother were presented in a few well chosen words by Dr. Cook. A large wedding cake decorated with fifty lighted candles occupied a conspicuous place on the table.—Cambridge City (Ind.) Tribune.

Tuesday evening Misses Clara Moore, Winnie and Lila Sandlin, Roy Green of Abilene, Oscar Adcock and wife, C. C. Campbell and wife, Mesdames Holland and family, Witcher and Charley Bankhead met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campbell and went from there to the home of W. D. Butler where they spent several pleasant hours. Cream and cake were served and enjoyed by all, as was the ride back to town in the wagon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning are entertaining their daughter Mrs. J. B. Steele and children of Ryan, Okla., and their son Dr. Walter Browning and family of Hastings, Okla., this week. Reese Harris of Abilene spent Tuesday with them.

Misses Bera Stallings and Fay Lowrey were week-end visitors at Anson friends and relatives. They were accompanied home by Miss Lurlyne Powell who spent a week with her cousin Stallings.

The New Iceless Soda Fountain

Did you ever see one? Water freezes without ice and all drinks are just as COLD as freezing water. We serve the best Ice Cream that's made in Texas. It's Boedeker's, and by test the best. Private parlor for ladies. Ice Cream and Limades are our specialties. Come to see us when HOT.

RUST & MCCAULEY DRUG COMPANY

MERKEL CLEANEST CITY IN COUNTRY

It is true that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" and we believe that Merkel and her people are as near heaven as any spot on the globe. Our people are good and our reputation for cleanliness as a city is fast approaching that which we have always enjoyed as to our morality.

The new city administration which was pledged to a civic improvement and sanitary platform took up the work with a vengeance and the result of their efforts is already apparent to any casual observer. City Marshal Hall with a force of laborers have been busy almost every day since his advent into office and our alleys and streets are clean of any and all kinds of trash and filth. The work is being done on a very economical plan and this fact insures that it will be continued and increased. The street sprinkler which is supported by our liberal business people is an assistance and life and business even these sultry hot days are delightful.

The Mail has ever strived and worked for a betterment of our sanitary conditions and our people as a whole appreciate and cooperate in any effort in that direction. As a result the appearance of our city is much more attractive to the stranger and prospector and our health is improved in proportion. In the last two summers typhoid and such diseases have been reduced to the minimum, and an interview with our health officer or any of our physicians will prove to you conclusively that we have one of the healthiest little cities in the state. Come to Merkel.

Parties having cases, empty bottles or cream pakers that belong to the Merkel Bottling Works are asked to report same so they may be collected. J. N. Routh.

Close on the Fourth.

We the undersigned, agree to keep our places of business closed ALL DAY Tuesday, July 4, 1911.

- W. L. Harkrider
- J. P. Sharp
- B. C. Gaither & Sons
- Star Store
- Rose & Jones
- G. F. West & Sons
- Carl Evans
- West Texas Hardware Co.
- Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.
- W. R. Hampton & Son
- J. L. Banner & Son
- Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.
- Anchor Hardware Co.
- E. D. Coats
- Hogue-Hamilton Co.
- Armstrong Drug Co.
- Parten Dry Goods Co.
- Hamblett & Rogers
- City Barber Shop
- City Tailor Shop
- Gröena's Studio
- T. L. Holloway
- Rust & McCauley Drug Co.
- C. K. Russell
- Pipes Bros.
- McClain's Drug Store
- C. S. Curb
- W. L. Diltz
- Jno. B. Bell & Son
- W. M. Brown
- J. S. Thomas
- John Elliott
- Kent Street Grocery Co.
- Picklesimer & Son
- Woodroof Bros.
- Merkel Mail Printing Co.
- J. T. Dennis

I Want a Good Farm.

I own controlling stock in the best manufacturing plant in Texas. Making woven wire fencing, only one in the south; bears a good profit, no money necessary to operate. Other business demands my attention and I want to retire. \$7,500 will handle. Write for particulars. G. E. Blewett, Fort Worth, Texas. 4tnd

Commencing July 1 we will deliver any where inside the corporation free of charge on any purchase of 25c or more. Telephone your orders to McClains Drug Store.

We get fresh bread from the bakery every day. Phone us your grocery and bread order and it will have prompt attention. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

MERKEL COUNTRY SHIPPING WHEAT

In recent years very little of our land has been sown to wheat and oats though old timers tell us of days when this was a grain country. It was when this was a cattle range and little attention was paid to farming other than the growing of wheat and oats and forage crops. Since then our country was transformed into a cotton patch and the popularity of the grain crops waned.

The drouth of the past two years which cut short our crops had the same effect on our native grass and our farmers planted thousands of acres of land in wheat and oats last fall and this spring to provide grazing for their stock. All of it was worth the cost and labor for the grazing but now they are realizing a neat little sum for the grain which they are harvesting. The Mail reporter has interviewed many of them and learned that the wheat around here has turned out eight to 12 bushels, and oats 50 to 60 bushels, to the acre. On the Clear Fork and up on the divide the average is higher and one more good rain would have made a bumper crop.

Gaither & Sons have shipped today five cars of wheat which they bought from wagons and in all, the grain crop though small is proving a help to our farmers and country.

The Mail is not very strong on the grain crops but we do claim and know that we have the best country in Texas for growing cotton and cane, kaffir corn and kids and this is sufficient to make any man happy and prosperous. Come to Merkel.

Picnic at Midland.

The Midland people are to have a picnic and barbecue on the fourth of July. An interesting program consisting of various games and amusement is to be carried out. It is to be under the auspices of the commercial club and no doubt everything will be done to make it a success. All stations on the T. & P. between Fort Worth and El Paso are to get a rate of one and one-fifth fare for the round trip.

Would be glad if every woman in Merkel and vicinity would investigate our prices on Ladies Dresses, Coat Suits, Skirts and Petticoats. Such prices as we are making were never before seen in Merkel. We mean to close them out. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Misses Nora Hampton, and Etta Burns were guests of Miss Hampton's sister Mrs. Porterfield in Post City last week. They also visited Lubbock.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Howard for a few days this week.

Grandma Leeman of the plains is in Merkel visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

We received very interesting items from our correspondents at Salt Branch, Butman, Nubia and White Church but reached the office too late for publication. All communications should reach us not later than Tuesday afternoon.

J. T. WARREN, President

T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier



Capital and Surplus \$50,000.00

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No. 366

The Farmers State Bank TRENT, TEXAS

Statement as Reported June 7th, 1911

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$32,798.05
Overdrafts	None
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund	265.97
Banking House, Fur. and Fixtures	5,600.00
Stocks and Bonds	267.97
Cash and Exchange	17,400.28
Total	\$56,332.27

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Surplus and Profits	3,219.05
Bills Payable	2,500.00
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West Texas Hardware Co.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Miss Elma Sheppard served a three course luncheon Tuesday evening at the home of her sister Mrs. Henry West.

Little Miss Lurlyne Powell of Anson was the guest of honor Tuesday evening when her cousin Miss Bera Stallings entertained 12 little neighbors and their baby dolls.

A most delightful and informal porch party was given Monday evening by Miss Fannie Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Scheidler celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Tuesday with a family homecoming and big dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Scheidler are both in excellent health and bid well to enjoy many more anniversaries of their wedding and their friends truly hope as much.

An impromptu program was arranged which proved a very interesting feature—a duet by Mr. and Mrs. M.L. Scheidler, a reading by Gladys Cook, solo by Mrs. Cook, instrumental music by S. S. Scheidler and short talks by several members of the family.

Tuesday evening Misses Clara Moore, Winnie and Lila Sandlin, Roy Green of Abilene, Oscar Adcock and wife, C. C. Campbell and wife, Mesdames Holland and family, Witcher and Charley Bankhead met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Campbell and went from there to the home of W. D. Butler where they spent several pleasant hours.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning are entertaining their daughter Mrs. J. B. Steele and children of Ryan, Okla., and their son Dr. Walter Browning and family of Hastings, Okla., this week.

Misses Bera Stallings and Fay Lowrey were week-end visitors at Anson friends and relatives.

The New Iceless Soda Fountain

Did you ever see one? Water freezes without ice and all drinks are just as COLD as freezing water. We serve the best Ice Cream that's made in Texas. It's Boedeker's, and by test the best. Private parlor for ladies. Ice Cream and Limades are our specialties. Come to see us when HOT.

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The new city administration which was pledged to a civic improvement and sanitary platform took up the work with a vengeance and the result of their efforts is already apparent to any casual observer.

The Mail has ever strived and worked for a betterment of our sanitary conditions and our people as a whole appreciate and cooperate in any effort in that direction.

Parties having cases, empty bottles or cream packers that belong to the Merkel Bottling Works are asked to report same so they may be collected.

Close on the Fourth.

We the undersigned, agree to keep our places of business closed ALL DAY Tuesday, July 4, 1911. W. L. Harkrider, J. P. Sharp, B. C. Gaither & Sons, Star Store, Rose & Jones, G. F. West & Sons, Carl Evans, West Texas Hardware Co., Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co., W. R. Hampton & Son, J. L. Banner & Son, Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co., Anchor Hardware Co., E. D. Coats, Hogue-Hamilton Co., Armstrong Drug Co., Parten Dry Goods Co., Hamblett & Rogers, City Barber Shop, City Tailor Shop, Groene's Studio, T. L. Holloway, Rust & McCauley Drug Co., C. K. Russell, Pipes Bros., McClain's Drug Store, C. S. Curb, W. L. Diltz, Jno. B. Bell & Son, W. M. Brown, J. S. Thomas, John Elliott, Kent Street Grocery Co., Picklesimer & Son, Woodroof Bros., Merkel Mail Printing Co., J. T. Dennis.

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We get fresh bread from the bakery every day. Phone us your grocery and bread order and it will have prompt attention. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

MERKEL COUNTRY SHIPPING WHEAT

In recent years very little of our land has been sown to wheat and oats though old timers tell us of days when this was a grain country.

The drouth of the past two years which cut short our crops had the same effect on our native grass and our farmers planted thousands of acres of land in wheat and oats last fall and this spring to provide grazing for their stock.

Gaither & Sons have shipped today five cars of wheat which they bought from wagons and in all, the grain crop though small is proving a help to our farmers and country.

The Mail is not very strong on the grain crops but we do claim and know that we have the best country in Texas for growing cotton and cane, kaffir corn and kids and this is sufficient to make any man happy and prosperous. Come to Merkel.

Picnic at Midland.

The Midland people are to have a picnic and barbecue on the fourth of July. An interesting program consisting of various games and amusement is to be carried out. It is to be under the auspices of the commercial club and no doubt everything will be done to make it a success.

Would be glad if every woman in Merkel and vicinity would investigate our prices on Ladies Dresses, Coat Suits, Skirts and Petticoats. Such prices as we are making were never before seen in Merkel. We mean to close them out. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Misses Nora Hampton, and Etta Burns were guests of Miss Hampton's sister Mrs. Porterfield in Post City last week. They also visited Lubbock.

Mrs. Rufus Grisham of Hamlin visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Howard for a few days this week.

Grandma Leeman of the plains is in Merkel visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alice Templeton.

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

We received very interesting items from our correspondents at Salt Branch, Butman, Nubia and White Church but reached the office too late for publication. All communications should reach us not later than Tuesday afternoon.

J. T. WARREN, President

T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier



Capital and Surplus \$50,000.00

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No. 366

The Farmers State Bank TRENT, TEXAS

Statement as Reported June 7th, 1911

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$32,798.05
Overdrafts	None
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund	265.97
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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Whose phone is 48? The Tailor
 Aubrey Phillips of Eastland is visiting his father T. W. Phillips. The Tailor has fits for everybody.
 Miss Leno Largent has returned from a visit to relatives and friends at Dallas.
 Clean men should wear clean clothes cleaned by the City Tailor
 Miss Fannie Burroughs is in Stamford visiting Miss Mamie Mann.
 Miss Ellen Daugherty who has been visiting Mrs. Fred Bigham has gone to Van Horn.
 Mrs. C. M. Smith and little son Durette are visiting her sister Mrs. J. P. Sutphen.
 Miss Nina Wright of Bellvue is the guest of her sister Mrs. W. D. Woodroof.

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Call to see us, it will pay you.

Mingus Brothers & Company

MEN'S QUALITY OUTFITTERS ABILENE, TEXAS

Fresh vegetables and baker's bread every day at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.
 Leslie Ryan left Friday night for Honey Grove to visit his grandma Mrs. Mattie Fryar.
 Geo. Howard is in Austin taking examination before the state board of medical examiners.
 Mrs. Charlie Fryar of Rising Star came in Monday to visit her parents H. M. Rainbolt and wife.
 J. J. Stallings is at home from an extended trip over the plains. While away he visited his brother
 Phone 170 for best groceries, best prices and best service. Your money will go further when you trade at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.
 Hiram Phillips of Dora was in town Wednesday and reports that crops so far in good condition but must have rain pretty soon to hold up. A fairly good crop of wheat and oats has already been harvested.
 Wedding presents of the most appropriate and up-to-date kind. Prices \$1 to \$100. Everything neat, nobby and new. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

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 Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.
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If you want a farm for the cheapest money possible I have it. I know the people and I know their properties and I know when I have a bargain.
 If you want a ranch I have it from a section up to 36 sections.
 If you want a home in town I can sell it to you so cheap you would say it is a shame to take the money.
 If you want a farm loan see me for I can deliver the goods.
 If you want a piece of notary work done see me for I do all kinds of notary work.
 If you want to make any kind of trade or sell a piece of property it will pay you to see me for I know how to make trades and sales for I have been at it for the past eleven years.
 Office in the West building over the furniture store on Edward street.

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 6 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.
 Miss Jessie Sutphen was in Abilene Monday.
 The City Tailor wants to suit you.
 Mrs. M. Armstrong visited in Abilene Sunday.
 If your clothes are dirty you don't look good. The Tailor.
 John Carney a prohibition evangelist spoke on the streets Monday.
 Don't make your wife press your suit with a 7 pound iron. The work is too hard.
 Several of the Merkel people attended the children's day exercises at Shiloh Sunday.
 Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.
 Birthday presents at Rust & McCauley's. Cut glass, silver novelties and china.
 Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Herring of Abilene visited W. J. Sheppard Sunday.
 If you don't believe The Tailor is game come around and he will clean you up.
 Charlie and Albert Booth and families were visiting their sister Mrs. J. T. Warren last Sunday.
 Our prices are right on wedding presents and birthday presents. Come and see them.
 Rust & McCauley's.
 Mr. J. J. Wagle of Lampasas is here on a few weeks visit to her old time friend Mrs. M. Armstrong.
 Last Saturday was the hottest day of the season.

About 4 o'clock Saturday morning it was discovered that T. W. Phillips' residence was on fire and before the fire boys could reach the scene the flames had gained so much headway that nothing could be done but save the surrounding buildings. The family and volunteers saved but very few of the household goods there being no one there but Mr. Phillips and wife who are both very old and feeble. The origin of the fire is not known and as there are no children about the place and the old people have always been very careful it is a mystery but is not supposed that it was an incendiary. It was partially covered by insurance.
 Anyone needing a second-hand folding upright or mantel bed will save money by seeing what we have to offer. The Furniture People--Behrens-McMillen Company.
 Hon. J. T. Tucker of Merkel spoke at Warren school house Tuesday night. He held the large audience spell-bound for an hour and half and from what J. A. Buford says he pulverized all the ground he went over and sowed it down with prohibition doctrine which resulted in the organization of a prohibition club of about 60 members with J. B. Foster chairman.
 Every woman in Merkel should see our Muslin Underwear booth during our big Clearance Sale. Such prices were never offered on Muslin Underwear in West Texas. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.
 E. V. Ellis of the Comper neighborhood was in town Saturday and reports that crops are beginning to suffer but so far no serious damage done.

The new directory for the South Western Telephone Co. is in the hands of the printer and will be ready by July 15 to be furnished the subscribers.
 H. M. Rainbolt, wife of the daughter Mrs. Hargrove have been quite sick at their home south of town, but all are reported better now.
 Eugene Hargrove left last week for Mesquite where he has accepted a position as a meat cutter with J. W. McDaniels. Mrs. Hargrove will probably follow him in a few weeks.
 We sell the best flour milled in Texas for baking biscuit and light bread. Try a sack of Light Crust next time and have good bread. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.
 Dr. J. A. Adkisson who had an operation for appendicitis Monday is getting along reasonable well. Some fears were entertained at first but it is thought now that he will pull through.
 Be sure to attend the big July Clearance Sale beginning Saturday at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company. Read the big ad in this paper. They are the only real Clearance prices that have been made in Merkel this summer.
 Miss Alma Brunson returned last week to her home at Midland after few days visit at the home of H. M. Rainbolt. Miss Brunson reports more rain in her part of the country than there has been in years, so the farmer's prospects for a crop are bright.
 The stock men are getting their stock in to pasture for the year. She was home by her cousin Rainbolt who returned the summer months.
 Dr. S. L. F. morning to with home of his office the 10.

What a Boy Can Do.

A short time ago Dr. Armstrong bought the crop of one of his tenants. There is sixty acres of cotton in the crop. The doctor turned the cotton over to his ten year son Frank to cultivate and with a cultivator and team he has the crop ploughed over.
 If you want sometime elegant and new in wedding presents come see our line. At Rust & McCauley's.

SERIAL STORY

ELUSIVE ISABEL

By JACQUES FUTRELLE

Illustrations by M. KETNER

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SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats in the national capital when a messenger brings a note directing him to come to the embassy at once. Here a beautiful young woman asks that she be given a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his head detective, are warned that a plot of the Latin races against the English speaking races is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state ball for information. In a conservatory his attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, soon disappears. A revolver shot is heard and Campbell and Grimm hasten down the hall to find that Senator Alvarez of the Mexican legation, has been shot.

CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

"What sort of a paper was it?" inquired Mr. Grimm.

"None of your business," came the curt answer.

"Who shot you?"

"None of your business."

"A man?"

"Senor Alvarez was silent."

"A woman?"

"Still silent."

With some new idea Mr. Grimm turned away suddenly and started out into the hall. He met a maid-servant at the door, coming in. Her face was blanched, and she stuttered through sheer excitement.

"A lady, sir—a lady—" she began babblingly.

Mr. Grimm calmly closed the door, shutting in the wounded man, Chief Campbell and the others. Then he caught the maid sharply by the arm and shook some coherence into her disordered brain.

"A lady—she ran away, sir," the girl went on, in blank surprise.

"What lady?" demanded Mr. Grimm, coldly. "Where did she run from? Why did she run?" The maid stared at him with mouth agape. "Begin at the beginning."

"I was in that room, farther down the hall, sir," the maid explained. "The door was open. I heard the shot, and it frightened me so—I don't know—I was afraid to look out right away, sir. Then, an instant later, a lady came running along the hall, sir—that way," and she indicated the rear of the house. "Then I came to the door and looked out to see who it was, and what was the matter, sir. I was standing there when a man—a man came along after the lady, and banged the door in my face, sir. The door had a spring lock, and I was so—so frightened and excited I couldn't open it right away, sir—and when I did I came here to see what was the matter." She drew a deep breath and stopped.

"That all?" demanded Mr. Grimm.

"Yes, sir, except—the hand, sir—"

Mr. Grimm regarded her in silence for a moment.

"Who was the lady?" he asked at last.

"I forget her name, sir. She was the lady who—who fainted in the ballroom, sir, just a few minutes ago."

Whatever emotion may have been aroused within Mr. Grimm it certainly found no expression in his face. When he spoke again his voice was quite calm.

"Miss Thorne, perhaps?"

"Yes, sir, that's the name—Miss Thorne. I was in the ladies' dressing-room when she was brought in, sir, and I remember some one called her name."

Mr. Grimm took the girl, still a-quiver with excitement, and led her along the hall to where Gray stood.

"Take this girl in charge, Gray," he directed. "Lock her up, if necessary. Don't permit her to say one word to anybody—anybody, you understand, except the chief."

Mr. Grimm left them there. He passed along the hall, glancing in each room as he went, until he came to a short flight of stairs leading toward the kitchen. He went on down silently. The lights were burning, but the place was still deserted. All the servants who belonged there were evidently, for the moment, transferred to other posts. He passed on through the kitchen and out the back door into the street.

A little distance away, leaning against a lamp post, a man was standing. He might have been waiting for Mr. Grimm.

Mr. Grimm approached him.

"ardon," he said, "did you see come out of the back door, a moment or so ago," he asked slowly. "She got into the corner. I imagine he extended a handkerchief, performed a trick of it up immediately

and examined it under the light. For a time he was thoughtful, with lowered eyes, which, finally raised, met those of the stranger with a scrutinizing stare.

"Why," asked Mr. Grimm slowly and distinctly, "why did you slam the door in the girl's face?"

"Why did I—what?" came the answering question.

"Why did you slam the door in the girl's face?" Mr. Grimm repeated slowly.

The stranger stared in utter amazement—an amazement so frank, so unacted, so genuine, that Mr. Grimm was satisfied.

"Did you see a man come out of the door?" Mr. Grimm pursued.

"No. Say, young fellow, I guess you've had a little too much to drink, haven't you?"

But by that time Mr. Grimm was turning the corner.

CHAPTER V.

A Visit to the Count.

The bland serenity of Mr. Campbell's face was disturbed by thin, spidery lines of perplexity, and the guileless blue eyes were vacant as he stared at the top of his desk. Mr. Grimm was talking.

"From the moment Miss Thorne turned the corner I lost all trace of her," he said. "Either she had an automobile in waiting, or else she was lucky enough to find one immediately she came out. She did not return to the embassy ball last night—that much is certain." He paused reflectively. "She is a guest of Senorita Inez Rodriguez at the Venezuelan legation," he added.

"Yes, I know," his chief nodded.

"I didn't attempt to see her there last night for two reasons," Mr. Grimm continued. "First, she can have no possible knowledge of the fact that she is suspected, unless perhaps the man who slammed the door—"

He paused. "Anyway, she will not attempt to leave Washington; I am confident of that. Again, it didn't seem wise to me to employ the ordinary crude police methods in the case—that is, go to the Venezuelan legation and pick up a row."

For a long time Campbell was silent, the perplexed lines still furrowed his benevolent forehead.

"The president is very anxious that we get to facts in this reported Latin alliance as soon as possible," he said at last, irrelevantly. "He mentioned the matter last night, and he has been keeping in constant communication with Gault in Lisbon who, however, has not been able to add materially to the original dispatch. Under all the circumstances, don't you think it would be best for me to relieve you of the investigation of this shooting affair so that you can concentrate on this greater and more important thing?"

"Will Senor Alvarez die?" asked Mr. Grimm in turn.

"His condition is serious, although the wound is not necessarily fatal," was the reply.

Mr. Grimm arose, stretched his long legs and stood for a little while gazing out the window. Finally he turned to his chief:

"What do we know, here in the bureau, about Miss Thorne?"

"This far the reports on her are of the usual perfunctory nature," Mr. Campbell explained. He drew a card from a pigeonhole of his desk and glanced at it. "She arrived in Washington two weeks and two days ago from New York, off the Lusitania, from Liverpool. She brought some sort of introduction to Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, and he obtained for her a special invitation to the state ball, which was held that night. Until four days ago she was a guest at the Italian embassy, but

considered the question from every standpoint.

"It may be that I am so regarded," he admitted at last.

"May I inquire if the sponsorship is official, personal, social, or all three?" Mr. Grimm continued.

There was silence for a long time.

"I don't see the trend of your questioning," said the ambassador finally. "Miss Thorne is worthy of my protection in every way."

"Let's suppose a case," suggested Mr. Grimm blandly. "Suppose Miss Thorne had—had, let us say, shot a man, and he was about to die, would you feel justified in withdrawing that—that protection, as you call it?"

"Such a thing is preposterous!" exclaimed the ambassador. "The utter absurdity of such a charge would impel me to offer her every assistance."

Mr. Grimm nodded.

"And if it were proved to your satisfaction that she did shoot him?" he went on evenly.

The count's lips were drawn together in a straight line.

"Whom, may I ask," he inquired frigidly, "are we supposing that Miss Thorne shot?"

"No one, particularly," Mr. Grimm assured him easily. "Just suppose that she had shot anybody—me, say, or Senor Alvarez?"

"I can't answer a question so ridiculous as that."

"And suppose we go a little further," Mr. Grimm insisted, pleasantly, "and assume that you knew she had shot some one, say Senor Alvarez, and you could protect her from the consequences, would you?"

"I decline to suppose anything so utterly absurd," was the rejoinder.

Mr. Grimm sat with his elbows on his knees, idly twisting a seal ring on his little finger. The searching eyes of the ambassador found his face blankly inscrutable.

"Diplomatic representatives in Washington have certain obligations to this government," the young man reminded him. "We—that is, the government of the United States—undertake to guarantee the personal safety of every accredited representative; in return for that protection we must insist upon the name and identity of a dangerous person who may be known to any foreign representative. Understand, please, I'm not asserting that Miss Thorne is a dangerous person. You are sponsor for her here. Is she, in every way, worthy of your protection?"

"Yes," said the ambassador flatly.

"I can take it, then, that the introduction she brought to you is from a person whose position is high enough to insure Miss Thorne's position?"

"That is correct."

"Very well!"

And Mr. Grimm went away.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

HOME OF GOVERNORS.

The Louisville Courier-Journal says Kentucky has furnished 16 other state 106 governors.

would be of more value to the Latin government in Washington right at this stage of negotiations than a brilliant woman agent?"

"I most certainly cannot," was the chief's unhesitating response.

"In that case I don't think it would be wise to transfer the investigation of the shooting affair to another man," said Mr. Grimm emphatically, reverting to his chief's question. "I think on the contrary, we should find out more about Miss Thorne."

"Precisely," Campbell agreed.

"Ask all the great capitals about her—Madrid, Paris and Rome, particularly; then, perhaps, London and Berlin and St. Petersburg."

Mr. Campbell thoughtfully scribbled the names of the cities on a slip of paper.

"Do you intend to arrest Miss Thorne for the shooting?" he queried.

"I don't know," replied Mr. Grimm, frankly. "I don't know," he repeated, musingly. "If I do arrest her immediately I may cut off a clue which will lead to the other affair. I don't know," he concluded.

"Use your own judgment, and bear in mind that a man—"

"I shall not forget him," Mr. Grimm answered. "Now I'm going over to talk to Count di Rosini for a while."

The young man went out, thoughtfully tugging at his gloves. The Italian ambassador received him with an inquiring uplift of his dark brows.

"I came to make some inquiries in regard to Miss Thorne—Miss Isabel Thorne," Mr. Grimm informed him frankly.

The count was surprised, but it didn't appear in his face.

"As I understand it," the young man pursued, "you are sponsor for her in Washington."

The count, evasively diplomatic, born and bred in a school of caution,



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Simple Dresses



TWO charmingly simple dresses are shown here, both suitable for cotton or soft woolen materials.

The first has a panel of trimming, either braiding or broderie Anglaise, according to material used; the foot of skirt is trimmed to match. The yoke of the Magyar bodice is of finely tucked material edged with a shaped piece of trimming, the material being gathered to this, and shaped plastron is arranged beneath; the belt is of trimming, so are the sleeve bands. Hat of straw edged with a frill of lace and trimmed with roses and foliage.

Materials required: Five yards 46 inches wide, if braided material forms trimming, four yards, if not, 2½ yards broderie Anglaise 18 inches wide, if used.

The second costume is in thistle mauve cashmere; it has the skirt trimmed down sides with panels of chene silk edged with narrow satin bands. The over-bodice is entirely of the cashmere, edged with satin, while chene silk is used for the under-slip which is finished off at neck and elbows by narrow lace frills. A belt of satin encircles the waist. Hat of thistle mauve straw, trimmed with black wings.

Materials required: Four yards cashmere 44 inches wide, one yard satin, 2½ yards silk 22 inches wide.

FOR THE TIME OF SORROW

Proper Way to Extend Condolences to One's Friends Who Are in Grief.

There are persons who never take notice of another's sorrow. They wait until the bereaved one is met.

Sometimes this attitude is from fear of intrusion, again it is from fear of not saying the right thing, too often it is from procrastination. Whatever the reason it is a mistake. There are some few who dislike outside sympathy in sorrow, the majority are hurt if it is not given. They never quite feel the same toward the friend who they think was neglectful of their trouble.

The visiting card with a few words of sympathy is sufficient, save among close friends. A married woman incloses the card of her husband.

Never make a note of condolence stilted. It should express you, and not be an essay on grief. Also be brief. A few sincere sentences count more than pages of rambling platitudes.

It is customary to send the note to the member of the family you know best, including the others in your expressions of sympathy.

It is customary now to have engraved forms of acknowledgment on black-edged cards. These are sent out in the name of the head of the family, and are sent to all who offered sympathy. They can be had in a few days on a rush order.

There are many who think such a card too formal, and in any case intimate friends should have personal notes. Flowers always require a note in the first person from some member of the family, or in case the note is written by a friend it should say: "Mrs. Blank has asked me to thank you for the flowers," etc.

When one is a Catholic, with these acknowledgments are sometimes inclosed small, black-edged engraved cards asking for prayers for the deceased. Occasionally a small portrait of the deceased is used on the inner fold of the card, with the date of death beneath.

Novelty Wraps.

Many novelty wraps of voile, chiffon and marquisette are being shown by the large department stores, says the Dry Goods Economist. These are usually left unlined and look particularly attractive over evening or lingerie gowns. Some of these are made like the fashionably-cut coat, with peasant sleeves, pointed collars, large revers, etc. Others are cape-wraps which can be readily slipped on or off. These coats are shown in black, cerise, purple, Holland blue, Empire green and other fashionable colorings.

Neckband Again.

The mode of the low-necked dress and the collarless frock has called out the black velvet neckband once more. This band is about an inch in width. When last worn this was merely a band, fastening in back or front under a buckle or pretty pin. Now, however, it is fastened in the back in the manner of 30 or 40 years ago, with the long ends hanging down the back.

ONE-PIECE BLOUSE.



This is a one-piece blouse, quite simple but rather novel in style. It is finely tucked at the upper part, the tucks being quite short on the shoulders, and getting longer towards center of front. A piece of wide insertion of passementerie is taken round blouse under arms, also trims sleeves, which are finished off by narrow material frills to match the neck.

Hat of straw, trimmed with a tulle ruche.

Materials required: One and one-half yard 44 inches wide, 1½ yard trimming.

Tailored Suits.

In tailored suit skirts fullness has been introduced through plaited sections, set into rather close fitting skirts as broken panels and also through the use of plaited panels over hanging in tunic form.

In the former style is an interesting skirt model which has as a back panel two deep, closely plaited founces which divide their width to form the skirt length, with the exception of a few inches, which are taken by the shallow hip yoke.

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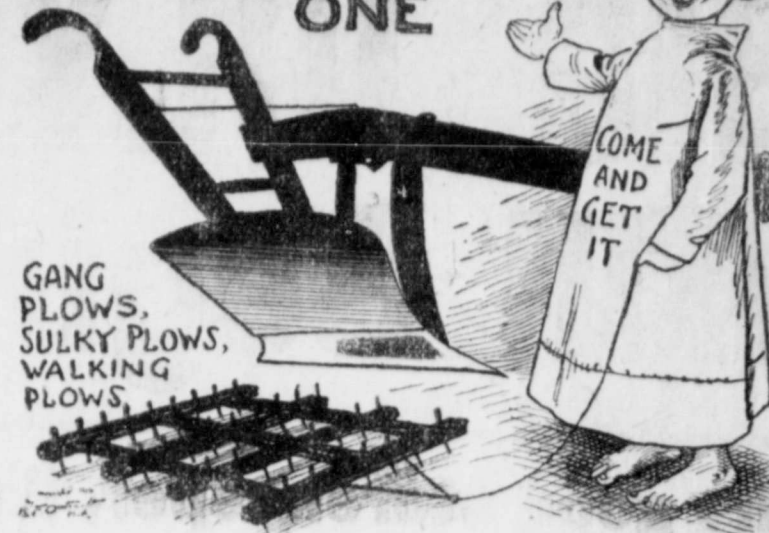
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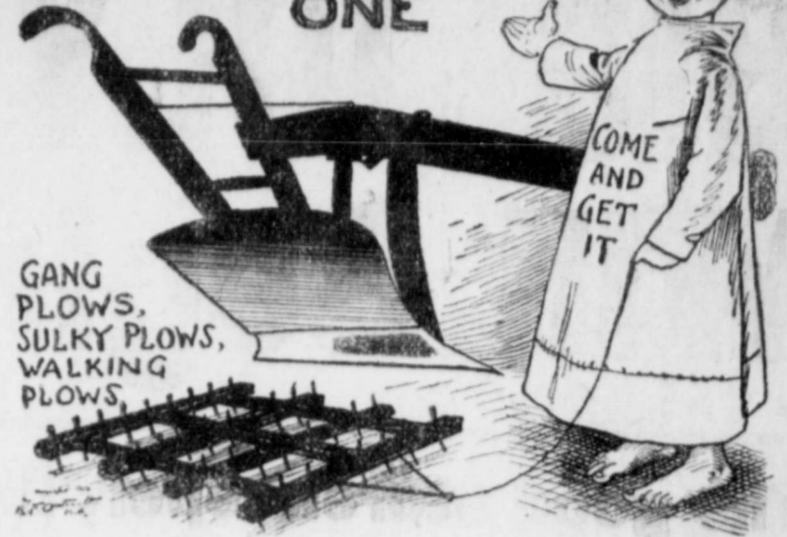
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WHEN IN TOWN COME TO SEE US

MERKEL DRY GOODS AND GROCERY CO'S BIG JULY CLEARANCE SALE Will Begin Saturday, July 1st

The good storekeeper, like all good housewives, believes in a general house-cleaning at certain seasons. Being good storekeepers we think the time is now ripe for a general **STORE-CLEANING SALE**. Every department in the store will contribute its share of bagains to this sale. All prices on standard and high-class merchandise will be cut to the low level mark. For the next 15 days you can supply all your summer wants here at a great saving. We intend to convert all surplus stock of summer goods into cash and have marked all lines at a tremendous reduction. For that reason every prudent woman should take advantage of this Big Sale beginning on **SATURDAY, JULY 1st**.

SKIRTS & PETTICOATS

We show the strongest line of Skirts and Petticoats of any house in the country.

\$10.00 Skirts all kinds now for	\$7.50
8.50 Skirts all kinds now for	6.00
7.50 Skirts all kinds now for	5.50
6.50 Skirts all kinds now for	4.75
5.00 Skirts all kinds now for	3.85
6.50 Messaline Petticoats	4.50
5.00 Silk Petticoats now for	3.50
3.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats	2.50
2.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.85
2.00 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.35
1.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.10
1.00 Heatherbloom Petticoats	.75
.85 Gingham Petticoats	.55
.75 Gingham Petticoats	.45
7.50 Silk Kimonas	6.00
5.00 Silk Kimonas	4.00
1.50 Crepe Kimonas	1.10
2.50 Crepe Kimonas	1.65
2.00 Gingham Dresses	1.00

MILLINERY CLEARANCE

All our ready-trimmed Hats go in this Clearance sale at

ONE-HALF PRICE

UNDERPRICED MUSLINS

We are considerably overstocked on Muslin Underwear. While this is something that is always good and something every woman buys, yet we are overstocked and must reduce our stock. Here are some of the reduced prices.

\$5.00 Combination suits, handsome garment now	\$2.50
3.50 Combination suits, handsome garment now	1.75
2.50 Combination suits, handsome garment now	1.25
2.25 Combination suits, handsome garment now	1.15
3.50 Chemise, nicely trimmed now	1.75
3.00 Chemise, nicely trimmed now	1.50
2.50 Chemise, nicely trimmed now	1.25
2.50 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	1.25
2.25 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	1.15
2.00 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	1.00
1.50 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	75c
1.00 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	50c
3.00 Ladies gowns lace and embroidery trimmed	2.20
2.00 Ladies gowns lace and embroidery trimmed	1.50
1.00 Ladies gowns lace and embroidery trimmed	65c

We bought these goods at a big reduction and have cut the price just half on the greater part of our line. These are great bargains, be sure you see them.

DRESSES AND SUITS

The time has come to clean up on this line of goods and we have made prices to move them.

Ladies and Misses gingham dresses handsomely made and trimmed sold regular for \$4.00 now	\$2.75
Our regular \$5.00 gingham dress	3.50
Our regular 6.00 tailored dress in black and white and blue and white now	\$3.85
Our regular \$7.50 white allover embroidered dress long and short sleeves	\$5.50
Our regular \$6.50 white-aloover embroidered dress kimona sleeves, Dutch neck for	\$4.25
Our regular \$8.50 coat suit, any color	5.00
Our regular 6.50 coat suit, any color	4.00

We are making the bottom prices on all our Ready-to-Wear. You can buy a dress or suit here now for what you would pay for the goods in the piece, but they must go and we have reduced every garment in the house from 1/4, 1/3 to 1/2 off their regular price.

MILLINERY CLEARANCE

All our ready-trimmed Hats go in this Clearance sale at

ONE-HALF PRICE

JULY CLEARANCE Summer Footwear

We will sell all Summer Shoes at big reduction during this sale.

\$5.00 Men's Oxfords	\$3.85
4.00 Men's Oxfords	3.25
3.50 Men's Oxfords	2.95
3.00 Men's Oxfords	2.50
3.50 White House slippers	2.95
3.00 White House slippers	2.50
2.50 pumps and slippers	2.10
2.00 pumps and slippers	1.65
1.75 pumps and slippers	1.40
1.50 pumps and slippers	1.25

We have two large counters in back part of our store with misses and ladies slippers that sold from \$1.00 to \$2.00. We bought them at a bargain and will close them out, your choice **50c**

JULY CLEARANCE Laces and Embroidery

There have been several lace and embroidery sales in Merkel this season, but these are the only real Clearance prices made on laces and embroidery.

27 in. flouncing worth 50 to 65c	28c
42 in. flouncing worth \$2.00 now	\$1.25
27 in. allover embroidery worth 50c to 65c now	38c
Regular 40c embroidery	25c
Regular 15 to 25c embroidery now	10c
10c Val and Torehon lace	5c
50c bandings for	35c
35c bandings for	20c
25c bandings for	15c

JULY CLEARANCE LADIES' WAISTS

We have a line of Ladies Waists, Blouses, lawn and linen Skirts that we will close out at half price.

\$1.00 Ladies waists any kind	50c
1.25 Ladies waists any kind	65c
1.50 Ladies waists any kind	75c
2.00 Ladies waists any kind	\$1.00
2.50 Ladies waists any kind	1.25
3.00 Ladies waists any kind	1.50
3.50 Linen skirts	1.75
3.00 Lawn or linen skirts	1.50
1.50 White and colored skirts	75c

These prices will move these goods.

JULY CLEARANCE STAPLES

Best grade prints	5c
20 yards good soft bleaching	\$1.00
20 yards good cotton checks	1.00
20 yards brown domestic	1.00
8 1/2c brown domestic	6 1/2c
9-4 pepperrel bleach sheeting	22 1/2c
10-4 pepperrel bleach sheeting	25c
12 1/2c madras shirting	10c
12 1/2c madras gingham	10c

DRESS GOODS AND TRIMMINGS

We have not space to quote prices here, but we will make the same big Reduction on our Dress Goods and Trimmings during this sale.

JULY CLEARANCE Miscellaneous Articles

\$2.00 Ladies silk lisle union suits	\$1.00
50c Ladies knit pants	35c
50c Vests	35c
25c Vests	18c
15c Vests	10c
50c Bath towels(pair)	40c
50c and 60c Linen towels	40c
9 x 12 Fiber art square	\$3.30
25c Curtain scrim	15c
\$1.00 Table linen	75c
75c Table linen	55c
50c Table linen	40c

TRUNKS AND SUITCASES

We will make some exceptionally low prices on Trunks, Suitcases and Handbags during this sale.

Don't overlook the fact that we are the largest distributors of Groceries in Merkel. We buy in larger quantities and sell at wholesale and retail. We will make some exceptionally low prices on groceries during this sale. ∴ We will save you some money if you will figure with us on your grocery bill.

MERKEL DRY GOODS AND GROCERY CO.

ONLOOKER
BY WILBUR D. NESEBIT

A Summer Garden



I know a garden fair and wide,
Where pale green roses nod and sway,
And flourishing on either side
Are purple daisies bright and gay;
There yellow lilacs peep from out
A grape-leaf cluster bright and red,
And saffron pinks climb roundabout,
While other blooms their beauty shed.

A spray of dark blue eglantine
Nods by an orchid gleaming black,
Some dark gray marigolds entwined
Where pure white roses leaves tum-
back;

A bunch of ripe green cherries, too,
Grow with a lot of silver grapes,
And pears and apples of weird hue
Grow in a dozen varied shapes.

This garden—wait! I think you'll see
Strawberries of a golden tint
That flourish 'mongst these things that be
Of wondrous hue and shape and glint.
This garden is no shady spot
Eleged by a wall of living green,
No neatly planned and bordered plot
Where pleasant walks and nooks are
seen.

Nor do the scientists there come
To view the wonders on display
And find themselves from wonder dumb
That such things see the light of day.
Ah, no! Yet 'tis not necromancy
That works these changes, as to that—
This wild and weird and queer expanse
Is but my lady's summer hat.

In St. Louis,
The visitor from Xeney, O, wipes
his brow with a faded handkerchief
and mutters himself forcibly:
"Against some hard
world's fair art
persimmon right
one to you!" asks
the woman.
"Today and had to
pay three dollars for a steak that was
so tough I could eat it."
"What did you do?"
"Told them I could not eat it, and
they might as well take it back and
keep it themselves."
"Yes."
"And then the boss came out and
made me pay the three dollars."
"Well."
"And then he said he'd hold the steak
my risk, but I'd have to pay a dol-
lar storage charges in advance."

Our Jesting Friend,
"That msn." says our witty friend,
narrating the individual who is illus-
trating a window with a highly decora-
tive invitation to the passing public
take his choice of shirts for a dol-
lar, "that man is an instance of a per-
son who has mistaken his calling."
"So?" we ask, wondering if the
shirts would fit us.
"Yes. Instead of spending his time
and talent in such an occupation, he
should be on the lecture platform,
swaying thousands by his eloquence.
There is no telling what great good
would be wrought by the power of his
oratory. Every indication is that he
would be a wonder as a lecturer."
We turn and look at our friend in-
quiringly.
"Easy enough," he elucidates. "Don't
you see what a good word painter
he is?"

A HINT.



"What do you mean by charging
me seventy-five cents for this pre-
scription—for filling it—when there
isn't over four cents worth of stuff in
it?" asks the customer.
"O, the balance is for what I know,"
the pharmacist explains the druggist.
"For what you know? Huh! If
you could get people to buy what you
don't know you'd do a thousand per
cent bigger business."

Experience.

"If I was rich I bet ye I wouldn't
turn no poor lobo away from my back
door."
"Nor me, neither. If I was rich I'd
know enough not to have any back
door."

Arthur Nesbitt

The Universal Creed

By Dr. Frank Crane

In the one universal church to which
all good men belong, composed of
those of all faiths who honestly live
up to the best they know, whether
Christian or Pagan, Jew or Gentile,
Catholic or Protestant, there is a cer-
tain fundamental creed. This, the
greatest common divisor of all creeds,
may be thus stated:

1. The good man sees, acknowl-
edges, and believes in, first of all, the
difference between right and wrong.
When the word ought disappears from
one's vocabulary he may be sure of
moral decay. The one man acquain-
table to any decent society is the man
who thinks nothing matters. We can
tolerate one, even, who doubts there is
a God; but if one believes there is no
line between right and wrong, then,
as Dr. Johnson said, "let us count our
spoons when he leaves."

2. The good man believes that hap-
piness will come to him, permanently,
and as a law, only as he practices do-
ing right. Joy, peace, and bliss are
not to be cozened nor juggled from
God or nature, but are the sure por-
tion of them that persistently do what
they think right. Doing right, of
course, does not always bring money
or fame or other external desired
things, but it brings peace and poise
to the soul, as surely as three times
five makes fifteen. There are no more
exceptions to this rule than to a law of
physics or of geometry. The cosmic
accuracy runs in spiritual as well as
in material things.

3. The good man's duty (in which he
finds happiness) is first of all to de-
velop his personality. God made him
for a purpose; his joy will consist in
finding and fulfilling that purpose. He
is not to be some one else, not to
copy; but, using all masters, to be-
come more and more himself.

4. It is his duty to be strong. He
can be of use to others only as he has
force in himself. He therefore shuns
all things that tend to weaken his arm,
his brain, or his heart.

5. His duty is to be clean. This
item of the creed is oldest and new-
est; oldest, in that cleansings were a
part of every early religion; newest, in
that the lesson of modern science is
the power and safety of the anti-
septic life. The devil's name as far as
bodily health and mental clearness
and spiritual vigor is concerned, is
dirt. Dirt is the one enemy to be
hated with all one's soul and to be
fought unto one's last breath.

6. His duty is to be brave. The basic
sin of all sins is cowardice. The higher
the realm of life in which we move
the more dangerous is any kind of
fear. And the most deadly of all fears
is the fear of the truth, or the fear for
the truth. Any man or institution that
fights to preserve himself or itself, for
the sake of "expediency," that is to
say, for fear the truth might do harm,
any man or institution, in the words of
Zangwill, that proposes to live and die
in "an autocracy without facts," is
doomed.

7. His duty is to love. Although, ac-
cording to the foregoing points in the
creed, he is to stop self and be
clean, brave, and strong, yet he is to
find his life in all this, outside
and not inside of himself.

It is at this point that he rises, like
an aeroplane leaving the runway on
the ground and soaring aloft; here the
man leaves the company and similitu-
dine of all other creatures. In his
power to be actuated by unselfish mo-
tives he becomes as a god compared
to the beasts.

He lives for his wife, his children,
his friends, his country, his race; so,
in widening waves his radio-dynamic
flows. The good man therefore hates
no living creature. He despises no
human being.

In him is a centrifugal power out-
flowing to inundate the universe.

8. From this love arise all graces
and virtues as naturally as peaches
grow from peach trees. Loving all he
cannot soil a soul, nor wrong a fellow
being, nor hurt wantonly, nor usurp,
nor push for precedence, nor be un-
kind, nor in any way drift into the
low, poison life of egotism.

9. His one aim, last of all, is to
serve. Strong in himself, fearless and
loving, he arises at length to the plat-
form where stands he who was called
"the first born among many brethren."
He is the master's companion and also
can put away all cheap success, all
luxuries of greed and dominance, and
repeat his master's words:

"Let him who would be greatest
among you be servant of all. I, too,
come not to be ministered unto, but to
minister."

The Supreme Message.

Christ shall be first or not at all.
In the lives of men let us live nobler,
try to be better and truer to ourselves
and give our testimony whenever the
opportunity time comes.—Rev. C. K.
Carpenter, Methodist Episcopal, Gales-
burg, Ill.

No Substitute.

Interest in art, letters and architec-
ture, success in business politics and
social life, loyalty to clubs, creeds and
rituals will not satisfy the soul's na-
tive thirst for God. There are no sub-
stitutes for God.—Rev. A. Petty, Con-
gregationalist, Springfield, Mass.

Libby's

When
you want the
best there is, ask
your grocer for
Libby's
Pickles
and
Olives



AN INVITATION.



Harry Nort—I'm going up in an air-
ship tomorrow.

Flatman—Well, drop in on us if
you're passing our way.

HIRAM CARPENTER'S WONDER- FUL CURE OF PSORIASIS.

"I have been afflicted for twenty
years with an obstinate skin disease,
called by some M. D.'s, psoriasis, and
others leprosy, commencing on my
scalp; and in spite of all I could do,
with the help of the most skillful doc-
tors, it slowly but surely extended un-
til a year ago this winter it covered
my entire person in the form of dry
scales. For the last three years I have
been unable to do any labor, and
suffering intensely all the time. Every
morning there would be nearly a dust-
panful of scales taken from the sheet
on my bed, some of them half as large
as the envelope containing this letter.
In the latter part of winter my skin
commenced cracking open. I tried
everything, almost, that could be
thought of, without any relief. The
12th of June I started West, in hopes
I could reach the Hot Springs. I
reached Detroit and was so low I
thought I should have to go to the
hospital, but finally got as far as Lan-
sing, Mich., where I had a sister liv-
ing. One Dr. — treated me about
two weeks, but did me no good. All
thought I had but a short time to live.
I earnestly prayed to die. Cracked
through the skin all over my back,
across my ribs, arms, hands, limbs;
feet badly swollen; toe-nails came off;
finger-nails dead and hard as a bone;
hair dead, dry and lifeless as old
straw. O my God! how I did suffer.

"My sister wouldn't give up; said,
'We will try Cuticura.' Some was ap-
plied to one hand and arm. Eureka!
There was relief; stopped the terrible
burning sensation from the word go.
They immediately got Cuticura Re-
solvant, Ointment and Soap. I com-
menced by taking Cuticura Resolvant
three times a day after meals; had a
bath once a day, water about blood
heat; used Cuticura Soap freely; ap-
plied Cuticura Ointment morning and
evening. Result: returned to my
home in just six weeks from the time
I left, and my skin as smooth as this
sheet of paper. Hiram E. Carpenter,
Henderson, N. Y."

The above remarkable testimonial
was written January 19, 1880, and is
republished because of the perma-
nence of the cure. Under date of April
22, 1910, Mr. Carpenter wrote from his
present home, 610 Walnut St. So.,
Lansing, Mich.: "I have never suf-
fered a return of the psoriasis and al-
though many years have passed I have
not forgotten the terrible suffering I
endured before using the Cuticura
Remedies."

Well Domesticated.

Judge Parry in the course of a
sketch of his judicial duties states
that he has learned to sympathize
with domestic frailties. "I was once
rebuking a man for backing up his
wife in what was not only an absurd
story, but one in which I could see he
had no belief. 'You should be more
careful,' I said, 'and I tell you candidly
I don't believe a word of your wife's
story.' 'You may do as you like,' he
said, mournfully, 'but I've got to.'"

The time to make the harvest count
is at the time of plowing and seed-
ing.—Bishop Berry.

IN THE WORLD OF JUNIORS

Penal Code Sensible and Most Effec-
tive for Punishment of Child-
ish Faults

Public opinion sways the child
world. Sometimes this opinion is cre-
ated by what an intelligent child has
learned through older people, some-
times it comes of the children's own
reasoning. And the child who falls
in the etiquette demanded from him
by his own world is punished in the
surest and severest way. Public opin-
ion is against him or his misdeed; he
must remain on the outside until he
has proved his repentance. There
may be a suggestion for older people
in this method of treating offenders
in their midst. Punishment by the
family's ostracism may bring a rude
or indifferent-mannered little person
to terms sooner than anything else.

Emerson had a little daughter, El-
len, who once told a lie. She was not
punished in the way that you or I
might think wise. All the children in
the family were brought together and
told that something very dreadful had
happened in their family; Ellen had
told a lie. They must not romp or
play or sing, for Ellen had told a lie.
—The Designer.

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The Great Toilet Germicide?

You don't have to pay 50c or \$1.00
a pint for listerian antiseptics or per-
oxide. You can make 16 pints of a
more cleansing, germicidal, healing
and deodorizing antiseptic solution
with one 25c box of Paxtine,—a sol-
uble antiseptic powder, obtainable at
any drug store.

Paxtine destroys germs that cause
disease, decay and odors,—that is why
it is the best mouth wash and gargle,
and why it purifies the breath,
cleanses and preserves the teeth bet-
ter than ordinary dentifrices, and in
sponge bathing it completely eradicates
perspiration and other disagree-
able body odors. Every dainty woman
appreciates this and its many other
toilet and hygienic uses.

Paxtine is splendid for sore throat,
inflamed eyes and to purify mouth
and breath after smoking. You can
get Paxtine Toilet Antiseptic at any
drug store, price 25c and 50c, or by
mail postpaid from The Paxton Toi-
let Co., Boston, Mass., who will send
you a free sample if you would like
to try it before buying.

Adequate Rest is Necessary.

Prof. Frederic S. Lee of Columbia
university, New York, writing on the
subject, "The Physiology of Rest and
Exercise," in the Journal of the Out-
door Life for June, shows by experi-
ments on dissected frogs the way in
which exercise tires the muscles and,
in fact, all the organs of the body. He
says, "There is no known antidote
to fatigue, unless it be rest, with all
that rest implies. Sleep allows the
reparative processes of rest to be
performed most quickly and complete-
ly. A moderate degree of fatigue, or
even a considerable degree, when not
too often incurred, is not detrimental
to a healthy body and is even to be
advised. The healthy body is pro-
vided with great recuperative pow-
ers, and does not rapidly succumb to
even excessive demands on its en-
ergy. But it should be allowed the
proper condition for recuperation, and
that condition is adequate rest. There
is danger when the fatigue of one
day's labor is not eliminated before
the next day's work is begun. The ef-
fect may be cumulative, the tissues
may be in a continued state of depres-
sion, and the end may be disastrous."

One Satisfaction.

"The cook says she is going to
leave," said Mrs. Crosslots mournfully.
"Are you sure she's in earnest?" re-
sponded her husband.
"Yes."
"Nothing will change her mind?"
"Nothing."
"All right. Then I'll go down to
the kitchen and discharge her."

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of
CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for
infants and children, and see that it
bears the
Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletch-
er*
In Use For Over 30 Years.
Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

The Only Way Out.

Peter (sent for the milk)—Oh,
mercy, I've drunk too much of it!
What shall we do?
Small Brother—Easy. We'll drop
the jug.—Megendorfer Blaetter.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA
AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM
Take the Old Standard GENUINE TASTELESS
CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking.
The formula is plainly printed on every bottle,
showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a taste-
less form. The Quinine drives out the malaria
and the Iron builds up the system. Sold by all
dealers for 25 cents. Price 50 cents.

All Aboard.

Modiste—Do you want a train on
your gown, madam?
Customer—Yes, and I want it on
time, too.

Real Optimist.

Bull Dog—Gee, but you look fierce
with that can on your tail.
Cheerful Dog—Ah, get out! That's
jewelry.

Thoughtfulness is responsible for
quite half the cruelty in the world,
and selfishness for the other half.—
Robinson.

SO BUSY.



"I don't see how he can put in all
his time at golf."
"Well, I believe he's not busy at
the office these days."
"Not busy at the office? Why, how's
that?"
"He's too busy at golf."

LEWIS' "SINGLE BINDER."

A hand-made cigar fresh from the
table, wrapped in foil, thus keeping
fresh until smoked. A fresh cigar
made of good tobacco is the ideal
smoke. The old, well cured tobacco
used are so rich in quality that many
who formerly smoked 10c cigars now
smoke Lewis' Single Binder Straight
5c. Lewis' Single Binder costs the
dealer some more than other 5c cigars,
but the higher price enables this fac-
tory to use extra quality tobacco.
There are many imitations; don't be
fooled. There is no substitute! Tell
the dealer you want a Lewis "Single
Binder."

Declining With Thanks.

A young woman prominent in the
social set of an Ohio town tells of a
young man there who had not famil-
iarized himself with the forms of po-
lite correspondence to the fullest ex-
tent. When, on one occasion, he found
it necessary to decline an invitation,
he did so in the following terms:

Mr. Henry Blank declines with
pleasure Mrs. Wood's invitation for
the nineteenth, and thanks her ex-
tremely for having given him the op-
portunity of doing so.—Lippincott's
Magazine.

He who learns nothing from events
rejects the lessons of experience.—
Havelock.

LADIES CAN WEAR SHOES

one size smaller after using Allen's Foot-Ease,
the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the
shoes. It makes tight or new shoes feel easy.
Keeps substitutes. For Free trial package, ad-
dress Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Not many lives, but only one have
we; one, only one!—Baxter.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children
teething, softens the gums, reduces inflamma-
tion, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle.

Most sharp retorts are made in
blunt language.

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Oldest and Best Cure For Chills and Fever
and all Forms of Malaria

A general tonic of 40 years' success. Contains no
arsenic or other poisons. Unlike quinine, it leaves
no bad effects. For sale by druggists and mer-
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GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE

Most Startling and Stupendous Profit Sacrificing Event Ever Offered

On Thursday morning, June 29th, at 9 o'clock, our doors swung open on the Greatest Bargain Feast ever before spread for the buying public of Merkel and vicinity. All sales that have gone before pale into insignificance when compared to this Great Price Slaughtering Event. Prices have gone to pieces, profits forgotten and many items will be here found at prices representing only a fraction of manufacturers' cost. This is the sale that you have often dreamed of, but never hoped to be able to see in reality, brought right to your door, and when you see the prices you will stop in wonder and amazement, to realize that such merchandise can be had at such marvelously low prices.

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS---DON'T DELAY or the very item you want may be gone, but join the merry throng that will be at our store promptly at 9 a.m. Thursday, June 29. You have been accustomed to attending the side show, now is your opportunity to see the Big Circus, and for less money than the side shows. You can't afford to miss it.

Remember the Time is Now and Get Busy

CLOTHING SLAUGHTERED

Never before have you had the opportunity to buy clothing at the following prices, but they must go—so we have erased the cost mark and cut the price to the core.

\$10.00 Suits this 8-day Slaughter sale	\$ 6.95
12 50 Suits this 8-day Slaughter sale	7.95
15.00 Suits this 8-day Slaughter sale	9.85
18.50 Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits	11.95
20.00 Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits	12.95
22 50 Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits	13.95
Hart Schaffner & Marx Suits	14.95

Boys' Clothing

We have just received a shipment of boy's blue serge suits and they all go.

Boys' \$6.00 Suits Slaughter price	\$4.85
Boys' 7.50 Suits Slaughter price	3.95
Boys' 4.00 Suits Slaughter price	3.25
Boys' 3.50 Suits Slaughter price	2.95
One lot Boy's Suits \$3 50 values	1.45

Odd Pants

\$6.00 odd Pants Slaughter price	\$4.75
5.00 odd Pants Slaughter price	3.95
4.00 odd Pants Slaughter price	3.15
3.50 odd Pants Slaughter price	2.95
3.00 odd Pants Slaughter price	2.25
2.50 odd Pants Slaughter price	1.85
2.00 odd Pants Slaughter price	1.59
1.50 odd Pants Slaughter price	1.25

Boys' Odd Pants

Boys \$1.50 odd Pants Slaughter price	\$1.25
Boys 1.00 odd Pants Slaughter price	.85
Boys .85 odd Pants Slaughter price	.70
Boys .75 odd Pants Slaughter price	.65
Boys .65 odd Pants Slaughter price	.49
Boys .50 odd Pants Slaughter price	.39

Men's Work Pants

\$3.00 whip cord Pants Slaughter price	\$2.45
2.50 whip cord Pants Slaughter price	1.95
2.00 work Pants Slaughter price	1.45
1.50 work pants Slaughter price	1.25
1.00 work pants Slaughter price	.85
Mens standard best grade overalls Slaughter price	.85c

Men's Oxfords

This is the department we can save you from 25 to 50 per cent and guarantee every pair to give satisfaction.

Mens \$2 50 gun metal tan and vicci Oxfords Slaughter price	\$1.95
\$3.00 Oxfords Slaughter price	2.45
3 50 Oxfords Slaughter price	2.95
4 00 Oxfords Slaughter price	3.25
5 00 Oxfords Slaughter price	3.95
6 00 Oxfords Slaughter price	4.75

FREE --- ABSOLUTELY --- FREE

The first 10 Ladies to enter our store Thursday morning after 9 o'clock will each be given a 10-yard dress pattern, absolutely FREE—NO PURCHASE NECESSARY

SKIRT SPECIALS

\$15 00 value, Slaughter sale price	\$10.00
12 50 value, Slaughter sale price	8.95
10 00 value, Slaughter sale price	7.95
8 50 value, Slaughter sale price	6.95
6 00 value, Slaughter sale price	4.95
5 00 value Slaughter sale price	3.95

Silks and Dress Goods

Our Silk and Dress Good Department is at this time featuring the greatest assortment of fine fabrics for spring and summer wearing that has ever before found showing in our city. All the newest fabric weaves, coloring and patterns that the fashion centers have decreed for spring and summer and our great sale brings them down so cheap that it will enable you to possess just the dress you have wanted at much less than you had anticipated. A comprehensive showing of soft sheer all-wool fabrics in the new weaves, coloring and patterns that you will want for your spring and summer dress, at fast moving prices.

\$1.00 wool fabrics slaughter sale price	79c
50c wool fabrics, sale price	45c
Full 36-inch Black Taffeta Silk, regular price \$1.00, June sale price	79c
A great showing of beautiful Foulards in all new patterns, regular price 65c and 50c	35c
Great line of Egyptian Tissues and dainty colored Flaxons, regular at 25c	19c
We have left on hand a few ladies' Summer Dresses and as long as they last you may take your choice at	ONE-HALF PRICE

Shirt Waists

\$3 50 value Slaughter sale price	\$2.95
3 00 value Slaughter sale price	2.39
2 25 and \$2 50 value sale price	1.95
1 25 value Slaughter sale price	.98
.65 value Slaughter sale price	.49

Ladies and Children Hose

Ladies 50c lisle thread Hose	39c
Ladies 35c lisle thread Hose	25c
Ladies 25c lisle thread Hose	20c
Ladies 12 1/2c plain thread Hose	9c

One lot of men's 4-ply Linen Collars, regular 15c values go in this sale at, each

Staples Slaughter Prices

Our Staple department is full to overflowing with good dependable goods and will contribute its share to this money saving event.

Extra good 12 1/2c Bleached Domestic	9c
Extra good 10c Bleached Domestic	7 1/2c
Extra good 10c Brown Domestic	8c
Full 18x36 unbleached Turk Towel regular at 25c June sale price per pair	18c
Full 24x52 nice bleached Turk Towel extra good good quality at 50c regular, per pair	37c
Genuine linen Huck Towel regular price 50c sale price the pair	37c
All linen Domask Towel both fringed and hemstitched, colored and plain borders, the 50c kind, Slaughter sale price	37c
A great 25c Huck Towel extra good, price	21c

Extra Staple Specials

20 yards Calico Slaughter Sale for	\$1.00
20 yards Cotton Checks	1.00
20 yards Brown Domestic	1.00

Extra Slaughter Specials

One lot fine colored Lawns in Foulard patterns as well as checks, stripes and floral patterns. Regular at 15c, Slaughter sale

Full 45-inch width sheer dainty white Lawn regular price 35c, sale price	19c
All 10c, 12 1/2c and 15c dress Gingham	10c

Genuine Pepperel Bleach Sheeting, regular price 30c, Slaughter Sale price

One lot fine 25c Sox, go at each	15c
One lot 10c value go at	8c

White Goods and Linen

Indian Linens, sheer Persian Lawns, Dimities, Nainsooks, Linen, Linen Lawns and Flaxons at prices that will surprise you on goods of their quality.

Pure Linens for dresses, skirts, etc., 50c regular, Slaughter sale price

Pure Linen, for dresses, skirts, etc., regular 35c, Slaughter sale price	25c
Extra dainty white Flaxon in plain as well as checks and stripes, regular price 35c	25c
Specially dainty white Flaxon, regular 25c Slaughter sale price	19c

OXFORDS AND SLIPPERS

For Ladies and Children

\$1.75 and \$1.50 Ladies patent 2-strap Pumps, Slaughter price	\$1.25
\$2 00 Ladies Pumps and Oxfords	1.45
2 50 Ladies Pumps and Oxfords	1.95
3 00 Ladies Pumps and Oxfords	2.45
3 50 Ladies Pumps and Oxfords	2.95

Misses and Boys Oxfords

\$1.50 Misses and boys Oxfords and Pumps, 11 2-2, Slaughter sale price	\$1.25
\$1.25 Misses and boys Oxfords and Pumps, 8 2-11, Slaughter sale price	95c
\$1 00 Misses and boys Oxfords and Pumps 8 2-11, Slaughter sale price	85c
\$1.75 Misses and boys Oxfords and Pumps 11 2-2, Slaughter sale price	\$1.45
\$2 00 Misses and boys Oxfords and Pumps 2 2-52, Slaughter sale price	\$1.65
\$2 50 Misses and boys Oxfords and Pumps 2 2-52, Slaughter sale price	\$1.95

Men's Hats

\$6 00 John B. Stetson Hats, slaughtered	\$4.95
5 00 John B. Stetson Hats, slaughtered	3.95
3 00 Lion Special and Beaver Hats	1.25
3 00 Kingsbury Hats, slaughtered	2.49
2 50 King Hats, slaughtered price	1.95
2 00 King Hats, slaughtered price	1.45
7 50 Chicago Leader, slaughter price	1.25

Men's Dress Shirts

\$1.50 men's dress Shirts Slaughter sale	\$1.25
1.25 men's dress Shirts Slaughter sale	95c
1.00 men's dress Shirts Slaughter sale	85c
75c men's dress Shirts Slaughter sale	50c
50c men's dress Shirts Slaughter sale	45c

Shoe Bargain Table

On this table we have three bins.

Bin No. 1—Children's Oxfords range in price up to \$1.75 for this sale	95c
Bin No. 2—Ladies Oxfords, they range in price to \$2.50 for this sale	95c
Bin No. 3—Men's Oxfords range in price up to \$4 00 but for this sale your choice	\$1.75

Men's Sox and Handkerchiefs

One lot men's 25c sox Slaughter price	15c
Men's 50c sox	35c
Men's 15c sox	10c
Men's 10c sox	8c
Men's 10c handkerchiefs	7c
Men's 5c handkerchiefs	3c

Men's Underwear

Men's 50c underwear Slaughter price	38c
Men's 35c underwear Slaughter price	25c
Men's elastic seam drawers sale price	38c

It is impossible to quote the many bargains we have for you in this Great Slaughter Sale, so don't delay, come be on hand the first day and get the cream. We will have extra help to wait on you. We made our opening hour late enough for the country people to get a chance at the Free Dress Pattern the first day

WOODROOF BROTHERS

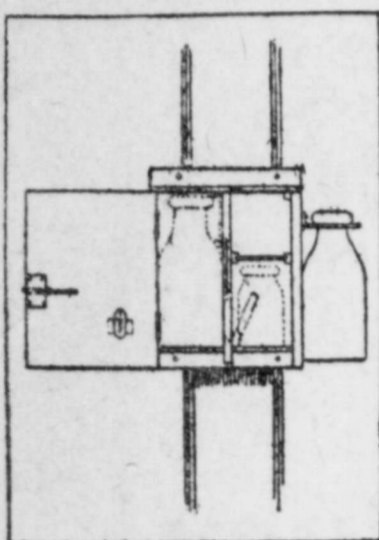
The DAIRY



NEW SAFE FOR MILK BOTTLE

Ingenious Apparatus That is Destined to Balk Petty Thieves—Opened Only With Key.

It took two Michigan men to devise the milk bottle safe shown here, but between them they contrived a most ingenious apparatus that is destined to balk the petty thieves that steal milk bottles from doorsteps.



New Milk Bottle Safe.

The safe is a box just big enough to hold two bottles, side by side, and is divided into two vertical compartments. The door has a spring lock and the key is held by the householder, the milkman not requiring any. In the fact that the milkman needs no key lies the feature of the device. In the bottom of one compartment is a trapdoor that strikes the lock on the front door as it is pushed up and opens the latter. When a bottle is placed on the trapdoor, however, and a sliding bar adjusted just above the bottle to prevent its being raised, the milkman can close the front door of the safe with the assurance that no thief can enter. At the side of the box is a hook to hold any extra bottles.

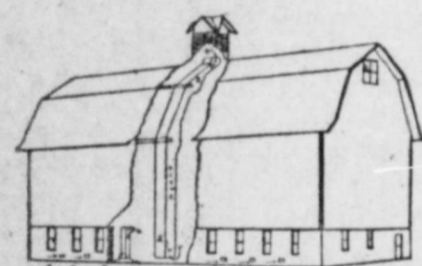
VENTILATION IN DAIRY BARN

Some of Essential Points in Securing Proper Amount of Fresh Air in Cow Stables.

The essential points in securing sufficient and satisfactory ventilation in stables are, according to the King system of ventilation, as follows:

Stable walls and ceilings should be practically air tight and non-conductors of heat and cold. Doors and windows should fit well.

Fresh air intakes should be not more than ten or twelve feet apart.



King Ventilating System.

They should have the outside opening at least three feet below the inside opening, with the inside opening at the ceiling, provided with a valve or shutter.

Foul air flues should be air tight and non-conductors of heat and cold. They should have their lower opening about one foot above the floor level, and with as few bends as possible pass upward to a height of at least twenty-five feet, and should always be two or three feet above the ridge of the roof or of any near-by roof. In building these flues around a girt or plate they must be enlarged in proportion to the size of the obstruction passed.

REGULAR TIME FOR MILKING

Job Should Not Be Performed by Tired, Dirty Farm Hands, Just in From Field.

There is much loss in milking because of having this work done by tired and dirty milkers, but the men doing the work are not to blame for being in this condition, says a writer in the *Kimball's Dairy Farmer*. They come from the fields with their clothes covered with dust and perspiration, and as soon as they have their supper commence the milking. Is it any wonder that it is often only half done? If farmers would make it a rule not to compel the help to do milking out of seasonable working hours they would experience much less trouble in securing help. The milking should be made a part of the day's work and not an addition to it. Many farmers, especially where only ten or fifteen cows are kept, look upon this job as a side issue; that is, the milking can be done when they can't do anything else. The milking is as important as any part of the work, and whether you are plowing or harvesting, make your plans so that when the time comes to milk it can be done without delay. Again, the best results can be had from cows unless they are milked at regular hours.

GREEN RYE FOR MILK COWS

May Be Fed When It Heads Out and There is More Nourishment in It at That Time.

Green rye may be fed as soon as it heads out; there is then the most nourishment in the stalks. Cut when free of dew, and let it wilt a few hours before feeding. Feed small quantities at first. A half forkful may be given to each cow after the hay has been eaten. When fed thus there is no danger of bloat or hoven. The feeding of green feed to cattle should be in the hands of a careful man, and not given to boys or a careless hand. Attention to this rule will frequently save the life of a valuable cow.

Horses at work should not be given green feed, as it is liable to produce colic. Cows should not be turned out to pasture too early. Wait until the grass has made some growth, and there is some nourishment in the grass. Before turning out to grass give the cows a feed of hay or straw first. After the hay is eaten they are turned on the pasture. For the first day or two let them graze, one or two hours. When the cows are accustomed to the change they may remain out all day. Experienced dairymen feed a small grain ration throughout the grazing season. If you are getting 16 cents per gallon for milk, it will pay to do this.

EXCELLENT QUALITY OF MILK

Jersey Cow Is Unsurpassed for Beauty, Utility, Profit and Superiority of Product.

The milk of the Jersey cow will always be in great demand with the critical consumer, because it contains far greater proportion of nourishing solids and rich, highly flavored, butter fat than the milk of other breeds.

The man who investigates the advantage of the Jersey cow over the dairy breeds will generally invest his money in a Jersey cow, and the profits will demonstrate his wisdom.

The Jersey cow yields as much profit as two or more ordinary cows. She is healthy, vigorous, and costs no more to keep than an inferior cow.



Prize Winning Jersey Heifer.

The milk from the Jersey cow is 30 per cent. richer than the average cow. The Jersey cow is unsurpassed for beauty, utility, profit and excellent quality of product.

Gilded Milk.

L. Horton, one of the biggest retailers of milk in New York state, is charging twenty cents a quart for some of the milk he sells. The milk is produced by the owner of a farm at Newburgh, N. Y., and cleanliness is insisted on to an extent almost unbelievable. The cows are washed and wiped with spotless linen, and when the milk is obtained it is handled as though it were champagne. The milk is sold to the "gilded rich" in New York city.

Old Cream is Bad.

Deliver the sweet cream as often as possible, at least three times a week in the summer and twice a week during the winter. Wrap a heavy blanket around the can to keep the cream from freezing on the road to the creamery or cream station. During warm weather soak this blanket in cold water to keep the cream cold.

DAIRY NOTES

Bad cream will not make good butter.

Dairying is the most prominent branch of farming.

A little laxative feed should be given at the time of freshening.

Milk cows must have an abundance of water or they will fall off in milk. A cow that milks for only five or six months is seldom a profitable cow.

Irregularity and too much generosity in feeding the calf are often dangerous.

When your cows do not pay for their feed, it's time to change the feed—or the cows.

Selling the products of the field to the cows and hogs is delivering them to the best market known.

If there is a noticeable falling off in the milk, see if a change in the ration cannot bring back the flow.

Cows like molasses and as it makes other feed taste good, naturally aids digestion and is a good thing to feed.

When calves begin to scour skip a feed or two and they will generally come around all right in a short time.

The silo enables the dairyman to keep more livestock on the same number of acres and at less cost in feed and labor.

Never take a very young calf away from its mother and put it on skim-milk. Taper it off from whole milk to skim-milk gradually.

Every dairyman should conduct his business in such a manner that he can say to any man: "I am a dairyman and I am proud of it."

The FOURTH AS A DAY OF SPORT

THE Fourth of July has come to hold in the United States a proud and pre-eminent position as a day of sport and the occasion of an annual carnival of competitive contests in outdoor athletics. This is an eminently fitting use for the joyous anniversary and it is perfectly natural, if not inevitable, considering the great and growing interest of the whole American people in feats of skill that call for mental and muscular agility. Moreover, its acceptance as a day of sport is not confined to the small towns on the one hand, nor to the large cities on the



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A REVOLVER SHOOTING TOURNAMENT



GOLF PLAYERS REGISTERING FOR A TOURNAMENT

other, but is in actual fact universal.

That Americans have come to recognize the Fourth as a day when lovers of athletics of all kinds may enjoy their favorite sports to their fill is a matter of congratulation, for a good many of us take few enough "days off" during the summer. We have not to any great extent adopted, and perhaps may never adopt, the English and European custom of banishing work and business cares every Friday evening during the summer and devoting the interval until Monday morning to open-air exercise. On the contrary there are thousands of Americans who are so busy that it is only on a full-fledged holiday when all business ceases absolutely that they feel that they can take part in the loafing.

Of the three summer holidays the Fourth of July is manifestly the ideal one for sporting contests. Memorial Day is a little early in the season in the face of the climatic conditions that prevail in some sections of the country, and then, too, many patriotic organizations and prominent citizens are opposed to making use of Decoration Day as an occasion for sports, claiming that it has a solemn, almost religious significance that should be respected by all the people of the community, even though they have no relatives among the soldier dead. Labor Day in September shares with the Fourth to some extent the prestige of a day of sport, but it is far overshadowed by the July festival in point of number of races, games and contests.

First and foremost among the manifestations of the American love of sport on the glorious Fourth must be placed, of course, the vast attendance at games of baseball. The games on that eventful day range all the way from a "double-header" by major league teams, which in New York or Chicago or Boston may call out an attendance of twenty thousand "fans" to the equally spirited contest on a vacant lot where a number of youthful "rooters" watch a struggle for supremacy between "Red" Finnegan's "Invincibles" and "Scrub" Schmidt's "Red Sox Juniors." It is safe to say that the amount spent on baseball on this one day, allowing for the expenditure for peanuts and score cards and all the other incidentals, would form a stack of silver dollars mountain high.

As every person knows, the Fourth of July is a favorite occasion for picnics—particularly family picnics and neighborhood outings, and lodge picnics, and like excursions. And usually as a feature of any such holiday frolic there is a ball game. Perhaps the women and girls are pitted against the men or we have such nerve-racking battles of the diamond as can be witnessed only when the lawyers cross bats with the doctors, or the married men play the single men, or the bald-headed boys try conclusions with those that wear beards, or the fat men essay a test of skill with the lean members of the community. It is in such an environment, too, that the spirit of sport on the Fourth provokes croquet games and the pitching of quoits and target practice on the part of the picnickers who do not care for the more strenuous exercise on a hot summer day.

Speaking of target practice with revolver and rifle, which has gained rapidly in favor of recent years, it may be well to mention that another somewhat similar sport has come up markedly and the Fourth of July is a favorite occasion for tournaments in communities where clubs exist. This latter pastime is the old, yet new diversion of archery. Just how much fun it is to shoot with bow and arrow—not the familiar child's toy but the regulation Indian weapon—can only be appreciated by those who have tried it and the fact that the sport can be enjoyed by both men and women of all ages is proving a big factor in winning converts for it.

The Fourth of July is a great occasion for formal and informal golf tournaments, and sometimes these are arranged to extend over from the 3d to the 5th of July if the community is a suburban one, or a rural one, or a summer resort to which there has been a sudden influx of men from the city. And this very fact lets you into the secret of why the Fourth is the climax of the season in the matter of sport at many a summer resort. Under ordinary circumstances men are a scarce commodity at these vacation retreats but there is always a plentiful supply on

the Fourth because husbands, brothers and sweethearts come for the day and accordingly there is a stampe for outdoor pastimes, just as there is for dancing and all other pursuits where male partners are necessary to round out the full measure of the entertainment.

Very nearly as old as the Fourth of July itself in a holiday sense is the custom in the average smaller city, town or village of making the afternoon of Independence Day the occasion of a race meet and athletic carnival. Perhaps this is held on the main street of the town if there is no track available, but if there is a fair ground or regular race track in the vicinity that is the mecca for the crowds. Some years ago the prime feature of every such meet was found in the racing, horse-laying and ladder contests of the various volunteer fire companies from all the towns in the vicinity of the one where the "tournament" was held. Lately as horse-drawn fire-fighting apparatus has come into more general use and even the motor hose wagons have been purchased by many of the smaller cities, the number of volunteer fire-fighting organizations have dwindled somewhat, but there are still a number in existence and there is nothing to suggest that they are likely to be

ing more exciting than their tournaments when they are hotly contested.

In some sections of the country horse racing has taken the place of the flemen's tournaments as a Fourth of July attraction, but of late their drawing power has been surpassed by such novelties as automobile races, motorcycle races and best of all, aeroplane contests. There are yet retained on many Fourth of July programs those homely contests that have been greeted with roars of laughter ever since the days of our grandfathers—such tests of skill as the climbing of the greased pole, egg races, sack races, three-legged races, catching the greased pig, potato races and a host of others in which members of both sexes participate. In the south from time out of mind they have had "tilting contests," in which local horsemen as twentieth century knights without armor have vied with one another in stunts with lances or spears somewhat similar to those performed by the knights of old. Within the past year or two other sections of the country have adopted these tilting tournaments as a Fourth of July feature, and with excellent success.

In some communities Fourth of July sports committees have, in their quest for novelties, borrowed some of the features of the modern circus, notably the chariot races, which are calculated to

the hair of the more timid spectators stand on end. Field and track sports such as putting the shot, hammer throwing, jumping, pole vaulting and saddle racing are satisfactory Fourth of July sports because local talent can always be recruited for the competitions and even if no world's records are broken there is no end of fun for participants and spectators. Lawn tennis tournaments are held on hundreds of courts all over the country on this midsummer holiday and "sociability runs" by automobile clubs have added yet another event to those on the calendar for this pre-eminent holiday.

The very warmth of the weather encountered by the greater part of the country on the average Fourth of July has always rendered popular aquatic festivals and carnivals. Yachting contests, rowing and power boat competitions, swimming and canoe races and other sports on the water have compensations for the participants and regale the spectators ranged in the shade along shore. In this field there are many mirth-provoking contests as productive of fun as are the ones above mentioned. Log rolling contests, water polo, water football, tilting contests in which the opponents, armed with lances, stand up in canoes, and walking the greased pole over the water, are a few of the tests of skill in which the price of failure is a ducking, to the delight of the spectators.

THE FATE OF EMPIRES

CIVILIZATION CLAIMED TO BE A "RECURRENT PHENOMENON"

"The meaning of life has in all ages been the goal of human thought and the great extension of our knowledge of the past, by the researches of recent years, enables us now to view the course of human changes with more completeness than has been the case before. In place of looking on the fall of the Roman empire as a monstrous and inexplicable fact, we now see that civilization is not only intermittent, but is a regularly recurrent phenomenon."

This was the theory propounded by Prof. Flinders Petrie in a lecture delivered at the Royal Institution on "The Revolutions of Civilization."

In Egypt, said the lecturer, we can trace eight civilizations; the first prehistoric; the second prehistoric, the early dynastic, the pyramid builders, the middle kingdom (XIIIth dynasty), the Empire (XVIIIth dynasty), the Greek and the Arab. The rise and fall of art in each of these periods can be well illustrated. Similar periods are found in Europe, the early, middle and late Cretan, the classical and the mediæval. These periods are contemporary with those of Egypt, so far as we can ascertain. Hence the Mediterranean civilization seems a distinct unit, rising and falling together as one body. The Mesopotamian civilization is in a different phase to that of the Mediterranean, but its period is about the same.

A similar period of about 1,500 years has occurred in India and Mexico. The Egyptian sages

assigned 1,100 years as the period of a race, after which it must be succeeded by another.

The various activities of man, according to Professor Petrie, are related in the same order in each successive period. This can be best traced in the mediæval and classical periods, where the stages of sculpture, painting, literature, music, mechanics, science and wealth spread over some seven centuries. These stages were nearer together in earlier ages, but the order was always the same so far as can be traced.

The starting point of each civilization—as of each generation—is a mixture of blood. Without a fusion of race no fresh start can be made. About six or eight centuries are needed for the rise to the sculpture stage. The growth of civilization largely consists in a lengthening out of the subsequent stages of activity, and diminution of the stagnant period before a new mixture is started. The period seems to belong to the people and not to the country, and is kept by the people when they go to a land of a different phase.

Though, no doubt, climatic periods have a precipitating effect in throwing one people on to another, yet the general regularity of interval of the stages of growth of civilization point to a racial determinant. This may be the time required to promote the maximum mixture of different strains in two races which are in contact.—London Globe.