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## COTTON ESTIMATES INDICATE BUMPER

COTTON ON JUNE 25 IS 88.2 OF  
NORMAL.

HIGHEST AVERAGE SINCE '01

With High Average and an Increased  
Acreage the Indications Are  
Great.

Washington, July 4.—The condition of the cotton crop June 25 was 88.2 per cent of normal, compared with 87.3 per cent May 25, 1911; 80.7 per cent June 25, 1910; 74.6 per cent in 1909 and 80 per cent as the average condition June 25 during the last ten years, according to the Department of Agriculture's estimate announced at noon Monday. Official estimates of the cotton crop of 1911 indicate that it will be the largest in the history of the country, approximately, according to the present figures, 14,425,000 bales of 500 pounds each.

Dr. N. M. Murray, acting chief of the crop reporting board of the Department of Agriculture, has made the following statement, subsequent to the issuance of the cotton crop report: "The report shows the condition of the crop to be higher than on any corresponding date in the last ten years. A month ago the general condition was 85.5 per cent above the ten-year average. It is 10.3 per cent above the ten-year average."

The acreage of cotton this year is about 35,000,000. Allowance for the average amount of abandonment—about 1,000,000 acres—the indications are that approximately 34,000,000 acres of cotton will be harvested.

## A "BULL" ON MR. O'REILLY

Family Mix up that is Quite Disappointing to Texans.

New York: John J. O'Reilly, of Dallas, is now on his way to Ireland while his wife, son and daughter, are waiting in New York for the sailing of another White Star Line steamer.

Mr. O'Reilly has plenty of money, but his steamer ticket is in his wife's possession. When the steamer Baltic sailed Saturday the O'Reilly family were victims of a peculiar mix-up. Mr. O'Reilly went to have some bills changed a few minutes before the vessel sailed. The family waited on the dock for him while the vessel sailed away. In the meantime Mr. O'Reilly had boarded the vessel looking for his relatives. A wireless from the ship Sunday announced that Mr. O'Reilly was on board and the family's anxiety was relieved.

## Seamen's Strike Ends in England.

London: Monday night saw the practical end of the shipping strike, which so far as its international character was concerned, was a failure from the first. Nevertheless, in Great Britain, it developed a serious character, dislocating commerce and trade in many directions. The strikers have not gained all their demands, but have obtained substantial victories, including the recognition of their unions, the chief obstacle to a settlement in Liverpool, Glasgow and other ports. Steamers which have been held up have now obtained crews.

## Railway Loses \$150,000 by Fire.

Palestine: About \$150,000 damages were done when fire destroyed the wood working shops of the International and Great Northern Railroad and threatened the other shops and other valuable property with destruction. The shops were closed and the origin of the fire is unknown. Several coaches were burned. The new auto fire engine was used, but could not cope with the flames at the wood working shop, though it stopped them before they reached the other buildings.

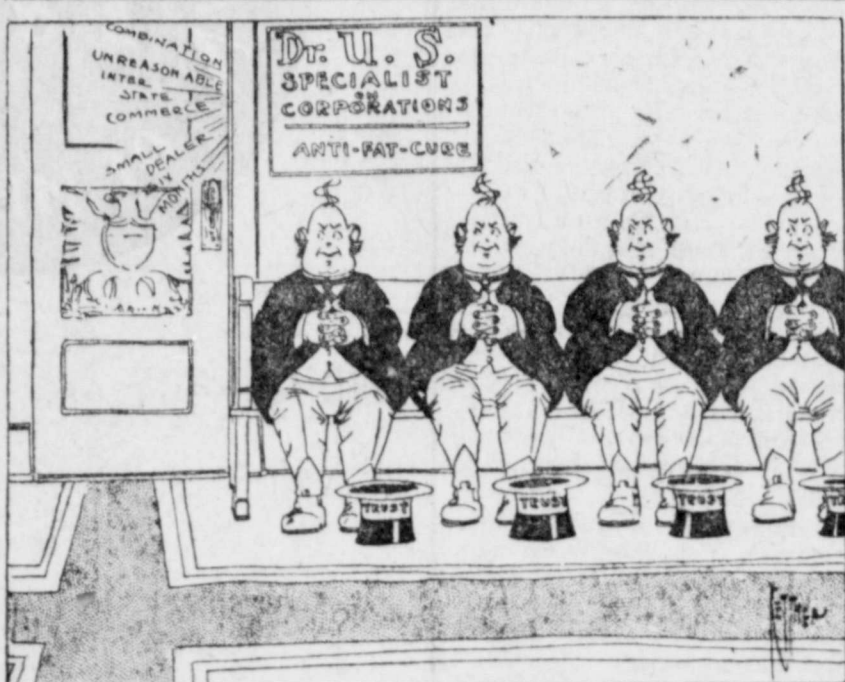
## "Somebody Blundered."

Philadelphia: Two persons were killed and a seventeen others injured when the 40 train on the Pennsylvania railroad from Broad street station for Atlantic City side-swiped a local train northbound at Lucaston, a little station fifteen miles below Camden, N. J., at 9:15 Monday morning.

## San Francisco Gets Shake.

San Francisco: Saturday at 2:10 p. m. a sharp shock of earthquake—the heaviest since the 1906 disaster—gave the whole coast a fright, and is charged with causing the death of two people who collapsed from nervousness. The whole of Northern California and Nevada were affected, but no damage was done.

NEXT!



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## DEPOSITS SHOW GAIN REVENUE INCREASED

RESERVE IS AWAY BEYOND THAT  
REQUIRED.

THE SURPLUS IS \$33,000,000

Finances Are All that Could Be Desired Both With Government and the Public.

Washington, July 1.—The total reserve held by 7,277 National banks at the close of business on June 7, the last call by the Controller of the Currency, was \$1,478,149,795, an average of 22.10 per cent, and \$121,870,815 above the amount required to be held by law. The percentage in the central reserve cities has increased to 27.37 per cent.

Compared with their condition on June 30, 1910, all the National banks show an increase of \$486,423,977 in their total resources, \$180,679,600 in loans and discounts and \$190,774,844 in individual deposits.

When the Government's fiscal year of 1911 closed the Federal Treasury held a cash surplus of at least \$33,000,000 and showed an excess of all receipts over all disbursements for the first time since 1907.

While the revised returns, showing the Government's exact financial condition, will not be available for some days, from such figures as are at hand and such estimates as Treasury officials consider reliable, it is apparent that the Government during the last twelve months received from all sources not less than \$689,000,000 about \$10,000,000 more than was expected, and spent \$656,000,000, about \$6,000,000 less than was planned.

For the first time, income from internal revenue and customs was nearly equal. While customs receipts for the year fell \$20,000,000 and will stand at about \$312,000,000, the internal revenue promises to total \$15,000,000, the greatest sum ever collected from that source, which will surpass the record-breaking figures of 1866.

## ANTI-PNEUMONIA SERUM

Chicago Doctor Believes He Has Mastery of Pneumonia.

New York: Serum with a protective action against pneumonia, when inoculated into certain animals, has been perfected by Dr. Preston Kyes of Chicago, who contributes an article on the experiments he has made to the current number of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Most of the studies which have been made regarding the germ of pneumonia have made upon animals which are very susceptible and Dr. Kyes has selected what he believes are the most insusceptible of creatures available—barnyard fowls. One of his most elaborate experiments has for its subject a White Leghorn rooster weighing almost five pounds. The inoculations were made with a preparation obtained from a human lung involved with acute lobar pneumonia.

## Four Regiments to Leave.

Washington: After a talk with Secretary of War Stimson and Major General Wood, chief of staff of the army, President Taft authorized the withdrawal of four regiments from the maneuver division now at San Antonio, Texas. The regiments will be withdrawn in the next thirty days. Several regiments will be left in Texas.

## DISCOVERIES LOOK MIGHTY BAD

Disbursing Clerk Involved Regarding Vouchers for Portrait of Justice Day.

Washington, June 29.—Expressing the belief that there was a misappropriation of State Department funds and recommending, as a result, the dismissal from the service of William H. Michael, American Consul General at Calcutta and formerly chief clerk of the State Department, and of Thomas Morrison, disbursing clerk of the department, the subcommittee of the House Committee on Expenditures in the State Department adopted the report which will send to the full committee.

The alleged misappropriation occurred in connection with the purchase of a portrait of Associate Justice Day, former Secretary of State, and amounted to \$1,600. Only \$800 was paid to Albert Rosenthal, the artist who painted the picture, whereas, the committee, during its investigation, traced to a single voucher the sum of \$2,450, on which were written the words "for portrait and frame of Ex-Secretary Day."

The mysterious finding of the cashier for \$2,450, which was reported last when the committee began its investigation but which later was discovered by a messenger on the floor in the disbursing clerk's office, is criticized by the committee in its report as beyond human belief. Both Morrison and Michael should be removed from office, in the opinion of the committee, for the good of the public service.

## WIRE TRUST IS IN BAD.

New York, June 30.—Nine indictments charging restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law were returned by a Federal Grand Jury here Friday afternoon against many associations, and a long list of individuals comprising the so-called "wire trust" affiliated with the steel industry. Prominent among the defendants are Herbert L. Satterlee, a son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan, and William P. Palmer, president of the American Steel and Wire Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, and Frank Gould of New York, president of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Work Company.

The Government does seek to establish a physical or fiscal merger of the properties or interests indicated, but a series of pools to maintain prices and to apportion territory, in elimination of competition, and so in violation of the Sherman act.

Thus the suit appears as a further effort of the Government to deal vigorously with restrictive trade agreements. The suits against the Periodical Clearing House this week and against the Box and Paper Manufacturers earlier, are cases in point.

## Veterinarians Organize.

Austin: The new State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is organized. Dr. T. W. Watson of Corsicana is elected president; Dr. J. F. Wilkins of Greenville, vice president; Dr. F. C. Cook of Paris, secretary and treasurer. The other three members are Dr. W. A. Knight of Houston, C. C. Parker of San Angelo and S. J. Swift of Austin. A sixth member of the board is yet to be named by the Governor. The board will hold its first meeting for the examination of applicants for license to practice veterinary medicine in the State on July 25, at Dallas.

The scholastic census of the city of Dallas as finally completed shows 17,764 names within the State scholastic ages.

## TREASURY SURPLUS ABOUT \$25,000,000

BIGGEST SINCE BANNER YEAR OF 1907.

## TRIMMING HAS HELPED OUT

Officials Hope to Show Larger Revenues and Decreased Expenditures For Year.

Washington, June 28.—The United States Treasury will have a surplus of approximately \$25,000,000 the fiscal year of 1911 Saturday. The fiscal year of 1910 closed with a surplus of \$15,000,000. This year's showing will be the best since 1907, when a surplus seldom equaled, \$111,000,000, was shown. Both 1908 and 1909 showed deficits of \$20,000,000 and \$58,000,000, respectively.

Treasury officials believe final figures will show the Government during the years just closing has received more than it estimated and spent a little less than it planned. The year's work on the canal will cost approximately \$40,000,000. All of this was advanced out of the Government's ready cash and will be replaced from the proceeds of the \$50,000,000 bond sale, which will be flowing into the Treasury about July 15.

## ANTI-PROS OPEN AT AUSTIN

Governor Colquitt is the Lion of the Occasion.

Austin: Five thousand people gathered in Woolbridge Park Tuesday night to attend the anti rally. Fully half of the audience consisted of women and quite a few of them wore white ribbons. Ex-Comptroller R. W. Finley was master of ceremonies and introduced the two speakers, Representative James H. Robertson and Gov. Colquitt. Besides a number of prominent business men the following State officers were on the stand: Treasurer Sam Sparks, R. L. Pollard and Wallace English, members of the State Insurance Board; Railroad Commissioner John L. Wortham, State Health Officer Ralph Steiner, Capt. Louis Von Hagen, member of the Pardon Board, and George W. Littlefield, regent of the State University; Jake Wolters of Houston also occupied a seat on the platform.

## Barge Explosion Kills Two Men.

Port Arthur: An explosion which occurred aboard the barge Humble in the harbor here Monday morning caused the death of one man and the destruction by fire of \$250,000 worth of property. The explosion was felt for several miles. Three barges, a tug and three warehouses filled with oil at the Texas Company's terminals were destroyed. The captain of the Humble was blown into the air a distance of sixty or a hundred feet and instantly killed, and a man whose identity cannot be established lost his life.

## Railways Make Poor Showing.

Austin: The railroad commission has given out a comparative statement showing the revenue and operating expenses of the railroads of Texas for ten months ending April 30, 1911, as compared with the same period for the previous year. It shows the total operating revenue to be \$84,079,707, which is an increase of \$4,114,930 or 5.14 per cent; operating expenses, \$64,181,846, which is an increase of \$4,139,937 or 6.89 per cent. Income from operation, \$19,897,860, which is a decrease of \$25,007 or .012 per cent.

Austin: Texas is facing a \$476,000 treasury deficit. When State Treasurer Sparks closed up his office last week he found that he had just \$125,000 to the credit of his general revenue fund. Fifty thousand dollars of this went out to pay the interest on the State's public debt and this will leave only about \$75,000 on hand. During July, August and September the treasurer—figuring on last year's receipts as a basis—calculates that he will take in about \$801,000, against which expenditures to the amount of about \$1,352,000 must be made. This will boost the deficit well along toward the half million dollar mark by the early fall.

## Gregg County Wants Roads.

Longview: This county, Gregg, Saturday voted bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for road improvement by a vote of 3 to 1, only one box going against the proposition. This makes \$150,000 to be spent on street and road improvement. Longview recently voted \$60,000 for street improvement.

## DONE IN GRAND OLD TEXAS

Man, Wolf and Deer Killed in Succession by Trains.

Caldwell: Saturday night the first northbound Santa Fe passenger train ran over and killed Allen Phillips, colored, three miles north of here about 1 o'clock. He was about 45 years old and leaves four children, his wife having died a few years ago.

The next train to pass was the northbound passenger about an hour later, and it ran over and killed a five-pronged deer near where the colored man was killed. This about 2 o'clock.

In a short while a southbound passenger train passed and killed a large wolf that was eating on the carcass of the deer. All three of the incidents took place about half way between here and Christman, which is seven miles away.

## Arrest for Murder 50 Years Ago.

Bonham: Sheriff W. E. Loeman of Greenville, arrested Daniel W. Byers, aged 79, who is charged with the murder of L. L. Harris, which occurred December 19, 1865, fifty years ago. It is said there is only one living witness to the killing and he now resides in Fort Smith, Ark. Byers has resided near Greenville many years and is regarded as a good citizen.

## Dual Lynching in Georgia.

Atlanta: Tom Allen, a young negro charged with attacking a white woman in Walton county several weeks ago, was taken off a train near Social Circle, Ga., Tuesday and killed by a mob. He was being returned to Monroe for trial. The same mob which lynched Tom Allen, the negro accused of attacking a white woman, stormed the jail and lynched Joe Watts, another negro, who was being held on suspicion. No charge had been made against him. He had been arrested while prowling around the home of a white man.

## New Import Record for Juarez.

El Paso: The largest amount of imports to pass through the Juarez customs house in one day from the United States, passed through Tuesday. There were 159 freight cars loaded with supplies for the interior passed through, besides the imports that were brought in for use in the city. The imports consisted mostly of merchandise, coal and coke and food supplies.

## No Commission; No Pay.

Austin: It develops, according to Chief Clerk Gregg of the State Department, that hardly forty per cent of the county and precinct officers of the State have taken out their commissions. This means that these delinquent officers cannot under the law draw any money that may be due them by the State. County auditors are prohibited from paying any money to these officers unless they have taken out their commissions.

## Took a Long Walk.

Fort Worth: A family of five, consisting of a man and wife and three small children, arrived here from California, having covered the principal part of the distance of 1,700 miles on foot. They are on their way to Texarkana, where they have relatives, and left California June 3. They carried two suit cases, one containing clothing and the other food. In this city some railroad men took up a collection and purchased tickets for the travelers to their destination.

## Palestine to Dallas Roadway.

Palestine: Palestine automobile owners are planning to have the road from Palestine to the Trinity River clayed, and it is understood a similar move is on between this city and Dallas, to make a good roadway between the two cities. The road across the Trinity is said to be in good shape, especially in Dallas and Ellis Counties, where the road is macadamized. Palestine auto owners plan to subscribe \$1,000 to the work.

## Louisiana Cotton Crop Promising.

Shreveport: Mason Snowden, State agent in charge of the farmers' co-operative demonstration work of Arkansas and Louisiana, who has just returned from a tour of the cotton growing parishes, reports that cotton in Louisiana is in good shape, having been hurt very little by the recent drought, and that damage by the boll weevil has been very light.

## Liquor Law Violator Gets 2 Years.

McKinney: In the first case tried in this county under the Perkins felony law for violations of the local option regulation, Kid Roberts, negro, was convicted and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Ben Doggett, whose home was about ten miles south of Greenville was thrown from his wagon when his team ran away and was fatally injured.

## A MOTHER'S HORRIBLE DEED

Kills Her Three Children Then Hangs Herself.

Lockney: Excessive heat caused Mrs. Maud McCrary of Los Angeles, Calif., to kill her three small children by cutting their throats with glass and then to take her own life by hanging. She was temporarily insane. Mrs. McCrary was here visiting her mother, Mrs. R. M. Hamilton.

Mrs. McCrary led her three little tots, aged 3 months, and 3 and 5 years respectively, to a vacant house near her mother's home. This building was lonely and deserted, with weeds growing rank about it and an unused windmill at the rear.

One after another the mother took each of the children into separate chambers on the second floor of the house, where she killed them and tossed the bodies into the weeds outside, which hid them from view. Then she went to the windmill, hanging herself to a cross piece of the framework.

## DON'T WANT ROAD BONDS.

Waco: An election held in McLennan County Wednesday on two propositions, one to issue \$600,000 in road bonds and the other to levy a special tax for building improved permanent roads, resulted in the overwhelming defeat of both propositions.

An election in Waco on bond issues for sewers, for opening and improving streets and for public school buildings went in favor of the bond issues in each case. The result of the city election authorizes the Commissioners to issue \$80,000 for sewers, \$70,000 for school buildings and \$50,000 for street improvements, making a total issue of Waco bonds of \$200,000.

Temple: An election ordered to be held for City Treasurer had a peculiar outcome, as none of the election officers or clerks appeared for duty, no candidates announced, nor did any voters visit the polls, which were advertised. The city is having a hard time filling this office, which pays \$60 per annum and requires a heavy bond. The selection of a bank as the official depository has taken from the treasurer's office the most attractive feature it may have possessed for an officeholder.

## Cotton Belt Reaches Gustine.

Gustine, Comanche Co.: The track of the Hamilton-Comanche extension of the Cotton Belt Railway has reached Gustine and track was laid out to Hornesville Creek, when the track crew was delayed, as the bridge across this stream is not yet completed. Because of damage done by recent high water on the Red River it is now thought that track will not reach Comanche before July 10 or 12.

## Dallas-Texarkana Road Proposed.

Texarkana: The Texarkana Auto Club at an enthusiastic meeting at the Board of Trade offices discussed a proposition looking to the establishment of a first-class good roads automobile highway between Texarkana and Dallas. All the members of the club present expressed themselves as earnestly in favor of the project. Messrs. W. A. McCartney, G. R. Payne, V. E. Buron and Floyd Thompson were named as a committee to work up public interest and to study routes and make recommendations at the next meeting.

## Hurricane Shoals Dam Work.

Dallas: United States Engineer Capt. Thomas H. Jackson left for Hurricane Shoals, where he is to arrange the preliminary plans for the construction of the lock and dam. Plans were submitted to the War Department some month ago, when Capt. A. E. Waldron was in charge of Texas work. These plans were prepared upon surveys by the engineering party under Junior Engineer R. B. Gillette. The machinery and supplies are being collected at Hurricane Shoals and the work is to be pushed as rapidly as is consistent with the regulations of the department.

## New Railway Proposed.

Shreveport: It is reported from Vivian, La., that a new railroad is being projected from Jefferson, Texas, through Vivian to Houston, La., on the Texarkana, Shreveport and Natchez branch of the Texas and Pacific and that the new road will be used largely for shipping Caddo oil, East Texas iron ore and timber. The Southern Lumber Company owns a road that extends to within three miles of Jefferson and has a terminus near Vivian, and this is the line that is said to be in course of extension for the new railroad.

The Farmers and Merchants Company, Sherman, let the contract for a new \$10,000 plant on Montgomery street.



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## COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

### Salt Branch News.

July 3—Rev. A. M. Martin of Merkel filled his appointment here Sunday afternoon.

Cartha Lyles and wife returned from Haskell county Wednesday of last week. They report an enjoyable trip and say crop prospects up—there are about like they are here.

Ocie Golightly and wife were visiting at W. B. Robertson's Saturday and Sunday.

S. W. Taylor and family are visiting relatives at Loraine.

Misses Oma and Ida Taylor, Cora and Alma Hays, Lyda and Nina Beavers, Selena Teaff, Essie Floyd and Annie Petty took dinner with Misses Lillie and Lois Smith Sunday.

Jim Ingram and wife of Mount Pleasant were the guests of W. B. Robertson and family Sunday.

Miss May Raines was the guest of Misses Olive and Ocie Teaff Sunday.

Misses Oma and Ida Taylor spent Saturday night with Misses Cora and Alma Hays.

Mrs. H. C. Floyd was visiting Mrs. Beavers Saturday afternoon.

Misses Dewey Floyd and Ruby Lee McMurray took dinner with Miss Ollie Rogers Sunday.

Miss Lillie Smith took supper with Miss Oma Taylor Sunday.

Ely Case, wife and mother of Stith were visitors at singing here Sunday afternoon.

Grandpa Turner has been very sick at the home of her son, Bob Turner of this place.

R. D. Allen and wife took supper with Uncle Billie Harris and wife Sunday.

Ocie Golightly spent a few hours with his brother Ralph Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Moore of Merkel attended church here Sunday afternoon.

R. D. Allen and wife were shopping in Abilene Friday afternoon.

Tommie Golightly and family of Dudley have been visiting relatives and friends here.

Cartha Lyles and wife and Houston Robertson have been visiting relatives in Haskell county.

Miss McDaniel of Abilene was the guest of her cousin Miss Oma Taylor last week.

Parter Petty and son Emery and Wesley Hardy made a business trip to Dudley.

McMurray celebrated his birthday Sunday, June 25, asking quite a number of his

young friends to his home to partake of the good dinner his mama had prepared for the occasion. All present report a most enjoyable time and wish for Master Paul many happy returns of the day.

With best wishes to the Mail, I am as ever  
Guess Who.

### Bulman Community.

July 3—The farmers are all up with their work.

Brother Archer filled his appointment at this place Sunday.

Misses Ada and Jewell Franks were the guests of Ludie Dulin Saturday evening.

Willie White was visiting home folks Sunday.

Bro. Archer and wife took dinner with J. A. Dulin and family Sunday.

Bryant Dulin and wife attended the speaking at White Church Sunday afternoon.

Miss Willie Dulin spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Thresa Watford.

Miss Eulala Pannel has returned home. She has been visiting her cousin at Tye.

Oscar Dulin and Dent Cozart were in our midst last week.

Bryant Dulin of this community and Miss Ruth Webb of Stephens county were happily married Sunday, June 25. They will make this their future home.

Miley Burrus was a pleasant caller at Bryant Dulin's Sunday afternoon.  
Guess Ho.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

### I Want a Good Farm.

I own controlling stock in the best manufacturing plant in Texas. Making wovenwire 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. Blawett, Fort Worth, Texas. 4tpd

## WOMEN DOCTORS NOT NEW

Knights of Malta Sent Lady to Florence Medical School in Eighteenth Century.

Women as doctors are not, a Paris contemporary observes, a product of modern "feminism." It seems that in the eighteenth century there was a lady student at Florence. She came from Malta under the patronage of the Knights of Malta. The administrator of the Major hospital was somewhat embarrassed with his new pupil but he found a means out of the difficulty.

The chief of the Order of the Knights of Malta in introducing his lady protegee to the professors of the Florence School of Medicine wrote: "It seems to me that the matter could be arranged without any great inconvenience if the young lady were boarded during the period she was studying at your medical school with the nuns in a neighboring convent, for which we would pay five crowns a week. In regard to her instruction, she should assist in operations at the women's hospital, notably those performed by Professor Mannoni. He should also give her some private lessons at the convent, for it appears to me that she should not be present in classes with young men."

The council of the hospital, being well disposed to the Knights, adopted the suggestion. More than a century elapsed before another lady was enrolled in the schools of Florence. She was a Russian and was admitted to the schools of Santa Maria Nuova—London Globe.

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly do from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. Its taken internally and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Story Got the Near-Sighted Man.

"While I think I am rather inclined to give, yet I try to be discriminating, not to give to every beggar with an idle and obviously untrue tale, but," said the near-sighted man, "I fell impulsively for a story new to me this morning.

"Boss," said the man as he looked at me, "I've lost my spectacles and I'm trying to get together enough money to buy another pair."

"You know if I should lose my spectacles I should be lost myself and on that story I gave up without another thought."

### Saves Two Lives.

"Neither my sister nor myself might be living to-day, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery" writes A. D. McDonald of Fayetteville, N. C. R. F. D. No. 8, "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, colds, hemorrhage, lagrippe, asthma, hay fever, croup, whooping cough—all bronchial troubles—its supreme. Trial bottle free. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

### Killed by an Insult.

M. Morin, an elderly cabinetmaker, living in the Eaux-Vives quarter of Geneva, died last night under extraordinary circumstances. He was visited by a customer with whom he had quarreled, and the dispute continued yesterday, when the customer in his anger said: "Monsieur, you are a thief." The cabinetmaker, who had a very good reputation in Geneva, staggered under the insult and fell to the ground. He was carried to his bedroom, where he died a few hours later.—Geneva Correspondent London Express.

### Happiest Girl in Lincoln.

A Lincoln, Neb., girl writes, "I had been ailing for some time with chronic constipation and stomach trouble. I began taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and in three days I was able to be up and got better right along. I am the proudest girl in Lincoln to find such a good medicine." For sale by all dealers.

### Harder Still.

Landlady (smilingly)—Are you aware that you slept in a real mahogany bed last night, Mr. Howells? Howells (meanly)—Was that what it was? It felt like lignum vitae!—Puck.

Stings or bites of insects that are followed by swelling, pain or itching should be treated promptly as they are poisonous. Ballard's Snow Liment contractors the poison. It is both antiseptic and healing. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

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When Well-Known Merkel People Tell It So Plainly.

When public endorsement is made by a representative citizen of Merkel the proof is positive. You must believe it. Read this testimony. Every backache sufferer, every man, woman or child with any kidney trouble will find profit in the reading.

J. W. Hardy, farmer, of Merkel Texas, says: "For nearly three months I was in misery as the result of an acute attack of kidney and bladder trouble. I could not rest well and no position I assumed was comfortable. Thorough I tried remedies of various kinds, I did not get relief. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and scanty, plainly proving that my kidneys were disordered. Having read a great deal about Doan's Kidney Pills, I finally procured a box at Rust's & McCauley's Drug Store and began their use. My backache disappeared and my kidneys were restored to a normal condition. I feel that any one suffering from disordered kidneys should give Doan's Kidney Pills a trial."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

### Coating of Vaporization.

Electroplating calls for a cell, a current and a conducting surface. A new process invented by a Zurich engineer gives coatings not only upon metal surfaces, but upon plaster, glass, celluloid, wood or paper. It is adapted for producing a veneer of tin, lead, copper, aluminum, or even gold or silver. The metal or its solution is vaporized under a pressure of 40 to 60 pounds per square inch, and the vapor is allowed to escape from a small orifice, when it cools instantly, projecting solid particles of the metal against any surface with such force that a homogeneous solid coating is formed at once and may be made a quarter of an inch thick in a few seconds. This coating may be made adherent, for decoration or protection, or detachable, for reproductions, etc. Coated objects of metal, wood and paper have been shown in Zurich, and the process promises to become important.

### Solves A Deep Mystery.

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W. C. Ayres visited in Abilene and Tye Sunday.

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John Dennis of Fort Worth is visiting relatives in Merkel.

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Now the president's silver wedding is over and the king and queen are crowned why not investigate the weather clerk and have the report changed. Its too monotonous.

It has finally been decided by the courts that Sweetwater is to lose the Orient shops and that San Angelo will get them. Of course the people of Sweetwater feel disappointed but there is no use to be discouraged for we know lots of towns getting along all right with out any railroad shops.

Gov. Colquitt seems to be very much worked up over a speech made by A. W. Terrell at Austin a few days ago and the spirit he manifests and the language he uses he must have forgotten the moderation and peace doctrine he preached at a great feast they had at Fort Worth sometime ago. Suppose he saw the handwriting on the wall.

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Hon. Wm. Poindexter of Cleburne spoke at the tabernacle Wednesday night in defense of state-wide prohibition. His speech was pronounced by both anti and pro to be on a line of argument that was simply unanswerable. He repeated his challenge to Gov. Colquitt to meet him on the stump in joint discussion but has no hope of its acceptance.

When you feel lazy, out of sorts and yawn a good deal in the daytime, you can charge it to a torpid liver which has allowed the system to get full of impurities. Herbine cures all disorders produced by an inactive liver. It strengthens that organ, cleanses the bowels and puts the system in good healthy condition. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

V. E. Stubblefield and family of Holland who have been visiting Mr. Hogg's family have returned home.

Mrs. T. J. Coggin who has been visiting her son Andrew at Post City returned Monday.

**Statewide Prohibition and the Bailey Issue**

"Statewide prohibition and the Bailey question are now the paramount issues in Texas, and it is the privilege of every citizen to vote his convictions on these questions, but when they are finally settled we submit a few subjects for the consideration of the public," says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association.

**New Campaign Issues.**  
There are 137,000,000 acres of land in Texas that have never been plowed; we have 40,000,000 acres of land that is located ten miles and over—some of it 150 miles—from a railroad. The Texas farmers ship \$1,200,000 worth of raw material to the foreign factory daily; we have vast beds of mineral wealth stored beneath the surface which have never been touched and the list could be extended indefinitely. We would like to place these subjects in the box for those who draw campaign issues to select from. The building of an empire is a question about which there can be difference of opinion sufficiently wide to give spice and vigor to a campaign and if, after the campaign is over we could get our orators and writers to discuss Texas development for a few months and present the merits of the plow and hammer, we would awaken to vigorous activity the wealth, talent and enterprise of the people and make Texas the greatest state in the Union.

**The Purpose of Government.**  
Settle the prohibition and the Bailey issue either way and we have not brought another acre of land under cultivation; have not constructed another mile of railroad, built another factory, opened up another mine or given additional employment to labor. In this life, first of all things, we must have bread and another acre of land and water is the first duty of government. Agriculture, commerce and industry are the cornerstones of government and we cannot induce men and money to come to Texas and develop our resources by merely wishing for them as a child yearns for the moon, but we must go about it with the zeal and enterprise that a business man undertakes to increase his business or a farmer improves his farm.

**Texas Growing.**  
When the government completes the Panama canal and the plans for the improvement of the Texas harbors are fully consummated, our industrial horizon will be greatly widened and we will be brought face to face with conditions which will force us to enlarge our ideals of the commercial destiny of Texas. Faith is a good thing in government, but work is better and we should prepare to meet conditions as they unfold to us like the ten virgins of the Scripture—with our lamps trimmed and burning.  
God, the government and outside capital have done everything possible for Texas, and if we will only meet them half way we will soon build up a civilization that surpasses anything on the globe.

**MAZZINI FORGOT HIS BOMB**

Internal Machine Made by Italian Patriot Found Long After in His London Room.

Mazzini at one time was living in the attic of a friend's house. Mr. Shaen, in Bedford row. Years passed; Mazzini went away, died and was enshrined to the hearts of his liberated countrymen. More years passed; Mr. Shaen died; the firm which Mr. Shaen founded grew larger and larger. The clerks invaded room after room of the upper house, until at last they worked in the very attics.

One day one of the partners was dictating a difficult letter to a clerk in such an attic. He stood before the fire and absent-mindedly fingered a dusty spherical object of iron that stood upon the mantelpiece. Getting hold of the phrase he wanted, he threw, still absent-mindedly, this iron object into the fire. He finished dictating the letter and left the room. Immediately afterward there was a terrific explosion. The round object was nothing more nor less than a small bomb.

With such object Mazzini had passed his time while, years before, he had dreamed of the liberation of Italy. He had gone away; the bomb, forgotten upon the mantelpiece, had remained undisturbed, until at last it found its predestined billet in the maiming of several poor clerks.—Hueffer's Recollections

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL**

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

J. D. Gaither took in the 4th at Midland.

Miss Liela Sandlin spent the fourth in Abilene.

Shoes and slippers at any old price at the Bankrupt sale.

Miss May Miller is the guest of her sister Mrs. W. H. Dickson.

Invalid rolling chair for sale. Come to see John Daniels.

Miss Ina Coleman of Paris is visiting her aunt Mrs. J. W. Jennings.

Our prices are right on wedding presents and birthday presents. Come and see them. Rust & McCauley's.

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Mrs. J. T. Lewis died last Friday of heart failure and was buried at White Church.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Howard are in Dallas where Mrs. Howard will receive medical attention at the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium. A message from George Howard Wednesday to W. R. Walker states that the operation was a success in every particular.

L. R. Meeks who lived a few miles south of Merkel died last Thursday and was buried at Trent. He was seventy-six years old and leaves a large family, all grown and among the substantial citizens of the Merkel country. The Mail extends sympathy.

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Earl Huffor, C. H. Hendry, W. M. Jackson and W. J. Vaught will arrive in the city Saturday. These young men compose the Southwestern University Quartette and entertain at the opera house Saturday night.

A bad taste in the mouth comes from a disordered stomach, and back of that is usually a torpid liver.—A condition which invites disease. Herbine is the remedy needed. It corrects the stomach and makes the liver active and regular. Price 50c. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Music and fun at the opera house Saturday night by Southwestern University Quartette.

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Ed Newnam at one time a business man of Merkel but now of Cleburne was in town Thursday.

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

G. W. Parten of Limestone county is visiting his son W. Parten.

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.

Howard Wilson of Mart is visiting his uncle W. Parten.

W. R. Hampton and son have shipped their stock of dry goods to Slaton, Texas. Miss Nora and Bob will go in a few days. They will open a dry goods business at that place. While we are sorry to lose them as business people and also as citizens we wish them success wherever they may go. W. R. and wife will still make their home in Merkel.

**Take Notice.**

I hereby notify all parties to keep off my premises and away from my garden and tank on Sundays and no fishing will be allowed at any time.  
C. L. McNees.

**Dead Letter List.**

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 8, 1911.  
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Wray, Mrs. A. P.  
Wills, Linond  
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H. W. Durstine, P. M.

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# SERIAL STORY

## ELUSIVE ISABEL

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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. A woman did it, and Grimm is assured it was Miss Thorne.

### CHAPTER VI.

#### Revelations.

Some vague, indefinable shadow darkened Miss Thorne's clear, blue-gray eyes, in sharp contrast to the glow of radiant health in her cheeks, as she stepped from the automobile in front of the Venezuelan legation, and ran lightly up the steps. A liveried servant opened the door.

"A gentleman is waiting for you, madam," he announced. "His card is here on the—"

"I was expecting him," she interrupted. "Which room, please?"

"The blue room, madam." Miss Thorne passed along the hallway which led to a suit of small drawing-rooms opening on a garden in the rear, pushed aside the portieres, and entered.

"I'm sorry I've kept you—" she began, and then, in a tone of surprise: "I beg your pardon."

A gentleman rose and bowed gravely. "I am Mr. Grimm of the secret service," he informed her with frank courtesy. "I am afraid you were expecting some one else! I handed my card to the footman."

For an instant the blue-gray eyes opened wide in astonishment, and then some quick, subtle change swept over Miss Thorne's face. She smiled graciously and motioned him to a seat.

"This is quite a different meeting from the one Senorita Rodriguez had planned, isn't it?" she asked.

There was a taunting curve on her scarlet lips; the shadow passed from her eyes; her slim, white hands lay idly in her lap. Mr. Grimm regarded her reflectively. There was a determination of steel back of this charming exterior; there was an indomitable will, a keen brain, and all of a woman's intuition to reckon with. She was silent, with a questioning upward slant of her arched brows.

"I am not mistaken in assuming that you are a secret agent of the Italian government, am I?" he queried finally.

"No," she responded readily. "In that event I may speak with perfect frankness?" he went on. "It would be as useless as it would be absurd to approach the matter in any other manner?" It was a question.

Miss Thorne was still smiling, but again the vague, indefinable shadow, momentarily lifted, darkened her eyes. "You may be frank, of course," she said pleasantly. "Please go on."

"Senor Alvarez was shot at the German embassy ball last night," Mr. Grimm told her.

Miss Thorne nodded, as if in wonder. "Did you, or did you not, shoot him?"

It was quite casual. She received the question without change of countenance, but involuntarily she caught her breath. It might have been a sigh of relief.

"Why do you come to me with such a query?" she asked in turn. "I beg your pardon," interposed Mr. Grimm, steadily. "Did you, or did you not, shoot him?"

"No, of course I didn't shoot him," was the reply. If there was any emotion in the tone it was merely impatience. "Why do you come to me?" she repeated.

"Why do I come to you?" Mr. Grimm echoed the question, while his listless eyes rested on her face. "I will be absolutely frank, as I feel sure you would be under the same circumstances." He paused a moment; she nodded. "Well, immediately after the shooting you ran along the hallway with a revolver in your hand; you ran down the steps into the kitchen, and out through the back door, where you entered an automobile. That is not conjecture; it is susceptible of proof by eye witnesses."

Miss Thorne rose suddenly with a queer, helpless little gesture of her arms, and walked to the window. She stood there for a long time with her hands clasped behind her back.

"That brings us to another question," Mr. Grimm continued mercilessly.

"If you did not shoot Senor Alvarez, do you know who did?"

There was another long pause. "I want to believe you, Miss Thorne," he supplemented.

She turned quickly with something of defiance in her attitude. "Yes, I know," she said slowly. "It were useless to deny it."

"Who was it?" "I won't tell you."

Mr. Grimm leaned forward in his chair, and spoke earnestly. "Understand, please, that by that answer you assume equal guilt with the person who actually did the shooting," he explained. "If you adhere to it you compel me to regard you as an accomplice." His questioning took a different line. "Will you explain how the revolver came into your possession?"

"Oh, I—I picked it up in the hallway there," she replied vaguely. "I want to believe you, Miss Thorne," Mr. Grimm said again.

"You may. I picked it up in the hallway," she repeated. "I saw it lying there and picked it up."

"Why that, instead of giving an alarm?" "No alarm was necessary. The shot itself was an alarm."

"Then why," Mr. Grimm persisted coldly, "did you run along the hallway and escape by way of the kitchen? If you did not do the shooting, why the necessity of escape, carrying the revolver?"

There was that in the blue-gray eyes which brought Mr. Grimm to his feet. His hands gripped each other cruelly; his tone was calm as always. "Why did you take the revolver?" he asked.

Miss Thorne's head dropped forward a little, and she was silent. "There are only two possibilities, of course," he went on. "First, that you, in spite of your denial, did the shooting."

"I did not!" The words fairly burst from her tightly closed lips. "Or that you knew the revolver, and took it to save the person, man or woman, who fired the shot. I will assume, for the moment, that this is correct. Where is the revolver?"

From the adjoining room there came a slight noise, a faint breath of sound; or it might have been only an echo of silence. Their eyes were fixed each upon the others unwaveringly, with not a flicker to indicate that either had heard. After a moment Miss Thorne returned to her chair and sat down.

"It's rather a singular situation, isn't it, Mr. Grimm?" she inquired irrelevantly. "You, Mr. Grimm of the Secret Service of the United States; I, Isabel Thorne, a secret agent of Italy together here, one accusing the other of a crime, and perhaps with good reason."

"Where is the revolver?" Mr. Grimm insisted. "If you were any one else but you? I could not afford to be frank with you and—"

"If you had been any one else but you I should have placed you under arrest when I entered the room." She smiled, and inclined her head. "I understand," she said pleasantly.

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## Horse of the Gobi Desert

Animal Discovered by Prjevalsky Never Has Been Famed and May Be a Distinct Species.

It is more difficult to domesticate the wild horse than it is to bring other species of wild animals under subjection.

Some years ago Prjevalsky, a Russian explorer, discovered a distinct wild horse in the Gobi desert, in the south of Mongolia. A herd of 30 colts were captured and landed in Europe. Most of them were sent to Russia, but a few were shipped to the estate of the duke of Bedford, in England.

They were ragged of coat and of awkward gait. All efforts to tame them have failed. They will not submit to man's rule and are therefore unserviceable. They become badly frightened when a man approaches nearer than two or three rods of them.

The Russians claim that by methods of comparative anatomy and in other ways they have proved that the Gobi desert horse is a distinct species of the genus horse. Most naturalists

"For the reason that you are Mr. Grimm of the Secret Service I shall tell you the truth. I did take the revolver because I knew who had fired the shot. Believe me when I tell you that that person did not act with my knowledge or consent. You do believe that? You do?" She was pleading, eager to convince him.

After a while Mr. Grimm nodded. "The revolver is beyond your reach and shall remain so," she resumed. "According to your laws I suppose I am an accomplice. That is my misfortune. It will in no way alter my determination to keep silent. If I am arrested I can't help it." She studied his face with hopeful eyes. "Am I to be arrested?"

"Where is the paper that was taken from Senor Alvarez immediately after he was shot?" Mr. Grimm queried. "I don't know," she replied frankly.

"As I understand it, then, the motive for the shooting was to obtain possession of that paper? For your government?" "The individual who shot Senor Alvarez did obtain the paper, yes. And now, please, am I to be arrested?"

"And just what was the purpose, may I inquire, of the message you telegraphed with your fan in the ball-room?" "You read that?" exclaimed Miss Thorne in mock astonishment. "You read that?"

"And the man who read that message? Perhaps he shot the senator?" "Perhaps," she taunted.

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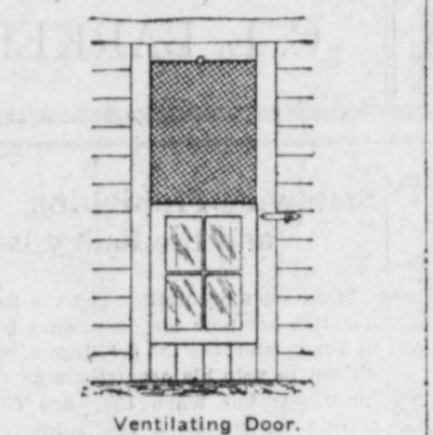
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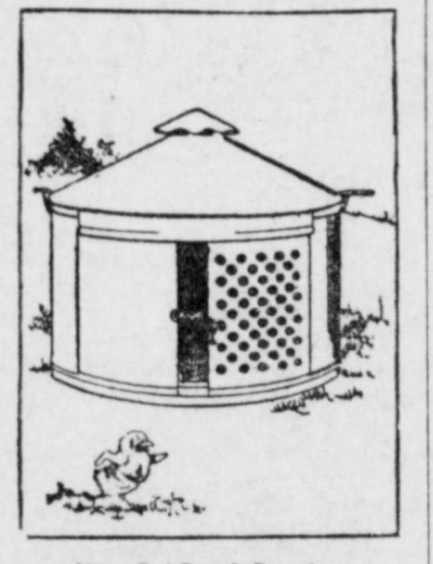
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Life Insurance Companies will not insure a man suffering from heart trouble.

The reason is obvious. This is a serious matter to the husband or father who is solicitous for the future of his dear ones. Often the heart trouble is caused by an unexpected thing and can be corrected if taken in time and properly treated. A man in Colorado writes:

"I was a great coffee drinker for many years, and was not aware of the injurious effects of the habit till I became a practical invalid, suffering from heart trouble, indigestion and nervousness to an extent that made me wretchedly miserable myself and a nuisance to those who witnessed my sufferings."

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"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A few appear from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of interest.



# SERIAL STORY

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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. A woman did it, and Grimm is assured it was Miss Thorne.

### CHAPTER VI.

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Some vague, indefinable shadow darkened Miss Thorne's clear, blue-gray eyes, in sharp contrast to the glow of radiant health in her cheeks, as she stepped from the automobile in front of the Venezuelan legation, and ran lightly up the steps. A liveried servant opened the door.

"A gentleman is waiting for you, madam," he announced. "His card is here on the—"

"I was expecting him," she interrupted. "Which room, please?"

"The blue room, madam." Miss Thorne passed along the hallway which led to a suit of small drawing-rooms opening on a garden in the rear, pushed aside the portieres, and entered.

"I'm sorry I've kept you—" she began, and then, in a tone of surprise: "I beg your pardon?"

A gentleman rose and bowed gravely.

"I am Mr. Grimm of the secret service," he informed her with frank courtesy. "I am afraid you were expecting some one else! I handed my card to the footman."

For an instant the blue-gray eyes opened wide in astonishment, and then some quick, subtle change swept over Miss Thorne's face. She smiled graciously and motioned him to a seat.

"This is quite a different meeting from the one Senorita Rodriguez had planned, isn't it?" she asked.

There was a taunting curve on her scarlet lips; the shadow passed from her eyes; her slim, white hands lay idly in her lap. Mr. Grimm regarded her reflectively. There was a determination of steel back of this charming exterior; there was an indomitable will, a keen brain, and all of a woman's intuition to reckon with. She was silent, with a questioning upward slant of her arched brows.

"I am not mistaken in assuming that you are a secret agent of the Italian government, am I?" he queried finally.

"No," she responded readily.

"In that event I may speak with perfect frankness?" he went on. "It would be as useless as it would be absurd to approach the matter in any other manner?" It was a question.

Miss Thorne was still smiling, but again the vague, indefinable shadow, momentarily lifted, darkened her eyes.

"You may be frank, of course," she said pleasantly. "Please go on."

"Senor Alvarez was shot at the German embassy ball last night," Mr. Grimm told her.

Miss Thorne nodded, as if in wonder.

"Did you, or did you not, shoot him?"

It was quite casual. She received the question without change of countenance, but involuntarily she caught her breath. It might have been a sigh of relief.

"Why do you come to me with such a query?" she asked in turn.

"I beg your pardon," interposed Mr. Grimm, steadily. "Did you, or did you not, shoot him?"

"No, of course I didn't shoot him," was the reply. "If there was any emotion in the tone it was merely impatience. 'Why do you come to me?' she repeated.

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ly. "If you did not shoot Senor Alvarez, do you know who did?"

There was another long pause. "I want to believe you, Miss Thorne," he supplemented.

She turned quickly with something of defiance in her attitude. "Yes, I know," she said slowly. "It were useless to deny it."

"Who was it?" "I won't tell you."

Mr. Grimm leaned forward in his chair, and spoke earnestly. "Understand, please, that by that answer you assume equal guilt with the person who actually did the shooting," he explained. "If you adhere to it you compel me to regard you as an accomplice." His questioning took a different line. "Will you explain how the revolver came into your possession?"

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"No alarm was necessary. The shot itself was an alarm."

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"Why did you take the revolver?" he asked.

Miss Thorne's head dropped forward a little, and she was silent.

"There are only two possibilities, of course," he went on. "First, that you, in spite of your denial, did the shooting."

"I did not!" The words fairly burst from her tightly closed lips.

"Or that you knew the revolver, and took it to save the person, man or woman, who fired the shot. I will assume, for the moment, that this is correct. Where is the revolver?"

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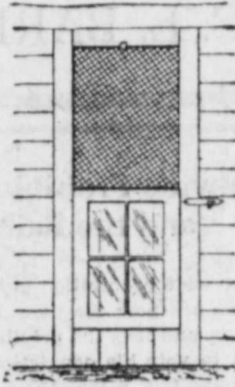
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### ERADICATE THE CHICKENPOX

Disease is Not Necessarily Fatal and Fowls Have Recovered Without Treatment.

Chickenpox, sometimes called sore head, is a disease which will be prevalent at this time of the year among the growing stock unless proper precautions are taken, says the Kansas Industrialist. It is a contagious disease, and spreads very rapidly among the flock when it once gets headway. It seems to affect the cockerels more than the pullets. Because of its appearance on the comb and face of the bird it should not be a difficult matter to eradicate the disease.

Symptoms.—The disease appears on the comb, face and wattles of the bird in the form of yellowish nodules varying in size from a pin head to one fourth of an inch in diameter. These nodules increase in size and turn dark red. The disease should be treated as soon as the first nodules are noticed. It is not always fatal and fowls have been known to recover without any treatment. Insanitary conditions and dampness seem to cause the disease.

Treatment.—As it is a contagious disease, the affected birds should be removed from the flock immediately. If the nodules are removed with a sharp knife, and the affected parts are treated with carbolic vaseline, the birds should recover in a few days. If the case is very far advanced the sick fowls should be given a few grains each of sulphur and cream of tartar three times a day, and oxide of zinc ointment should be applied to the affected parts twice a day. The latter treatment is recommended by Doctor Lehman, and has proved a satisfactory remedy.

### STAKE DOWN DRINKING PANS

Method Illustrated for Keeping Water Vessel Upright—Wired to Two Common Laths.

The illustration shows an excellent method of securing a pan of water for fowls to drink from without having it upset and spilled. Two new laths



Drinking Fountain Secured.

should be driven into the ground several inches and a new pan wired to the laths as shown, by boring a hole in opposite sides of the pan through the rim.

### KEEPING A POULTRY RECORD

Knowledge of Receipts and Expenditures is of Great Assistance to Chicken Raiser.

(By R. D. SCHMIDT.)

One of the greatest needs of most poultry keepers is a definite record of expenditures and receipts. In too few cases does the owner of a poultry flock actually know whether his fowls have been an expense to him or have paid a profit. This is perhaps truer in regard to poultry than with most other branches of animal industry, because of the facts that both expenditures and receipts are spread over the entire year and are individually small, that a large part of the product is used at home, and that the poultry keeping is incidental to the other farm work.

## POULTRY NOTES

Sweet or skimmed milk is good for fowls of all ages, especially the youngsters.

Do not use wooden drinking fountains for poultry. Wood is a germ breeder.

Preserving eggs in lime has been practiced for many years on a commercial scale.

The ducklings should always have access to drinking water, but swimming water can be omitted if desired.

If you allow eggs for setting to stand around for two weeks before putting them under the hen, do not blame the dealer if they do not hatch.

Arrange before all the chickens are hatched to keep different ages separate. The small ones are crowded out and crippled or killed by the older ones.

Let a brooder of chicks have their range for a few days, and the day they are not let out at the usual hour their shrill cries are enough to deafen one.

Green food is essential for ducklings—lettuce, dandelions, or onion tops should be mixed with their feed each day. Sand should also form part of each day's ration.

The ducks are easily confined with a low fence; they rarely fly over a fence, though they will crawl under a very small opening. They need clean, dry straw to sleep on.

There is little danger of indigestion among ducklings so long as the green food and the sand hold out. Sand in the drinking vessel prevents tipping, and is easily gotten by the birds.

As the hot weather comes on you will have to be more on your guard against lice and such things. Here is where your stitches in time count far more than any number taken later.



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### Playing Blind.

This is a funny little stunt enjoyed alike by old and young. If one has never tried it it is very amusing to find anything with your eyes shut or to judge distances.

First place a piece of paper on the floor before you, shut your eyes, walk on the paper and pick it up. Then stick a pin in the wall about four feet up and try to pick it off blindfolded. Stand about five or six feet away from a table, shut your eyes; then try to walk up to it without knocking against it.—Woman's World.

### Some Aviation Records.

Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria is the first crowned head who has made an aeroplane flight. The aviator who took him up is the first man who ever was knighted in midair. Prince Henry of Prussia is the first professional aviator of royal rank. Mr. Roosevelt is the first prominent statesman to have made an ascension in an aeroplane. Arthur J. Balfour is the second.

### HEART RIGHT.

When He Quit Coffee.

Life Insurance Companies will not insure a man suffering from heart trouble.

The reason is obvious. This is a serious matter to the husband or father who is solicitous for the future of his dear ones. Often the heart trouble is caused by an unexpected thing and can be corrected if taken in time and properly treated. A man in Colorado writes:

"I was a great coffee drinker for many years,



# Libby's

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Captured Her Interest. "She is very cold and formal, but I got her interest." "How?" "By asking her how she ever happened to marry her dub of a husband." Exchange.

Cannot Be Right. "What is the right thing to do when your wife asks you for money and you haven't got it?" "Under those circumstances any thing you do will be wrong."

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### Constipation

### FOUR GOOD FRUIT DESSERTS

Marshmallow and Strawberry Cream Fruit Pudding, Cherry Tapioca and Fruit Delight.

Marshmallow and Strawberry Cream.—One dozen marshmallows cut fine, one cup of cream whipped stiff and sweetened, one pint of strawberries, two tablespoonfuls of sherry wine, and four small round pieces of angel cake; place one piece of cake in a sherbet glass and pour one teaspoonful of sherry over it. Mix the marshmallows with the cream and fill the glass. Decorate with the sugared strawberries and serve at once.

Fruit Pudding.—Into the upper pan of your double boiler put a pint of sweet milk and when it comes to a boil stir in two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch which has been dissolved in a little water. Let boil five minutes. Add one egg, well beaten, with half a cupful of sugar and a pinch of salt. Let boil two minutes, stirring constantly. Flavor with vanilla and stir in a cupful of strawberries, crushed and sweetened. Remove from fire and beat well for a minute. Pour into mold, chill, and serve with sugar and cream. Other fruits, such as raspberries, blackberries, canned peaches (chopped fine), or even stewed apples may be used.

Cherry Tapioca.—One and one-half pounds of sour cherries, one cup minute tapioca, and sugar to sweeten. Put the tapioca on the fire with one pint of boiling water and cook until clear. Stone the cherries and stir into the boiling tapioca, and sweeten to taste. Take from the fire, mold and chill. Serve with cream.

Fruit Delight.—Form circles of boiled rice on little fruit plates, pile up strawberries in the center of each, and pour over each a ladleful of pineapple juice well sweetened. All the ingredients should be ice cold.

### DAINTY LUNCHEON DISHES

Luncheon Chicken.—Cut a cold boiled or baked chicken very fine. Make a sauce by cooking one tablespoonful of butter and one of flour, then one cup of chicken liquor. Season with a little chopped onion, pepper and salt and mix with chicken. Make little mounds, nest shaped, on a platter. Drop an egg into each nest. Cover with buttered crumbs and bake until the whites are firm. Serve with plain cream or mushroom sauce.

Potatoes en Surprise.—Season one pint of hot mashed potatoes with one tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoon of salt, one-fourth of celery salt, one-fourth of pepper. Add six drops onion juice, cool slightly, add yolk of one egg, shape in balls, fill center with creamed chicken, peas or sweetbreads. Dip in eggs and crumbs and fry in hot fat.

Cheese Canapes.—Cut whole wheat or graham flour bread in narrow slices half an inch thick and four inches long and remove crust. Mix some grated cheese and melted butter together and season with salt and pepper. Spread on the bread and set in the oven to melt.

Steamed Fruit Puddings. Dissolve in one and one-half cups of milk, one even teaspoonful of soda, beat one egg light and add to the milk, put into it a pinch of salt and one heaping teaspoonful cream tartar sifted with enough flour to make a not too stiff batter; grease five cups, into which put a layer of apples, peaches, strawberries, raspberries, cranberries (or any fruit in its season), cut fruit fine and fill cups two-thirds full; steam one hour and serve with the following sauce: Place in saucepan a piece of butter size of an egg, let it melt, then add one tablespoonful sifted flour, pinch of salt, one and one-half cups boiling water; let this boil up once, then add one cup sugar and flavor with lemon or vanilla according to fruit used.

Hamburg Steak Soup. Have lean beef hamburger and place on stove with cold water. Boil 3/4 to 1 hour only. Nice with rice and carrots, or rice only, also served as vegetable soup. Vegetables must be put in at once with the hamburger, as they will be done together. Season to taste. Quickly done and precisely the same as other soups. Nice also for supper to put the little ones to sleep on.

Jam Cake. One cupful sugar, one-half cupful butter, one-half cupful sour milk, one cupful of any kind of jam (strawberry is best) 1 1/2 cupfuls of flour, three eggs, one teaspoonful soda, one-half teaspoonful cloves, cinnamon and nutmeg.

To Embroider New Linen. New linen for working upon should be rubbed over with soap; this will render the fabric soft, so that drawing threads or embroidering on it will be much facilitated.—National Magazine

# OWES HER HEALTH

To Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Scottville, Mich.—"I want to tell you how much good Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Sanative Wash have done me. I live on a farm and have worked very hard. I am forty-five years old, and am the mother of thirteen children. Many people think it strange that I am not broken down with hard work and the care of my family, but I tell them of my good friend, your Vegetable Compound, and that there will be no backache and bearing down pains for them if they will take it as I have. I am scarcely ever without it in the house.

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"I am always ready and willing to speak a good word for the Lydia E. Pinkham's Remedies. I tell every one I meet that I owe my health and happiness to these wonderful medicines."

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HADN'T SEEN IT SINCE.



She—You ought to see that man in evening clothes.

He—I'd like to; he borrowed my dress suit three months ago.

### BABY'S HAIR ALL CAME OUT

"When my first baby was six months old he broke out on his head with little bumps. They would dry up and leave a scale. Then it would break out again and it spread all over his head. All the hair came out and his head was scaly all over. Then his face broke out all over in red bumps and it kept spreading until it was on his hands and arms. I bought several boxes of ointment, gave him blood medicine, and had two doctors to treat him, but he got worse all the time. He had it about six months when a friend told me about Cuticura. I sent and got a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, a cake of Cuticura Soap, and a box of Cuticura Ointment. In three days after using them he began to improve. He began to take long naps and to stop scratching his head. After taking two bottles of Resolvent, two boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Soap he was sound and well, and never had any breaking out of any kind. His hair came out in little curls all over his head. I don't think anything else would have cured him except Cuticura.

"I have bought Cuticura Ointment and Soap several times since to use for cuts and sores and have never known them to fail to cure what I put them on. I think Cuticura is a great remedy and would advise any one to use it. Cuticura Soap is the best that I have ever used for toilet purposes."

(Signed) Mrs. F. E. Harmon, R. F. D. 8, Atoka, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1910.

In Eden. The Serpent—What's Adam so grouchy about today?

The Ape—Oh, he says that the arrival of woman means that all his plans for universal peace have been knocked in the head for good.—Puck.

Smokers find Lewis' Single Binder 5c cigar better quality than most 10c cigars.

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### PUTTING IT RATHER NEATLY

Piece of Humor That Lifted Diffident Professor to the Highest Summer of Joy.

It is told that after Professor Aytoun had made proposals of marriage to Miss Emily Jane Wilson, daughter of Christopher North, he was, as a matter of course, referred to her father. As the professor was uncommonly diffident, he said to her: "Emily, my dear, you must speak to him for me. I could not summon courage to speak to the professor on this subject."

"Papa is in the library," said the lady.

"Then you had better go to him," said the professor, "and I will wait here."

There being apparently no help for it, the lady proceeded to the library.

"Papa's answer is pinned to the back of my desk," said Miss Wilson, as she re-entered the room.

Turning around, the delighted suitor read these words: "With the author's compliments."—Success.

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Ben, by the way, is only forty.

"No, lad!" he replied with decision. "Fifteen years ago I was courting strong, and I tried lots o' things. But about that time t' prince of Wales—Edward, you know—come to open t' new hospital, and I said to myself as soon as I saw him liftin' his hat to t' crowd, 'Ben, my lad, that can give it up as a bad job, and save thy brass. If there was owt 'at 'ud cure a bald head they'd ha' cured hfs.'"

—Tit-Bits.

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"Haven't I the privilege of making suggestions to the man fixing the lawn," she asked, with tears in her voice.

"Why, certainly," he assured her.

"Well, just because I made a suggestion to him he threw all his tools in the wheelbarrow in an angry manner and went away without saying a word."

"Why, what had you said to make him act like that?"

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson celebrated the third anniversary of their marriage with a well appointed dinner June 30. They had for their guests Misses Agnes Hall, Jessie O'Brian, Rachel Knight of Fort Worth; Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britian, J. E. Faucett.

Last Thursday afternoon a very pleasant surprise was given Mrs. W. H. Dickson when several of her friends just happen to drop in for few games of bridge. Those present were Mesdames L. Brown, W. T. Berry, Fred Bigham, J. W. Daniel, S. S. Harris of Abilene, Courtney Hunt and L. D. Gaither.

Little Miss Madalin Hunt entertained Friday afternoon from 3 to 6. A number of little friends were invited to play games of all kinds. Misses Mary Reed and Nell Tracy assisted in receiving and entertaining the guests. Sandwiches and pickles, cake and grape juice were served picnic style to little Misses Lucy Tracy, Louise Warren, Elizabeth Barker, Ruby Hamm, Opal and Tilroe Moon, Mildred and Lois Hogue, Frances Berry, Maurine Angus

Three tables of bridge were enjoyed Friday afternoon when Mrs. J. W. Daniel entertained for Mrs. S. S. Harris of Abilene. After a number of close games a delicious decorative ice course was served to Mesdames Claude Bigham, Fred Bigham, L. Brown, W. H. Dickson, L. D. Gaither, Courtney Hunt; Misses Jessie O'Brian, Zora Coggin, Annie T. Daniel. High score was made by Mrs. Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain opened their home to the Baraca class and a number of their friends Tuesday evening. Forty-two and various outdoor games were enjoyed. Refreshing punch was served during the evening. Ice cream was served to Misses Mary Gunn, Annie Smith, Jessie Sutphen, Gene and Carol Rister, Era Brady, Clara, Margie and Murtice Saffle, Irene Swann, Winnie Warren, Ruth Merritt, Kittie Pipes, Sadie Collins, Mrs. Gaither, Messrs. Ben Merritt, James West, Robert Hicks, Charlie Lofoten, Barney and Clyde Garrett, Choc Jones, Parker Sharp, Sam Swann, Will Joe Largent, Jack Walker, Miller Elliott, Galen Lassiter, Frank Willis, Floyd Dean, Costevens.

Monday evening Misses Mary and Jackie Jennings entertained a few friends with progressive 42. Miss Faye Allen won the honor of making high progression. Light refreshments were served to Misses Faye Allen, Christine Kendrick of Mexia, Lurline Long, Laura, Mary and Jackie Jennings, Messrs. John Berry and Jack Walker.

The following young people enjoyed the fourth of July out on Sweetwater creek where hunting and fishing were engaged in and where a very sumptuous dinner and supper were spread: Misses Allie and Laura Jennings, Maud Martin, Pet Sears; Messrs. Wesley Edwards, Virgil Touchstone and George Ferrier.

The ladies of the missionary society entertained the members of the M. E. church last Friday night. The object of the meeting was that the people might become better acquainted with each other. Each guest on entering the door was served punch by Misses Allie Jennings and Ona Johnson. They then passed down the receiving line consisting of Mesdames H. C. Williams, O. W. Williams, Burroughs, Adams, Martin, Jennings, and Mims. After a few words of welcome and good cheer the audience took their seats in the auditorium and the program as published was beautifully rendered. Following this was the social feature of the hour. Punch was again served, Misses Annie Lou O'Brian and Pet Sears presiding at a second punch bowl. Everyone had a jolly good time and said they hoped it would not be long until the society would give another such entertainment.

Monday afternoon a merry crowd of the younger set met at the home of Miss Merial Christopher and went to the home of Mrs. Cash where they were royally entertained in honor of Miss Ruth Williamson of McKavett who was the guest of her sister Mrs. Rufus Adcock. Games were played. Lemonade was served. Those present were Misses Florence Holmes, Vera Jenkins, Mamie Moore, Dorothy Duckett, Lorraine Boyce, Mabel Laney, Gladys Tilroe Moon, Fannie Mae Douglass, Ruth Williamson, Mamie and Veda McNeese, Mona T., Lois and Merial Christopher, Altha Dubose and Annie Collins.

Foster-Hardy, W. W. Foster of Anson and Miss Zoda Hardy of Walnut Springs were married Monday at 6 p.m. at the home of her sister Mrs. I. C. Jared, 709 West Jefferson St. Mr. and Mrs. Foster will be at home in Anson after July 15.—Dallas News.

The above will be of interest to the bride's many Merkel friends who join in sending hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Merkel Man Marries Here. Walter A. Franklin, of Merkel, and Miss Ida May Jones, of this city, were married yesterday afternoon at five o'clock at the residence of Rev. W. P. Crow, 724 Chestnut street, Mr. Crow officiating. The couple will live at Merkel, where the groom is in business.—Abilene Reporter.

League Program July 9. Subject, "God Overrules Evil for Good." Leader, John McDonald. Song. Scripture lesson Rom. viii; 28. Phil. i; 12-19.

Voluntary scripture quotation or reading bearing on the place of suffering in the christian life—By leaguers. Prayer, What the Comforter may by His presence strengthen us to endure—Rev. Martin. Song. Sensitiveness to pain a mark of progress—Leola Coata. Survival and submergence—Annie Smith. The pulse beat of that mighty heart Charlie Mae McDuff. The seat of suffering—Earnest Duckett. The progress of the gospel—H. C. Burroughs, Jr. Hymn. Yellow Band collection. Announcements. Benediction.

Help for Those Who Have Stomach Trouble. After doctoring for about 12 years for a bad stomach trouble, and spending nearly \$500 for medicine and doctors fees, I purchased my wife one box of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which did her so much good that she continued to use them and they have done her more good than all of the medicine I bought before.—Samuel Boyer, Polson, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers. Samples free.

West Texas B. Y. P. Assembly. The 5th annual session will be at Stamford July 11-20. The best program ever offered is planned for this year. The first week Dr. Geo. W. Truett will speak twice daily. Also Dr. H. T. Musselman, the Sunday school specialist, will speak daily and conduct a training class.

Dr. S. P. Brooks will give four addresses on The International Peace Propaganda. The second week Dr. W. B. Riley of Minneapolis and Dr. F. C. McConnell of Waco will each speak twice daily. Our own field secretary W. H. Wright will conduct a B. Y. P. U. training class and address the assembly. Hon. O. S. Lattimore, M. H. Wolfe, R. H. Coleman, J. E. Johnson, I. E. Gates and J. P. Boone will also speak.

Great prohibition program for Friday the 24th. Sunday the 16th will be layman's day, Tuesday 18th woman's day. Round trip tickets at one and one-third fare will be sold July 11, 12, 14 and 18 good to return July 21. Free lodging and breakfast. You can stay the ten days at little expense.

E. D. Morgan, Cor. Sec. Winters, Texas, June 25. Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

# REAL ESTATE BARGAINS

My office is located in the Merkel Mail building next to the postoffice where I will appreciate the visits of my friends and clients. I am going to do my very level best for those who will ask my assistance in the sale or purchase of any of our properties. Your lands should be listed with me and if given to me exclusively I will work that much harder to serve your interests. It is easy to sell any property of real merit—just the job of finding the man with the money who wants the property. If you have a horse and want a mule and I have a client with a mule who wants a horse and you are both fair in your valuations there will be a trade and two good friends made for my business. Some of our farmers have lands and want the money and some men with money are looking for good investments in lands. If you are among the latter read the following and if you are not interested write me what it would take to please you

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I have some handsome homes in Merkel to exchange for farm land and one client who wants to trade small improved farm for good comfortable home in the edge of Merkel.

If you do not see what you want, write and ask about it. If you are wanting to trade tell me about what you have got and what you want. All such information is treated as confidential and any business entrusted to me will be handled to the best of my ability.

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"Got any home?" said the judge to a man who had been brought in on the charge of vagrancy.

"Sure I have."

"Where is it?"

The man named a street and number.

"Your honor," volunteered a clerk, "that ain't a house; it's a mission."

"Well, call them up, anyway," said the judge, "and see if they know anything about him."

They did not know anything, but the missionary said he would come right down and see what could be done.

"It is not an unusual case," he said. "Our mission is 'home' to many a man whom we never even heard of until he gets arrested. If a man who has been run in as a hopeless derelict can mention some address which he can call home his sentence is apt to be lighter. Lots of outcasts have been on the tramp so long that it is hard for them to think of any place they are intimate enough with to call it home, but through an occasional peep in here they remember the number and brazenly sling it out. Court room attendants communicate with us and ask our advice. Naturally we respond even though the men are perfect strangers. Some of them seem hopeless wrecks, but now and then we discover a man who has good stuff in him still and is capable of developing into a useful citizen."

When the baby is suffering the double affliction of hot weather and bowel disorders, the remedy needed is McGee's Baby Elixir. It reduces the feverish condition, corrects the stomach and checks looseness of the bowels. Price 25c and 50c per bottle. Sold by H. Burroughs.

### MONEY TALKS; LIFE LISTENS

Man Boasts of Owning Wealth, When He is Really Its Abject Slave.

Money talks and life listens as it listens not to the tongue of men or of angels. But when money, the means of life, becomes the end, the end to all intents and purposes it is. Then does the man of means, king of a vast realm, abdicate in favor of the slave. None is so poor as he that is possessed of his possession; none so contemptible as he that abjectly serves his servant. Money is an old servant of man's, forever forgetting its place and going unrebuked. Never to have taken orders from it or "back talk" is to be a master indeed.

Nothing is more common than to hear a man boast of his money. Is it his? Rather, he is its. It is a thing of authority. It saith to one man, "Go," and he goeth; to another, "Come," and he cometh, and to its servant, "Do this," and this he doeth. At its word, man jumps out of his sick bed, jostles his bosom friend, breaks an appointment with love, lets music come and go unheard, beauty unseen. Least money should talk to him like the green of the earth, the blue of the sky, the blue of the earth, the blue of the sky, flowers and the songs of birds. The voice of his old playmate, the river, calls to him in vain; the mother tongue of wind and wave is no longer even a memory; the meaning of pleasure is lost to him. All this for money's sake.—Smart Set.

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# OPEN-AIR PAGEANTS and PLAYS



**T**HE American people, ever keen for something new, have during the past year or two been indulging their fancy to an ever-increasing extent for a new form of amusement,—that is it is new to the United States although it has had great vogue from time out of mind, in all the leading European countries. The open-air pageant or play is the object of this new fad,—if fad it may be called,—and the new style out-door entertainments are by no means confined as some people might suppose to the summer months. Indeed the spring is a favorite time for this form of "return to nature" whereas many such spectacles are held in the autumn and finally we are coming to find such productions provided as among the leading mid-winter attractions of such favored regions as Florida and Southern California.



A PARTICIPANT IN AN OPEN-AIR PLAY

—If not to charity at least to some philanthropic purpose or to some form of municipal betterment for the community in which this latest style of moving picture is presented.

As has been said, open-air plays and pageants that tell a story have been annual events in Europe from time out of mind. The best-known of these, of course, is the world-famous Passion Play which is held once every ten years and which thousands upon thousands of Americans witnessed during the last past presentation. There are many Americans, however, who claim that the idea of the distinctively American pageant as developed during the past few years in this country has not been transplanted bodily from the Old World as many persons suppose. Certain it is that New World influences have had a part in the evolution of this novel class of drama.

For instance, the Indians conducted in their palmy days some of the most wonderful spectacles the world has ever known and a remnant of those picturesque rites may yet be witnessed among the Pueblo Indians of the Southwest. Consequently, if the original Americans handed down to us some of the ideas for our modern open-air



SCENE IN A GREEK OPEN-AIR PLAY



SCENE IN AN OPEN-AIR PAGEANT



MRS. ALBERT CLIFFORD BARNEY IN GREEK PLAY

our cities,—as for instance, the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the frontier fetes held annually in many western cities, the Veiled Prophet parades and the midwinter Carnivals of Roses in Southern California. Yet another factor that has undoubtedly helped to bring this whole broad subject to public attention is the penchant which many of our schools and colleges have shown for this form of entertainment. Particularly has the open-air spectacle entrenched itself at the colleges for wo-

men and the big preparatory schools for girls and there is scarce one of these institutions throughout the length and breadth of the land that does not now boast at least one elaborate play or pageant on the campus each year.

Companies of amateurs and organizations of professionals have presented Shakespeare's plays in sylvan surroundings in various parts of the country,—as for instance has annual event of this kind on the White House lawn at Washington,—but for the most part these events introduce original productions and in most instances not only is the dialogue original but the music has been specially composed and the dances specially arranged for that particular event. At the most notable pageant of 1910,—that held at the home of the late Edward MacDowell in New Hampshire,—the musical masterpieces of America's most famous composer were specially arranged to form a musical setting for the open-air drama.

Many of the spectacles which have been presented by local talent in various American communities are historical in theme, being designed to recount the events of the most stirring periods in the history of the respective regions where they are presented. However, the latest leaning seems to be toward Greek plays, original or otherwise. Undoubtedly the flowing costumes of the Grecian mode lend themselves to graceful posing and the current popularity of classical dancing has helped some. Among the women prominent in the production of Greek spectacles,—and almost all the projects for open-air theatricals are in the hands of women,—is Mrs. Albert Clifford Barney of Cincinnati and Washington, D. C., who has great wealth to allow the indulgence of her penchant for the artistic and the dramatic in new guise.

## Seeing God's Face

By Reverend Stephen Paulson

TEXT—When Thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.—Psalm 23:3.

Is it possible that we, sinful, as we know ourselves to be, shall see the face of God?

To see God is to be pure. No step that defileth, nor anything that maketh a lie, can stand in his presence. "Blessed," said Jesus, "are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

To see God is to be at peace. Even as chaos became the ordered course of nature at his word and presence, even as the waves of Galilee lay down in peace at the Master's feet, so here can be no disquietude in his presence, for there the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

To see God is to live in love. There shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and God shall be all in all, and God is Love. In his presence there can be nothing of hatred, or envy or strife, for heaven is the abode of Eternal Love.

To attain these blessings is a height of which, in our present condition, we may well despair. Then why does God say, "Seek ye my face?" Is that simply mockery of our impotency? Does not our innermost soul respond, "Thy face O Lord will I seek." And has not God, through his Son, made it possible for us to seek him and to see his face?

And is this a promise for the future only? Is it only the happy and victorious dead who see God's face? Is it not allowed us to catch glimpses of his glory? Not fully, for we live in a twilight, and we see as through a glass darkly, but then face to face. Yes, it is possible for us to see God even now; and what quest could be greater? Men give their lives to the search for hidden things. The world is still full of mysteries, and many things are left to be discovered. Men explore the earth to its uttermost parts; some spend their lives in the study of the heavens. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." Shall we not seek the face of him, who is the Author of all these wonders? Is not he the supreme quest of the human mind and soul?

First, like the psalmist of old, we may learn to see the face of God in Nature. Walking through the world with open and loving eyes is one of the best aids to faith. In the spring time of the year, when the earth is clothing itself in beauty, God in his power and goodness seems nearer to us. Study and love the works of God; they will give you simpler tastes and purer pleasures; in friendless moments they will give you companion ship; in troubled moments they will breathe you peace. And the more you know of God's works, the more you will see him everywhere.

Secondly, we may see God in the minds and lives of other men. Never was anything good or true or wise written or spoken without the inspiration of God's Holy Spirit. Books are the great treasures of God's revelation to human minds in all ages. Above all is the Book of Books, the Bible, which contains depths of wisdom which the human mind has never sounded, and which the ages will never outgrow. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My Words shall not pass."

But most clearly do we see God in the face of Jesus Christ. Keep in mind that great sentence of St. Paul (2 Cor. 4:6): "God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." When you look into the face of Jesus you see God as a father, loving and tender; who desireth not the death of a sinner but that all men be saved; who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son for its redemption. When you look into the face of Jesus, you see a revelation of love that is infinite and all-embracing.

Many of us are like Philip of Bethsaida: "Philip saith unto Jesus, Lord, show us the Father and it sufficeth us."

"Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself; but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

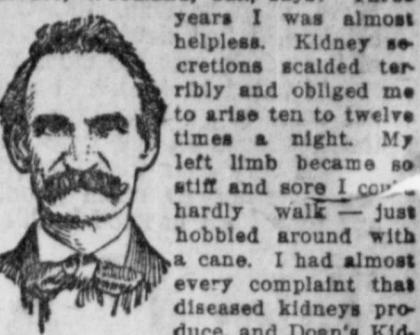
Thou, Lord Jesus, art the glory of the Father!

**Cause and Effect.**  
The only thing that opposes man is the negative human law. If this did not obtain man would be restored to his pristine condition as a spiritual ego. Man is not depraved because he wants to be, but because his mind is human, mortal and finite, he has no option than to express a corresponding condition. He is under the law of cause and effect.—Rev. F. E. Mason, Scientist, Boston.

**Need of Ideals.**  
If men did not have ideals what would they think about and what could they live by?—Rev. C. K. Carpenter, Methodist Episcopalian, Chicago.

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# Manoeuvres of the Humorists.

**HAD NO FEARS.**  
At the height of Washington's fame there were those who carp and criticized to some extent, warning him that being a celebrity was a precarious thing and that he should be most careful, lest he do or say something that would turn the tide of popular favor against him. To these admonitions Washington merely smiled.

"There is just one thing that might be done," he said, "and that is something that will not be done until long after I am dead. By that time my fame will be so solidified that nothing can make it. If we were sufficiently advanced in commerce for this one thing to happen, then, indeed, I should be careful."

"What is that one thing?" Inquire the others. "Put you in a historical novel!"

"No; name a five-cent cigar for me." WILBUR D. NESBIT.

**Trials of Life in a Small Town.**  
"I suppose you find it a little difficult to become accustomed to life in a small town, after having lived so long in a large city."

"Oh, dear, yes; it is very hard. I fear I never shall be able to feel at home here. When my little boy caught the whooping cough every woman living in our block knew about it and recommended something."

**The Opportunist.**  
"Geewhilkens, Skillington," said Blabworth, meeting his Chicago friend in the corridor of a New York hotel, "you must be prosperous! I see you and Mrs. Skillington out motoring in the park every blessed morning and afternoon. What does it cost you?"

"Nothing at all, Blab," said Skillington. "The madam and I are enjoying a few demonstrations, that's all. With sixty first-class cars on the market one can motor around New York twice a day for a whole month at the cost of a blue veil and a pair of goggles."—Harper's Weekly.

**Playing the Game.**  
After having a good dinner at a cookshop Tim was leaving, when the landlord called for payment; but Tim was penniless.

The landlord, after thinking for a few minutes, promised to let him off on condition that he did the same at a rival's, opposite.

"Sorry," said Tim. "I went there yesterday and they let me off if I came over here today."—Ideas.

**A False Charge.**  
"I hear, Miss Anna, that your young friend from college uses quite a squalid language."

"That ain't true! He talks like a perfect gentleman!"

**The Seven Wonders.**  
I wonder if my wife will stand for that "night-work-at-the-office" gag again?

I wonder who I can touch for a loan?

I wonder if he will come again tonight.

I wonder whether he's holding a good hand or only bluffing.

I wonder how she keeps from showing her age?

I wonder if that's her last year's hat made over?

I wonder how they keep up appearances on his salary?—Puck.

**She Saw Too Much.**  
She (after marriage)—You told me that I was your first love, but I have found a whole trunkful of letters from all sorts of girls, just bursting with tenderness.

He—I—I said you were the first I ever loved. I didn't say you were the only one who ever loved me. See?

**Cause and Effect.**  
"See that man over there? Ever hear of the romance in his life?"

"No. Who is he and what was it?"

"He is Winner Looze, and he won his wife by a game of cards."

"What does he do?"

"Lectures on the 'Evils of Gambling.'" WILBUR D. NESBIT.

**ADVANCED INSURANCE POLICY.**  
"No," says the man who is being solicited to take out a policy, "I guess I've got about all the insurance I can carry. Looks like a waste of money anyhow to keep stinking it into this game, and have to wait so long for even an endowment policy to mature."

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**Crowded.**  
The microbe conductor clung desperately to a thread on the trailing skirt of the street dress.

To the angry germs who waited for a ride, he shouted:

"Can't hold any more! Take the next train!"

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**A Splendid Part.**  
"What sort of a part has your daughter in the new play?"

"Splendid. She doesn't have much to say, but she wears six different gowns."