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BALLOONS STARTED WITHOUT A HITCH

SEVEN AERIAL CRAFTS START
DISTANCE RACE.

WANT TO REACH GOTHAM

Plenty of Gas and Plenty of Ballast
Leave Adverse Winds as Only
Danger.

Kansas City, Mo., July 11.—Driven by a fifteen-mile wind from the southwest, seven 88,000 foot capacity gas balloons sailed away from here Monday in the National balloon race. The two leaders in the contest will be priviledged to sail two of the three balloons that will represent the United States in the James Gordon Bennett cup race, which starts from here Oct. 4.

Every pilot in the race was pleased when the wind carried them over to the northeast. A long path now stretches before them. There is, of course, the danger of falling into one of the great lakes, but none of the pilots appeared perturbed over this prospect. The Aero Club of America, which rules the race, has ruled that disqualification would not follow for any of the contestants who should alight in water.

Not a serious accident marred the start. Five of the aerial crafts got away in what experienced balloonists said were perfect starts.

Too much ballast caused the Topoka II. to collide with a section of canvas fence. The occupants of the basket were jarred slightly and after a couple of bags of sand had been dropped the balloon righted itself and sailed away.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

Lead on the World in Mileage and as
Developers.

Chicago: The recent census of the railways of the world upon which a report has just been made, shows that there are 625,593 miles of railroad in the whole world. This does not include street railways, trolley lines and other light structures. The mileage on each continent is given as follows: Europe, 204,904; Asia, 61,800; Africa, 20,809; North America 277,015; South America, 42,329, and Australia, 18,849. This shows that of the total mileage 54 per cent is in the new world. North America alone has 10,000 miles more than Europe and Asia combined which latter two have 1250 million population as against 115 millions in North America.

More than half the railways of the world have been built since 1886—an average of 13,000 miles a year.

MORE PAY FOR R. F. D. MEN

\$4,000,000 Increase in Appropriation
Parceled Out to 40,000 Carriers
Over the Country.

Washington, July 10: The forty thousand odd rural free delivery carriers in the United States are to receive salary increases as a result of a decision reached by Postmaster General Hitchcock. The order will provide for the disbursement through the current fiscal year of \$4,000,000, which will mean an increase of \$100 over the present salary of \$900, for all carriers on standard routes, with proportionate increases on the smaller routes.

Congress provided last session for the expenditure of this extra \$4,000,000 but left it to the discretion of the Postmaster General as to how much of it should be expended. Mr. Hitchcock has decided to authorize the expenditure of the full amount. His decision to compensate the carriers for any additional burden which may be placed on them if the parcels post system, he has recommended, is approved by Congress, was the important consideration, Mr. Hitchcock declared, which led him to make the authorization.

Venezuela is in Turmoil.

Caracas, Venezuela: A report is current that Cipriano Castro has landed 75,000 troops on the coast of Venezuela. The Venezuelan government is uncertain about the report and it is not considered possible the former President, even if he has secured a foothold in Venezuela, has been able to get any considerable number of men behind him. Nevertheless, troops have already been dispatched to Gulf of Maracaibo. Castro is reported to have made his landing on the Goajira Peninsula, Columbia, which forms the western headland of the Gulf of Maracaibo.

WHERE?



TURKEY AWAKENED BY SOUNDS OF WAR

ALABANIANS AND MONTENEGRINS
MAKING TROUBLE.

HOPE TO AVOID LAST RESORT

Officials Say that the Montenegrins
Are Only Playing a
Bluff.

Constantinople, Turkey: Preparations have been advanced for the general mobilization of Turkish troops in view of the continued refusal of rebellious Albanians to surrender and because of activities on the Montenegrin frontier.

Government officials at the same time continue optimistic of an ultimate peaceful outcome. They assert the Montenegrin Government is bluffing. The recall of the Turkish Minister at Cetinje is not probable.

WHISKY AND BEER INCREASES

Both Show Pace Ahead of Population's
Increase.

New York: No less than 63,000,000 barrels of beer were sold in the United States during the twelve months ending June 30, last, an increase over the previous twelve months of 6.21 per cent, according to the annual report of the United States Brewers' Association. Notwithstanding the increase which the report contends indicates prosperity, the spread of prohibition has affected the trade considerably, it is declared.

The whisky bill of the United States for the year, according to the reports is \$146,973,900, an increase of nearly \$8,000,000, or 5.66 per cent over the preceding twelve months.

A "BULL" ON MR. O'REILLY

Family Mix up that is Quite Dis-
appointing 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.

Mount Pleasant street cars started running on Tuesday for the first time in two years.

About 300 delegates to the convention of Modern Brotherhood met in Dallas Wednesday in a one day's session.

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 nervous shock. The whole of Northern California and Nevada were affected, but no material damage was done.

NEWSPAPERS MAKE TROUBLE

Movement Does Not Seem to be Gen-
eral and Lacks Organization
in Havana.

Havana, July 7.—Attacks recently made against President Gomez by a newspaper which has shown much opposition to the Administration are apparently beginning to assume importance. Congressman Andres, director of the newspaper, El Dia, charged the President with the accumulation of a huge fortune during the two years of his administration.

The President has issued a statement giving an inventory of his estate, which shows it to be of only moderate dimensions, acquired prior to his assuming office. The action is deplored by his friends as weak and undignified, and denounced by his enemies as an attempt to cover culpability. The result of the controversy was shown in a host of disquieting rumors.

It was learned on good authority that there exists much uneasiness among the rurales, of whom nearly half are held in Havana as part of the permanent garrison, on account of the possibility of their being suddenly called into active service.

Reports from the various Provinces do not show definite indications of an immediate uprising, but the rumors continue persistent, resulting in a strong undercurrent of anxiety.

'Twas Magazine Explosion

Gen. Bixby is Positive that Internal
Explosion Wrecked Maine.

Washington: The loss of the battleship Maine was caused by the explosion of her three magazines; no such effect as that produced upon the vessel could have been caused by an explosion from without, is the opinion of Gen. William H. Bixby, chief of engineers, United States Army, who has returned after a personal inspection of the work of raising the Maine.

Gen. Bixby said that a portion of the deck over the magazines was blown upward and laid backward, and that there were numerous conditions of the hulk as it lay in Havana Harbor which proved this. No explosion from the outside, said the General, could have caused the same result.

The Auto and the Horse.

There are nearly half a million automobiles in the United States at present: their value, roughly estimated, is \$750,000,000. There are, in addition, 21,040,000 horses and 4,123,000 mules, the number growing steadily despite motor vehicles. The value of the horses is about \$2,276,363,000; the value of the mules, \$500,000,000. Pleasure vehicles number 907,000, with a value of \$51,500,000, and wagons used for commercial purposes 576,300, the total value being \$31,480,000.

Road Building Around Ennis.

Ennis: Five road building camps has been established and 100 teams are at work on the roads to be graded in the Ennis road district. It is expected that work of putting on gravel will begin within two weeks. Government Engineer C. R. Thomas has been engaged to superintend the bridge and culvert construction and to give advice on other matters pertaining to road building.

A barn at Ozro, Ellis County; one at Lone Oak, Hunt County, and one at Waskom, Harrison County, were destroyed by lightning last Thursday and Thursday night.

Fort Worth's Federated Clubs are seeking to revive the discarded curfew law which was in force in that city some years ago.

MEXICAN FINANCES SHOW UP FINELY

ECONOMIES IN ADMINISTRATION
GIVEN CREDIT.

MORE THAN A MILLION GAIN

The Financial Side of Government's
Administration is Meeting Gen-
eral Public Approval.

City of Mexico, Mexico: On June 30, at the close of the fiscal year, Mexico's reserve amounted to 63,070,000 pesos, according to a statement made by President de la Barra.

This is something more than a million more than was left in the Treasury by Limantour when he resigned as Minister of Finance and was succeeded by Ernesto Madero. Since that time the Government has expended the greater part of two appropriations, one for 8,000,000 and the other for 6,000,000 pesos, for the payment of expenses incurred as the result of the revolution.

President de la Barra and Minister Madero account for the apparent gain of approximately 10,000,000 pesos not by increased income but by the adoption of a policy of economy. A portion has been saved by retrenchment, but by far the greater part by avoiding unnecessary expenditure.

FOR NATIONAL GOOD ROADS

Senator Swanson Introduces Measure
for Road Improvement.

Washington: The annual appropriation of \$20,000,000 for five years to improve the post roads and rural delivery routes of the Government is urged in the Senate by Mr. Swanson of Virginia. Contending that despite the amazing achievements in many directions by this country it is notorious that the United States has the poorest public roads and highways of any civilized Nation, he said:

Mr. Swanson explained that his plan would open more than 1,000,000 miles of roads to Government aid; that the States or local authorities would furnish an amount equal to that appropriated by the Federal Government and that the total cost would be divided among the States, according to population. The bill would create a Road Department, consisting of engineers and capable officials, to carry out the project. The measure, he explained, was modeled somewhat after the Virginia State law.

Want Motor Service on T. & P.

Dallas: An effort is being made by the communities between Dallas and Fort Worth on the Texas & Pacific to have that road establish motor car service in order to provide more convenient service. The Texas & Pacific tracks between Dallas and Fort Worth are equipped with numerous sidings and with comparatively little expense these could be connected up to give a double track between the two cities. The officials of the Texas and Pacific have the matter under consideration.

Dallas in Front Rank.

Chicago: The American Contractor's resume of building in the large cities for June and the past six months compared with the similar periods of last year, ranks Dallas first for both periods. For June Dallas gained 246 per cent, Cincinnati 191 and Nashville 89. For the first six months of the year 1911, Dallas gained 54 per cent and Cincinnati 38 per cent.

Oil Can; Fire; Horrible Death.

Hubbard: Fanny Daley, a twelve-year-old negro girl, was burned to death last Thursday night while trying to light a fire with oil. The girl's clothing was entirely burned from the body and presented a horrible sight. The can of oil exploded, throwing the oil entirely over her.

Will Build to Florence.

Georgetown: Since the reorganization of the Bartlett & Florence Railway and the change of the name to the Bartlett & Western Railway, the promoters have announced that the road will be built from Jarrell to Florence, a distance of twelve miles, at once. The right-of-way has been secured and part of the grade already built.

Charles Schultz of Oklahoma City dropped to instant death at Philips, two miles south of Coalgate, Okla., when, after he had become entangled in the guy ropes of a burning balloon and carried several hundred feet in the air, the rope gave wa-

THE DROUTH BROKEN BY GENERAL RAINS

TEXAS TAKES A WELCOME SHOW-
ER BATH ALL OVER.

BEST SEASON IN MONTHS

A Mighty Widespread Rain Reaches
Almost the Entire Lone Star
Territory.

Dallas: From East Texas to El Paso and from the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast have come reports of rainfall and resultant benefits in general.

Many places report the heaviest precipitations in several weeks, and while some sections have not been favored with as much moisture as others, the drouth in general has been broken, the cotton crop, which had reached a turning point, has been given new life and fall crops of certain feed-stuffs now have good prospects.

Numerous streams that have been dry are now flowing and floods are prevailing in some counties.

It is estimated that the city caught nearly 400,000,000 gallons of water Saturday, more than two months' supply at the present rate of consumption. The dam at Record Crossing, already running over, has a capacity of 250,000,000 gallons. The two temporary dams, one at California Crossing and the other near Farmers Branch, both of which are far under water, will store 50,000,000 gallons each. The third dam, near Carrollton, if it has not been destroyed by the flood, will hold another 50,000,000 gallons.

Galveston: South Texas was visited by heavy rains Saturday and at night, with light to heavy showers.

The precipitation was as much as three inches in places, affording plenty of stock water and insuring good ranges. The rains were fairly good in most localities. Cotton, will be immediately benefited, but corn in most localities is too late to be helped.

El Paso: Reports reaching the city tell of the highest water in the Rio Grande in the Ysleta section that has been known in twenty-six years. Many alfalfa fields have been flooded and the loss from that source will be heavy. At the Elephant Butte dam site, about ninety miles north of this city, the temporary bridge built across the stream was swept away. Great damage is also reported south of that point to the irrigated farms. In this city the river is now standing 15.9 feet above low-water mark.

Jacksboro: A heavy rain visited the Jacksboro country Friday afternoon, beginning in the Keechi Valley, in the south part of the county, and the fall was heavy in the Keechi Valley. The creeks are bank full for the first time in nearly two years. The heavy precipitation is reported from Sebree. At the earlier part of the week a rain reported to be the biggest in three years fell in the southeast part of the county near Gibtown.

Childress: Rains have been falling over Childress County since Thursday afternoon, with prospects for more. Cotton is doing excellent and early orange crops are assured. Good rains fell over the Pease River country Saturday afternoon.

Plainview: Almost three inches of precipitation fell Friday and Saturday. It came at an opportune time to guarantee the crop. Much corn is saved. Cotton is in good condition.

Remarkable Negro Dies at 94.

Plano: Henry Keller, a negro farmer 94 years old, died at his home in Dallas County Tuesday and was buried Tuesday. His funeral was attended by a large number of white people. Keller owned between 400 and 500 acres of black land that would bring \$75 per acre if put on the market. He was considered the wealthiest negro in this part of the State. He moved from Tennessee to Texas in 1869 and rented land from Capt. J. K. Aldridge near Plano for twelve years after he arrived in Texas. He had a room in his home that was reserved strictly for his white friends and no negro was ever allowed to enter therein.

For Katy Permanent Home.

Dallas: To house the general offices of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway of Texas, a contract between this company and John N. Simpson has been approved for the erection of a six-story building at the corner of Commerce and Market streets. The five upper stories are to be occupied by the Katy's general offices and the lower floor will probably be user for store-rooms. The building is to measure 75x90 feet, and will be of steel frame and pressed brick construction.

FLOYDADA'S FIERCE FIRE.

One Side of Public Square is Wiped
Out.

Plainview: For seven hours fire raged in the heart of Floydada, Tuesday morning, while long lines of bucketmen with blistered flesh and blackened hands fought to save their city and their homes from complete destruction. Hardly a breeze stirred to hamper the fire fighters, and at 9 o'clock they had the fire under control. The damage amounted to \$85,000, the flames having wiped out sixteen business houses, gutting the entire west side of the main square.

It destroyed the First National Bank, but it is believed the safe and its contents were not harmed. Other losers included the C. Sturinger and Sons Hardware and Furniture Store, J. W. Blair Furniture and General Store, E. E. Brown, Hardware and Furniture; Biles Brothers' Jewelry Store, Floyd Mercantile Company, and three drug stores. The insurance was estimated at \$25,000.

To Build New Austin Dam.

Austin: By a vote of 4 to 1 the City Council has adopted the W. D. Johnson proposition for rebuilding the Austin dam. This will be submitted to the people for a referendum vote and if carried work begins in thirty days thereafter. Height of dam sixty-five feet. Cost to city \$64,800 per year for twenty-five years. Power guaranteed 600,000 horsepower hours per month. Ultimate possible power, one unit idle. \$35,200-horsepower hours per month. Reservoir with a capacity of 10,000,000 gallons of water. Must be completed within two years.

M. G. Bean, near Brookston, Lamar County, has threshed 90 bushels of oats per acre from his fields. He is an advocate of deep plowing and sowed six bushels to the acre, instead of the usual three.

The Old West at San Angelo.

San Angelo: At a meeting of the Concho County Pioneers' Association, September 28 was fixed for the annual reunion of the old-timers, and plans were made for a program typical of the early West. Wealthy sheepmen will again don the sheep herder's garb in which they began the accumulation of their fortunes, cattle-men will assume of cowboy costumes thirty years ago, and cattle and sheep handlers will play an important part. Many other typical Western features will be included in the program.

Ice and Meat Vendors Watched.

Austin: State Pure Food and Dairy Commissioner Dr. J. S. Abbott has written a letter to all County Attorneys urging them to keep a close watch on butchers and prosecute all found guilty of "doctoring" meats. He also says he intends detaching a number of special inspectors to trail ice wagons with a view of detecting any who may be disposed to sell short weights. The penalty for violation of the law requiring full weights is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$200.

Old Wet Spot Goes Dry.

Dalhart: Dallam County complete returns for Saturday's election, give prohibition a majority of 15. The campaign was one of the most closely contested this county has ever held. Numerous speakers were in the field up to the eve of the election.

Orient Making Good Pace.

San Angelo: The Orient tracklaying gang has reached a point thirteen miles west of Mertzon and forty-three miles from San Angelo on the extension of the main line. There will be no cessation in the work until Alpine is reached, where connection will be made with the Southern Pacific. Steel and other material is arriving daily. Finishing work is in progress on the Orient grade between San Angelo and Sonora on the Del Rio extension, and tracklaying south is expected to start in the early future. Sonora is seventy miles from San Angelo.

Veteran's Death Through Runaway.

Texarkana: L. A. Whately, seventy-two years of age, and widely known as a former official of Texas, was thrown from his buggy at the aviation grounds here Tuesday and killed. His horse became frightened at the noise made by the airship's engine and bolted. Mr. Whately had been a member of the Texas House and the Senate and was later Superintendent of Penitentiaries under Governors Hogg and Culberson.

Oklahoma Gets New Connection.

Oklahoma City: Following a conference with officials of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning, W. E. Crane, vice president of the Fort Smith and Western Railroad, and W. M. Bushness, general manager of the line, assured the local representatives that if a right of way through Oklahoma County and a terminal site is secured the road will be built into Oklahoma City.

We Eat to Live



To Get The Best Out

of the human machine you must have the BEST groceries—food that is not only pure and absolutely wholesome but, which gives zest to meals by its goodness.

Groceries like we carry not only give your body all the necessary energy for your daily work but make eating all that it should be—perfect enjoyment. If, after your coming meal, you find anything wrong, make a resolution to try us next time. One trial is all we ask.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS
The Reliable Grocers

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

White Church Items.

July 10.—Most of the farmers are wearing smiles over the recent rains, which will help crops considerably.

Miss Lillie White of the Butman community visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Franks, Burrus and Misses Watford and Franks attended children's day at Riney Sunday.

Miss Alda Snow visited friends and relatives in Jones county last week.

B. L. Dulin transacted business in Sweetwater Friday and Saturday.

The young people of this community that attended the party at Mr. Clarks Saturday night reported a good time.

We are having prayer meeting every Sunday night. Everyone come out and try to make it better.

The farmers union had speaking and served refreshments at White Church school house the fourth. All went away rejoicing over their pleasant time.

Several of our young people played 42 at B. L. Dulin's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. White of Butman visited Mr. and Mrs. Farmer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggins were callers at Mr. Farmers Sunday.

Messrs. G. O. Cozart and J. O. Dulin of Mt. Pleasant visited in locality Sunday and attended prayer meeting Sunday night.

Joe Dulin is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ada Franks was a guest of the Misses Dulin Sunday.

Miss Velma Clark of Center Point is visiting Misses Myrtle and Ethel Noel.

Mrs. Noel and family will leave for Sweetwater in a few weeks to make their future home.

Miss Addie Franks visited Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks last week.

Miss Lillie White visited the Misses Franks Tuesday.

Little Cora Dulin stayed with her aunt Laura Monday while her parents transacted business in Merkel.

Miss Ethel Noel visited Misses Velma and Jessie Clark of Center Point Saturday.

As news is scarce and I'm in a hurry will take my skull cap and go.

Lost Chicken.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.

Butman Community.

July 11.—Cutting feed is the order of the day.

We are glad to say that our Sunday school is improving. Mr. Burrus was elected superintendent.

J. A. Dulin and family spent Sunday with D. D. Coats and family.

Hardy Watford and Miley Burrus were visiting at the home of Bryant Dulin Saturday night.

R. N. White and family attended Sunday school at Butman.

Miss Addie Dulin was the guest of Miss Lillie White Sunday.

J. H. Ensminger, wife and son Wade attended the children's exercises at Riney Sunday afternoon.

Bryant Dulin and wife spent part of last week at the home of J. A. Dulin.

Oscar Dulin was in our midst Sunday.

J. A. Dulin and wife transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Bryant Dulin transacted business in Sweetwater last week.

Luther Franks and Miss Thresa Watford attended the party at Mr. Clark's Saturday night.

Guess Ho.

View Notes.

Several prospectors in the first of the week and looking for others.

Messrs. Buchanan and Condor of Williamson county are visiting Will Robinson.

A revival meeting will begin at this place next week. Services three times a day conducted by three visiting and one local minister.

We have had fine rains in the last few days and the merchants are busy and the farmers are happy.

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. Trail bottle free, 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Noble News.

July 11.—The light showers that fell here Sunday night made the farmers feel good.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollins and granddaughter are visiting Mrs. Rollins father, T. J. Walker.

Miss Fannie Campbell left last week for Haskell and Stonewall counties to visit friends.

Troy Stanley had the misfortune of getting snake bitten Monday night but is resting very well.

Several from here attended the children's day at Riney Sunday.

Bro. Sibley is holding a protracted meeting at Riney this week.

Hattie Hunter visited Fannie Blair Sunday night and Monday.

Grace Wood has returned from the west.

Miss Ruby Reed of Poll is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Walker.

Luther Franks and Miss Thresa Watford attended church here Sunday.

John Toombs had the misfortune of getting his buggy torn up by his horse running away.

Dan Atwood, wife and baby visited Brown Davenport and family Sunday.

Zelma Snow attended church here Sunday. Nemo.

Solves A Deep Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 15, 1911
Augustine, J. W.
Ellison, W. M.
Marshall, Miss Zora
Petty & Sellars
If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 20, 1911.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

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.

At Union Ridge.

The Mail is requested to announce preaching Sunday morning at Union Ridge by Rev. J. A. Hyder of Anson and all are cordially invited to be present. Services will begin promptly at 11 o'clock.

Death In Roaring Fire

may not result from the work of firebugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It subdues inflammations. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers or piles. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Farmers Union Notice.

The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet at Center Point July 20-21. All locals are requested to have delegates present.
W. A. Campbell, Pres.
J. L. Tucker, Secretary.

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

MUST BELIEVE IT

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. Though 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 & McQuauley'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.

Take Notice.

The general delivery window will not be opened any more on Sunday. The same to take effect July 16, 1911.

H. W. Derstine, P. M.

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.

No. 10052.

Treasury Department of the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1911.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Seventh day of July, 1911.

T. P. KANE,

Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

The First National Bank located at Merkel, in the state of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.
July 10, 1911. 7-14m2

L. E. Martin was in town Saturday wearing a smile bigger than our imagination and gave us a dollar on subscription. He stated that he had neglected that important piece of business and believed taking the home paper and paying for it helped to make it rain. It's a fact, so chip in fellows, and watch it pour. Come to Merkel.

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 get better right along. I am the proudest girl in Lincoln to find such a good medicine." For sale by all dealers.

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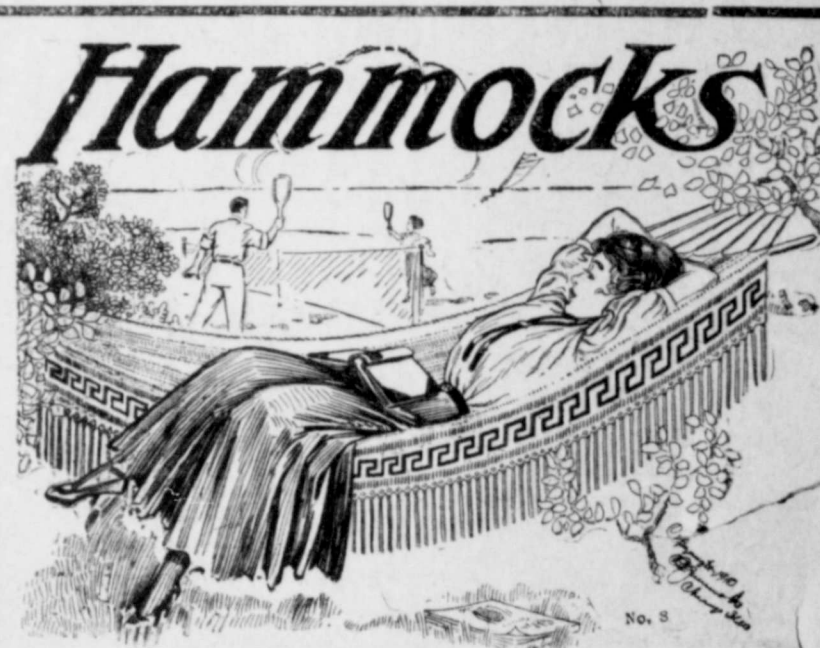
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To Get The Best Out

of the human machine you must have the BEST groceries—food that is not only pure and absolutely wholesome but, which gives zest to meals by its goodness.

Groceries like we carry not only give your body all the necessary energy for your daily work but make eating all that it should be—perfect enjoyment. If, after your coming meal, you find anything wrong, make a resolution to try us next time. One trial is all we ask.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

White Church Items.

July 10.—Most of the farmers are wearing smiles over the recent rains, which will help crops considerably.

Miss Lillie White of the Butman community visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Franks, Burrus and Misses Watford and Franks attended children's day at Riney Sunday.

Miss Alda Snow visited friends and relatives in Jones county last week.

B. L. Dulin transacted business in Sweetwater Friday and Saturday.

The young people of this community that attended the party at Mr. Clark's Saturday night reported a good time.

We are having prayer meeting every Sunday night. Everyone come out and try to make it better.

The farmers union had speaking and served refreshments at White Church school house the fourth. All went away rejoicing over their pleasant time.

Several of our young people played 42 at B. L. Dulin's Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. White of Butman visited Mr. and Mrs. Farmer Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Reggins were callers at Mr. Farmer's Sunday.

Messrs. G. O. Cozart and J. O. Dulin of Mt. Pleasant visited in locality Sunday and attended prayer meeting Sunday night.

Joe Dulin is on the sick list this week.

Miss Ada Franks was a guest of the Misses Dulin Sunday.

Miss Velma Clark of Center Point is visiting Misses Myrtle and Ethel Noel.

Mrs. Noel and family will leave for Sweetwater in a few weeks to make their future home.

Miss Addie Franks visited Misses Mary Lee and Jewell Hicks last week.

Miss Lillie White visited the Misses Franks Tuesday.

Little Cora Dulin stayed with her aunt Laura Monday while her parents transacted business in Merkel.

Miss Ethel Noel visited Misses Velma and Jessie Clark of Center Point Saturday.

As news is scarce and I'm in a hurry will take my skull cap and go.

Lost Chicken.

Read the Mail—\$1.00 a year.

Butman Community.

July 11.—Cutting feed is the order of the day.

We are glad to say that our Sunday school is improving. Mr. Burrus was elected superintendent.

J. A. Dulin and family spent Sunday with D. D. Coats and family.

Hardy Watford and Miley Burrus were visiting at the home of Bryant Dulin Saturday night.

R. N. White and family attended Sunday school at Butman.

Miss Addie Dulin was the guest of Miss Lillie White Sunday.

J. H. Ensminger, wife and son Wade attended the children's exercises at Riney Sunday afternoon.

Bryant Dulin and wife spent part of last week at the home of J. A. Dulin.

Oscar Dulin was in our midst Sunday.

J. A. Dulin and wife transacted business in Merkel Monday.

Bryant Dulin transacted business in Sweetwater last week.

Luther Franks and Miss Thresa Watford attended the party at Mr. Clark's Saturday night.

Guess Ho.

View Notes.

Several prospectors in the first of the week and looking for otheas.

Messrs. Buchanan and Condor of Williamson county are visiting Will Robinson.

A revival meeting will begin at this place next week. Services three times a day conducted by three visiting and one local minister.

We have had fine rains in the last few days and the merchants are busy and the farmers are happy.

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. Trail bottle free. 50c and \$1.00. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Noble News.

July 11.—The light showers that fell here Sunday night made the farmers feel good.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollins and granddaughter are visiting Mrs. Rollins father, T. J. Walker.

Miss Fannie Campbell left last week for Haskell and Stonewall counties to visit friends.

Troy Stanley had the misfortune of getting snake bitten Monday night but is resting very well.

Several from here attended the children's day at Riney Sunday.

Bro. Sibley is holding a protracted meeting at Riney this week.

Hattie Hunter visited Fannie Blair Sunday night and Monday.

Grace Wood has returned from the west.

Miss Ruby Reed of Poll is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Walker.

Luther Franks and Miss Thresa Watford attended church here Sunday.

John Toombs had the misfortune of getting his buggy torn up by his horse running away.

Dan Atwood, wife and baby visited Brown Davenport and family Sunday.

Zelma Snow attended church here Sunday. Nemo.

Solves A Deep Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending July 15, 1911

Augustine, J. W.
Ellison, W. M.
Marshall, Miss Zora
Petty & Sellars

If not called for will be sent to dead letter office July 20, 1911.
H. W. Derstine, P. M.

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.

At Union Ridge.

The Mail is requested to announce preaching Sunday morning at Union Ridge by Rev. J. A. Hyder of Anson and all are cordially invited to be present. Services will begin promptly at 11 o'clock.

Death In Roaring Fire

may not result from the work of firebugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It subdues inflammations. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers or piles. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

Farmers Union Notice.

The Taylor County Farmers Union will meet at Center Point July 20-21. All locals are requested to have delegates present.
W. A. Campell, Pres.
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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.

MUST BELIEVE IT

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. Though 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 & McGauley'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."

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

Take Notice.

The general delivery window will not be opened any more on Sunday. The same to take effect July 16, 1911.

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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.

No. 10052.

Treasury Department of the Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C., July 7, 1911.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane, Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and Seal of office this Seventh day of July, 1911.

T. P. KANE,

Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

The First National Bank located at Merkel, in the state of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier.
July 10, 1911. 7-14m2

L. E. Martin was in town Saturday wearing a smile bigger than our imagination and gave us a dollar on subscription. He stated that he had neglected that important piece of business and believed taking the home paper and paying for it helped to make it rain. It's a fact, so chip in fellows, and watch it pour. Come to Merkel.

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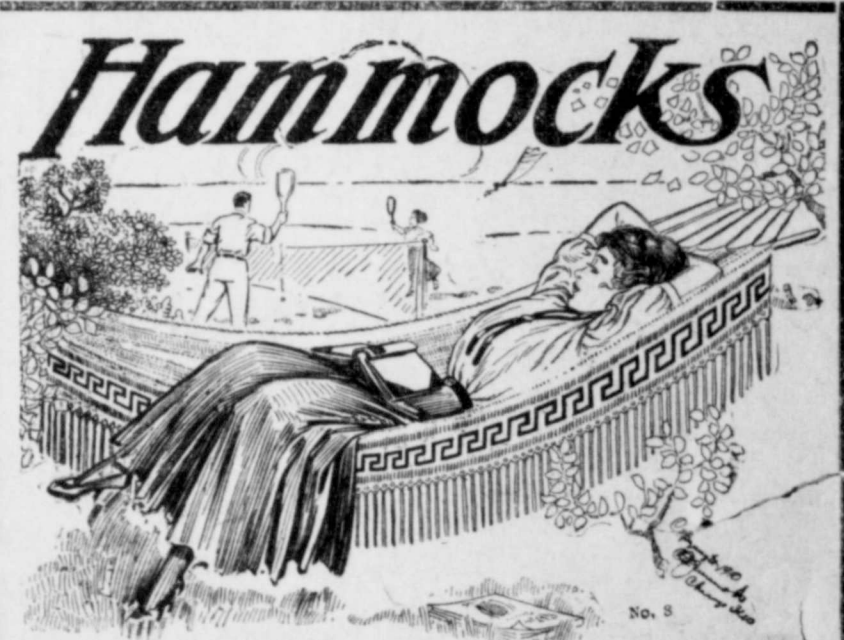
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TELEPHONE No. 61

If you have visitors, or if you know any item which would be of interest to readers of The Mail, the editor would appreciate a note or a telephone message to that effect. Or, if an occurrence of unusual interest transpires, a reporter will be promptly sent for full particulars.

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FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1911

T. & P. TIME TABLE.

EAST BOUND
Train No. 8, leaves Merkel, 9:02 a.m.
Train No. 4 " " " 11:29 a.m.
Train No. 6 " " " 11:18 p.m.

WEST BOUND
Train No. 5, leaves Merkel, 5:31 a.m.
Train No. 7 " " " 5:11 p.m.
Train No. 3 " " " 6:26 p.m.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read

You will need your tax receipt to vote on July 22. Better put it in your pocket and be ready.

If you want your children transferred from one school district to another it will have to be done before August 1.

By inquiring of the various farmers who have been in town since the recent rains we find that the neighborhoods of Stith, Shiloh and Nubia had good rains and that most all other parts had only light showers. While the rain was partial the whole country was benefitted and the farmers think we still have a good prospect for a good crop.

Judge A. W. Terrell who is now more than 80 years old and has for many years been prominent in politics and a leading anti-prohibitionist in publicly confessing his mistake said: Experience is a terrible teacher. The open saloon has wrought havoc with my posterity. The thorns that pierce me are from the tree I planted; they tear me and I bleed.

There's nothing on earth so mysteriously funny as an advertisement. The prime, first and last and all the time, objects to an advertisement is to draw custom. It is not and never will be, designed for any other purpose. So the merchant waits till the busy season comes and his store is so full of customers that he can't get his hat off, then he rushes to his printer and goes in for advertising. When the dull season gets along and there is no trade and he wants to sell his goods so bad he can't pay his rent, he stops advertising. That is, some of them do; but occasionally a level headed merchant does more of it, and scoops in all of the business, while his neighbors are making mortgages to pay the gas bill. There are times when you couldn't stop people from buying everything in the store if you planted a cannon behind the door and that's the time when the advertisement is sent out on its

holy mission. It makes light work for the advertising, for a chalk sign on the side walk could do all that was needed, and a half holiday six days in a week; but who wants to favor an advertisement? They are built to do hard work, and should be sent out in dull days, when a customer has to be knocked down with hard facts, and kicked insensible with bankrupt reductions, and dragged in with irresistible slaughter of prices, before he will spend a cent. That's the end and aim of advertising and if ever you open a store, don't try to get them to come when they are already sticking out of the windows, but give them your advertisement right between the eyes in a dull season and you will wax rich and own a fast horse and perhaps be able to smoke a cigar once or twice a year. Write this down where you'll fall over it every day. The time to draw business is when you want business, and not when you have more business than you can tend to already.—Midland Reporter.

Meeting Stockholders.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Merkel Mail Printing Company was held last week in the directors' room of the First National Bank.

A statement of the business transacted for the past year and condition at the present was pleasing to all present and showed that in spite of the depressed conditions the Mail was receiving a liberal patronage from our people, for which we are all grateful. It was the sense of the meeting that the paper be published and the plant operated upon the most economical plans until conditions would justify further progress and improvement. The investment of the stockholders of this company was not for profit but to give to our town and country the best paper possible and the profits of operation will be used for that purpose.

The following are the officers elected: J. G. Jackson, president; I. S. Allen, secretary and treasurer; H. T. Merritt, vice-president and the board of directors are as follows: J. G. Jackson, G. E. Comegys, I. S. Allen, H. T. Merritt and T. J. Coggin.

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.

Our buyers will be off to market in a few days to buy new goods, so we are making especially low prices on all summer goods to make room for fall goods which will begin to come in in the next 30 days. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

W. D. Woodroof who is now at Waxahachie is in Merkel this week looking after the Merkel branch of their extensive dry goods business.

Miss Pearl Talbot of Brownwood has been elected music teacher at the southside building.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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

Will Hutcheson of Trent visited his father Tuesday.

N. D. Cobb and J. W. Daniel were in Abilene Monday.

P. R. Jordan of Paducah spent a few days in Merkel this week.

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

Dr. J. A. Adkisson and family are visiting relatives in Putnam.

Miss Cleo Bowler of Terrel visited Mrs. W. A. Scott Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mercer of Rogers, Bell county, announce a boy at their house.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Adcock are the happy parents of a fine daughter born this week.

Mrs. W. A. Riney of Abilene is visiting her sister Mrs. Asa Shepard this week.

Marvin Womack of Royce, Texas who has been visiting Frank Sears and family left for home Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Mims left Wednesday morning for a month's visit to friends and relatives at Nacogdoches.

Anyone needing a second-hand folding upright or mantel bed will save money by seeing what we have to offer. The Furniture People—Behrens-McMillen Company.

Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Keith who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Guitar left for their home in Fort Worth Wednesday.

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The Steam Engine

The record of civilization is accurately written in the progress of the steam engine. The use of steam has enlarged the purposes of the human race, built up civilization and developed mankind. Of all the potential energies, it is the most useful and it renders a service to every living creature.

The steam engine has been in more political brawls than any other force in nature and the politicians have been trying title with the owners ever since it became a factor in transportation. This mighty force of nature has often been handicapped by having boards and commissions placed over it who have neither knowledge or experience in the business and free railroads have become as popular a campaign issue as free trade.



Railroad mileage is the yard stick of progress. We have in Texas 14,000 miles of railroad and rank first of all states in the Union in mileage. In miles per area, we rank fourth, having 5.15 miles of railroad per 100 square miles of territory. In mileage per population, we rank nineteenth, having 38.43 miles of railroad per 10,000 people.

The comparative test of railroad facilities is in miles per area. If we had the mileage per area that the state of Illinois has we would have 55,500 miles; that Indiana has 54,000 miles and that Iowa has 46,000 miles. We have only 14,000 miles.

According to the last interstate commerce commission report, compiled June 30, 1909, we constructed 273 miles during the previous year and ranked fourth in the list of states in the Union in construction during the year. We are more in need of railroad construction than any other state in the Union. The railroad development of Texas has not kept pace with the development of other lines of industry. Our railroad mileage during the past ten years has increased 35 per cent; the value of manufactured products has increased 92 per cent; the value of farm lands 157 per cent and the development of all lines of industry has been retarded for want of railroad facilities.

Texas is the most important field in railroad construction of any state in the Union. According to the 1910 comptroller's report, we have forty-seven counties in Texas without railroad facilities and we have approximately 40,000,000 acres of territory that is a distance of ten miles and over from a railroad.

LOCAL PRIDE IS HER MANIA
Woman From Iceland Even Asserts Fishermen There Bait Their Hooks With Anesthetics.

Local pride becomes easily a matter of mania and the further and more primitive the locality the greater the pride. A woman from Iceland, the wife of a well-known Icelandic scholar, was spending the winter in New York. Local pride gave her no rest. She held that day lost in which she had not pointed out to some one something that was better done in Iceland than in the States. One evening while she was dining with a friend the conversation turned upon the work of the S. P. C. A.

"In Iceland," said the victim of local pride, "we have no need of humanitarian societies. Cruelty is unknown among us. We are naturally a race of humanitarians."

"You are also great fishermen, are you not?" inquired a second guest.

"Oh, certainly," she cried. "Great fishermen! You have no such expert fishermen in the States."

"But what a cruel sport for an island full of humanitarians!" cried the second guest.

"No, indeed!" explained the devoted creature without winking. "No, indeed. In Iceland our fishermen all bait their hook with anesthetics."—New York Sun.

Read the Mail. 1.00 a year.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Nora Hampton will leave this week for Slaton.

Miss Duncan Browning is at home from Abilene.

Mrs. Austin Fitts is in Mansfield visiting Mr. Fitts.

Miss Lillian Faucett of Abilene was a Merkel visitor last week.

Mrs. Mason of Honey Grove is visiting her sister Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Miss Beatrice Hollis is the guest of her cousin Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

Miss Jackson of Groesbeck is visiting her brother J.G. Jackson and family.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

Mrs. G. E. Comegys is in the Alexander sanitarium at Abilene for treatment.

Mrs. Claude Comegys visited her mother in the sanitarium at Abilene Monday.

Mrs. A. K. Rogers and baby of Fort Worth are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

Be sure and attend the Big July Clearing Sale now on at the New Store. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

For summer diarrhoea in children always give Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil, and speedy cure is certain. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. R. A. Martin and daughter Julia are spending a few days with her brother W. C. Calvert near Trent.

A. H. Thornton who has been on the sick list a few days went to Cisco last week to consult a specialist.

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

Miss Ada Brown and Miss Moore who are attending the normal at Abilene were at home Sunday.

LOST—China piece out of a belt pin, between J. E. Paylor's and G. H. Adams. Finder return to Jessie Sutphen.

Now is the time to plant cane seed. We have pure Red Top cane seed at bottom price. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Miss Pearl Talbot of Brownwood, Miss Ethel Hall of Abilene, Mesdames Savage and Hodson of Brownwood were guests of Miss Mamie Rister this week.

A revival meeting will begin at the Presbyterian church on July 23. Services will be conducted by Rev. J. P. Cotton of Tennessee. Everybody invited to attend and assist in the meeting.

Right in your busiest season when you have the least time to spare you are most likely to take diarrhoea and lose several days' time, unless you have Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy at hand and take a dose on the first appearance of the disease. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Piper of Wills Point who has been visiting Mrs. Ben Walters returned home Monday.

You no longer have to order patterns. We have a full stock of Butterick patterns. We can give you any pattern made by the Butterick company. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mrs. Arthur Allison and little son Jack are from Abilene visiting Miss Lulu Thornton.

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.

J. T. Howard returned Tuesday from Dallas and reports that Mrs. Howard who is in a Dallas sanitarium is improving and hopes to be able to come home soon.

SERIAL STORY

ELUSIVE ISABEL

By
JACQUES FUTRELLE

Illustrations by M. KETNER

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SYNOPSIS.

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CHAPTER VII.

The Signal.

"And the original question remains unanswered," remarked Mr. Campbell. "The original question?" repeated Mr. Grimm.

"Where is Prince Benedetto d'Abruzzi, the secret envoy?" his chief reminded him.

"I wonder!" mused the young man. "If the Latin compact is signed in the United States—?"

"The Latin compact will not be signed in the United States," Mr. Grimm interrupted. And then, after a moment: "Have we received any further reports on Miss Thorne? I mean reports from our foreign agents?"

The chief shook his head. "Inevitably, by some act or word, she will lead us to the prince," declared Mr. Grimm, "and the moment he is known to us everything becomes plain sailing. We know she is a secret agent—I expected a denial, but she was quite frank about it. And I had no intention whatever of placing her under arrest. I knew some one in the adjoining room because of a slight noise in there, and I knew she knew it. She raised her voice a little, obviously for the benefit of whoever was there. From that point everything I said and did was to compel that person, whoever it was, to show himself."

His chief nodded, understandingly. Mr. Grimm was silent for a little, then went on:

"The last possibility in my mind at that moment," he confessed, "was that the person in there was the man who shot Senator Alvarez. Frankly I had half an idea that—that it might be the prince in person." Suddenly his mood changed: "And now our lady of mystery may come and go as she likes because I know, even if a dozen of our men have ransacked Washington in vain for the prince, she will inevitably lead us to him. And that reminds me: I should like to borrow Blair, and Hastings, and Johnson. Please plant them so they may keep constant watch on Miss Thorne. Let them report to you, and, wherever I am, I will reach you over the 'phone.'"

"By the way, what was in that sealed packet that was taken from Senator Alvarez?" Campbell inquired curiously.

"It had something to do with some railroad franchises," responded Mr. Grimm as he rose. "I sealed it again and returned it to the senator. Evidently it was not what Signor Petrozini expected to find—in fact, he admitted it wasn't what he was looking for."

For a little while the two men gazed thoughtfully, each into the eyes of the other, then Mr. Grimm entered his private office where he sat for an hour with his immaculate boots on his desk, thinking. A world-war—he had been thrust forward by his government to prevent it—subtle blue-gray eyes—his Highness, Prince Benedetto d'Abruzzi—a haunting smile and scarlet lips.

At about the moment he rose to go out, Miss Thorne, closely veiled, left the Venezuelan legation and walked rapidly down the street to a corner, where, without a word, she entered a waiting automobile. The wheels spun and the car leaped forward. For a mile or more it wound aimlessly in and out, occasionally bisecting its own path; finally Miss Thorne leaned forward and touched the chauffeur on the arm.

"Now!" she said.

The car straightened out into a street of stately residences and scuttled along until the placid bosom of the Potomac came into view; besides that for a few minutes, then over the bridge to the Virginia side, in the dilapidated little city of Alexandria. The car did not slacken its speed, but wound in and out through dingy streets, past tumble-down negro huts, for half an hour before it came to a standstill in front of an old brick mansion.

"This is number ninety-seven," the chauffeur announced.

Miss Thorne entered the house with a key and was gone for ten minutes, perhaps. She was readjusting her veil when she came out and stepped into the car silently. Again it moved forward, on to the end of the dingy street, and finally into the open country. Three, four, five miles, perhaps, out the old Baltimore Road, and again the car stopped, this time in front of an ancient colonial farm-house.

Outwardly the place seemed to be deserted. The blinds, battered and stripped of paint by wind and rain, were all closed, and one corner of the small veranda had crumbled away from age and neglect. A narrow path, strewn with pine needles, led tortuously up to the door. In the rear of the house, rising from an old barn, a thin pole with a cup-like attachment at the apex, thrust its point into the open above the dense, odorous pines. It appeared to be a wireless mast. Miss Thorne passed around the house, and entered the barn.

A man came forward and kissed her—a thin, little man of indeterminate age—drying his hands on a piece of cotton waste. His face was pale with the pallor of one who knows little outdoor life, his eyes deep-set and aglitter with some feverish inward fire, and the thin lips were pressed together in a sharp line. Behind him was a long bench on which were scattered tools of various sorts, fantastically shaped chemical apparatus, two or three electric batteries of odd sizes, and ranged along one end of it, in a row, were a score or more metal spheroids, a shade larger than a one-pound shell. From somewhere in the rear came the clatter of a small gasoline engine, and still farther away was an electric dynamo.

"Is the test arranged, Rosa?" the little man queried eagerly in Italian.

"The date is not fixed yet," she replied in the same language. "It will be, I hope, within the next two weeks. And then—"

"Fame and fortune for both of us," he interrupted with quick enthusiasm. "Ah, Rosa, I have worked and waited so long for this, and now it will come, and with it the dominion of the world again by our country. How will I know when the date is fixed? It would not be well to write me here."

My lady of mystery stroked the slender, nervous hand caressingly, and a great affection shone in the blue-gray eyes.

"At eight o'clock on the night of the test," she explained, "still speaking Italian, 'a single light will appear at the apex of the capitol dome in Washington. That is the signal agreed upon; it can be seen by all in the city, and is visible here from the window of your bedroom.'"

"Yes, yes," he exclaimed. The feverish glitter in his eyes deepened. "If there is a fog, of course you will not attempt the test," she went on.

"No, not in a fog," he put in quickly. "It must be clear."

"And if it is clear you can see the light in the dome without difficulty."

"And all your plans are working out well?"

"Yes. And yours?"

"I don't think there is any question but that both England and the United States will buy. Do you know what it means? Do you know what it means?" He was silent a moment, his hands working nervously. Then, with an effort: "And his Highness?"

"His Highness is safe." The subtle eyes grew misty, thoughtful for a moment, then cleared again. "He is safe," she repeated.

"Mexico and Venezuela were—?" he began.

"We don't know, yet, what they will do. The Venezuelan answer is locked in the safe at the legation; I will know what it is within forty-eight hours." She was silent a little. "Our difficulty now, our greatest difficulty, is the hostility of the French ambassador to the compact. His government has not yet notified him of the presence of Prince d'Abruzzi; he does not believe in the feasibility of the plan, and we have to—to proceed to extremes to prevent him working against us."

"But they must see the incalculable advantages to follow upon such a compact, with the vast power that will be given to them over the whole earth by this." He indicated the long, littered work-table. "They must see it."

"They will see it, Luigi," said Miss Thorne gently. "And now, how are you? Are you well? Are you comfortable? It's such a dreary old place here."

"I suppose so," he replied, and he met the solicitous blue-gray eyes for an instant. "Yes, I am quite comfortable," he added. "I have no time to be otherwise with all the work I must do. It will mean so much!"

They were both silent for a time. Finally Miss Thorne walked over to

the long table and curiously lifted one of the spheroids. It was a sinister looking thing, nicked, glittering. At one end of it was a delicate, vibratory apparatus, not unlike the transmitter of a telephone, and the other end was threaded, as if the spheroid was made as an attachment to some other device.

"With that we control the world!" exclaimed the man triumphantly. "And it's mine, Rosa, mine!"

"It's wonderful!" she mused softly. "Wonderful! And now I must go. I may not see you again until after the test, because I shall be watched and followed wherever I go. If I get an opportunity I shall reach you by telephone, but not even that unless it is necessary. There is always danger, always danger!" she repeated thoughtfully. She was thinking of Mr. Grimm.

"I understand," said the man simply.

"And look out for the signal—the light in the apex of the capitol dome," she went on. "I understand the night must be perfectly clear; and you understand that the test is to be made promptly at three o'clock by your chronometer?"

"At three o'clock," he repeated.

For a moment they stood with their arms around each other, then tenderly his visitor kissed him, and went out. He remained looking after her vacantly until the chug-chug of her automobile, as it moved off down the road, was lost in the distance, then turned again to the long work-table.

CHAPTER VIII.

Miss Thorne and Not Miss Thorne.

From a pleasant, wide-open bay-window of her apartments on the second floor, Miss Thorne looked out upon the avenue with inscrutable eyes. Behind the closely drawn shutters of another bay-window, farther down the avenue, on the corner, she knew a man named Hastings was hiding; she knew that for an hour or more he had been watching her as she wrote. In the other direction, in a house near the corner, another man named Blair was similarly ensconced, and he, too, had been watching as she wrote. There should be a third man, Johnson. Miss Thorne curiously studied the face of each passer-by, seeking therein something to remember.

She sat at the little mahogany desk and a note with the ink yet wet upon it lay face up before her. It was addressed to Signor Pietro Petrozini in the district prison, and read:

"My Dear Friend:

"I have been waiting to write you with the hope that I could report Senator Alvarez out of danger, but his condition, I regret to say, remains unchanged. Shall I send an attorney to you? Would you like a book of any kind? Or some delicacy sent in from a restaurant? Can I be of any service to you in any way? If I can please drop me a line.

"Sincerely,

"ISABEL THORNE."

At last she rose and standing in the window read the note over, folded it, placed it in an envelope and sealed it. A maid came in answer to her ring, and there at the window, under the watchful eyes of Blair and Hastings—and, perhaps, Johnson—she handed the note to the maid with instructions to mail it immediately. Two minutes later she saw the maid go out along the avenue to a post-box on the corner.

Then she drew back into the shadow of the room, slipped on a dark-colored wrap, and standing away from the window, safe beyond the reach of prying eyes, waited patiently for the postman. He appeared about five o'clock and simultaneously another man turned the corner near the post-box and spoke to him. Then, together, they disappeared from view around the corner.

"So that's Johnson, is it?" mused Miss Thorne, and she smiled a little. "Mr. Grimm certainly pays me the compliment of having me carefully watched."

A few minutes later she dropped into the seat at the desk again. The dark wrap had been thrown aside and Hastings and Blair from their hiding places could see her distinctly. After a while they saw her rise quickly, as an automobile turned into the avenue, and lean toward the window eagerly looking out. The car came to a standstill in front of the legation, and Mr. Cadwallader, an under-secretary of the British embassy, who was alone in the car, raised his cap. She nodded and smiled, then disappeared in the shadows of the room again.

Mr. Cadwallader went to the door, spoke to the servant there, then returned and busied himself about the car. Hastings and Blair watched intently both the door and the window for a long time; finally a closely veiled and muffled figure appeared at the bay-window, and waved a gloved hand at Mr. Cadwallader, who again lifted his cap. A minute later the veiled woman came out of the front door, shook hands with Mr. Cadwallader, and got in the car. He also climbed in, and the car moved slowly away.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Economy in Smoke Prevention.

After remarking that there can be no hope of the general adoption of means to prevent the fouling of the air of great cities with factory smoke unless it can be demonstrated that the adoption of such means will result in the saving of money to the makers of the smoke, Prof. J. A. Switzer of the University of Tennessee records the result of experiments which he has made with smoke consumers based on the principle of injecting, with steam-jets, fresh air into the furnaces whenever fresh fuel is put upon the fires. He finds that the claim that such apparatus increases the efficiency of boilers by increasing the evaporation of the water is well founded, and that there is a real economy in their use.—Youth's Companion.



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BREEDS OF CHICKENS

Largest Fowls Are Represented in Meat Class.

Choice of Variety Depends Upon Purpose for Which They Are to Be Kept—Plymouth Rock Classed as General Purpose.

(By G. ARTHUR BELL, U. S. Department of Agriculture.)

For convenience, chickens may be classified as egg breeds, meat breeds, general-purpose breeds, and fancy or ornamental breeds. This is a somewhat arbitrary classification and must be understood as expressing general characteristics, for not only many of the general-purpose breeds, but also many individuals of the meat and fancy breeds are good layers. One person might class a certain breed as a meat breed, while another would place the same breed in the general-purpose class.

The egg breeds include the small or medium-sized fowls which are very active, quick to mature, producers of white-shelled eggs, usually non-sitters or at most poor sitters, and rather poor mothers. The various varieties of Leghorns and Minorcas are good representatives of this class. Because they are poor sitters, some other breed, or at least a few other fowls, should be kept if natural methods of incubation are to be employed. On account of their early maturity it is not uncommon for individuals to begin laying at the age of four and one-half months. As mentioned above, these breeds are very active and do not fatten as readily under ordinary conditions as the larger and less active breeds. The fowls of this class have large combs and wattles, which make them rather sensitive to low temperatures.

The largest fowls are represented in the meat class, and these breeds are

especially suitable for the production of large roasters. They are slow and somewhat sluggish in movement, with little desire for foraging, easily confined by low fences, rather slow to mature, persistent sitters, and rather indifferent layers of large brown shelled eggs. Many poultrymen, however, are getting very good egg yield from them. The Brahmas, Cochins and Langshans may be mentioned as belonging to this class.

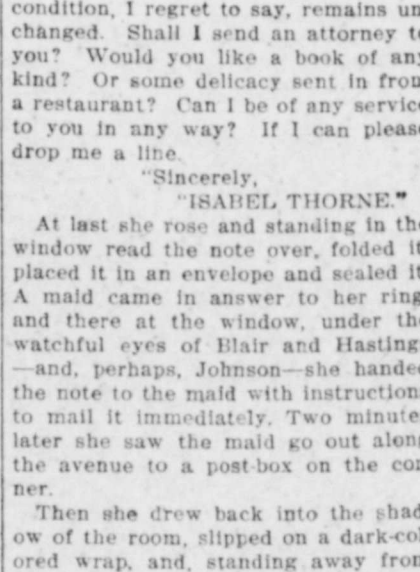
The general-purpose breed includes fowls which are fair of size and which will also produce a good quality of brown-shelled eggs, making them especially adapted to the person wishing a supply of both eggs and meat. As one has to make frequent sales of fowl in the shape of surplus cockerels and hens, the carcass as well as egg production should be considered. The general-purpose breeds are usually good sitters and good mothers. They have medium-sized combs and wattles and endure cold weather well. They occupy a medium position between the egg and meat breeds as to size, egg production and docility. The Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Orpingtons and Rhode Island Reds are good representatives of this class.

The choice of a variety of fowls will depend largely on the purpose for which they are to be kept, the market demands, and whether sitters or non-sitters are desired. If eggs are desired for the market and the market calls for eggs having white shells, one of the Mediterranean varieties will be suitable. If eggs that have brown shells are required, one of the American or Asiatic varieties may be chosen. Where meat is the chief object the heavy-bodied fowls, such as the Asiatics, should be chosen. If fowls are to be kept for the production of both eggs and meat, some variety of the general-purpose class should be chosen. While these do not attain the great size of the Asiatics, they are sufficiently large to be reared for meat and, at the same time, have the tendency for egg production developed sufficiently to produce a large number of eggs during the year.

Hammer Run by Foot Power

Arranged With Heavy Wooden Handle to Which Curved Piece of Iron Is Attached.

The hammer is fitted with a heavy wood handle to which a curved piece of iron is attached with clamps, and



Hammer Attached to Anvil Block.

braced with a rod as shown, says a writer in Popular Mechanics. The yoke at the fulcrum is fastened securely to the handle and also to the bar-iron brace. The brace is attached to an L-shaped bracket on the anvil block, so it can be raised and lowered to permit the hammer to strike with the face parallel to the work. The bell-crank lever is attached to the side of the anvil block with the foot piece near the operator. If several holes are drilled in the top part of the bell-crank, the length of the stroke can be adjusted.

WELL-WATERED COWS.

The farmer advertised milk from well-fed cows. The milk dealer, not to be outdone, advertised milk from well-watered cows.

YIELD OF COTTON IN 1910

Department of Agriculture Figures That Area Was About 33,418,000 Acres.

Revised figures of the department of agriculture's cotton crop indicate the area planted to cotton in 1910 was about 33,418,000 acres, instead of 33,196,000 acres, as estimated last June. The yield per acre in 1910 is estimated at 170.7 pounds and the area picked at 32,304,000 acres. Revised details by states for 1910 follow:

State	Acres Planted	Acres Picked	Yield
Alabama	1,512,000	1,478,000	227
Arkansas	2,275,000	2,238,000	175
Georgia	4,970,000	4,873,000	173
Florida	268,000	257,000	110
Alabama	3,423,000	3,360,000	169
Mississippi	3,429,000	3,317,000	152
Louisiana	1,675,000	1,625,000	120
Texas	10,350,000	10,090,000	145
Arkansas	2,275,000	2,238,000	175
Tennessee	783,000	753,000	207
Missouri	103,000	100,000	285
Oklahoma	2,250,000	2,204,000	200
California	16,000	8,000	335
United States	33,418,000	32,304,000	170.7

WRONG SORT

Perhaps Plain Old Meat, Potatoes and Bread May Be Against You for a Time.

A change to the right kind of food can lift one from a sick bed. A lady in Welden, Ill., says:

"Last spring I became bed-fast with severe stomach troubles accompanied by sick headache. I got worse and worse until I became so low I could scarcely retain any food at all, although I tried about every kind.

"I had become completely discouraged, and given up all hope, and thought I was doomed to starve to death, until one day my husband, trying to find something I could retain, brought home some Grape-Nuts.

"To my surprise the food agreed with me, digested perfectly and without distress. I began to gain strength at once. My flesh (which had been flabby), grew firmer, my health improved in every way and every day, and in a very few weeks I gained 20 pounds in weight.

"I liked Grape-Nuts so well that for four months I ate no other food, and always felt as well satisfied after eating as if I had sat down to a fine banquet.

"I had no return of the miserable sick stomach nor of the headaches, that I used to have when I ate other food. I am now a well woman, doing all my own work again, and feel that life is worth living.

"Grape-Nuts food has been a God-send to my family; it surely saved my life; and my two little boys have thriven on it wonderfully." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Take Care of Moisture.

President Worst of the North Dakota Agricultural college in discussing the escape of water from the soil said:

"If I were to come onto your farm and set 750 teams to work for a week hauling water onto a quarter section at the rate of four tons a day, I would then only put on as much water as evaporates in a week when there is a good moisture content in the soil." He further said: "A thorough harrowing will stop this evaporation and save that amount of water."

This being true, let us keep the crust broken on the surface of the cultivated land and every foot of the soil covered with a fine mulch of loose earth and thus take care of the moisture in the ground.

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A great and valuable knowledge is to know when not to talk. A with the power of speech can talk, but it takes a wise head to keep silent.

Right to a Dot.

"I can tell you," said he, "how much water runs over Niagara falls to a quart."

"How much?" asked she.

"Two pints."—Christian Advocate.

A Catastrophe.

A cat was being chased along the roof of a New York building. It lost its balance and fell on a boy who was standing on a balcony on the second floor. The startled boy fell in his turn, landing on a baby carriage, fortunately empty, which another boy was wheeling in the street. The first boy dislocated his wrist; the cat was killed.

CARING FOR TUBERCULOSIS

Thirty-Nine State and 114 Local Sanatoria Provided, but These Are Only a Beginning.

In spite of the fact that state sanatoria and hospitals for tuberculosis have been established in 31 states, and 114 municipal or county hospitals, 26 states, vastly more public provision is needed to stamp out consumption, says the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. Nearly every state east of the Mississippi river has provided a state sanatorium, and west of the Mississippi river, state sanatoria have been established in Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Oregon. There are 38 sanatoria provided by these states. Massachusetts having four, Connecticut and Pennsylvania three and Texas two. Including special pavilions and almshouses, there are 114 municipal or county hospitals for the care of tuberculosis patients.

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WRONG SORT

Perhaps Plain Old Meat, Potatoes and Bread May Be Against You for a Time. A change to the right kind of food can lift one from a sick bed. A lady in Welden, Ill., says: "Last spring I became bed-fast with severe stomach troubles accompanied by sick headache. I got worse and worse until I became so low I could scarcely retain any food at all, although I tried about every kind. "I had become completely discouraged, and given up all hope, and thought I was doomed to starve to death, until one day my husband, trying to find something I could retain, brought home some Grape-Nuts. "To my surprise the food agreed with me, digested perfectly and without distress. I began to gain strength at once. My flesh (which had been flabby), grew firmer, my health improved in every way and every day, and in a very few weeks I gained 20 pounds in weight. "I liked Grape-Nuts so well that for four months I ate no other food, and always felt as well satisfied after eating as if I had sat down to a fine banquet. "I had no return of the miserable sick stomach nor of the headaches, that I used to have when I ate other food. I am now a well woman, doing all my own work again, and feel that life is worth living. "Grape-Nuts food has been a God-send to my family; it surely saved my life; and my two little boys have thriven on it wonderfully." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a reason." Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Take Care of Moisture.

President Worst of the North Dakota Agricultural college in discussing the escape of water from the soil said: "If I were to come onto your farm and set 750 teams to work for a week hauling water onto a quarter section at the rate of four tons a day, I would then only put on as much water as evaporates in a week when there is a good moisture content in the soil." He further said: "A thorough harrowing will stop this evaporation and save that amount of water."

This being true, let us keep the crust broken on the surface of the cultivated land and every foot of the soil covered with a fine mulch of loose earth and thus take care of the moisture in the ground.


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Burglar Befriended Him.

A burglar was arrested for robbing a house up the state some time since, and the next morning the victim rushed wildly into the magistrate's office. As soon as he could get his breath to working again he told the official that he had come to see about the prisoner.

"Glad you came down," was the affable response of the magistrate. "I suppose you want to appear against him."

"Well, I guess not!" exclaimed the victim with a glad smile. "I want to kiss him on the brow and give him \$10. Among other things that he stole from the house was a package of love letters that I wrote to my wife before we were married."

NATURALLY.



Hi—Did you notify the police of the robbery?
Dix—Yes, and I am expecting at any moment to hear that they have arrested the wrong man.

Romance is not altogether dead. Even the most hardened old bachelor has a withered flower somewhere in his possession.

The silk stocking girl is very much in evidence.

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with cream or stewed fruit—or both.

Some people make an entire breakfast out of this combination.

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Types of the Christian Life

By Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, Chicago

TEXT—Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.—John 11:5.

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Jesus loved them all. Yet he loved each of them. Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Each of them has a place in his heart. Yet they are so different. Jesus does not ask for monotony, but variety in his kingdom. The kingdom of grace is like the kingdom of nature. No two varieties are alike. In my Father's house are many mansions. One family, but many members. One home, but many hearts.

That was the revelation of God's character in the Old Testament. He was the son of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob. How different they were. Abraham—the faithful, the consecrated, the pathfinder. Isaac—the lackadaisical, the indifferent, the father of an illustrious son, the son of an illustrious father. Jacob—the Jew—crafty and cunning, yet tender-hearted and visionary, and God was the father of each and yet loved them all.

The fault with us is we want religion to level human nature at a dead uniformity, and we think Christians should all be conformed to our type, forgetting that Christ is the universal type—so universal that we may all be unlike each other and yet all be like him. It is the fault that belongs to our education. We grind all our children through the same mill. Black and white, delicate and robust, brilliant and dunderhead, they must all submit to the same polishing process.

It is the fault of our church system, also. We want to level down the whole congregation to our own miserable level. We think Christ has conceived in us the true conception of the saint. There is the Sunday school type and the Christian Endeavor type and the prayer meeting type. There is the elder type and the trustee type. The W. C. T. U. type and the Y. M. C. A. type. The temperance type and the missionary type. There is the Presbyterian and the Methodist and the Baptist type. The Mary and the Martha and the Lazarus type. But the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind, and all may be included in his all-embracing love.

Let us remember that Jesus loved Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Mary the passive, Martha the active, and Lazarus the patient. Mary—satisfied to do without. Martha—to do. Lazarus—to do without. Mary—the waiter. Martha—the worker. Lazarus—the watcher. Mary content to sit. Martha content to serve. Lazarus content to suffer. And Jesus loved each and he loved all.

Jesus loved Martha. That is what the record says. The active, busy serving Christian Martha. She is in the majority today and is greatly in demand. Sometimes she is apt to think she is the only one whom the Lord loves. She has much Scripture to quote in favor of her disposition and she has the authority of great men who favor the strenuous life. What doth the Lord require of thee but do justly and to love mercy. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

Martha is everywhere respected and honored today because she does things. She is the Sunday school, the prayer meeting, the church services, the missionary society, the ladies' aid. She is cooking, praying, sewing, visiting, collecting for the kingdom of God, until when night comes she falls asleep too tired to say her prayers. And Jesus loved Martha. And we must love her too. A religion that finds its joy in service and in consecrated activity is apt to be a moral power. A religion that finds God nearer in moments of sentiment or musical ecstasy, instead of in moments of moral endeavor, is extremely dangerous. Jesus loved Martha.

Jesus loved Mary. Mary—the quiet, retiring sister who sat at his feet. Mary's claim to recognition came from being willing to wait upon his words. She is like the beautiful picture through which you look into the great far beyond. She is like whispering music singing comfort into troubled hearts.

In a world of sin and turmoil Mary sat in the confidence of a beautiful trust. She was like another beautiful girl upon whose tombstone her friends carved the words: "It was easier to be good when she was with us." That was Mary's tribute. "What interests the world in Mr. Gladstone," writes John Morley, "is even more what he was than what he did." What interests the world in Jesus is not so much his beautiful teaching as his more beautiful life.

It was a hard lesson for Elijah to learn. He was the child of the storm and the tempest. He lived in reformations and revolutions. "Behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and brake in pieces the rocks before Jehovah."

My dear friends, let us not take away from the boundless power the love of God. He loved Mary and Martha and Lazarus. All with their differences. And they all loved him. Mary sits at his feet. Martha hurries to supply his wants. And Lazarus is content to glorify him with his radiant resurrection glory. With all our differences and misunderstandings and selfishness we love him and each in turn is loved by him.

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Torpid Liver

Her Father's Child.

The six-year-old daughter of a well-known evangelistic preacher was playing on the sidewalk one day when a shabbily dressed and downcast man approached her father's house. Halting at the foot of the steps, he looked at her, and in a weary voice—the voice of an unsuccessful book agent—he asked if her father might be found in his study. "He isn't home," said the little girl, drawing close to him, and gazing up into the tired face, "but he'll be home pretty soon. You go into the house, you poor, perishing soul, and mother'll look after you till he comes."—Youth's Companion.

A Busy Place.

"Where is that spot you call the 'young man's'?" diffidently asks the young man while the young lady waits on the hotel piazza. "Right down yonder," replies the clerk. "Just keep going until you see the porter from the barber shop. Lovers' lane is so crowded now that we have him stationed there to give the guests checks, so that each may have his turn."—Judge's Library.

Sensitive.

"You don't like educated Indians?" "Oh, yes, I like them well enough, but I always feel a sense of shame when I meet one. He knows that my ancestors cheated his ancestors out of their land, and he knows that I know he knows it."

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Possibly Display of Bill of Gorgeous Denomination May Have Had Some Effect.

A southerner who was visiting St. Louis wandered into the dining room of the hotel and, seeing a negro servant who had all the importance of an army officer standing near the door, asked him who the "head nigger" was around there. The negro stretched himself to his full height and pompously replied that "there ain't no niggers in St. Louis, sah. We is all gem'men of color."

"Well," said the southerner, drawing a \$100 bill from his pocket and fingering it, "I expect to be at the hotel for some time and want to make sure that I will be taken care of."

"Oh, sah," said the negro, whose eyes were popping from his head, "did you want to know who the head nigger waiter is? That's me."—Allentown Call.

A DIFFERENT ENTRANCE.



First Burglar—I see that Mr. Bill-yuns entered his yacht in the July races and got a \$100 silver cup.

Second Burglar—I've got him beat a block. I entered a yacht las' week an' got a whole silver service.

Settled Them.

"I've a sight o' sons—thirteen altogether," remarked a prosperous old farmer, "and all of 'em's done me credit save the three eldest, who sowed wild oats at a pretty rapid rate, and then came home and saddled my shoulders with the harvest.

"Well, I own I was glad to see 'em back, and I feasted 'em, and petted 'em, and set 'em on their legs again, only to see 'em skeddaddle off afresh only to see 'em skeddaddle off afresh when things had slowed down, with all the cash they could lay hands on.

"That thereabouts sickened me, so I called the rest of 'em together and 'There's ten of you left, and if any of you 'ud like to follow 'o'other three I won't try to stop you. But, understand this, though there may be a few more prodigal sons, there'll be no more fattened calves. I've killed the last of 'em!"

"And," continued the old man, triumphantly, "I've had trouble wi' none of 'em since!"

To Make Fruit Jar Rubbers Last.

To have fruit jar rubbers last, keep them well covered in a jar full of flour until used, and as soon as removed from empty jars. One can then afford a good quality of rubbers, as kept thus they will safely last several seasons. When there is doubt of old rubbers, they may often be made to eke out one more season by using two of the rubbers to each jar and screwing down tight. Always stand newly filled jars upside down until cool, to test the tops and rubbers.—Designer.

Exactly.

Noting that another piece of valuable china had been broken. Senator Allen asked his housekeeper how the breakage occurred, and she hastily replied:

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6.50 Messaline Petticoats	4.50
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3.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.85
2.00 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.35
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\$5.00 Combination suits, handsome garment now	\$2.50
3.50 Combination suits, handsome garment now	1.75
2.50 Combination suits, handsome garment now	1.25
2.25 Combination suits, handsome garment now	1.15
3.50 Chemise, nicely trimmed now	1.75
3.00 Chemise, nicely trimmed now	1.50
2.50 Chemise, nicely trimmed now	1.25
2.50 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	1.25
2.25 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	1.15
2.00 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	1.00
1.50 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	75c
1.00 Ladies drawers lace and embroidery trim.	50c
3.00 Ladies gowns lace and embroidery trimmed	2.20
2.00 Ladies gowns lace and embroidery trimmed	1.50
1.00 Ladies gowns lace and embroidery trimmed	65c

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

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

Ladies and Misses gingham dresses handsomely made and trimmed sold regular for \$4.00 now	\$2.75
Our regular \$5.00 gingham dress	3.50
Our regular 6.00 tailored dress in black and white and blue and white now	\$3.85
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We are making the bottom prices on all our Ready-to-Wear. You can buy a dress or suit here now for what you would pay for the goods in the piece, but they must go and we have reduced every garment in the house from 1/4, 1/3 to 1/2 off their regular price.

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3.50 White House slippers	2.95
3.00 White House slippers	2.50
2.50 pumps and slippers	2.10
2.00 pumps and slippers	1.65
1.75 pumps and slippers	1.40
1.50 pumps and slippers	1.25

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

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Laces and Embroidery

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

27 in. flouncing worth 50 to 65c	28c
42 in. flouncing worth \$2.00 now	\$1.25
27 in. allover embroidery worth 50c to 65c now	38c
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We have a line of Ladies Waists, Blouses, lawn and linen Skirts that we will close out at half price.

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

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Best grade prints	5c
20 yards good soft bleaching	\$1.00
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12 1/2c madras gingham	10c

DRESS GOODS AND TRIMMINGS

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

JULY CLEARANCE

Miscellaneous Articles

\$2.00 Ladies silk lisle union suits	\$1.00
50c Ladies knit pants	35c
50c Vests	35c
25c Vests	18c
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50c Bath towels (pair)	40c
50c and 60c Linen towels	40c
9 x 12 Fiber art square	\$3.30
25c Curtain scrim	15c
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8.50 Skirts all kinds now for	6.00
7.50 Skirts all kinds now for	5.50
6.50 Skirts all kinds now for	4.75
5.00 Skirts all kinds now for	3.85
6.50 Messaline Petticoats	4.50
5.00 Silk Petticoats now for	3.50
3.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats	2.50
2.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.85
2.00 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.35
1.50 Heatherbloom Petticoats	1.10
1.00 Heatherbloom Petticoats	.75
.85 Gingham Petticoats	.55
.75 Gingham Petticoats	.45
7.50 Silk Kimonas	5.00
5.00 Silk Kimonas	4.00
1.50 Crepe Kimonas	1.10
2.50 Crepe Kimonas	1.65
2.00 Gingham Dresses	1.00

MILLINERY CLEARANCE

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

ONE-HALF PRICE

UNDERPRICED MUSLINS

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

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

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

DRESSES AND SUITS

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

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

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

MILLINERY CLEARANCE

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

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JULY CLEARANCE Summer Footwear

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

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

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

JULY CLEARANCE Laces and Embroidery

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

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

JULY CLEARANCE LADIES' WAISTS

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

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

These prices will move these goods. Don't fail to see them.

JULY CLEARANCE STAPLES

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

DRESS GOODS AND TRIMMINGS

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

JULY CLEARANCE Miscellaneous Articles

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

TRUNKS AND SUITCASES

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

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

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Types of the Christian Life

By Dr. Hugh T. Kerr, Chicago

TEXT—Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.—John 11:5.

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. Jesus loved them all. Yet he loved each of them. Martha and Mary and Lazarus. Each of them has a place in his heart. Yet they are so different. Jesus does not ask for monotony, but variety in his kingdom. The kingdom of grace is like the kingdom of nature. No two varieties are alike. In my Father's house are many mansions. One family, but many members. One home, but many hearts.

That was the revelation of God's character in the Old Testament. He was the son of Abraham, of Isaac, of Jacob. How different they were. Abraham—the faithful, the consecrated, the pathfinder. Isaac—the lackadaisical, the indifferent, the father of an illustrious son, the son of an illustrious father. Jacob—the Jew—crafty and cunning, yet tender-hearted and visionary, and God was the father of each and yet loved them all.

The fault with us is we want religion to level human nature at a dead uniformity, and we think Christians should all be conformed to our type, forgetting that Christ is the universal type—so universal that we may all be unlike each other and yet all be like him. It is the fault that belongs to our education. We grind all our children through the same mill. Black and white, delicate and robust, brilliant and dumberhead, they must all submit to the same polishing process.

It is the fault of our church system, also. We want to level down the whole congregation to our own miserable level. We think Christ has conceived in us the true conception of the saint. There is the Sunday school type and the Christian Endeavor type and the prayer meeting type. There is the elder type and the trustee type. The W. C. T. U. type and the Y. M. C. A. type. The temperance type and the missionary type. There is the Presbyterian and the Methodist and the Baptist type. The Mary and the Martha and the Lazarus type. But the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind, and all may be included in his all embracing love.

Let us remember that Jesus loved Mary and Martha and Lazarus. Mary the passive, Martha the active, and Lazarus the patient. Mary—satisfied to do. Martha—to do. Lazarus—to do without. Mary—the waiter. Martha—the worker. Lazarus—the watcher. Mary content to sit. Martha content to serve. Lazarus content to suffer. And Jesus loved each and he loved all.

Jesus loved Martha. That is what the record says. The active, busy serving Christian Martha. She is in the majority today and is greatly in demand. Sometimes she is apt to think she is the only one whom the Lord loves. She has much Scripture to quote in favor of her disposition and she has the authority of great men who favor the strenuous life. What doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

Martha is everywhere respected and honored today because she does things. She is the Sunday school, the prayer meeting, the church services, the missionary society, the ladies' aid. She is cooking, praying, sewing, visiting, collecting for the kingdom of God, until when night comes she falls asleep too tired to say her prayers. And Jesus loved Martha. And we must love her too. A religion that finds its joy in service and in consecrated activity is apt to be a moral power. A religion that finds God nearer in moments of sentiment or musical ecstasy, instead of in moments of moral endeavor, is extremely dangerous. Jesus loved Martha.

Jesus loved Mary. Mary—the quiet, retiring sister who sat at his feet. Mary's claim to recognition came from being willing to wait upon his words. She is like the beautiful picture through which you look into the great far beyond. She is like whispering music singing comfort into troubled hearts.

In a world of sin and turmoil Mary sat in the confidence of a beautiful trust. She was like another beautiful girl upon whose tombstone her friends carved the words: "It was easier to be good when she was with us." That was Mary's tribute. "What interests the world in Mr. Gladstone," writes John Morley, "is even more what he was than what he did." What interests the world in Jesus is not so much his beautiful teaching as his more beautiful life.

It was a hard lesson for Elijah to learn. He was the child of the storm and the tempest. He lived in reformations and revolutions. "Behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains and brake in pieces the rocks before Jehovah."

My dear friends, let us not take away from the boundless power the love of God. He loved Mary and Martha and Lazarus. All with their differences. And they all loved him. Mary sits at his feet. Martha hurries to supply his wants. And Lazarus is content to glorify him with his radiant resurrection glory. With all our differences and misunderstandings and selfishness we love him and each in turn is loved by him.

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Her Father's Child.
The six-year-old daughter of a well-known evangelistic preacher was playing on the sidewalk one day when a shabbily dressed and downcast man approached her father's house.

Halting at the foot of the steps, he looked at her, and in a weary voice—the voice of an unsuccessful book agent—he asked if her father might be found in his study.

"He isn't home," said the little girl, drawing close to him, and gazing up into the tired face, "but he'll be home pretty soon. You go into the house, you poor, perishing soul, and mother'll look after you till he comes."—Youth's Companion.

A Busy Place.
"Where is that spot you call the 'lovers' lane?" diffidently asks the young man while the young lady waits on the hotel piazza.

"Right down yonder," replies the clerk. "Just keep going until you see the porter from the barber shop. Lovers' lane is so crowded now that we have him stationed there to give the guests checks, so that each may have his turn."—Judge's Library.

Sensitive.
"You don't like educated Indians?" "Oh, yes, I like them well enough, but I always feel a sense of shame when I meet one. He knows that my ancestors cheated his ancestors out of their land, and he knows that I know he knows it."

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Possibly Display of Bill of Gorgeous Denomination May Have Had Some Effect.

A southerner who was visiting St. Louis wandered into the dining room of the hotel and, seeing a negro servant who had all the importance of an army officer standing near the door, asked him who the "head nigger" was around there. The negro stretched himself to his full height and pompously replied that "there ain't no niggers in St. Louis, sah. We is all gentlemen of color."

"Well," said the southerner, drawing a \$100 bill from his pocket and fingering it, "I expect to be at the hotel for some time and want to make sure that I will be taken care of."

"Oh, sah," said the negro, whose eyes were popping from his head, "did you want to know who the head 'nigger waiter' is? That's me."—Allentown Call.

A DIFFERENT ENTRANCE.



First Burglar—I see that Mr. Bill-yuns entered his yacht in the July races and got a \$100 silver cup.

Second Burglar—I've got him beat a block. I entered a yacht last week and got a whole silver service.

Settled Them.
"I've a sight o' sons—thirteen altogether," remarked a prosperous old farmer, "and all of 'em's done me credit save the three eldest, who sowed wild oats at a pretty rapid rate, and then came home and saddled my shoulders with the harvest."

"Well, I own I was glad to see 'em back, and I feasted 'em, and petted 'em, and set 'em on their legs again, only to see 'em skedaddle off afresh only to see 'em skedaddle off afresh when things had slowed down, with all the cash they could lay hands on. "That thereabouts sickened me, so I called the rest of 'em together and "There's ten of you left, and if any of you 'ud like to follow 'tother three I won't try to stop you. But, understand this, though there may be a few more prodigal sons, there'll be no more fattened calves. I've killed the last of 'em!"

"And," continued the old man, triumphantly, "I've had trouble w' none of 'em since!"

To Make Fruit Jar Rubbers Last.
To have fruit jar rubbers last, keep them well covered in a jar full of flour until used, and as soon as removed from empty jars. One can then afford a good quality of rubbers, as kept thus they will safely last several seasons. When there is doubt of old rubbers, they may often be made to eke out one more season by using two of the rubbers to each jar and screwing down tight. Always stand newly filled jars upside down until cool, to test the tops and rubbers.—Designer.

Exactly.
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I know a woman who says she married just for fun. And yet some people claim a woman has no sense of humor!

Modern Ethics.
Do not kick a man when he is down. Turn him over and feel in the other pocket.—Galveston News.

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A burglar was arrested for robbing a house up the state some time since, and the next morning the victim rushed wildly into the magistrate's office. As soon as he could get his breath to working again he told the official that he had come to see about the prisoner.

"Glad you came down," was the affable response of the magistrate. "I suppose you want to appear against him."

"Well, I guess not!" exclaimed the victim with a glad smile. "I want to kiss him on the brow and give him \$10. Among other things that he stole from the house was a package of love letters that I wrote to my wife before we were married."

NATURALLY.

Hit—Did you notify the police of the robbery?
Dix—Yes, and I am expecting at any moment to hear that they have arrested the wrong man.

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Musical.

Miss Mamie Rister entertained with a musicale Friday evening in honor of her friend Miss Pearl Talbot of Brownwood, a member of her houseparty. The following program was rendered:

Piano solo.....Miss Talbot
Vocal solo.....Miss Hall
Piano solo.....Miss Mims
Reading.....Mrs. W. J. Hodson
Piano solo.....Miss Talbot
Vocal solo.....Miss Hall
Piano duet Miss Talbot and Mrs. Savage
Reading.....Mrs. Hodson
Piano solo.....Miss Talbot

Miss Talbot is a most accomplished musician having graduated in Howard Payne of Brownwood and Brenan Conservatory of Georgia. She has also taught in both schools. After the program dainty refreshments were served and a time spent in pleasant social intercourse after which the guests departed voting the occasion quite a delightful one. The members of the houseparty leaving on the night train to spend a few days in Abilene the guests of Miss Ethel Hall.

Picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Whitaker entertained a few of their friends in the younger set Saturday evening. A float crowded with pretty girls chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker left town just at sundown seeking the pleasures of the green grass and trees. Several miles east of town a delicious lunch prepared by the hostess was served. The lunch included bread, chicken, pickles, ice tea, cake and cream. The personnel: Misses Jessie Sutphen, Clara and Mertus Saffles, Pet Sears, Lila Sandlin, Irene Swann, Inice Moon, Ina Wheeler, Ona Hamblet, Mattie Paylor, Mary Gunn, Georgia Moore, Gladys Christopher, Pauline Johnson, Faye Lowrey, Winnie Warren, Nina Wright of Bellvue; Mesdames C. M. Smith of Nacogdoches, Nan Thompson; Lucile and Burton Whitaker.

Sunday School Outing.

Mrs. H. T. Mertitt entertained her Sunday school class with a most enjoyable picnic Wednesday. A float was used to take the children to the McNeese tank where bathing and wading furnished great sport. Then came the big picnic dinner that was served to little Misses Gladys and Tommie Coggin, Willie Swann, Ruth Howard, Ruth Wheeler, Florence Holmes, Bulah and Wilma Garrett, Louise Warren, Annie Collins; Masters Dillard Coggin, Lewis Swann, Booth Warren, Ralph Bigham, Emzy Burroughs, Bob Dennis, Oscar Musick, Will and Harry Merritt, Elbert Touchstone. Chaperoned by Miss Winnie Warren, Mesdames Merritt and Musick.

Apron Party.

A crowd of girl friends, dressed in aprons with hair braided in school girl fashion, were invited to help Miss Jessie Sutphen celebrate her birthday Tuesday evening. Refreshments consisting of devil's food, cookies and cream were served to Misses Pet Sears, Winnie Warren, Faye Lowrey, Annie Smith, Mary Gunn, Pauline Johnson, Mattie Paylor, Inice Moon, Tennie Brown, LaVerna Swafford, Clara Saffles, Leno Largent, Ona Hamblet; Mesdames Burh Wheeler, C. M. Smith, J. P. Sutphen.

Class Meeting.

The Rose Philathia class was entertained by their teacher Mrs. G. H. Adams at her home Tuesday afternoon. After the business session a surprise was given to Miss Jessie Sutphen when Mrs. Adams invited the class to the punch bowl and drink toasts in honor of Miss Sutphen's birthday. The class members present

were Misses Jessie Sutphen, Pet Sears, Annie Smith, Faye Lowrey, Ezma Allday, Mattie Paylor, Pauline Johnson, Tennie Brown, Ona Hamblet and Blainie Anderson.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject, "The Sabbath and the Christian Citizen."
Leader, Fannie Swann.
Scripture, Matt. 12:1-13.
Song.
Prayer.
Song.
The teaching of Jesus about the Sabbath—Maggie Wheeler.
Song.
What the christian should do to maintain public Sabbath observance—Robert Hicks.
Duet—Murtice and Clara Saffle.
How the christian should spend his Sabbath—Alice Valentine.
Collection.
Hymn.
Benediction.

League Program.

Leader, Miss Charlie Mae McDuff.
Subject, "Need the gate to abundance."
Scripture lesson, Phil. iv: 19. II Cor. ix: 8.
Song.
Instrumental voluntary—Roxie Moon.
Doxology.
Repetition of 23rd Ps. in unison.
Prayer by leader.
Open discussion on Luke viii:18.
Song.
Voluntary sentence prayer.
Scripture reading, Luke xii:13-21.—Fay Lowrey.
The beggar and the student—Byron Thomas.
Summing up the topic as discussed in helps—T. A. Johnson.
Song and Yellow Band collection.
Announcements.
Benediction.

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Word has been received from Mrs. L. Sparkman that her father, J. T. Jordan of Nashville, Tenn., died the first of July. Mr. and Mrs. Sparkman left three weeks ago to attend his bedside. Mrs. Sparkman's many friends extend sympathy.

Mrs. O. T. Sutton of Bodie, Cal. visited her uncle, W. P. Browning and family the past week. She was enroute to her old home in Kentucky.

Dr. Walter Browning, wife and daughter have returned to their home in Hastings, Okla., after a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cheshire were guests of their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Berry Wednesday. Mrs. Cheshire left Thursday for Borden county where she will visit her sister.

Mrs. Charles Smith and little son Burette left for their home in Nacogdoches after a pleasant visit with her sister Mrs. J. P. Sutphen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson of McClellan county who have been visiting relatives in Merkel returned Monday.

Mrs. J. B. Steele and children of Ryan, Okla., left Monday for their home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Browning.

Mrs. McIlben and daughter Miss Fannie May and Miss Stella Womack of Fairfield were guests of Mrs. J. D. Gaither last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Springer of Tennessee and Mrs. Malloy of Fort Worth were guests in the B. C. Gaither home last week.

Miss Jessie O'Briant visited Abilene Wednesday.

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, Folsom, Iowa. This medicine is for sale by all dealers. Samples free.

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

Section of Land at Sacrifice.

There is a real stable value in all good agricultural land, easily evident to any practical farmer or business man and in this piece of property you can get the biggest and best bargain in farming land in the Merkel country. It is already fairly well improved, 350 acres in cultivation, three sets of improvements but the value is in the soil outside of any of these. The price is \$10.00 to \$15.00 below the price of the same grade of land in that community and the land is offered for sale for just the amount against it it will take \$5,000 cash now for the first payment, with terms on the balance.

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One of my clients who owns land in all parts of our country is making some prices which he knows will move the property and realize for him the cash. This proposition is to sell a section of land, with nearly one hundred acres in cultivation, more than one hundred acres of balance good tillable land and the rest good grass land. There is a good little house, good cistern and well with inexhaustible supply of water and this property is within one-half mile of good little town with bank, school, churches, gin and stores. Price, \$8.00 per acre, one-half cash and terms on balance.

Brick Building at a Bargain.

The assurance of an enhancement in value or a fair return of revenue either makes a good investment but in this proposition I can guarantee a good revenue from the investment from the date of the sale and anyone who will make investigation will see the promise of increase in value. This is one of the most desirable business properties in our little city and if you are interested write or ask for further information. It will take \$2500 cash to make the deal and liberal terms on the balance.

For Farming and Stock Raising.

A tract of land in the Clear Fork valley consisting of 1128 acres, 450 in cultivation and the most of the other richest valley land would make an ideal stock farm and one of the most profitable investments possible. This land is for sale at a bargain figure simply to enable the owners to divide their interests. Price, \$30,000; \$10,000 cash or good trade worth the money. If you are looking for this kind of an investment do not waste time writing but come and look at the property and then make your proposition.

Real Bargains in Merkel Farms.

No country has a richer soil and our seasons compare favorably with those where lands are worth \$100 to \$150 per acre. We have the country for the man of ambition who wants his property to enhance in value. Our lands will never be cheaper and now is the time to make your purchase of a home. We promise you more than this value in our lands, the greatest blessing of life and that is the best of health which you can not buy in the countries with a lower altitude. This is not idle newspaper talk for I will make good on everything I tell you and you may come to look at any of the following propositions on a guarantee from me or our banks that you will find everything just as I represent it to you with this ink and paper.

A tract of 550 acres of land, 75 in cultivation, 90 per cent tillable but no improvements except tanks and fencing, desirably located and a good investment at \$18.00 per acre.

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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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CRIME AMONG FRENCH YOUTH

Most of the Murders and Assaults Committed by Members of the Rising Generation.

There is considerable lamentation in France over the fact that most of the murders and dangerous assaults which are chronicled in the columns devoted to crime are committed by members of the rising generation, young people whose ages vary from 15 to 21. Now a small boy, no more than ten years of age, has suddenly emerged from obscurity as the ring leader of a gang of thieves. This anything but promising child had already been brought before the police commissary of the neighboring township in which he dwells, on a charge of appropriating other people's property, but in consideration of his youthfulness he was sent back to his parents. The lesson was lost on him, however, as a few days later he organized a gang which promptly set to work with a will. Goods disposed for sale outside of shops in that township disappeared as if by magic and every hour of the day one tradesman or another was hurrying to the police commissary with a woeful face to report his losses.—Paris Correspondence London Telegraph.

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 per bottle. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

HE WILL TAKE ALL OR NONE

That's What Citizens Thought of Honest Man When Seeking for a Treasurer.

Upon a certain occasion an eminent citizen was approached by a delegation of other eminent citizens, the leader of whom proceeded to say:

"Friend, it must be known to thee that we have had dishonest men in office, and the taxpayers have suffered loss thereby?"

"Truly the facts have come to my ear," was the reply.

"We would further state that we are a delegation looking for a new man to fill the position of county treasurer."

"And in me you will find an honest one."

"That is to say, thee wilt not graft?"

"Not the value of a cent."

"There will be much cash to handle."

"But it will be safe with me."

"And there will be constant temptations."

"But I shall withstand them all."

"Hast ever handled public funds?"

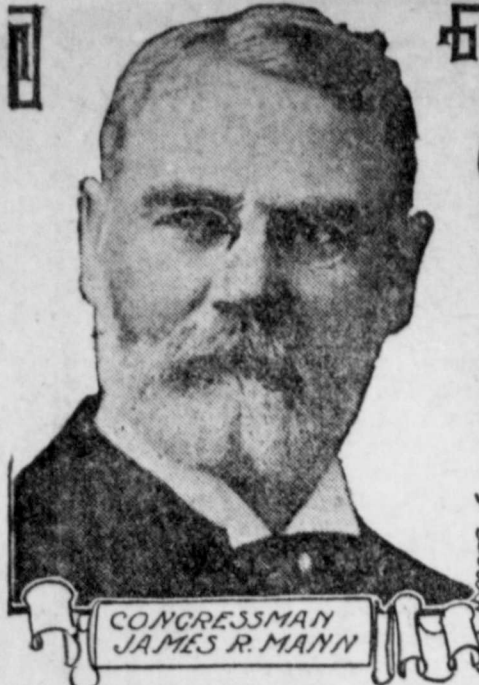
"No, but I again assure thee of my honesty."

"Friend," continued the speaker for the delegation, "thou art honest because thou hast never been tempted. We are now losing about ten per cent. by graft. Let the office be given to an honest man and he'll either take all or none, and the chances are about even up. We will pass on!"

MORAL.

The honest man of today is the rascal of tomorrow.

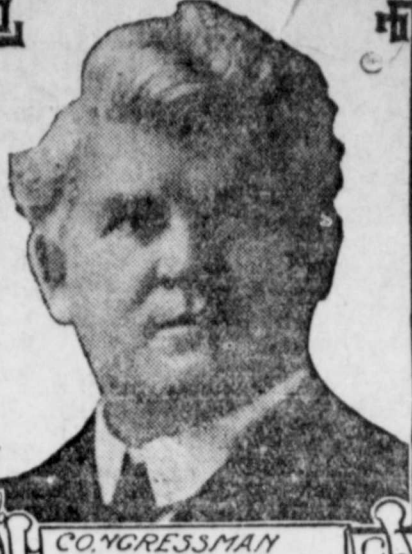
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CONGRESSMAN JAMES R. MANN

By EDWARD B. CLARK

WHEN THE GALLERY SEES FUN



CONGRESSMAN HENRY T. RAINEY

THE return to America of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth after their honeymoon trip abroad gave to Representative Henry S. Boutell, Republican, of Chicago, an opportunity to have considerable fun at the expense of the Democrats. It is known of course that one great political party looks to Thomas Jefferson as the apostle and prophet of the simple democratic life, and knowing this, Mr. Boutell, who apparently had been reading some ancient records, tried his best to undermine the "simple life" pedestal upon which Thomas Jefferson stands.

There were some people apparently who thought that Mrs. Longworth, who is ex-President Roosevelt's daughter, might return from her honeymoon trip abroad, where she was treated in a measure like a royal personage, in a frame of mind in which pride was dominant and that she might have lost some of her American simplicity. Representative Boutell made a speech which of course did not have Mrs. Longworth for its central subject, but he introduced matters by saying that she would return to America, "not Princess Alice, but the same modest, unassuming daughter of the president that it was her wont to be."

Mrs. Longworth came into Mr. Boutell's speech only as an incident of discourse, the Republican representative's main intention being apparently to attempt to refute the statement made by Representative Wheeler of Kentucky that the Republican party under present administration was introducing "truculent synchophany flunkeyism" into our intercourse with representatives of foreign powers.

The Chicago Republican looked at the Democracy's Mississippi chieftain (now a United States senator), then turned his eyes to the then sub-chieftain, Champ Clark of Missouri, and said: "I wish to read a few words of Thomas Jefferson." The chieftain looked more than a bit startled. "I read from the 'Complete Writings of Jefferson,' by Ford," went on Mr. Boutell slowly. "It appears from this letter that Adams was just about to go as a business agent of Jefferson to London, and after giving him several commissions, he writes:

"One further favor and I am done; to search the Herald office for the arms of my family. I have what I have been told were the family arms, but on what authority I know not. It is possible there may be none. If so, I will with your assistance become a purchaser, having Stearns' word for it that a coat of arms may be purchased as cheap as any other coat."

"So here we have the founder of the Democratic party just dabbling, as it were, in synchophany—not very truculent as yet."

There was no quick recovery on the part of the Democratic members from this blow, which, while directed fair at their idol, hit them hard in glancing. Finally, Mr. Sulzer, the East side statesman, recovered sufficiently to ask in what year it was that Jefferson had commissioned a man to buy the coat of arms. On learning that it was in the year 1771, Mr. Sulzer said, with an intonation that showed he had found a grain of comfort in the thought, "That was five years before the revolution."

The New York representative's consolation morsel apparently was not big enough to go round among his neighbors with an appreciable share of each. It was a bit hard to learn after many years that the man who wrote the immortal document beginning with ringing words about equality had been trying to buy something which would go to show that he was a trifle "more equal" than his neighbors; and the blow was like unto that of a bludgeon, because it was shown that the supposedly impeccable one had more than intimated that a counterfeit coat was as good as a genuine one if only it were nobly emblazoned.

The Republicans had a rare time of it over the Democratic discomfiture. When it comes to fun the galleries are gloriously nonpartisan. The humor of the thing was to the people aloft well worth the knocking of a prop from the third president's pinnacle. Things might not have been so altogether bad for the cause of Mr. Jefferson and his house disciples if Mr. Boutell had been content to stop, for everybody recognizes the weakness that all human nature—even that sternly simple type—has for crests and other family gewgaws.

"Yes," said the Chicago man, "it was five years before the revolution. Now, just before the revolution, on August 25, 1775, the great founder of the Democratic party, the introducer of 'truculent synchophany' into our national administration, wrote to John Randolph from Monticello urging a reconciliation with Great Britain, and in that letter he uses this expression:

"I am sincerely one of those who would rather be in dependence on Great Britain, properly limited, than any other nation on earth, or than on no nation."

The last five words of this Jeffersonian pronouncement it would seem, if language means anything, point to a desire on the part of the Virginian Democrat that the colonies should have



CONGRESSMAN AND MRS. LONGWORTH



HENRY S. BOUTELL

THOMAS JEFFERSON

an ownership cable of kind connecting them with one of the over-the-sea powers.

As Mr. Boutell put it: "It seems possible that, having purchased his coat of arms, Jefferson feared that on the declaration of independence and the establishment of a republican form of government it would not be an available asset, and so he hoped that dependence would continue."

The memory of this speech dwells in congress. It was intentionally light, but it drove home the lesson that frailties of a certain kind are not confined to members of any political party.

When in the future an American citizen dies as the result of eating adulterated food that has been an article entering into interstate commerce, a coroner's jury will be justified in bringing in a verdict of suicide. In order not to be too hard on the deceased, the jury may give the cause as carelessness, but whichever of the twain the verdict be, the "recently died" will be held responsible.

The pure-food bill which passed Congress is a strong measure. Proliferous its passage it was the cause of more misunderstandings, more suspicions and of more abuse of men and measures than was any other which congress thought it worth while to consider.

Representative James R. Mann of Chicago piloted the bill through the house. He was expounder and exhorter, and during the greater part of four days he held the interest of the seasoned members as a school teacher holds the interest of wide-eyed children to whom tales of a hitherto unknown are told—and it was tales of the hitherto unknown that Mr. Mann told to the Washington-gathered curiosity of a larger growth.

For amusement and curiosity, for interest and indignation there was no scene of the winter in the big hall of congress like unto that enacted while the Hyde Park representative set forth his wares in bottle and in box and gave his colleagues full knowledge of the indigestible and poisonous stuff that the stomach of the American had been taking to its own all the years under the sacred names of food and medicine.

The house has upon most occasions the saving grace of taking things in part humorously. A joke saves many a situation, assuages anger and disarms the man whose tongue under stress of temper becomes a sharp weapon.

There were few jokes during the discussion of the pure-food bill. The subject was as deadly serious as were some of the "food" products displayed on the Chicago representative's desk. Once in a while the gravity was relieved by a quip, but as a matter of fact the joke of the thing was of the past—a huge joke, if a grim one, cracked by food preparers and medicine manufacturers at the expense of the stomachs and the livers of the American people.

Mr. Mann told of an American firm that had been importing rotten—yes, rotten—eggs, which, after treatment with boric acid, were sold to candy-makers and cake-bakers. Mr. Gaines of Tennessee expressed gratitude that the imports did not get into egg-nogs. The laugh was faint. Every member was thinking of the candy and the cake and stomachs of the child multitude.

The half has never been told in the public prints of the food frauds which Representative Mann disclosed in the time—often extended—allowed to him to press this bill to a passage. Some of his exhibits were ground "coffee" made of roasted beans, oats, pilot bread, charcoal, red slate, bark and date stones; cinnamon made of

sawdust; whole pepper made of tapioca and lamp black; cocoa made of walnut shells and oxide, and a thousand and one other foods adulterated in a thousand and one ways.

The drinks were worse. From the exposition made in the house—and in this subject an interest deeper than any draught that he had ever taken was shown by every member—it would seem that the man who leads a friend to the bar and asks what he will give his friend no choice, for the bartender will set out what the spirit moves, and it seldom will move a pure spirit.

The members of congress learned by formulas presented, bearing the name and address of dealers, that skim milk masquerading as cream is a deception of babe-like innocence compared with the "pure domestic" and "fine imported" whiskies and cordials which are set forth for the damnation of a drinker's stomach if not for the damnation of his soul. The hope may be expressed, possibly without incurring the charge of vindictiveness, that in this case the curse returns to roost behind the bar.

To Representative Henry T. Rainey is due largely the fact that the bones of John Paul Jones rest in the land for which he fought. It was the Illinois Democrat who first took up the matter of the search for the commodore's remains and who started the investigation which later made General Porter's work possible. Mr. Rainey never has been given credit in full for his share of the labor, for modesty has held him silent.

Congress at the outset did men to discourage ten men of ordinary energy from carrying on the quest for anybody's bones. Mr. Rainey refused to be glibed out of his purpose, and although he could not induce his colleagues to take him altogether seriously, he followed the bent of his belief in other directions and now John Paul Jones rests at Annapolis. The Illinois member introduced a resolution providing for the finding and for the removal to America of the Scotch sailor's remains. The resolution called for an appropriation of \$10,000 to pay the expenses. Then the fun began. The mockers in the house declared that the commodore was buried deep in a cemetery under million-dollar business structures on the Rue Grande Aux Belles or on the Rue des Ecluses Saint Martin or on several other rues which they could not pronounce.

Congress in its humor had the aid and jocose correspondents, who saw the rare jest in the bones search and made the most of it. And here recollection brings a blush of contrition to the cheeks of one who followed in the train. Members said and correspondents wrote that the French doubtless gladly would allow their business palaces to be undermined and toppled to ruin on the payment of \$10,000 of Yankee cash.

If Yankee cheek, the representatives said, aided by French politeness, could accomplish the purpose of building demolition, there would be small chance of separating Jones' bones with any certainty of identity from those of the French sleepers in the old cemetery. One scoffer suggested with fine irony that there might be a bit of the original Scotch skull left, and that Sidney Smith's rule might be applied to make positive the identification.

Mr. Rainey was undisturbed. He was not even moved to surrender when suggestion was made that if the \$10,000 were sent over to some French grave digger he would find the old sea dog's bones and prove their genuineness if he had to tattoo the sailor's autograph in the tibia of the left leg to do it.

It was two years on the way, but the last laugh came, and it was Mr. Rainey who had it. His colleagues made amend for their scoffing and their scolding, and now another jest of the past writes belated word of contrition.

THE COLDEST PLACE ON EARTH

What is said to be the coldest place on the globe is the region of Verkholenak, Siberia. Here is a convict station, but during most of the year is guarded as needed to keep the prisoners from running away, for in the more severe portions of the winter no living creature can remain, in the open, and during the three most severe months, when the temperature sometimes falls to 85 degrees below zero, no one dares to venture out for more than a few moments at a time.

Ordinary steel tools will snap like glass, and unseasoned wood becomes almost as hard as steel. When one breathes a powder like the very finest snow falls at one's feet. It is said that there are less forms of insect life here than elsewhere in the world, and some of those found are not found elsewhere; seemingly having been created especially to inhabit such a frigid region.

Some of the signal-service officials declare that most of the severe cold waves that sweep across the North American continent have their origin in Verkholenak. The wind blows a perfect gale almost all the time, and that discomfort, added to the low temperature, would certainly make this a very unpleasant place in which to spend the winter.

No Help. A St. Louis traveling man, making his first trip through North Dakota, woke up one May morning to find the ground white with snow. "For Heaven's sake," he asked the hotel clerk, disgustedly, "when do you have summer out in this country?" "I don't know," replied the clerk, "I have only been here 11 months."—Success.

Doctors Said He Would Die A Friend's Advice Saves Life

I wish to speak of the wonderful cure that I have received from your noted Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder cure. Last summer I was taken with severe pains in my back and sides. I could not breathe without difficulty and was nearly wild with the desire to urinate. Was compelled to do so every ten minutes with the passage of pure blood with the urine. I tried all the different doctors from far and near, but they said it was no use to doctor as I would die anyway. I was at the end of my rope and was so miserable with pain and the thought that I must die that words cannot tell how I felt. One day a friend told me of the wonderful help she had received from Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. She gave me one of your pamphlets which I read and determined to try Swamp-Root. After taking half a bottle I felt better. Have now taken ten bottles and am well as I ever was, thanks to Swamp-Root. I wish to tell all suffering people that have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is the best medicine on the market.

All persons doubting this statement can write to me and I will answer them directly, Yours very truly, CLYDE F. CAMERER, Rosalie, Wash. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July, 1909. VERNIE TOWNE, Notary Public.

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Trying to Be Witty. They were sitting in the parlor with the lights turned low. The hour was pretty late. He and she had talked about everything, from the weather to the latest shows. He yawned and she yawned, but he made no attempt to yawned, but he made no attempt to move toward home, and she was becoming weary. At last she said: "I heard a noise outside just now. I wonder if it could be burglars?" "Of course he tried to be funny. "Maybe he was the night falling," he said. "O, I guess not," she exclaimed; "guess it was the day breaking." (Hasty 'exit of he.)

PITIFUL SIGHT WITH ECZEMA

"A few days after birth we noticed an inflamed spot on our baby's hip which soon began spreading until baby was completely covered even in his eyes, ears and scalp. For eight weeks he was bandaged from head to foot. He could not have a stitch of clothing on. Our regular physician pronounced it chronic eczema. He is a very able physician and ranks with the best in this locality, nevertheless, the disease began spreading until baby was completely covered. He was losing flesh so rapidly that we became alarmed and decided to try Cuticura Soap and Ointment.

"Not until I commenced using Cuticura Soap and Ointment could we tell what he looked like, as we dared not wash him, and I had been putting one application after another on him. On removing the scale from his head the hair came off, and left him entirely bald, but since we have been using Cuticura Soap and Ointment he has as much hair as ever. Four weeks after we began to use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment he was entirely cured. I don't believe anyone could have eczema worse than our baby.

"Before we used the Cuticura Remedies we could hardly look at him, he was such a pitiful sight. He would fuss until I would treat him, they seemed to relieve him so much. Cuticura Soap and Ointment stand by themselves and the result they quickly and surely bring is their own recommendation." (Signed) Mrs. T. B. Rosser, Mill Hall, Pa., Feb. 20, 1911.

Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 29 K, Boston.

In the long run it is better to tell the truth about things that must be told, even if it scares you half to death to tell it.

In general, pride is at the bottom of all great mistakes.—Curwen.

THEY DON'T WANT WRINKLES.



She—Mr. Smith advertises all the new wrinkles. He—Fatal mistake. He won't get a woman in his store.

The Girl's Handicap. In her pretty new frock sister Mabel felt quite proud as she sat on the front step and watched some boys playing on the sidewalk.

After a time one little boy came up to talk to her and to admire, in his rough little way, her bright shiny shoes and pink sash. "See my nice square-cut waist," exclaimed the girl, "and my nice coral beads! Don't you wish you wore a girl?"

"No sire-ee," replied the boy. "I wouldn't want to be any girl at all, because lookie how much more neck you haf to wash."

Maternal Instinct.

Mrs. Rattle—I am sure that is my baby with the pink ribbon over there.

Mr. Cynic—How can you tell it so readily?

Mr. Rattle—I can recognize it by my pet poodle the nurse has with her.

Beauty is seldom completely satisfying. The birds that sing are not the ones that are good to eat.



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