

CHAMBER BANKER HAS A FRIEND

am just in receipt of a letter from my predecessor, Thos. A. Johnson, in which he makes comment on Merkel people and Merksl interests and as Johnson has a great many friends here, I feel that he is an object if I made the same without gaining anything. I recently visited at his home in Pratt for six hours together with the "home folks" as they affectionately refer to the people of Merkel. He and many friends there are highly pleased with his work and particularly with the schools as his letter indicates. Mr. Johnson wrote the letter not knowing how I voted on the bond issue and for his information, will say I have never opposed an issue of bonds that would directly or indirectly benefit the public schools. The letter in part is as follows:

Pratt, Kansas
April 11th, 1921

Dear Thompson:—

In looking over my Texas papers, The Abilene Reporter and the Merkel Mail, I see that Abilene has raised the money for Methodist College and I note with much pleasure that you are one of the directors. I never doubted but that Abilene would raise this money although it was a stupendous sum at this time.

I see that Merkel has a new mayor in the person of Henry West. I believe that you have a good man on the job. Henry is progressive and at the same time conservative enough to look after the public interest. He is absolutely honest and unselfish and will have the interest of the public at heart all the time. I have known him since he was a small boy and have always found him honest, faithful and loyal. With the proper support and encouragement I know he will make you a good mayor. I feel sure that my old friend, Mayor Stallings, left the city in a good financial condition.

I was very greatly disappointed when I read that the school bond issue did not carry. Of course, I am not now a citizen of Merkel and some might question my right to speak, but I shall never cease to have an interest in Merkel for I lived there 20 years and some of the very best friends that I shall ever have live there at this time. \$2500.00 is a very small sum when compared with the good that would come from its investment. I have been an economist all my life and there have been some bond issues that I have opposed but I have never yet felt that I could reasonably oppose a school bond issue. There may have been some local reason for opposing this one but I can't see it at this distance. I thought all the time I lived there that the best money Merkel could spend would be for a fine school, the very best that could be had. If I lived in Merkel now since the limit of taxation has been raised I would at once urge the raising of the tax to the dollar limit and use every dollar of it in the school work there. In this town we are paying \$1.80 school taxes or \$18.00 on every \$1,000.00 of taxable values. It costs this bank some \$1800.00 each year but we feel that the money is well spent. The town has only 5000 population but we have three fine buildings and one of them is the very best in this state. Every convenience is provided for both the teachers and the pupils. Sewage, sanitary toilets and drinking fountains, private lockers, domestic science, manual training and it seems about the very best of

everything. We have just recently sold \$134,000.00 in bonds to finish paying for the equipment and the complete carrying out of the plans. The main building cost about \$200,000.00. I am not offering this as a pattern for Merkel but merely to show that this town has spent lots of money and we feel that we are getting value for it every day.

Many tourists pass this way and we have provided a camping park for them with toilets, sewage and electric lights and they most all stop here for a short time and we see that they are shown our magnificent schools. Our Board of Trade office is on one of the main corners of the town and signs are up along the road directing the traveler to come to the Board of Trade office for general information about the town, the highways and so on. We do not know of anything that has added more to the upbuilding of Pratt than our splendid system of public schools. I have not been here long enough to have had a very large part in this but I am helping to pay for it and am glad to do it for my children are today getting the benefit.

I have written all this not knowing how you voted but I believe you will find it good reading regardless. You know I wrote you that Pratt had elected a democratic Mayor by a large majority but I did not tell you that both candidates were democrats. Much love to all. Sincerely yours, Thos. Johnson.

COMMUNITY CLUB UNIQUE PROGRAM

There is every evidence that the Community Club is to be made the most popular and most interesting organization in Merkel, and that the program at the next regular meeting which will be the first Friday night in May, to be held at the Tabernacle, according to plans of Chairman Mason, will be one of the most interesting and out of the ordinary yet rendered in this city for many moons. It will be lengthy and of a wide scope, and among the items of interest on the program will be an "old time spelling match", using the old Blue Back speller, and it is expected that those taking part in the spelling will be men and women from about thirty-five years up. And Mr. Mason suggests that those having one of these old books used during "fathers and mothers" school days, get them out and dust'em up for use. It is also possible that there will be special music, both modern and of "ye olden" days.

Right here the Merkel Club wishes to impress upon the mind of our citizenship, both town and country, that this Community Club is an organization for ALL the people, hence ALL are urged to attend and take part in the meeting of same. As an organization of ALL the people it will be just the kind of organization they make it. "A success or failure."

ROTARY RIG GOING UP ON SEARS TRACT

We are informed that the rig builders arrived first of the week and that they are now busy putting up the derrick and rig for the Rotary test to be made on the Sears tract. And while we have no information as to when drilling on this test will begin, we suppose work will start within a short time, or just as soon as the rig is completed and other necessary arrangements are made.

ELECT SUPERINTEN- DENT & TEACHERS

A meeting of the school board was held Monday night, with the entire membership, including the new members recently elected, present, and at which meeting considerable business was transacted. And, after canvassing the vote of the recent election, which resulted in the election of the two new members of the board mentioned in our last issue, and the defeat of the proposed bond issue of \$2500, and which was regretted and very disappointing to every member of the board, the question of Electing a Superintendent and faculty for the next school year, came up and was discussed by various members of the board, and it was the vote of the entire membership that Superintendent R. A. Burgess be re-elected for another term; together with every member of the faculty.

As was stated by members of the board who have held their position and been closely in touch with the school work for a number of years, that the school under the leadership of Superintendent Burgess, had made the greatest progress over known in the history of the school; as it was new enjoying full state affiliation, and the further fact that there having been no complaints of any consequence, made to the board regarding any teacher, or the work of the school. The board was pleased to offer the superintendent and each teacher their positions for the next school term. And while it is not known just how many of them will accept the offer, it is believed that most if not all will.

The board is without doubt, in perfect harmony, and they ask and earnestly solicit the cooperation of both the faculty and patrons, in an effort next year to make still further improvements, should it be possible to do so.

And right here we would like to say that, the board and faculty may be in strict harmony in their effort to make the school a success, they will be handicapped in many things unless they also be accorded the cooperation and backing of the patrons and citizenship as a whole.

P. O. CHECKS UP IN A FINE CONDITION

Post Office Inspector, Frank C. Ellis, of the Abilene District, was in Merkel Wednesday of this week, and after checking up our local office gave Postmaster King a clean bill, stating that the office here was neatly and well kept.

Besides the usual matter of checking up the office, Inspector Ellis, was looking into the possibility of the Merkel office becoming an office of the second class after July 1, as the business of same had reached that point. And while he made no promises that the government would so direct, Postmaster King is of the opinion that we are most sure of securing the advance. And not only that, but Mr. King states that the Inspector indicated that it was possible for Merkel to secure Free City Delivery with two carriers to start with, and that such action would depend largely upon the effort made by the citizens of the town. Let's go after it and get it.

Plenty of Black Smith Coal at Crown Hdw. Co. 822

MASS MEETING SE- LECTS 3 TRUSTEES

At the Mass meeting of the citizens, at the High School building last Friday evening, although the attendance was very small and by no means was it what should have been, the question of just what was the best method of disposing of the Old Tabernacle, since the gentlemen, Messrs J. T. Warren and Geo. West, wished to transfer the property as Trustees, either to the city or new trustees, was discussed at length by different citizens, and finally left to a voice of those present, which resulted by a close vote to again placing the property in the hands of new trustees. As new Trustees, Messrs Rufus Adcock, Lytton Howard and A. T. Sheppard, were chosen.

As has been stated before, this property has been used for many years for holding protracted meetings, and other public gatherings, and as it has been and is now, going fast to wreck and ruin, it behoves ALL Merkel and community to at once take steps toward placing same in better condition as well as arranging to see that when the tabernacle is placed in nice condition to serve the public as a meeting place, it is protected and kept up.

Since the school board has made a ruling that no more public gatherings will be allowed to take place at the High School Building, it is very important that some place be arranged, and surely there is none so accessible or easily fixed up as will be the Old Tabernacle. In another place we call attention of our readers to a statement by the new Trustees, as to the matter of beginning the improvements of the tabernacle. We also learn that there are other organizations in the city willing and anxious to lend their assistance to help put the tabernacle in fine condition. Let it be the duty of every one to help in the matter. Or at least don't be a knocker.

We are thankful to our good friend and splendid citizen, Mr. S. H. L. Swafford, for several subscriptions to the Merkel Mail which he sends to relatives elsewhere.

BASEBALL BOYS GETTING LINED UP

On Tuesday evening of this week the baseball fans and a large number of citizens and enthusiasts were present at a meeting at the Cozy Theatre, and at which plans were perfected whereby it is expected that Merkel will likely have one of the strongest ball teams this season, of any town in this part of the country.

We are informed that the grounds are being shopped up to first class condition, and that 14 new uniforms are to be presented the team by the local business men, and in all probability the boys will soon be ready for a try-out game.

There are many who are very anxious that Merkel have a good team and that if such is the case the business men and citizens must give it their hearty cooperation and support.

Miss Willis Toombs one of the splendid salesladies at the Brown Dry Goods Company, who for ten days has been confined to her room on account of measles, is reported as improving nicely at this time.

LAST LYCEUM NUMBER TO BE ON APRIL 20TH

The last number of the High School Lyceum course for this season will be given at the High School Auditorium on next Wednesday evening, April 20th, at 8:15 o'clock. On this evening we are to be favored with a delightful and varied program by the "Lucille Price Entertainers" This program is to consist of readings, impersonations, violin numbers by an artist who has appeared in concert numbers for four seasons, and vocal numbers. These are southern girls, and come to us with that high order of real entertainment that is always assured by the Redpath-Horner Lyceum Bureau. Look up your season tickets, and come to this, the best of all the numbers for the winter. Of course those not holding season tickets will be charged an admission. Pupils will be charged 35 cents, all others will be charged 50c. You who believe in and enjoy clean wholesome entertainment of high order, try out this last lyceum number.

H. L. Propst, Bob Dennis, John Sears, Ross Ferrier, J. B. Ferrier and others returned first of the week from a fishing trip to the Pecos river. They report a fine trip and plenty of good fish.

Ford Touring car, a snap for quick sale. W. S. J. Brown. It

MASONS LAY CORNER STONE

In our rush last week we overlooked to mention the splendid Corner Stone Ceremonies, for the laying of the Corner Stone, by the Masonic Lodge of this city, of the beautiful and commodious new Baptist Church building now nearing completion.

The ceremony was largely attended not only by the local citizenship but many from a distance were also present, and while the occasion was under the auspices of the local Masonic order, Dr. J. D. Sanderfer, President of Simmons College, Abilene, was the principle speaker, and his fitting remarks were appreciated by every one present.

Without doubt this church when completed will be one of the best arranged and equipped church buildings in all the west and will not only reflect great credit upon the wide-awake, progressive spirit of the Baptist congregation in Merkel, but will be an ornament to the city.

METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor Murrell announces that there will be only the regular morning services, Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. and to which all are cordially invited.

On account of the Revival at the Baptist church there will be no service at the evening hour as well as no prayermeeting service next Wednesday evening.

BAPTIST REVIVAL GROWS IN INTEREST

The revival meeting which began at the Baptist church in this city last Sunday, is being largely attended, in fact the house is filled to capacity at each night service, and much interest is being manifested and growing daily.

Pastor Parrack who is doing the preaching is delivering a forceful and splendid message

PROMINENT CITI- ZENS TO FT. WORTH

The many friends in and about Merkel, of Mr. Walter Jackson and family will deeply regret to learn that they expect about the first of June to move to Fort Worth, where they plan to make their future home. Mr. Jackson who as Superintendent of the Sunday School at the Merkel Baptist church for the past several years, has by his own system and initiative, built up one of the most complete, and best regulated Sunday schools in the state, and who by his efficient, and faithful work in the Sunday School and church became known as one of the most capable church builders in the state, and naturally, as the case is with those possessed of great ability in any calling, they are called to larger and greater fields; so with Mr. Jackson, who has been called by the College Avenue Baptist church, one of the largest churches in the city of Fort Worth, as Educational Secretary for this institution.

And while Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have since their coming to Merkel some four years ago, as Editor and owner of the Merkel Mail, for three years, not only made of it one of the best papers in this part of the country, but they have always been identified with the best interests of the town and community; always in the lead of any move which had for its purpose the upbuilding of the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson left Wednesday night for Fort Worth, when upon their arrival Mr. Jackson will enter upon his new duties as Educational Secretary for the College Avenue Baptist Church of that city; while Mrs. Jackson will return to Merkel in a few days for the purpose of remaining here with their children until the close of school.

It is with the deepest regret that we are to lose this, one of our best and most popular families, and we join all Merkel in commending them to Fort Worth's very best citizenship, for our loss is their gain.

We predict that through the splendid ability and untiring efforts of Mr. Jackson, the membership of the College Avenue Baptist Church will soon witness much progress and improvement in the work of the department over which he is to have charge.

May he and his entire family enjoy the greatest happiness and richest prosperity, is the sincere wish of all their friends here.

Dr. R. I. Grimes, Booth Warren, Bill Sheppard, Ed Teaff, Frank McFarland, Lige Gambill, Frank Majaland and Wayne Chatman, and possibly others, left first of the week for a fishing trip to the Llano.

W. L. Diltz and Rev. Rogers, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, attended the Presbytery meeting at Rochester first of the week.

of the gospel at each service and with the aid of his splendid corps of church workers we predict that ere the meeting's have come to a close many will have signified their desire to walk in the paths of righteousness, as well as a revival of the Christian spirit throughout our town and community.

The meeting will continue over throughout next week, with services at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Bro. Parrack and the members of his church solicit the attendance upon the meeting of all Christian people as well as the public.

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An appropriation of four million dollars for the aid of rural schools. No school will receive "state aid" next year except for the usual state apportionment of about \$14 per scholastic. Many schools of the country have when they met certain requirements received from the state aid amounting from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars. This has enabled rural schools to continue for six months or more. Next year schools cannot expect this help from the state, and unless they act quickly will have a very short term of school. There will likely be many that will have three or four months term next year.

The only hope is to take advantage of the constitutional amendment adopted at the last November election. By acting quickly, the districts that want a good school can vote a special tax amounting now to one dollar instead of fifty cents which was formerly the limit. This election will have to be held before the tax roll for this year are made out if the tax is available this coming year. Schools that are interested in having more than three or four months school next year should get busy immediately and make the necessary arrangements with the county superintendent to hold an election to raise their tax from 50 cents to one dollar.

NOTICE

If you want to sell your chickens and eggs bring them to the Produce Man in the alle and get highest market price. He will pay you the cash and the grocer man will sell you groceries for the cash, so let me have your produce. Thanking you in advance. W. P. Duckett. 8t2

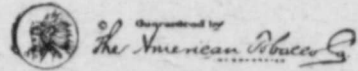
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Jess Hassell of Dallas is part owner of the Dallas baseball club. He ran over and killed a woman in the month of November, 1920. After the car struck the woman, Mr. Hassell helped pick the unfortunate up and aided in carrying her to a sanitarium. She died. Hassell paid \$10,000 to her children. The other day he pleaded guilty to the charge of negligently killing the victim of his car and was fined \$500 by Judge R. B. Seay. District Attorney Maury Hughes declared that he would not agree to a fine in the case, but the judge declared it would do the county more good for the man to pay \$500 than to have him on the county road pecking away at some rock. It is safe to predict that the baseball magnate in future will be a slow and very cautious driver. His accident cost him \$10,500 and lots of manual anguish.—Record.

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CLARA SMITH AL JENNINGS AND TRAINING CHILDREN

If Clara Smith vaunts her success in escaping her sins, by showing her life on the screen, it will be definite proof that she should have been sent to the penitentiary. Al Jennings has, in our opinion, done much more injury to the public by teaching how he outlawed and still lives honorably than he ever did in all his actual outlawry days. If men and women drink the depth and drugs of sin and escape a scathing penalty, then should repent in humility and sack cloth and not glory because they violated the law and escaped a stern measure of extended punishment thereof.

Children are more apt to follow the inclination to revolt the restraints of society after seeing this sort of pictures than they were before. This has been proved. Even men and women are prone to surrender to the demands of the flesh and step beyond the depths of strict and moral discipline sometimes. The lessons of how others have done this and then are making much money exploiting their escapades does more to encourage the inclination than curb the desire. Besides it seems the fellow who set the stages for this class of plays always sympathize with the reformed culprits and soften their crimes and emphasize their victories. The real truth is not made bold and revolting. It is graced with enough color to make it attractive, and there is the youth of the land being ruined and started on the way to hell while we wonder who is wrong.—Mangum Star.

John Deere Planters, both single and double row. Crown Hardware Co. 8t2

Woman Wrote The Canby News, Minn., December 10, as follows:

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Clara Smith Hamon's mother, sister and brother and a coterie of servants, cooks, etc., in all a party of about seven, were in Pecos yesterday for an hour or so. They stopped the Hudson Super Sedan in front of the Enterprise office but across the street for half an hour where quite a crowd of folks gathered to see the woman now parading the country in an equipage fit for a king, getting all the free publicity possible before becoming a movie actress which will portray to the young generation one of the most miserable crimes in the history of the nation. Clara recently joined the church but she will have to perform that operation several times over before she can convince this editor that it is either christian or within the bounds of decency for her to make an effort to keep ablaze the fires of such a disgraceful life she had led. The laws of common decency demand that she now take a back seat and be forgotten. She has certainly done a good and plenty already to the widow and orphans without trying to keep in the public eye through movie pictures her disreputable life with Jake Hamon. Every legislature in every State of this Union should forbid the exhibition of such films.—Pecos Enterprise.

No man will deny that society is safe and people are happy just in proportion that they are honest and just and moral and upright, and peaceful and kind, and sympathetic. The rankest and most blatant unbeliever had rather live in a community of upright, kind and decent people than in a community where crime and vice prevails.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

(By J. J. Russell)

The Sophomores have got an idea that they can do as they please up here. Wednesday at recess they left school for a picnic, then Thursday they tried to get a day off and call it Sophomore Day. I guess next time we hear from them they will be telling the teachers what to do. We know that they had plenty to eat while they were picnicing because they had three dozen deviled eggs with them.

The Junior and Senior classes noticed that two of their members were ashamed of themselves, at least that was what it looked like when one of them got behind the stove and the other behind the maps, during the history class. By the way,

the two happened to be the presidents of the two classes.

A little hill is sometimes harder to climb than a mountain, a small stream more dangerous than a river, and the petty annoyances more difficult to endure than the great sorrows. Beware of little things and "Demerits."

During college week the English teacher required that certain classes increase their vocabulary by learning two new words each day, their meaning and how to use them. This plan was carried out and here are some of the words as they were used in theses:

The woman's hair was 'superfluous'. The fellow was in great 'instability.' I should wish to be 'inability.' I never felt so 'adjacent in my life.' You are a perfect nuisance. He 'prognosticated' the would be pair. She is in 'realism' now. The 'technical' words are out of use. The 'idealism' of the boys viewpoint was excellent. The ball team acted very 'heinous.' I hope I will be a 'pecimest.' The new Baptist church is being 'superstructed.'

Some things to Think About
The school year is almost gone. What have we done? Juniors become Seniors in the end IF. What shall be our goal, will we make it? Why sure if we try. If we take care of the present the future need not bother, why worry over the past. Our accomplishments are never greater than our attempts. He who never fails never succeeds. An hour well spent is worth a week wasted. What we know here is very little, but what we are ignorant of is immense.

"Hi School Philosophy"
Eat, drink and be careful. Many a girl has a good beginning and a week end. Just because your sweetheart is 'crazy' don't think that he is a baker. Don't be afraid of criticisms, criticize yourself often.

Be glad and rejoice in the other fellow's success, study his methods. Be enthusiastic, it is contagious. There is many a good thing lost by not asking for it.

Wrenn: "Do you like music?"
Rosie: "Yep."
Wrenn: "Well listen to the band on my hat."

Fortune Teller: "Do you wish to know about your future lover?"

Miss Deal: "No I want to know about the past of my present lover for future use."

Old Mottos of Senior Classes Of Merkel High School

Do one thing well—1916.
Our glory consists not in falling, but in rising every time we fall.—1917.

Tonight we launch, where shall we anchor.—1918.

Out of school life into life's school.—1919.

Hitch your wagon to a star—1920 motto.

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THE LIGHT

By MILDRED WHITE.

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Janet Darcy stepped from the train at Willowby Junction, and stood peering through the half-darkness. The small station was closed and locked for the night, and the great train rushing again on its way left Janet a solitary arrival. Troubled, she walked the length of the platform, then sat down on the crude steps to think the situation over. She had left her beautiful city home that afternoon hastily, and in an unenviable frame of mind. Mother, father and the governor were all insistent in their demands for an early marriage, while Janet was not sure that she wanted to be married at all.

In her hasty departure Janet had never considered the possibility of her present position. Taxis, she supposed, awaited train arrivals in even Willowby town.

Aunt Clarabelle's cottage, Janet knew, nestled at the foot of the straggling village street, two miles away. It was not the walk of the two miles that she feared to attempt, but the unaccustomed darkness of the tree-bordered road. As she sat on the station steps, the sheltered girl became nervously alarmed; the spot was exceedingly desolate and the purse in her traveling cloak pocket was filled with bills. Desperately, at last she arose and began her stumbling way. Ruts and twisted brambles seemed set like a trap for the unwary.

Then, almost directly before her, she suddenly saw a light. Someone, had come from among the trees to the roadside, and the someone carried a lighted lantern. Janet drew back fearfully, but as the light went twinkling on, noiselessly she followed. It would be useless to try to locate Aunt Clarabelle's abode in the confusing twist of ways.

This light must lead to some companionship, perhaps to the village, where she might be accommodated for the night; Janet steadily and with new courage pressed onward. The striding figure before her turned abruptly down a hidden lane; at its end Janet saw the outlines of a small house.

The man, as she drew near, put down his lantern to open the house door. Janet silently waited, as unannounced he entered and struck a light. She saw at a side of the room a sick woman lying upon bed, with a child fretting at her side. The tall man advancing lifted the child gently in his arms and with a laughing word sent it after an orange tossed on the floor. Then, throwing aside his cloak, he bent an anxious face over the sick woman, Janet, studiously regarding his face, was all at once reassured, "Yes, doctor," she heard the woman gaspingly answer a question; then, impulsively, Janet stepped past the lantern into the room. The doctor glanced up sharply.

"Take off your wraps," he sternly commanded, "and come here."

Half unconscious of her own action Janet Darcy obeyed.

"We will have to work fast," the man told her. "Kindly follow directions without question. Hot water at once." Peremptorily he issued his orders.

Janet, the sleeves of her white waist rolled high, went to the cold kitchen stove. There was wood piled near, and matches.

Desperately, as the woman labored breathing reached her, she bent to her task. A fire was crackling at last beneath the kettle. Janet's soft fingers were smudged and blistered, but her eyes shone victoriously.

She saw the perspiration on the young doctor's forehead as she responded eagerly to his demands.

"It's pneumonia," he told her as they rested. "Pretty bad, but I think we will be able to break it. Rural postman informed me of the case, returning from his route this evening. Immediately I telephoned to the city for you. That is, I telephoned for my usual nurse, but I suppose you happened to be the only one available at the time. You made good time getting out. Now, we will leave our patient. Look to the comfort of the child."

Janet turned with a smile in her weariness—this language of command she had never known impressed her pleasantly. It was as if between the strong capable man and herself existed some bond of understanding and sympathy.

Janet washed and fed and coaxed the baby to sleep. Then, disheveled and star-eyed, she sought the watchfully alert physician.

"Any further orders?" she asked quietly.

It was ten days later when Janet Darcy stood in the small house doorway, while Sukey Wells sang inside, with the patient now well on her way to recovery. Alan Brent, looking down on the volunteer nurse, smiled a very, very tender smile. To him, she had just made full confession; to him she had told her story.

"You are wonderful," he said softly.

"I think," mused Alan Brent, the doctor, "that I will send little Sukey Wells, our general helper, in the morning. You will both be kept busy."

"But, oh! Janet, you who have been so sheltered, are you certain that you will never regret your refusal to marry the great governor?"

Janet Darcy's answering smile was confident.

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Cotton growers are fast lining up as members of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Growers' Co-operative Marketing Association, says a head line.

That was a very appropriate cartoon in last Sunday's Fort Worth Star-Telegram, picturing the fact that, among the things which interests the mothers and fathers of this country least, is the whereabouts of their children. The drawing very aptly pictured father intently and seriously pondering over business matters, while mother was busy before the mirror with the powder puff.

There should be a most hearty cooperation between the parents and the school superintendent or teachers. The parents should assist the teachers if our school to the end that their children obey the rules and regulations of the school. When a boy or girl gets to the point where their deportment and conduct is such that the teachers and school superintendent can't control them there is something wrong, and if the parents are able and do control their children at home, they should take "him" or "her", as the case may be, and go right to the Superintendent, get the facts as to why the pupil has been suspended, and if in the parents power, back the Superintendent in the future conduct of the pupil, and he or she will be permitted to continue in school. If the parents are unable to control and demand the respect of their children how in the world can they expect a school teacher to do so?

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We are informed that W. R. Bigham formerly of this city, was married last Sunday to a Cisco lady, whose name we failed to learn. However, we are informed that the new bride has relatives near Merkel, but we were unable to learn their name. We join a host of friends in extending best wishes.

Brand and Shorts at G. M. Sharp's. tf

THRIFT BANK IS ORGANIZED HERE

We learn that recently Mr. J. A. McLean, representing the Savings Division of the U. S. Treasury, was in Merkel and organized in the school here what is known as the "School Government Thrift Bank", and the same was organized with the following as officers: President, Roy Largent; Vice-President, Warren McSpadden; Cashier, Mary Cleo Booth; Clerk, Hattie Proctor; Bookkeeper, Mabel McNeas; Teller, Weston West; Thrift Adviser, Clara Carlisle.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The mission of the church is to be of service to the whole community, in lifting up Christ to all. You will always find the doors of the Presbyterian church opened wide to welcome you at all its services. Last Sunday we had a fine attendance at both Sunday School and preaching services. Next Sunday, April 17 we are counting on you to help us to establish a high record in attendance.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 A. M. Subject "The River of Life." Fred S. Rodgers, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Our meeting that is growing in interest and power will continue through next week with two services each day 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The evening service is preceded by a prayer meeting in the Sunday School room. While we have been disappointed about getting the man to help us we wanted, we have the assurance of the help of the Lord, and the people are working beautifully. We also appreciate the support given the meeting by the other churches of the town. Arrangements are being made to seat the two Sunday School rooms so that our men may occupy one and our women may occupy the other, thus making room for some 75 more people at our evening service.

All our regular services Sunday with special stress on soul winning in every class in Sunday School. We hope to greet our new superintendent with a full house Sunday morning.

B. Y. P. U. Study classes meet at 4:30 p. m. Sunday.

An earnest invitation is extended to all. Come work and worship with us. Ira L. Parrack, pastor.

B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

Subject "What do Faith and Work have to do with each other." Leader Ruth Boden.

1. What is Faith and what is Work? 1st part—Faith procures Salvation—J. L. Hardy.
2nd. Part—Work and the Christian's reward is Heaven—John McDonald.
Special music by Lorena Frazier.
2. Faith and Work in our growth in Grace—Mr. Barnes.
3. Work is the Evidence of Faith by Mr. Hardy.
4. Conclusion by Bro. Parrack.

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Friday April 15

William Russell

"Bride 13"

"The Iron Rider"

Kaufman Featurette

Saturday April 16

Beatriz Michelena

in "The Heart of a Gypsy"

Mutt & Jeff in "Out Again"

April 16

Al St. John

in "Ship a Hoy"

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HEBRON NEWS

We have been having some threatening weather following the frost of a few days ago, which killed most of the gardens.

Oliver, Carl and Truman Carey returned home Monday after a visit with their brother Melvin near Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Carey spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Peek.

Little Ada Northan has been suffering with erysipilas, but is reported better at this time.

Some of the children of this community have joined hands in helping to exterminate the rats.

W. M. Carey is having his cotton seed graded for planting.

Bro. Markham was sick and not able to fill his appointment Saturday night and Sunday. Come all who can and help us in our singing next Sunday night. We will have some new books and we will appreciate your help.

Hot weather is here, refresh yourself at the Merkel Drug Co. Fountain. Everything strictly sanitary. tf

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METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womans Missionary Society met at 2:30 on last Monday afternoon at the church.

This was regular Mission study day but a short business session was held preceding it. Some unfinished business had been left over from the Monday before among which was the report of the delegates who were sent to the district meeting at Baird. These reports were indeed interesting, especially that of the address given by Mrs. Delaney of Memphis Texas, who is conference superintendent of young people. Many other good things were also contained in these reports and altogether the meeting at Baird was a very profitable as well as pleasant one.

It was also decided at this meeting to hold a bazaar the second week in May the exact date to be decided later.

Next came our mission study lesson and it is always such an enjoyable hour of study. We now have quite a large class in this study and we always get such a spiritual uplift from these lessons. We were indeed glad to have such a large percent of our members present. There were 36 at this meeting and 3 new members added to our list. We are always so glad to add new members to our society and a hearty invitation is extended to every lady member of the church to come join our ranks and help win the battles.

We meet again next Monday in Mission Study. Reporter.

Plenty of Fresh Vegetables every Saturday morning at Bradshaw & Sublett's. Call early before it is all gone. tf

PREACHER GETS POUNDED

We learn that Rev. Rogers, the local pastor of the Presbyterian church was forced to accept a big pounding at his home on last Friday night. Those administering were the members of his church and the weapons used were pounds of many and varied good things to eat. As the result Bro. Rogers and family, as well as the entire membership of the church, are happy and grateful.

White and grey shorts. Also bran. Bob Martin Grocery Co. tf

Mrs. S. F. Annis left this morning for Fort Worth to visit her sisters and their daughters. She will go to Eliasville, Crystal Falls and other points before returning. She will also visit relatives in Oklahoma and will be away for some two months.

Hot weather is here, refresh yourself at the Merkel Drug Co. Fountain. Everything strictly sanitary. tf

The Woman's Missionary Society will hold a bazaar the second week in May. There will be dainty things for the "Sweet Girl Graduate." Also substantial things for the home keeper.

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NEXT WINTER'S FOOD SUPPLY

Now is a good time to make your plans for your next winter food supply. The canning season is approaching—it is best for some vegetables, and will open for fruits. Every farmer should be able to begin a winter of 1921-22 with his pantry shelves filled with canned fruits, jams, preserves, jellies and vegetables. Every family living in small cities and towns where fruits and vegetables can be procured for the gathering, or at a reasonable price, should do likewise.

The farmer who remembers that now is the time to plan his smokehouse and to grow something to put into it; to prepare his silo for filling; to provide himself with a good cow or two and to secure, if he has not already done so, a good flock of purebred chickens, won't care quite so much about low-priced cotton as his neighbor who has depended entirely upon the staple. Boarding at home is going to be a lot more convenient, better and cheaper than boarding with the grocer who will feed you out of expensive tin cans, paper sacks and barrels.—Farm and Ranch.

MERKEL GIRL WINS IN SPELLING

The spelling contest at the county meet at Abilene on March 25th-26th was written, and the papers were sent to Austin to be graded. The contestants spelled 360 words from a list of about twelve hundred words that are in common use. Orpah Patterson of Merkel and Bessie Green of Abilene tied for first place in Taylor County, neither having missed a word. This means much when it is remembered that fifteen schools of the county were represented in the contest.

Peace Maker Flour, at G. M. Sharp's. tf

Mr. I. C. Dunbar, cotton buyer of Colorado, Texas, was guest in the home of Mrs. Brown and family last Su

MOLLY'S AS GREAT KENTUCKIAN

Memory of Judge W. H. Yost Will Linger Long With the Men of the Bench and Bar.

The passing of Judge W. H. Yost takes from Kentucky life one of its most picturesque characters. He was noted as the "biggest" lawyer in the state, a man of giant stature, taller by several inches than the late Ollie James, and weighing 350 pounds.

He was a delightful raconteur, and one of his favorite stories was about getting his shoes blackened at a Louisville stand. The shiner was inclined to be loquacious, and the judge wanted to read his newspaper, so he made a sign pretending to be deaf and dumb.

The bootblack brushed away at his considerable task awhile and then remarked to a nearby newsboy: "Hi—l of a big —, aint he?"

But while the judge enjoyed that sort of thing, he resented impertinent curiosity.

Once in the lobby of Hotel Latham, a local lawyer introduced a fellow-citizen, who gave the big man the once over and inquired: "Say, judge, how tall are you, anyhow?"

Judge Yost glowered down on his questioner, and snapped: "Has your wife false teeth?"

"We shall never forget a scene in County Judge Polk Cansler's court years ago when the examining trial of a number of suspects in the Bub Coffey murder case was being held.

After hearing the testimony, Judge Cansler announced that he would hold all the defendants to the grand jury.

Up rose Judge Yost, then attorney. "On what grounds, please, are these men denied their freedom?" he thundered.

"Well," said Judge Cansler, not a bit awed. "Just for general running around."

"Great God, your honor," gasped the Titan, "what sort of show would a houn' dawg have for existence in your jurisdiction?" — Los Angeles Times.

China's Heir Apparent.

When, by decree of the throne, the Chinese republic was first proclaimed, the boy emperor was six years of age. Today he is in his fifteenth year, and the question of his future is therefore becoming a matter of increasing concern, not only to his family but to the venerable guardians of the heir apparent, of whom Hsu Shin-chang, president of the republic, is one. John O. P. Bland writes in Asia Magazine. Especially interesting and important is the problem of his marriage, which, if imperial traditions be observed, must be decided before long. The opinion is strongly held and freely expressed, in certain high official circles at Peking that the best solution of China's political difficulties would be for the imperial clan to consent to his majesty's marriage with the daughter of President Han. The underlying idea is that if this were done and the exclusive house laws of the Manchu dynasty thus abrogated by the marriage of the emperor to a Chinese lady, the antidynastic movement in the South must lose most of its force and the way be prepared for the re-establishment of the monarchy, constitutional, limited and shorn of all the exclusive Manchu privileges.

Dreamers.

Just before the World war Sir A. Conan Doyle wrote a fanciful tale in which he pictured the plight of England starved and almost subjected by enemy submarines. Fancy almost became fact when Germany made its desperate bid for victory. Between the imaginative deeds of the short story and the real deeds of the enemy obeying orders from Postdam there was little variance.

The United States has just read of the first practicable use of the telegraph for sending photographs. The same idea was used in a fiction plot ten years ago.

The world nearly always keeps faith in dreamers and prophets. An agile hand does not always go with an agile mind, but the world does not forget an idea that has been promised. Thus does the imaginative writer become the vanguard of achievement—the scout of scientific possibility.—American Legion Weekly.

Flag Hoisted Below Water.

The British flag has been raised under unusual circumstances in the past, but perhaps the conditions were never stranger than those at a ceremony which has just taken place at Swansong bay, British Columbia, where two divers, nearly 100 feet below the surface of the sea, hoisted the ship's ensign on the flagstaff of the Sunken ship Prince Rupert, which is now in process of being salvaged. One diver bent the colors to the halyards and slowly hoisted them while his mate stood at the salute nearby and sent to the surface, through the telephone connected with his helmet, the strains of the national anthem. Many a ship has gone down with colors flying, but it will be the feat of the salvage company engaged in raising the Prince Rupert to bring the vessel to the surface with the British flag masthead.

Shetland Copper Mines Open.

At a time when there is a surplus of copper available on the market it is of interest to note that copper mines have been opened in Shetland, where a Belgian expert reports that there are rich deposits. A squad of Cornish miners are working under Cornish engineers and with modern machinery which has been installed. Ore containing 12 to 15 per cent of copper is being extracted.—London Times.

AS TWIG IS BENT

By EMMA STRONG.

(By McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

"Catch him while he is young and train him in the way you would have him go; then you will have a husband after your own heart. Should the marriage prove a failure, you will know you picked the wrong man."

Lila Fox looked up from Madame Mixit's "Advice to the Lovelorn," just in time to see Winnie Weeks, radiant bride of a week, pass by with her handsome young husband.

Winnie was only eighteen and a beauty, so Lila, twenty-nine and merely good-looking, really seemed old and ugly to him.

"I have a good mind to try it," she murmured, and whether she really meant it or not, fate seemed ready to help her, for at the dance of the Neighborhood club that evening Lanson Grey persisted in dancing with her and her only.

Though a trifle dismayed at his youth, he being only seventeen and a high school pupil, the advice to "catch him young" kept recurring, and when he, with flattering humility, asked if he might walk home with her, she just naturally said "yes."

It was only a ten-minute walk, but before they had gone half the distance his arm was around her slim waist, his eyes on hers, and he was murmuring, "Oh, this is what I've wanted since my first dance with you. I just love you." And though she was scandalized at the absurdity of this "kid's" making love to her, "catch him young and train him" once more bobbed up, and she decided to accept him.

Arrived home, she invited him to "just for a little lunch," but the ice box yielded only tomato soup and cottage cheese.

"I love tomato soup," Lanson exclaimed in the same ardent tones he had said he loved her. "Bring it out and heat it." So they feasted on soup, crackers and cheese.

It was a case of "rushing" after that. Lila had always had stragglers admiring, who called a few times and then lost interest. The truth was that her breezy manner, which fascinated at first and made "getting acquainted" easy, had seemed to be "too heavy" on more intimate acquaintance.

But Lanson did not lose interest. He came every evening, proposed marriage. And when she laughingly asked, "How could you support a wife? You must be fooling," he grew very indignant, and "I'll show you," he declared; "you don't care for me or you'd marry me right away!"

"But married people have to pay their expenses, and how could we do that?"

"Easily enough. My uncle, in the real estate business in Albany, has offered me a job at a thousand a year; won't that pay our expenses?"

It did provide for them amply for two years, when prices and salaries began to soar. Lanson had pleased his uncle, who now raised his salary beyond Lila's wildest expectations.

She had economized and "trained" Lanson to do so, too. They now felt that they could afford a bungalow for a home and, calling at the office one day to see him, in connection with the purchase of it, Lila asked the office boy to send out Mr. Grey. "Tell him Mrs. Grey is here," she said; and the boy went into Lanson's office with "Your mother is out there, Mr. Grey, and she wants to see you."

Lanson, who supposed his mother to be at home, forty miles away on the Massachusetts side of the state line, rushed out to greet her, only to find Lila there, alone.

"Why, what a funny mistake!" he laughed, but from that time on he began to be late for dinner, slow to meet her for the noon lunch, which they always had together at a Broadway restaurant; in fact, his hours became so irregular and his excuses for "working overtime" so plausible that Lila got quite used to spending the evenings alone.

But even so, she was totally unprepared for his not coming home at all one night and for the harsh command, by telephone, the following morning, "be at the police station at nine o'clock."

Arrived there, worn with the night's vigil and fearing Lanson had met with some horrible accident, she was comforted by the sight of her husband and a pretty girl of sixteen whom she recognized as the stenographer in the office adjoining Lanson's. But before Lila could utter a word, one of the policemen guarding them asked the frightened girl: "Now, young lady, can you tell me who this woman is?"

"Yes," she whispered, "his mother."

"What is your name?" sharply asked the officer, turning to Lila.

"Lila Grey."

"Do you know this man?"

"He is my husband."

"Young man, can you deny that?"

"No."

The young girl, with a muffled groan, collapsed, fainting in her chair.

The officer turned to Lila. "I found them in the park at two o'clock this morning; followed them to the Union station, where he bought tickets for New York. They were just about to board the train when Stubbs, here, rushed up with a report of 'girl missing.' I asked her name, and brought them back."

Lila clung weakly to the desk. "Oh," she was muttering incoherently, "marriage—failure—know—picked the wrong man."

Bargain in exchanging Reality for the Artificial.

When the later voyagers of Europe came to the uncharted spaces of these warm South Pacific seas they found in the Polynesian group a culture which was beyond the understanding of most of them, and which only a few fine souls glimpsed as an astounding revelation of the natural development of humanity, and, by contrast, of the depravity of civilization.

They found health and high spirits abounding to a degree utterly strange to them, the hardiest and most adventurous of their white kind. Murder, mutiny, shipwreck, and desertion wrote red their reactions to the entrancing liberty of thought and action they found here, and the contrast with their rude, ugly restricted lives in Europe, America, or on their ships.

If you would be ashamed of what the pursuit of profits and proselytism, hand in hand, has done, read the reports of explorer, missionary, captain and trader in these waters, and view the remnant, after beauty and honesty had been replaced by modernity and hypocrisy.

It was in clothing that the first insidious approach was made.

In this valley where I am now the only foreigner, with my word and example, life resumes for a time at least much of the old Marquesan way and appearance. The mission church, the first Christian edifice within a thousand miles of here, is fast rejoicing in decay, and its garden is but a jungle. The schoolmaster who taught Vaitahu's children to say, "La France est le plus bon pays du monde," is gone.

Existence is become almost as devoid of invention and divested of artificiality as before the white man came. I am able to rebuild in my mind the structure of Marquesan customs and to view in imagination the attractive aspect of Vaitahu and its idyllic days of old. We have brought out of the huts the native garments of tapa, and we live as much as possible a perspective of the past.

The Tahitians thought the whites who first arrived were gods, and when they found they were men, with their same passions, they thought they were ill. That is the first impression one who lives long with Polynesians has when he meets a group of whites. They look pale, sharp-faced and worried. We pay dear for factories and wheeled vehicles.—Frederick O'Brien in Century Magazine.

Locusts in Argentina.

A plague of locusts, like that which in ancient Egypt "covered the face of the earth," this year descended upon the province of Santa Fe, Argentina. Similar offenses are almost annual events in one part or another of the country.

The locusts come suddenly and without warning. Where for a year or several years perhaps not one of the insects has been seen, a veritable cloud of them will one day appear and settle on the ground.

At first little damage is done, but as they progress through the country they bore holes into the earth, into which they deposit their eggs. Within a short time the larvae are hatched and come forth. At first these can not fly, and it is at this stage that they devour every living plant within their path, with the exception of a few species, such as willow trees.

A little later the insects develop their wings and, leaving the country through which they have passed a desert, they disappear almost as suddenly as they came. Where they go to has never been discovered.

Orbison Congratulated.

In a burst of oratory—he himself admits it was good—Charles J. Orbison, federal prohibition director, closed his political campaigning the day before election at Kokomo.

"You can judge my work for the cause of democracy," says he, "when you consider that on the fateful Tuesday, Kokomo went Republican by its greatest Republican majority."

However, that is not the story Mr. Orbison tells regarding that day. He remembers the day by a bit of congratulation he received.

"An old man came to me when I got through speaking," says Mr. Orbison, "and he gripped my hand and shook it and said: 'That was fine, judge, that was fine. You are good, but after all you missed your calling. You should have been a circus clown.'"

—Indianapolis News.

The Difference.

Mr. H. G. Wells has no exalted opinion of the works of modern authors, judging from the following story. Some time ago a friend was talking to him about the good times that novelists of today have compared with those of the past.

"You modern writers do not work so hard," he said, "and you are paid twenty times as much as you ought to be."

Mr. Wells gently shook his head. "You labor under a misapprehension, my boy," he replied; "the chief difference between the old authors and those of today is simply this: They die and their works live; our works die and we live—as best we can!"

Getting Away With It.

"I bought a felt hat today and charged it to the firm," chortled the sly salesman.

"What as?" queried his interested companion.

"Overhead expenses."—American Legion Weekly.

abernacle is going to ruin, and he people of the community need a place to get together for social, business and other meetings of a clean wholesome nature, we would suggest that, the people begin thinking about some plan of repairing and touching up this much needed property.

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As trustees, we would ask men who use saw and hammer, (if they will) to volunteer a few hours toward this work. If so we will set a day to do the work. Talk it over, think about it and see us. We can dig some flower beds and the good ladies will do the rest toward making the inside grounds attractive. Will that be asking too much ladies? Let EVERYBODY put a shoulder to the wheel as the WHOLE community is to be benefitted in the repair and improvement of this Community Meeting Place. We thank you, Rufus Adcock, Lytton Howard, A. T. Sheppard, Trustees.

Mrs. Lou Looney went down to Cisco Wednesday to meet her son, who has been in U. S. S. Service for the past four years.

Marechal Neil Flour at Bob Martin's. None better. tf

Miss Leel Merritt and Bonnywne Sanders visited relatives in Putnam Saturday and Sunday.

C. C. Blocher, the efficient manager for the Merkel Lumber Company left Tuesday night for Oklahoma, where he will attend a meeting between the local managers of Oklahoma and Texas, the officials of his company.

Carl Black who for some time has been a valuable employe of the Crown Hardware Company, has resigned that position and accepted a position with the Merkel Lumber Company. He is capable and a hustler, and will no doubt render excellent service for this company.

Two Cold Inaugurations.

Two presidential inaugurations especially marked by cold weather were those of Taft and Grant (his second).

Thousands of people became sick from exposure during Grant's second inauguration, and many died. It is said the coughing of people who had colds was so great that the orchestra at the inaugural ball could hardly be heard.

The Taft inaugural blizzard began in Washington the afternoon of March 3, 1909. It continued all night, and the snow in the capital the next day was so deep that it seemed impossible to have a parade. But the parade was held, and on a street swept clean, thanks to the Washington street department, which removed thousands of wagon loads of snow and slush from Pennsylvania avenue. Many people became sick from standing in the snow or sitting in the cold stands to watch the parade. There was much suffering caused by exposure. President Taft's reviewing section was inclosed in glass and heated by electricity.

"Robinson Crusoe's" Musket.

The musket said to have been given to Alexander Selkirk when he was put ashore on the island of Juan Fernandez, 400 miles off the Chilean coast, has been going the rounds of British museums.

It was Selkirk's adventures upon which was based De Foe's famous story, "Robinson Crusoe." The musket is inscribed with the name of "A Selkirk Largo, 1771." It was purchased by Randolph Berens for \$6.25, but the owner has insured it for \$10,000.

Selkirk owned a tavern near Clapham, but died in 1723 at sea as a lieutenant aboard a naval vessel.

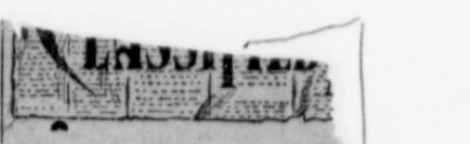
Washington Made Custom.

It was Washington's cabinet that established the custom for all future inaugurations to be made in public. When the time for Washington's second inaugural came around he was in doubt as to the proper method of taking the oath for his second term. He addressed a note to his cabinet asking for their opinion as to whether it should be public or private. The cabinet at that time was divided. Jefferson and Hamilton recommended that it should be private. Knox and Randolph reported in favor of making it public, which was done.

Soft, as it Were.

"All the young ladies are raving about your new clerk's melting eyes."

"Let 'em rave," said Mr. Grumpson. "I've never known a chap with melting eyes whose brain wasn't in the same condition."—Birmingham Age-Herald.



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It is now eight years that I have been on my chicken farm and I shall never leave it. The thought of scientific research fills me with the same horror that I felt when I saw Marie lying dead in the garden, a faint blue shadow on her forehead.

I was just out of college when I went to work for Dr. Gaspard. From the first he impressed me uncannily, as a person of too strong imagination. Then, too, I thought that he was not over careful in the handling of explosives. But no one dared remonstrate except Marie, and she was too light-hearted and happy.

At least she was happy until Lord Hackett threw her over for rich Sam Orcutt's widow. I shall never forget that morning. I saw her run down the hill, his letter in her hand, and fling open the door of the laboratory without knocking, an act that was strictly forbidden to us both. In a second I heard a split, then a roar and I could see the flash of purple flame. The doctor was scarcely hurt at all, but Marie was burned and the poisonous fumes had quenched forever the light in her eyes.

It seemed as if every part of feeling in the doctor turned to something grim and terrible. The next morning he called me to the library and asked me what I knew about the pineal gland. He pointed to the open dictionary and bade me read aloud. In a voice that trembled a little I obeyed: "In man a small, conical, reddish gray body attached to the third ventricle of the brain. It has the structure of an eye with a more or less distinct retina or lens. It is evidently a remnant of an important sense organ. Its present function is unknown."

"Bear this in mind," said the doctor when I had finished, "there is no death, only change. Countless factors have atrophied that gland. Now I shall play upon it by every stimulus to awaken it."

"To what end?" I asked weakly.

"To give her an eye, to her and all the world."

"But there is no place, no socket."

"One will form. I can only mark the ends, not the processes of nature. All I ask of you, Miss Robinson, is to attend to my supplies, file my notes and to keep your mouth shut. I know that you are capable of all three."

In about two months the process began. Every morning I led Marie to the laboratory, the doctor locked the door and I walked outside. Sometimes I could hear strange gurglings and moans, but Marie declared that she did not suffer much. After the treatment she would sleep. And she would always dream. At first it was of tall trees and lush grasses, then the thickets would be peopled with great monsters and flying reptiles. She would awaken hungry and ask for chops, always complaining that they were overdone.

I watched these changes with dismay, but the doctor frowned grimly. "It's awakening," he said, "and with its stirring it brings to her subconscious mind the evolution of the race."

One day Marie did not sleep as usual. She kept murmuring thickly about the wind in the tree tops. The doctor called to me to help a moment with some apparatus, and when I returned she had disappeared. I called to the doctor and we ran out into the garden. She had climbed to the lower limb of an old pear-tree and sat with face uplifted as if drinking in the beauty of the leaves against the sky.

When Marie heard our steps she grasped the trunk with both hands and began to climb. It was a Louis Bond tree, very straight and tall.

"Come down, dearie," cried the doctor, "come down to your daddy here."

Marie leaned toward us. The branches had loosened her long hair and it was swaying gently.

"Father," she said, "I wonder if I see the trees? It almost seems as if I do."

"Perhaps so, dearest. Come down and tell me about it. You're not afraid of your old daddy, are you?"

"I'm not afraid of anything but snakes."

Just then the first breath of the evening breeze rustled the leaves of the pear trees. It caught a lock of Marie's hair and whipped it across her face.

"Oh!" she screamed, "a snake; I felt him!" She brushed frantically at her face, lost her hold and fell at our feet.

Tenderly we carried her into the library and laid her on the couch. I brushed back her hair and, for the first time, we saw a faint, blue, oval shadow on her forehead.

And that is all the story of Marie Gaspard. The doctor went to France and I in a few months bought my chicken farm. Sometimes, on moonlight nights, I see my pear trees rustling in the breeze. Sometimes a white misty figure bends toward me from the branches and I catch a glimpse of Marie's sweet face, a faint blue shadow on her forehead.

In Peaceful Grave.

In an open field not very far from London, England, there is a solitary grave of one who was an ardent lover of the surrounding country. This was a woman who did not wish to be buried in the crowded cemeteries of the city. And one cannot help feeling that she was a little wise, for where she rests the countryside is full of peace.



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IMPORTANT OPEN MEETING OF THE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Much disappointment is felt by trustees and patrons of our rural schools over the governor's veto of the Rural Aid Bill. However, we shall not despair until after the Special Session of the Legislature, because steps are being taken by the leaders in education in the state to the end that the bill may again be submitted. While some ten of our forty-five districts will take advantage this year of the Amendment and raise their taxes, all are not in a position to do this, and we know that we shall be so greatly handicapped in our work by a failure to receive this Aid that we just MUST do our part to secure the appropriation and we feel that we can not fail in our efforts. To this end, we wish to call attention to a SPECIAL MEETING of the COUNTY BOARD to be held at the Court House Saturday, April 16th at ten o'clock, at which time measures will be discussed for pushing in this county this important matter. The early part of the session will be open to the public and rural trustees, patrons, and teachers are URGED to be present.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Whereas our shareholders meeting in January was not held on the day mentioned in our articles of association, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the shareholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Merkel, Texas will be held at the offices of said bank, Wednesday, May 18th, 1921, at two o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of electing five directors.

Attest: J. T. Warren, President; L. R. Thompson, Cashier. 15t4

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SHILOH DOTS

The health of the community is fairly good at this writing. And the weather has been some colder.

Several attended preaching Sunday morning, and singing Sunday afternoon. There was no preaching Sunday night as the pastor was not well.

Mrs. Rachel Phillips and sister, Mrs. Winter, and Vera Phillips visited Mrs. T. Winter and family of Noodle Friday.

Jenning Winters and wife, Roy Winters and wife went fishing Saturday night, but didn't have any luck.

Will Williams and wife are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy born the 8th.

Burma Howell of Trent visited Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howell Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCright of Anson visited their farm here today.

Mrs. Thelma Greene of Breckenridge is visiting her brother Ernest McCright.

The Farm Bureau met at the school house Tuesday night to organize.

Grandma Tiner of Abilene is visiting her son Mr. J. W. Tiner.

MULBERRY LEAVES

Mrs. Delia Holborn of Fort Worth is visiting her sister Mrs. M. G. Guin.

Hamilton Chancey and family spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Andrews of Anson.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pentacost were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Walsh Sunday.

Miss Frankie Chancey is passing busy anxious days and wakeful nights—her incubator is hatching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Barker attended a birthday dinner given by Mrs. E. H. Thompson Sunday.

Mr. Rice, who recently moved on the Vickers place, is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Thomas of Merkel, and Mr. and Mrs. M. L.

Walsh and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Martin.

Mr. E. H. Thompson will preach at Mulberry school house Sunday the 17th.

We are informed that the Farm Bureau organized at Stith with forty three members, and at Hodges with thirty eight. Let the good work go on.

"We only Bought Rat Poison Twice," writes Jesse Smith, N. J.

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OWN PEOPLE

By ELIZABETH M'NAUGHT.

There were many things that dark-eyed Rebecca was forced to put up with in her squalid little home—many things that were not at all conducive to the happiness of a twenty-year-old visionary such as she happened to be.

There was Grandma Schwartz, comfortably situated, with no real worry of an impoverished old age, yet forever lamenting her growing feebleness and its attendant loss of usefulness; and Grandpa Schwartz, continually railing against the present generation; and last, Rebecca's father, moody and silent, constantly worrying that a likewise unjust world, just then whispering prohibition, might bring it to an issue. And he in the liquor business!

To gentle, retiring little Rebecca the very smell of the stuff was an abomination. Dutifully, she worked unseen in the little compartment behind the bar, labeling, bottling, sealing but worked mechanically, for always her mind was far ahead in the future, far removed from that damp, heavy atmosphere. Before her mind's many futures visioned themselves, many modes of life, many friends. And, impulsively, without a moment's notice she reached her great decision.

Amid the tears and pleas and dire, bewildering predictions of her nearness she passed into the gray stone walls of the county hospital to emerge four years later a positive little soft-footed Rebecca, spotless in white linen, bearing so much dignity, yet influencing so sweetly. Not even her father dared to challenge her when she sprinkled her queer smelling disinfectants about the house nor yet when she calmly disagreed with many of their life-long traditions. Slowly, patiently she worked for the change. And slowly it came.

No longer did grandma pray aloud that her last sickness might be "a short bed"; grandpa, if he still retained his own opinions, kept them pretty well to himself, especially in the presence of this capable young changeling, and father, the former master of his own and others' destinies, had cause to be jubilant, for, because of the earnest solicitation of Rebecca, he had stepped very gracefully and financially safe from the business a year previous and complimenting himself on his shrewdness, sat back and dared a real prohibition to do its worst. Thus they sat satisfied, atop of their little world of happiness. Suddenly, their world caved in! Father saw him first.

"Why, I was simply on a case with him," was her only explanation, given with a finality that was eloquent in its defiance, or such it seemed to the meek old man. But the cases became most frequent.

Like most old ladies, grandma had the habit of sitting down in her rocking chair with something to read, then going to sleep, to awaken just as the small black rooster bearing away her daughter's child turned the corner. One evening she awakened about three seconds sooner than usual or just in time to catch a glimpse of the mystery man. Her vantage point was the bedroom window and the moonlight, abetted by a fading vision, interlarded somewhat. Her heart stood still, for the silvery grayness of the hair and the paleness of the skin proclaimed him a Gentle. The trembling knees grew weak and shakingly she crept beneath the sheets, sore at heart, fearfully apprehensive, yet all ally.

Rebecca would marry whomever she chose, this the old lady knew, yet she also knew the hardness of the non-compromising father, and after weeks of dwelling in such misery, it was not surprising that she took to her bed, really sick this time. One evening, he invaded their home; swaining hard, the invalid heard Rebecca's happy voice and cheery laugh welcoming him.

"Oh, God of Abraham," she prayed dumbly, "take me to your bosom."

Great drops of perspiration stood out on her forehead and it became quite a few minutes before she was conscious of a cool hand soothing her brow. Slowly, she peered up, seeking for a little comfort in the kind eyes above her bed, but they were where.

"I shouldn't have left her," Rebecca was saying, "the heat is so depressing today."

Grandma's eyes encircled the room, seeking the intruder, and one look into a pair of somber black eyes and her blueish, grayish, swaying old world up and righted itself. What matter—londe-like hair or Gentle features? For, instinctively, Grandma Schwartz knew she was being supported by the strong arm of a son of the chosen people. A little gasping, half-uttered exclamation in Rebecca's ear, a few tears and it was all over as she said chidingly:

"Grandma, dear, where is your trust? I never could forsake my own my own faith; if I for a moment doubted that I should, I would have died all four years ago."

With a glad little cry, recognizing happiness in any dialect, grandpa, back among the pillows and his eyes for her first real nap.

Wasn't in His Right Mind.

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WRITES FROM NEW YORK

The following letter from Walter T. Rowland, who is in the U. S. Army, stationed for the present at New York, will prove very interesting to our readers. Besides extending greetings to his friends in and about Merkel the writer gives some interesting data concerning conditions in the greatest city in our nation.

Fort Jay, New York, N. Y. April 6, 1921.

To all Concerned: With the greatest of pleasure I have the privilege and opportunity of having published a few lines to my many friends of the "Dear old Lone Star State."

Having traveled extensively and residing in almost every portion of TEXAS all the earlier part of my life, I feel it my duty as a debt to my many friends residing in the state of Texas to compliment her as being the most sanitary, disciplined and prosperous state in the Union.

At present I am engaged by the United States Government transacting Reserve business for the Government at Fort Jay, New York City, N. Y.

For the benefit of those desiring information and light regarding the history of New York City I hereby submit a short sketch regarding same.

"The Old World in New York" Seven years ago New York's East side, to the Orthodox New Yorker, was divided into the classic three parts—its "Jewish East Side", its vaguely described "Little Italy" and its "Chinatown", reserved for midwestern tourists and therefore little visited by self-respecting New Yorkers.

Any afternoon or evening you may see the Greeks sipping their coffee and smoking—as often as not using the narghileh with its bottle on the floor and its stem like the pipe of a vacuum cleaner. The signs painted on the windows are Greek-classic letters familiar to college-bred America-through the medium of the college fraternity.

And behind those Greek letters business and political life are proceeding exactly as they would in the lands where once burning sappho loved and sung.

The Greek mother knows that all Greek men are "DEVILS" and she knows how to cope with her hereditary problem. If any harm comes to a Greek girl, it is through some foreigner that has wandered over the boundary whose methods the Greek mother knows not. In some such neighborhoods as East Sixty-ninth Street and East 149 street the mother has literally never been outside of her neighborhood since her arrival, maybe twenty years ago. She knows not the language and she knows not the ways of the world west, south and north.

We have grown racewise, what with a new country a week getting into the headlines.

And, as a consequence, New York's East Side takes on a new and thrilling significance. No longer is it divided into three parts. It is divided into American settlements and into Ukrainian settlements, into Lithuanian and Czechs and Syrians. Page any race you've a mind to, from high up in the Bronx to the back door of Wall street, the region East of Third Avenue is plotted out into an intricate pattern of foreign colonies, each homogeneous apart, a village in itself. Each nation has swarmed into an identical block of shabby houses, and has painted its bricks and its brownstones with its own personality, its own language, its own history, its own taboos and the tradition of its ancestors. Each has its own Main Street.

Of late it has become a fad among society women to organize "carnivals" on the East side to coax the foreigners into their folk costumes, as the society women imagine these things should be. Then the pavement goes on to Washington Square, where all Greenwich Village may see and approve.

But these real festas, which are gotten up within by the

Italian mutual benefit societies, are nothing so artificial. In the real festa the transplanted peasants wear their Sunday Best, even as if this were Italy. Only now their Sunday Best happens to be a black ostrich plumed hat or a black "dress suit" for the men. Thus do they parade. Then, after the procession, the saint is placed in a shrine on the street, and the neighborhood and the visitors from near by neighborhoods come and pin money upon her robe, until she is verily clothed in a patchwork of green bills. This money usually goes one-half to the mutual benefit society of the neighborhood and one-half to the church. Often \$3,000.00 is clear over and above expenses. Yet people have a way of wondering what Italians do with their money, and where it goes.

Indeed, the foreign-born women of our East Side Colonies, almost without exception, lead the home life of the older civilizations sometimes through the second generation. The Jewish second generation is apt to break away from the old customs, because their passion for education drives the girls as well as the boys out into man's world. But in general the rule holds for the girls, because there is a constant infusion of young man blood from the old country, demanding wives with the old social conventions. When man admires a certain type, supply follows demand.

Nor think that this Italian or Syrian or Polish woman is envying American woman her freedom. "The American men, they no love their women," shrugs Maria of Sicily. "No take care of her." And "You make your own girls finda their own husbands?" murmurs the shocked voice of a wrinkled old crone. And at least their divorce record is low.

Each foreign colony imports the fish and the fruits and the flavoring bark of its home. The Near East has brought with it forty-two ways of cooking lamb greasily in its own fat and im-

ports its candied pumpkin seed. Syria has a way of serving up dishes that, like Li Hung-chang Chop suey, yield up five memories to a bite. Each foreign colony is filled with restaurants, because of the large bachelor population, and these restaurant may be explored by the tourist by just going to the district and selecting one by the eye.

Yet a foreign restaurant is like a flower which is plucked only to wither. As fast as a national restaurant is discovered and the tourists begin to go there, it begins to play up to the limelights. Six short weeks ago an Indian restaurant was discovered on Eighth Avenue near Forty-second street. Grave Indian gentlemen, with American clothes but with great turbans on their heads, used to come in for their curry and rice. Six short weeks—and already the restaurant is half full of tourists eagerly peering at each other for turbans and local color. A week ago in a Syrian restaurant on Atlantic Avenue, I dined plentifully for 85 cents. The menu was written in Arabian with the letters running from right to left. I was the only American there. Pluck this flower at your peril.

Time and space does not permit me just here to mention in detail all in regard to the underground world of New York City and the many places of amusement such as, Coney Island, Manhattan Beach and others too numerous to mention just here.

My letter is beginning to run long so naturally I must cut the comedy just here my asking all my friends of the Lone Star State that takes notice of my letter to write me any time. All letters answered. Respectfully yours Walter T. Rawlings, Hdqr Co. 3rd. Battalion, 22nd. Infantry, Fort Jay, New York, N. Y.

NOTICE MULE RAISERS

I will stand the J. H. Grayson big Grey Jack at my barn two miles south of Nubia, at \$5.00 per single leap. W.L. Blair.15t3p

By MULL.

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Across their hearthfire Don and Daisy looked at each other. "Nan is such a dear girl," Daisy said, "I do wish she would take a little more interest in men. I really cannot bear to think of Nan living alone all her days. And she is so provokingly distant."

Don smoked ruminatingly. "Like my friend Bob," he remarked. "Now take Bob, good honest fellow, kind, gentlemanly and successful in business—yet, a woman hater."

"Oh! I shouldn't call him that exactly," Don's wife defended, "It's just that Bob Reynolds has had so many fussy females in his own family that he is cautious. You know, yourself, you would hate to risk being tied for life to anyone resembling his married sister. Then, too, Bob is satisfied in his profession, so he just 'steers clear.'"

"But he needs a sympathizing understanding companion," Don insisted. Daisy sighed, "No more than my lone, lovely Nan needs a protecting husband," she replied.

Then the two involuntarily smiled. "If we could manage a meeting between them," suggested Daisy.

Don shook his head. "Can't be done," he answered decisively. "Every time I invite old Bob out he suspects the match-making propensity of the happily married, and refuses."

Daisy nodded. "I know," she said, "Nan is just that way. 'Who else is coming?' she will ask me defiantly."

The fire crackled on, Daisy slipped over to the friendly arm of her husband's chair and still sat gazing meditatively into the rosy depths.

"Don," she said at last, "while we are in New York next week will you ask Bob to drop into the flat occasionally and see that things are all right?"

"Good idea," Don heartily agreed. "Bob will enjoy looking after your fernery, Daisy; you know he is an admirer of yours."

Bob was well pleased to oblige his friends. The thought of an uninterrupted evening among Donald's well-chosen books was inviting. He fitted the latchkey which his friend had bestowed upon him and entered the deserted vestibule. All was in readiness for his coming, as Don had said. As he switched on the living-room lights he saw a dish of polished red apples on a table beside the fireside chair. Several new pieces seemed placed for his selection on the grand piano.

He hastily shut off the myriad lights as he dropped to the hearth rug, leaving the golden shaded lamp alone for his use. And as Bob bent to build the fire he discarded his coat. From a rear room came crooningly the chirp of a bird. Bob arose. Don had not mentioned the added care of a bird, and here he, Bob, had allowed two days to elapse before visiting his friends' home after their departure. The tiny creature might be suffering now for want of food. Softly, on the thick rug, Bob made his way in the direction of the bird's murmurs. The cage hung in a high kitchen window, and standing upon a stool before the cage was a girl. The bright lights of the white kitchen fell upon her bronze-gold hair; and presently, as though sensing his presence, the girl turned abruptly, and losing her balance fell with a startled cry directly into Bob's outstretched arms.

It seemed that he had anticipated that fall from the moment the girl turned her white face toward him. A quick stride found him at the side of the high stool. It took him some time, however, to realize that the young woman's alarm was occasioned by his own presence.

Then Bob, holding her and vainly endeavoring to reach the faucet in order to dampen her forehead with revivifying water, wondered vaguely how in the world this strange young woman came to be in the deserted apartment which Don assured him was locked against intruders. For a moment the dizzy thought assailed that he had mistaken entirely wrong apartment. Then the pre-faced young woman found voice.

"I don't know," she said, "what you are doing here." She surveyed Bob's coatless figure. "But if you are a burglar, won't you please go?" "Burglar!" Bob gasped. He realized that the young woman was endeavoring to free herself from his close sustaining grasp. Also, that a most becoming rose color had banished the ashy whiteness and that her averted eyes were now glistening with dangerous resentment. "Burglar!" he repeated. "Why I came to look after the ferns. Don asked me to. I'm his friend."

The young woman, sinking down on a kitchen chair, stared at him. "Not she asked me to look after the ferns? Bob Reynolds? I," her tone was oppressive, "have heard of you. Daisy made me promise to look after her bird every evening. I am Daisy's friend."

"Not," mimicked the man, "the rarely perfect Nan? I have heard of you." And when it so happened not many weeks later that Bob Reynolds proudly announced his engagement to the two friendly conspirators, Nan laughed. "Bob had to take me," she reproved Daisy. "You fairly threw me at his head."

"Meaning," said Nan's lover, "that you, my dear, dropped me into it."

Luph Stanley was an Englishman of whom Lowell said that he "knew three times as many facts as any young man whatever had any business to know."

He had but one rival in that line: Fulgrave, who compiled the "Golden Treasury." Much interest sprang up among their friends when the two went off on a trip together.

"It's an even chance which will return alive," said one man, solemnly. When they did come back, Fulgrave was pale, emaciated, silent; but Stanley, it seemed, was unmoved and more all-knowing than ever.

One night, Buckle, the author of "The History of Civilization," was laying down the law on every subject, with a magnificent pomposity that made the table quake. At last he put forth some statement about the burning of a witch, and set the date a century out of the way. Stanley, who was present, had borne some preceding inaccuracies very well, with only a slight shaking of the head and a reddening of the face.

Suddenly his self-control gave way, and he leaped to his feet. He extended his hand, and piped forth, in a vigorous treble:

"I beg your pardon, but the last witch was burned at such-and-such a place, in such-and-such a year, in such-and-such a manner. And her name was so-and-so, and you will find all about it in a book to which I can easily refer you, and about which you evidently don't know."

Torrents of imprisoned knowledge were thereupon poured on Buckle's head, and the historian of civilization sat wrathful, extinguished, mute. But a little later he had his revenge. Some one mentioned a new dictionary as a good one.

"It is," said Buckle with solemnity. "It is one of the few dictionaries I have read through with pleasure."

The intimation that he had read any dictionary through with pleasure so astonished the guests that they forgot his past discomfiture in new awe.

Noises Made by Elephants.

The elephant uses both his trunk and his lungs in calling, and he has a large variety of sounds and combinations of sound with which to express himself, writes Charles Mayer in Asia Magazine. When rushing an enemy he trumpets shrilly, when enraged by wounds he grumbles hoarsely from his throat; he expresses fear by a shrill, brassy trumpet and a roar; and pleasure by a continued low squeaking through his trunk.

When apprehensive of danger or when attempting to intimidate an enemy, he raps the end of his trunk smartly on the ground and trumpets. The peculiar noise sounds like that produced by the rolling up of a sheet of tin.

In a moment of danger, the elephant coils his trunk to protect it from injury. When he is engaged in heavy work, such as piling lumber, he may use his trunk to balance the load he is carrying on his tusks, but never to bear part of the burden. If an unharmed elephant must pull a rope, he holds it in his mouth, taking good care to keep his trunk out of the way.

Beetle Hurts Pulp Industry.

A gray-green beetle has much to do with the present shortage of paper. The beetle is the adult form of the aspen borer, a grub which often destroys whole plantations of the trees that are so essential to the pulp industry.

The beetle gnaws a slot in the bark and deposits one or two eggs therein. From these eggs come the trouble-making grubs that gnaw into the heart and sapwood and so riddle the tree that the first strong wind snaps the weakened timber.

Poplar and aspen—both fast growing trees, and for this reason very valuable to manufacturers—are the objects of this borer's attacks. The imported Lombardy poplar and the commercial cottonwood of the Mississippi valley are very seldom injured, but all other native varieties are damaged by the beetle.

Poplar areas, where poplar and aspen dominate, the standing dead and dying trees exceed 50 per cent of the total stand.

Supply of Ostrich Feathers.

In 1914 there were 1,500,000 ostriches in South Africa. These are now reduced to 300,000. Germany and Austria are still out of the market for feathers. England is taking a few and they are too costly for France. The ostrich feather business of the world is now in the hands of about six men, with headquarters in London. They hold from \$8,000,000 to \$50,000,000 worth of ostrich feathers, normal times the world's supply in a year. The United States being practically the only market for the feathers, this country has the say as to price, and is giving from \$80 to \$100 a pound, when in an active market they should bring from \$100 to \$200.

Frenzieler Finance.

Roberts—What's the matter? Finances bothering you?

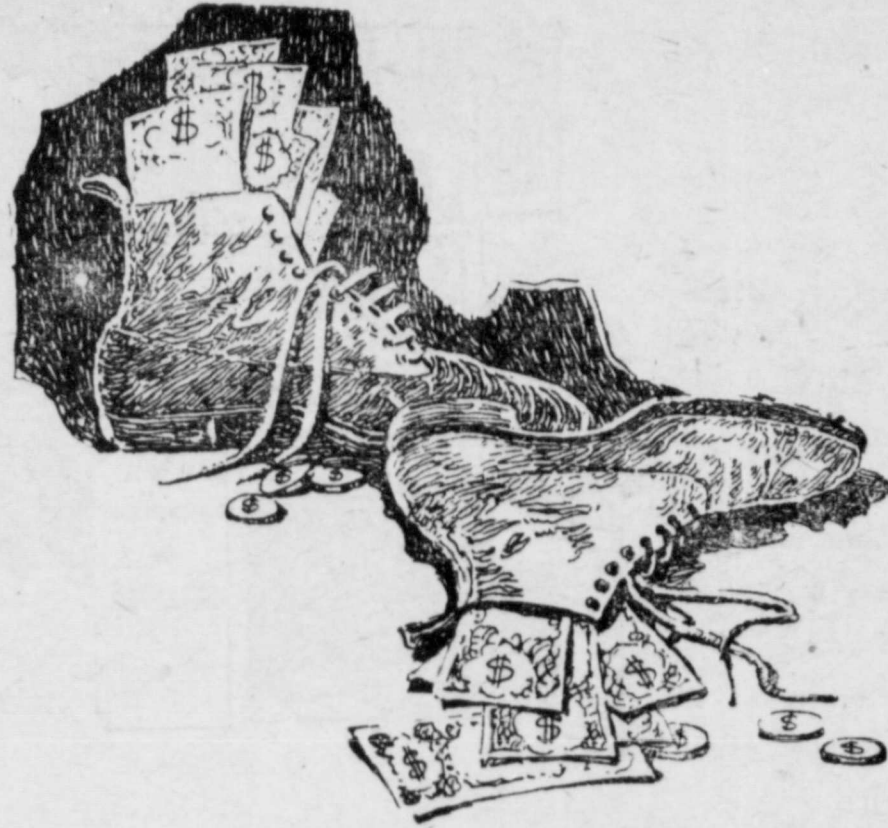
Richards—Yes, I owe Rogers \$5, and today I've got it, and he knows I've got it, and he knows I know he knows I've got it.—American Legion Weekly.

Necessarily Thus.

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PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS DEMAND ACTION

Representatives of Southern railroads have refused the prayer of fruit and vegetable growers for an emergency reduction of 35 per cent in freight rates. In denying the request they explained that the roads were not earning expenses and that any reduction would mean bankruptcy. On the other hand, the growers are equally as positive that they will be unable to produce and sell at a profit or even break even under the present conditions.

The railroad managements claim that the scale of wages and the working rules inherited from the Government are responsible for the present high cost of operation. The railroad employes take issue with the managers and assert that the railroads are mismanaged. In the meantime the producers and consumers alike are suffering. Tons of foodstuffs are rotting in the fields while in the cities many are going without vegetables and fruits in season because they are unable to pay the prices demanded.

Thus far the public has not taken sides in this controversy, but the temper of the people is being tested to the limit. The impression is growing that not only are the railroads mismanaged, but that railroad labor is not giving value received. The Government, which continues to control the railroads as to rates and in their relation to labor, should either promptly adjust the differences or turn over their power to the railroad managements and let them fight it out in their own way. Both producers and consumers demand action.—Farm and Ranch.

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saved, which alone would if saved pay fair dividends to factories and permit reasonable prices for raw products.

It is a fact, conceded, that the line between producer and consumer is too long and that there are too many toll stations. Shorten the line and save the tools by manufacturing nearer the points producing the raw materials. If you don't do it by choice, high freight rates and heavy tolls will force you to do it.—Farm and Ranch.

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GOLAN NEWS

Misses Menvil Hill and Bettie Byrom spent the week-end with their teacher, Mrs. Boughster, at Rotan.

Miss Birdie Jeffrey was shopping in Merkel Friday.

Miss Gladys Gann visited Esther Herron Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Stribling and sons, Leonard and Duncan, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the lady's brother Chester Duncan.

Misses Edith Thompson and Lettie Duncan were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Vol Byrom Sunday. Mrs. Dora Hill and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Williams and Vida Williams were visiting at Will Hills Sunday.

Messrs Bob and Jim Davis of Gainsville are visiting their sister Mrs. G. M. Byrom this week. Luther Davis, Misses Beulah Herron and Alvo Gann spent Sunday with Hugh and Birdie Jeffrey. Zoe.

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Chas. K. Russell, who for many months has at intervals, been engaged in the transfer of oil derricks, machinery etc., reports having recently completed hauling in the last of the derrick etc., from the Butman tract. He is now hauling out timbers for the derrick for the Rotary Rig on the Sears tract.

If it's Drugs you want you will find it at the Merkel Drug Company. tf

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NUBIA NEWS

As Grasshopper Ben is taking a vacation we have decided to send in a few items from this place.

Mrs. Butman left for Long Beach California Sunday the 10, having been called to the bedside of her father who we are sorry to note is very ill.

Mrs. J. D. Jones and Mrs. Will Butman from the Canyon, and Mrs. Renfro of Merkel left for Putnam Friday.

Mrs. Lucy Blackburn who has been at the Sanitarium at Sweetwater for some time we are glad to note is improved enough to return to her home.

Mrs. Lela Spears has also returned from Sweetwater where she has been for treatment.

The Womens Circle met at

Mrs. Grover Blair's home Thursday afternoon, April 14th and all reported a fine time. There were 29 ladies present, lots of work done and plenty of cake and lemonade. They will meet April 21st at the home of Mrs. Willie Mathew. You ladies that have not already joined had better get busy for you are missing something.

The singing class that has been organized at Nubia is fine. Every one invited to come and help sing every Sunday afternoon also Sunday school at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10 and in the afternoon at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock.

It seems a custom these days to go before the grand jury. Rev. Northcut filled his appointment at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon and Sunday night and quite a large crowd enjoyed his splendid sermons.

Mrs. Jim Moore who is at the Sanitarium at Abilene, we are glad to learn, is doing fine.

Miss Lottie Butman Miss Gary McLean, Mrs. Latimer, Mrs. Crow, and Mrs. Lillie Butman attended the Methodist Quarterly Conference at Cross Roads Tuesday.

They reported a fine time lots of good things to eat and were quite carried away with the splendid people they met.

The Baptist ladies met at the church Tuesday afternoon for Bible study which all present enjoyed very much.

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B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

First quarterly meeting, Zone No. 2, Sunday afternoon 3 p.m. April 24th. First Baptist church Opening Song Service. Prayer. Business.

Duett John Crain, Trent and Mrs. Ben Howell. Welcome Address, E. Yates Brown, Merkel.

The Benefits of a Zone Meeting to the Local B. Y. P. U.

Mrs. E. B. Barnes, Mt. Pleasant. What has the B.Y.P.U. done for our community, John Latimer, Nubia.

Piano Solo, Miss Beatrice Billings, Trent.

The Social Life of the B.Y.P.U. John Reynolds, Trent.

Duett W. H. Hughes and E. W. King, Mt. Pleasant.

Announcements, Benediction.

Notice to Correspondents

Again we call attention of our correspondents to the necessity of their names being signed to their communications each week not that we will publish the name as the writer of the communication, but that we may know who is writing, which is for our protection. We have received several lately without names signed and which we are forced to leave out on that account.

WINDOW CARDS

You'll want a Window Card. Phone 203.

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Credited to Forth Reminiscence.

The report, which later was denied, that King Alexander of Greece died from the bite of a pet monkey, and the presentation to the prince of Wales of a young koala, or Australian bear, a mountain devil, and a barking lizard, during his trip around the world, bring to mind the peculiar pets of nations and of famous men and women of history, says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

The natives of Pisa, Italy, kept tame eagles. The Florentines kept lions, and the Romans had wolves, the latter as an outgrowth of the Romulus-Remus story of the foundation of the city. Many peoples besides the Romans have made pets of wolves. Despite their proverbial ferocity in the wild state, many, taken as cubs, grow tame and manifest the traits of a faithful dog as a companion.

The history of the sport of hawking, or falconry, engaged in to some extent today, extends to prehistoric times and recalls the intelligent devotion displayed by the pet hawk of Genghis Khan, which three times in succession dashed a cup of water out of the hand of its master, who was thirst-parched after a hunt, in order to save his life. The water had been collected drop by drop from a pool on the height of a cliff. When the hawk had deliberately knocked the cup from his hand for the third time and at last sent it spinning between the rocks, the master drew his sword and killed the bird. Then he wearily climbed the cliff, only to find the dead body of the most poisonous variety of snake coiled at the bottom of the clear pool.

Monkeys have nearly always been general favorites, perhaps because of the uncanny intelligence they show. The pathetic little beggars with the organ grinders on our streets, the mascots of airplanes, and Prof. Garner's "Little Susie" are notable examples. King Solomon had apes brought into his kingdom once in every three years, and after stating this fact, the account naively adds that he exceeded all the kings of the earth for wisdom.

The part played by dogs and horses in the World war is a complete story in itself, but cats, chickens, and goats shared with them the honors among the boys in France. The cats in the trenches furnished amusement, so the tale is told. Puss seemed to have no fear of bullets, but manifested a high degree of annoyance when her glossy coat was spattered with mud during the process of washing her face and combing her fur on the top of a parapet.

Every child has heard the story of Dick Whittington's cat which was sent to sea and won her poor little master a fortune by killing the rats that wrought such havoc on the dinner table of a foreign king. But, and to relate, the history of this early lord mayor of London does not substantiate the legend.

Solved the Mystery.

While still a novice in the art of stenography I was called one day to take a very important letter from the president of the firm. In my nervousness I failed to notice that there were but a few blank pages in my notebook, and as a result was compelled to write on the cover of the book. All went smoothly in the transcription of my notes until I reached the cover, and then try as I might I could not make out a single word. Finally in desperation I went to the president and told him of my plight. He was quite kind, offering to dictate that portion of the letter over and suggested that I endeavor to read a few lines so that he might get the connection. However, this was an impossibility on my part, whereupon he began studying the little dots and dashes and suddenly blurted out: "Can it be that you are trying to read your notes upside down?" which to my great consternation and embarrassment solved the mystery instantly.—Chicago Tribune.

Copy American Methods.

Four French cities where Y. W. C. A. foyers are maintained have recently put on finance campaigns in true American fashion, and have raised sums of money exceeding the most optimistic predictions, according to a Y. W. C. A. secretary just returned from France. They are St. Etienne, Tours, Bourges and Mulhouse. The finance campaigns were mapped out and directed by American secretaries and accomplished by the French directors. Sufficient money to carry the 1921 budget of expenses for Y. W. C. A. work in these cities is now in the bank. In Mulhouse 120,000 francs were raised for joint Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. work.

The Yearning for Prominence.

"Why do you insist on walking out in a high hat and a frock coat?" "Well, everybody likes to be considered a great man, whether he deserves it or not. Every now and then the conductor of a sightseeing wagon points me out as a cabinet official or a senator or something."

Pay Dirt.

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LEAGUE PROGRAM

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2. Hymn, "My Country 'tis of Thee."

3. Scripture Reading Acts 7:20-23; Acts 22:1-3, by leader Joel Counts.

4. Special Music, a quartett.

5. Examples of prepared men who achieved.—Mr. Thompson.

6. "Why I should not attend a Christian College"—Roy Tucker

7. "Where shall I attend College"—Jossie Smith.

8. Song and Prayer service.

9. Business and announcements.

10. Repeat in Unison as a closing verse: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

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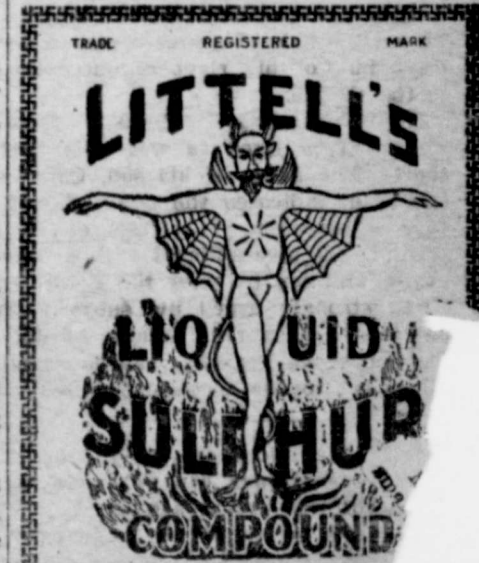
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One father says he realizes his boy is not leading the right path to become that of a good citizen, but adds "What can I do?" When the fathers of other boys pay no attention to the conduct of their allowing them all the privileges they want. Very true. It's almost impossible to overcome the majority sentiment in any community. And then we wonder "Why all this crime wave."



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from Manhattan's tallest tower. Voyagers coming up the bay gazed at it with astonishment, little imagining the formidable structures it foreshadowed.

The skyline it broke was that of an essentially flat, low-lying city. In Reid's eyes New York was not then precisely beautiful. So we may judge from the instructions he sent to Clarence Cook in 1870, with a request for a series of architectural articles. "What I want," he wrote, "is first a crisp editorial on the prevailing lack of architectural taste in New York, the dreary brownstone fronts, the worthlessness of brownstone as a material for building, the mostroities given us by our wealthiest men."

Then article after article was to be written, discussing the question of architecture in our cities generally, but particularly in New York. The "frightful example" was to be fearlessly pilloried, and suggestions were to be made.—From "The Life of Whitehall Reid," by Royal Cortissoz.

HONOR CLAIMED FOR BOSTON

First Public School in United States Is Said to Have Been in That City.

It is probable that the beginning of the American public school was in Massachusetts. In 1635 the people of Boston assembled in town meeting, requested Philimon Purnott to become schoolmaster and voted him 30 acres of land in part pay for his services. The school began by Purnott later became the Boston Latin school and has had continuous existence to the present time. Other settlements followed Boston's example and within the next ten years common schools were established in all the New England settlements. In 1647 the general court of Massachusetts ordered every town having 50 families to appoint a teacher, whose wages were to be paid by the parents of the children he taught or by the inhabitants in general. At the same time townships having 100 families were required to establish a grammar school to fit youth for college. The law establishing these two grades of schools laid the foundation of the public school system in the United States. Three years later a similar law was passed in Connecticut, but Rhode Island made no attempt to establish a school system until 1790.

Only Outdoor Inauguration.
The United States, although its capital is in a more rigorous climate than those of many republics, is alone in having an "al fresco" inauguration. The first four Presidents were inaugurated indoors, and beginning with the third President, Jefferson, the inaugurations took place in Washington. Monroe, the first President to be sworn in out of doors, chose the east portico of the capitol because of a dispute as to whether he should be inaugurated in the house of representatives or the senate chamber. After a return to the indoor inauguration by Jackson, the outdoor ceremonies were resumed. Because they seemed to fit in so well with American ideas of democracy, permitting the general public to see the procedure, they have been retained.—National Geographic Society Magazine.

Length of Hair Marked Caste.
For a long time the length of hair was considered a mark of caste in France. Only members of the royal family and princes of the blood could wear their hair long. Polled hair was a sign of obedience and inferiority. To cut the hair of a prince was to deprive him of his right of succession to the throne. Notwithstanding these facts, Charlemagne liked to wear his hair short. The name of his son, Charles the Bald, indicates the style of coiffure he affected. The Emperor Theophilus was also afflicted with a bare crown and he, to shun the notoriety of it, strongly urged his subjects to cut the hair on their heads, advancing numerous reasons, satirical and otherwise, for its accomplishment.

Playthings for Baby.
Many playthings can be made for children from pasteboard. To make a wagon use a four-cornered box to which pasteboard wheels are attached by wooden axles, latter put through the sides of box close to the bottom. Use iron pins or small nails to hold heels on the axles. A small box on the wagon does for a seat. Cut out a horse from pasteboard, stand him in front of the wagon, then cut the dasher down a little way. Put Dobbin's tail into this and if his feet touch level the rig is complete.

Unfair Advantage.
"That's an alert office boy you have."
"This is his first day on the job," said Mr. Dubwaite. "Tomorrow I'll put him to the acid test."
"How?"
"I'll leave a 'dime novel' lying around where he can find it."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Wm. S. Hart

in
"Sand"

Rolin Comedy

"Bride 13"

COMING Chas. Ray in "Homer Comes Home"

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One reason hubby is awfully proud when he comes home and finds that wife has saved him fifty cents pressing his trousers is that he knows she is figuring on him adding nineteen dollars and a half to it to buy her a new hat with.

To The Ladies of Merkel

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Among those enjoying an outing and fishing trip to the Llano last week, were Messrs. Andy Brown and Joe Owens.

YOUNG PEOPLES' MISSIONARY PROGRAM

1. Song.
2. Missionary Tour outlined by personal conductor.
3. Deposit for trip and touring book to agent (Lorena Dry).
4. Bible Lesson—"Jesus choosing his traveling companions." (Mark 3:13-19) Mrs. Mason Pee.
5. Song.
6. Yells and good-byes (All).
 - A. First stop at Thomasville, Ga. 1. Seeing Vashti—Mrs. Ed Wood.
 - B. Second stop at New Orleans, Louisiana. 1. New Orleans from a touring car—Hazel Harkrider. 2. A visit to the missions of New Orleans and a call at the First church—Annie Bickley. 3. Prayer for multitudes of New Orleans.
 - C. Third stop, side trip to Land of Evangeline. 1. Song. 2. A Description of the Land of Evangeline—Lorena Dry.
 - D. Fourth Stop—At San Antonio by Houston. 1. A night at the girls cooperative Home—Mae Beidleman. 2. San Antonio. 3. Special music—Lorena Frazier.

EGGS WANTED

Winters and Walker will pay cash the highest price the market will afford for your eggs. Bring them in and get the Cash.

We are glad to learn that Royson of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Propst who has been quite sick from the measles, is improving nicely at this time.

Pure Lone Star Cotton Seed for planting purposes at actual cost \$3.00 per bushel. Fall time R. O. Anderson and Geo. McDonald. 22t2

We regret to learn that Mrs. Stone, wife of L. E. Stone, the splendid manager of the local Telephone system, has been quite ill this week. We join the family's host of friends in the hopes that she will soon regain her former good health.

For Sale or trade—Thoroughbred Poll Durham Bull 2 years old. R. B. Wells. 22tp.

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Mrs. Walter Jackson returned first of the week from Fort Worth, where she had accompanied Mr. Jackson, who went to enter upon his new duties as Educational Manager for the College Avenue Baptist church of that city.

Our good friend Lige Gambel of the Merkel Drug Company, as a member of a fishing party to the San Saba river last week had the misfortune of the loss of a part of one finger by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Saturday

Dorothy Gish

in

"Out of Luck"

Mutt & Jeff in "The Sign Cure"

April 23

Buster Keaton

in

"The Scare Crow"

REVOLVER INVENTED BY BOY

Idea of Deadly Small Arm Was Born in the Brain of Fourteen-Year-Old Runaway.

The revolver, that until the invention of the automatic pistol, was the most deadly small arm known to man, was born of the brain of a fourteen-year-old boy, Samuel Colt. Colt ran away from school and shipped on board a merchant vessel bound for the East Indies. He had a good deal of idle time on his hands once the ship was well at sea, and a long period of calm weather followed its movements. He began to seek an outlet for his active imagination and mechanical urge. He attempted various things to aid sailing, but without any great success. He then took to planning a pistol that would shoot several times with a single load. He had only bits of wood and a jack knife to work with, but before the voyage was over he had cut out a model for a revolver very similar to the pattern still in use.

Once at home again, he went to work in his father's factory, but the revolver idea was still in his head, and he worked at it from time to time until he was twenty-one. At this point his experiments had so far advanced that he asked for and obtained patents in America and European countries. A stock company was organized, and from this humble start the great Colt arms factory was begun, and the revolver put on a market that soon carried it around the world.

SCIENTISTS HOLD TWO VIEWS

Are Not in Accord in Their Explanation of Origin of the Planetary System.

Scientists explain the origin of our planetary system in two ways. One of these is the nebular nebular hypothesis of Laplace. The other is the planetesimal theory of Professor Moulton, which is probably the most correct one. According to this theory our planetary system was originally a vast spiral nebula. The planets were formed by accretions of matter in the spirals of the nebulae. Our earth and its satellite, the moon, were formed in this way. The moon being a smaller accretion of matter, was naturally attracted by the earth, which was possessed of enough gravitation to hold the moon. The moon therefore is not a child of the earth, but speaking in everyday parlance, we might call it an adopted child. This theory explains a great deal that the nebular hypothesis does not. There are vast numbers of such spiral nebulae in the heavens, indicating that this is nature's accepted way of creating new worlds, and it is for these reasons that I accept this view of the formation of the earth and the moon. —Pittsburgh Dispatch.

W. M. S. PROGRAM FOR APRIL 26TH STEWARSHIP

Leader Mrs. J. N. Teaff. Hymn. Bible Study by Leader. Prayer. Personal Service Mrs. Swann. Reading: Stewardship. Principals: Mrs. Warren. Who makes the money by Mrs. Mayberry.

How can we Christianize our money. Mrs. Meeks. Special Song Mrs. Earl Lassiter and Bearden. A missionary who loves Adventure. Mrs. Dennis. God Cares; do we? Mrs. John Sears. Reading: Our Stewardship of Personality, Mrs. Pearl McDonald.

Sixteen Hundred Tithers: Mrs. Roy Miller. Congratulation or commiseration: Mrs. J. M. Garrett.

The Bazaar will be the second week in May. Don't forget to come and find the useful things you so much need.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

A number of children were seen gathering at the home of Miss Ruby Fay Golliday last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock where they were to celebrate her eleventh birthday.

A selection of games were enjoyed until they were shown into the beautifully decorated dining room where they were served with ice cream and cake.

Each of the following children departed at six o'clock and declared the best of time and wishing her many happy birthdays yet to come.

Those present were: Flora Francis Anderson, Mary Lou Comegys, Annie Marie Brown, Margaret Eckerd, Agnes Sander Lucille Owens, Helen Roberts, Lillian Rider, Florene Rider, Dudley B. Stewart, Sandifer Hollingsworth, and Daisy Price.

METHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY NOTES

The Womens Missionary Society held their regular meeting at the church on last Monday afternoon. This was a Bible and Mission study day but a short business session was held. A motion was made and carried that the missionary Society repair the parsonage. A committee was then appointed to secure bids on the work also an estimate as to the amount of paper required. A committee was also appointed to select the paper. The work is to be started at once. Other minor business was also transacted after which we had our mission study lesson, conducted by Mrs. Martin. These certainly are interesting and instructive lessons and if you are missing them you are missing a great deal.

We had a nice attendance at this meeting and the Society is progressing wonderfully. Come next Monday. There will be a program from the Voice at that time and these programs are interesting as well as instructive.

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...that you see here at the scaffolding forest drilling derricks a hole, hand yawning, and at its mouth a high cross-pole carrying a cumbersome bucket play this wheel as four or five coolie "haul away" over a foot-path fifty yards long forth, in and away, they baking Burman sunshine down goes the oil bucket; gress, fuller and fuller ground earthen pots beside that holds the day's "flow."

These wells are dug by sun coolies, who loosen and pass debris fifty, eighty, a hundred from the soft sandstone shale. It goes on, unlike, credible labor for almost a mile wage. Many of them, however the pitcher of Philamon and year after year, produce black liquid, the heritage of who owned the spot. Compare methods, time-honored but time worn, with those of California, Texas oil fields, where mael takes care of every minute part and muscle has more joyful task. —Christian Science Mo

SHOOT WATER HIGH

Iceland Geysers Beautiful, safe Places in Which to Live for Long Periods.

The hot-water fountains of Iceland are on mounds averaging seven feet height, the top of each of which is the edge of a sort of basin. From these basins the steam of boiling water can be seen rising and the overflow of water is continuous. The contents of these basins is as clear as crystal and one can see to the depth, while just below the surface are many wonderfully beautiful incrustations to obtain which many a visitor to Iceland has burned his fingers. The process is caused by the boiling of water from the geysers, which is converted into steam.

At no time is it entirely safe to enter in the vicinity of one of the countless basins, for the geyser has a way of spouting and gives no advance warning. Sometimes there will be a shoot of boiling water to a height of 15 feet, followed by a succession of jets. The highest shoot of which there is any record was 90 feet.

Occasionally a basin will for some unexplained reason become empty or will give forth a "steam shoot," which, in the form of a column of spray and vapor at least 60 feet in height, presents a really magnificent spectacle.

To Prevent Steel Rusting.

Steel which has become rusty can be cleaned by brushing it with a paste composed as follows: Half an ounce of cyanide of potassium, half an ounce of castile soap, an ounce of whiting and water sufficient to form the paste. The steel should be washed after the paste has been applied, in a solution of half an ounce of cyanide of potassium in two ounces of water. On the other hand rust may be prevented on steel parts by applying the following mixture with a brush, just as if it were varnish: One part caoutchouc, 10 parts turpentine. These ingredients must be dissolved in a gentle heat and then eight parts of boiled oil should be added. The whole is now mixed by bringing them to boiling heat. This material may be removed by the use of turpentine.

Variation in Flower Colors.

Variations in flowers are like variations in music, often beautiful as such, but almost always inferior to the theme on which they are founded—the original air. And the rule holds good in beds of flowers, if they be not very large, or in any other small assemblage of them. Nay the largest bed will look well, if of one beautiful color, while the most beautiful varieties may be inharmoniously mixed up. Contrast is a good thing, but we must observe the laws of harmonious contrast, and unless we have space enough to secure these, it is better to be content with unity and simplicity, which are always to be had.—Leigh Hunt.

No Race Suicides Here.

Under the microscope the bacteria found in peat are seen to be animals of the lowest form, which reproduce themselves by splitting into two parts. Under favorable conditions two bacteria grow from one every forty minutes. Those who wish to carry out the mathematical progression will find that a single bacteria will have increased to about 165,000,000,000,000 in 24 hours. Of course many billions of them die in that time, or they would soon overrun the planet and crowd off every other form of life.

Dubious Prophecy.

"I saw Dubson drifting with his fiancée last evening."
"Did he look happy?"
"Not exactly. Her mother and three older sisters were present. He looked to me like a young man who was wondering if that was just an isolated instance or was liable to become a fixed habit."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Properly Brace, It Is Said the Animal "Can Easily Bend Almost Anything."

The strength of a full-grown orang-outang is enormous. I have seen one bend a 1-inch steel bar as though it were made of rubber.

The strength of the orang-outang, or "wild man," as the name means in Malay, is largely in his arms.

An orang-outang never travels on the ground when he can swing from tree to tree, and since there are very few open spaces in the jungle, he seldom reaches ground except when he goes down to get something.

Orang-outangs usually live in colonies numbering from 40 to 60, and the largest and most powerful is chief. They make their homes on platforms in the branches of trees and they build the platforms by breaking off limbs and putting them crosswise.

INSECTS MAKE LEAVES 'WALK'

Queer Creatures Responsible for Odd Belief That Has Long Been Held in Australia.

There are some strange leaves in Australia which the people used to think could walk alone. Whenever there came a gust of wind these queer leaves blew off in a perfect shower.

Queen Liked Her Ale Strong. The City of London Brewery company, whose premises are offered for sale, claim to be the only brewery in the city of London existing from the time of Queen Elizabeth.

Testing Material in Cloth.

Mixtures of cotton and wool may be tested by ravelling a bit of cloth and burning two of the threads, one running with the selvage, the other crosswise to it.

Ancient Zoological Gardens.

Records show that King Nezahualcoyotl had zoological gardens in Tezcuco, Mexico, in the middle of the Fifteenth century, and in the next century Cortez found aviaries and fish ponds at Iztapalapan.

Great Help.

"A new clerk in a police court is greatly helped by one thing." "What is that?" "The way prisoners understand procedure and routine."

CUPID ALIAS BILLY

By WILLIS GRAY.

If Marjorie's thoughts as she deftly cut out and pasted crimson hearts to lace backgrounds wandered far from the work in hand, Billy and his little sister were none the wiser.

As a matter of fact, Marjorie was grateful for any occupation that kept her from seeking the seclusion of her own room and having a regular good cry.

Over and over in her mind revolved the events of the previous evening. Bruce had arrived half an hour later than usual.

Bruce had maintained that for her to insist showed she didn't trust him. She had held just as stoutly that the fact that he didn't tell her argued that the reason was one he knew would displease her.

Bruce had risen and remarked coldly that he was going home and would come again when she sent for him. Marjorie could hear herself now saying in unutterably haughty tones but never under any circumstances could she conceive it possible that she would even think of such a thing!

With a sigh she brought herself back to the present. "What shall I put in for a verse?" she asked.

"Oh, anything," said Billy, offhand. "Make up something with lots of the silly stuff that is usually on valentines."

In the space left for them beside an over-plump cupid shooting a very large arrow at a very small heart, Marjorie carefully penned the lines:

"I love you dear, Oh come and be My valentine!"

"Thanks," said Billy, gratefully. "It's rather mushy, but you might as well write the same one on them all."

So over and over Marjorie printed the little verse until the short February day was swallowed in the twilight.

"We'll stop now, kiddies," said Marjorie. "Put them in their envelopes and I'll mail them in the box at the corner."

Now, the corner where the mail box stood was also the corner Bruce passed on his way home from the train.

So accurately did Marjorie time her trip to the corner that the last of the bunch of childishly scrawled envelopes had slipped treacherously in and the lid closed with a click, when she heard behind her the familiar step, and turning, raised her eyes to meet the unsmiling ones of Bruce.

That evening Marjorie left the living room for the reception room where she usually entertained Bruce.

Suddenly, the front door opened, and the draperies parted to admit a smiling eyed young man who advanced with outstretched arms into which Marjorie straightway went.

"Give in!" he cried, "who wouldn't give in after that adorable little invitation. Why, you darling, I was ready to come anyway, but after getting that—"

Marjorie detached herself from his embrace. "Getting what?" she asked coldly.

"Oh, I know it by heart," he began: "I love you, dear, For you are mine, Oh, come and be My valentine!"

Marjorie was silent for the space of a whole half minute. "That—awful Billy!" she said. "He must have sent one to you."

"Sweetheart," said Bruce, softly, "are you really sorry?"

Marjorie looked up at him. "No—o—o," she said hesitatingly, then emphatically: "No, I'm not!"

"Weren't we silly goose?" whispered Bruce over her dark hair. "The reason I was late was—"

"Don't ever tell me!" cried Marjorie, putting a soft hand over his mouth.

And he never did. But considering that it was only a matter of a missed train, it was of no importance, anyway.

Discovery of a Law.

"I understand you have discovered the law of gravitation," remarked the neighbor who happened to be passing the orchard.

"Yes," replied Sir Isaac Newton; "and a good job I consider it. There's one law that won't require a big appropriation and an army of deputies to enforce it."

Supreme Court on Voice to Denunci Univers

The dog having the Supreme court now find the "fly" preening his precincts of the Supreme court of Maine as a co-defendant. He finds few sympathizers. For his size he is the most malodorous and detestable of beasts, and the mischief he does is immeasurable.

The Journal of the American Medical association makes the case the text of one of the most exhorting denunciations of the fly that have been penned; but will the fly care? Not a bit of it.

WILL TAKE LAND FROM SEA

People of Holland Meet Problem of Expanding Population in Characteristic Dutch Fashion.

After many years' deliberation the people of Holland have decided that they need more land, and, having reached that decision, they have gone about the acquisition of it with characteristic Dutch energy and determination.

Plant Diseases Costly.

Millions of bushels of grain, fruit and vegetables and a big tonnage of cotton were lost to American farmers last year by plant diseases, according to figures compiled by the plant disease survey of the Department of Agriculture.

Tuberculosis Ebbs and Flows.

The decline of tuberculosis is likened to that of leprosy by Dr. Louis Corbett, lecturer in pathology at the University of Cambridge. Leprosy was formerly one of the world's great scourges, but has become practically extinct in western countries.

"Polite" Motor Horn.

The magazine Motor announces the arrival of the courteous motor horn. Up to now the motor horn has been decidedly cacophonous. It squawks unpleasantly; it bellows alarmingly; it utters noises disagreeably suggestive of nausea.

But the new horn, which is appearing on the market, has a tone that is at once polite and powerful. It warns, yet does not offend the sensitive ear. The tone-adjusting mechanism is so contrived and arranged that the horn is easily regulated for any degree of vociferousness, but it yet carries a warning to the pedestrian.

On Their Mettle.

"The head waiter and his assistants are flustered." "I've noticed that." "And there seems to be great excitement in the kitchen."

"What do you suppose is the matter?" "A visiting chef has just dropped in and offered a seven-course dinner."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Wrong Course.

"Dawdle says that he's had chances enough, but they were all poor ones." "I've noticed that whenever opportunity knocked Dawdle proceeded to knock the opportunity."—Boston Transcript.

Missionary

organized Friday afternoon, April 8. This Society has been organized in order that the young ladies of the church might have a place in which to work. It is planned and conducted along similar lines to the Womans Auxiliary.

The Society is starting under very favorable circumstances. Every member is enthusiastic in the work and each meeting adds new members to our roll. We hope by our next meeting, which is Friday afternoon, April 22, to have our Mission Study Books on hand so that we may begin a systematic study course.

At the meeting on April 29 we are to have a program. At this time we start on our missionary journey which lasts a whole year. We first visit the important places of our work in the U. S. such as Thomasville, Georgia, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, and others.

Winters and Walker will sell 20 pounds of Rice for \$1.00.

A. C. Browning who for some time has been connected with one of the large Furniture and undertaking Companies of Ranger has resigned his position there, and will spend some time here with home folks, friends and relatives.

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PAY HONOR TO GOD OF FIRE

Japanese Religious Observances That Take Place in Coldest Season of the Year.

A Japanese religious observance peculiar to the coldest season of the year is that of bathing in cold water and wearing to and from the bath a single kimono of pure white, with a white band about the head.

Some are thought to be of Venetian origin, while others resemble a Roman variety. It is difficult to induce the natives to sell their beads, which they guard as heirlooms. A rich chief may possess old beads to the value of thousands of pounds.

Wealth in Beads.

When children are small they are carried on the backs of their mothers in a kind of cradle, which is often elaborately adorned with beads. One chief possesses a cradle valued at \$200.

Practically Unbeatable.

"My wife," proudly said a citizen of the Ozarks, in the cross-roads store, splits the kindling every morning of the world, packs in the stove-wood, builds the fire, milks three cows, gets six kids ready for school, sews, mends and bakes, and then has the house all reddeed up before it comes time to put the dinner to cooking.

Ancient Pictures.

Mankind has always loved pictures. Races, without a written language, have left behind them rude carvings and murals to attest the fact. When an industry arose that appealed to an ancient appetite with pictures that did not have to wait long to whether it would die or flourish.

Spilling His Style.

"Don't you ever read Shakespeare?" "I used to," said the alert scenario writer. "Yes?" "I'll have to acknowledge that bird pretty good, but I found that reading plays was making my style a heavy, so I quit."—Birmingham Mail.

Mail Carriers at Work.

In Japan the rural post-runner still swings his baskets across his shoulders precisely as his ancestors did centuries ago.

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ly to the... has a good education... of an opportunity to... profitably is a comparatively simple matter. Certainly our whole educational program, and especially our whole line of educational appeal and propaganda, will have to be changed the moment that assumption is no longer to be made. Whiting Williams writes in Scribner's. "Equip yourself. Young America, and the country's yours!" we say in effect to our youth whether in school or at work.

In Britain there is much testimony to the effect that that assumption is not thus to be made.

Unless they spend additional years training for medicine, the law, or other of the professions, graduates of the universities must pretty much expect to find berths in the civil service. The exams for that are extremely difficult. Those who come out of them with marks at the top of the list get the best of the positions in the most important departments at home. They next go out to India or other provinces, while those below them take the second grade of the places here—and so on.

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TAUGHT LESSON BY HUNGER

Good Story of How Franklin Was Converted to the Idea of Fish as Human Food.

One day Benjamin Franklin—James Parton tells us in his "Life of Benjamin Franklin"—was on a sloop which was becalmed on a certain island. The sailors, as is still the custom when a ship is becalmed, amused themselves by fishing. Franklin witnessed the catching of the fish with regret. But soon there came to tantalize his nostrils a most alluring odor from the frying pan. So, as Franklin used to tell the story, he went over his reasoning again to see if there was not a flaw in it.

It occurred to him that when the fish were opened he had seen smaller fish in their stomachs.

"Ah!" said Franklin. "If you eat one another I don't see why we may not eat you!"

So Franklin dined upon the fish very heartily, and thereafter ate what others ate. When telling this story Franklin ended with an observation which is often attributed to Talleyrand, but which we are assured was a familiar joke with Franklin. This was:

"So convenient a thing it is to be a reasonable creature, since it enables one to find or make a reason for everything one has a mind to do!"

Persian Bread Has Many Uses.

At Kasvin, Persia, a British patrol base, we were lodged in empty wards of the military hospital, writes Mary E. Griscom in Asia Magazine. Our provisions had almost given out by this time, and we were reduced to Persian stone bread. So far as I know, only the coconut and the bamboo serve more purposes than the flaps of Persian bread, which are about two feet long, one foot wide and a quarter of an inch thick. If it is raining, the Persians use them on their heads as umbrellas; and if it is sunny, as parasols; in winter, they wrap the flaps around their shoulders. If they do not need them for protection they roll them up and carry them under their arms. In the hospitals they spread them out on empty beds to dry.

Up the Flowery Mountain.

Every year thousands of Chinese pilgrims risk their lives in climbing up the side of Hwa-Shan, the Flowery mountain, which is sacred to the Taoist religion. Any one reaching the temple far above is supposed to have any request granted as a reward for valor and endurance. The Hwa-Shan mountain is over 6,000 feet high, and the ascent in many places must be made along a narrow ledge of branches laid on posts driven horizontally into the face of the precipice. There are no handrails, but a chain held on a rock face offers some security to the ascending or descending pilgrim.

Entrance Must Have Made "Hit."

One Sunday morning a crowd was standing on the depot platform, a short distance from our home, waiting for an excursion train. The night before we had hung curtains around the broad front porch, and were sleeping out there on our steel-winged cot, as it was very warm. I was sleeping close to the edge and when my wife got up rather suddenly over went the cot and I rolled out onto the lawn, clad only in my nightshirt, in plain view of the waiting crowd.

I didn't go with my wife to meet the returning excursion that evening.—Exchange.

Two Methods.

"Now that you are earning a bigger salary," said the wife with social ambitions, "surely we can afford a bigger flat?"

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TO-DAY

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"What are you going to do about it?" This is the question that comes face to face with every person who gives the matter a moment's thought. Will you smile as you meet your friends and neighbors upon the street and offer them an encouraging word and a hearty handshake, or will you grunt and frown and withhold that kindness and love, which today may be as dew and sunshine to a struggling plant but tomorrow may be of no use?

All around you are duties to perform, things for the hands to do, just over the way an old man sick and lonely waits for the even tide. The companion of his better years has "crossed the bar", his children are scattered far and wide. Maybe he wants a cup of water, a bright face to look into with his fading eyes, a voice to cheer him on as with slow, unsteady steps he wanders down the sunset slope. Go see him now; do not put it off. Tomorrow—of, remember that tomorrow may never come for one or the other of you.

Today is ours to do the work that needs to be done. If we neglect to cheer and bless, to encourage and help those who walk our way through the present hours, in a little while we may come to a fork in the road—to a parting of the way—and be separated forever.

Get out of the damp and boggy bottom, where the foul air of indifference threatens to poison your life, quit scrambling through the thorny briars of grouch. Stand up now—today—on the heavenkissed hilltops, in the fragrant breezes of earth's common kinship, under the bending blue of human Brotherhood.—By Austin Callan.

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ed Youngsters Was Taboo.

mother detested slang, says a
in Scribner's. The use of slang
sions was to her something very
y akin to making up a bed with-
properly airing it or going to a
without a clean handkerchief.
hen my sister or I used some of
slang of our day, she used to say
tively that she couldn't think
re we got hold of such expressions.
f anyone said to me then that my
ther used slang I should have been
incredulous and very likely indignant.
While I considered my own right to a
of language inalienable to my
youth, I felt, if only subconsciously,
that mothers (and especially mine,
who was of the good old-fashioned vari-
ety of genuine mothers) were differ-
ent. One would no more expect
them to use slang than one would ex-
pect them to wear short skirts, or
pace, or ride a bicycle, or want the
best helping of ice cream. I am
if I had heard my mother say
"neck" or "for the love of
Mike," the sound of such words on
her lips would have horrified me even
more than they horrified her when she
heard them on mine.

It was only recently that the great
revelation came to me. Harking back
to my childhood, I had used one of my
mother's favorite words, "rambunctious,"
and was promptly asked what
meant by a person who had not
the advantage of being brought
in New England. Surprised at
ignorance, I explained at once that
my mother's word for—well, for
? I had to put my reluctant brain
work before I could find words
to give even a faint flavor of what
she meant when she said: "Now,
you children, you're getting altogether
too rambunctious." Not satisfied with
my own definition, I finally sought Mr.
Baker's aid. Rambunctious was not
"abridged" on my desk. When I
turned, grumbling at the words
elect to leave out of the abridged
the unwieldy colossus in the
could scarcely believe my knowl-
edge of the sequence of the alphabet.
at a careful rereview failed to find
the tripping. Rambunctious was not
there. The dictionary passed blithely
from rambler to ramelet (the same
rational, if you must know).

As I laid the dictionary down a new
word burst upon me. Rambunctious
is not a word in good standing.
It was it, then, but the slang of
my generation! My mother had
slang.

Death to Rats.

A study of barium carbonate as a
poison, made by the Un-
iversity of Agriculture, indicates
that a 20 per cent mixture with food
is a satisfactory bait. With this
bait a rat ordinarily needs to eat
one-third or three-eighths of
its average size to get a fatal
dose. It was found that with this
bait many of the rats poisoned died
within 24 hours, though an occasional
one found which survived an even
amount, thus indicating that 100
per cent mortality is not to be expect-
ed in every case.

A summary of results of experi-
ments conducted by various persons
is given to determine the dead-
liness of barium to different animals.
The fallacy of the assumption
that barium is poisonous only to rats,
is pointed out. The fatal dose of
barium tends to decrease
as the size of the animal in-
creases. It is calculated that
rats may be assumed to be
as dangerous to small do-
mestic animals.

Phillip's Wish.

In two and one-half years
of fond of having his mother
as she rocks him to sleep,
of him a number of Bible
usual number of "Mother
lies, and other stories so
dren. He often requests
about "Mother Hubbard,"
"tit," or some other equally
character, and she will
"filling in," as she goes
the occasion. The other
had been singing to him
"Claus" and his various
seeing that Phillip was
stopped to rest. Sudden-
ly he opened his eyes and said:
"Sing me a song about Moses,
and Jeff."

Education for Women.

Brain used to say, "We all
you come round. I come
never imagined, in his
smart London clubs
and to having a woman
and the Devonshire and
has done so, and
attempts to follow suit,
ut, however, that dur-
saw how extremely
woman could make a
clubs become more and
sies of both men and
man secretary seems to
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yers, merchants and representa-
tives of various trades together
with teachers, preachers, news-
paper men and society folks.

We usually find the loafing
class and the non-producer and
in former years the town drunk
was an ever present institution,
but his occupation of trying to
drink himself into an early
grave has vanished.

Some of these mentioned are
necessary to the life of every
small community and you will al-
so always find the little group
of men there who spend their
lives boosting everything in the
way of progressive improvement
and development that can be pro-
posed.

There is another element in
the small town that no one
would call essential from any
standpoint, but we always find
them at work, night and day
working not for the good of the
town, but keeping up one con-
tinual anvil chorus, knocking
everything that comes within
the scope of their vision.

A writer once said, in explain-
ing the presence of the knocker,
that after God had about fin-
ished the earth and the inhab-
itants thereof he had left some
of the evil of the rattle snake,
a final remnant of the skunks,
a few warts from the horned
toad and a small portion of the
breath of Hell. Not knowing
just what to do with this con-
glomeration, he mixed it all to-
gether and threw it away, but it
breathed and lived and has
been with us since in the form
of the knocker. Some men think
that a knocker is beyond redemp-
tion, but surely there is some
way to show them the error of
their ways and turn their knock
into a boost. So let us suggest
that in the future when we hear
some good brother working the
hammer over time, that we take

him off in private and through
good argument and persuasion
try and show him just how good
a town we have and how much

more pleasant it is for every one
if we all become boosters. A
little missionary work might do
wonders for our town and the

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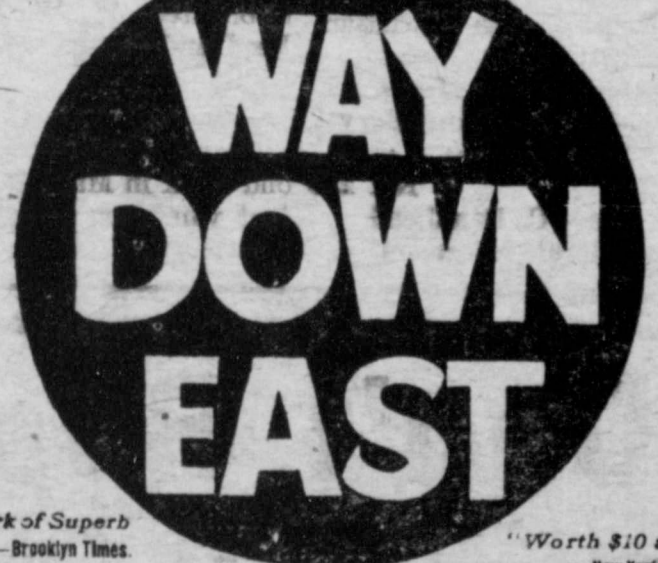
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a dull ache across my kidneys.
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The Ponzi case in Boston affords an
excellent example of the need of a bet-
ter understanding of the principles of
thrift in this country, S. W. Straus,
president of the American Society for
Thrift, says.

It is very rare that great wealth
gained overnight. There have been
casual instances where men have
found gold or struck oil or written a
successful novel, or brought into being
a great and useful invention, with the
result that the floodgates of money
have been turned loose for them; but
such instances are of such rare occur-
rence that they can be eliminated as
not within the range of possibilities for
the average man.

The processes of thrift must be ful-
filled in the preparation of a success-
ful financial career.

The so-called Napoleons of finance
generally meet very early Waterloo.
Success in the material things of life
means a slow but substantial up-
building. First of all, the foundation must
be right, just as it must be in the case
of a great building.

The practice of thrift in the ear-
ly years of one's life—not only gives
money with which to make a start, but
it gives what is even more important
—business understanding. In practic-
ing thrift, we are demonstrating one
of the essential functions of business
success. This does not mean that
through thrift alone one can build up
a great fortune, but it does mean that
in gaining whatever success we attain
in life in a material way we must first
of all learn the principles of true
economy.

The fate of Ponzi and the luckless
ones who are striving to regain the
money they entrusted to him is just
another example of the fallacy of easy
money.

Something cannot be created from
nothing.

New capital alone must come from
what is earned and saved.
If you are employed on a salary
your profits are what you save, not
what you earn. What you have left at
the end of the month or at the end of
the year constitutes your new capital.
If you wish to get ahead, to get on
of the rat you now feel you are in,
you must build up that capital; you
must create new wealth for yourself
and put it to work for you.

These are the only processes through
all the ages, and the only ones through
which one ever will succeed in gain-
ing to come.

Historic Tennis Balls.

It is a fact that was impressed
on the minds of children of a past
generation was that a certain king
was playing tennis when he was told
he had to ascend the throne of Eng-
land. It may bring back to some the
remembrance of schoolroom days when
they hear that two tennis balls have
been found among the dust and cob-
webs of the old rafters of Westmin-
ster hall. They are said to date back
to the time of Henry VIII, who was
an ardent player of the "royal game."
The balls are made of leather and
stuffed with human hair, all balls of
an early period being made in that
way. The leather has burst in several
places and faint traces of white may
be seen on the surface. The balls are
not both the same size, one being two
and a half inches in diameter and the
other only an inch and a half. Whom
was King Harry playing with, and did
he feel impatient when he sent the
balls spinning into the rafters? It
was not lawn tennis then.—Christian
Science Monitor.

Saving European Children.

Work among the starving children
of Europe is being participated in by
the Young Women's Christian associa-
tion of the United States through the
Polish Gray Samaritans, the
Polish-American girls who trained
for social service in Poland under the
American Y. W. C. A. and are now
with the American Relief association
in charge of the distribution of food
to children in outlying districts of
Poland. According to recent letters
from them, they are feeding 1,300,000
children a day, through the food
kitchens and distributing stations.
The Y. W. C. A. is one of the eight
organizations in the European relief
council formed under the direction of
Herbert Hoover for the relief of Eu-
ropean children.

Forced to Return to Coal.

The oil-burning engines of the Can-
adian Pacific railway in the Canadian
Rockies are now being converted to
the use of coal. It is expected in a
short time all the engines running west
from Field, British Columbia, to Van-
couver will burn coal instead of oil.
The Canadian Pacific steamers in the
British Columbia coast service also
will be converted into coal burners.
This is due to a shortage of fuel oil.

Needed Investigation.

An appropriation of \$85,000 has
been authorized to the bureau of
standards for the investigation of
measurements of public utilities, such
as gas, electric light, electric
water, telephone, central
ing and
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"LION" AT LITERARY FEAST

How Great Historian of Civilization Squeaked the Jackals Who Had Imagined Him Discomfited.

Lyulph Stanley was an Englishman of whom Lowell said that he "knew three times as many facts as any young man whatever had any business to know."

He had but one rival in that line: Engrave, who compiled the "Golden Treasury." Much interest sprang up among their friends when the two went off on a trip together.

"It's an even chance which will remain alive," said one man, solemnly. When they did come back, Palgrave was pale, emaciated, silent; but Stanley, it seemed, was unmoved and more all-knowing than ever.

One night, Buckle, the author of "The History of Civilization," was laying down the law on every subject with a magnificent pomposity that made the table quake. At last he put forth some statement about the burning of a witch, and set the date a century out of the way. Stanley, who was present, had borne some preceding inaccuracies very well, with only a slight shaking of the head and a reddening of the face.

Suddenly his self-control gave way, and he leaped to his feet. He extended his hand, and piped forth, in a vigorous treble:

"I beg your pardon, but the last witch was burned at such-and-such a place, in such-and-such a year, in such-and-such a manner. And her name was so-and-so, and you will find all about it in a book to which I can easily refer you, and about which you evidently don't know."

Torrents of imprisoned knowledge were thereupon poured on Buckle's head, and the historian of civilization sat wrathful, extinguished, mute. But a little later he had his revenge. Some one mentioned a new dictionary as a good one.

"It is," said Buckle with solemnity. "It is one of the few dictionaries I have read through with pleasure."

The intimation that he had read any dictionary through with pleasure so astonished the guests that they forgot his past discomfiture in new awe.

Noises Made by Elephants.

The elephant uses both his trunk and his lungs in calling, and he has a large variety of sounds and combinations of sound with which to express himself, writes Charles Mayer in Asia Magazine. When rushing an enemy he trumpets shrilly, when enraged by wounds he grumbles hoarsely from his throat; he expresses fear by a shrill, brassy trumpet and a roar; and pleasure by a continued low squeaking through his trunk.

When apprehensive of danger or when attempting to intimidate an enemy, he raps the end of his trunk smartly on the ground and trumpets. The peculiar noise sounds like that produced by the rolling up of a sheet of tin.

In a moment of danger, the elephant coils his trunk to protect it from injury. When he is engaged in heavy work, such as piling lumber, he may use his trunk to balance the load he is carrying on his tusks, but never to bear part of the burden. If an unharnessed elephant must pull a rope, he holds it in his mouth, taking good care to keep his trunk out of the way.

Beetle Hurts Pulp Industry.

A gray-green beetle has much to do with the present shortage of paper. The beetle is the adult form of the aspen borer, a grub which often destroys whole plantations of the trees that are so essential to the pulp industry.

The beetle gnaws a slot in the bark and deposits one or two eggs therein. From these eggs come the trouble-making grubs that gnaw into the heart and sapwood and so riddle the tree that the first strong wind snaps the weakened timber.

Poplar and aspen—both fast growing trees, and for this reason very valuable to manufacturers—are the objects of this borer's attacks. The imported Lombardy poplar and the commercial cottonwood of the Mississippi valley are very seldom injured, but all other native varieties are damaged by the grub.

In some areas, where poplar and aspen predominate, the standing dead, fallen and dying trees exceed 50 per cent of the total stand.

Supply of Ostrich Feathers.

In 1914 there were 1,500,000 ostriches in South Africa. These are now reduced to 200,000. Germany and Austria are still out of the market for feathers. England is taking a few and they are too costly for France. The ostrich feather business of the world is now in the hands of about six men, with headquarters in London. They hold from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 worth of ostrich feathers. In normal times the world's supply for a year. The United States being practically the only market for the feathers, this country has the say as to the price, and is giving from \$60 to \$100 a pound, when in an active market they should bring from \$100 to \$200.

Frenzier Finance.

Roberts—What's the matter? Finances bothering you?

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High First Grade—Beatrice Porter, 93; Norma Fay Sublett, 93; Leo Tucker, 92; Raymond Kelley, 91; Celia Henry, 91; Ola Smith, 91; Gwendolyn Smith, 91; Fannie V. Jones, 90.

Second Grade (Miss Coats)—Donald Newsom, 93; Lena Rose Black, 93; J. T. Darsey, 91; Milton Case, 90; Fred Guitar, 90; Audrey, Dowell, 90; Lula May Harris, 90; Hazel Leslie, 90.

Second Grade (Miss Smith)—Edith Smith, 95; Leona Rose, 94; Viola Smith, 93; Katherine Hogan, 93; B. P. Middleton, 92; Bub McDonald, 92; Earl Watts, 92; Mary Ann Moss, 91; Pauline Toombs, 91; Julia Martinez, 90.

Third Grade—Gladys Hardy, 95; Raymond Earthman, 93; Thelma Horton, 92; Eleanor May Hamilton, 91; Lester Patterson, 90.

Fourth Grade (Miss Houston) Gladys Deutschman, 94; Annie M. Brown, 93; Thelma Jordan, 93; Elizabeth Harkrider, 92; Iris Garrett, 92; Marjorie Bland, 91; Burris Tucker, 91; Mildred Holloway, 91.

Fourth Grade (Miss Jones)—John D. Coats, 97; Fred Yandell, 93; B. F. Cox, 93; Alfred Tittle, 93; Cleourne Rose, 91.

Fifth Grade (Miss Jones)—Orpah Patterson, 97; Margaret Eckerd, 97; Aileen Childress, 93; Merle Newsom, 93; Bonnie Wayne Sanders, 92; Christene Russell, 92; Jack Howard, 91.

Fifth Grade (Miss Herring)—Clyde Mayfield, 96; Joe Bray Cy pert, 95; Helen Booth, 95; Tommie Durham, 95; Claude Wills, 94; Hazel Coats, 94; Dorothy Higgins, 94; Joe Ben Ashby, 93; Monetta Adcock, 91.

Sixth Grade—Gladys Newsom, 97; Godie Richie, 97; Opal Horton, 96; Ruth Jenkins, 96; Anna Toombs, 95; Lila May, 95; Mary Verstine, 95;

Edith Baker, 95; Hazel Bell, 94; Juanita Beene, 94; Foster Watts, 94; Opal Patterson, 92; Cullen Toombs, 91; Lillian Rider, 90; Dallas Hand, 90; Nell Sharp, 90.

Seventh Grade—Opal Patterson, 97; Mary Parrack, 95; W. L. Harkrider, 95; Lucille Guitar, 94; Dorris Durham, 93; Burnett Orr, 93; Velma Holloway, 92; Evelyn Curb, 91; Alton Vick, 90.

Eighth Grade—Johnnie Sears, 97; Beryl Tucker, 95; Homer Williams, 94; Maurine Tipton, 94; Lois Swafford, 94; Maude Hardy, 92; Tom Cooper, 90; Harry McCandless, 90; Rex McLean, 90; Willard Reeves, 90.

Ninth Grade—Elba Cox, 95; Marvin Mayfield, 93; Mabel Toombs, 91.

Eleventh Grade—Lucille Russell, 93; Sewell Harwell, 92.

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By MARY J. ...

Oliver Bryne ran his car the turn in the woodland to his horn barked a greeting to the eld figure hurrying toward the woman, waved her hand. "Come, help me over the fallen." With a conscious quickness the man lifted her over his shoulder and into his arms. "Did I keep you waiting? I am on time." "I was afraid—" "For me—or of me?" With the question her laughter rang out. Her eyes challenged him. "The Queen rides out today," quoted softly as he helped her into the car. "Where?" as she snuggled down beside him. He named an inn some miles away. "But why go there?" "Well, one must eat; and I remember that you love to dance—" "You wouldn't like it?" He leaned to her. "Not for a minute, but—" "We won't go, then." "Well, where?" She told him and he stared at her wondering. "You told me you never wanted to see that place again—that you wanted to forget—" "That was more than a month ago—" "You mean that now you do—" "What would you forget could?" "First of all that my wife tried to divorce me." "You're sorry?" "As the devil!" explosively for all the sins of omission a mission that made her think he happier without me." An hour she could not look at though she tried. "You say things—and to me!" she managed smothered tones. "To you first of all! Allie leaned to her again, his breath on her cheek. "There's the place!" she cried, conscious even as she spoke that a mistake. Then, in a rush of confusion: "Perhaps you can't being yourself, but, I should like you'd get tired of your own wife at times." "Do I need to confess it?" glanced at him with slant eyes got tired long before you showed—"That your wife was tired of you always cross and impatient can be awfully crabbed!" posed. "I haven't a doubt of it!" The air of humility sat well upon "But it's the nature of a crab to sent a hard outside—they get so and sweeter the deeper you go." She smiled through humid air because I've begun to recall that I am running away with this." "Are we running away—?" "Don't you know—?" "There!" He showed for she leaned forward, seeking eager glance the little run among the trees. "It looks did that first time we came you've taken the name down." "Why not? Honey moon C seem fitting—now." "But it looks as if it is related to a honeymoon ev "Open the door, please in." "Don't you realize that you ought not?" "Are you going to prey "All right, but I want Bryne. "We'll have lunch, sitting at the side hamper in, please." "We'd better start back possible," he said, as they their chairs. She looked up quickly ing back. "But you can't stay here "I planned on having pany." He checked the impu into his arms. "If that's all—we m fore dark." "You—you—want to "Only for your sake his bounding pulses wait outside if you'll She let him go. The magazine—relic of the she sat down at the wip to read. Presently, snilling, as she met in his eyes. He did she had let him stand while she appeared in the story. "The gasoline—it's tone accused as v "You—" "And, if I did?" lessly. "But, why—?" Almost, he knew would be. But he breathlessly, thirsting, utterance as the deser "Because I—I—was misunderstandings." "Then you really voice me?" But he did not ne were saying words "I'm the hap "No, I am And this impulse th reached for