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WALL PROTECTS CITY

BETTISON'S PIER, TWO BATH HOUSES AND OTHER STRUCTURES WASHED AWAY.

NO LIVES ARE REPORTED LOST

Crests of Waves Leap Over Seawall But No Material Damage is Done to Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., July 22.—Preceded for twenty-four hours by an unusually high tide and heavy seas, a hurricane from tropical waters swept the beach for several hours, destroying two bath-houses, two fishing piers, damaging a third bathhouse and destroying about half a dozen frame buildings used as road houses, resorts, etc., upon Denver Beach.

This damage was done upon the beach proper; that is, the unprotected strip of sand outside the seawall. That barrier after the hurricane had subsided was as solid and enduring as the day upon which it was finished. The severe buffeting of wave upon wave had not effected the slightest damages. To this endurance may be attributed the safety of the city. It is the greatest demonstration of the absolute protection of the seawall.

The waves broke across the wall at the very height of the gale, the waters were only a few feet below its top, and clouds of spray were tossed thirty and forty feet into the air as the billows leaped against the wall. It is said by many that the waters were as high as in 1900; it is clear, then, that the seawall has performed its function well—its cost was paid for yesterday.

A high sea rolled all day Tuesday. Wednesday morning a strong wind was blowing from the north and quite early the beach began to be visited by many who expected to see a spectacular free performance—which they did.

Mexican Rurals On Guard.

El Paso: A large body of Mexican rurales is concentrating in the vicinity of Puerta Sinaloa to prevent further revolutionary demonstrations following the arrest of revolutionists there Friday. Many revolutionists are reported gathered in the mountains of that vicinity and are well armed. Dynamite has been stolen from a number of mines. Arrests of supporters of Gen. Reyes for the Vice Presidency continue in Northern Mexico and is causing extreme discontent.

Much Land Not Cultivated.

Only one-fifth of our lands in the United States are yet in cultivation. If all our lands were so conserved as to become habitable, it would add 2,292,000 homesteads of 160 acres each to our comfort and wealth. There are 75,000,000 acres of overflowed and swamp lands. These are among the richest lands in the world and can be reclaimed much cheaper than arid lands can be irrigated, and in large measure these lands are interspersed among our most favored sections, especially so in Texas. Our new Drainage Board will soon tell us about it.

Extensive Strike Is Feared.

San Antonio: Many of those best informed on the feeling existing among men employed by the National Railways of Mexico, are firm in the belief that the blanket resignation of telegraph operators and dispatchers, which took effect Saturday, will precipitate one of the biggest railroad strikes ever known, unless some compromise favorable to the Americans is made.

Big Blaze In Houston.

Houston: At an early hour Monday morning the Santa Fe roundhouse caught fire. Cause unknown. Damage estimated at \$75,000.

Finds Infant Dead On Floor.

Dallas: The three-weeks-old infant of W. J. Trentham was found dead Monday morning with its head in a basin of water that was on the floor of the room, close to the bed. The child had been placed upon a pillow in two chairs.

Johnson County Jail Empty.

Cleburne: Assistant County Attorney Russell says there is not a prisoner in the Johnson County jail and no complaints have been filed in a week.

Good Rains In Texas.

Dallas: South, East and North Texas had good local rains Monday at several places. The bulletin at night by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company showed rain at Beaumont, Greenville, Laredo, Sherman, Palestine, San Antonio.

Boy Drowned at Austin.

Austin: Louis Joseph, a 11-year-old boy, was drowned in the Colorado River Saturday afternoon near the Avenue Bridge while in swimming.

PANHANDLE GRAIN COUNTRY.

Number of Elevators Have Been Erected in This Section.

Amarillo: The Panhandle of Texas has become a grain country. Elevators of a total capacity of 357,000 bushels have been established along the line of the Santa Fe Railway, which is the main highway of transportation. They are as follows: Amarillo 70,000 bushels, Canadian 4,000, Canyon City 12,000, Glazier 28,000, Happy 5,000, Hereford 12,000, Higgins 82,000, Miami 4,000, Panhandle 30,000, Plainville 25,000, Pampa 5,000, Tulia 80,000; total 357,000.

Ninety-Eight, August 28.

Bonham: Mrs. S. A. Lovelace of this city, who will on August 28 celebrate her ninety-eighth birthday, bears the distinction of not only being one of the oldest residents of the city, but also of having the largest number of actual living direct descendants. Mrs. Lovelace has living at present 123 direct descendants, the majority of whom live in this county. There are five children, fifty-one grand children, sixty-nine great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

For Sulphur Springs Fair.

Sulphur Springs: The secretary of the Commercial Club is being kept busy preparing specimens of fruit and vegetables brought in by the farmers and truck growers of Hopkins County for the Fair to be held here Sept. 30. The prize money offered is creating considerable good-natured rivalry among the exhibitors, and throngs visit the rooms to see the display.

Panama Contract For Taft Ranch.

San Antonio: The Coleman-Fulton Pasture Company, owner of the Taft ranch, of which Charles P. Taft is president, has secured a contract for supplying 1,600 dressed beeves per month for the employees on the Panama Canal Zone. That is the reason for erection of the packing plant and other extensive improvements on the Taft ranch.

Great Damage to Crops.

Houston: Conductor Fitzgerald, and also H. N. Sapp, with headquarters at Dallas, both tell of great damage that was done on each side of the Victoria division of the Houston and Texas Central Railway, by the rain. Corn in many places was flayed so completely that the losses on these crops will be almost total.

Bond Election July 30.

Fort Worth: Preparations are now complete for the drainage district bond election to take place Friday, July 30, to pass upon the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$250,000 for the construction of dykes and levees to protect and drain the lands of the Trinity bottoms adjacent to this city and North Fort Worth.

A meeting between President Taft and President Diaz of Mexico now being practically assured, the President and his Cabinet are giving some attention to arrangements for carrying out such an unusual and notable event. President Taft has never met his Executive neighbor, but long has cherished the hope of doing so.

When Edward Payton Weston Thursday passed to Postmaster Fricke in San Antonio, the letter given him by Postmaster Morgan of New York City on March 15 he ended one of the most remarkable feats of pedestrianism on record. Weston was four days behind the schedule, but not discouraged.

Work Starts On Causeway.

Galveston: First work on the Galveston causeway was inaugurated Monday when erection of a construction camp and suboffice building was started at the mainland site of the causeway, near the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company's old bridge on Virginia Point.

High Water in Missouri.

St. Joseph, Mo.: The Platte River, eight miles east of St. Joseph, is out of its banks and has covered the bottoms with five to six feet of water. At Agency, twelve miles southeast of St. Joseph, the flood has become so serious that practically everyone has deserted the town with the exception of a few business men who are working to store their stocks on upper shelves and workmen who are loading cars with coal, rock and any heavy available material, and rolling them on the Santa Fe bridge to anchor it.

Nolan County Seat Election.

Sweetwater: The election held in Nolan County Saturday for the purpose of determining whether the county seat should be removed from Sweetwater to Maryneal will give Sweetwater about 300 majority.

Big Fire In Waco.

Waco: A destructive fire occurred Saturday on the west side of City Hall Square, causing an aggregate loss of about \$60,000. The old Masonic temple, built in 1875, was the center of the conflagration.

LOUISIANA-TEXAS COAST STORM TAKES 36 LIVES

Various Towns In Two States Report Many Deaths as Result of Recent Gulf of Mexico Hurricane.

PROPERTY DAMAGE IS VERY HEAVY

List of Dead and Injured Given--At Angleton, Texas, One Entire Family Consisting of Man and Wife and Six Children Perish in their Home.

Galveston, July 27.—So far as known here the following is a full list of fatalities from Wednesday's storm on the coast:

Town	Dead	Injured	Property loss
Austin	1	1	\$150,000
Angleton	8	3	100,000
Allenton	1	1	5,000
Brazoria	1	1	200,000
Bonou	1	1	50,000
Bay City	3	2	250,000
Brownsville	1	1	5,000
Bastrop	1	1	25,000
Beasley	1	2	20,000
Cottageport	1	1	5,000
Columbia	1	1	5,000
Cambon	2	1	5,000
Eagle Lake	2	1	50,000
El Campo	1	1	10,000
Ellinger	1	1	5,000
Flatonia	1	1	10,000
Galveston	5	1	175,000
Glidden	1	1	5,000
Garwood	1	1	10,000
Giddings	1	1	2,000
Hitchcock	3	1	5,000
Kenilcon	1	1	10,000
LaGrange	1	1	75,000
Luling	1	1	5,000
Markham	1	1	30,000
Mathews	1	1	5,000
New Uim	1	1	5,000
Palacios	2	1	3,000
Paige	1	1	2,000
Rock Island	2	1	75,000
Richmond	6	1	10,000
Velasco	2	23	40,000
Schulenberg	1	1	2,000
Sublime	1	1	2,000
Wharton	1	1	50,000
Weimer	1	1	100,000
Weider	1	1	5,000
Wallis	1	1	20,000
Yoakum	1	1	5,000
Mudd Pass	2	1
Total	28	37	\$1,816,000

Note—The total dead includes Capt. Matthews, given as drowned in the Gulf.

Galveston, July 26.—Tarpon Pier survivors: Ray G. Teetshorn, Houston; Everett Lewis, Galveston; W. Davies, Groveton; C. D. Hopkins, colored, Galveston; John Forrest, colored, Galveston; Charles Johnson, colored, Galveston.

Bodies Recovered: Capt. R. L. Bettison, Galveston; Mrs. R. L. Bettison, Galveston; wife of Charles Johnson (negro), Galveston.

Still missing: C. H. Dailey, Galveston.

The bodies of Capt. Bettison and Mrs. Bettison were found Saturday morning on the beach between Houston Point and Fishers' Reef, about thirty-five miles from the ill-fated pier from which they were cast into the sea during the gulf storm. The two bodies were found within 100 yards of each other on a beach which was strewn with the drifted wreckage of the jettty fishing piers.

New Orleans: Further reports from isolated points along the gulf coast of Texas continue to swell the death list resulting from last Wednesday's hurricane.

At an early hour Monday morning there was nothing to indicate the estimate about \$2,000,000 property loss would be materially changed. With a number of people still missing, it appears very probable the death list now numbering twenty-nine may be added to.

The deaths reported up to noon Sunday total thirty-six. A conservative estimate of the damage throughout the coast country totals two and one-half millions.

Entire Family Perish.

New Orleans, July 26.—The report of the drowning at their home on Christmas Bay, fifteen miles from Angleton, of Maurice Wolfe, his wife and six children, together with a negro servant, was confirmed yesterday afternoon.

H. B. Roberts, a truck farmer residing on Dry Slough, near Christmas Bay, reached Angleton Sunday and told how the entire family were swept away.

partment at Washington. The report is as follows:

Galveston, July 24.—Chief United States Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.: Dear Sir—The tropical storm of July 21, 1909, from a commercial as well as a residential point of view, has proven of the utmost importance to the city of Galveston. It was a very very satisfactory test of the protection of the seawall which was built after the destructive hurricane of 1900. Not a single life was lost within the protected area and the damage to property was only nominal, consisting principally of broken trees, fences, and windows and other minor losses. Outside of the seawall everything exposed to the wind and waves was either destroyed or suffered severely.

New Orleans, July 23.—Sixteen persons dead and sixteen seriously hurt and property damage exceeding \$1,000,000, as far as can be ascertained at a late hour last night, is the grim record resulting from the destructive sweep of Thursday's hurricane along the Louisiana and Texas coasts.

That the property loss will run into the millions was made a certainty when whole towns which were at first believed not to have suffered were definitely reported to have been wrecked. Over a score of persons are now believed to have lost their lives.

Besides five who met death on a fishing pier near Galveston, Cameron Parish, La., now reports some fishermen drowned.

Oliver Graff of Houston, who went fishing with Prof. W. W. Higgins, also of Houston, Thursday morning, was reported to have been drowned in Galveston Bay. Both, however, were picked up late Friday and their recovery is believed to be certain.

E. Hart, a Galveston dairyman, who went to look after his stock Friday, was caught and killed under his own barn, which collapsed as a result of the hurricane.

A white baby was killed in the wrecking of a building at Bay City, and two negroes lost their lives at the same place. One negro is believed to be killed at Eagle Lake. Indefinite reports of loss of life at other places, not yet confirmed, are also recorded. Cities and towns in Texas which suffered from the hurricane and the loss of life and property damage which were there occasioned as follows, so far as reported:

Galveston—Four lives lost off Tarpon Pier. One man killed in collapse of a building. Property damage about \$175,000.

Bay City—Three dead, six seriously injured and destruction of property to the extent of \$150,000.

Velasco—Only three stores left standing and many homes blown down. Iago—Syrup mills wrecked.

Austin—Many buildings unroofed, telephone and telegraph wires down. Damage about \$100,000. Brazoria—many buildings destroyed and loss of life feared. Pledger—heavy property damage; syrup mills wrecked. Allenhurst—many structures wrecked. Rumors of loss of life as yet without confirmation. Richmond—fifty residences and stores partially demolished. Palacios—a number of houses blown down. Angleton—every house in the town badly damaged. Blessing—several lives reported lost and considerable property damage. Eagle Lake—one dead; many houses unroofed and two large sugar and rice plants partially wrecked. Some of the towns along or near the Texas coast where it is feared great damage may have been done, but from which nothing has been heard, are: Lavaca, Indianola, Rockport, Goliad, Victoria, Columbia, Edna and Matagorda.

In Louisiana, points in Cameron Parish are reported to have suffered severely from the hurricane.

Sixteen Dead In Explosion.

Langendorf, Prussia: Fire damp exploded in a mine at Mansfield. Sixteen dead and many unconscious miners have been taken out. It is not known how many men are still in the mine.

GOOD ITEMS OF NEWS

ENTIRE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS THAT ARE WORTH PASSING NOTICE.

WHOLE WORLD THE FIELD

Current Domestic and Foreign News Boiled Down to Readable and Small Space.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The urgent deficiency bill was passed by the House, in Washington, Tuesday, after four days of tempestuous debate. The amount carried by it is \$454,809, or \$20,408 more than the original sum, and includes the \$25,000 traveling expenses for the President.

Mr. Meyer, Secretary of the Navy, had succeeded in reducing the expenditures proposed for the fiscal year 1910-1911 fully \$10,000,000 below the total of the appropriation made last year. Secretary Dickinson of the War Department had done nearly as well. The total of the Government estimates will be more than \$36,000,000 less than the total appropriations made for the current fiscal year.

President Taft gave an added indication of his intention of standing by his demand for free raw material in the pending tariff bill by saying to one of his Congressional callers Monday that in case the Senators who are opposing him on that demand should succeed in beating the bill in the Senate he would immediately call another extra session of Congress to meet the day after this one adjourned.

That Francis J. Heney, special counsel of the Department of Justice, and also assistant prosecutor in the so-called graft cases in San Francisco, received from this Government last year \$23,000 for which he performed no services, was the frank admission of Chairman Tawney of the Appropriations Committee in the House, in Washington, Monday.

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN NEWS.

G. W. Elbert, of Denton, showed Tuesday ears of corn that the heat from the sun had popped in the field.

The oldest Catholic ecclesiastic in the world, Stanislaus Machorski, deacon at Lissewo, Prussia, died Thursday, at the age of 102 years.

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Preparations are being made to accommodate and entertain large crowds expected to attend daily the tenth annual reunion of Confederate veterans, to take place at Gatesville Aug. 3 to 6, inclusive.

That the death roll of Saturday's battle between the McDonald and Chisolm factions on the street of Union, Miss., will be two, instead of four, is indicated by the reports which attending surgeons issued regarding the wounded.

Seventy-six distinct classes of industry are in Dallas, including seventeen manufacturing with an investment of over \$2,000,000. This is according to figures compiled for the Chamber of Commerce.

Orville Wright made a flight in his aeroplane of 1 hour and 20 minutes duration at Fort Myer Tuesday, circling the parade ground eighty-three times, making a series of figure eights and landing steadily.

Col. Roosevelt, whose party is hunting on the south shore of Lake Naivasha, near the ranch of Capt. Richard Attenborough, East Africa, has done no shooting since last Thursday, but instead has remained at the camp writing a book.

Mrs. E. P. Dorrence, a visitor from Helena, Mont., in Hot Springs, Ark., was shot under the left eye and almost instantly killed in her room at the Parker House early Thursday by an unknown man, whom the police believe visited the rooms for the purpose of burglary.

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The women of Colorado are to make a stubborn effort to send one of their sex to Congress two years hence.

The Rev. Father James J. Conway died in St. Louis Monday, aged 55 years. He was well known in the West and as an orator, philosopher and writer, and as one of the organizers and directors of the Federation of Catholic Societies.

J. J. Lanin, representing the North-east Construction Company of New Hampton, Iowa, has just completed arrangements for the building of the Sterling City-San Angelo Railroad.

Quannah has ordered an election on August 11 on an issue of \$30,000 bonds for the purpose of extending the water mains.

Wednesday afternoon fire originating in the R. W. Jones millinery establishment in Abilene, caused fully \$7,500 damages before being extinguished.

Reports received in the Department of Health Thursday indicate that the state quarantine station at Galveston is almost a total wreck, as result of storms.

Alfred McCain, who was injured in the Fort Worth and Denver yards in Amarillo, died late Thursday night. No relatives of the dead man have so far been found.

At Angleton, fifty miles south of Houston, on the line of the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway, thirty families are homeless as a result of the storm of the last few days.

The installation of the Hamlin waterworks system is nearing completion. The city will have four miles of main. The tank and tower are being erected. The tank is of 75,000 gallons capacity and will be 145 feet high.

Another street car in Evansville, Ind., was blown up Monday by dynamite, being the fourth car dynamited since the street car strike started here eight weeks ago.

The salaries of twenty-one clerks and thirty letter carriers of the Fort Worth postoffice have been raised. Two of the increases are for \$200 per year, and the remainder are for \$100 per annum.

Samuel J. Keith, one of the best known financiers in the South and for the past twenty-seven years president of the Fourth National Bank of Nashville, Tenn., died of heart trouble Sunday.

The 6-year-old son of Charles Morgan, living north of Blossom, was fatally burned Wednesday night. While the mother was out milking he attempted to carry a lighted lamp through the house.

The most disastrous fire in the history of Masonton, W. Va., happened Tuesday and destroyed the Hotel Altman and the Fanston and Maddas blocks, entailing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

Ten persons drowned Sunday afternoon, two of them little girls, when the excursion sloop Roxana, carrying twenty-two passengers, was capsized by a sudden squall in lower New York Bay.

As a result of a severe electrical and wind storm at Paragould, Ark., one man is dead, one residence and the new high school building damaged by lightning, and considerable damage done to property in the country near the town.

The usual fall demand is being made on the Treasury Department at Washington, by the banks for a supply of small bills for crop moving purposes. To meet this demand, the Treasury can issue now \$1 silver certificates in exchange for silver certificates of larger denominations which are sent to the Treasury for that purpose. An unusual supply of small bills has been prepared to meet this seasonal demand.

W. C. Wilson, who lives about two miles of Quinlan, brought to town Friday a remarkable freak of nature in the form of a seven-legged kitten with two tails. From its head to the middle of its body there is nothing to distinguish it from any other kitten, but from there down it is a double cat. It has two fore legs in their natural position and one fore leg that comes out of the middle of its back, four hind legs and two tails.

Plans for forming the largest inland waterways transportation company in this or any other country are being perfected by Attorney T. L. Sager of St. Louis. He is backed, he claims, by Festus J. Wade, W. K. Kavanaugh and other financiers in St. Louis. The company, to be known as the Mississippi River Transportation Corporation, is to have a capital stock of \$10,000,000.

Eyster Bros. of California have opened a cigar factory in Cleburne. The Board of Trade asked the merchants to give orders enough to insure continuous business for the factory. The merchants more than met the necessary demand.

Two hundred and thirty-four thousand prairie dogs have been killed since Jan. 1 by J. W. Holman of Amarillo. Most of them were on the Fryling Pan ranch. Mr. Holman uses poisoned meat in his operations and employs a corps of fifteen workmen, mostly Mexicans.

Vernon is keeping pace with the progress of the times and showing great activity in municipal improvements just now. A modern sewerage system comprising over six miles of mains is now being laid on gradients that will insure perfect sanitation.

By electing Hon. W. D. (Bill) Davis of Fort Worth to the presidency of their association and selecting Tyler as the city of their next meeting place, the Mayors of Texas brought the business of their eighth annual convention to a close in San Angelo, Thursday afternoon.

W. F. Kellis, Editor and Proprietor.

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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer favor by reporting same to us.

If our people would go ahead and make the test for artesian water, it might prove a blessing that even a railroad could not give. We have every reason to believe that an unlimited supply of water could be had at a reasonable depth. Let's go after it.

Only one more month and school opens again. We have a good, strong corps of teachers who deserve our support. Let us give them encouragement by showing them that we appreciate their efforts and they will return the compliment two-fold in the way of good service.

My son, listen: The booze fight has no more showing for success in the honorable callings of the present day than a snowball has to pass through Hades without being melted. You may get mixed up in a church row, or a prohibition campaign and get over it, but you can't fight booze and do anything else but fight booze.

My brother, I heard you, at the meeting, praying for sinners. I also heard you singing loudly and proclaiming your piety. That's all right, Bud. It's a mighty good thing to sing and pray and add your voice to the meeting. I like you all the better for it; but I saw you pass Joe Pokesay without speaking to him. Fact is, I found out why you did not do so. You and Joe fell out over a scriptural argument. Joe said your denomination were hypocrites and on the road to hell; and you said Joe's denomination were all heathens and would never even start for the pearly gates; and, so now you don't speak. Now you may think you have religion, and all that, but if the Good Lord has not given you the grace of tolerance and forgiveness, He has short-potted you somewhere in the deal.

The bright boys and girls who have spent their youthful days and their daddy's money in preparation for filling the high stations in life ought not be obliged to leave home to find employment. But they do just the same. No matter how well equipped our sons and daughters are, nor how bright they are; no matter if they are capable of challenging the admiration of the world; the voice of the preacher of a distant city is more potent, the plea of the city lawyer is more skillful and the medicine of the doctor of the big town is more specific, than that of those at home.

We have in mind great schools which turn out graduates every year, with the approval of the regency and faculty stamped upon their diplomas; yet, not one of these graduates have ever been offered a position in these schools and it is doubtful if the regency would consider their application if they should make them. On the contrary, they are obliged to leave the parental roof, break the early and dear ties of friendship and seek their fortunes among strangers.

This is all wrong. We not only discourage our young men and women, who love their homes and all that surrounds them, but we retard the progress of our institutions by giving preference to those whose only interest in us is the revenue they get from our coffers.

A GHOST STORY

Back in '78, while I was a temporary citizen of Arkansas, I had occasion to make a sixty-mile journey across country on foot. The trip had to be made between one o'clock, p. m., and sunrise next morning, or serious consequences might follow.

Setting out at a brisk gait, I covered many miles before sunset. Stopping at a spring at the foot of a hill where ferns grew thick along a moss covered bank that was shaded by a sweetgum tree, I ate my lunch, and then resumed my journey. A part of the route lay through the woods, over mountains and across valleys. Being acquainted with the country, I felt no fears but that I could find my way and save many miles by cutting across the country. The night was lighted by a second quarter moon, which shone from a clear sky and made the lonesome journey a real pleasure trip. The May blossoms along the little creeks gave forth a perfume, such as only the creek bottoms of Arkansas can give to make the time of a lone, weary traveler pass without his taking note.

Many miles through wood and field had been covered when the moon began to hide behind the treetops and make the route more difficult to follow. A fog came up and made it so dark that I could hardly see my hand before me, and I soon lost my direction and was floundering aimlessly through briars and brush when I came upon a squatter's cabin. In those days a pack of hounds was the chief asset of the average citizen of Arkansas, and this one was no exception to the rule.

When I made out the outlines of the cabin, I decided that I would go quietly by and not wake the sleeping inmates. Just at this moment a light breeze shifted the fog so that I could see the North star, and hastily taking an observation and getting my bearings, I moved onward and was just passing a cowlot, when a hound in the yard rose up, sniffed the air and let out a yelp. In the next instant a half dozen other old dog ears were waking the echoes with their cries and coming after me. Obeying the impulse of the moment, I ran like a scared wolf—not knowing or caring where I went, just so I was getting away from that spot. As luck would have it, I struck a road that led through a forest and I could easily see the way by the trees being cut away for the road. With the whole pack on my trail, I went down that road like a cottontail—and with about as much sense. To add terror to my predicament, I heard the owner of the dogs yell encouragement to them. "With a whoop, sic 'em, fellows!—talk to 'em, boys!" he was coming down that road as only an Arkansas lawyer can when his dogs are on "hot trail" of a varmint. I was soon convinced that running would do no good. I began to gather rocks to make a final stand; for I calculated that if I climbed a tree the man would shoot me out before I could make him understand that I wasn't a varmint. Picking my ground near a fallen tree, I turned and let fly at the foremost dog and hit him in the short ribs with my first rock, which sent him howling to the rear of the pack. Then charging and and letting fly my rocks, I soon had the potheckers making tracks for home, and was congratulating myself on the easy victory when, not over ten rods away, the master began to shout: "Who-o-a, sic 'em, puppies!—go to 'em, dogs!" I thought my time had come. I started down the road again at full speed and for a time I gained on my enemies; but the yells of the man soon had the pack in full cry on my trail again and I was thinking hard and fast what I had best do,

for I knew that I could not get away from them unless I could invent some way to give them and their master a big scare. Just as I leaped across a branch, and something pounded me on the hip, I thought of the big six pistol which all Texans, at that time carried. The thing had been bothering me in my race, and I had been continually hitching up my belt, but I had not thought of it until now, and my courage went up to where I was getting mad. I few more jumps farther and I pulled the gun and picked up a stick and decided to settle our difference right there. The man was now close on the heels of his dogs, yelling like a demon. I whacked the foremost dog over the head with the stick, and yelled to the man to call his dogs off or they would get hurt. He either didn't hear me or didn't want to hear; for he kept right on "sick-ing" with all his might. When I pulled the trigger of the old Remington, a spout of white flame lit up the whole scene. It is a well known fact that, no matter how badly a man is scared, when he hears the crack of his own gun his courage comes back to him—I feel sure it did in this case. At the second explosion of the big pistol the whole pack, led by its master, was printing tracks in the sand in the direction of the cabin, while I followed yelling like a drunken Indian and sending "dragon" bullets whistling over the heads of my fleeing enemies.

When I thought they had a sufficient scare, I turned and went on down the road, reloading my gun as I went; for there was no telling what those people might do to me for shooting at a dog—it's all right to shoot at an Arkansas lawyer, but if you shoot at his dog it is an entirely different matter. But it was as I had wished, for I never heard them any more. No doubt, the man concluded to let me go in peace.

Now comes the ghost part of this story. As it happened, this road led in the direction which I wished to go; and, traveling it for about three miles, it led into the big country road, which I at once recognized but did not know which end to take. After hesitating, I decided to travel what afterward proved to be the right end.

Presently the fog lifted and the big Sand Ridge meeting house with its conventional grave yard in the rear loomed up in the dark. The white grave stones looked like ghosts and the weirdness of the scene made me think of the "haunts" which "Uncle Joe" used to tell me about. But I wasn't afraid of ghosts—not me.—Niggers and ignorant white people might have a dread of such things, but as for me, why, I did not fear them at all. While my thoughts were running along this line, I realized that I was tired and took a seat in the door of the meeting house, which had been left open. While sitting there I took out my pipe, filled it and struck a match, but never applied it to the tobacco, for just at the moment it flashed it seemed that the whole house was full of ghosts that had been holding a mass meeting—it seemed that the devil himself was let loose. Stools, chairs, benches and everything else that was not nailed down, went tumbling, rolling and banging over the floor. Great white things, with eyes that shone like coals of fire, went milling over the floor, making a fearful racket. With hair on end and heart in mouth, I stood there as dumb as a wooden Indian. I could not have moved had those ghosts pinched me with red hot tongs. All at once a big white ghost leaped over my head; then another, and another, until at least twenty of the great white things had flown over my head. At the time, I would have sworn

that they were as big as army tents, but when the front ghost let a sniffling snort and said b-a-a-a-ah! I knew it was only a bunch of goats that had taken up lodging in the meeting house, and when I struck the match they got as badly scared as I did.

Did I pull my gun? Not much. I was a half mile from that place before I again realized that I had a gun.—No I was not tired a bit. I kept right on, and by sunrise I was at my destination, a very much used up young man, for I had covered sixty miles in seven-teen hours on foot.

PROGRAM FOR THE B. Y. P. U. FEB SUNDAY AUG. 1.

- Leader: Lowe Slaton
- Song No. 23.
- Prayer.
- Song No. 16
- Short talk by leader on "Serving God."
- Bible readings by Bert Austria, Charley Roberts, Bessie Potts, Emma Alford and Carrie Jolly.
- Solo and chorus: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."
- Paper on "The Kind of Service the Young Can Render."—Mrs. Baker.
- Paper on "Working in Sunday School."—Miss Ruth Sparkman.
- Paper: "For The Salvation of The World."—Miss Sadie Straley
- Closing Exercises.

LAND WANTED—Within fifteen or twenty miles of Sterling City; land that will average seventy-five per cent good. My intention is to sell this land to Northern people. I will leave in the near future for Illinois to do some extensive advertising in that state. C. W. HERBERT, San Angelo, Texas

WANTED:—To buy a good, sound, gentle buggy horse, that is gentle for a lady to drive. Phone or write, J. A. CANNON, Sterling City, Texas.

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Hunters:—All persons are forbidden to hunt on any lands owned or controlled by me. W. L. Foster

CONTRACT NOT SATISFACTORY

Shafer Wires That He And Lanin Will be in San Angelo Monday

A telegram from W. P. Shafer, at New Hampton, Ia., to Wright & Wynn, at San Angelo, is to the effect that the contract delivered to J. J. Lanin, for the building of the San Angelo Sterling City railroad, is "not entirely satisfactory." Messrs. Shafer and Lanin will be in San Angelo Monday, and it is thought that the objectionable features of the contract can be easily remedied, and that work will begin in a short time.

It is surmised that the objection to the contract is that it does not provide that an abstract of title to the right of way be furnished. Of course, this is only conjecture, but if it is correct the matter can be easily straightened out.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Sterling. Public notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued out of the District Court of Fann County, Texas, on the 19th day of June, A. D. 1909, in Cause No. 1888, Frank Ritterman wife, Mrs. Hie Ritter and H. G. Trotter and wife, Mrs. Kate Trotter, Plaintiffs, against L. N. Pennek, Defendant, I have this day levied upon the following described real estate, situated in Sterling county Texas, to-wit:

Six hundred and forty (640) acres of land, the whole of Survey No. 4, in Block No. 15, in the name of the Houston & Texas Central Railway Company, originally made for the State School Fund, by virtue of Certificate No. 41, 5000, and I will proceed to sell said real estate to the highest bidder for cash, before the Court House door of Sterling County, Texas, on the first Tuesday day of August, 1909, the same being the 3rd day of said month, for the purpose of satisfying collection of the judgment rendered in said cause, in favor of Plaintiff against said Defendant, for the sum of Three Thousand Eighty-one and 35/100 (\$3811.75) Dollars, with interest thereon from the 24th day of May, 1909, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, and all costs of suit. Witness my official signature this 12th day of June, A. D. 1909. JNO. B. AYRES, Sheriff of Sterling County, Texas.

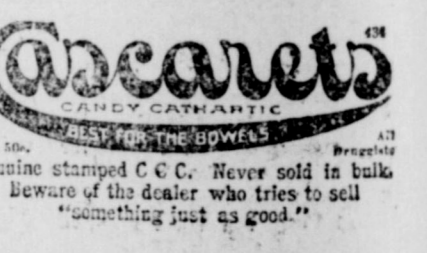
FOR SALE 240 acres of good valley land for sale at \$10 per acre, cash. Apply at this office.



"My missus is awfully jealous." "Is that so?" "Yes, she wouldn't speak to me for three days after I hugged that hump-man's wife."



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STERLING CITY, - TEXAS

After all, the best way to avoid heat prostrations is to keep cool.

Eminent actresses still insist on losing their diamonds.

Airships and wireless messages are crowding the atmosphere.

Summer began working at the job industriously as soon as it arrived.

Summer-resort mosquitoes have not heard of the war on them.

Some of the flies may have romantic natures, but never mind that.

It appears from official reports that there is also a made-in-Germany deficit.

Be thankful that radium at present prices is not one of the necessities of life.

Those who cannot swim should avoid wading in water more than ten feet deep.

Fish cakes exploded in a New York store and wrecked the place. They were probably made from the torpedo fish.

The best statesmanship these days is exerted not toward getting nations out of debt, but toward getting them deeper in.

Every man cannot join the uplift by ridding the world of African lions, but he can assist at spreading traps for the feet of the nefarious housefly.

Whatever romance there may be in international marriages is removed when the bride's father must settle the groom's debts.

It is announced that the Greek drama is about to become a fad with American theater-goers. It is just an excuse to get women to wear that style of clothes again.

The yellow peril is a literal and menacing fact wherever Sunday schools and well-meaning but worldly-ignorant reform movements subject girls to the sinister association of Chinamen.

A Russian grand duke has sent an order for the American invention of silver forks for corn on the cob and again does the genius of the western hemisphere triumph over the non-resourcefulness of effete Europe.

A man was arrested in New York for kissing his wife in their own home while the shades at the window were up. This is but a step removed from arresting a man for kissing his wife on Sunday, which will probably follow as a blue law not to be overlooked.

Princeton university rejoices in a student who has discovered the first comet seen this year. That young man probably is destined to prominence in the astronomical world. He may not have hitched his wagon to a star, but towed by a comet he may get there just the same.

Friends at Washington of Commander Peary, the Arctic explorer, believe that he has reached the North Pole and the goal of his ambition and has placed the American flag there. This, if verified, will be a crowning triumph for American pluck and perseverance. Incidentally the announcement will also save trouble for a number of other gentlemen headed in the same direction or contemplating a trip to the pole.

A Chicago magistrate has decided that it is no crime for one person to tread on another person's foot, but that neither is it a crime for the down-trodden person to retaliate by smiting the foot-crusher in the eye or on the jaw. If Solomon could revisit the earth and hear some of the judicial decisions of modern life, he would acknowledge the folly of trying to keep the record for freak decisions for an instant.

The mosquito is made almost a bird of prey by the dispatch from Cape Town which states that an overflow of the Orange river due to a heavy rainfall, has bred so many mosquitoes in the Gordonia northern district that three-quarters of the population are affected with malaria, which has been fatal in many cases. In some parts of the world the house screen is a sanitary necessity, both day and night, but the housefly is the chief danger in non-malarious countries.

Chicago's plan for the construction of an auditorium capable of accommodating 45,000 people is interesting. But the architects will have a task in planning a building in which so many can find seating or standing room within ear-shot of speakers. A vast hall in which only a portion of an assemblage can get within hearing distance of the speakers' platform would be disappointing and therefore less desirable than a smaller hall in which all can participate in the "doings."

It has long been remarked that an island off Chicago that could be used for pleasure purposes would be better than the richest of gold mines for its owner, but there is no such projection from the bottom of the lake, and Chicago has had to be content with parks along the shore. But now it is suggested that an island be constructed on a reef which exists in the shallow lake off the city, for a public park. This is visionary, and if an island were made with dredgings and dumpings it would lack beauty because of its docked shores.

QUEEN'S KIND ACT

How Helena Helped Crippled Italian Boy.

Makes Protege of Small Lad. She Found Suffering and Sad by the Seashore—Affected by the Youngster's Pessimism.

Rome.—Queen Helena has added another recruit to the legion of her small proteges. The story of how Michael Gallo managed to attract the queen's attention is told by the Roman newspapers.

Her majesty accompanied King Victor when the latter went to Brindisi to meet the German emperor. When the meeting was over the king and queen went for a long motor excursion in the neighboring district. The royal motor car stopped near a lighthouse, and the queen noticed a crippled boy dragging himself slowly and painfully along the beach by the aid of a pair of rough and ill-constructed crutches.

Approaching the poor boy, Queen Helena asked him a few questions. Though a boy of quick intelligence, Michael Gallo, such was the cripple's name, did not realize that the solitary couple were the king and queen. To the consoling words spoken to him by the illustrious lady, he replied in a melancholy fashion, saying, in effect, that his sufferings were beyond human endurance, and that he desired nothing better than a prompt termination of his bitter existence.

The queen's tender heart was deeply touched by the precocious pessimism of this youthful disciple of Schopenhauer, who further explained that he lived alone with his father, the lighthouse keeper, his mother having eloped with a lover some years ago.

Her majesty, taking the boy's hands

in hers, spoke to him words of love and hope, and promised to have him treated by a skilled doctor. As the poor little cripple listened to such motherly consolation as he had never heard before, his eyes filled with tears, and calling the queen by the sweetest names that the Italian language contains, he covered her majesty's hands with kisses, while the king, evidently affected by the scene, turned away to conceal his emotion.

After taking an affectionate farewell of little Michael the king and queen departed. Inquiries showed that the child's narrative was perfectly true, so her majesty sent some money to the lighthouse keeper and asked if he would allow his son to come to Rome to be taken care of. It is easy to understand how great was the boy's astonishment when he learned that the "buona signora" he had met on the beach was the queen of Italy.

Michael Gallo, who is now in Rome under the care of a specialist, has completely forgotten the pessimistic principles that had spontaneously germinated in his little head. His health is improving, and, much to his delight, he frequently receives a visit from his exalted patrons.

"Devil's Backbone" Broken.

Cumberland, Md.—Riven by lightning half of a noted freak of nature in this locality, known as "the Devil's Backbone," fell the other day, the debris landing on the tracks of the Pennsylvania railroad. "The Devil's Backbone" crops out on the mountain-side three miles from Cumberland. This ridge of rock ran straight up the mountainside, and geologists claim that before the forming of the mountain the earth in this vicinity was a vast tableland, the ridge connected with the strata on the east slope of the range.

OFFERS TITLES FOR SALE.

Marquise de la Rochebryant Would Open Way to Nobility for a Consideration.

New York.—To any rich American woman who is ambitious to scintillate in the society of the European nobility, a woman styling herself as the Marquise de la Rochebryant offers a display of 29 choice titles from which a selection may be made.

"Marquise de la Rochebryant" is in this city and has caused to be inserted in the newspapers an advertisement that for a sufficient cash payment she will dispose of any one or more of her titles. Explaining that a brother had wrecked her fortune, she said she came to America to dispose of at least one title in an effort to recoup the family fortunes.

She particularly recommends her title as Countess d'Autler as a desirable one for any American woman who is willing to pay \$1,000,000. She says she has been offered \$500,000 for it, but could not think of letting it go at that price.

"I wanted to raise some money for my husband's sake," explained "Marquise de la Rochebryant," "and I can see nothing dishonorable in trying to sell one of my titles. I have 29, and I want cash for some of them."

Yearn After the Infinite

Oklahoma Man Says Five Years' Underground Course Will Make Him Grow Into Spirit.

Guthrie, Okla.—G. W. Limerick, theosophist and capitalist, of Oklahoma City, recently divorced, will dispose of his earthly possessions and join the college of occult science at Simla, India. It will be a five years' course in the underground caves of the college, silent, alone and in darkness. It will be five years of yearning after the infinite assisted by the concentration of adepts who are far advanced along the path leading to the unknowable.

"I shall leave in the fall after winding up my earthly affairs here," said Limerick. "I have already been admitted to the seventh degree of the order through correspondence with the head of the college at Simla. Upon arriving at the college I shall go underground to the caves of silence, there to dwell upon the infinite and to grow by silent concentration into the spirit."

Limerick was left \$20,000 out of his \$80,000 estate when Judge Stilwell Russell of Ardmore, handed down his divorce decree freeing Mrs. Della Limerick, a few days ago. Mrs. Lim-

MAN SERVED IN FOUR WARS

Capt. Joseph Downing, Delaware Soldier, Celebrates His 103d Birthday—Lives on Pension.

Dover, Del.—Capt. Joseph Downing, a hero of four wars and a native of Philadelphia, celebrated his one hundred and third birthday the other day. He served in the Creek-Seminole war of 1832, in the Mexican war, in the Crimean war of 1855-56-57, and in the civil war of 1861-65.

"I always felt that whenever war broke out men ought to go and get into it and get it over with just as soon as possible," said Downing, "for war preys alike on life and property."

And then the captain bundled up his rod and reel and his string of catfish and started down the road for home.

Capt. Downing now lives on his pension of \$20 a month from the United States government for services in the civil war. He is able to do odd chores, and is fond of rod and line angling for fish. He has a sister in Philadelphia 20 years his junior. She is his only living relative. He makes his home at Little Creek village with Joseph Gamble. Downing's wife has been dead 16 years.

After his 70 days in the Seminole war in Florida fighting the Indians into subjection, Downing entered the Mexican war, where he served under Capt. John King. The Anderson conveyed supply ships and met the American troops at coast towns with supplies and arms, but was often fired at and in hot engagements.

In the Crimean war Downing's assignment was on the Golden Gate, a transport, and the work of this ship kept its men under hot fire.

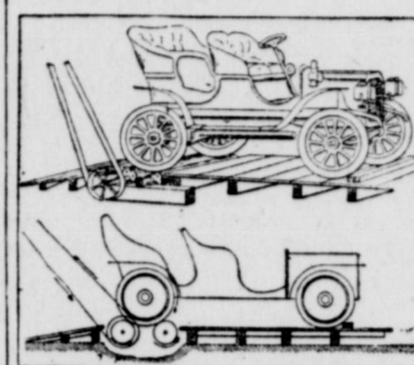
Downing enlisted from Philadelphia in the civil war. His term began July 27, 1861, and extended three years and nine days. Most of his time in the conflict was served as master-at-arms on the Yankee.

INDUSTRY AND MECHANICS

HANDY CONCRETE MIXER.

Apparatus Works Simply and is Invaluable for Use on Small Repair Jobs.

An invention of much interest to contractors, especially those who do a great deal of small work, is the portable concrete mixer designed by a Texan. This apparatus works very simply and is invaluable for use on small operations or repair work, where it would not pay to use one of the cumbersome and expensive power machines. The mixer consists of a large iron box at either end of which are wheels, which revolve upon an axle that runs through the box and on which the latter hangs loosely. Across the front of the receptacle is a sliding bar with a slot in the outer end adapted to receive a spoke of the wheel on that side. Inside the box are bars, which act as churns as the machine is being moved to and fro and mix the concrete or whatever plastic material is in the receptacle. The whole top of the box is a lid, which fastens by hasps. The



Mixes as Wheels Revolve.

machine can be easily operated by one man, who has only to shove it about to mix the material inside.

NOISELESS CLOCK IS MADE.

Timepiece, Which is Absolutely Silent, Will Run 1,000 Days Without Any Human Aid.

A clock, which is absolutely silent, so that not the slightest ticking is heard, that is guaranteed to go for 1,000 days without requiring the slightest human attention, and that will keep correct time in any position—even upside down—such is the Eureka electric clock recently invented by an Englishman, and which was submitted for the inspection of the king by Mr. Sigismund Kutnow, chairman of the Eureka Clock Company.

The simplicity and science of the mechanism of the invention are remarkable.

This clock is an entirely new departure. It is as unlike the old timepiece, with its weights, wheels and pendulums, as can possibly be imagined.

Its dial hands are moved by direct impulse from the electric current. Hitherto, attempts at making a self-winding clock have failed, owing to the complexity of the mechanism.

There is, however, practically no mechanism, in the ordinary sense of the word, in the Eureka clock; such works as it has run on ball bearings large enough for a bicycle, so that the friction is almost nil.

Drying Plaster.

The plastering in new houses is being dried by a new apparatus so effectively in three days that exception in favor of the method is being made by the authorities in places having in force the German law forbidding the use for residence of any house until it has been built six months. The apparatus employed is a coke stove, with a number of small tubes surrounding the fire-box, and with supply pipes leading dry air from outside to these tubes. As the fresh air rapidly passing through the tubes becomes heated, it rises and passes along the ceiling and walls. It absorbs and becomes saturated with moisture from the plastering, then sinks, enters the fire-box of the stove, and escapes with the coke gases into the chimney. The current of heated dry air not only carries off the dampness very rapidly, but furnishes an abundance of carbonic acid to harden the mortar. The effect is exactly the same as that of slow natural drying, and the rooms are made speedily habitable instead of being unsafe to live in for many weeks.

Copper is Precious Metal.

In this almost universal age of electricity copper has become one of the most indispensable of the metals. If civilization-to-day were confronted with the ultimatum, "Give up your gold or give up your copper," probably the world's gold mines would be deserted in preference.

Last year the production of copper in the United States exceeded by far that of any other year in the history of the metal. The year's totals as compiled by the geological survey was 942,570,721 pounds. In this production Arizona territory led with 252,503,651 pounds, and Massachusetts with 222,503,651 pounds.

As against this production of the refined metal, the apparent consumption was 479,955,318 pounds. From returns made by the smelting and refining companies the stocks of refined copper on January 1, 1909, showed a decrease of 3,869,037 pounds over the stocks of January 1, 1908.

HELP FOR WASHING DISHES.

Kansas Designs Combined Dishpan and Drain That Will Save Time and Towels.

The humble but important operation of dish-washing has been greatly facilitated through the genius of a Kansan. This man has designed a combined dishpan and drain that will



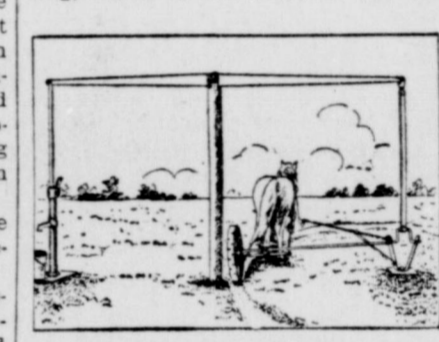
Water Flows Back into Pan.

save both time and towels, as it permits the water to drip off the dishes before they are dried. The utensil is made for use only in its dual capacity. The dishpan is cut away to allow one end of the drain trough to enter it. This trough rests on legs which give it a downward slant toward the pan and in the bottom is a rack on which the dishes are stood. This rack is raised slightly, so that the water which drips from the china, glass, etc., runs back into the pan. In this way the dishes are rendered comparatively dry before the towel is applied to them, with the result that they can be completely dried much more speedily than when taken directly from the rinse water, and the towel does not become hopelessly saturated, as by the old-fashioned method.

WALKING-BEAM POWER PUMP.

Home-Made Contrivance for Supplying Water for Ranch by Horse Unaided.

The accompanying sketch shows a novel horse power pump which is used on a ranch in Oregon. This pump consists of a walking beam 20 to 25 feet long, which is connected at one end



Horse Pumps Water.

to the pump rod and at the other end to the shaft of an old mower wheel, says Popular Mechanics. This shaft is lengthened out to about twelve feet and bent into the shape of a crank near the end opposite the wheel. The bearings for this crank are made from a piece of bar iron V-shaped with a flat bottom. This iron is bolted down loosely to a piece of timber fitted into the ground. The horse is hitched on near the wheel. The V-shaped bearing turns as the horse walks around in a circle and the crank makes a double stroke for every revolution of the mower wheel. Where a well is deep two mower wheels may be put together to add tractive weight. A horse soon learns to operate this pump without a driver.

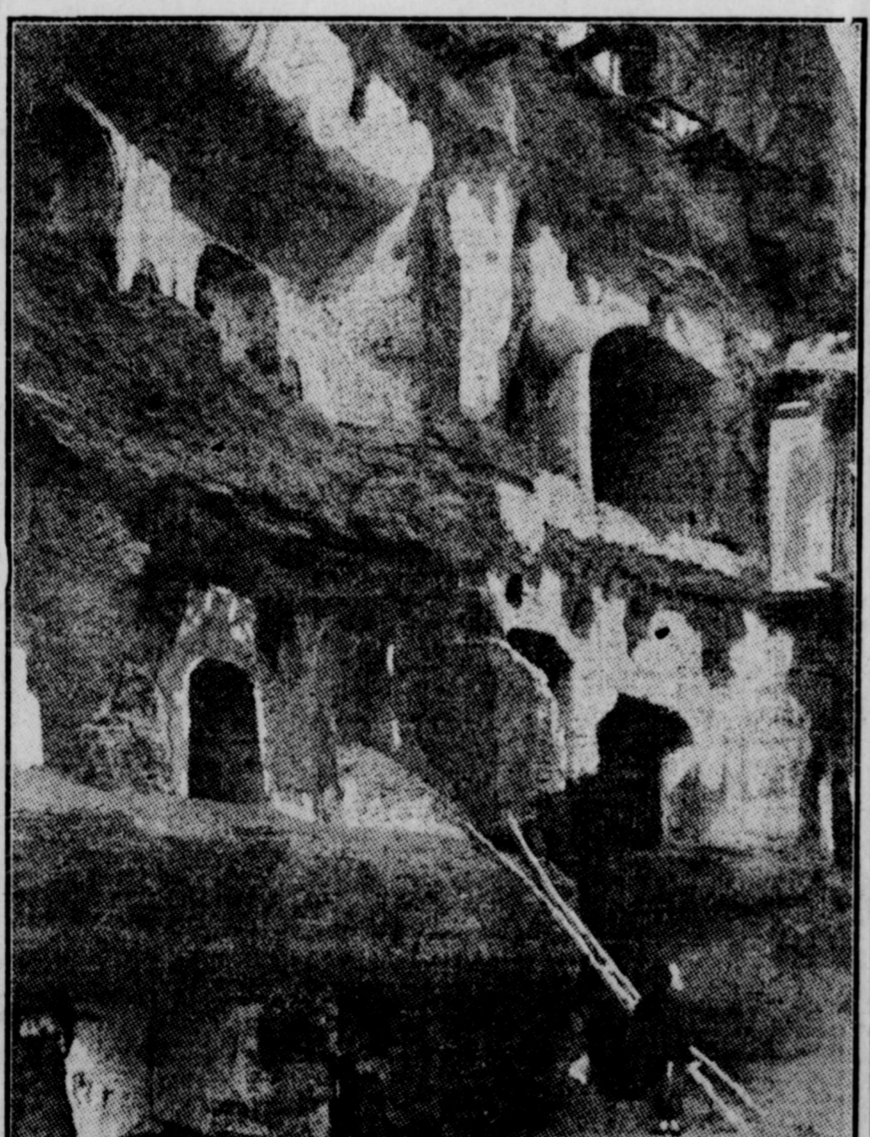
Wireless and Safety at Sea.

"Of late, too, another and powerful safeguard has come into use," writes L. Frank Tooker in an account in Century of new and old devices for navigating in fog and darkness. "If one enters the wireless telegraphy room of a transatlantic steamer he will find on the wall a rectangular chart crossed and recrossed by many black lines. Across it also runs one broader line in red ink. On the margin of the chart are marked the days of the week. It is the wireless guide for the current month; the red line gives the course of the steamer, while the many black lines crossing it indicate to the operator at what hour of each day of his passage he will probably pick up the wireless messages of other ships crossing that month. The ship, one sees at a glance, is scarcely ever out of touch with other ships through which disaster may come; and with this knowledge of constant intercommunication the feeling of security justly grows."

A New Lifebelt.

Though numerous appliances have from time to time been contrived for the purpose of superseding the familiar type of lifebelt, the latter still retains its popularity. Yet it possesses well-known disadvantages. A new device has now been evolved by an inventor of Antwerp. The belt comprises two buoyant cushions, which are designed to fit upon the chest and upper part of the back respectively, connected by straps passing over the shoulders. The cushions are held firmly in the requisite position by a belt, which passes round the waist and fastens with a buckle. In this manner the wearer's head is kept well above water and there is no possibility of his equilibrium being upset.

A TREASURE-HOUSE OF ANCIENT ART.



A group of ruined cave-temples, once approached by galleries, at "the Thousand Buddhas," Tun-Huang. The porches show remains of fresco-painting. The entrances to the lower caves are partly filled with drift sand. "The Thousand Buddhas" consist of hundreds of Buddhist cave-temples. These sacred grottoes, notwithstanding their ruinous condition and much damage by iconoclast zeal—and pious restoration—have preserved a great quantity of fine frescoes and stucco sculpture going back to the T'ang dynasty (seventh-ninth century A.D.). Their style shows unmistakably the influence of Greco-Buddhist art as transplanted from the extreme northwest of India to Central Asia, and thence to China. It was at one of the larger shrines that Dr. Stein found a great hoard of ancient manuscript in Chinese, Tibetan, Indian, and other languages, with many fine paintings on silk and cotton, art embroideries, etc., which had been walled-up in a rock-cut side chapel about 1,000 A.D., and accidentally discovered a short time before his visit.

Gambling in Green Goods

By JOHN IRVING DAY

Garnering the Gold by a Unique Method, Originated and Practiced by "Doc" Floyd

"HERE'S hoping that you get even, alderman." Doc Floyd raised a goblet of sparkling burgundy, across the brim of which he glanced and smiled at the member of the High Rollers' club who was host at a dinner he was giving in part payment of a bet that there was not a man in the country with \$5,000 who could be beaten out of that amount on the ancient "gold brick" game. The dinner end of the bet was merely a paltry side issue for the big ex-alderman had also wagered \$5,000 and lost that, too.

Doc Floyd had asserted that even in the twentieth century the time-worn "green goods game" could be worked.

"Have you got the nerve to tell me that you can put over the old green goods thing," was the amazed demand of Alderman Mebant. "I'll bet just one more bundle of \$5,000 and again a dinner for the crowd that it can't be done. Why the biggest sucker in the country would take your flash bank roll away from you if you tried to work that."

"Well, maybe he would," returned Floyd, but I'll just bet you it can be done and will let Cleland do the rough work and I'll just go along to oversee it. I may have to find the man, but I'll let Jack do the trimming."

"And I'll take half of Floyd's end of the bet that they put it over," broke in Col. Powley once more. Is it a bet?"

"It is. I'm game for another try," replied the alderman.

"How about it, Jack? Can we do it?" quired Floyd of a tall, cold-eyed dyspeptic looking person who had sat silent, sipping his wine and puffing a big cigar throughout the bantering conversation.

Jack Cleland merely granted his assent. He was the one pessimist of the party, but always dependable and a handy man to have in any deal.

A bell clanged, a gate slammed and the conductor and a belated passenger climbed aboard the Twentieth Century Limited train which was leaving the La Salle street station, Chicago for its 18-hour spin to New York. The big engine throbbed and the long train of rolling palaces slid out of the shed without a jerk or tremor, as easily as a trim sail boat propelled by a gentle breeze. At the forward end of the train, the buffet car, a comfortable small club on wheels, already was more than half filled with passengers.

Seated on one side of the car Doc Floyd was contentedly puffing a cigarette while on the opposite side of the aisle, Jack Cleland pulled at a strong cigar, and neither man glanced at or seemed to know of the presence of the other. All was quiet save for the businesslike conversation of two showmen. The vestibule door opened and into the car came Solomon Rosenberg, wise man of the west in which section he had imbued the air of freedom in speech and manner.

Acquaintances are almost as easily made in the smoking car of a train as on shipboard and here was Floyd not 20 miles out of Chicago drinking with a person whose natural propensities for "butting in" with strangers could not be overcome. Within ten minutes after they had met, Solomon Rosenberg was narrating the story of the most recent happenings of his life and riding to a swift and certain fall.

"Oh yes, Solomon was a wise one. He knew it and was proud of it. Floyd had listened to his talk and wondered the while, whether there was a chance to take some of Solomon's easily gotten wealth and also lower his stock of conceit. He concluded that it might be well worth while to cultivate his new acquaintance. It was at least worth trying, so he ordered another bottle which further mellowed the talkative one, whose tones by this time had disturbed a commercial traveler who sat near him running over columns of figures in his sales book.

The traveling man appeared slightly annoyed as he glanced toward the wine drinkers. Suddenly he seemed to think of something and placing his memoranda in his pocket he turned to Floyd and his companion and asked if they cared to kill the time with a small game until the call came for dinner in the dining car.

"Sure," was the reply of Solomon, answering for Floyd as well as himself. "My friend and I will play if you'll dig up some one else."

A telephatic thought seemed to travel from Floyd to Jack Cleland who was looking at the party from the opposite side of the car. The others also seemed to notice his presence at the same time and it appeared a mere chance that he was invited to make the fourth man in the game.

The play was not resumed after dinner, Cleland saying that he had lost about all he could afford, but the party stuck together and when it came time to retire for the night, Solomon, Floyd and Cleland had all agreed to make their headquarters at the Hotel Astor during their stay in New York and see more of each other. The drummer had told them that his home was in the city but that he hoped to look them up during their stay.

"What's the game, Floyd?" inquired Jack Cleland who had visited his friend's room in the hotel ten minutes after they had reached the big Broadway hotel.

"Well, old top, you know what we are on here for," was the reply. "You've got to sell an order of green goods to some one. You are lucky because I've already found your man for you. It must be some one, so why not our friend Solomon? He's already delivered himself."

The trio met in the lobby of the hotel a few moments later and Solomon insisted on having just one drink before they parted company for the day and then also insisted that they dine together that evening. The only dissipation Cleland would indulge in that evening after dinner was the theater to which he consented to accompany Floyd and Solomon. After the theater, however, Floyd was indeed the gay man of law away from home for a good time and he put Solomon through such paces as to endear him to the heart of that boisterous person.

This journey through the tenderloin was followed by another. Solomon liked the gay life but was beginning to have a pain in his pocketbook, so that when the third evening after his arrival in Gotham, Cleland proposed another game of cards, saying that he wanted revenge for his loss on the train, there was ready consent on the



"IT TOOK HALF AN HOUR TO COUNT THIS."

part of the westerner, who proposed to make some one else pay his expenses if he could. Cleland already had found the drummer's telephone number and invited him to dine and join them in another little friendly game.

Again Solomon won, but his winnings were small. The salesman, also, was allowed to carry away a few dollars for his evening's work. Floyd, however, made a heavy winning and Cleland lost \$2,000, playing with the feverish recklessness that comes to the average loser at cards. The game broke up when the salesman announced that he would have to quit and get a few hours' sleep before appearing at his place of business. Cleland went off to his room with a grinch, refusing even to take a "night-cap" drink. Solomon, however, readily accepted Floyd's invitation to take in some of the all-night restaurants.

"I wonder if our friend has left town without saying good-by," remarked Solomon to Doc Floyd two days after the poker game in which Cleland had lost his money to Floyd. He had not appeared since that time.

"I wonder?" replied Floyd. "Let's inquire of the clerk at the desk and see if he's gone." Acting upon this suggestion they learned that Mr. "McClelland," the name under which Cleland was known to them, was still in town, and in fact was in his room at that moment.

"Let's go up and see what ails him,"

proposed Floyd. "Maybe he's not feeling well."

In his room the two callers found Cleland pacing the floor with a worried look on his face. It was anything but a cordial welcome which he gave them.

"Not, ill, I hope," said Floyd. "We'd missed you for a couple of days and thought we'd look you up. Haven't cut us out, have you?"

"To tell you the truth, fellows, I haven't felt very cheerful since I made that losing. I'm only a salaried man, you know, and can't really afford to play that kind of a game, even if my salary is a big one. It isn't that I'm worrying about just now, though, for I've got a chance to get more than even. My conscience will hardly let me do it though, and besides I've got to have more money than I've got to put the deal through."

"Buck up, and tell us about it!" broke in Solomon. "And say, kid, don't let your conscience put too much weight on you. Throw it away and get rid of the handicap, but don't do anything to get into jail. I don't mind telling you that there are two or three places in this country right now where I don't want to go for fear the jail doors would open quick to get me. Our friend here is a lawyer. Let him advise you."

"I wonder if I should tell you?" replied Cleland, brightening perceptibly, polished actor that he was.

"Yes, go ahead and out with it," returned Floyd. "You know we lawyers hear some strange stories now and then and can't afford to be too particular as to our clients."

"Well, I'll tell you on one condition," agreed Cleland. "That condition is that you come in on the deal with me. I haven't got enough capital to put it through, anyway. There's no danger in it, and it's a sure way to make a big haul."

Both Floyd and Solomon agreed to come in on any deal where they could

only have about \$7,000 to my name, so I will have to get some one to go in the deal with me. You two can come in for \$5,000 each. Are you on? And wait a minute, you needn't agree right now, but meet me at ten o'clock in the morning and go with me to the Nineteenth National and see my friend for yourself."

The two agreed to meet Cleland on the morrow and said good-night. "And what do you think of it?" inquired Floyd as they went down on the elevator. "I'm a little afraid of it."

"Well, let's look into it, anyway," returned Solomon. "If there's a chance to pick up some easy money, I want it."

On the following morning they were convinced that the deal was a good one when they went to the Nineteenth National with Cleland, and visiting the safety vault section of the bank, met Danny Roberts as that young man came out of a small compartment in his shirt sleeves with a package of papers in his hands and a pencil behind his ear. Danny looked the part of a busy clerk and they heard him whisper nervously to Cleland that "it was all right." He added that he would be at the appointed place at precisely 12 o'clock.

The appointed place was a small dingy office of a dilapidated building on New street. Cleland explained that it was the office of a friend who dealt in curb stocks and was seldom in, but allowed him free use of the place. The trio were waiting when Danny Roberts, carrying a suit case, entered. He immediately took from the case two packages, exactly alike in appearance and as to outer signs and seals. Quickly cutting one of them open, he disclosed large bundles of money. It took a half hour to count this out and ascertain that there was \$30,000 in the lot. Fifteen thousand dollars in large bills were placed in the hands of Danny, who hurried away. In five minutes the old bills of perfectly good money

were divided into three packages of equal amounts and tied up into neat paper-bound parcels on the roll-top desk. Just at that moment there was a knock on the locked door of the office and Cleland slammed down the top of the desk and kicked the waste paper underneath before he went to answer the summons.

"It was only a customer looking for my friend," he remarked, as he returned and raised the top of the desk, disclosing the three neatly tied parcels. "You fellows had better take your bundles and separate. We will all meet at the hotel for dinner."

Solomon and Floyd, acting like two conspirators, agreed to take separate conveyances uptown to their hotel and to meet there later and drink to their good luck.

Two hours later, when Floyd had not put in appearance, Solomon began to feel nervous. He was afraid something had happened to Floyd and Cleland, but for another half hour he did not suspect anything further, and then he suddenly decided to go to his room and investigate his newly acquired wealth.

"Stung!" yelled Solomon when he undid the parcel and found a tightly bound package of tissue paper with a dollar bill on each outer side. "And I never once thought of the old green goods game!"

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COULDN'T GET SI TO ENTHUSE

Hired Man's Remarks Could Hardly Be Said to Be in Nature of Compliment.

The young lawyer, having been nominated for the office of county attorney, thought to surprise an eccentric genius by the name of Si who was working as a hired man on the young lawyer's father's farm.

"Well, Si, what do you think?" the young man began.

"Sometimes one thing, Loney, an' sometimes nother."

"But, Si, they have nominated me for county attorney."

"They might 'a done worse, Loney. Howsomever, don't holler till you're out of the woods."

The young attorney was duly elected, and on his next visit to the farm announced the fact unctuously to Si, who was at the woodpile, saw in hand.

"Well, Si, I am elected by a large majority. What do you think of that?"

"Well, Loney, down in our parts where I was raised, when we wanted a stopper 'n' hadn't any cork, we generally took a corn cob."—Youth's Companion.

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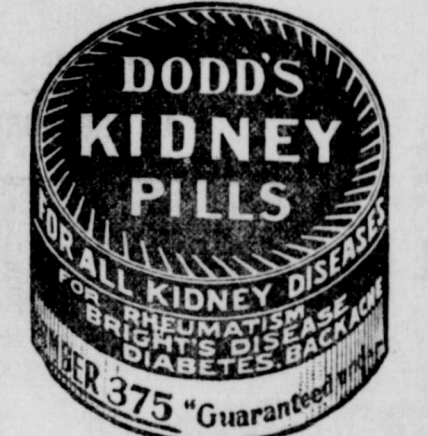
A Baseball Preacher. It was just at the beginning of the baseball season when an Episcopal clergyman, who is an ardent and enthusiastic lover of the great American game, inadvertently remarked at the end of the portion of Scriptures which he read:

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Rev. S. J. Franks Pastor.
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A line of up-to-date gents suits at Roberts' going at hard time prices.
Miss Alma Crain went to San Angelo yesterday to visit relatives.
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Clerk, Jack Cole, made a business trip to San Angelo Wednesday.
B. Allen bought lumber this week with which to build a new residence.
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Noble Fisk, Jr., visited in our town Sunday and Monday.
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H. W. Stoneham and Earl Morrison, of Colorado, have been here this week, making abstracts to the Elwood lands.
Mrs. Elliott and daughter, Mrs. Dr. Dagley, of Birmingham Alabama, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. G. W. Allard.

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U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of The Secretary

Washington, D. C., May 23, 1909. Notice No. 29.
Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Agriculture has, under authority conferred by Law, issued Amendment 1 to Rule 1 B, Section 4 (Amendment 1) to B. A. Order 158 dated May 21, 1909, and effective on and after June 1, 1909, to prevent the spread of splenic fever in cattle, which amends Rule 1 B, Section 4, effective on and after April 1, 1909. The effect of this amendment is to place the counties of Ison and Sterling and that portion of Tom Green County west of a line extending due north from the northeast corner of Ison County in the southern boundary of Cook County in the State of Texas, in the quarantined area from which cattle shall be moved or allowed to move in interstate commerce with the regulations for immediate slaughter. Copies of this amendment may be obtained from the Chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry, whose address is Washington, D. C. JAMES WISON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

NOTICE

My big Maltese jack, "Jube" will stand this season at the Pope place five miles northwest of town.
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4-5-07
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I have posted my pasture according to the laws made and provided in such cases, and all persons are hereby warned and put upon notice that any person who shall hunt, cut and haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any enclosed land owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
J. S. Johnson.

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Those driving stock down lane must keep in the lane until across Beal's creek.
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Team line will leave San Angelo at 7 o'clock every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning bound for Sterling City.
All express left at Doran Hotel

TRESSPASS NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood, or otherwise trespass on any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.
4-5-07
A. F. JONES

POSTED.
Our pasture is posted and all persons are hereby put upon legal notice that any one who shall hunt, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any of the lands owned or controlled by us will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
10-26-01 Fisher Bros.

NOTICE—KEEP OUT.
Notice is hereby given that any person who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any of the lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted by the full extent of the law.
G. W. Allard.

POSTED.
I have posted my pasture according to the laws made and provided in such cases, and all persons are hereby warned and put upon notice that any person who shall hunt, cut and haul wood or otherwise trespass upon any enclosed land owned or controlled by me, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
J. S. Johnson.

TRESSPASS NOTICE
Any person hauling wood, fishing, hunting or in any way trespassing on any lands owned or controlled by us, or either of us without our permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.
Those driving stock down lane must keep in the lane until across Beal's creek.
W. R. Felker
By J. D. Lane, Opt.

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HOME OF HARRIMAN

Mansion on Top of Mountain 40 Miles from New York.

With a Park Three Times the Size of Manhattan Island the Country Estate Will Be Most Remarkable in North America.

New York—It was once said of E. F. Harriman by an attorney as skilled in the rules of the game of law as the great transportation king is in the complex shifting of blocks of bonds and stocks that represent his title to more miles of railway than one man ever dominated before, that Mr. Harriman moved on a plane and in an atmosphere so altitudinous that no ordinary mortal might hope to do more than contemplate his eminence from afar. That was true in a figurative sense, perhaps, when it was announced—at any rate, the adulatory attorney appeared to think it was—but now it is about to become literally true, so far as Mr. Harriman's home in the country is concerned.

His house on the top of one of the mountains of the Ramapo range at Arden, not far from the dejected town of Suffern on the Erie, is on such a height and surrounded by so many leagues of pathless forest that are his by right of purchase that he can dwell there, if he chooses, in an isolation so splendid as to be incomparable with that enjoyed by another American multimillionaire. It is doubtful if Mr. Harriman in his wanderings over continental Europe this summer will see any castle that can equal his in its majesty of view and aloofness from—yet geographical nearness to—a vast center of population.

The Harriman home at Arden has been building for nearly three years and when he went abroad a few days ago he left orders that it must be ready for his occupancy when he returns in the early autumn—that no expense was to be spared; that the work must be pushed forward night and day, if necessary, but that it must be finished.

The Harriman house at Arden conforms to the rules of no style of archi-



One View of Harriman's Mountain Home.

ecture except the rectangular school. The former windows in the attic roof are more English in their design than anything else. That is the only feature to which any architectural nationality can be assigned. It looks more like an attempt to reproduce in stone on a large and modernized scale some old New England farmhouse. It is undoubtedly designed more for use and comfort than for anything else. It contains 70 rooms and 22 of these are bathrooms.

Set on the apex of one of the highest and steepest mountains in the Ramapos, the land originally sloped abruptly away from the site of the house. The art of the landscape artists has broken and softened these declivities by the formation of a series of terraces. Many of them had to be blasted out of solid rock and their sharp outlines smoothed over with earth and turf, so that now the once rugged outlines of the bowlder-strewn hilltop are graceful in their descent to the edge of the forest. In other places the terraces rise vertically from the edge of a cliff.

Hard by the house is a great swimming pool of stone and cement—a bath whose size even Caesar or Caracalla might have envied had Harriman lived in Rome in their day and built his palace there. About the grounds, too, are many sunken courts that in summer will be filled with flowers. Through the green shrubbery will shine the whiteness of marble statuary, and cool fountains in the court-yards and Italian gardens will plash and whisper all night long in midsummer, when the cities on the lowlands toward the sea are swathed in torrid, humid air.

Beneath this commonplace looking mansion is a network of tunnels for the passage of servants, the conveyance of everything needed. Some are ways for the whisking of things to and fro. Everything contributing to comfort that the skill of the mechanical engineer could adapt to use in a dwelling has been installed. Human hand service has been supplemented everywhere, so far as possible, by steam, electricity and compressed air. For indoor amusement there are billiard parlors and bowling alleys—enough for the entertainment of all the guests the house can hold.

The Harriman estate in the Ramapo mountains is probably the largest in area of any private property of its kind in America, though there are several that far surpass it in magnificence. Tower Hill, however, is unique in the isolation and solitary grandeur that it will afford its ma-

Authority. "Miss Anteck says this is the most sanitary of all the ages." "She ought to know," said the man who roomed across the hall. "She's compared a good many of them."

WAS HE RIGHT.



Mrs. Rant—Do you think men are more clever than women?
Mr. Rant—Some men are.
Mrs. Rant—Who are they?
Mr. Rant—Single men.

SKIN ERUPTION CURED.

Was So Sore, Irritating and Painful That Little Sufferer Could Not Sleep—Scratched Constantly.

Cuticura's Efficacy Clearly Proven.

"When about two and a half years old my daughter broke out on her hips and the upper parts of her legs with a very irritating and painful eruption. It began in October; the first I noticed was a little red surface and a constant desire on her part to scratch her limbs. She could not sleep and the eruptions got sore, and yellow water came out of them. I had two doctors treat her, but she grew worse under their treatment. Then I bought the Cuticura Remedies and only used them two weeks when she was entirely well. This was in February. She has never had another rough place on her skin, and she is now fourteen years old. Mrs. R. R. Whitaker, Winchester, Tenn., Sept. 22, 1908."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

He Bit.

The city man was jogging on toward the summer boarding-house in a rickety old wagon. The driver was glum and far from entertaining, and the city man felt rather lonely.

"Fine field over there," he ventured, after a long silence.

"Fine," grunted the driver.

"Who owns it?"

"Old man Bitt, eh? Who are those children stacking up hay?"

"Old man Bitt's boys."

"And what is his idea in having them out there in the field such a hot day?"

"Wal, I reckon he thinks every little Bitt helps, stranger. Anything else you want to know? Get up here, hosses."

Good Work Among Children.

According to a statement of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis over 2,500,000 of the 17,000,000 school children enrolled in the United States have during the school year just closed been systematically instructed concerning the dangers of consumption and the methods for its cure and prevention. Besides the 2,500,000 children thus instructed in their schools, the National Association estimates that fully 1,000,000 more have received instructions at the various tuberculosis exhibits held in all parts of the country or through separate classes and organizations.

Law of Attraction.

The attractions of men to women and women to men are full of the most perplexing inconsistencies and contradictions imaginable. It is, for instance, a physical law that magnetism is not simple attraction of one thing for another, but the difference of two opposing forces of attraction and repulsion, of which the former is the greater. The same law holds in relation to the attraction of men and women for each other, in which, as a rule, the masculine is the superior force.—T. P. Weekly, London.

SURPRISED HIM Doctor's Test of Food.

A doctor in Kansas experimented with his boy in a test of food and gives the particulars. He says:

"I naturally watch the effect of different foods on patients. My own little son, a lad of four, had been ill with pneumonia and during his convalescence did not seem to care for any kind of food.

"I knew something of Grape-Nuts and its rather fascinating flavor, and particularly of its nourishing and nerve-building powers, so I started the boy on Grape-Nuts and found from the first dish that he liked it.

"His mother gave it to him steadily and he began to improve at once. In less than a month he had gained about eight pounds and soon became so well and strong we had no further anxiety about him.

"An old patient of mine, 73 years old, came down with serious stomach trouble and before I was called had got so weak he could eat almost nothing, and was in a serious condition. He had tried almost every kind of food for the sick without avail.

"I immediately put him on Grape-Nuts with good, rich milk and just a little pinch of sugar. He exclaimed when I came next day 'Why doctor I never ate anything so good or that made me feel so much stronger.'

"I am pleased to say that he got well on Grape-Nuts, but he had to stick to it for two or three weeks, then he began to branch out a little with rice or an egg or two. He got entirely well in spite of his almost hopeless condition. He gained 22 pounds in two months which at his age is remarkable.

"I could quote a list of cases where Grape-Nuts has worked wonders."

"There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville" in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

VERY ABRUPT.



Spring Post—Yes, sir; I can write about anything, sir.

Irate Editor—Well, then, suppose you just right-about face and head for the door.

His Preference.

Commander Maxwell of the navy enjoys telling of an unique complaint preferred by a recruit.

On every man-of-war the bar of justice is aft in front of the "stick," or mast. The recruit had gone to the stick to "state" his grievance. "Well, what do you want?" asked the executive officer.

"Please, sir, I want to complain of the breakfast this morning."

"What did you have?"

"Burgoo, crack-hash, hard tack and coffee, sir."

"What did you expect?"

"Please, sir, I always like to start my breakfast with a nice steak and a pair of eggs."—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

"A Cheap Skate."

"Joel Chandler Harris," said an Atlanta, "used to write comic newspaper editorials. Sometimes he made fun of other editors in them, too."

"Simon Simpson, a rival editor in Mobile, having been made fun of, wrote angrily in his rage:

"Joel Harris has been getting off some cheap wit at our expense."

"Joel, on reading this, grabbed his pen and dashed off, quick as a flash, for next day's issue:

"It must have been cheap, Simon, to be at your expense."

Laundry work at home would be much more satisfactory if the right Starch were used. In order to get the desired stiffness, it is usually necessary to use so much starch that the beauty and fineness of the fabric is hidden behind a paste of varying thickness, which not only destroys the appearance, but also affects the wearing quality of the goods. This trouble can be entirely overcome by using Defiance Starch, as it can be applied much more thinly because of its greater strength than other makes.

Have No Use for Pins.

All American exporters concerned are warned by Consul General Denby that they'll never get by selling pins to the people of Shanghai. "The Chinese have no use for pins," he says, "strings and knots and loops meeting every requirement of male and female, young and old, to keep his or her garments securely and neatly fastened."

Rough on Rats, unbeatable exterminator

Rough on Hen Lice, Nest Powder, 25c.
Rough on Bedbugs, Powder or Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Fleas, Powder or Liquid, 25c.
Rough on Roaches, Pow'd, 15c., Liq'd, 25c.
Rough on Moth and Ants, Powder, 25c.
Rough on Sneetors, agreeable to use, 25c.

E. S. Wells, Chemist, Jersey City, N. J.

Good Knowledge for Divers.

As part of the education of the English naval divers, the beginners are taught how to save themselves, should they become exhausted, by allowing their suits to fill with air and shooting rapidly upward to the surface, where they are dragged into the boat by the attendants.

With a smooth iron and Defiance Starch, you can launder your shirt-waist just as well at home as the steam laundry can; it will have the proper stiffness and finish, there will be less wear and tear of the goods, and it will be a positive pleasure to use a Starch that does not stick to the iron.

In the Editorial Sanctum.

Editor—I like the last verse of your poem the best.

Poet—And why?

Editor—Well, principally because it is the last.—Judge.

It is a mother's duty to keep constantly on hand some reliable remedy for use in case of sudden accident or mishap to the children. Hamlin's Wizard Oil can be depended upon for just such emergencies.

How much better it is that he should speak ill of me to all the world than that all the world should speak ill of me to him.—Torquato Tasso.

Take Dr. Biggers Huckleberry Cordial For all Bowel troubles, Colic, Dysentery, Cholera morbus, Cholera, Infantum, Children Teething, etc. At Drugists 25c and 50c.

It is easy for a woman with false teeth to bite off more molasses candy than she can chew.

PERRY DAVIS' PAINKILLER For all sorts of cuts, bruises, burns and strains. Taken internally it cures diarrhea and dysentery. Avoid substitutes. 25c, 50c and 50c.

He never has a message who does not know how to listen.

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

Gifts to God can never make up for thefts from men.

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhoea and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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COMFORTING.



Man in the Water—Help! Help! I'm drowning!
Droll Gent—What! you don't need help to drown, man.

Reputations.

"The Autocrat," remarked the Recordite Person, "made a remark the import of which escaped me until the other day. He said: 'Many a man has a reputation because of the reputation he expects to have some day.'"

"That's not a half bad remark," suggested the Practical Person, "but my son—just out from college, you know, and in the habit of thinking hump-backed thoughts, as it were—said something only this morning that appealed to me: 'Some men,' he said, 'get a reputation and keep it; other men get a reputation and make it keep them.'"

The Thrifty Scot.

A Scotsman and his wife were coming from Leith to London by boat. When off the Yorkshire coast a great storm arose and the vessel had several narrow escapes from foundering.

"Oh, Sandy," moaned his wife, "I'm na atear'd o' deen', but I dinna care to dee at sea."

"Dinna think o' deen' yet," answered Sandy; "but when ye do, ye'd better be drooned at sea than anywhere else."

"An' why, Sandy?" asked his wife.

"Why?" exclaimed Sandy. "Because ye wouldn't cost sae muckle to bury."

Starch, like everything else, is being constantly improved, the patent Starches put on the market 25 years ago are very different and inferior to those of the present day. In the latest discovery—Defiance Starch—all injurious chemicals are omitted, while the addition of another ingredient, invented by us, gives to the Starch a strength and smoothness never approached by other brands.

Well, Not Very Often.

The little daughter of a Republican candidate for a local office down in Philadelphia, when told that her father had received the nomination, looked serious for a moment, then her wee voice trembled a bit as she exclaimed:

"Oh, mamma! do they often die of it?"

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine. The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

He who honestly seeks to save another finds himself.

Lewis' Single Binder straight 5c cigar. You pay 10c for cigars not so good.

Duty has a stern face only when looked at askance.

HELP!

Your digestion with delicious mint-leaf flavored

Look for the spear. The flavor lasts.

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No premiums, but one-third more starch than you get of other brands. Try it now, for hot or cold starching it has no equal and will not stick to the iron.

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