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COQUITT STOPS SUITS AGAINST RAILROADS

SENDS A LENGTHY COMMUNICATION TO ATT'Y GENERAL.

BELIEVES CAMPBELL WRONG

Suits Not Well-Founded Because Roads Are Not at All Insolvent.

Austin, Texas: Gov. Colquitt has sent a long and important letter to Attorney General Lightfoot. That much Gov. Colquitt has admitted, after being faced with questions. Beyond that he declined to make any statement.

It is known that it relates to the orders which ex-Governor Campbell gave to the Attorney General just before he left office, to file suits for the forfeiture of the charters of the International and Great Northern Railway and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway and that Gov. Colquitt is directing the Attorney General not to proceed in the matter.

It is known that Gov. Colquitt does not consider those railways insolvent as was charged by ex-Gov. Campbell, saying that while one exhibit in their reports rather indicated that their assets were not equal to their liabilities another indicated just the opposite.

It is known also that within the last few days Gov. Colquitt had a statement prepared in the Railroad Commission offices showing the earnings and expenses of thees railroads in detail during the last ten years, and it is assumed to Attorney General Lightfoot.

Dirigible-Aeroplane Tried Out.

San Antonio: The first tryout of a combination aeroplane and dirigible balloon, called the diri-plane, resulted successfully Wednesday afternoon at the Fair Grounds. The flights, three in number, were made under the personal direction of its inventors and owners, Lieutenant H. E. Honeywell and J. W. Tolland. The trips ranged in duration from eight to thirty minutes and were made at an average speed of 20 miles an hour.

Condition of Texas National Banks.

Washington: The Controller of the Currency announced the following changes in the National bank items for the Texas National banks: Individual profits increased from $115,153,670 on Nov. 10 last to $116,116,096 on Jan. 7. Loans and discounts decreased from $110,240,731 to $107,368,546. Gold coin increased from $2,351,491 to $2,474,440 and lawful money reserve increased from $10,241,671 to $10,368,855.

Texas May Benefit by New Company.

Pittsburg: The Pittsburg Steel Company, one of the leading independent concerns of the Pittsburg district, has decided to go after the rich wire business which for years has been practically monopolized by the steel corporation. Four new blast furnaces are being planned for the concern's plant in the Monongehela Valley, and $8,000,000, which was recently raised by a bond issue, will be expended. The West, Middle West and especially Texas will be the battleground.

To Rush Work on Trinity.

Dallas: Rush work, at the request of United States Engineer A. E. Waldron, is being done on the plans and specifications for the lock and dam at Hurricane Shoals. This is done because the Chief of Engineers has asked that the plans shall be submitted as soon as possible. It is taken to indicate that the Government is preparing to order the work on others of the Trinity River locks and dams.

A Rough Initiation.

Austin: Tom A. Knight, a university student, son of R. E. L. McKnight, is at the Austin Infirmary following his initiation into the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity Tuesday night. Very vague and indefinite statements are made regarding his condition and the happening. It was stated at the hospital that he was getting along very well, that his condition was not serious and that he would be out in a few days.

Will Sell Old Texas Fort.

Washington: Another old Texas military fort which for nearly twenty-five years resounded with the roll of artillery, the clatter of cavalry and the tread of infantry on dress parade is to be dedicated to the plowshare. This is Fort Ringgold, in Starr County on the lower Rio Grande. It comprises 334 acres and is to be sold at public auction under direction of the Secretary of the Interior.

Mrs. A. Byrd, aged 63, fell into an open elevator shaft in a Dallas factory Thursday, and was instantly killed.

At Douzy Ardennes, France, Thursday Roger Sommer took up six passengers in a large biplane and after circling the aerodrome, at a height of 100 feet, flew to Romilly and return, establishing a new world's record for a cross-country flight with passengers, and a new mark for total weight lifted.

CULBERSON IS RE-ELECTED

Fireworks and Oratory Notably Absent on Account of No Opposition.

Austin, Texas: The two branches of the Texas Legislature, balloting separately, Tuesday elected Charles A. Culberson to the United States Senate for the third time. The vote was unanimous, even the Republican members supporting Senator Culberson.

At noon Wednesday the two houses, sitting in joint session, confirmed the election, and Senator Culberson addressed the Legislature, accepting the office. He reached here from Washington Wednesday morning.

The nominating speeches were brief but many. In the absence of controversy there was nothing to develop brilliant displays, but the membership generally manifested a great deal of pleasure in re-electing Senator Culberson.

The nominating speech in the Senate was made by Senator James C. McNealus of Dallas. It was a clean-cut newspaper man's speech and was hikhly complimented by the Senator's associates.

In the House, Representative T. D. Rowell of Marion County, where Senator Culberson spent his boyhood and was first elected to office, made the nominating speech.

Revolutionists Make 'Em Take Notice.

Washington: The War Department has ordered out four troops of cavalry from Fort Sam Houston to aid the Federal authorities in preventing violations of the neutrality laws. The order directs that one troop be sent to Del Rio, one troop to Eagle Pass, one to Laredo and one to Brownsville. The order was made in view of increased activity of Mexican insurgents along the entire frontier.

Brakeman Ground to Pieces.

Troupe: Bill Stewart, rear brakeman on the Mineola local freight train, lost his footing and fell between tws cars and was ground to pieces here. He was so frightfully mangled that it is said there was not a bone in his body but what was broken. The cars passed over his body three times before being discovered. Stewart is survived by a widow and three children, who are at present residing in Mineola.

Fatal Three-Cornered Negro Fight

Amarillo, Texas: James Griffin was shot and killed here during an altercation with Huelon Davis, who was seriously wounded. Another man came upon the men as they were fighting and opened fire, killing Griffin. All the parties are negroes. The man who did the killing escaped.

The Government troops were caught in a trap and literally mowed down by the storm of bullets which swept their ranks from three directions. The insurgents occupied the cliffs and mountains and the soldiers were in the road with only one way of escaping and that guarded. Of the two hundred men who went into the pass only forty escaped as far as is known They joined the column under Col Dorantes.

Horrible Death of a Pioneer.

Brenham: Mrs. Elizabeth Madden who came to Texas eighty years ago and was closely identified with the State's early history, met a terrible death by falling into a grate and being burned beyond recognition. She was ninety years old. She had no children and her husband died some time ago.

Galveston Logical Paper Making Point

Galveston: According to Capt. Patterson, master of the steamship Secunda, which arrived in port last week, bringing a solid cargo of wood pulp from Gelfe and Stuykunt, Sweden, is of the opinion that Galveston is a logical point for the establishment of a factory for making news print and other articles which are made of wood pulp. The port's situation and the rate on pulp woul go far toward making such a project and ideal one for Galveston.

Would Annex All Central America

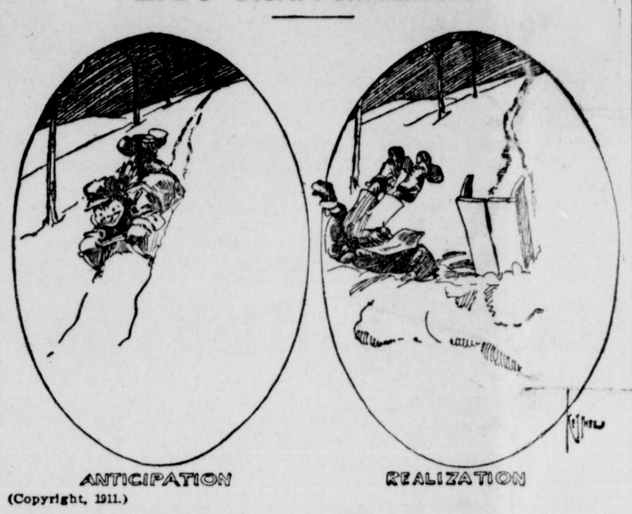
New Orleans: Annexation by the United States of all the Central American States was urged by Sir Francis Lovell of London, England, as the only means of bringing about tranquility in that section and restoring prosperity to Central Americans. He even expressed the opinion that perhaps England would be glad to get rid of British Honduras.

At a meeting of the Commercial Club it was decided to raise a bonus of $25,000 for a new girls' dormitory at Trinity University at Waxahachie The Presbyterian Church in Texas is to raise a like amount and a building to cost $50,000 is to be erected in time for next year's school.

With about 1,000 votes cast all of the bond issues voted on at the Fort Worth special election were carried by 5 or 6 to 1 majorities. Most important was the $1,300,000 issued for water works extension, carrying the big reservoir project.

Sam Hawkins, a negro, formerly porter for an Atlanta, Ga., undertaking establishment, is under arrest charged with stealing the clothes of a corpse. The stolen goods were found in Hawkin's possession, who then confessed.

LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS



ANTICIPATION REALIZATION

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NEW TRUST FORMED BY GREEN INTERESTS

MRS. GREEN PLACES $100,000,000 ESTATE UNDER SYNDICATE.

ONE OF THE YEARS BIG DEALS

Merger of Holdings in One Gigantic Concern—Mrs. Green Advisory Counsel.

New York, N. Y.: A new financial colossus was created when Mrs. Hetty Green, the richest woman in the world, formally relinquished control of her property, valued at more than $100,000,000 to her son, Edward H. R. Green of Dallas, Tex., and New York.

The vast business interests of the Green family, consisting of real and mining property, stocks, bonds, mortgages and securities of every description, will be managed by a trust company of which Mr. Green will be president, with Mrs. Green as advisory counsel, as it were. The office of the trust concern will be in this city and a general banking business may be transacted.

Mrs. Green, who is 75 years old, long has contemplated taking this action, but the plan was not consummated until Tuesday, when Mr. Green came to New York from Texas. Since that time Mrs. Green has been in daily consultation with Mr. Green and the details of one of the greatest financial mergers in recent years finally arranged.

While it is understood that Mrs. Green relinquishes the actual management of her vast affairs to her son, she by no means has yielded her right to a voice with the other trustees in the matter of consummating big financial deals.

Orient Pushing Its Extensions.

Pecos: Arrangements have been made to push work as quickly as possible on the San Angelo-Fort Stockton extension of the Orient. The road will be running trains into Fort Stockton by September 1 at the very latest. As soon as work is completed grading the Sonora line attention will be directed to the Stockton main line extension. One hundred teams are now at work on the Sonora extension and Roach & Stansell are now at work completing the 200-mile grade contract undertaken by them, which will be ready for rails inside of ninety days. Rails will then be laid immediately, completing the line into Sonora, after which the gap to Del Rio, all of which is branch line, will be pushed through to completion.

Killed by Aeroplane Blade.

Allentown, Pa.: J. Iredell, business manager and part owner of the Chronicle and News, is dead from injuries received by being struck b ythe propeller of a so-called "wind wagon." The machine, an automobile equipped with machinery like an aeroplane, was on exhibition last Ffiday and Iredell was a passenger on a trial trip. After leaving the wagon he unconsciously walked within range of the propellers and was knocked a distance of twenty feet. His skull was fractured.

W. E. Burke, aged thirty-five, of San Antonio, a brakeman on the San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad, was instantly killed at Gonzales. He attempted to make a flying switch for the train when he slipped and fell under a car. He leaves a wife at San Antonio.

Bids have been opened for the new Temple high school building, and award will soon be made.

Sheriff on Duty Slain.

Hansford: Sheriff R. E. Martin of Hansford County was shot and killed Thursday night in the northwest corner of the county, where he had gone in company with Deputy United States Marshall Bolton of Amarillo to serve papers. T. P. Fifer surrendered today and was taken to the Canadian jail.

HOUSE PASSES SUBMISSION

Antis Make Hopeless Fight, But Senate Has Time to Get In Its Work.

Austin: It now comes about, notwithstanding the fears of the prohibitionists in the House of Representatives that troubles were in store for the submission resolution, they finally passed the same through that body Wednesday afternoon by a vote of 100 to 15, without its suffering alteration. The antis, Representative Sandifer making the motion, tried to have the date of the election changed May 13, but a point of order that such date conflicted with the constitutional requirement for notice, made by Mr. Terrell of Cherokee, was sustained. Then the antis endeavored to name June 24 as the date, but the amendment was voted down (75 to 30), after which the joint resolution passed, with July 22 set as the date for the election.

The antis did not make a stubborn resistance; indeed some of them say the pros were not overly anxious to pass upon it as it came up in regular order.

The Senate adjourned over until Friday, without submission having been set down as a special order. Senator Cofer says he had expected to call it up Wednesday, but his bunch voted for adjournment before he got a chance. The program now is that when the Senate meets Friday it will take up the submission resolution passed by the House, refer it to committee, act upon it there and set it for consideration in the Senate next Tuesday.

The resolution as it passed the House provides for an amendment to the Constitution to prohibit "the manufacture, sale, barter and exchange of intoxicating liquors" on and after the second Tuesday in January, 1912; provides for a special session of the Legislature to assemble on said date to pass laws giving effect until such laws shall have been passed.

McKinney Welcomes A. & M. Branch.

McKinney: Surveyors are laying off the twenty-acre site for the location of a branch of the A. and M. college here. Several Collin County boys will compete for the $1000 prize offered by the Industrial Congress on four acres of land.

The tentative plans for the Alumni Memorial Y. M. C. A. Building, to be erected on the campus of the A. & M. College of Texas, which have been prepared by F. E. Giesecke, contemplate a modern, classic style of architecture.

DAVID GRAHAM PHILLIPS DEAD

Shot By a Nutty Musician He Never Rallies.

New York: David Graham Phillips, author and editor, died in Bellevue Hospital Tuesday night, the victim of Fitzhugh Coyle Goldsborough, an eccentric musician, who shot the novelist Monday for a fancied grudge, then killed himself.

Phillips fought valiantly to live, but six bullet holes were too much even for his grit and sturdy constitution.

Miss Frances Goldsborough arrived from Washington and with her cousin, John Farr, took charge of her brother's body. It was sent to Washington. The sister declined to discuss the tragedy, but said her family would make public a statement within a few days. Mr. Farr said that so far as he could learn no member of the family had ever been acquainted with Phillips.

The assailant's real motive is as much a mystery as ever, although the theory generally accepted is that he pictured himself and family as depicted unfavorably in one of the author's novels.

Cattle Decline in Numbers.

Chicago: Snow's annual report on live stock shows a decrease during the last twelve months in the number of cattle other than milch cows. The net falling off in number is returned at 2 per cent, which on the basis of last year's Government estimate is 47,279,000, makes the number this year 46,334,000. This decline in numbers is the result of the forced marketing during midsummer and early fall of farm stock on account of drouth and lack of feed.

A HEALTHY EXPORT TRADE

American Shipments to All Foreign Ports Increase.

Washington: Details of the trade of the United States for 1910 announced by the Department of Commerce and Labor show a slight increase in exports to Europe, a marked gain in commerce to North and South America, an increased total to Asia and Oceanica in combination and a slight gain in the exports to Africa. On the import side the figures also indicate a gain for each of the grand divisions, except South America.

For the first time the exports to South America crossed the $100,000,000 line, and are practically two and a half times those of a decade ago, being for 1910 $100,303,616, as against $41,248,051 in 1900.

The exports to the United Kingdom of $550,626,404 led the list of countries with which the United States is engaged in foreign trade; Germany was second with $258,307,490, and Canada third with $241,808,233, all of which are increases over 1900 figures.

Neutral Zone Fixed in Ceiba.

Ceiba, Honduras: The thirty American bluejackets who landed here from the cruiser Tacoma to protect United States interests went immediately to the American Consul's residence, barricated it and left a sentry, following which like service was performed in the American quarter. The British seamen, who landed shortly after the men from the Tacoma, meantime were engaged in similar work for the British Consul and those looking to the British flag for protection. Most of these houses and places of business are in the district set apart as a neutral zone several days ago at the demands of Commander Davis of the Tacoma and the American Consul, After these details were looked after the bluejackets built barricades at the ends of streets in the district and are standing guard with machine guns ready for action. No direct word has been received as to the rebels since they were reported to have been mobilizing at Neuva Aremenia, twenty-eight miles east of here. It is now asserted that the seizure of the gunboat Hornet by the United States will seriously affect Gen. Bonilla's plan for the capture of Ceiba and the march on Puerto Cortez, which is said to be the object of the campaign.

Passing of Paul Morton.

New York: Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Rssurance Society and Secretary of the Navy under Theodore Roosevelt, died of a cerebral hemorrhage Thursday night. His wife and his elder brother, Joy, were summoned to his bedside, but he was dead at 6:45 o'clock, a few minutes before they arrived. His close friend E. J. Berwind, arrived a few moments earlier, perhaps ten minutes before he breathed his last, but he was unconscious from the moment of the stroke and neither recognized those about him nor spoke.

Texarkana: A well attended meeting of farmers from the north part of Bowie County, along Red River, was held here for the purpose of organizing a movement looking to the drainage of the lands now subject to overflow in the river bottom and reclaim the same for cultivation. About 25,000 acres of the richest land in Bowie County could be reclaimed to cultivation at a total cost, it is estimated of $117,000, or a little less than $5 per acre. The meeting was harmonious throughout, all present expressing themselves as highly in favor of the proposition.

Officer Shot: Negro Dead.

Dallas: Mounted Officer J. W. Dennis was shot through the chest and perhaps fatally wounded and Will Simon, a negro, whom the officer had gone to arrest, was killed in a shooting affray. Officer Dennis was shot through the body about two inches above and a half inch to left of the heart. The bullet penetrated the lungs and passed through the body, coming out at the back. The wound is extremely serious. There is danger of pneumonia developing. Will Simon was shot three times and died while on the way to the City Hospital.

Orient On to Sonora.

San Angelo, Texas: The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway Company has warded the contract for grading between Eldorado, Schleicher County, and Sonora, Sutton County, a distance of twenty-four miles, to Roach & Stansell. The contractors will start 100 teams and a large force of men on this stretch of work next week. They have the contract to grade 200 miles in West Texas for the Orient. Sonora gave $50,000 cash bonus and right of way through Sutton County to secure the railroad. Trains are expected to be in operation to that town by Sept. 1.

Texas Peonage Cases Come to Trial.

Austin: Charged with conspiracy to deprive men of the right to the free exercise and enjoyment of freedom from involuntary servitude, J. W. Woods, W. S. Houston, R. S. Newsom and Harlem McLeod of Burleson County, are on trial jointly in the United States District Court. There are three other so-called peonage cases against these individuals which will come up at a later time.

MEXICALI IS TAKEN BY THE INSURGENTS

BORDER TOWN IN LOWER CALIFORNIA SEIZED BY REBELS.

ONLY ONE MAN IS KILLED

Town Yields and Accessions Are Coming to the Rebel Force—Miss Treasure Sought.

El Centro, Cal., Jan. 30.—Mexicali is a small town inhabited chiefly by natives of Mexico, on the southern side of the international line and directly across the border from the California city of Calexico. It is on the Imperial Valley branch line of the Southern Pacific Railway, forty-one miles south of Imperial Junction.

Mexicali, the first border town to be captured by the insurrectos, is in full possession of the Mexican rebels. It was taken at daylight by a band of eighteen.

The only man to lose his life was the Mexican jailer, who hesitated to release his prisoners. He was in his office.

It is believed the insurrectos expected to seize $350,000 in gold, which was to be paid by the Lower California Land and Water Company to the governmenet, but the Federal treasury allowed the deposit of a bond instead of requiring the payment of the cash.

The customs house was seized. Reinforcements are said to be flocking to the rebel standard from the surrounding country.

The capture of the town is the first sign of activity of the insurgents on the western coast of Mexico. The move was a complete surprise. It is declared to be a part of a general plan for the seizure of all cities in the northwestern section of the Republic.

GREAT SPEEDWAY IS PROPOSED

Air Line Auto Road From Galveston to Houston.

Galveston: Good progress has been made on the plans which are on foot, in which both Galveston and Houston people are interested, for one of the finest automobile speedways in the country, if not the world. Not only are automobile owners of these two cities interested in the course but manufacturers of automobiles have signified their intention in several instances of backing the proposition.

It is proposed that a speedway costing something like $500,000 be constructed, paralleling the interurban electric line or one of the railroad lines between Galveston and Houston, the driveway to be exclusively for automobiles and motorcycles. It is proposed that the driveway will be 100 feet in width, fenced the entire way, built on a rock foundation with mud-shell surface firmly rolled by a heavy machine. The course is to be an air line and over forty miles in length.

St. Louis-Dallas Railway Projected.

Little Rock: In a bulletin issued by the board of trade of Little Rock details are given about a contemplated railroad system to extend from St. Louis to Dallas, Texas, the road to be formed through the merging of a number of small lines, principally those owned by lumber mills. G. H. Cravens, formerly chief engineer of the Memphis, Paris and Gulf railroad, declares a corporation capitalized at $7,000,000 has been formed to finance the undertaking. Dallas and St. Louis will be the terminals of the road for the start, Mr. Cravens declared, but later it is proposed to extend through Texas.

Big Strike 'Mong Carmen Stewing.

Chicago: Chicago is declared to be threatened with one of the greatest labor disturbances in its history. A strike of 8,000 street car men, meaning a tie-up of all the surface lines in the city, is possible, on account of differences between the scale of wages paid by the Chicago Railways Company and the Chicago City Railway Company. So serious has the situation become that Friday Mayor Busse has intervened in an effort to prevenet a possible repetition of the scenes of violence and bloodshed which marked the last street car strike in Chicago.

The proposed Lawton-Ardmore railroad is in a fair way to become a reality. Ardmore has raised $100,000 asked for as her part of guaranty.

John A. Larkin, who has resided in El Paso off and on for fifteen years, was found dead in his bed in that city. Death was caused by heart failure.

Llano Estacado Irrigation Growth.

Emma: Plainview's big well with 1,500 gallons per minute is spreading interest in irrigation. In all the shallow water area wells will be sunk forthwith. The shallow water area reaches north, northwest and west from Emma, near the center of Crosby County. At Emma the wells are about 160 feet deep, but it shallows to ninety feet at Estacado, fourteen miles northwest, and so on to fifty feet twenty-five miles northwest. East of this line to the breaks the water deepens to 300 feet and more.

TO KEEP KNIVES BRIGHT

If Care Is Not Taken in Storing Them They Easily Become Rusty.

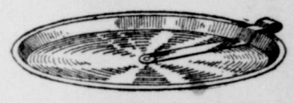
Every one does not happen to possess a case of cutlery, but most people like to keep a second set of knives and forks for special occasions. If care is not taken in storing them they easily become rusty, and the ivory of the handles turns a bad color.

A simple little case, which allows each knife, big or small, to be kept separate from its neighbor, can be easily made at home out of a broad piece of flannel, serge or green baize. Cut the cloth about two feet long, bind the two sides with braid to match the color of the material and double one side over lengthways till the edge reaches to within a few inches of the other edge. Machine-stitch up the two sides and bind them with braid. Then stitch down the double part at equal distances, allowing sufficient space between each row for inserting a knife. In this way you can store any number, and you will find they will keep in perfect condition. The case can be rolled up and packed away in little space.

REMOVING PIES FROM PANS

Simple Attachment That Will Prevent Damage in Separating Pastry From Pans.

Sometimes the juices from a hot pie make it stick to the pan so tightly that a knife blade must be run under to cut it loose. If a knife with a flexible blade is not used, the pie will be damaged. If the pie pans are



Separating Pies from Pans.

provided with the simple attachment shown in the accompanying sketch, the baked dough can be separated from the tin with one revolution of the cutter. The cutter is made from a piece of heavy tin, bent to the same outline as the inside of the pan and pivoted at its center.—Popular Mechanics.

Jugged Rabbit.

Cut into pieces, making four parts of the backbone from thighs to shoulders. Put two tablespoonfuls of butter or pork drippings into a saucepan and when hot brown the meat in this, adding for flavor a small white onion or bunch of scallions and a clove of garlic.

Have ready two cupfuls of stock or gravy, and when the rabbit is browned put it into a stone jar together with the gravy, salt and pepper to season, four cloves, the juice of a lemon and one-half glass of sour wine.

Set jar into a large saucepan and fill the latter with cold water almost to the level of the jar containing the stew, which should be tightly closed. Bring the water to a boil and simmer for four hours. Then take up the meat and place on a hot platter, while the gravy may be poured into a saucepan and put over the fire. Thicken with a tablespoonful of butter rolled in a tablespoonful of flour and add a tablespoonful of mushroom catsup and two glasses of port wine. As soon as well heated, pour over the meat and serve with currant jelly and baked potatoes.

Nut Roast.

Put two teacupfuls of stale bread crumbs in a mixing bowl and moisten with hot water. Let stand until all the water is absorbed. Add one cupful of crushed or ground walnut or pecan and filbert nut meats and one tablespoonful of meats which have been broken into small pieces. Flavor with one teaspoonful of finely sited sage or mixed herbs and with either half a teaspoonful of salt or one teaspoonful of lemon juice. Mix thoroughly and stir in one well beaten egg. Press into a square pan to mold it, then turn out on a baking pan and bake it. Serve hot or cold.

Fish Croquettes.

Take enough cold boiled or baked fish to make two cups, when freed from bone and skin. Make a cream sauce from one large cup of milk, two tablespoons each of flour and butter rubbed together until smooth, and then stirred into the hot milk. Season with a saltspoon each of salt and pepper and a tablespoon of minced parsley. When the sauce is thick remove from the fire and set it aside until cold. Stir in the fish, form into croquettes, dip in beaten egg, roll in bread crumbs and fry in deep fat.

Hot Chocolate for Ice Cream.

Boil together 1½ cupfuls of water and one cupful of sugar for two minutes; add one tablespoonful of arrowroot dissolved in a little cold water, stir for a moment, then boil until clear. Add two tablespoonfuls of cocoa which has been dissolved in a little hot water and a tiny pinch of salt and boil three minutes longer. Take from the fire and add one teasponful of vanilla.

Household Measures.

An ordinary glass tumbler holds about half a pint, or ten fluid ounces; an ordinary teacup holds about one gill, or five to six fluid ounces; an ordinary sherry glass holds four tablespoonfuls, or two fluid ounces. One teaspoonful is equal to one dram.

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STERLING CITY, - - TEXAS

We expect most of the various records to be broken this year.

In the present stage of aviation's development you never can tell.

We gain a minute of daylight every day but the gas bills go on just the same.

Is there no way to save the birdmen from death except by clipping their wings?

If Hayti and San Domingo go to war why not let them emulate the Kilkenny cats?

Some men give up as readily to masked bandits as they do to fake gold mine promoters.

But is shooting ducks from an aeroplane true sportsmanship? Why not give the ducks a chance?

Maybe some people prefer ragtime and organized cheering because it drowns the other kind of music.

If those who indulge in organized cheering do not enjoy it they think they do, which is much the same.

Orville Wright says that aviation is safer than automobiling. Undoubtedly so—for the innocent bystanders.

If the south pole does not receive visitors it will not be because nobody is knocking at the refrigerator door.

An insane woman has won a prize for a magazine poem. That throws light on a hitherto unanswered question.

That New York proposition to add gongs to automobile horns is calculated to increase the jumping record on Broadway.

A Pittsburg man is raising a family on $1.35 a day. Still we believe that the family is entitled to the most credit for this.

That New York woman who thinks that the anti-kissing crusade has lessened the practice should ask the small boy under the sofa.

Wonder if the young man who thinks there is only one girl in the world for him realizes that the population of the country is 93,402,151.

It has been discovered that an estate which has been in litigation for 42 years has doubled in value. Probably the lawyers' fees have not been paid yet.

The Iowa pedagogue who asserts that loud clothes make noisy persons has got the cart before the horse. Noisy persons are responsible for loud clothes.

Portland, Ore., expects to have a million inhabitants in 25 years. All right, but Portland should take it to heart that she cannot get them by padding the census.

What's the sense in kicking because you have to take the ashes from under the furnace? A man in Iowa has sued for divorce because his wife made him sleep with the cows.

Still there is this much to be said for those attempts to break the altitude record: In case of accident a few thousand feet more or less makes no difference, even to the undertaker.

A machine that measures thought has been invented. It will not have to go very fast in measuring the thought of the young man who proposes to reform by first going on a spree.

In view of the published assertion that about 30 per cent. of the people of New York state are insane, it is not surprising that insanity is so frequently pleaded there as an excuse for crime.

American mules are preferred to all other kinds in South Africa. Probably the native dialects there are the nearest possible approach in sound to the language on which the mules are brought up.

The census bureau reports that 3,739,000 telegraph and telephone poles were used in 1909. Sixty-five per cent. of them were of cedar. Here is one item to explain why timber is growing scarce.

Every now and then you hear someone discussing the weather, say: "The paper said" so and so. Now, the papers have enough to answer for without being charged with the mistakes of the weather bureau.

Somebody whose name we have not taken the trouble to find out is endeavoring to gain notoriety by announcing his intention of plunging over the falls of Niagara in a safety lifeboat. If he will wait awhile he may be able to slide over on an icicle.

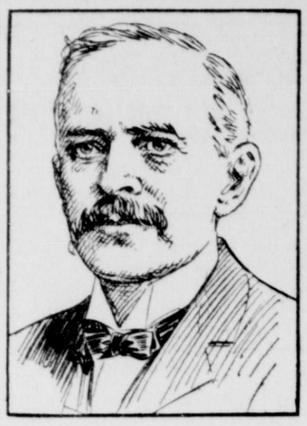
A Los Angeles newspaper is planning to have copies delivered by aeroplane to its subscribers. It is hoped the subscribers will not complain if the aviators did not at first get off and slip the papers under the door mats.

Roughly speaking, the world may be divided into two classes—those who keep a diary and those who on New Year's day start to keep one.

It has been proposed that "jehu" be substituted for the foreign word "chauffeur." In its origin, however, the proposed word is equally foreign, and it is not impossible that the title "chauffeur," as descriptive of the professional expert who manages an automobile, was adopted hastily for fear somebody would suggest that he be called a jehu.

WHO'S WHO AND WHY

AGED INVENTOR'S SUCCESS



The people who declare that a man has outlived his usefulness when he attains the age of sixty years and should be put out of his misery with a dose of chloroform, will have to extend the limit if they wish to make a hit with the residents of San Jose, Cal., since it has become known that George Gates, a struggling seventy-year-old inventor of that city, will become a multi-millionaire through the sale to a syndicate of eleven of the greatest railway systems of the United States, of his patent rights in a concrete railroad tie which he has invented. The price to be paid for the new tie is $17,500,000.

Gates has been working on the concrete tie for about ten years. He cast thousands and thousands of concrete ties in those years and was not disheartened when they failed to stand tests and crumbled and cracked under the vibration of heavy traffic.

One day about two years ago Gates was leaning against a barbed-wire fence. His meager funds were about gone and he was almost ready to give up, but the barb wires suggested a means whereby he could reinforce the concrete. "I will just cast some of these barbed wires in the concrete." It was a happy idea, and one that afterward proved to be worth millions.

Ties were cast with barbed-wire strands running lengthwise. Tests showed that 36 strands twisted in a certain manner obtained the best results. A tie thus made will spring 1¾ inches and come back to line. And a single machine will turn out the ties at the rate of 3,500 per day.

Gates, who was born in Ottumwa, Iowa, lives in a modest cottage in San Jose, Cal. He is a small, spare and unassuming. He presents the appearance of a typical Yankee workingman, and because he is out much in the air he is sunburned and does not look over sixty years of age.

He served through the civil war, enlisting from his home town. He was married in 1869 and went to California and, after years of work as a railroad man, he laid off about fifteen years ago to devote his time to inventing. Those were hard years. But the old inventor, who never talks freely at best, has but little to say of his struggles to perfect his ideas, and to get big railroad men to take them up.

His invention comes at the right time, for wooden ties are becoming so scarce that the demand is three times greater than the supply and the tendency is toward an annual increase of from ten to fifteen per cent. in the price of ties.

RISE OF PENNILESS RUSSIAN

The failure of the Northern bank of New York for $8,000,000 and the story of Joseph G. Robin's career in New York is the story of the gold-filled streets of America that lures the ambitious of Europe here. Sixteen years ago he was a penniless immigrant, with perhaps a half-dozen words of English at his command. For the past year he has had a controlling voice in three banks, two bonding companies, two real estate development companies and two traction roads.

A Russian by birth, Robin came to the United States as Joseph Rabinowitz. He was about twenty-two years old then, and is now about thirty-eight. He came to this country alone, and he is still single and without relatives here.

A year after Rabinowitz reached America he fixed upon journalism as the profession he meant to follow. For rather less than a month he was a reporter on the Herald, with only broken English and tremendous determination as his stock in trade.

Four years later Rabinowitz had become Robin and was attracting attention as deputy to Gen. James R. O'Beirne, Oom Paul Kruger's commissioner extraordinary for the Boers in the United States. Within five years more he was banker and financier both, his associates in ambitious enterprises including some of the best known men in the United States.

In 1906 Robin was president of the Bank of Discount, through which, as a base of operations, the merger which resulted in the Northern Bank of New York was carried out.

COMMANDER TALKED TOO MUCH

Commander W. S. Sims of the United States navy has gotten himself into a lot of trouble after a long and very creditable career. He attended a banquet in London and made a speech, during the course of which he had the misfortune to "slop over." He was very anxious to impress on the minds of his British hosts the feeling of friendship which exists in the United States, but he went too far and assured them that:

"If ever the time comes that the British empire is menaced by an external foe she can count on every man, every dollar, every ship and every drop of blood of her kindred across the sea."

Now, Uncle Sam thinks a whole lot of John Bull, but he doesn't propose to have every Tom, Dick and Harry making wholesale promises for him. So Commander Sims has been jacked up. President Taft characterizes the offense as conspicuous and orders that he be publicly reprimanded by the secretary of the navy.

This action on the part of the president was necessary, because had he taken no notice of the commander's exuberant speech other nations would have had a right to be offended. In international relationships it is necessary to steer a pretty straight course to avoid giving offense.

If you are just a plain, ordinary citizen you can permit your natural exuberance of expression to carry you away at a banquet and it will be nobody's business but your own—in your enthusiasm you can "slop over" if you want to and for handing out a lot of wordy bouquets you may be called a good fellow. But if you are in diplomatic service you have to be mighty careful, for every word you say is supposed to represent the sentiments of the government you represent. If you go a little too far there is likely to be an investigation with the result that you are retired to private life without any ceremony. The same rule applies to officers in the army and navy.

THE NEW SENATOR FROM OHIO

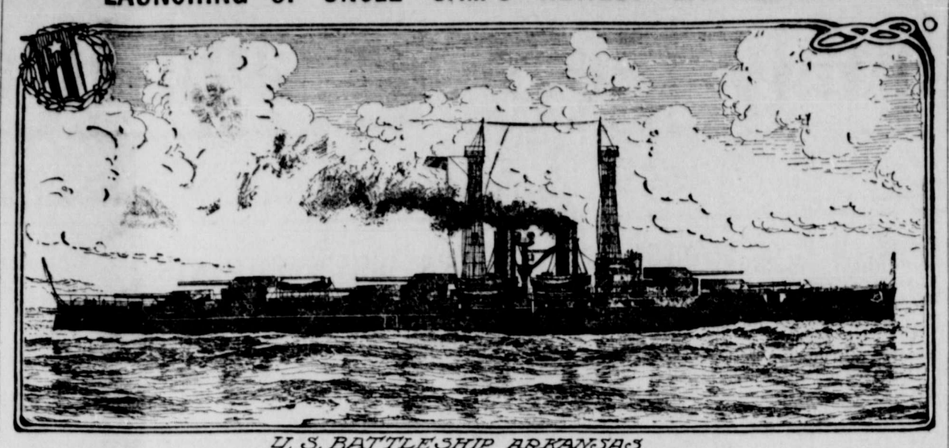
The election of a United States senator from Ohio, to succeed Senator Dick, precipitated a lively contest, which ended only with the selection of Atlee Pomerene of Canton, McKinley's old town. It is said to have been one of the hottest senatorial campaigns in the history of the state.

Mr. Pomerene is a lawyer and is forty-seven years old. He is a native of the state, a graduate of Princeton and has been a practicing attorney since 1886. He has held the office of city solicitor and prosecuting attorney and was the most formidable rival of Harmon for the nomination for governor. He was forced to accept second place, however, and was elected lieutenant governor.

Mr. Pomerene is married and his wife is one of Ohio's popular and cultured women, who will no doubt be warmly welcomed to senatorial circles at Washington.

One of the prominent senatorial candidates before the legislature was Representative Carl C. Anderson of Fostoria, who had the endorsement of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Anderson began life as a bootblack and newsboy and has made a successful uphill struggle against early limitations.

LAUNCHING OF UNCLE SAM'S NEWEST BATTLESHIP



U. S. BATTLESHIP ARKANSAS

WASHINGTON.—The battleship Arkansas, biggest war vessel yet laid down by the United States government, was launched on Saturday, January 14, at Camden, N. J. President Taft witnessed the ceremony, as did Secretary of the Navy Meyer, the governor of Arkansas and other prominent officials. The Arkansas is a 26,000 ton vessel, only 350 tons lighter than the recently launched British "dreadnought" Lion. The American vessel will be more heavily armored than the Lion and equally formidable as a fighting craft.

REVIVE BRITISH ART

Blind, Deaf and Dumb Girls Skilled in Tapestry.

Miss Clyde Bayley Teaches Afflicted Young Women to Become Financially Independent—They Are Under Care of the State.

London.—In Shottery, scarce a mile from Stratford-on-Avon, a wise and clever woman has made a corner of peace and sunshine where some of the weak may slip out of the ranks that are marching too fast for their strength—a little space where the grind of competition does not enter, nor the jar and clang of the industries of the great world; a space where the crippled and dumb and blind may develop their powers and quietly grow, sheltered from the oppression of the struggle for bread between weak and strong.

The old cottage, with its beams dating back to Saxon times, its smart new thatch and lavender bordered garden, is the studio where are shown the products of a factory none of whose workers is fully equipped for life, yet their powers have been so drawn out and developed under the guidance of Miss Clyde Bayley, the foundress of the industry, that they not only produce work of artistic value and lay the foundations of future financial independence, but may claim through her instruction to be pioneers in the revival of British art.

For round the walls of the little cottage hang sumptuous hand-woven tapestries, here a proud display of armorial bearings, there a subject picture of great decorative value, and beyond a rug of eastern design and coloring. On the floor lie strips and fragments of carpet, made after the manner of those which the girls of Tabriz and Kurdistan have knitted with patient fingers through the centuries of labor, to the accompaniment of monotonous chant and song; on the table lies a figure subject finely woven in silks, beautiful in texture and strange color, the work of the lame girl who met us at the door.

In a neighboring cottage live the weaver girls of Shottery, and strange is the silence of the long room where they bend over their frames. No laughter, none of the light, foolish chatter of girlhood rises above the sound of knots and strings. Before one large frame; four girls are seated; one is blind, one deaf and dumb, another crippled, and the fourth can neither read, write nor spell, though she is of full age.

Other girls work singly at smaller strips and panels, and as we pass one looks up with unseeing eyes, one or two smile as they see us, but can make no reply to our greeting or questions. In an adjoining room a girl of 16, painfully stunted in growth, sits cheefully drawing a design for the next large panel the school will undertake, and we leave her intent over a branch of may, our queen's emblem.

And so they work in the sunshine with the wide green country about them, a fortunate few of the many infirm who pass perhaps their whole lives in state institutions, where necessarily but little chance exists of developing what powers they may possess. Here at Shottery, under the care of the committee which receives them from the state, they spend three years learning to draw, to spin, to dye their wools and to weave, to study plant forms for new designs, and if at the end of this time they have become efficient workers, they are taken on as weavers for a regular wage.

The lame girl, for instance, formerly a sufferer from hip disease and infantile paralysis, has become a weaver of some note and is actually the most skilled worker in the school at present. She has just invested in government stock the second $500 that her own labor has won.

FINGERS ARE LESS SKILLED

English Doctor Urges Men and Women to Acquire Manual Skill to Stimulate Mentality.

London.—Business men and women should use their hands in every possible way if they want to increase the quickness and adaptability of their brains, according to the latest idea of a well-known London doctor. He says:

"Tie knots, sew, do fretwork, learn to make some of your own clothes, prepare and cook all your food, repair your boots and shoes, dig and plant your garden—in fact, do anything and everything that calls for manual skill if you want to have an active, resourceful and versatile brain.

"The business man whose work depends on a keen, quickly-working brain must use his fingers constantly if he wants to have these assets in full. He must, speaking literally, turn his hands to everything, and be capable of constructing almost anything with his fingers.

"The truth of this statement lies in the fact that in every manual act the hand is directed by the brain.

"Again, every act reacts back upon the brain, strengthening and stimulating it, which is the only sure method of keeping that organ in keen, efficient working order.

"That our fingers are gradually becoming less skilled is due to the numerous mechanical appliances which now carry out the various processes formerly done by hand.

"This state of affairs, since it stunts the powers of the fingers, also stunts the brain. The worker does his work mechanically, unthinkingly, and gradually his brain grows torpid and impaired."

Provides Home for Spinsters.

Philadelphia.—A country home for poor children and deserving single women is provided for in the will of Elizabeth Williamson Garrett, widow of Chasper S. Garrett, a wealthy paper manufacturer, which was admitted to probate this afternoon. The estate is valued at more than $1,000,000.

AGE STAMPED ON EVERY EGG

Nebraskan Has Bill to Prevent Sale of Bad Nest Produce—Heavy Penalty Asked.

Omaha, Neb.—Senator Busby of Kimball county has a bill to be introduced in the Nebraska legislature to stop the marketing of bad eggs. It has been passed upon by the best lawyers in Nebraska, who say that if it becomes a law its provisions can be enforced.

The Busby bill provides for an egg marking system, the purpose being to keep an accurate record of their freshness. To prevent fraud, heavy penalties are provided for false marking in any manner.

Two years ago an attempt was made to pass an egg marking law, but a majority of the Nebraska lawmakers frowned upon the bill, as it provided for an automatic device in the nest where the egg was deposited. The proposed law turns everything over to rubber stamps and the persons manipulating them.

The proposed pure egg law will provide that when a farmer gathers his eggs he shall stamp each one, using indelible ink that the letters and figures thereon shall show the date on which the egg was laid. Then when the egg goes to market the dealer on each egg purchased shall stamp the date on which it came into his possession. No egg shall be sold within the state, from cold storage or otherwise, that is more than sixty days old. Penalties are provided for selling eggs that are more aged, and penalties are also provided for changing the dates on an egg.

CAT'S CHORUS BREAKS HOME

Harlemite Says Feline Plague Abroad at Night Drives Men to Beat Their Spouses.

New York.—It's out at last. Here is revealed the origin of that mysterious influence that engenders crankiness and grouches—that makes normally pious men swear at unoffending women, fire obliging servants and beat their wives.

Whisky? Nay. Cats—just cats—c-a-t-s; that's all. List to this exposition of the case as it came from a troubled Harlemite:

"I want to bring before you the trouble and nuisance that I have had from cats. There is a lot on One Hundred and Thirteenth street, between Broadway and Amsterdam avenue, which is filled with lumber which answers for a brooder for raising cats. I think there are twenty-five cats in this block that no one seems to shelter, and they make the night's rest anything but comfortable. They affect the women's nerves so that it is practically impossible to please them or to keep a maid, or even to live in the same house with them.

"It has been so trying on my nerves that I even go to the office and jump on my employes with no reason, except that I have lost my patience. Last night the people across the street were not only throwing water out of the window, but bottles, tin cans, electric light bulbs and even a garbage can, which sounded in the dead of the night as if it was an explosion.

"It upset my nerves so that when I got to my office this morning I swore because things were not done as fast as I could think of them, thus causing me to lose a very valuable girl, which has meant an awful lot of expense and loss to my business, and also throwing a poor girl out of a position who is the main support of her aged and crippled mother.

"I can now see why there are so many crazy people and cranks in the city, as this is enough to drive any man to drink, and then coming home and because someone says something to him about drinking he immediately becomes mad and beats his wife or children as if they had no feeling.

"Not praising myself or saying anything that is untrue, I would state that before the past week I was considered a gentleman and with an excellent character, but this strain has been so hard on me that I have lost all this."

Mouse Darkens City.

Plymouth, Mass.—A mouse put the electric lighting system out of commission for several hours the other night. It crawled into the switchbox at the power house, found a place in the insulation on the feed wire just big enough to admit its tail, then resting its nose on the return wire, short circuited the system and incidentally gave up its own life.

Portugal Chooses Flag.

Lisbon.—After much discussion the new Portuguese Republican flag has finally been chosen. It is divided perpendicularly, half red and half green. In the center are the ancient Portuguese arms, but without a crown.

TENEMENTS IN CHICAGO BAD

Secretary Veiller of National Housing Association of New York, Deplores Conditions.

Chicago.—"Housing conditions in Chicago are shocking, but the worst thing about them is that nobody know just what they are," said Lawrence Veiller, secretary of the National Housing association of New York, who lectured to the Woman's City club on "Housing" the other day.

"You permit tenements to be built in Chicago with courts three and a half feet wide, when our New York limit of twelve and a half feet is a minimum," Mr. Veiller said. "You permit stairways that are fire traps, flues which inevitably carry and spread any fire that starts in any part of a tenement. Just to illustrate how the danger of fire may be reduced let me tell you that not a single life has been lost by fire in the 20,000 new-law tenements which have been put up in New York city during the last eight years, although these buildings house 1,250,000 people. The point is that every one of them is fireproof in the basement and first story and the stairways are fireproof from top to bottom. They must be built of iron with slate or other non-combustible treads; they must be inclosed by 12-inch brick walls and the doors opening into flats from them must be fireproof with no transoms.

"Here in Chicago 95 per cent of your tenement stairways are of wood with wooden floors in the halls and mere two-by-four studding lathed and plastered for walls. You deserve great credit in Chicago, however," Mr. Veiller admitted, "for providing that buildings over three stories in height must be fireproof, thus limiting your tenements to three stories instead of to the five and six stories we have in New York.

"Your expenditure for your department of public health is wholly inadequate. Chicago simply doesn't realize that a department which saves lives by preventing danger is as important as the fire and police departments which only protect them when they are in danger. You have a splendid health department, but it cannot do much because it hasn't any money."

Capture Huge Eagle at Sea.

Boston.—On board the steamship Pathen, which reached Boston the other day from Singapore and Manila, is a huge American eagle, which was captured with a rope snare on deck in the China sea. The eagle, which measures nine feet from tip to tip of its wings, alighted in the crow's nest during a typhoon, and when the wind died out flew to the deck.

Picture, Lost 60 Years, Found.

London.—The Colnaghis have bought from the Comtesse de Segue, sister of the late M. Cassimir-Perier, former president of France, a small picture by Vermeer, called "Woman Buying Pearls."

It had been lost for about 60 years. It will command a huge price. It is believed that it will go to America.

STONE IN BLADDER REMOVED WITHOUT SURGICAL OPERATION

In the Spring of 1904, I was confined to my bed with kidney trouble and thought that I would never recover. I took a lot of medicine but did not realize any benefit from anything. I finally saw a Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root advertisement and sent for a sample bottle and thought the sample helped me, so I bought more of the medicine from my Druggist, and after using a few bottles discharged a very large stone from my bladder. After passing this stone my health was very much improved and I have been able to continue with my business without any serious sickness.

J. L. KNOWLES.
Headland, Ala.

Personally appeared before me this 8th day of September, 1909, J. Loftus Knowles who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

J. W. WHIDDON,
Notary Public.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co. Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You

Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. For sale at all drug stores. Price fifty cents and one-dollar.

Painted While Asleep.

It is the craze of the pretty ladies of the Tiergartensrasse's plutocrat society to be painted while asleep, writes a Berlin correspondent. The Austrian Countess Czivek started the bright idea. The well known portraitist who had given her an appointment for the sitting has a vivacious habit of making you wait. Tired of turning over French novels in an ante-chamber, the beautiful countess fell asleep. At last the procrastinating artist turned up.

Entranced by the unexpected vision of sleeping beauty, he threw off a lightning sketch and as the countess awoke, held it before her astonished eyes. The drawing was so dainty and seductive that the delighted sitter insisted upon a complete oil portrait painting while she simulated sleep.

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.

Vagaries of Finance.

"I understand you have paid the mortgage off your place."

"Yep," replied Farmer Corntossel.

"Then why do you complain of hard times?"

"All the neighbors have done the same thing. That leaves me with money on my hands that nobody wants to borrow."

His Opinion.

Nephew—What do you thing of the opera?

Uncle Josh—Them women in th' boxes ought to be able to raise enough money on their diamonds to buy some clothes with, by jinks!

Diphtheria, Quinsy and Tonsilitis begin with sore throat. How much better to cure a sore throat in a day or two than to be in bed for weeks with Diphtheria. Just keep Hamlins Wizard Oil in the house.

Praise is encouraging; it brings out the best that is in a man and inspires him to do his duty cheerfully and faithfully.—Henry Lee.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c, 50c and $1.00 per bottle.

The wealth of a man is the number of things which he loves and blesses, which he is loved and blessed by.—Carlyle.

Your cattle always have pure water at small cost to you if you have a bottomless tank. Booklet "A" free. Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, Texas.

Do noble things, not dream them all day long.—Kingsley.

THE KEYSTONE TO HEALTH IS HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS

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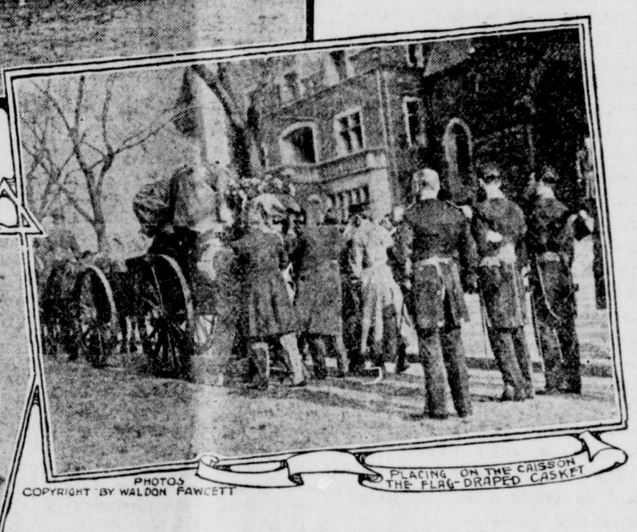
The Battleship Delaware and Her Great Cruise

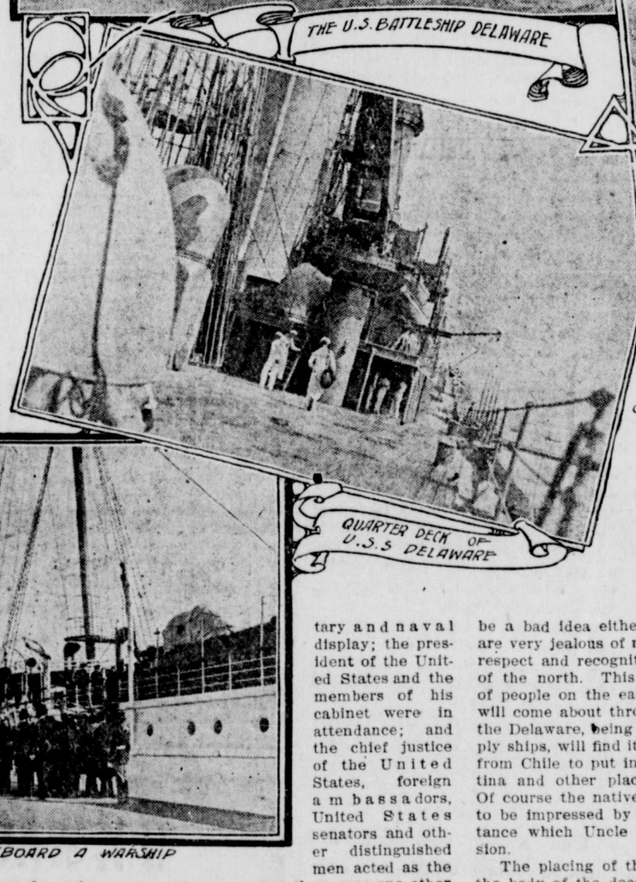
THE battleship Delaware, our newest, largest and finest sea warrior, is now making preparations for a most notable cruise. According to present plans she will sail on this jaunt early this month, and the cruise will consume the best part of the spring. The itinerary—prepared all of a sudden, for this cruise was not even contemplated a few weeks ago—calls for a voyage around the continent of South America, or, at least around the major portion of that triangular continent and it bids fair to be the most notable undertaking assigned to any single battleship since the famous old battleship Oregon made the long trip around South America (over much this same route) at the time of the Spanish-American war.

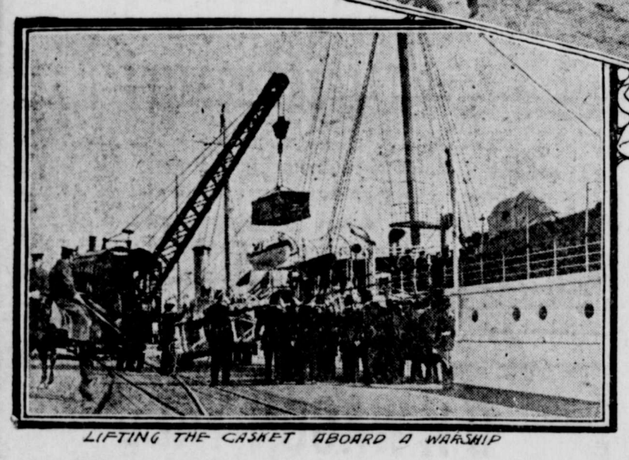
The cruise of the Delaware takes on importance from the fact that it is the first stunt of the kind attempted by one of our new battleships of the Dreadnought class—floating fortresses so much larger and heavier and more formidably armed than any of our old-time battleships that they might be referred to as the "big brothers" of these ships that were so awe inspiring a few years ago. Now, of course, these new "all-big-gun" ships are as yet something of an experiment in our navy in so far as actual service goes and consequently naval officials and shipbuilding experts will await with no little concern the outcome of this prolonged "shaking down" cruise.

Another circumstance that makes this coming cruise stand out as a notable achievement is that the Delaware is to take her long "hike" absolutely unattended. As all readers of the newspapers must have noted, it has not been the practise of our naval authorities of late years to assign single battleships to long cruises. They usually go in fleets, or in divisions of four ships, or at least in pairs. Why, it will be remembered that when President Taft made his recent trip to Panama a second warship was sent along with the one that carried the presidential party, not because there was any real need for it, but simply to have a companion ship at hand to render assistance in the event that the first craft met with a mishap of any kind, great or small.

And take that other naval cruise around South America, with which the Delaware's trip will naturally be compared—that world-astonishing "first leg" of the memorable round-the-world cruise when Rear Admiral "Bob" Evans led a fleet of 16 battleships around the lower half of our continent. In that event conspicuously was there exemplified the adage that in union there is strength, and aside from the self-confidence inspired by the co-ordinate action of a whole fleet of battleships there was the further insurance against the unexpected offered by the presence with the fleet of a repair ship, supply ships and naval colliers. The Delaware, on the other hand, must traverse the same sea track figuratively as well as literally "on her own bottom," as the seafaring men say.






LIFTING THE CASKET ABOARD A WARSHIP

However, without underestimating the prestige that will come to the Delaware through all these unusual attributes of her present trip, it must be admitted that the greatest significance of all attaches to this 1911 cruise because of the mission of the Delaware. The fleet of battleships that visited South American ports a couple of years ago went solely on the initiative of President Roosevelt as a practise cruise and a sort of object lesson to other nations, but the Delaware goes on a specific mission of condolence, out of respect to the memory of an international statesman and in compliment to a friendly nation. She is to convey from our shores to his native land the body of Senor Don Anibal Cruz, the late minister of the republic of Chile to the United States.

When a foreign diplomat dies at his post of duty in an alien capital it is customary for the officials of the government to which he had been accredited as envoy and for his fellow diplomats to accord him every possible honor in death. Elaborate ceremonials are prescribed, not merely as a tribute to the statesman whose work in behalf of international good feeling has thus been interrupted by death, but also as a compliment to the country and the government whose accredited agent he was. All the unwritten laws were carefully observed in the case of the late Chilean minister. His funeral at Washington was made the occasion of an elaborate military and naval display; the president of the United States and the members of his cabinet were in attendance; and the chief justice of the United States, foreign ambassadors, United States senators and other distinguished men acted as the honorary pallbearers. But there was one other courtesy which international etiquette prescribes shall be offered under such sad circumstances. In accordance with the usage of friendly nations the president of the United States cabled to the president of Chile offering the use of a United States warship to convey on his last journey home the body of the deceased diplomatist. The offer was accepted and the Delaware has been assigned to act as a funeral barge on this voyage of thousands of miles to Valparaiso and return. In accordance, however, with the wishes of the Cruz family the battleship did not start on her journey immediately after the funeral, but the trip was deferred until this month, the flag-draped casket reposing in the meantime in a receiving vault in a cemetery at Washington.

The United States government has been called upon twice before, within a comparatively few years, to convey home the bodies of eminent Pan-American statesmen who have died in this country. Some years ago the body of an ambassador of Mexico was thus conveyed home in state and only a year ago similar honors were paid to the remains of the late Senor Nabuco, who was for years the ambassador of Brazil at our seat of government. On neither occasion, however, was there employed for the service so imposing a vessel as the Delaware.

That the officials and the public of Chile will appreciate the significance of Uncle Sam's sending his largest and finest warship is the expectation of the American authorities and there is plain intent to thus create an especially favorable impression—possibly the more so because Chile is one of those South American countries with which the United States has at times in the past been on the verge of ill feeling, and it is the desire of our statesmen to allay any lingering suspicions and cement friendship in this quarter. The Delaware was not, of course, a member of the round-the-world squadron that visited Chilean ports several years ago so that not only will she be a novelty to eyes beyond the Andes but she will afford the people of Chile their first opportunity to inspect an example of the world's latest ideas in heavy battleship building.

Incidentally, Uncle Sam's impressive method of paying tribute to a worker for Pan-American unity will be brought to the attention of the people of other South American republics and this will not be a bad idea either, for the Latin-Americans are very jealous of receiving their due meed of respect and recognition from their big brother of the north. This focusing of the attention of people on the east coast of South America will come about through the circumstance that the Delaware, being unattended by coal or supply ships, will find it necessary en route to and from Chile to put in at ports in Brazil, Argentina and other places for fuel, supplies, etc. Of course the natives at each port cannot fail to be impressed by the vessel and the importance which Uncle Sam attaches to her mission.

The placing of the metal casket containing the body of the deceased diplomat aboard the battleship will be made the occasion of another impressive ceremonial. The heavy-draught battleship cannot ascend the comparatively shallow Potomac river to Washington to receive the body, and so the president's yacht Mayflower will be used to convey the casket from the capital to Hampton roads, Va., where the transfer will be made to the big vessel. When the casket is conveyed from the receiving vault to the Mayflower there will be another military and naval pageant and guns will boom in salute and high officials of the government will stand with uncovered heads while the casket is swung by means of the long arm of a crane from the caisson used as a hearse to the deck of the vessel. A high official of the state department will accompany the body to Hampton Roads as a representative of our government and, in all probability, one or more Chilean diplomats will go with the body on the battleship all the way to Chile.

Captain Gove, who will command the Delaware on this important cruise, is one of the most capable officers in the United States navy. He was for years the commandant of midshipmen at the United States naval academy and is thus known personally to almost every one of the younger officers of our sea service. The Delaware, of which he is in command, is 510 feet in length, 85 feet breadth and displaces 20,000 tons of water, which means that she is fully one-fourth larger or heavier than any other vessel now in commission in our navy except her sister ship, the North Dakota. She is also the speediest of all our battleships built or building, being capable of a gait of 24 or 25 miles per hour, which is dictinctly "going some" for so ponderous a craft, and which will enable her to make good time on her round trip beyond Cape Horn if necessity should arise.

The Delaware is the heaviest armed of all our "peacemakers," excepting of course her twin sister, the North Dakota. She carries ten of the big 12-inch guns, four of which were a few years ago considered ample for any battleship, and in addition she has ranged on her sides 14 of the tremendously effective 5-inch guns, to say nothing of a whole array of smaller naval "shooting irons." Some of these latter—the three-pounders, for instance, will be the only ones used on the present cruise and then merely for firing salutes. The Delaware has a ship's company of record-breaking size—55 officers and nearly 900 men.

THREE ORDERS OF SOCIETY IN NAPLES

There are three distinct classes in Neapolitan society—it would be better to call them castes—the nobility and aristocracy, the "galantuomini" or middle classes, and the "lazzaroni" or the "submerged multitude."

The first class it is unnecessary to describe, the other classes live side by side, and are yet distinct and hostile. They differ in religious and political convictions, in morals, in social customs, in food and clothing.

The galantuomini include the shopkeepers, the small manufacturers, tradesmen, bookkeepers, persons engaged in clerical occupations, and practically all who are compelled to earn their living, but who are not engaged in manual labor.

They are generally liberal and often radical in politics. The men express an open indifference and often contempt for the church, but require their wives and daughters to observe all the conventional religious duties, and they themselves never fail to reach for a crucifix or call for a priest whenever they imagine their own lives to be in danger.

They are fond of dress and display and indulge their taste as far as their means will permit, but their wives and daughters are kept in seclusion and are never allowed to leave the house without duennas to protect them.

The lazzaroni regard with contempt as well as aversion the families of the galantuomini, who are not wealthy and have to struggle to keep up appearances. The lazzaroni are strongly attached to the nobility, have often given practical evidences of loyalty and on several occasions have been of supreme service to the crown.

They live cheaply in the open air, with a room in the basement or the attic of some old tenement, to which they can retreat for shelter in case of storm, and when the hour comes for sleep.

They delight in garlic, shell fish, raw vegetables and fruit. The women pay little attention to their dress and always go bareheaded. There are probably not a dozen hats or bonnets to the thousand of the women population of the lazzaroni.

The lazzaroni are so accustomed to fetid odors, the misery, the loathsome filth of the "Fondaci," as the slums are called, that it is difficult for them to be happy under any other circumstances. They are born in it, they live in it and they die in it, and yet there are grades of misery, just as there are grades of prosperity.

There are lazzaroni who are rich and comfortable, compared with others who may occupy the adjoining attic, but it is said by those who have studied this class that they are never reduced to a condition which is beyond their philosophy to endure; that they will always jest about their hunger and laugh about their pains.

Sentimentalists who have made a study of them insist that the poorer and more loathsome the family the stronger the love and attachment. As misfortune comes upon them they seem to cling more closely together, parents to children, children to parents and brothers to sisters, and not one is so low or so destitute as to be unable now and then to do an act of charity or express compassion to neighbors who are even more badly off than themselves.

A Long-Suffering Minister

When He Resumed Charge After Exchange of Pulpits He Found Repairs Made.

A certain parson, well known in Liverpool, always attended to matters which he decided were in need of summary treatment. On one or two occasions, at least, his action was not limited to his own parish. One amusing instance of this sort occurred one Sunday, when he exchanged pulpits with a friend who presided over a well-to-do but somewhat careless congregation in a neighboring town.

This friend, who was one of the meekest and most long-suffering men imaginable, told the parson with much mortification that there were one or two things about the church which sadly needed attention, but that although he knew his parishioners meant well, these matters seemed to slip their minds from week to week.

"The window behind the pulpit is sadly in want of repair," the gentle minister explained, "and so is the pulpit cushion, in which there is a large hole. I mention these matters to you so that you may be saved annoyance. I have learned to stand at one side to avoid the draught from the broken window, and I refrain from bringing any force to bear upon the pulpit cushion."

The parson looked at his friends indulgently, but made no rash promises, simply saying that he had no doubt he should get along all right.

On mounting to the pulpit in his friend's church the next day, however, he proceeded to electrify the congregation by taking several handfuls of rags out of a piece-bag which he carried with him, and deliberately stuffing them into the broken panes of the unsightly window.

Then he proceeded calmly with the service, but when he began his sermon it soon became evident that the pulpit cushion was by no means to be spared at his hands. In some way or other the largest hole in the cushion was worked round until it was well to the front, and after that each of three emphatic thumps from the parson's vigorous hands, as he expounded his ideas, sent a shower of feathers floating down over the heads of the people in the front pews.

The next Sunday, when the gentle parson resumed his charge, there were no broken panes in the window behind him, and the pulpit cushion had a new cover.—London Telegraph.

TO KEEP KNIVES BRIGHT

If Care Is Not Taken in Storing Them They Easily Become Rusty.

Every one does not happen to possess a case of cutlery, but most people like to keep a second set of knives and forks for special occasions. If care is not taken in storing them they easily become rusty, and the ivory of the handles turns a bad color.

A simple little case, which allows each knife, big or small, to be kept separate from its neighbor, can be easily made at home out of a broad piece of flannel, serge or green baize. Cut the cloth about two feet long, bind the two sides with braid to match the color of the material and double one side over lengthways till the edge reaches to within a few inches of the other edge. Machine-stitch up the two sides and bind them with braid. Then stitch down the double part at equal distances, allowing sufficient space between each row for inserting a knife. In this way you can store any number, and you will find they will keep in perfect condition. The case can be rolled up and packed away in little space.

REMOVING PIES FROM PANS

Simple Attachment That Will Prevent Damage in Separating Pastry From Pans.

Sometimes the juices from a hot pie make it stick to the pan so tightly that a knife blade must be run under to cut it loose. If a knife with a flexible blade is not used, the pie will be damaged. If the pie pans are

Separating Pies from Pans.

provided with the simple attachment shown in the accompanying sketch, the baked dough can be separated from the tin with one revolution of the cutter. The cutter is made from a piece of heavy tin, bent to the same outline as the inside of the pan and pivoted at its center.—Popular Mechanics.

Jugged Rabbit.

Cut into pieces, making four parts of the backbone from thighs to shoulders. Put two tablespoonfuls of butter or pork drippings into a saucepan and when hot brown the meat in this, adding for flavor a small white onion or bunch of scallions and a clove of garlic.

Have ready two cupfuls of stock or gravy, and when the rabbit is browned put it into a stone jar together with the gravy, salt and pepper to season, four cloves, the juice of a lemon and one-half glass of sour wine.

Set jar into a large saucepan and fill the latter with cold water almost to the level of the jar containing the stew, which should be tightly closed. Bring the water to a boil and simmer for four hours. Then take up the meat and place on a hot platter, while the gravy may be poured into a saucepan and put over the fire. Thicken with a tablespoonful of butter rolled in a tablespoonful of flour and add a tablespoonful of mushroom catsup and two glasses of port wine. As soon as well heated, pour over the meat and serve with currant jelly and baked potatoes.

Vegetable Soup.

One cabbage, one turnip, two onions, two carrots, two potatoes, a little parsley, pepper, salt, two quarts of water the cornbeef was boiled in, a slice of bread; fry one of the onions sliced in a little oil at the bottom of the kettle or large saucepan; when it is brown add the water, the bread toasted, the vegetables cut up in small pieces and seasoning; boil three or four hours, then mash the soup through a colander or in the saucepan with a wooden spoon and boil together ten minutes; if too thick add more water and boil for ten minutes; if it is thin boil fast with the lid off the pan until thick enough; sufficient for six.

Fresh Things.

Some of the signs by which to tell good fruit and vegetables are here indicated. Oranges are sound and juicy when heavy but not too hard. Radishes and turnips when spongy are not fit to eat. Pineapples are best when the edges of the top are smooth; in inferior qualities the tops are of the saw-edged variety. Celery is good when it breaks without much bending. Asparagus should be quite stiff. Nuts cannot be judged very correctly until they are opened, but they should be of good weight and not too hard to crack.

Household Glue.

To make a liquid glue that will keep for years, break some pieces of glue and put them into a bottle, adding to them a little whisky. Cork the bottle tightly and set it aside for a few days, when the glue will be ready for use without the application of heat, except in very cold weather. In this case the bottle should be placed in hot water for a few minutes before the glue is used.

Trifles.

Work one egg and a tablespoon of sugar to as much flour as will make a stiff paste, roll it as thin as a dollar piece and cut it into small round or square cakes, drop two or three at a time in boiling lard, when they rise to the surface and turn over they are done; take them out with a skimmer and lay them on an inverted sieve to drain. For dessert put a spoon of telly on each.

Poor Man's Rice Pudding.

Soak a half cupful of well washed rice in a quart of milk on the back of the stove for a couple of hours. Add a little salt and a half cupful of sugar and bake in a slow oven for two hours, stirring occasionally at first until the rice has thickened and softened. Then brown slightly and serve. A half cupful of raisins may be added if desired. Serve hot with butter and sugar or cream.

$3.50 RECIPE CURES WEAK KIDNEYS, FREE

RELIEVES URINARY AND KIDNEY TROUBLES, BACKACHE, STRAINING, SWELLING, ETC.

Stops Pain in the Bladder, Kidneys and Back.

Wouldn't it be nice within a week or so to begin to say goodbye forever to the scalding, dribbling, straining, or too frequent passage of urine; the forehead and the back-of-the-head aches; the stitches and pains in the back; the growing muscle weakness; spots before the eyes; yellow skin; sluggish bowels; swollen eyelids or ankles; leg cramps; unnatural short breath; sleeplessness and the despondency?

I have a recipe for these troubles that you can depend on, and if you want to make a QUICK RECOVERY, you ought to write and get a copy of it. Many a doctor would charge you $3.50 just for writing this prescription, but I have it and will be glad to send it to you entirely free. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, K-253 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send it by return mail in a plain envelope. As you will see when you get it, this recipe contains only pure, harmless remedies, but it has great healing and pain-conquering power.

It will quickly show its power once you use it, so I think you had better see what it is without delay. I will send you a copy free—you can use it and cure yourself at home.

ENLIST AID OF CHURCHES

Powerful Weapon Brought to Bear in the Fight Against Tuberculosis.

Just how serious a problem tuberculosis is to the average church, and in just what ways pastors are called upon to minister to those suffering from this disease, is the subject of an investigation which the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis is conducting in connection with its plans for tuberculosis day on April 30. Statistics are being gathered from thousands of ministers regarding this subject, and among other figures the number of deaths last year from tuberculosis in the church congregation will be given. It is planned to place these statistics, together with other educational material, in the hands of every minister in the country for his use in connection with Tuberculosis day. Millions of circulars and pamphlets on the prevention of tuberculosis will also be issued, both from the national office and from the headquarters of the 450 anti-tuberculosis associations who will co-operate in the movement.

ECZEMA GONE, BOILS CURED

"My son was about three weeks old when I noticed a breaking-out on his cheeks, from which a watery substance oozed. A short time after, his arms, shoulders and breast broke out also, and in a few days became a solid scab. I became alarmed, and called our family physician, who at once pronounced the disease eczema. The little fellow was under his treatment for about three months. By the end of that time, he seemed no better. I became discouraged, and as I had read the advertisements of Cuticura Remedies and testimonials of a great many people who had used them with wonderful success, I dropped the doctor's treatment, and commenced the use of Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and in a few days noticed a marked change. The eruption on his cheeks was almost healed, and his shoulders, arms and breast were decidedly better. When he was about seven months old all trace of the eczema was gone.

"During his teething period, his head and face were broken out in boils which I cured with Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Surely he must have been a great sufferer. During the time of teething and from the time I dropped the doctor's treatment, I used the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, nothing else, and when two years old he was the picture of health. His complexion was soft and beautiful, and his head a mass of silky curls. I had been afraid that he would never be well, and I feel that I owe a great deal to the Cuticura Remedies." (Signed) Mrs. Mary W. Ramsey, 224 E. Jackson St., Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 24, 1910.

A Transaction in Stamps.

The stamp vending machines installed in many stores and shops about the city are not favored by a woman who hurried into a drug store in Massachusetts avenue several days ago where there is a branch postoffice.

"How do you sell your two-cent stamps?" she inquired indignantly.

"Two cents apiece," replied Bassett.

"Well, that's all right," she replied, while she fished in her purse for a coin. "This is the fifth place I have visited after stamps. At all the other places they had those slot machines where you have to spend a nickel for two two-cent stamps. I made up my mind not to be held up if I had to walk all over the city. Give me two stamps."

The woman laid down a dime and hurried out with two two-cent stamps, leaving six cents in change lying on the show case. She did not return.—Indianapolis News.

The Latest Golf Story.

Two Scotchmen met and exchanged the small talk appropriate to the hour. As they were parting to go supperward, Sandy said to Jock:

"Jock, mon. I'll go ye a roond on the links in the morrn."

"The morrn?" Jock repeated doubtfully.

"Aye, mon, the morrn," said Sandy. "I'll go ye a roond on the links the morrn'."

"Aye weel," said Sandy. "I'll go ye. But I had intended to get married in the morrn'."

An Invariable Assumption.

"It must be dreadful to have any of your relatives become involved in scandal."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "The only possible compensation is the extent to which it causes you to be immediately written about as a member of the most exclusive society."

Sterling City News-Record

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 a favor by reporting same to us.

Tax Collector Ayres says there are very little delinquent taxes this year.

The total poll tax receipts issued by Collector Ayres in the county for the year ending January 31st, was 289.

The state-wide prohibition election will be pulled off July 22. Everything is going to be hot about that time.

The legislature of Kansas is trying to pass a law prohibiting women from wearing tights in public. That would be awful. Just imagine the queen of the arena coming out into the circus ring wearing goody's necklace and a smile.

In the cotton ginning report of the Bureau of Census, Texas is shown as having ginned 2,795,330 bales, or more than twice as much as any other cotton producing state, except Georgia.

Texas has long been considered the home of the fleecy staple, and each year cotton production in this state leads all other states in the South by thousands of bales.

Now while we are looking to our Commissioners Court to fix up our court yard, we must not forget that after it has been fixed up, it must be taken care of.

The Court should hire a man by the year to keep the court house in order and look after the trees and shrubbery. The law provides that the sheriff shall have charge of the court house, but this does not mean that he must do all the work, or have it done without pay If the Court will give our Sheriff a good live man, we will guarantee that everything will be kept in ship shape.

The legislative calendar grows like Jonah's gourd. We now have about 300 bills introduced to date and they cover everything from preventing jackasses from running at large to regulating everything and everybody. The people have become accustomed to legislative harrassment and are always pretty well plastered with laws, but the effort to stir up the animals will be watched with interThis is a virgin field and no doubt many good laws can be passed by defining animal rights. However, there is a marked difference between a bill and a law at the present time.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE HERE

Last Tuesday the first telegram that was ever ticked off in this place was sent over the Western Union wires by agent Stamps. The wires have been in place for some time, but the equipments did not arrive until this week, and Mr Stamps installed them immediately.

This will be a great saving to the people in sending telegrams, for heretofore they were obliged to 'phone their messages into San Angelo for transmission, thereby incurring an extra twenty-five cents on each message.

NEW TOWN LAID OUT

The new town of China Valley was laid out on the railroad just north of Mrs. O. W. Cook's home last week. The town is about 8 miles east of this place, and is in a beautiful locality.

We learn that the people of China Valley will move their present school house, or build a new one at this point. A store will be put in, and a postoffice will be established for the convenience of the community. In addition to this, the railroad company will be asked to put in a siding.

This enterprise will be of great convenience to this neighborhood and we commend them in their enterprise.

Story of Two Home Builders

The growing of trees and shrubbery on one's premises is one of the most profitable things that can be done to a home. Take two locations here in town which have equal advantages as to location. A owns one and B the other.

A builds a modern cottage at a cost of $2,000. He also builds lots, barns and sheds, together with a windmill and water equipments at a further cost of $1,000, and fences it with barbed wire and lets it go at that; for he does not care for trees nor shrubbery.

B has different tastes to those of A, for he builds he builds on his lots a bungalow at a cost of $900. He erects tasty outhouses and substantial watering outfit at a cost of $1,000, and spends $300 on a neat fence around the premises. He spends another $300 for cement walks, grass, trees and shrubbery. The whole thing cost B $2,500. He spends his mornings, evenings and other idle moments in planting and caring for his trees and shrubbery. At the end of five years, B's porches are covered with sweet blooming creepers, the walks are bordered with lilies and roses, while the back and front are studded with stately trees; and the cool, green grass under neath invites the passer-by to stop and rest under the shade. The whole premises smell and look like a sylvan dream It is the talk and admiration of all who see it; the pride of its owner and builder and the envy of A, who sulks about his substantial but unsighly home.

During all that five years A's yard has been a forest of weeds through which the chickens roamed at will. The rags on the barbed wire fence around A's place give mute testimony of the kind of trousers which he wore each time he crawled through it —as well as the cusses he uttered or basens away to tell Mrs. Prospecter what an elegant home he has bought for her, while B rejoices that he had sense enough to plant trees and shrubs and fix up the place.

The above is no fairy story. It is facts and can be shown here in Sterling City. Plant trees and shrubs and take care of them, and some day they will take care of you.

Sorrow That Helps

Last Tuesday, a gronp of men and boys were sitting in front of one of the stores here in town, discussing the events of the day when one of the Tax Collector's force came along and remarked that it was the last day for paying taxes without penalty, and that he had just been to Mrs. —'s a widow lady, to inform her of this fact—supposing, of course, that she had forgotten this important matter. But when he saw her, she informed him that she did not have a dollar in the world, and she did not know where the next would come from. Of course, her home would be sold for taxes if they were not paid.

"I am mighty sorry for Mrs —," said one of the boys, "for she is a mighty good woman." "How sorry are you?" said a big, husky fellow, holding out his paw in a challenging attitude. "I am as sorry as any man in this crowd," cried the other a be made a dive into his jeans, while his eyes snapped to keep back the tear that threatened to drop. "Me, too!" "Me, too!" "And me, too!!! And the good coin clinked into the big hand of the man who asked the question until there was more than enough to satisfy the taxes on the good lady's home. Then one of the big hearted fellows was delegated to go to the Tax Collector's office, pay off the tribute to the county and, state and mail the receipt to her.

The good woman's taxes are paid; but perhaps she will never know who did it.

Our General

STOCK

Is replete with the newest goods and the Very Highest Quality. When we buy and sell goods we consider the Quality of goods as our Standard.

EVERY DEPARTMENT

is full of everything that is needed for the home. We make a speciality in Ranch Supplies and we can fill your bill large or small.

Our Groceries

always please for we keep our stock fresh and clean and handle nothing but high-grade goods.

FEED, FEED

We are selling lots of feed but always keep well stocked and can supply your wants at any time. Don't forget it.

H. Q. LYLES

In dry times the dust was an inch deep, while in wet times it was equally as deep in mud. From his front door to the front wire gate a gully had worn, which, when filled with water, was a great place for Mrs. A's ducks.

The time comes when both A and B wish to sell out. A man of tastes as well as money comes prospecting in the town. The land agent has these two places to show Mr. Prospector. The agent tells Mr. Prospector that, although A's home originally cost $3,000 to improve it, yet he could have it for $3,000. But Mr. Prospector does not like A's place at any price. The agent then informs him that he can have B's elegant home, where those stately trees wave and the blossoms grow, for the paltry sum of $5,000. The bargain is made and Mr. Prospector

Notice to Trespassers

Notice is hereby given, that any person or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul Wood, work or drive stock, or otherwise trespass upon any land owned or controled by us, or either of 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' creek.

W. R. Felker
By J. D. Lane, mgr.

I have sixty-four hundred dollars in gilt edge vendors lien note I will trade or cattle at the right prices, above or below the line. Address C. A. Wasson, Lamesa, Texas

WITH THE CHURCHES

BAPTIST

The Pastor and some of the members attended the Fifth Sunday Meeting at San Angelo, and report good attendance; talks and prayers of high order. Money was secured for Mexican missions in the city of San Angelo. Four conversions were had at the Sunday service.

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Prayer meeting here well attended. Subject: Sunday school lesson.

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Sunday school, 84 present. 13 Baracas and 8 Philatheas.

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No Preaching.

METHODIST

Preaching at Mulberry at 11 a. m. and 2 p m Good audience Several from town present.

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Preaching here at night, and house well filled.

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Prayer meeting on Friday night well attended.

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Sunday school growing in interest and good attendance.

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God has called us into His Church to be servants—His servants, and not the servants of sin nor of evil communications.

Our aim should be to prove and be proven "workmen that need eth not to be ashamed." This we cannot do unless we are found at the post of duty.

J. T. REDMAN

NOTICE--BIDS WANTED.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Sterling county, Texas, at the Court House in Sterling county, Texas, at 10 o'clock a. m. on February 13th, A. D. 1911, will receive and open sealed bids from any Banking Corporation, Association or Individual Banker in Sterling county, Texas, desiring to be selected as the depository for the funds of Sterling county for two years ending on the first day of the February Term of the Commissioners Court, A. D. 1913.

Such bid shall state the rate of interest that said Banking Corporation, Association, or Individual Banker offers to pay on the funds of said Sterling county for said term of two years aforesaid. Such bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half (½) of one per cent of the county revenue for the year 1910, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid is accepted he will enter into the bond required by law, and should such Banking Corporation, Association or Individual Banker fail to make bond as required, then said certified check shall go to the county as liquidated damages

Said Commissioners Court reserves the right given it by law to reject any and all bids presented.

In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my name as County Judge of Sterling county, Texas, this the 24th day of January, A. D. 1911.

B. F. BROWN,
County Judge, Sterling county, Texas.

JOHN TANKERSLEY SHOT

Last Monday morning, about 9 o'clock, John Tankersley was shot through the shoulder blade blade by Berry Duncan. The shooting occurred near Knickerbocker The wounded man was taken in an automobile and carried to San Angelo for medical treatment.

The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the young men Duncan was arrested and placed under a $500 bond.

LET
K. L. COPELAND
Do your Blacksmithing and Horse Shoeing

For city lots in the Phillip addition see H. J. Carnes

Notice to Hunters.—Posted.

My pasture is posted according to the law made and provided in such cases and all persons are hereby warned and forbidden to hunt, fish, or otherwise trespass upon any of the enclosed lands owned or controled by me, under pain of prosecution to the full extent of the law. J. T. Davis
5-6-'02 tf

LOST—Heart shaped brooch setted with pearls Finder leave at this office and receive reward

Citation by Publication.

In the County Court, February Term, A. D 1911. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Sterling County, GREETING:

You are hereby commanded, that by making publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the county of Sterling, if there be a newspaper published in said county (but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published), for four consecutive weeks previous to the return hereof, you summon J. O. West whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the County Court, to be holden in and for the county of Sterling, at the court house thereof, in Sterling City, Texas, on the first Monday in February, 1911, same being the 6th day of February, 1911. File number being Forty-seven, then and there to answer the petition of Joe House and W. T. Conger, plaintiffs filed in said Court on the 14th day of November A. D. 1910, against J. O. West, defendant, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

That on the 3rd day of October, 1910, plaintiffs were partners, doing business as such, and owned 22 head of horses and mares, described as follows:

1 bay mare branded UV on left shoulder, of the value of $35.00.

2 sorrel mares branded circle dot on left shoulder, each of the value of $35.00.

1 black mare branded circle dot on left shoulder, of the value of $35 00.

1 blue gray mare branded circle dot on left shoulder, of the value of $35.00.

1 black horse branded Z on left shoulder, of the value of $42.50.

1 sorrel horse branded Z on left shoulder, of the value of $50.00.

1 sorrel horse branded — on left shoulder of the value of $50.00.

1 bay horse branded Cross C on hip, with a mare, of the value of $40.00.

1 bay horse, unbranded, of the value of $35.00,

1 bay horse branded 6 on left jaw, of the value of $60.00

1 brown horse branded T on left jaw and S on left hip, of the value of $50.00,

10 head of horses branded circle dot on left shoulder, each of the value of $40.00, said 22 head of horses and mares being of the aggregate value of $922.50. That on said date plaintiffs loaded said horses and mares on a car at Sterling City, Sterling county, Texas, and shipped same to the city of Brenham, in Washington county, Texas, and employed defendant to accompany said horses and mares, and deliver them, for plaintiffs at said city of Brenham, Washington county, Texas. That on or about October 10th, 1910, defendant, unlawfully took possession of, appropriated and converted said 22 head of horses and mares to his own use and benefit, without the consent of plaintiffs —by reason of which plaintiffs are damaged in the sum of $995.00. Plaintiffs pray for citation, and that they have judgement for said sum of $922.50, interest and costs of suit, and for general and special relief.

Herein Fail Not, but have you then and there before said Court this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Leonce B. Cole, Clerk of the County Court of Sterling county, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in Sterling City, this 14th day of December A. D., 1910

LEONCE B. COLE, Clerk County Court, Sterling county, Texas.

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Duet. "Hope Beyond."—Miss Belle Atkinson, D. L. Slaton
Talk: "The Baraca Class." —Charley Roberts
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Judge—J. W. Timmins.
Attorney—Alec Collins
Clerk—L B Cole,
Court meets 4th Monday after first Monday in February and September.

County Officers.

Judge—S. F. Brown
Attorney—Hugh Bardin
Clerk—L. B. Cole
Sheriff—Jno. S. Ayres.
Treasurre—E. L. Gilmore
Assessor—D C. Durham
Surveyor—W F Kellis
Court meets first Monday in February, May, August and November.

County Commissioners.

Com'r. Pre. No. 1—B. F Roberts
" " " 2—E. F. Atkinson
" " " 3—S. L. Hull
" " " 4—J. S Johnston

Justice Court.

Court, Precinct No. 1, meets 3rd Saturday in each month. Malcom Black J. P

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M. E. Church—Preaching every second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and fourth Sunday at 7:30 p. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.

Rev. J. T. Redmon Pastor.

R. W. Foster, S. S Supt.

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Rev W. E. Dawn Pastor.
Prof. L. C. Durham, Supt.

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Rev. Black, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

Masonic.—Sterling lodge No. 728, A F & A. M., meets Saturday nights on or before the full moon in each month.

N. L. Douglass Secretary
W. F. Latham W. M.

Eastern Star—Meets Saturday P. M. 3 o'clock on or before the full moon in each month.

Mrs. Nannie B. Kellis W. M.
Mrs. N. L. Douglass Secretary.

LOCAL NEWS

L. C. Dupree, of Colorado, is here.

Miss Birdwell, of Coleman, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Cope.

County Attorney Hugh Bardin was in San Angelo Monday and Tuesday.

Those wishing grass for about 25 horses, see S. B. Wallace, Sterling City.

J. R. Morrow, of Iolanthe, was in town last Tuesday after a load of supplies.

Geo. Conger and W. F. Kellis were transacting business in San Angelo last Monday.

Judge J. W. Hill, of San Angelo, came in on Monday's train and spent Tuesday here.

R G. Allen and James Knight came up from Brownwood last Thursday night. They returned Monday.

From and after Jan. 1st, all work done at either of our blacksmith shops will be spot cash.

K. L. Copeland,
E. M. Staggs.

Last Tuesday was like a summer day. The thermometer stood at 85 for two hours during the day.

Mrs. W. A. McDavid, of Lancaster, Dallas county, is visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. N. L Douglas.

Mr. Buchan, representing a regalia company, was here this week, talking regalia to our Odd Fellows.

B. A. Mitchell, of China Valley, has sold his place to Broome & Farr, and will soon move to Taylor county.

Walter S. Robinson, the San Angelo insurance man, was here Monday and Tuesday in the interest of his company.

County Court next Monday, with the exception of the probate docket, there will be little to do in Judge Brown's court.

L. P. Grimes circulated a petition, this week, asking the commissioners court to change the Montvale cemetery and San Angelo road. The change would be better for all parties concerned.

This sale will be irrisistable to anyone in any way interested in FURNITURE

FURNITURE

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of the Stevens Furniture Co.'s $7,5000 stock starts Feb. 6, and will continue until every piece is sold.

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Iron Beds, full size, start as low $1 25 and run up to $9.75 for a 2 inch post with nine 3-4 fillers

Wood Beds, $1.50, $2 50, $5 00, $8 50, $11.50. American, French and Colonial designs.

Springs, woven wire or spiral, for Iron or Wood Beds, $1.25, $1 35, $1 85. Regular price $2-50, $2 75, and $3.50.

Rockers in all Woods, every shape and size, and plenty of them from $1 50 to $10 00 Many of them less than half former price.

Go-carts—Stevens had one for every baby and then some. They must be sold from $5 to $7.50

There are thousands of other useful pieces of furniture and floor coverings, but we cannot quote them all, so come and see for yourself.

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District Court convenes here on the first Monday in March. there will be a very light docket in this court.

The Odd Fellows are preparing to organize a lodge here within the next fifteen days. The dispensation has already been granted.

All old members are roquested to communicate with Manse Patton or C. L. Coulson at once.

List of letters advertised on the 31st day of January, 1911.

Will Conway
M. C. Bledsoe
H. J. Brockman
W. B. Cheatham
Azzie C. Cisker
J. J. Cobb
Miss Belle Dix
W. D. Hill
S. R. Habermacher
John E. Le Blue
J. C. McJunken
Winnie Mathews
J. F. Perry
Walter White

Hallie Knight, P. M.

O. H. Graham and G. G. Ainsworth are prospecting in the Pecos country.

AUTHOR LOVES FLOWERS.

Mrs. Margaret Deland of Boston is not only a writer, but she is a lover and a grower of flowers as well. Every year she grows jonquils and sells them for charity early in the spring. This year she had 300 pots of jonquils, hyacinths, tulips and other spring flowers. It was the fifteenth annual sale.

HOW IT WORKS.

Smiley—The Wall street bear have a great game, haven't they?

Dobson—How is that?

Smiley—Why, in making a raid they first cover their tracks and then they cover their contracts.

IN CHICAGO.

Ella—I hear that you are married again.

Stella—That's my business.

Ella—Well, business seems to be pretty good seeing that this is your sixth.

Notice

Headquarters of both the antis and the pros will please take notice that hereafter we will charge at the rate of 5 cents per line for all advertising matter published by us. As neither party has an account with us, in order to get matter run in this paper, the money must be sent along with the copy.

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10-26-'01 Fisher Bros.

THE STORK IN POLITICS.

Mrs. Emma S. De Voe of Washington state was told the other day by a would-be wit that he was about to introduce into the legislature a bill giving a vote to every woman who had one child and an additional vote with every additional child. Mrs. De Voe promptly announced that she would offer a substitute bill making paternity a qualification for holding office. All the members of the lower house were to be required to have at least two children, members of the senate three, supreme court judges six and governors an even dozen.

SACRED TOOTH OF BUDDHA.

Kandy—the little hill capital of Ceylon—holds, hidden in its green hollow, a relic which has drawn for centuries millions of the followers of Buddha from all corners of the east. This most precious relic is the famous tooth, which tradition declares was rescued from the flames of Gautama Buddha's funeral pyre when the founder of the Buddhist faith died and was consumed by fire at Kusinagara, in India, in 543 B. C.

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Notice

By the rules of the Constitution of the Farmers' Institute of Sterling county, I have called a meeting of the executive committee to be held at Sterling City on Saturday, tue 4th day of February, 1911.

I hope that each and every member of the committee will attend the meeting as there is business of importance to be attended to.

A. D. Renshaw, Pres.

All persons are hereby notified that my pasture is posted according to law. Any person or persons who shall hunt, fish, cut or haul wood or otherwise trespass on lands owned or controled be me, without my consent, will by prosecuted. 4-2-9 W. J. Mann

Bring us a load of wood and move up your subscription a notch or two

GOOD USE FOR OLD HOUSE.

Mrs. George H. Emmerton has purchased the house of the seven gables at Salem, Mass., and it will be used as a settlement house. The house was built in 1662 and was made famous by the story of Nathaniel Hawthorne.

NOTICE

After Jan. 1st owing to our limited capital we will be obliged to ask our customers spot cash for all meats sold.

City Meat Market

Hogs For Sale: I have a goodly number of pork hogs, sows and pigs which I am offering for sale at right prices. Porkers ready for slaughter at 8 cents on foot. Among the lot are some sows of choice breeds and those wishing to raise their own pigs would find these a bargain. Come early, as I intend to ship out what are left of the porkers soon.

JamesDaly, Sterling City.

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G. W. Allard

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W. R. McENTIRE & SON

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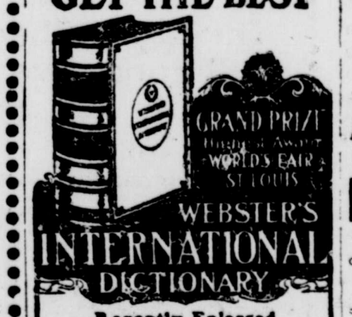

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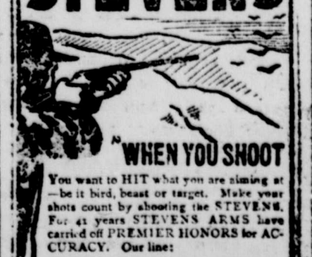

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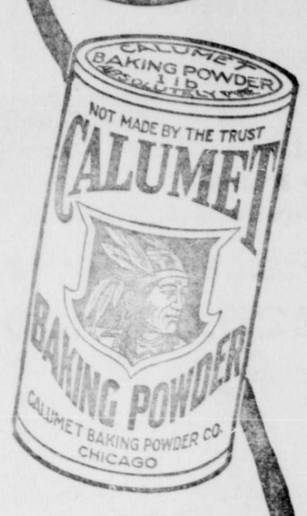
W. L. Foster

EDUCATION.

He—Do you think you could learn to love me?

She—I think I could if you had money enough to spend to entertain me.

Always Makes Good



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Good Time Just Now to Replenish That Depleted Wardrobe

THE first clothes event of the New Year is not a change of fashion, but the crucial moment for the purchase of clothes at economies.

Unfortunately for the merchants—many women plan for the replenishing of their wardrobes at this season when prices are diminished.

Especially American women are thus clothes-wise. Such women are not only financiers, but are geniuses, therefore they deserve not only the admiration of others less knowing—but their husbands, writes Marion Morris in the Chicago Inter Ocean.

However, a woman must be conversant with values to be able to reap a harvest of economies. The woman who does not, and also the one who has no foresight about styles—may be favorably compared with the man who buys a "gold brick."

This year the knowing woman can easily save more money than ever before. Why?

Prices Must Be Cut.

For several weeks the newspapers have published many bargain sales of women's clothes—this signifies that the market is crowded and that the pressure was too great to hold out until now. During December, women gave little thought to any shopping except for Christmas, so the market was but little relieved. Now comes the onslaught! And it will be the most drastic cut of prices in years. To explain the reason I must turn the calendar back more than six months. Last May and the beginning of June were quite cool and women did not buy summer clothes until the weather changed. As a result, many stores held back their orders and that prevented the makers from starting on their autumn models. Finally when they did start, labor troubles occurred throughout the country and everything stopped until the early autumn. Unfortunately, the warm weather lasted until later than usual. When the manufacturers started on their winter work they hurried to make up for lost time, thinking that the women who usually bought early would buy later. However, their calculations were overestimated and now the market is flooded with some of the prettiest attire fashion has created in many seasons. So now there are dozens of advantageous opportunities heretofore unknown even to the clothes-wise woman.

Because a woman can always afford to have several tailored suits—especially when she is able to get the extra one or two at greatly reduced prices. When selecting a suit in a reduction sale it is not wise to choose any kind but one that is plainly tailored—and then not extreme. For instance, it will be just so much money thrown away to purchase a suit with a hobble skirt, as that mode is passe. Neither is it wise to select a novelty fabric that has been the craze of the hour. Broadcloth, cheviot, conservative suitings, velvet and velveteen will prove good investments—especially the three first mentioned, as they can be comfortably worn in the spring. The only time it is advisable to select a rather fanciful suit is when one is fortunate in securing an imported model at about half price—because nine chances out of ten the style will be in general vogue next season.

Topcoat Is Never Amiss.

As I know of no garment that gives so much comfort and pleasure as a topcoat, I urgently advise every woman to have at least one. And now is her chance to get it, as this has been decidedly a coat season and there is certain to be a surplus. Whether one has a motor or not, there is a satisfaction in having a top coat ready for that unexpected trip; or for one when traveling and shopping. If one anticipates an European trip in the spring or summer, now is the time to get a steamer coat. Undoubtedly the most charming topcoats in the history of fashion will be sacrificed in spite of their elegant sturdy tweed and homespun fabrics. I should also advise one to take advantage of lowered prices on seal plush coats—as these in the fine imported qualities quite rival Hudson seal, and besides they are certain to be in style next season.

Advisability of Buying Furs.

Even though one may not have urgent need for a set of furs or a fur coat, I am sure that the purchase of either will prove an excellent investment. But in doing so, only purchase a staple fur. Do not think of buying either raccoon or opossum, as these furs have been popularized this season—and as merely a fur, neither is worth much. I should certainly recommend buying lynx, as this fur is not always modish, but is rapidly becoming extinct—this season there were only 2,400 lynx animals to fill the demand. However, do not buy a fur that is called "Russian lynx," as that is only a Russian lynx cat—genuine lynx comes from Alaska. Skunk, mink, ermine, genuine fox, Hudson seal, moleskin and sable, of course will be advisable selections.

Simple Bodices

THE first is a simple little bodice of cashmere to match the skirt with which it is worn; it is cut kimono, and has a yoke of satin to match, embroidered with floss silk; this is carried down outside of sleeve to cuff, which is of satin. Guipure lace is used for the small yoke and under-sleeves.

Materials required: 1 yard cashmere 46 inches wide, ¾ yard satin 22 inches wide, 1¼ yard lace 18 inches wide.

The second would look well in sprigged ninon made up over a foundation of satin; the slight fulness at neck is drawn into a narrow satin or velvet band; squares of embroidered satin are arranged at back and front, also on shoulders and sleeves; these are finished off with little satin bands.

Materials required: 1¼ yard ninon 42 inches wide, 1½ yard satin, 6 squares of embroidery.

For the third some such material as cashmere, crepon or poplinette might be used. The fastening is at the back, but the trimming of embroidered galloon is so arranged that it gives the appearance of side fastening.

The collar and bands round the over-sleeves are bound with silk. The yoke and under-sleeves are of piece lace.

Materials required: 1½ yard cashmere, ¼ yard silk on the cross, 2 yards galloon, 1 yard lace 18 inches wide.

Fancies of Fashion

Long coats of watered moire silk are made in Paris tight fitting, enveloping the wearer from head to foot.

Heavy thread and metal laces are pretty features of the winter hats designed to wear with dressy clothes.

For evening wear gold or silver tulle turbans are seen with tall aigrettes or groups of marabout feathers.

Ecrusse levant is the name given to that fine grain leather of high finish that is so popular for purses and bags.

Chains are no longer in evidence for the black velvet bags; all have long silk cords by which to swing them from the arm.

Huge sailor or round collars of fur or fancy fabrics mark the 1911 evening coat, and bands of fur are at the foot of many.

Fine threads, fine dots, fine meshes and a general delicacy of structure and design are predominating features of the new veils.

To Renovate Velvet.

Velvet is being so much worn this season that a hint on how to renovate it may not come amiss.

The velvet should, first of all, be stretched, pile side upward, over the steam from a kettle of boiling water. As the steam begins to rise, get some one to brush up the pile briskly with a stiff brush. Then spread out flat to dry, and afterward brush lightly again.

When the material has been worn a great deal and is very soiled sponge it lightly with benzine.

Auto Bonnet for Baby.

An automobile bonnet for a baby is a novelty. The headgear is sugarloaf in shape and is fashioned from blue silk in a mass of shirring, finished with a band of pale blue marabou.

An inch-wide elastic is passed under the youngster's chin, and in this way the hat is held close to the head. The rubber is concealed in the casing of pale blue silk shirring.

Open Thy Doors.

Open thy doors, O my soul,
To ocean and sky and plain,
To shelving shore, and breakers' roar,
And the mountains that shout again.

Open thy doors, O my soul,
To the scent of the climbing rose,
To the meadow's sweep, and the drowsy sheep,
And the woodland's deep repose.

—Sunset Magazine.

Her Tardy Coming

By STACY E. BAKER

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Cornelia Dean suddenly received a letter from John Oliver answering pertinent questions that had been asked of him twenty years before.

Cornelia, still a spinster—and a most comely one—was surprised. The yellowed pages, the faded ink, and the date line told her that the letter had been written on the day following her imperative demands, while the postoffice stamp showed that the letter had been mailed from Boston but one day before.

Romance had long been dead in the heart of Cornelia Dean. She had loved John Oliver nobly and faithfully, and when he had passed out of her life as a lover, none other had come in. A flush on her pretty cheeks, the little lady carefully opened the letter, and read, for the fifth time, its contents.

"My dearest: I have waited several days—and impatiently—for the letter you wanted me to read and answer before coming for your answer to my proposal—and now it is here.

"I know, dear, that I am practically a stranger to you and the good people of Sneedville, but in Boston, where, as you know, my father owns a large dry goods store, I am well known. My reputation in my own town will stand the test of investigation.

"Now, to answer your questions.

"1. I do not touch liquor. Have never used intoxicants in my life.

"2. No; if you consent to marry me we cannot live in Sneedville, but must make Boston our home, where I will eventually go into business with my father.

"3. I will give up smoking, if you wish me to.

"4. You know that I will always love you. There is no need to ask this. Ask, rather, your own heart.

"Here, in great, lonely Boston, I am waiting a note bidding me to come to you. You will realize how lonesome I am, and you will answer at once. I am sure of this.

"Always yours,
"JOHN OLIVER."

The ancient screed fell to the lap of the little lady, and tears glistened in her eyes as her thoughts wandered away in reminiscent reverie. John Oliver! She could see him now, a stalwart, manly youth. He came to woo her, the most popular girl in Sneedville. She remembered herself as she looked then—a mere wisp of a girl, to be sure, but with that winsome prettiness that allowed her to pick and choose from the ranks of the best and most popular men in the city.

"Is There Anything I Can Do for You?"

Blue eyes, and a wonderful head of wavy brown hair that was at once the envy and delight of her girl chums, had been among the potent gifts given her by the goddess of beauty, and she had most careful taste in dress. All these, and countless other feminine attractions, had won to her the young Bostonian who was spending his summer vacation in Sneedville.

He had proposed, but before she would answer him she had sent him away until she could compile a list of questions. These he was to answer by mail. She did not wish him to plead his own cause.

Cornelia Dean sat for the greater part of an hour dreaming. When she was again mistress of her thoughts, a great resolve had been made within her. Cornelia had decided to go to Boston! She had not been out of town since the death of her parents, some ten years before.

"But—what shall I wear?" asked Cornelia, speaking, as was her wont, to herself. "Surely if—if I find him I must look as nearly as possible like the girl he knew. Nothing that I have now will do. I must be more—more up-to-date; more like the girls of today. I am not so—so old, anyway, even if I do dress plainly. I haven't a gray hair in my head."

At last the day of her departure came, and the little cottage was safely locked, the key hidden in a plant rack on the porch, and the more than pretty little lady on her way to the station.

The trip was a frightful one to the unsophisticated Cornelia, and a sigh of relief came to her lips when she found herself safely arrived. Boston was a larger city than she had imagined. She began to realize the hopelessness of her quest.

The address of his—John's—old home was burned indelibly on her brain. She called there after depositing her little baggage at a modest hotel. She found herself in front of a roofless domicile, the clapboards of which were being rapidly stripped from the scantlings. In consternation she stood an idle second watching the workers reduce the building.

"Is there anything I can do for you?"

Unconsciously she had entered the gate shutting the lot of this building from the street. A man in the garb of a carpenter stood before her.

"I—I" Cornelia hesitated. "I was hunting for the residence of the Olivers. They used to live here, I believe?"

"Moved," elucidated the man briefly. "This is the site of a skyscraper that the Olivers are having erected. This plot is too valuable for a residence to occupy. It's right in the heart of things, as you might say."

"But can you tell me where the—where John Oliver lives?"

"With his parents, I believe; but as to that, I don't know. I don't even know where they have moved to. Young Mr. Oliver is here almost every day to see how the work progresses. Can I give him some message?"

"Tell him that Cornelia Dean was here."

"Cornelia Dean," repeated the man. "O—then you're the lady to whom the letter went!"

"What—what letter?" asked the puzzled Cornelia.

"One of my men found an old letter, sealed and addressed to you, under the tin roof of this house. Some one, while inspecting the timber, probably, after the shingles were off, had dropped it, and the tin fitters covered it up without noticing. I mailed it."

"O," gasped Cornelia.

"Here comes Mr. John Oliver now." The carpenter failed to notice the woman's embarrassment. A well-built man of about forty years of age approached. As he came nearer a puzzled look crept into his eyes, and then suddenly his pace quickened and he advanced, both hands outstretched.

"You!" cried John Oliver, the trembling fingers of the woman pressed closed in his; and there, before the wondering eyes of the men, he kissed her. "I have waited centuries for you," he said.

A Gift Book.

"Yes, do you send me a book . . . not a bargain book bought from a haberdasher, but a beautiful book, a book to caress—peculiar, distinctive individual; a book that hath first caught your eye and then pleased your fancy written by an author with a tender whim, all right out of his heart. We will read it together in the gloaming, and when the gathering dusk doth blur the page, and sit with hearts too full for speech and think it over."—Dorothy Wordsworth in Coleridge.

Swiftest Runners.

The two swiftest runners of the animal creation are the kangaroo and the ostrich.

BEST OF WAYS TO GIVE HELP

How a Wealthy Woman Made Tactful Gifts to Many Girls Who Had Little Money.

A number of wealthy women were discussing what they considered the best form of charity, when one who had but recently joined this charmed circle through her marriage to a man of that part of the world said:

"Well, I can tell you of something that a very dear friend of mine used to do, not even calling it charity, but as I was one of those benefited I can say that it was, and of the highest kind. She had an income that seemed fabulous to all of us girls, who had but little spending money, and in some way she ascertained just about how much several of us had.

"At Christmas and other days of celebration correspondingly important each of us got a note that was not long, but full of affection and encouragement. Inclosed was a check that somehow was always just the amount most needed for some special object that seemed almost unattainable by even our best efforts.

"She never by any means interested herself in girls with extravagant tastes, but they always were those of the set in which she moved, and who really needed such help as she gave, to eke out their own small means. So that is how my own income is going.

"The endowed and established charities are before the world, and bequests to these come from all quarters, but to well-bred poverty without rich relatives but little help is apt to drift. Friends of such persons cannot assume that they are in need, and few know how to send help as my friend proved it could be sent. I intend to emulate her example, as I think this form of charity one which is too much neglected by those of us who could do it without giving offense or making those we are really fond of feel that they are objects of pity."

THEY SPIKED THE TRACK.

"Now, that was a wrecking crew worth while—it was the worst smashup I ever saw, and in 20 minutes they didn't leave a sign of it."

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A Mosque for London.

It is proposed to erect a mosque in the capital of the greatest Mohammedan power in the world, and the only surprising feature of the project is that it has not been executed before. The building is to cost £100,000, to which the aga khan has already contributed £5,000. The committee in control of the scheme is presided over by Amir Ali and includes the Turkish and Persian ministers, as well as three members of the council of India.—London Globe.

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AIRY FAIRIES.

"What becomes of all the smashed aeroplanes?"

"They sell them to the girls for hats, I guess."

Ignorance.

Laura Jean Libbey, discussing in Brooklyn her appearance on the stage, said:

"I talk in my monologue about love, marriage and the other interests of the heart. On these subjects women, especially young women, are strangely ignorant.

"They really make me think, you know, of the little girl who was asked by her teacher:

"'What can you tell us of Solomon?'

"'Solomon,' replied the little girl, 'was very fond of animals.'

"'And how, my dear,' said the teacher, 'do you make that out?'

"'Because,' answered the little girl, 'the Bible says he had five hundred porcupines.'"

To Arrange Flowers.

Here are five golden rules which should be observed by those who often arrange flowers. Use plenty of foliage. Put your flowers in very lightly. Use artistic glasses. Do not put more than two, or, at the most, three different kinds of flowers in one decoration. Arrange your colors to form a bold contrast or, better still, a soft harmony. The aim of the decorator should be to show off the flowers—not the vases that contain them; therefore the simpler ones are far preferable to even the most elaborate. Glasses for a dinner table should be either white, a delicate shade of green, or rose color, according to the flowers arranged in them.

The Walkers.

James M. Beck, the famous corporation lawyer of New York, is a native of Philadelphia, and to Philadelphia he often returns to see his old friends.

Mr. Beck, at a recent banquet in Philadelphia, defended corporations with an epigram.

"The trust buster and the Socialist may do what they please," he said, "but mankind will still be divided into two great classes—those who walk to get an appetite for their dinner, and those who walk to get a dinner for their appetite."

Crutches or Biers.

Richard Croker, at a dinner in New York, expressed a distrust for aeroplanes.

"There's nothing underneath them," he said. "If the least thing goes wrong, down they drop."

"I said to a Londoner the other day:

"'How is your son getting on since he bought a flying machine?'

"'On crutches, like the rest of them,' the Londoner replied."

EASY CHANGE
When Coffee Is Doing Harm.

A lady writes from the land of cotton of the results of a four years' use of the food beverage—hot Postum.

"Ever since I can remember we had used coffee three times a day. It had a more or less injurious effect upon us all, and I myself suffered almost death from indigestion and nervousness caused by it.

"I know it was that, because when I would leave it off for a few days I would feel better. But it was hard to give it up, even though I realized how harmful it was to me.

"At last I found a perfectly easy way to make the change. Four years ago I abandoned the coffee habit and began to drink Postum, and I also induced the rest of the family to do the same. Even the children are allowed to drink it freely as they do water. And it has done us all great good.

"I no longer suffer from indigestion, and my nerves are in admirable tone since I began to use Postum. We never use the old coffee any more.

"We appreciatae Postum as a delightful and healthful beverage, which not only invigorates but supplies the best of nourishment as well." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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

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

SOILS FOR ALFALFA

Two Methods of Inoculation Given by Texas Station.

First Is to Scatter Soil From Old Alfalfa Field and Then Seed in Usual Way—Other Consists of Use of Bacteria.

Dr. G. S. Fraps, sttae chemist of Texas at the A. and M. college, says there are two methods of inoculating soils for alfalfa.

The first method consists of scattering 200 to 300 pounds per acre of soil from an old alfalfa field and harrowing it in. The seeding is then proceeded with in the usual way. This method has been used very extensively and with good results. The soil from the old alfalfa field contains thousands of bacteria which live upon the roots of the alfalfa and enable it to secure nitrogen from the air, and when the soil is harrowed in the new land the bacteria are introduced into it. There are several disadvantages connected with the use of soil. The transportation charges may be considerable and the soil may carry the seed of various weeds of dodder and the spores of injurious fungi.

The second method of inoculating consists in the use of cultures of bacteria. These cultures are allowed to multiply in a suitable liquid and either applied directly to the seed or inoculated into the soil and the soil applied. The cultures placed upon the market have not formerly been successful, but they appear to be of much better quality at present. These cultures are prepared by the United States department of agriculture at Washington and by several commercial concerns.

Besides the bacteria referred to above alfalfa requires a soil that is properly drained and also should be well supplied with lime. The alfalfa will not do well unless an abundance of lime is present, and if the lime is not naturally contained in the soil it must be added.

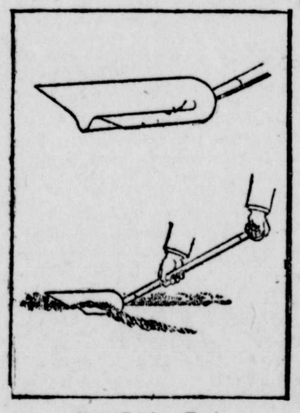
In a large number of experiments carried out in New York it was found that successful stands of alfalfa were secured in two out of five cases in which lime was applied at the rate of 1,500 pounds per acre. When 200 to 300 pounds of old alfalfa soil per acre was used together with the lime four out of five successful stands were secured.

Experiments of the New Jersey station show that the inoculating material referred to above contained large numbers of vigorous bacteria, but not capable of serving any useful purpose on land if deficient in lime. Their experiments show that on land properly drained and properly supplied with moisture, lime, phosphates and potash these commercial cultures are capable of increasing the yield of such leguminous crops as had not been previously grown on the land. Where the alfalfa or other leguminous crops have been previously grown the germs are usually present.

NEW IMPLEMENT FOR EDGING

Keeps Grass Along Edge of Walks in Neat Condition—Wisconsin Man Invents Handy Tool.

During the summer months, suburbanites find that one of the greatest troubles they have in keeping the lawn looking well is the tendency of



New Edging Tool.

grass to grow over the walks and make the edges of these paths ragged. A Wisconsin man has invented an implement by means of which any man may trim the edges of his walk in a few minutes as well as the most expert gardener could trim them in a couple of hours in the old way—with a pair of clippers. This implement is a shovel-shaped affair with a sharp edge and one side bent till it forms a gutter, with a broad rim that rests on the pavement. Starting at one end of the walk, the groove in the shovel is placed just outside of the edge of the paving, with one side of the shovel resting on the walk and the other on the grass. It is then pushed along, plowing a neat little trench and cutting all the straggling grass away as smoothly as a lawn mower would do. It is said that the curb and walk of an 80-foot lot can be trimmed in 20 minutes with this implement.

Protect the Birds.

Birds are early risers. They arise before the sun and sing their spring songs while we slumber. They lay a heavy toll upon garden and orchard insect pests. Protect them and they will banish your cares.

Big Cotton Crop.

From 26 acres an Oklahoma farmer last year gathered 34½ bales of cotton, 500 pounds each and the sale of the cotton and seed netted $2,785.

Separate the Males.

Eggs will keep better and the hen will do better if the roosters are not allowed to run with them now.

Teaching a Colt.

Rapid walking is the first gait to teach a colt.

SECURING GOOD PLANT-FOOD

Cheap Percolator Made From Two Butter Tubs—Liquid Furnishes Moisture and Fertilizer.

Obtain two butter tubs and bore a large number of quarter-inch holes in the bottom of one, then cover the perforated part with a piece of fine brass gauze (Fig. 1), tacking the gauze well at the corners, says Popular Mechanics. The other tub should be fitted with a faucet of some kind—a wood faucet, costing five cents, will answer the purpose. Put the first tub on top of the other with two nar-

Fig. 1

Fig. 2

A Plant-Food Percolator.

row strips between them (Fig. 2). Fill the upper tub about three-fourths full with well packed horse manure, and pour water on it until it is well soaked. When the water has percolated through into the lower tub, it is ready to use on house and garden plants and is better than plain water, as it adds both fertilizer and moisture.

MORE BEEF CATTLE NEEDED

South Is Depending Too Much on Western Packers to Furnish Meat —Much Pasturage Idle.

In spite of the fact that the south consumes more beef every year, the farmers of that section are showing little inclination to grow more of a supply. The south is depending too much on the western packers to furnish their beef, says the Rural New Yorker. The southern states should raise more beef cattle than they need; they have unlimited ranges which could be made productive if proper attention was given them in installing the right kind of grasses. The land could be made to grow ten times what it does now and become more fertile all the time. Good cattle need good pasturage, and good pasturage can be propagated on what is now almost desert barrens.

Fever ticks must be eradicated and the government is ready at all times to furnish experts to assist the land and cattle owners in getting rid of this curse. The keeping of more and better live stock on the farm promotes greater interest in farm life. The tendency of the boys and the girls, the young men and young women to leave the farm is generally regretted. Give them more interest in cattle raising, in improving the breeds at home, in having live stock to sell every year, stock that are good to look at and sell high, and they will keep up their love for home and not wish to leave. Money counts on the farm and nothing brings in better returns than good fat cattle. No system of agriculture can be permanent unless the raising of live stock, especially of cattle and hogs, is given a proper place. This is essentially true of the south.

General Farm Notes

Poultry raising is becoming more and more popular.

Oil meal may be fed to all classes of farm stock.

Honey is a sweet substance secreted by the nectaries of flowers.

On bright, warm days open up the stable doors and let the blessed sunshine in.

Trees carefully removed will make a strong, healthy growth the following season.

Clear, pure water should be at hand and the sheep given free access to salt at all times.

Sheep need some roots at this season of the year and plenty of clean, but not cold, water.

When working in the apiary it is best to carry along a light box to put all the bits of comb in.

Plenty of exercise is as essential as liberal feeding to the successful wintering of breeding ewes.

The practice of the science of beekeeping is not unlike the pursuit of other branches of science.

The beds for young pigs or even older pigs in winter should be changed at least once a week.

Calves that are forced from the beginning are liable to scour, but this can be checked by feeding oats.

Plenty of clean, dry litter in the scratching shed is essential if you would keep the hens busy and expect lots of eggs.

Keep the egg record up every day. If you skip one day, even, the rest will all be a guess, and guessing isn't like business.

Corn, shelled preferred, is the best grain feed for sheep. This and alfalfa or clover hay make an ideal ration for fattening.

Silage is becoming more favorably regarded by American beef-makers, but even yet it is not so generally used as its value warrants.

One's Own Heaven and Hell.

Most of our grief comes from within—we torture and torment our very souls. Each man makes his heaven—each man makes his hell. Each man knows when and where he is right, just as he knows when and where he is wrong. Each man realizes just where and when he is weak, and when and where he is strong. But many take entirely too many liberties with themselves.—Exchange.

Sheer white goods, in fact, any fine wash goods when new, owe much of their attractiveness to the way they are laundered, this being done in a manner to enhance their textile beauty. Home laundering would be equally satisfactory if proper attention was given to starching, the first essential being good Starch, which has sufficient strength to stiffen, without thickening the goods. Try Defiance Starch and you will be pleasantly surprised at the improved appearance of your work.

If you fear to soil your hands in helpfulness you may be sure you are defiling your heart.

Was Taking No Chances.

An amusing incident occurred a few days ago outside Maranz, Austria. A cow strayed from the pasturage and came within reach of the fort. The officer in command suspected the presence of an automatic photographic apparatus, and had the beast seized and closely examined and when he found nothing to justify his suspicions he turned the animal loose again, under the observation of two of his men, charged with the duty of following the suspected home to ascertain whether her owner was an Italian spy.

A Robber.

"Were you ever confronted by a robber?"

"Sure."

"And did you play the part of a hero?"

"No, indeed; you can't throttle a gas meter."

Couldn't Last a Day.

Howell—I can tell you how to live on ten cents a day.

Powell—Don't do it; I've only eight cents.

In the Blood.

Willis—Are those Kentucky horses you bought scared of autos?

Gillis—No, indeed. They never notice a train either, but I can't get them used to a sprinkling cart to save my life!—Puck.

Unnecessary.

"Do you tell your wife everything you do while she is away?"

"No; the neighbors attend to that."—Houston Post.

Knees Became Stiff

Five Years of Severe Rheumatism

The cure of Henry J. Goldstein, 14 Barton Street, Boston, Mass., is another victory by Hood's Sarsaparilla. This great medicine has succeeded in many cases where others have utterly failed. Mr. Goldstein says: "I suffered from rheumatism five years, it kept me from business and caused excruciating pain. My knees would become as stiff as steel. I tried many medicines without relief, then took Hood's Sarsaparilla, soon felt much better, and now consider myself entirely cured. I recommend Hood's."

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BURDENS LIFTED FROM BAD BACKS

Weary is the back that bears the burden of kidney ills. There's no rest or peace for the man or woman who has a bad back. The distress begins in early morning. You feel lame and not refreshed. It's hard to get out of bed. It hurts to stoop to tie your shoes. All day the ache keeps up. Any sudden movement sends sharp twinges through the back. It is torture to stoop and straighten. At night the sufferer retires to toss and twist and grown. Backache is kidney ache—a throbbing, dull aching in the kidneys. Plasters or liniments won't do. You must get at the cause, inside.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS CURE SICK KIDNEYS

GIVEN UP TO DIE.

Mrs. M. A. Jenkins, Quanah, Tex., says: "I was bloated almost twice my natural size. I had the best physicians, but they failed to help me. For five weeks I was as helpless as a baby. My back throbbed and the kidney secretions were in terrible condition. The doctors held out no hope and I was resigned to my fate. At this critical time, I began using Doan's Kidney Pills and soon was cured."

How To Tell When The Kidneys Are Disordered--

Painful Symptoms: Backache, sideache, pains when stooping or lifting, sudden sharp twinges, rheumatic pains, neuralgia, painful, scanty or too frequent urination, dizzy spells, dropsy.

Urinary Symptoms: Discolored or cloudy urine. Urine that contains sediment. Urine that stains the linen. Painful passages. Blood or shreds in the urine. Let a bottle of the morning urine stand for 24 hours. If it shows a cloudy or fleecy settling, or a layer of fine grains, like brick dust, the kidneys are probably disordered.

A CASE OF GRAVEL.

Harrison A. Sturtevant, G and Maple Sts., Tulare, Cal., says: "I was in bad shape with kidney trouble. Too frequent urination compelled me to arise at night, my bladder became inflamed and I suffered severe pain. When I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I passed a gravel stone three-quarters of an inch and variegated in color. After this my trouble disappeared.

A TRIAL FREE Test Doan's Kidney Pills Yourself

Cut out this coupon, mail it to Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. A free trial package of Doan's Kidney Pills will be mailed you promptly. W.N.U.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS — IF THE PAIN IS THERE SUSPECT YOUR KIDNEYS

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

Sold by all dealers. Price 50 cents. FOSTER-MILBURN CO., Buffalo, N.Y., Proprietors.

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DURING A TIFF.

Wife—It seems to me we've been married a century. I can't even remember when or where we first met.

Husband—Can't you? Well, I can. It was at a dinner party where there were 13 at the table.

DISTEMPER

In all its forms among all ages of horses, as well as dogs, cured and others in same stable prevented from having the disease with SPOHN'S DISTEMPER CURE. Every bottle guaranteed. Over 600,000 bottles sold last year. $.50 and $1.00. Any good druggist, or send to manufacturers. Agents wanted. Spohn Medical Co., Spec. Contagious Diseases, Goshen, Ind.

A Woman's Reason.

"Why," asks the inquisitive person, "do you enjoy having some one tell you that you are pretty, when you know you are not? Does it make you believe that you are?"

"No," she answers readily. "But it makes me believe that he believes I am."—Judge.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take as candy.

No man ever knows how much he misses when he loses a chance of giving pleasure.

Bottomless tanks enable you to water your cattle in Nature's way at small cost. Booklet "A" free. Alamo Iron Works, San Antonio, Texas.

There is no moral health without human helpfulness.

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Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye any garment without ripping apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Quincy, Illinois.

A Corner in Candles.

As an example of trusts and monopolies prevalent even in that early day it may be mentioned that in 1750 one Benjamin Crabb obtained the exclusive right to make sperm candles in Massachusetts for 14 years.

A year later, however, a factory was started in Providence, R. I., and within the decade there were eight factories in New England and one in Philadelphia. Their output greatly reduced the price of candles, which not long before sold for five shillings a pound. In those days $1.25 was worth fully three times as much as it is now.—From the Designer.

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA AND BUILD UP THE SYSTEM

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC. You know what you are taking. The formula is plainly printed on every bottle, showing it is simply Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out the malaria and the Iron builds up the system. Sold by all dealers for 30 years. Price 50 cents.

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PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS

Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

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It is better to lose in loving than to gain by self seeking.

Lewis' Single Binder, extra quality tobacco, costs more than other 5c cigars.

Be a live wire, but don't burn your associates.

Miserable Women

"Every two weeks," writes Mrs. Lucy Cantrell, of Big Sandy, Tenn., "I had to go to bed, and stay there several days. I suffered untold misery. Nothing seemed to help me until I tried Cardui, the woman's tonic. Although I had been afflicted with womanly weaknesses for seven years, Cardui helped me more than anything else ever did. It is surely the best tonic for women on earth."

Weakness is woman's most common trouble.

Cardui is woman's most reliable medicine, because it overcomes that weakness, and renews the womanly strength.

TAKE CARDUI

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The Woman's Tonic

Cardui is a good remedy—for women. It does the work. Made from purely vegetable ingredients, that act gently on the womanly organs, Cardui brings strength in a natural manner; it is pleasant and harmless to take, and seems to go to the sick spot and coax it back to health.

In the past 50 years, Cardui has helped a million women.

It has relieved their aches and pains, and has made many miserable invalids well and happy.

Get a bottle today, at the nearest drug store, and begin its use, for your troubles. It will help you.

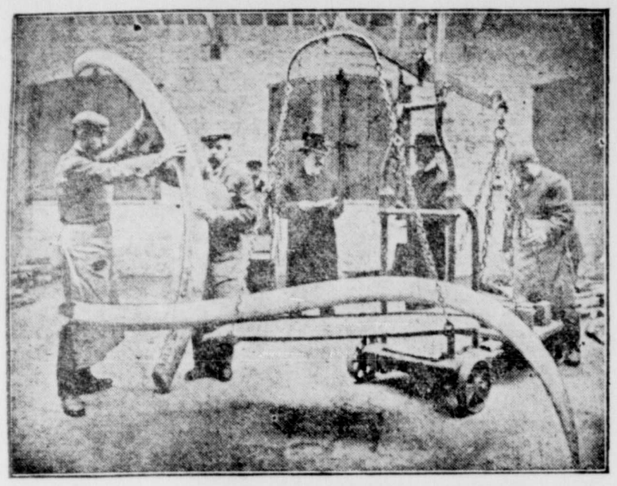
You Look Prematurely Old

Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA CREOLE" HAIR DRESSING. PRICE, $1.00, retail.

MARVELS of THE EARTH

CURIOUS, ODD AND INTERESTING OBJECTS AND PLACES

London's Great Ivory Market



Despite the growing scarcity of ivory, the great ivory market of London, on the docks, is always a lively and interesting place. The tusks from Africa are unloaded here, weighed and sold to dealers and manufacturers from many parts of the world. The best of the tusks are used for the manufacture of billiard balls. In the shooting of elephants bullets frequently enter the tusk and become permanently embedded without the surface showing any mark, and in the Royal College of Surgeons' museum is preserved a bullet that actually was found in a billiard ball.

ANCIENT CUSTOM IN ESSEX

In the little parish of Berden in Essex, England, there is a very old St. Nicholas day custom, which used to be observed in many parts of the country, of electing one of the children of the village to rule over the other little ones as bishop for one year. After a service in the church the boy bishop, wearing cope and miter and carrying a crozier, walks in the procession with other children dressed as clergymen and choristers. The illustration shows the procession just leaving the parish church.

MINING FOR COFFIN PLANKS

One of the most curious industries in the world, says Harper's Weekly, is the business of mining for coffin planks, which is carried on in Upper Tonquin, a portion of the French possessions in southeastern Asia. In a certain district of this province there exists a great underground deposit of logs, which were probably the trunks of trees engulfed by an earthquake or some other convulsion of nature at a comparatively recent period.

The trees are a species of pine known to the natives and also to some extent to European commerce, as "nam-hou." The wood is almost imperishable, and has the quality, either through its nature or as the result of its sojourn underground, of resisting decay from damp. This quality makes it particularly valuable for the manufacture of coffins and for this purpose it is largely exported to Europe.

The trees are often a yard in diameter. They are buried in sandy earth, at a depth of from two to eight yards, and are dug up by native labor as demand is made for them.

LIVE LIZARD IN HER STOMACH

An extraordinary happening is reported from Cleveland, O., where a live lizard six inches in length, and the head of another lizard, who discovered in the stomach of Miss Lovie Herman, nineteen years old, who died there. Miss Herman had been ill a year from a disease which puzzled many specialists. The attending physician succeeded in bringing from the girl's stomach the live lizard and the head of the second one, but too late to save her life. The family formerly lived in Millersburg, O., and were in the habit of drinking water from a spring.

OLD HERMIT OF DELAWARE

Arnold Hudson lives about three miles from Selbyville, Del., in the old cypress swamp. For nearly fifty years he has lived in solitude in the midst of this great swamp. His cabin is built of logs hewed by himself half a century ago. The cabin was built on a two-acre cleared lot, which lot is surrounded by the density of the swamp. Around this plantation he dug a ditch very deep, with other ditches running all over his lot emptying into it.

He has always been destitute of an animal and has had to break up what land he tilled with a hoe. His only means of protection is a long rifle, which when he has no shot he loads with old iron or anything hard. His only means of ssutaining life are the berries of the swamp and what little amount of vegetables he raises on his lot.

KISS WORTH JAIL SENTENCE

"It was sure worth it," said James Conway when sentenced to ten days for stealing a kiss from pretty Catherine Ackerman at College Point, N. Y. "The horrid man just stepped up and kissed me, then laughed and started away," testified Miss Ackerman.

HALTS COURT TO AID BIRD

A rusty grackle was seen flopping about in the street with a broken wing outside the court at Jamaica, Long Island, and Magistrate Fitch adjourned court while the bird was caught. It was turned over to a court clerk who took it home to nurse it back to health, when it was released.

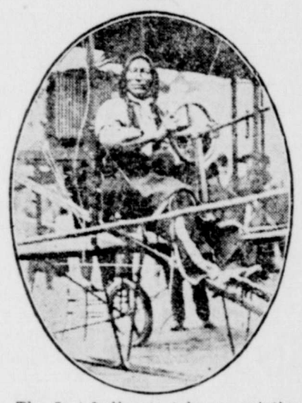
STRANGE SERIES OF MISHAPS

Four times removed to a hospital in 24 hours is the record Max Seller, a butcher in New York, has just established. His injuries were the result of an attack by thugs which occurred in broad daylight, on a deserted street near his home. He was picked up unconscious by a policeman and rushed to a nearby hospital, where the surgeons revived him and set a couple of broken bones. Seller declined to remain at the hospital, but on his way home he fell against a railing and was again picked up unconscious and taken to the hospital. This time an attendant accompanied him when he left for home. On the way he collapsed and was rushed back for further treatment. After two hours' rest he was taken home and the hospital physicians supposed they had seen the last of him. But eight hours later an ambulance brought Seller back again, this time with fractured bones received in a tumble. The patient was then detained for treatment.

REMARKABLE LUNCH TABLE

A novel experience was enjoyed by about forty guests at a luncheon held recently in the Free Trade hall, Leicester, England, the company sitting down around the face of the world's largest electric clock, soon to be installed, where it will be fixed about 220 feet from the ground. It possesses four dials, each of which measures twenty-five feet in diameter, and the minute hands measure fourteen feet long and three feet at their greatest width.

FLYING FOX REALLY FLIES



The first Indian to take up aviation has recently obtained his certificate as an aeroplane pilot in America. Appropriately enough, the native name of this redskin is Flying Fox and he says he is going to show that his parents knew what they were about when they named him.

JOKE ENDS IN MARRIAGE

When C. E. Perkins, a traveling salesman of Cambridge, went into a Milford store suffering from indigestion, Miss May E. Mingst, the clerk, jokingly offered to cook his meals. Thereupon he began a courtship which resulted in their marriage.

Ancient Cerne Abbas Giant

Cut deep on the hillside at Cerne Abbas, Dorset, England, is the curious figure of a giant 180 feet high and holding a large club in his right hand. Tradition says that it commemorates a giant who, after killing and eating several sheep, fell asleep, was discovered by the natives, pinned to the ground and slain; his figure was then outlined on the hill as a warning to others Some antiquarians believe this figure to be early British, others that it was the work of mediaeval monks. Just at the foot of the hill are the ruins of Cerne abbey, once a large religious establishment.

OWL AND TURKEY IN TRAP

A Connecticut farmer raises a great number of turkeys on his farm, and at night the fowls fly into a tall tree and roost. A big owl in some way learned about this roost, and every night visited the tree and helped himself to a fat young turkey, leaving the feathers and legs for the farmer's sorrowful contemplation. The farmer supposed the marauder to be a fox, and set a steel trap under the turkey tree, in the faint hope that the thief would step in it. The next morning he was greatly surprised to find the owl in the trap and also one of his best turkeys. For a long time he was puzzled to understand how the birds got into the trap, but his theory is like this: The owl, having pounced on the turkey, had a fierce battle with the pugnacious fowl on the unsteady tree bough, and both toppled overhead in their grapple and fell straight into the jaws of the trap, which impartially fastened to both of them. The chances against such a thing happening were a hundred to one, but the owl was unlucky that night, and is now paying the penalty in a cage in a drug store window.

PAWNED A $20 GOLD PIECE

A curious loan was discovered a few days ago by a couple of detectives charged with the supervision of the Denver pawnshops. A $20 gold coin of the realm was pledged with a local pawnbroker for $16. This transaction presents a wide field for speculation. Not the Wall street kind, but the other kind we sometimes call surmise.

Just why a man with $20 in gold, lawful money in his inside pocket would let this go to a pawnbroker for only $16 and assume rather stiff interest charges on the lesser sum does not appear, but the Colorado owner of the gold piece in question did just that.

It surely could not be that he did not know what the gold piece was, and, therefore, let it get away from him in ignorance. Still, there was a case where a man ignorantly sold a $2 bill of an early and somewhat unfamiliar design for 10 cents to a dealer who spent it for its face value as soon as he got it.

MOUSE DARKENS WHOLE CITY

A mouse put the electric lighting system of Plymouth, Mass., out of commission for several hours recently. It crawled into the switchbox at the powerhouse, found a place in the insulation on the feed wire just big enough to admit its tail, then resting its nose on the return wire, short circuited the system and incidentally gave up its own life.

FIVE WOMEN ON A JURY

Six women were called to serve on a jury recently in Olympia, Wash. Each woman gave an excuse, but only one was accepted, so five women sat all day with their hats on listening to the case of a milkman against the street contractors. The women were out an hour and then returned a verdict for the plaintiff to the full amount.

New News of Yesterday

by E. J. Edwards

How Thackeray Left America

Homesickness Caused Him to Sail Suddenly Without Word to Friends Who Were Planning Big Dinner for Him.

When William Makepeace Thackeray visited the United States for the second and last time, in 1855, to deliver his lecture entitled "The Four Georges," the two Americans who were closest to him during his stay were Parke Godwin, publicist and son-in-law of William Cullen Bryant, and George William Curtis.

"The intimacy which we enjoyed with Thackeray was due to the fact that he made his headquarters while in this country at the old Putnam's Magazine office, with which both Mr. Curtis and myself were connected," explained Mr. Godwin a few years before his death. "Sometimes Curtis and myself were enthusiastically agreed that Thackeray was the most delightful, lovable and companionable man we had ever met. But, probably, just when we had arrived at this decision, Thackeray would be brusque and apparently cold toward us, and there would be decided traces of cynicism or contempt in his nature. Frankly, though we tried hard, and had rare opportunities to do so, we never fully understood him. I think, myself, that he was a man of moods, or else he sometimes suffered from ill-health, which he bore uncomplainingly, although his relations with his fellow men were affected by his physical suffering.

"Thackeray, to the personal knowledge of Curtis and myself, did many strange things while he was in the country, but the most astonishing of all his acts was the manner in which he left America and his best friends here. It was particularly embarrassing to me; and it was an act that had every outward aspect of cold and purposed discourtesy.

"After making a successful lecture trip through the south, if I remember correctly, Thackeray returned to New York flushed with his success, and, in that happy spirit, sent us word that he would be with us for two or three days before departing to fulfil some lecture engagements in another section of the country. We were so rejoiced over his success and his presence in the city that we arranged for a dinner in his honor, and Thackeray, when he learned of our plan, was particularly delighted. Nothing pleased him more than a good dinner with good company. He would sit the longest at the table of any man present; he was at his best around the festive board.

"I was particularly active in planning the dinner and extending invitations to it. The afternoon of the great day I sent a message to Thackeray's hotel to tell him that I would meet him there at a certain hour that evening and escort him to the feast. Pretty soon the messenger was back with the startling information that Mr. Thackeray was no longer stopping at the hotel.

"Much perturbed, I hastily made my way thither, and upon inquiry at the desk, I learned to my great astonishment that Thackeray that very morning had suddenly signified his intention of terminating his stay there, had his luggage packed, paid his bill and departed in a carriage. 'Gone where?' I asked. And the proprietor gave it as his opinion that the distinguished novelist had sailed for Europe but a few hours since.

"As quickly as I could I went to the office of the steamship line that had a sailing that day. Yes, Mr. Thackeray had arranged for accommodations just an hour or so before sailing time, and had barely caught the steamer. No, he had not left any message. Nor had he left at the hotel or anywhere else any message for me or any one else interested in honoring him at the dinner. He had departed for Europe unceremoniously, and, apparently, in a most discourteous manner.

"Of course the dinner, minus the guest of honor, was a flat failure. At it, and for some time after, Curtis and I were asked to explain Thackeray's curious conduct. We didn't even try to offer an explanation—to us his conduct was inexplicable. But weeks later I made some inquiries and was told that Thackeray, the morning of the festive day, was overwhelmed all of a sudden with a feeling of homesickness, and learning that a steamship was to sail that day, decided on the instant to take passage by it to England. Perhaps that was the true cause of his departure. But if it was it showed him to be a man of whims and moods, and that may explain much that so many persons regarded as mysterious or eccentric about him."

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Human Postoffice Rewarded

How Boy Who Acted as Cupid's Messenger for Thurlow Weed Became Treasurer of the United States.

Thurlow Weed must have been about eighty years of age when I said to him one day:

"An old friend of yours, Mr. Weed, told me yesterday to ask you about the delightful surprise you gave Mrs. Weed when you took her with you to Washington during Lincoln's first administration."

"Ah," he said, "it was a surprise and a delight for Mrs. Weed, and it is one of the sweetest memories of my married life. I will tell you about it.

"When I was a journeyman printer—for, you know, that was my trade—I came to be employed by a man in a little village near Herkimer, N. Y. Of course I was only a hired man—in reality not much more than a printer's devil, because all the odd jobs of the shop fell to me, the only employe—and so I was not of much consequence socially in the village. Nevertheless I had not been there long before I was greatly attracted by a young woman upon whom I cast sheep's eyes at every opportunity. I soon had reason to suspect that she was not displeased by my attentions, but after a while, when we had become so well acquainted that it was plain I purposed keeping company with her, there were parental objections, and I was practically forbidden the house.

"But, the saying is, you know, 'Love will find a way.' In that village there lived a barefooted, freckle-faced, tow-headed boy of Dutch descent. But he was as bright as a new dollar. One day I met him in the street.

"'Frank,' I said to him, 'do you suppose you could carry a note for me to a certain young lady so secretly that nobody but she would know it?'

"'I guess I could,' he replied.

"'Well,' do you suppose you could bring a note from her just as secretly?'

"'You try me and see,' the boy said.

"So I wrote a little note, discreetly worded, and delivered it to this Cupid's postmaster. A day later he came to me with a note which had been entrusted to him by the young lady. Later in the day—maybe it was the next day—I answered the note and gave my reply to the boy for delivery. In due time he brought me another note from the young lady; and thus we kept up a secret correspondence that lasted until I proposed, when all objection was removed to my paying attention to the young lady. Not long after that we were married.

"Well, one time when it became imperative for me to go to Washington during Lincoln's administration I took Mrs. Weed with me. 'My dear,' I said, after we had reached there, 'I should like to take you to the treasury department. I want you to meet a gentleman I know there.' And a little later we walked into the office of the treasurer of the United States.

"I took Mrs. Weed over to a desk at which a gentleman was sitting.

"'My dear, do you know who this is?' I asked.

"'No,' she had to confess.

"'What, you don't know our Cupid's postman?' I exclaimed in feigned surprise.

"Yes, there he was—no longer the barefooted, freckle-faced, tow-headed little village boy, but a full grown, handsome man—Francis D. Spinner. And you can imagine the surprise and delight of Mrs. Weed when she discovered in the treasurer of the United States the boy who had been the dumb and faithful little messenger of our courting days."

Mr. Weed might truthfully have added that, in return for the services Frank Spinner gave him in his courting days, he took every possible opportunity to befriend the lad as he grew up. And it was upon Mr. Weed's recommendation that President Lincoln named Mr. Spinner treasurer of the United States in 1861, a position that he filled with great credit until 1875, when failing health caused him to retire voluntarily. It was during his incumbency that women were first employed as clerks in the treasury department to take the place of the men who enlisted in the Union army.

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Douglas and the Clambake

Little Giant Mightily Pleased the People of Norwich, Conn., by His Tribute to the Native Institution.

Stephen A. Douglas, known from one end of the land to the other in the days of his popularity as the "Little Giant," was the first candidate for the presidency to take the stump in his own behalf. His determination to make a personal campaign for the presidency was not entirely to the liking of the conservative politicians of 1860, but I have been told that he excused his action by saying that Lincoln made his campaign for the same office, especially in the east, before he was nominated, and that it was vital that some one in authority should reply to Lincoln in that section of the country, there having been no opportunity for this to be done until after the presidential nominations had been made.

However that may be, I know personally that the "Little Giant" gladly accepted an invitation to speak to his countrymen at Norwich, Conn., the home town of William A. Buckingham, who a little later became one of the great war governors of the north—a town where Lincoln, in February of the same year, made an address which many persons said later saved Connecticut to the Republican party in the ensuing state election by the narrow majority of 541.

Great preparations were made for the Little Giant's appearance in the old town. In deference to his wishes for a meeting in the open—the usual type of political gathering in the west—a large common was selected for the scene of the rally, booths were set up to purvey lunch, consisting principally of oyster soup, and it was arranged that there should be a characteristic New England clambake at the end of the speechmaking.

It turned out to be a gala occasion. The farmers flocked in from miles around to see and hear Lincoln's great rival, and as they gazed on the little dumpy man with the great head, the great shock of hair and the large, cavernous eyes thundering forth at them from the speakers' stand, many were the comparisons they drew between him and the tall, gaunt, loose-jointed rail-splitter most of them had seen and heard speak in the same town a few months earlier.

Yet for all the diminutiveness of stature, Douglas held the close attention of the great gathering throughout his entire speech. My boyhood recollection of that speech is that it was a superb political and oratorical effort, but the impression that it made on me was slight compared with the effect caused by the impromptu postscript to the speech itself. His peroration delivered with all that power of oratory which he possessed to a superlative degree, Douglas paused for a moment and smiled expectantly into the sea of upturned faces before him.

"And now that I have had the privilege of addressing my fellow-citizens of this historic town," he continued, "I shall take advantage of the invitation given to me to participate for the first time in my life in a genuine New England clambake. Its aroma first reached me while I was in the midst of my speech. It has lingered in my nostrils ever since. It has tantalized me greatly. It is very inviting. And, with your permission, I will now step down from this platform and proceed to revel to my heart's content in your famous feast."

A mighty shout greeted this unexpected tribute to a much-loved native institution. Then they took the Little Giant to a place which had been prepared for him and feasted him. And when he had had a surfeit he sighed contentedly, beamed upon the gentlemen gathered about him in the tent (my father was of the number) and said: "Now, gentlemen, I shall go on my way rejoicing."

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Lord Clanricarde's Plaque

This Example of Goldsmith's Art Is One of the Greatest in the World.

One of the greatest Cinquescento jewels in the world is the Clanricarde plaque, owned by Lord Clanricarde, who is known as the Hermit Peer, and who claims direct descent from the kings of Connaught. He guards with jealous care this precious example of the goldsmith's art, keeping it safe from possible thieves and the common gaze in a bank vault, to which he goes occasionally with great secrecy to feast his eyes upon its magnificence. Some years ago, by royal request, he lent it to an art exhibition in London, where it was admired and coveted by some of the greatest connoisseurs of Europe.

The huge disk is as delicately wrought as a spider's web, and represents the figure of Hercules—wielding a diamond sword. The sword hilt is composed of a mass of perfectly matched steel-white stones, and a superb blue diamond scintillates from the hilt. The present owner inherited it from his mother, who was a Miss Canning before her marriage to the Irish lord, and the plaque is practically priceless. Aside from its value to collectors, and its worth as a specimen of rare and exquisite art it is incrusted with a fortune in jewels.

Clever Method of Bribing.

One of the cleverest bits of electioneering dodgery was devised by an agent who had been forbidden to corrupt the electors. He called a meeting and attended with his pockets full of gold. "I have to inform you, gentlemen," he began, "that there is to be no bribery on our side during this election. (Hear, hear!) For my part, I do not intend to give away a penny piece (Uneasy silence.) But I am afraid there are some d—d rascals in this room, and that presently they will lay me on the table and take 500 sovereigns out of my pockets." The next few seconds he spent upon the table.—London Chronicle.

Let Him Go Hungry.

Sometimes men do things out of selfishness rather than out of kindness. Recently a club woman told this story:

"An old couple came in from the country with a big basket of lunch to see the circus.

"The lunch was heavy. The old wife was carrying it. As they crossed a crowded street the husband held out his hand and said:

"'Gimme that basket, Hannah.'

"The poor old woman surrendered the basket with a grateful look.

"'That's real kind o' ye, Joshua,' she quavered.

"'Kind!' grunted the old man. 'Gosh. I wuz afeared ye'd git lost.'"

It takes a smooth tongue to sidetrack a bill collector.

The Onlooker

by WILBUR D. NESBIT

That Savings Bank

On January 1st I got a little savings bank;
I dropped a quarter in it with a very hopeful clank;
I said I'd put a dime in every time myself I shaved
And thus before I'd know it quite a sum I would have saved.
I tapped it with my knuckles just this morning and found
It gave forth quite a mournful, empty, hollow sort of sound.
No wealthy jingle-jingle came replying to my touch—
I guess I haven't shaved very much!

And furthermore I promised I would walk instead of ride
And thus of unspent carfares I'd put by a lot beside;
I figured that the walking would give me the exercise
That would reduce my belt-line and be helpful otherwise.
Six months, I calculated, of those dimes and nickels, too,
Would show just what the saving of such trifles ought to do.
But when I hear that hollow sort of jingle at my touch
I guess I haven't walked very much.

I figured how I'd cut out puffing all these big cigars—
I'll bet I've smoked enough of them to reach from here to Mars!—
I said I'd smoke a pipe now, and at every smoking time
I'd help the little nest-egg with a bright and shiny dime.
I shake the hollow bank—and do some swift arithmetic
That shows there is a reason why the money isn't thick.
My desk is cluttered over with a lot of stubs and such—
I haven't smoked a pipe very much.

Give me a piece of wire; I think I'll rob the little bank—
That quarter has a lonesome and a doleful sort of clank.
I cannot understand it. Why, it surely beats the Dutch—
A fellow cannot save very much!

Great Stage Effects Promised.

"In my new play," says the dramatist, "we will have a real wine dinner in the second act. The wine used will be opened on the stage in full view of the audience, and every effort will be made to attain perfect realism. The first rehearsal of the play began this morning at 10 o'clock. It is now 4 p. m. and the rehearsal probably ended at noon. I'll ask, though, and if they are working yet we'll go over and take a look at the show as it stands."

He summons a messenger and sends him to the theater. Soon the messenger returns.

"Well, boy, what is the word?"

"The stage manager gave me an introduction to all the cast and asked me to sit down and join them."

"What were they doing?"

"They've been rehearsing the second act all day."

Perfect Illusion.

Our inventive friend invites us into his music room.

"You will hear a perfect reproduction of a musicale," says he. "I have here, as you see, an automatic piano player."

We smile, saying that we have heard them play many a time, and that we are well aware of thier accurateness in rendering even the most difficult selections.

"But," he goes on, "I also have half a dozen phonographs that will begin talking as soon as the player begins playing, and will carry on a disconnected conversation during the entire time the selection is being rendered."

Her Winning Trait.

"They say that he proposed to her after she had entertained him at dinner one day, because he liked the bread so well," says the first fond friend.

"Yes, and she deceived him thoroughly," comments the second fond friend. "She can't bake anything to save her life."

"O, he knew that. But she has the money to buy all the bread they ever will want."

The Exception to the Rule.

"Hard work never harmed anybody," declared Mrs. Raspers, with a meaning look in her eyes, when her husband complains of a task that is awaiting him.

"It doesn't?" inquires her husband. "Well, you said you worked hard all yesterday afternoon cooking that pudding we had for supper last night, and if I hadn't eaten some of it I wouldn't have been awake all night with indigestion, and if I hadn't been awake all night with indigestion I would have felt more like working today."

Skeletonized.

"Wonder what has come over Muggsley of late. A year ago he was one of the most self-confident men you ever saw. But nowadays he seems afraid to say that his soul is his own. He hasn't any backbone at all."

"Didn't you hear about his getting married, and how his wife bosses him around, and—"

"O, he took a rib and lost his backbone."

Wilbur D. Nesbit