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THE CHARM OF CHRISTMAS

By Washington Irving

Of all the old festivals that of Christmas awakens the strongest and most heartfelt associations. There is a tone of solemn and sacred feeling that blend with our conviviality, and lifts the spirit to a state of hallowed and elevated enjoyment. The services of the church about this season are extremely tender and inspiring; they dwell on the beautiful story of the origin of our faith, and the pastoral scenes that accompanied its announcement; they gradually increase in fervor and pathos during the season of Advent until they break forth in full jubilee on the morning that brought peace and good will to men. I do not know a grander effect of music on the moral feelings than to hear the full choir and the pealing organ performing a Christmas anthem in a cathedral, and filling every part of the vast pile with triumphant harmony.

It is a beautiful arrangement, also, derived from the days of yore, that this festival, which commemorates the announcement of the religion of peace and love, has been made the season for gathering together closer again those bands of kindred hearts, which the cares and pleasures and sorrows of the world are continually operating to cast loose; of calling back the children of a family, who have launched forth in life and wandered widely asunder, once more to assemble about the paternal hearth—that rallying place of the affections, there to grow young and loving again among mementos of childhood.

There is something in the very season of the year that gives a charm to the festivity of Christmas. At other times we derive a great portion of our pleasures from the mere beauties of nature. Our feelings sally forth and dissipate themselves over the sunny landscape, and we "live abroad and everywhere." The song of the bird, the murmur of the stream, the breathing fragrance of spring, the soft voluptuousness of summer, the golden pomp of autumn; earth, with its mantle of reshing green, and heaven, with its deep, delicious blue and its cloudy magnificence, all fill us with mute but exquisite delight, and we revel in the luxury of mere sensation. But in the depth of winter, when nature lies despoiled of every charm and wrapped in her shroud of sheeted snow, we turn for our gratifications to moral sources. The dreariness and desolation of our landscape; the short, gloomy days and darksome nights, while they circumscribe our wanderings, shut in our feelings also from rambling abroad, and make us more keenly disposed for the pleasures of the social circle. Our thoughts are more concentrated; our friendly sympathies more aroused. We feel more sensibly the charm of each other's society, and are brought more closely together by dependence on each other for enjoyment. A season when heart is calling unto heart. The pitchy gloom without makes the heart dilate on entering the room filled with the glow and warmth of the evening fire. The ruddy blaze diffuses an artificial summer and sunshine through the room, and light up each countenance with a kindlier welcome. Where does the honest face of hospitality expand into a broader and more cordial smile

—where is the shy glance of love more sweetly eloquent—than by the winter fireside? And, as the hollow blast of wintry wind rushes through the hall, clasps the distant door, whistles about the casement, and rumbles down the chimney, what can be more grateful than that feeling of sober and sheltered security with which we look around upon the comfortable chamber and the scene of domestic hilarity?

Amidst the general call to happiness, the bustle of the spirits, and stir of the affections, which prevail at this period, what bosom can remain insensible? It is, indeed, the season of regenerated feeling—the season for kindling more merely the fire of hospitality in the hall, but the genial flame of charity in the heart.

Surely happiness is reflective, like the light of heaven; and every countenance, bright with smiles and glowing with innocent enjoyment, is a mirror transmitting to others the rays of a supreme and ever-shining benevolence. He who can turn churlishly away from contemplating the felicity of his fellow-beings, and can sit down darkling and repining in his loneliness when all around is joyful, may have his moments of strong excitement and selfish gratification, but he wants the genial and social sympathies which constitute the charm of a merry Christmas.

PANHANDLE PEOPLE ARE SAFE IN MEXICO

Clarendon, Tex., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Richard Walsh, wife of the well known Panhandle cattleman, tonight received a telegram from Madero, Mex., stating that her mother and brother were in no danger. Murray Fuller, brother of Mrs. Walsh, has been in charge of the electrical plant at Madero for several months, and recently her mother, Mrs. D. E. Fuller, went there to visit him. No word had been received from them for some time and she was apprehensive that some misfortune had overcome them. Fighting has been going on there for several days but apparently the situation is well in hand. Madero is at the end of the Mexico and Northwest railroad.

Read the Informer.

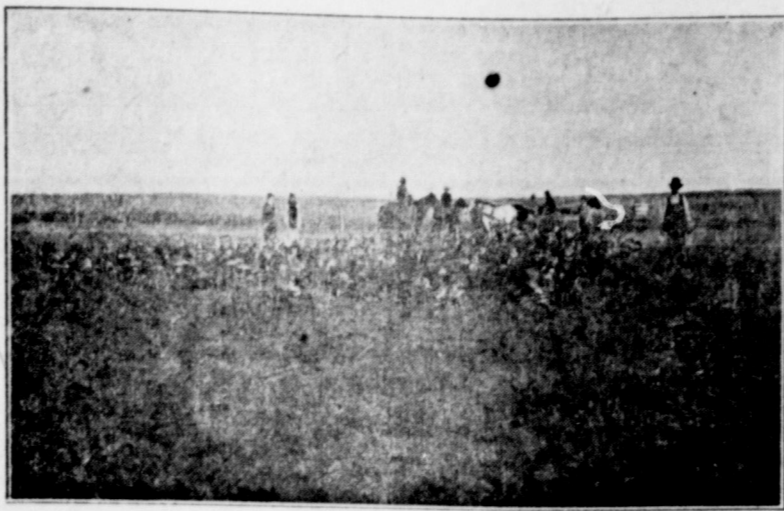
Many People

are willing to sacrifice themselves and their children to prejudice, or "what will people say?"

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by children with defective eyes often results in the greatest suffering—some times permanent disability of one who might otherwise become a power in the world.

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A GEORGIA VOLUNTEER

Author unknown

Far up the lonely mountain side
My wandering footsteps led;
The moss lay thick beneath my feet,
The pine sighed overhead;
The trace of a dismantled fort
Lay in the forest nave,
And in the shadow near my path
I saw a soldier's grave.

The bramble wrestled with the weed
Upon the lonely mound;
The simple headboard rudely writ
Had rotted to the ground.
I raised it with a reverend hand,
From dust the words to clear,
But time had rotted all but these.
"A Georgia volunteer."

I heard the Shenandoah roll
Along the vale below;
I saw the Alleghanies rise
Toward the realms of snow;
The valley campaign rose to mind;
Its leaders name, and then
I knew the sleeper had been one
Of Stonewall Jackson's men.

He sleeps; what need to question now
If he were wrong or right?
He knows ere this whose cause is just
In God the Father's sight.
He wields no warlike weapon now,
Returns no foeman's thrust;
Who but a coward would revile
An honest soldier's dust?

Roll, Shenandoah, proudly roll,
Adown the rocky glen;
Above thee lies the grave of one
Of Stonewall Jackson's men.
Beneath the cedar and the pine,
In solitude austere,
Unknown, unnamed, forgotten lies
A Georgia volunteer.



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HEDLEY, TEXAS

JASPER M. BROKAW WEDS MISS O'FIEL

The following announcement was received at the Informer office this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dubbs and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dubbs announce the marriage of their sister Mary Emily O'Fiel to Mr. Jasper M. Brokaw December the fourth, nineteen hundred ten.

The wedding occurred at Clarendon and Mr. Brokaw and wife are now at their home near Hedley.

We are told that the bride is a highly accomplished and beautiful young lady who was popular in the circle in which she lived.

Mr. Brokaw is a prominent young man of this vicinity and has many friends who congratulate him upon his securing so fair a bride.

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E. L. YELTON, the barber.

Just received a nice line of glassware. If you need anything in this line and looking for bargains, come to A. N. Wood's.

THE COMING OF PEARL

When the Besingers tell the story of Pearl they always apologize. As Mrs. Besinger says, you really can't expect people to believe anything which sounds so much like a cheap 'arce made out of whole cloth.

"If I really did make it up," she adds protestingly, "I'd have invented a story that sounded more reasonable. And how could it ever be reasonable or any girl to be named Pearl Beamblossom? But she was

"Arthur brought her first letter some to show me so I'd know it was all real. He said he was afraid that otherwise I'd insist he simply had an intoxicated imagination. You see, Pearl wrote from some little village out in Kansas that she wanted to come to Chicago and study music at Arthur's musical college. She said she knew she had talent, because every one told her so, and she was going to make it her life work and would he write her prices? As if he were selling suits or hats wholesale, you know!

"Arthur had quite a correspondence with Pearl. He attended to it himself, instead of turning it over to his secretary. He said he needed mental recreation, anyhow.

"Well, Pearl wrote that she would come and asked Arthur to get her a place to board, as she was a stranger in the city. I had become inter-

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Clarendon, Texas

TEXAS WEALTH IS FAST INCREASING

Austin, Tex., Dec. 2.—The exact wealth of Texas, as disclosed by the 1910 tax rolls, announced today by the comptroller is \$2,382,637,058. This is an increase of \$12,941,504 over the estimate made last August for the tax board, and an increase of \$72,833,432 over 1909. This increase is not as large as was the increase of 1909 over 1908 when it was \$132,752,521. At that time the full rendition law went into effect.

stated in her, for, in spite of her cheap notepaper and cramped writing and general ignorance, I could tell from her letters that she was sincere. So I found her a room in a nice, reasonable boarding house on a side street near us and Arthur sent her the address.

"Then he got a short note from his prospective pupil. She said she would arrive at the Union station the next Wednesday evening and would he please meet her, as she didn't know anything about street cars and where to go!

"That was a pleasing prospect spread out before him—dashing madly from gate to gate of the big station all evening trying to watch six or seven trains at once! As Arthur said, the catalogue of the college did not offer the services of the president as train porter for all arriving pupils. Still, I told him that he just had to meet Pearl.

"I knew the wife of an official of one of the roads running into the Union station, so I called up that official on the phone and he was very nice and accommodating. When he found the name of the town where Pearl lived he got out folders and time tables and figured that she had to come on one of two railroads. The evening train of the likeliest of the two roads got in at 8:10.

"We were due at a card party that evening, but Arthur met the train, with a taxicab waiting warranted to break the speed limit! Pearl was not on the train. Therefore Arthur hastened to the card party and dismissed her from his mind.

"Meanwhile Pearl arrived on the unlikely train about nine o'clock. Somehow—goodness knows how—she got to her boarding house. She had that address, you know, though she didn't know the name of the owner. Therefore when the door was opened to her ring about 10:30 she brushed right in past the maid, and when they began asking why she came she merely said that she had come to study music.

"So they decided she was crazy. She was dead tired and scared, you know, and her face was all over train soot and she carried a cheap little bag and wore a badly cut coat and skirt. The more they questioned her the more tangled and bewildered she got and the more they were afraid of her.

"Finally she mentioned Mr. Besinger's name and the maid told her where our house was. The boarding house owner was not in, so nobody knew about the room I had engaged.

"When Pearl rang the door bell at our house and got the maid out of bed that scandalized person, of course, refused to let her in. However, Pearl begged so piteously to be allowed to wait till we came home that the maid finally admitted her and sat up in the kitchen waiting with a carving knife in her hand till we came.

"Arthur let us in with his latchkey. When I stepped into the library and switched on the lights I jumped two feet and shrieked because I saw somebody curled up on the couch. It turned out to be Pearl Beamblossom asleep.

"Well, when Arthur had calmed us both, I turned Pearl into the guest-room and then I couldn't sleep. The shock of discovering her was too much for me, so an hour later I got up and began to prow around, as I've a habit of doing. As I passed the closed guest-room door I had an uncanny feeling that something was wrong, so I opened the door. Then I made one wild rush to fling the windows wide and wake Pearl.

"No, she hadn't really blown out the gas, but she had turned it off and then on again, not knowing how to deal with gas.

"I stayed in bed for two days after that awful night. Pearl Beamblossom nearly finished me as well as herself.

"What became of her? Indeed, she isn't a grand opera star or the subject of any fairy-story ending like that. Pearl went back to Kansas on Arthur's advice inside of two weeks. He said she didn't have any more voice than a Kansas rabbit!

"I hope she got married soon and changed her name!"

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AN EXPLANATION

Doubtless the readers of the Informer are wondering why the paper is late this week.

There has been so much to do toward getting our new office in shape for occupancy that we've been unable to do the necessary amount of work getting the paper out on time. For the same reason we have not as much news as usual.

We expect to get located in the next few days and then will devote our entire time to the work of issuing a paper that you will take pride in reading.

LET 'EM COME HERE

It is beginning to dawn upon Northern farmers that to pay \$150 for land where the winter lasts six months of the year, is rank folly, as long as Northwest Texas lands can be had for less than one-fifth of that amount. Our country has never received half the advertising that British Columbia has been getting for instance, still here the wheat grower does not have a race with frost. He can raise crops here that he could not think of in the bleak North, where he is house bound by the elements a goodly portion of each year. Population is naturally gravitating toward the Southwest; the natural health resort of the United States, where the climate the year

around is a joy and a comfort. Where the women are lovelier, and the men better, stronger and brighter than anywhere else on earth. Come to Northwest Texas, where the long sought for El Dorado has been located at last.—Tribune Chief.

WHICH MEMPHIS

In a recent issue the Denison Gazetteer made the statement that there were now 1500 saloons in Memphis running full blast. Now as our esteem cotemporary did not infer whether Memphis, Tennessee, Memphis, Texas, or Memphis, Missouri, was meant there may, some few who have never heard of the Tennessee metropolis or its Missouri namesake and as everybody has heard of Memphis, the metropolis of the Upper Red River Valley, we fear the impression might be made that this city had 1500 saloons open for business. The result would be a wholesale influx of booze fighters and saloon bums and the partial depopulation of Fort Worth and San Antonio. The fact that any town will support one saloon is a disgrace to say nothing of 1500. Therefore we are perfectly willing for the doubtful distinction to go Memphis, Tennessee, and we hope that not a single poor deluded soul will emigrate to Memphis under the impression that it has suddenly become a boozers paradise.—Hall County Herald.

"THE DOLLAR"

By CHARLES E. BONTE

There is no sentiment about a dollar. It rests peacefully in the filthy pockets of a beggar as it does in the silken purse of the millionaire. It's a blanket that covers a multitude of sins. It brings joy today—it's the cause of sorrow tomorrow. It never speaks—yet it talks. It circulates freely—yet it keeps in hiding. It's the ruin of a million; it lifts millions out of the depths of despair. It comes with promise of gladness. It leaves many disappointments. We tremble at its strength yet we crush it with one hand. It's always the same—yet it's ever changing. The lack of it promotes industry. The excess of it causes idleness. It creates trouble—it brings peace. It makes one restful—it makes one restless. It lubricate the axle the world revolves upon. Withal, it's a silent friend. Without it we perish.

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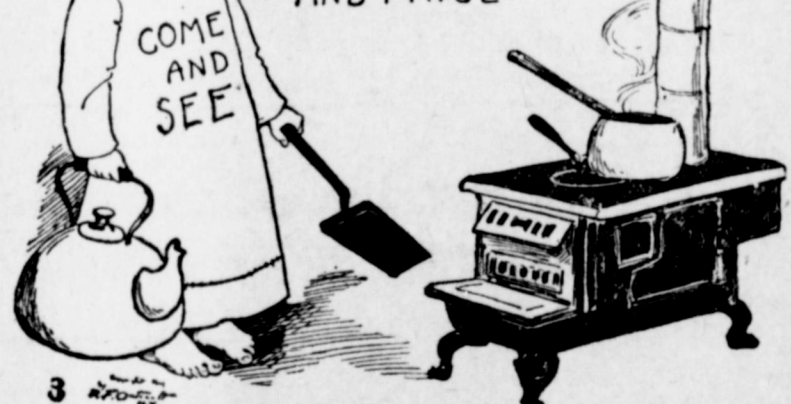
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'Tis true that Christmas comes but once a year, and with it the good cheer that is more real than many would have us believe. So why not get all the GOOD we can out of the spirit of the season and make it a time to be long remembered? One reason why everybody is so happy is because they have been called upon to sacrifice for some one else. They have been anticipating the pleasure that will be theirs when their gift is opened by the one for whom it is intended, and this anticipated pleasure soaks into every crack and crevice of their nature until they are literally extending good cheer from every pore. It's a bad time of the year to have stricture of the pocket book. No man can be happy at Xmas time who tries to get a strangle hold on every cent in sight; some how or other the money saved won't begin to give him the pleasure that it would if used to make somebody else happy. He surely is to be pitied who does not try to add to the Christmas cheer by doing something for somebody else.

We once heard of a man who was so mean that he bought half a chicken for Christmas dinner. He would not have been half so extravagant were it not that his wife had raised a rough house. He went to buy the chicken himself and tried to make a deal with the butcher whereby he was to receive the half with the head on. When asked why he wanted the head he replied that they intended to make head cheese out of it. This man lost the good cheer that is reflected in the happy faces of the children, the contentment of the "heads" of families when the boys and girls are home, the merry greetings of friends, and the spirit of unselfishness that vibrates in the very air.

Don't let anything rob YOU of your share of the things that count most this coming Xmas tide. Lay your plans early for making as many happy as you possibly can. REMEMBER! It is not WHAT you put into your gifts in the way of money, but it's your thoughtfulness for the other fellow that causes him to tingle with pleasure.

If you have never tried going outside your circle of friends at the JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TIME, just try it this once. There are many who are deserving whom old Santa will overlook unless you take it upon your self to slide down the chimney. MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS HAPPIER BY MAKING A HAPPY ONE FOR THEM.

Now as to putting into practice what we preach: TO THE FAMILY OR PERSON BUYING THE MOST GOODS OF ANY KIND AT OUR STORE FROM NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS EVE WE ARE GOING TO GIVE THE \$10.00 DOLL now on display in our show window. We realize this is somewhat of a sacrifice but the happiness of the recipient of this beautiful doll on Christmas morning will doubly pay for the doll. We will give you a slip of your total purchase and enter your name upon the list, and each additional purchase will be added from time to time, and if you wish your purchase to be credited to some one else we will cheerfully do so. The amounts will be totalled on Christmas Eve and the doll given to the person buying the most. The contest will start on Monday morning December 12th and continue until dolly is handed over to the lucky person. Your purchase will be applied on anything bought in our store.

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SOUTHERN FARM LANDS

Not since the Civil War, possibly, has the South attracted so much public attention as it is doing just at this particular time, a fact that is largely due to certain conditions that have prevailed there in the past and which have now reached a point where through force of circumstances a great change is being brought about. We have reference particularly to the lumber interests that for a long time have predominated the South. Much of the virgin soil of that section of country has been under the control of these interests because of the valuable timber produced and which from the standpoint of the lumbermen was worth to them more than the land itself, for the reason that they were in the lumber business and were not interested in land from the farmers' standpoint. Now, however, that the timber is being rapidly marketed and the land cleared in consequence, it has become available for farm land and is being offered at this time for that purpose. Large tracts have already been disposed of in small parcels to many who desire to settle in the South and it is altogether probable that during the next few months the sales will be unusually large.—Home Life.

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THE ANIMAL MIND

When an animal acts in obedience to its purely physical needs and according to its anatomical structure, as when ducks take to the water, or hens scratch, or hogs root, or woodpeckers drill, etc., we do not credit it with powers of thought. These and similar things animals do instinctively. When the wood mice got into my cabin the other day and opened two small glass jars of butter that had loose tin tops, I did not credit them with anything like human intelligence, because to use their paws deftly—digging, climbing, manipulating—is natural to mice. I have seen a chipmunk come into a house from his den in the woods and open a paste-board box with great deftness and help himself to the nuts inside, which, of course, he smelled. We do not credit a bird with rational intelligence when it builds its nest, no matter how skillfully it may weave or sew, or how artfully it may hide it from its enemies. It is doing precisely as its forbears have done for countless generations. Hence it acts from inherited impulse.

But the monkey they told me about at the zoological park in Washington that had been seen to select a stiff straw from the bottom of its cage and use it to dislodge an insect from a crack showed a gleam of free intelligence. It was an act of judgment on the part of the monkey, akin to human judgment. In like manner the chimpanzee Mr. Hornaday tells about, that used the trapeze bar in the cage as a lever with which to pry off the horizontal bars on the side of the cage, and otherwise to demolish things, showed a kind of intelligence that is above instinct and quite beyond the capacity, say, of a dog.—John Burroughs in November Atlantic.

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POINT OF VIEW

"Hello, Brackett!" the commuter said to the man who was taking the seat opposite him in the train. "What are you doing in this part of the world?"

"We're renting in your neighborhood now," said Brackett. "We've been up on the road for a year or so."

"Strange I haven't seen you," said the commuter. "I take the 7:50 every morning of my life, except Sundays."

"I take the 8:10 usually," said Brackett. "But this morning I am in a hurry."

"I thought you owned your own place over on the north side," said the commuter. "I understood you didn't believe in renting."

"I don't believe in renting now, either," said Brackett, grimly, "unless it's other people's property I rent. I'm never going to rent any of my own any more."

"What's the trouble? Burned out?"

"No, I sold out."

"Why, it isn't any time since you told me it was a great thing to own houses or flats and rent them. Great investment, big profits and all that sort of thing. What's the reason?"

"Everything's gone up, including taxes and repair bills," said Brackett. "But that wasn't why we wanted to get rid of the buildings. We sold in order to save my wife's life."

"I hadn't heard that she had been ill."

"She wasn't. It was her nerves. You see, she was home in the daytime and we had the misfortune to live in one of our own flat buildings."

"I should think that would be rather an advantage to a landlord."

"Well, it wasn't to the landlord's wife," Brackett laughed. "The doorbell rang from morning till night. The women would run in to complain about the hot water and the laundries. The children would stop on their way to school to say that the flat was cold or that the janitor couldn't be found. That was a funny thing, but, honestly, their prime grievance always was that the janitor did not stay in the building from morning till night."

"Some people are always afraid of fire or burglars."

"A few of the women were glad when he wasn't in the basement," said Brackett, "because they went on the supposition that I had hired an ex-convict for a janitor."

"I suppose he had his troubles?"

"He certainly did," said Brackett. "His experience in my building soured his disposition completely."

"It strikes me that you escaped most of the difficulties yourself."

"Indeed I did not," Brackett declared. "I paid the bills and settled claims. Have you any idea how many demands 12 families can make in a week?"

"I can imagine."

"No, you can't begin to imagine," said Brackett. "Why, they all wanted to be repapered every season, no matter how fresh the old paper was; they had to have newly varnished floors and half the window shades had to be new as well. Then there were endless plumbers' bills and the hall and stair carpets wore out so fast they made my hair stand on end."

"Nobody was ever satisfied with the apartment after he was once settled in it, an everybody's complaints plainly showed, but I noticed that the families seldom moved."

"That was a comfort, anyway."

"No, on the contrary, it wasn't," said Brackett. "After a tenant has been in a flat for a year he considers himself entitled to half your kingdom, and when he has stayed three years he is positively unbearable."

"I don't wonder you sold."

"Sold!" cried Brackett. "I'd have sold at a loss if the buyer had only known it. My wife has grown 20 years younger since we began to rent and I feel like a boy. Well, here's where I get off."

"Aren't you going all the way down town?"

"Not just yet," said Brackett, as he rose to leave. "I've got to stop here to see my landlord about repapering. Our walls are a perfect sight this spring and we must have new chandeliers in the two parlors. Our landlord is mighty close-fisted. Good-by."

"If you don't mind, I'll tell you a thing I ever heard of. It's this electric agitation for social saving banks," said Mrs. Pynnhead, with much spirit.

"And women should have votes!" growled Mr. Pynnhead. "What's your pet aversion to the scheme, Mrs. Morganfeller?"

"Why, you lowbrow," warmly retorted Mrs. Pynnhead, "what would be the sense in putting postal savings banks? Aren't aliums the proper place for them?"

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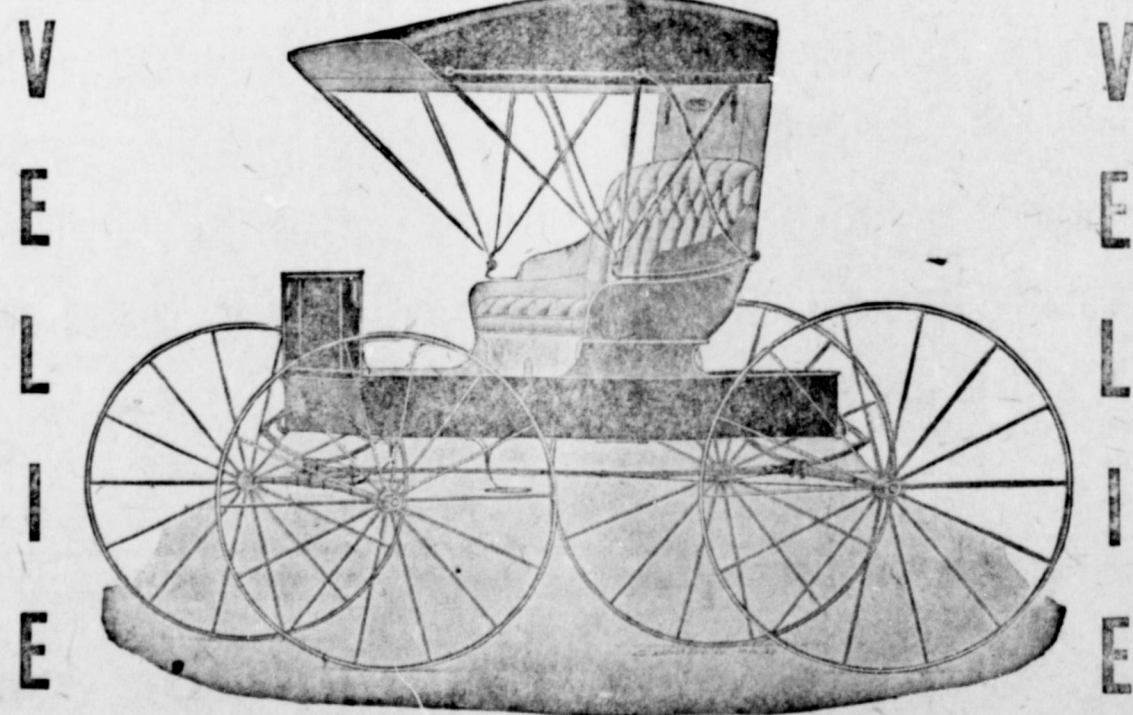
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Locals and Personals

Phone 47 Your Items of News--We Want Them.

G. A. Wimberly spent Sunday in Memphis.

E. Z. Hart and the editor spent Sunday in Memphis.

S. I. Paradise of Lubbock was in town this week.

O. H. Britain had a lot of kaffir threshed this week.

J. W. Bond and son were in Memphis Saturday.

J. D. McCants braved the fierce wind Monday to town.

N. R. Darnell made a business trip to Clarendon Tuesday.

R. E. Harris transacted business in Clarendon Tuesday.

Ladies' up-to-date Sweater Coats for sale at J. A. ADAMS.

Rev. E. Dubbs, a noted book author, is in Hedley this week.

We have in a beautiful line of men's ties--give us a trial.

J. A. Adams.

Odem, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Curley, has been quite sick this week.

Ladies--If you want a good bargain in Opera Silk SCARFS call on J. A. ADAMS.

Mrs. C. B. Stephens of Eli came Saturday to visit her brothers, the Cates boys.

Mesdames Dayton Shelton, F. A. Killian and W. R. Rains went up to Clarendon Tuesday.

E. R. Haynes of Lubbock, an old acquaintance of the writer, was in Hedley last Saturday.

Rev. G. A. C. Roy moved in this week from Post Oak, Texas. We are glad to welcome Mr. Roy and family to this fine community.

All hunters are warned not to hunt on my place. C. F. Doherty.

All hunters are warned not to hunt in my pasture.

A. F. Waldron.

Sunday was a nice warm day, but Monday--whoopie! the wind and dust played hide and seek.

Mrs. A. O. Sarvis of Amarillo visited her parents-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Sarvis, this week.

Mr. Richey's team ran away with the wagon Monday during the sand storm. No damage was done.

We are over stocked on Over-shoes, and will give you a good bargain. Come in and see.

J. A. ADAMS.

C. E. Blankenship has moved to Oran, Texas. The Informer will keep him posted as to Hedley happenings.

The crop of kaffir corn on the Dishman place was threshed out this week and amounted to about 4225 bushels.

Mrs. Willis of Clarendon and Mrs. Alexander of Canadian, mother and sister of E. H. Willis, were here the latter part of last week.

Will Hamblen of the south plains visited his parents at Rowe last of last week. He reports his brother Dave convalescing nicely from the typhoid fever.

Miss Long and Mr. Short will be married Friday evening at 7:30, December 16, at the school house, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church. Admission ten cents.

LONELINESS OF IT

Pining, then, for the seclusion that dances attendance upon the dwellers in flats, we moved from the country to the city, gayly, happily and with never a thought of care, for, as I mentioned to Josephine and as Josephine mentioned to me, the quiet and peace mentioned to me.

"Augustus!"
"My love?"
"Augustus! I had two callers today. The strangest women!"

Thus my Josephine upon my return from the marts of trade in the evening of the first day after we had settled in our apartment and had begun to live the life that we desired, unseeing and unseen.

"The strangest women!" repeated she, my love, and her eyes were large with bright amazement and her lips quivered, whereby I knew that thereby hung a tale. "The first one rang the doorbell in the morning and asked me if I'd lend her a saucerful of salt. She staid an hour, Augustus, and she told me all."

"All my love?"
"Augustus, she told me all. That is to say," added Josephine, thoughtfully, "all except herself. The second woman told me that."

"She, too, wished to borrow a saucerful of--"

"No, Augustus. She lives in the apartment above, and a handkerchief which was drying in her kitchen blew out of her window and lodged upon our fire escape. When I went for it I could not find it; it had blown somewhere else, but she said, 'Never mind it, then,' and she staid an hour, Augustus! I know what every one has for dinner."

"First floor front: roast beef, spinach and beets; first floor rear: beefsteak, onions and potatoes; second floor front: leg of lamb, mint sauce and broccoli; second floor rear--"

Whereat I stopped her with a gesture of absolute helplessness, saying:

"Tell me--"

Whereat she stopped me, murmuring:

"Sh!"

Leaning then over, she whispered: "Everyone can hear what everyone says. The walls are thin."

And reverting to the mystery of ev-

eryone's dinner, she whispered:

"I saw them on the dumb waiter." And leaning over still further, her eyes large with the news she brought, she breathed:

"I smelled them cooking, too!"

And almost in a pantomime--

"The folks above have corned beef and cabbage! And they go in strong for cheese!"

Thus lived we in the privacy of our apartment.

"Augustus!"

"Augustus! The janitor and his helper were in our kitchen all day today. A pipe!"

Thus said my Josephine in the evening of the third day after our arrival into the life of a great city.

"A pipe?" I said.

"Leaked!" whispered she, my Josephine. "They had to put everything out into the hall, and even then they didn't finish it. They'll be back again to-morrow."

The next day was Saturday, and returning early home I helped to entertain the janitor and his assistant, holding their tools for them, handing them the oil can and performing other little offices, while on a swinging bridge in front of the house a painter brightened our woodwork, his gaze frankly and reflectively meeting ours whenever we chanced to look at him.

Thus flourished we.

But it was in the evening that we found our greatest measure of seclusion, rest and quiet. Of the distant elevated and the nearer surface cars

I speak not, caring not, or the woman in the first floor rear (she who loves her beefsteak and her onions) I speak not, notwithstanding the passionately sad ballads she sings with such a quiver of voice that my love bursts into tears; of him on the sixth floor who breathes tender secrets into his flute I speak not; it is the conversations that rest us the most; intimate conversations, personal and private conversations, floating to us from the windows of the court or permeating through the walls, and hearing which Josephine sometimes looks at me and smiles, and sometimes looks at me with a new alarm, whispering imploringly:

"Augustus!"

To which I make my fond reply as ever:

"My love!"

"Augustus! Be careful to whom you speak in these apartments!"

And leaving her remark a mystery, she solved yet others.

"Augustus!"

"My precious one!"

"Augustus! Did you ever hear anything like these sparrows?"

Thus did she solve another mystery for every morning had my sleep been broken by a chattering hitherto undetermined. Looking out, I saw a flock of sparrows swirling around the house and looking in at the windows.

Bold and brazen they were, as big as hens almost with fighting faces and domineering chirps, and when I looked out at them they looked back impudently, sharpening their beaks with savage emphasis on the fire escape and daring me to come out and be pecked.

"At least," I cried unto my love, "at least I shall be careful how I speak unto the sparrows!"

"One Touch of Nature."

He was very black and very ragged and dirty, and he was being slowly pulled up on top of a granite block to the still uncompleted roof of the big office building. Just as he started his hat flew off and lodged itself back of a scaffolding down a little side street. He hesitated and was lost; the hat was too far away and the block on which he sat was nearly up to the second story. He was in despair.

Just then a well-dressed man with smoothly cut gray hair and an expensive panama took in the situation. He dived under the scaffolding, rescued the tattered and greasy felt hat, emerged breathless and red-faced and threw it upward just in time for the workman to catch it. And the passer-by smiled his sympathy as this democratic friend in need went his distinguished way.

A Chinese Hero.

At Le-ping Hsien is a statue draped in full dress of a mandarin (the Pu ting or police master named Chin, who gave his life for the people. An exile who was in the camp at Jaochow and who owed the Hsien (District Magistrate) a grudge, rode a black horse to Lo-ping, and having killed the Hsien, got back for the Jaochow roll call next morning.

As the murderer could not be found, orders came from the capital that a large number of people should be killed. To prevent this slaughter of innocent folk the Pu ting, a good old man, said he stabbed the Hsien after a few words over the wine cups, and he was consequently beheaded. No resident of the district would deal the fatal blow, but an itinerant cobbler or bamboo worker did it for a reward of 40 taels. Tradition adds that he was struck dead by lightning after leaving the execution ground.

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