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They add to your security; they form a receipt for bills paid; they obviate the necessity of carrying currency around and of making exact change; they form a written record of expenditures.

This bank offers the convenience of a checking account and of an affiliation with a modern financial institution.

The First State Bank
OF HEDLEY, TEXAS
GUARANTY FUND BANK

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And the following made donations of various amounts of less than one dollar each:

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FOR SALE

For a short time I am offering my farm of 151.83 acres, adjoining the town of Hedley, Texas, on the north, for sale. There is 10 or 12 acres of this land inside the corporate limits of Hedley; would make a fine addition to the town. This is one of the best farms of its size in the county. With a good cash payment down, could give long time on deferred payment. If interested see owner on premises.

R. W. Scales, Owner,
Hedley, Texas.

DENTAL OFFICE at Mrs. Crawford's residence, next to Hotel Wayland.

TWO CARS OF COAL RECEIVED IN HEDLEY

The arrival Tuesday of two cars of coal, billed to the Cicero Smith Lumber Co., has relieved for a time a condition that was rapidly becoming serious. The local Coal Distribution Committee has charge of affairs and is issuing cards to those in need of fuel, in 500 pound lots. More coal will be needed at once unless the weather moderates.

(We are glad to add that since the above was put into type the weather has moderated. Hope we don't have to make another postscript before the paper goes to press).

The Informer was allotted its full quota of coal out of the shipment that arrived this week, and even if the cold wave continues we will probably be able to get out this issue of the paper. Not that the editor himself needs any coal—his creditors will make it hot enough for him; but a legible paper has never yet been printed with near-frozen ink. It can't be did.

Associated Press dispatches yesterday brought the glad news that the coal strike is ended, President Wilson's proposal having been accepted by the miners. Restrictions on coal are to remain for a period, however, that the shortage caused by the forty days tie up may be overcome. Meantime the railroad and fuel administrations will bend every effort to place the country on a normal basis in record time.

SEE THE BIG BEAR

at Moreman & Battle's store.

NOTICE, CITY TAX PAYERS

The City Tax Rolls are at the First State Bank, and Mr. J. R. Benson will receive and receipt for all taxes paid. Some of these taxes are now delinquent, and you will do well to attend to this before it becomes necessary to make up the list and advertise the delinquents, as that will put you to added expense.

By Order of
The City Council.

Rev. J. M. Mizzell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, left first of the week for Cleburne, where he was called by a message announcing the serious illness of his son's wife. He will probably not return in time to conduct services at his church the coming Sunday.

LOST: In Hedley, dress coat, with initials S. C. R. on inside pocket; bill lading in pocket for two mares shipped to Cleburne, Texas. Finder please mail bill lading to Cleburne, or return coat to the Informer office or S. C. Richerson.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
Preaching at 5:45 p. m.
Come to church.
Cal C. Wright, Pastor.

Give your stomach a Christmas present by having your teeth fixed up and your mouth restored to a sanitary condition.

Chas. W. Kinslow was in Kansas City two or three weeks ago in attendance upon the Royal Stock Show. He reports a big show and an enjoyable trip.

ANOTHER NEW CAR OF Furniture!

just arrived, including the latest and best in Parlor Suits, Bedroom Suits, Nuofold, Kitchen Cabinets, etc.

Big stock of Auto Casings and Tubes, Queensware, Leather Goods—in fact, everything carried in a first class Hardware and Furniture store.

ALSO CAR OF NEW WAGONS

Moreman & Battle
Everything in Hardware and Furniture

Turkeys Produce

Am still paying the top of the market for All Kinds of Country Produce. Bring them in and get the money.

Come by and get some of these fine Apples to take home with you. They'll soon be gone.

Phone 93

R. S. Smith
The Produce Man

This Bank Is Still doing business

at the same old stand, caring for all deposits entrusted to it, returning them safely on call, extending needed accommodation to customers, rendering a service safe, careful, satisfactory.

You should have an account here.

Guaranty State Bank
HEDLEY, TEXAS

Every Thrifty Woman

SHOULD VISIT OUR STORE WHILE OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE IN ALL LINES.

High Grade Merchandise

BOUGHT BEFORE THE BIG ADVANCE IN THE MARKET, AND WE ARE SELLING AT PRICES BASED ON COST -- SAVING YOU MONEY, AND MAKING MONEY BY INCREASING OUR VOLUME OF BUSINESS.



GOAT SUITS

which are already marked close in our store, **take Big Reductions the 25th.**

There's nearly a full season of wear ahead; and right now you'll find our assortment in splendid condition. Every woman who needs a new suit should come and inspect our display, for such values as these are not to be had everywhere.

A Beautiful Assortment of

DRESSES

all-wool French Serge, trimmed, Military braid and buttons; Tricotine with new vest effect, sizes 16 to 44, and are priced **\$11.50 up to \$40.** These dresses are extra values and have to be seen to be appreciated.

PRICE COMPARISONS

The idea of "getting something for nothing" is almost gone these days, and most women know that such a statement as a \$75.00 suit for \$49.50 cannot be entirely true. In the first place, a garment on which such a mark-down as that has actually been taken, was either originally marked at an abnormal profit, or has something decidedly wrong with it. Our merchandise is sold on a close margin to begin with, and a mark-down of but a few dollars will give you a better bargain in the end.

COTTON GOODS BARGAIN

Heavy Standard count Outing Flannel, light and dark patterns, including stripes, checks and plaids. Light patterns, 25c yard; dark, 30c.

36 inch Bleached Domestic, Sheeting, Pillow Tubing. Better buy all you will need for Spring. They will be from 10 to 25 cents per yard higher later on.

Utility and Golden Horn Gingham, very desirable patterns, in checks and plaids, good quality, fast colors, at 35c a yard.

Kilbunny 32-inch Gingham, beautiful soft finish, very desirable patterns in plaids and solid colors.

BLANKETS

This cold weather reminds you of good and warm Blankets. We are showing wonderful values at \$3.75, \$5.00, \$6.00 up to \$15.00 pr.

TRUNKS, SUIT CASES

and Traveling Bags. Buy one make your Holiday trip.

STETSON AND WORTH HATS

for Men. Staples and Novelties for dress wear. Priced from \$3.00 up to \$10.00.

STAR BRAND SHOES

All-Leather Shoes Wear Longer Hold Their Shape Better

Ladies' Dress Shoes, long vamp, latest styles, come in black kid, mahogany brown and field mouse grey, A B and C widths, and are priced \$7.00 up to \$15.00.

Men's and boys' dress and work shoes, \$3.50 up to \$12.00. Buy now and save \$1.50 to \$3. They are worth more on the present market.

Overshoes and Rubbers, at \$1.00 up to \$3.50.

Men's and boys' Leggings, \$1.00 to \$1.35 pair.

LADIES' SILK HOSE

Come in black, dark brown, white and gray, and are priced at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00 a pair.

Lisle and Cotton, wonderful values at 25c, 35c, 50c, up to 85c a pair.

Children's Ribbed Hose

double heel and toe, sizes 5 to 9½, 25c and 35c pr. This is 10c and 15c pr. under present market price.

An extra good finish Lisle Hose for Misses, in black, white and dark brown, at 50c, 65c and 75c. Will have to sell to sell at 75c to \$1.00 in the Spring.

FOR MEN AND BOYS

About 25 men's and young men's all wool Serge and Cassimer Dress Suits just come in. These were bought on last February market and due in on back order. That's the reason we can sell 'em at \$20.00 up to \$35.00. Get one, and save \$10 to \$15 on a suit.

About 50 boys Blue Serge Suits, sizes 10 to 18, priced \$11.50 up to \$15.00. The same quality will have to sell for \$18.50 to \$22.50 on the Spring market.

A suit to keep the boy warm and wear like iron. About 50 suits of Moleskin, distinctive styles, sizes 8 to 18, and extra values for school wear at \$10.00.

Boys knickerbocker pants, heavy Corduroy, Moleskin, Cassimeres also Worsteds and Serges, priced \$1.00 up to \$4.00.

Mens Work Clothes, heavy moleskin trousers, Marx made Corduroys and khakis, at 25 per cent below today's market.

Sheep lined Coats and Overcoats, Lambsdown collars, water and wind proof. Best coat on the market. Get yours now; we can't replace them for the money.

Mens standard made 2 40 Denim Overalls, \$2.00 pair.

Mens Wool Shirts, back order, just received; grey, tan, brown; convertible collars. \$3.25 to \$7.50.

Dress Shirts, men and boys, newest patterns. \$1.50 to \$5.00

Mens and Boys' Sweaters—all styles and qualities—priced \$1.00 and up to \$10.00.



Cold Weather Calls for WARM DRESSY COATS

We are showing a large assortment in Silvertone, Bolo, Vellour and Pompom Cloth—bought on a lower market than prevails today, and are values you cannot equal elsewhere. Range from **\$11.95 up to \$49.75.**

JUST CAME IN—A Large Assortment of

Ripple Tail Sweaters

The colors are Salmon Pink, American Beauty, Old Rose, Turquoise and Navy. While they last at **\$9, \$10, \$11, \$12.50 and \$15.**

Special on Ladies' and Misses' Hats, closing out at **Half Price.**

OUR STOCK IS COMPLETE AND CANNOT BE SURPASSED IN QUALITY, STYLE, ASSORTMENT AND PRICE, ANYWHERE! Everything marked in Plain Figures, and STRICTLY ONE PRICE TO ALL. People compare our prices on all lines of merchandise with other towns, and then save money by coming to the M. & M. Store to do their buying.

THE M. & M. STORE

HEDLEY, TEXAS

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Groceries and Dry Goods

We are at your service with good, clean, fresh **QUALITY** Merchandise, priced as close as possible, and Service that is bound to please.

Armstrong & Cooper
DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES

DONLEY COUNTY AGENTS OAKLAND CAR

\$1225, Delivered

Always Ready to Demonstrate and Can Deliver Any Time

I. J. SPURLIN & SON

There's No Other Commodity On The Market

today, regardless of price, that will give you the unlimited service and comfort that a bill of lumber or other building material will.

Let us supply your needs.

J. G. Wooldridge Lbr. Co.
L. W. WILLIS, Mgr.

Come to us for

Lumber & Coal

Cicero Smith Lumber Co.

U. J. BOSTON, Manager

DR. B. YOUNGER

DENTIST

Clarendon, Texas

Dr. F. B. Erwin

Graduate and Licensed
VETERINARIAN

Inter State Inspector

Memphis, Texas

BANNER BUGGIES

Carload just received
THOMPSON BROS.

"WEST WIND CAMP FIRE"

"Old Santa" has already called on every member of the West Wind Camp Fire Girls.

Tuesday night, Dec. 9th, the Camp Fire Girls met at the home of Wilota and enjoyed a splendid evening. At 6:30 a program was rendered, every member taking part, as follows:

Silent Night—Camp Fire Girls.
Solitude—Chibiabos.
Piano duet—Nawadaha and Wawa.

Reading—Wenonah.
Piano solo—Nawadaha
Vocal quartette—Wynogene, Hiawatha, Algonquin, Nawadaha.
Reading—Knix.
Vocal quartette—Chelan, Wilota, Wawataysee, Nokomis.

Christmas Chimes—Minnehaha
Mammy Moon—Camp Fire Girls.

Quartette, ukulele, violin, piano and guitar—Algonquin, Soongetaha, Wawa, Nawadaha.

Then came the best part of all: "Old Santa" left us a Christmas Box which was opened by the guardian, Nokomis. Everyone received a popcorn ball, orange, and—a nice present. After the opening of the box, Wilota's mother surprised us all by bringing in refreshments, which were hot chocolate, cake and sandwiches. Then we adjourned, thanking our hostess for such an enjoyable evening, and wishing Christmas would come every other day.

Those present were: Nokomis (Alma Swift), Wawataysee (Ruth Hood), Wilota (Faye Moreman), Minnehaha (Zela Wood), Nawadaha (Lois Simmons), Algonquin (Dannie Mae Masterson), Wawa (Mattie Eva Lane), Wynogene (Lois Simmons), Chelan (Ella Kirkpatrick), Soongetaha (Madeline Bell), Hiawatha (Beulah Kirkpatrick), Chibiabos (Mayme Wood), Wenonah (Cloeteal Moreman), Knix (Ila Pool).

FOUND—A purse, at the Farr Grocery Co. Owner describe property and pay for this ad.

NOTICE TO PHONE PATRONS

This is to notify those in arrears for telephone service that they will be expected to pay up by Jan 1st. Otherwise we shall have to discontinue service to those who fail to do so.

Hedley Telephone Co.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a good gentle pony, anybody can ride or drive.
L. Spalding.

Commissioner J. G. McDougal attended to official duties at the county seat Monday. The Informer family went up with him and spent the day at the Joe M. Warren home. Had a fine day in spite of the raw weather.

WANTED—Man to clean up and keep up cemetery. Submit bids to Committee, and see them for particulars.
J. R. Boston, Chm.

John A. Lemmon of Giles was a business visitor in Hedley last Saturday. He is looking well again, having just about recovered from an appendicitis operation which he underwent some weeks ago.

NOTICE—Positively no hunting on Mrs. Perrine's farm, occupied by me.

F. M. Osborn.

TWO BULLS for sale. One registered.

R. G. Adamson.

Subscribe for The Informer

JEWELRY

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF HIGH GRADE JEWELRY SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WE'RE STILL OFFERING MANY RARE BARGAINS IN DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, ETC., that you can't afford to pass up. Don't take our word for it; come in and see for yourself.

WE PROTECT OUR CUSTOMERS

That in the **BEST** grades of merchandise there is an article now and then that does not give the wear it should, is a fact accepted by everyone.

When trading with us, we render you the best service possible, sell for less, and you receive the **BEST** in quality. In case an article does not give the service it should, **YOU LOSE NOTHING.**

We Guarantee Satisfaction

FORBIS & STONE



© Langham-High Clothes
Made by Leopold, Chicago

This store for men and boys offers many practical Christmas gifts. The custom of giving useful gifts is growing, as it should, and you will find our stock as varied and comprehensive as the pres-day market affords.

Do your Christmas shopping early.

HAYTER BROS.

The home of good clothes for men and boys
CLARENDON, TEXAS

THIS WEAK, NERVOUS MOTHER

Tells How Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Restored Her Health.



Philadelphia, Pa.—"I was very weak, always tired, my back ached, and I felt sickly most of the time. I went to a doctor and he said I had nervous indigestion, which added to my weak condition kept me worrying most of the time—and he said if I could not stop that, I could not get well. I heard something about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and my husband wanted me to try it. I took it for a week and felt a little better. I kept it up for three months, and I feel fine and can eat anything now without distress or nervousness."—Mrs. J. Worthine, 2342 North Taylor St., Philadelphia Pa.

The majority of mothers nowadays overdo, there are so many demands upon their time and strength; the result is invariably a weakened, run-down, nervous condition with headaches, back-ache, irritability and depression—and soon more serious ailments develop. It is at such periods in life that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will restore a normal healthy condition, as it did to Mrs. Worthine.

INDIGESTION Caused by Acid-Stomach

Millions of people—in fact about 3 out of 10—suffer more or less from indigestion, sourness or acidity. Nearly every case is caused by Acid-Stomach. There are other stomach disorders which also are due to Acid-Stomach—indigestion, flatulency, heartburn, belching, food not properly digested, etc. These are highly annoying conditions, which may also cause much distress in the stomach itself. Acid-Stomach is the result of an acid stomach. Acid-Stomach is the result of an acid stomach. Acid-Stomach is the result of an acid stomach.

EATONIC (FOR YOUR ACID STOMACH)

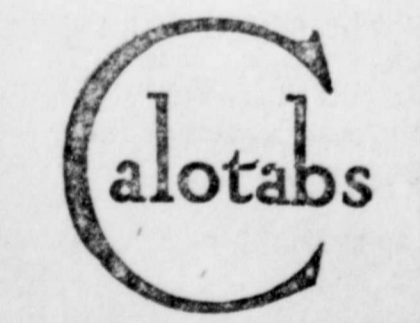
Experience. "That old teacher we had was as tough as leather." "I suppose that came from his practice in tanning hides."

Red Cross Ball Blue is the finest product of its kind in the world. Every woman who has used it knows this statement to be true.

Early Shopping. "You are beginning as usual 'Shop Early' rather ahead of the season." "Not at all. If you want to get to market before the best things are sold you want to start not later than 7 a. m."

His Lack of Consideration. "My boss ain't got no respect at all for his help!" crumbled Farmer Flint's hired man. "Why, consarn him, he'd just as quick call me a fool as he would his own son-in-law!"—Kansas City Star.

To abort a cold and prevent complications, take



The purified and refined calomel tablets that are nausealess, safe and sure. Medicinal virtues retained and improved. Sold only in sealed packages. Price 35c.

For Irritated Throats take a tried and tested remedy—one that acts promptly and effectively and contains no opiates. You get that remedy by asking for PISO'S

NEW DEPARTURES IN THE TROUSSEAUX



The little company of fine fabrics for underthings which women usually consider when the trousseau must be planned include batiste, muslin, wash silk, satin and crepe-de-chine. But crepe sergeotte had only to knock at the door and it was admitted to this charming company; the sheepest and simplest, but the least practical member of it. However, it is there among the others and destined to stay, for in spite of its delinquency it is not fragile. This is one of the new departures in the styles for underthings.

Not all undergarments are frilly and lace—there are many very plain things, simple and tailored, that content themselves with hem-stitching and perhaps a single trim little bow for decoration.

But not to this class belong the night dress and envelope chemise shown in the picture. Batiste and all the silks available for undergarments are to be had in printed designs similar to that used for these two pretty garments that are the glory of the trousseau. Here they are made of flowered wash silk, with frills of lace about the neck and sleeve openings and frills of ribbon about the bottom.

For the purpose of decorating, lingerie, ribbons and needle-work of various kinds have not found any rivals. Little chiffon roses find a place on the simplest garments and narrow ribbons are used in frills and shirtings on them. But these are for luxuries and little-used garments. On those that are more dependable, roses and bows that can be placed on and ribbons that can be easily taken out or put in, with the usual lingerie laces and stitchery, are used.



Silk and cotton, chambray or washable kid gloves, are preferred for gloves that must be often cleaned, and they are the only practical kinds for business women, or others who must wear them every day. Chambray—cloth that looks like chambray skin—is made in all the glove colors and white, and it is the most satisfactory material for everyday wear. Gloves made of it should be washed in lukewarm water with a bland soap, rinsed and hung up to dry. If stitched with black it is better to wash in cold water; squeeze as dry as possible in a soft towel and dry quickly to keep the black from running. Pieces of Turkish towel stuffed into gloves of this kind will help to prevent the color from spreading while they are drying, and also prevent drying in streaks, which sometimes happens when the gloves are hung up to dry without this precaution. With gloves as with stockings, it is best to have several pairs and wear them in rotation, washing them when soiled. Three pairs will insure clean gloves for a week, even in the smoke-laden air of cities.

Cotton and silk gloves may be very successfully darned, using a glove darning in the fingers. Double finger tips in silk gloves are worth the extra price they bring, for it is more difficult to darn silk gloves than cotton ones.

How to Care for Kid Gloves. There are right and wrong ways of putting on gloves. The right way does not injure them; the wrong way weakens and tears the skin or fabric in a very short time. Black kid gloves should be kept in paraffin or oiled paper. A black glove is a white skin painted. This paint will harden and dry if not properly cared for. All gloves should be kept away from salt or damp air as much as possible. They should be kept dry, but away from heat. Time and great care should be taken in putting them on the first time, so that the seams may not be stretched.

Cleaning Kid Gloves. After the gloves have been cleaned with petrol or benzine, and they are quite dry, place them on the hand and stroke firmly with a bone soapstone, beginning at the finger tips and working down to the wrist. This smooths and polishes the kid, and the gloves keep clean much longer.

Mending the Gloves. Use cotton thread for mending kid gloves, as silk thread will cut the kid. Do not use the over-stitch, as it always shows so plainly. Take a stitch on one side of the seam and then a stitch on the opposite side, and draw them together. This keeps the regular seam intact and conceals the fact that the glove is mended.

To Keep Evening Gloves Clean. To keep evening gloves clean in a street car or train draw a pair of loose white silk or hosiery gloves over the kid. The outer gloves may be easily drawn off and slipped into muff or pocket.

Long Gloves, Cut Off. Cut off the hand part of long gloves. The arm part is perfectly good. Take it to a glove factory, and have a short pair of gloves, that match in color, sewed on the arm part, or you can do it yourself, using a feather or embroidery stitch.

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Julia Rothman

LIVE STOCK



CARE FOR VACCINATED HOGS

Lack of Proper Attention Has Resulted in Material Losses Which May Be Avoided.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Improper care of hogs following their immunization against hog cholera, administered in public stock yards and after arrival at their destination, has resulted in losses which may be materially decreased. The following instructions for the prevention of losses are valuable:

"Shipments should be made promptly after immunization, or should be delayed for not less than ten days. Truck hauls and shipments not exceeding 30 hours in length can be made promptly to advantage.

"Avoid crowding; allow stocker hogs relatively more floor space than fat hogs.

"It is important that drinking water be constantly accessible to the hogs, except in severe winter weather. If the car does not contain special water devices, a water trough, protected by slats over its top, should be securely fastened to the floor.

"Little or no feed is necessary during the 24 hours following inoculation, but clean water should be accessible. Short-haul shipments need not be fed in transit.

"When hogs arrive at their destination they should not be driven over the roads, but hauled from the car to the farm in wagons or trucks. Load and unload gently. Avoid chasing and unnecessary excitement in handling. In summer, unload where there is natural woodland shade or shelter pens; in winter, where there are suitable clean, bedded houses.

"Protection against rain should be provided. Do not permit wallows in pasture or lot. The use of wallows by recently inoculated hogs may produce pneumonia.

"For the first two weeks, if it is in season, allow shipped hogs limited



Do Not Neglect Hogs After Vaccination Against Cholera.

fresh pasturage. If alfalfa or other leguminous pasture is not available, a supplemental concentrate should be supplied. If no pasture, use self-feeders for soaked oats, and separate ones for linseed or other protein concentrate. At the end of two weeks begin gradually to change to the permanent ration. Keep fresh, clean water always available.

"Watch your hogs carefully each day for failure to feed or other signs of disease or sickness. Have a quarantine pen and place sick hogs in it promptly.

"Short rations and a laxative may be used for slightly sick hogs.

"The appearance of any disease in which a number of hogs are similarly affected requires immediate expert advice and treatment. Consult your veterinarian."

REDUCE LOSS BY CHOLERA

Farmers Must Organize in Determined Effort Consisting of Self-Imposed Quarantine.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) Permanent reduction in losses from cholera, says the United States department of agriculture, can be expected only when farmers organize in a determined effort consisting principally of self-imposed quarantine, the continuous employment of sanitary measures and the early use of the serum treatment should the herd become infected or dangerously exposed.

PREVENT CROWDING OF PIGS

Properly Constructed Feed Trough Will Permit Each Little Piker to Get His Share.

Young pigs should be given their feed in such a manner that each individual pig gets its share. The simplest way to accomplish this is to allow the pigs to eat from a properly constructed feed trough, one that will keep the pigs out of the feed and will lessen the possibility of crowding

WRIGLEY'S

5c a package before the war

5c a package during the war

5c a package NOW

THE FLAVOR LASTS SO DOES THE PRICE!



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A Misunderstanding. "My back is to the wall." "When you scratch it don't mar the wallpaper."

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County—ss. Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1918. (Seal) A. W. Gleason, Notary Public. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Mucous Surfaces of the System. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio. F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

Another mistake a captain of industry sometimes makes is in talking to his hired hands like his wife talks to him.

Incline to nothing base. It is never too late to break yourself self of a bad habit.

When a bachelor meets the right girl he is apt to discover that he is the wrong man.

Insist on having Dr. Peary's "Dead Shot" for Worms or Tapeworm and the druggist will get it for you. It is the only Vegetable which operates after a single dose. L&V

Rather Mixed. "Jones has a nice job on his hands." "What is it?" "To put his son on his feet."

The Reason. "That girl swimmer has such a ringing voice." "Probably she is a diving belle."

GROW SHORTHORN BEEF

The Farnham Cattle Co., of California, recently marketed 100 three-year-old Shorthorn steers weighing 1,100 lbs. off grass. These steers had never tasted grain but had except the hay they had eaten. They had both size and quality, which is a Shorthorn characteristic. It says to grow Shorthorns. The breed colors are red, white and roan. For information, write to the American Shorthorn Breeders' Association, 13 Dexter Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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His Choice. "What drink would you offer an electrician?" "I suppose he would prefer current wine."

Japan's idea of China is the same as the hired girl's—that it was made to be smashed.

The real test of the song's popularity is the parody.

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STRAYED: From Sexauer pasture, east of town, a yellow Jersey cow, about eight years old, hump slipped off right horn. Will pay reward. Van Boone.

"Nope," once more. "Do you mean to tell me that the story you relieved left you without word?"

"Nope," said the private. "He said look out for Crowder; he's a crab!"



The days are frosty and cold. A good new Overcoat will shut it all out. Let us measure you for one. We can give you quick service. Try us.

O K Tailor.

The Informer is in receipt of a cheerful letter from J. Paul Sarvis, erstwhile Hedleyan who is now with the City National Bank in Dallas. From the tone of his remarks, H. C. of L. is a stranger to him, and he has no idea that there's a coal famine on. A particularly interesting part of the document was a neat blue slip bearing a short but beautifully worded message, for which we are to send him the Religious Weekly weekly. He also invites us to visit him, and we sure will the very next time meal time catches us that far away from the home plate. And, thank ye, ole timer.

FARM WANTED. Want to buy from owner improved farm near Hedley. Will come at once on good proposition.

J. V. Mills,
Dumas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Benson and little daughter, Pauline, were visitors in Wellington last Friday evening, returning next morning. Mr. Benson brought back news of a big fire in that city Friday night in which the Harrison gin was consumed.

NOTICE—All those owing me for scavenger work will please see Judge Hoggard, at the City Meat Market, and settle same.
G. W. Evans.

J. T. Craddock has returned from a trip to Amarillo, Umparger, Bushland, Vega, and other points. He claims it was a prospecting tour, but we know better. He just went away and stayed a few days to see how good he'd feel to get back home.

Hall Insurance, Fire Insurance, Life Insurance—all kinds of Insurance. See Geo. A. Ryan, Clarendon, Texas.

The Public School Teachers of Childress, Collingsworth, Donley and Hall counties will convene in joint institute in the high school building at Memphis Monday, Dec. 15th, 1919, to remain in session until Dec. 19th inclusive.

Jim Sherman, Member National Collectors' Association, Clarendon, Texas.

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Houston, Texas.—"I was in a terribly run-down condition of health after a siege of ptomaine poisoning, and then the influenza. I could not seem to regain my strength and was really not able to do my household work. I knew I needed a good tonic and builder and remembered how my folks used to regard Dr. Pierce's remedies as a girlhood days, and then I decided to take Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I am now taking the second bottle and it is doing me a world of good. My strength is returning rapidly and I feel better in every way.

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A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas

In His Children's Eyes.

In the recently published "Theodore Roosevelt Letters to His Children" not a little space is given to the quaint sayings of Quentin. Here is one:

The other day a reporter asked Quentin something about me, to which that affable and uncanny young gentleman responded: "Yes, I see him sometimes; but I know nothing of his family life."—Christian Science Monitor.

Why That Lame Back?

Morning lameness, sharp twinges when bending and an all day backache; each is cause enough to suspect kidney complaint. If you feel tired all the time and are annoyed by dizzy spells, headaches and irregular kidney action, you have additional proof and should act quickly to prevent more serious kidney trouble. Use Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that is recommended everywhere by grateful users. Ask your neighbor!

A Louisiana Case

Paul Lux, retired policeman, 259 Tulane Ave., New Orleans, La., says: "My back had been aching and I felt a heavy, strained feeling across my kidneys. A throbbing pain would set in and keep up for hours at a time. I was soon relieved of all these troubles after taking Doan's Kidney Pills. They proved so satisfactory that I have frequently recommended them to my friends."

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FRECKLES

Outguessed Him. Pauline Lord went to call on William Harris, Jr., an enticement just before he set sail for Europe. "What's your salary?" demanded Harris, after the other details had been discussed, Miss Lord told him. "Ouch!" decreed the manager, wincing at the sum. "Why, don't you think I'm worth it?" Miss Lord asked. "Yes," admitted Harris, "but I didn't think you did."

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DAIRY SPITZBERGEN



GROOMING COWS IS FAVORED

Animal is Naturally Clean and It is Dairyman's Duty to Keep Her So—Means More Milk.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Slightness and attractiveness are feminine assets which extend even to the dairy cow. Naturally she is a clean and tidy beast. Unfortunately man has been obliged to confine the dairy cow closely in stables during certain periods of the year, with the consequence that unless her daily brushes and grooms the dairy matts, their sleek, glossy coats soon lose their gloss and luster and become densely matted with dirt and filth. For the same reasons that it pays to groom horses—greater efficiency from neat, spick-span coats—it also proves invaluable to "doll up" the dairy cow daily by vigorous application of brush and curry comb. Cow comfort—that inexplainable condition of well-being which means animal satisfaction and the economical production of the maximum flow of milk—is fostered by careful and persistent grooming during the season when the cows need such extra attention, as ordinarily during the pasture period the animals of their own accord keep themselves clean.

The enthusiastic use of the brush and currycomb, supplemented by a moist cloth, as sledge guns against dust and dirt, are good mediums for increased production, according to the opinions of progressive dairymen reported to the United States department of agriculture. They maintain that the clean coats and luxurious feelings of contentment induce increased production of milk. If you doubt the profits from grooming dairy cows, put it up to Bossie and her stable mates via the referendum-vote method.

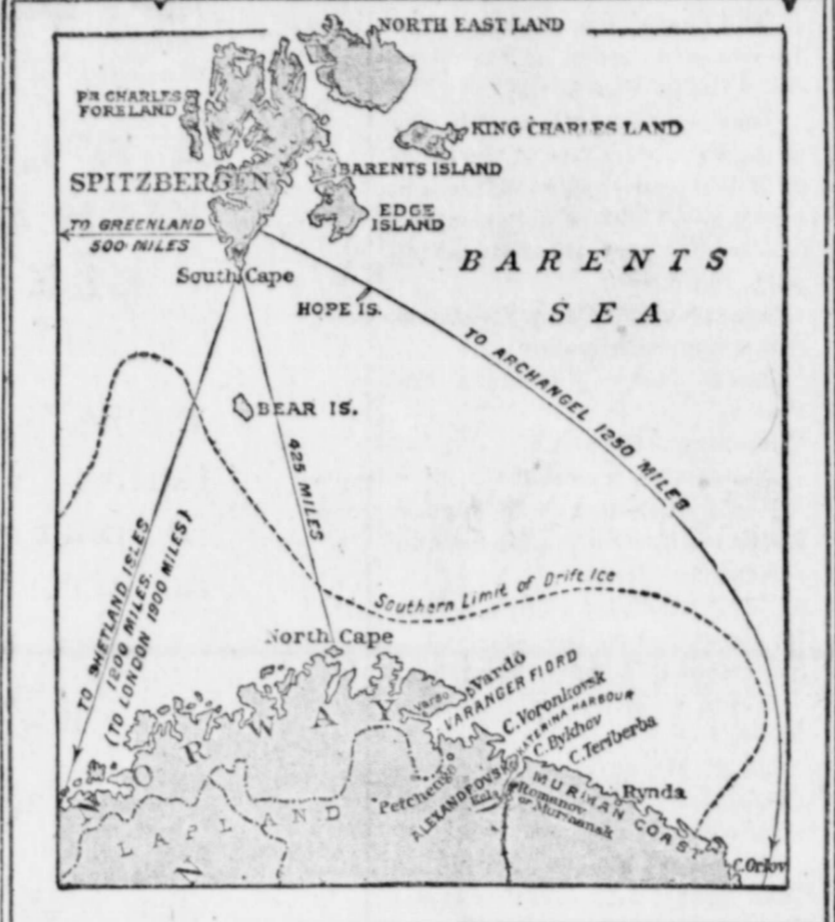
From a sanitary standpoint, the densely matted, filthy and caked coat of the dirty cow is one of the main sources of contamination in milk. Filth dries on the body of the animal, and, unless it is removed previous to milking, a portion of it is likely to fall into the milk pail and carry undesirable bacteria with it. Hence,



Grooming Increases Cow Comfort and Makes for Clean Milk.

grooming cows is a fundamental safeguard against inferior, germ-laden milk. Where cows are groomed daily during their period of close confinement an attendant requires only about two or three minutes a cow to prepare and gloss up the animals as though for a banquet. On the other hand, it is difficult and time-consuming to clean off cows which have been kept without grooming in a dirty stable.

The commendable practice is to groom and clean the cows daily at such a time between the milking periods that there will be abundant opportunity for the dust put into circulation to settle so that it will not contaminate the milk as it is drawn from the cows. It is necessary for best results to wipe off the udder and flanks of each cow with a moist, clean cloth just before milking, in order to remove all the surface dust and dirt which has escaped the previous clean-up processes. It is recommended that dairymen exercise special care to provide plenty of material so that at all times they may use clean cloths in preparing the cows for milking, as too commonly the wiping cloth, unless carefully handled, becomes a source of contamination. It is also advisable to clip off the long hairs from udder and flanks of each cow.



IN 1596 two Dutchmen, Barents and Heemskirk, discovered Spitzbergen, and were immediately followed by British explorers. A British seaman—Poole—was one of these, and he was the first man to find coal in Spitzbergen, in 1804. Two notable British explorers were Fotherby and Baffin, who sailed to Spitzbergen on behalf of the well-known company of London merchants known as the Muscovy company. Carrying with them a royal warrant, they authoritatively and definitely annexed Spitzbergen in 1614 to the British crown in the name of King James for his heirs and successors. So it is certainly British yet by right of succession, whatever the successive heads of the British government have been or will be, since the reign of James VI of Scotland and I of Great Britain, writes Dr. William S. Bruce in Sphera.

In 1914 Britain consented to sit at a conference table, convened by other powers, at Christiania, to discuss in what way the government of Spitzbergen should be organized, because of its increasing commercial development by enterprising miners and hunters of various nationalities—British and foreign. There had been an earlier conference at which Russia, Norway, and Sweden only had sat, and at which, I understand, Britain had refused to consent to sit, or at all events definitely did not sit and did not recognize it as internationally authoritative. But in 1914—the tercentenary of Fotherby and Baffin's British annexation—the British government, which had the ancient right and title to Spitzbergen as heirs and successors of King James, took up the very generous attitude of insisting, if a British government delegate was to sit, that every power represented there must first acknowledge that Spitzbergen was Terra Nullius, or No Man's Land, thus not forcing British rights forward, but also refusing to admit the right of any other power present to have any right or title whatever. This conference was sitting in Christiania in July, 1914. Besides Britain, the United States, Germany, Russia, France, Holland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark sent delegates, but when the war broke out the different delegates returned to their respective countries and the conference was dissolved without result, and Spitzbergen is, and remains, a Terra Nullius. This is quite definite in spite of other unauthentic statements that have recently appeared in the press.

Who Shall Rule the Island?

What will next happen it is impossible to say, even by one who, like myself, has been very intimately associated with Spitzbergen for almost a quarter of a century. But certain things must happen regarding some of the powers which were represented at the conference in 1914. (1) Germany must not be allowed in future to take any part whatever in the organization of Spitzbergen in spite of her forced bargain with Russia at the Brest-Litovsk treaty. (2) Russia is surely not able to take a fully responsible position now with her disorganized government. (3) The United States has not the same interests, because her citizens have since sold their estates to Norwegians; Holland has only early historical interests, France and Denmark have no special economic interests, and Britain, Norway and Sweden remain the three specially interested parties.

Which of these three countries is able to look justly after the rights of its own subjects, as well as those of the other two nationalities who have interests? Personally, for many strong reasons, I most emphatically emphasize that the British government should be asked by the world powers at the peace conference to exercise its rights—not only as heir to the British rights and titles as defined and declared by Fotherby and Baffin in 1614, but also for the protection of subjects of other nations who have some, but not exclusive, rights there. Spitzbergen will soon be recognized

as the goose with the golden egg "Let Spitzbergen develop." In Spitzbergen we find the finest coal in the world, equal to the best Welsh steam coal, in most accessible places. This is very definitely known by many others than myself and those thoroughly familiar with Spitzbergen. It was Captain Poole in 1804 who discovered coal, and it was myself who brought it home in 1898, and I had it certified as a very high class steam coal in the laboratory of a Scottish colliery; but it was the Americans who first developed its mining on an extensive scale, in about 1905, under William Munro. It is now being more extensively worked by British, Norwegians, and Swedes.

Extensive iron ore deposits are reported by the Northern Exploration company of London. Oil deposits are known and claimed by the Scottish Spitzbergen syndicate, as well as very extensive deposits of some of the finest gypsum in the world, while there are indications of other valuable minerals, which will require skilled investigation and handling by expert mining geologists and engineers.

Furs and Fisheries.

Besides minerals there are fur-bearing animals which would provide sport and fur if properly protected by the British government, and not allowed to be massacred and even extensively poisoned by northern hunters. Let these animals be bred and only legally killed with discretion, and there will be a large permanent revenue from them. Valuable foxes and reindeer still exist in considerable numbers in spite of the indiscriminate slaughter that has taken place. There are seals, whales, and porpoises. The walrus can be re-established as well as the polar bear. Fisheries, too, might also be organized, and all these animals can produce a large revenue if properly handled and properly protected by an organized and unselfish government.

Then there are the beauties and wonders of this arctic land of promise, besides these wonderful mineral and animal resources mentioned. Think of the birds, many in their millions, and many of economic value, notably the elder duck, and some very edible birds and eggs—geese, ducks, and others. One may scan acres, even miles, of purple saxifrage, like purple heather. One may wade through luxuriant beds of sulphur buttercups, and find brilliant patches of arctic poppies and other plants, thriving even at great and exposed altitudes. Many brilliantly-colored lichens etch out almost every rock, swampy bits luxuriate with the richest mosses, liverworts, and interesting algae, and pools teem with crustacean and other animal and vegetable life; even the remnants of snow are colored with red, yellow, green, and other colored algae known over centuries.

Spitzbergen, besides mineral, animal and plant resources, has a large series of beautiful harbors and anchorages, so what with these and the Gulf stream there is every possible facility to get there comfortably and safely. Let our shell-shock patients and other wounded heroes thoroughly recover in Spitzbergen in proper sanatoria in the healthiest climate in the world, where you can't get a cold or a fever because there are no germs—a sterile, wonderful, and translucent atmosphere suffuses this land where the sun never sets all the summer and consequently the plants never cease to grow, and where everything is more wonderful and beautiful than in any inhabited part of the world from pole to pole.

Sun Source of All Power.

Power cannot come from nothing. Even a watch or clock must, sooner or later, have new power put into it. The power is put into the spring when the watch is wound up. We wind it with muscle force obtained from food. Food in turn is produced by power of the sun. So the sun, which really drives the watch, is the source of all power.

YOUR HAIR NEEDS "DANDERINE"

Get rid of every bit of that ugly dandruff and stop falling hair.



To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a small bottle of "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter for a few cents, pour a little in your hand and rub well into the scalp. After several applications all dandruff usually goes and hair stops coming out. Every hair in your head soon shows new life, vigor, brightness, thickness and more color.—Adv.

Talking of Weather.

Patrice—When Percy proposed to Peggy he told her she'd see no more clouds, no more storms, in her life; he intended that all should be sunshine for her. Alice—That's so much like Percy. He never could talk about anything but the weather.

BLACK-DRAUGHT A FAMILY MEDICINE

Some Kind of Stomach Trouble With Cramps and Terrible Pains Made This Oklahoma Man's Life Miserable Until Black-Draught Relieved Him.

Chickasha, Okla.—Mrs. J. W. Walker recently said this: "We use Black-Draught as a family medicine and think it is the only liver medicine made. My husband makes it up and uses it as a tonic as well as a laxative. I use it for headache, sour stomach, a full heavy feeling after meals, which I suppose is indigestion, and it certainly does me a lot of good.

My husband had some kind of stomach trouble—we don't know just what. It would strike him just any time in the day and cramp or pain him just terribly bad. Someone told him how to make a tea of the Black-Draught, which he did. It did him so much good, it removed the cause and cured him. Since then we have praised the Black-Draught to our friends, and gladly do so."

Seventy years of successful use has made Theiford's Black-Draught a standard, household remedy. Every member of the family at times needs the help that Black-Draught can give in cleansing the system and preventing or relieving the troubles that come from constipation, indigestion, lazy liver, etc.

Try Black-Draught. Sold by all druggists.—Adv.

Saved Scolding.

Patience—I like the movies because it's dark. Patrice—Naughty, naughty. "No, not that, but when it's dark and a dozen men near you stand up and start putting on their coats before the end of the picture, you can't say anything because you're not sure which struck you in the eye."

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Look at tongue! Remove poison from stomach, liver and bowels.



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its delicious fruity taste. Full directions for child's dose on each bottle. Give it without fear. Mother! You must say "California."—Adv.

Get Me?

Lawyer (to fair client, a defendant) "When a young juror looks at you, weep; when an old one looks at you, flirt."

If all the safes manufactured in this country in one year were placed in an airplane the airplane would not go up.



Remember—it's the cloth in your overalls that gives the wear! The only way to tell that the OVERALLS and COVERALLS you buy are made of genuine Stifel's Indigo Cloth—the strong, long-lasting, fast-color cloth that positively will not break in the print—is to look for this trademark on the back of the cloth inside the garments. Dealers everywhere sell garments of Stifel Indigo. We are makers of the cloth only. J. L. STIFEL & SONS, Indigo Dyes and Printers, Wheeling, W. Va., 250 Church St., N. Y.

Cherished Attention.

"Salesmen used to be particularly attentive to me because I spent a great deal of money," remarked Mrs. Fluiglit. "Aren't they now?" "No; they regard my extensive purchasing as an effort to monopolize more of their time than I am entitled to."

It's easy to convince splinters that kissing is unhealthy.

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Only one man, or even a boy, with the improved Ottawa Engine Log Saw can easily cut twenty-five to forty cords a day, and at a cost of less than 2c per cord. This machine, which outdoes all others, has a heavy, cross cut saw driven by a powerful especially designed 4-cycle gasoline engine. It's a fast money-maker for those using it, and does more than ten men could do, either cutting down trees, sawing logs, or buzzing branches while you rest. When not sawing, the engine can be used for other work requiring power.



The entire machine is mounted on truck wheels to make it easy to move to the trees or logs, and from cut to cut on a log without stopping the engine. For moving on the road, the truck wheels are placed parallel with the skids and the rig hauled straight ahead. The wheels turn on a two-way spindle. You do not have to take them off, but can change direction of wheel travel by merely taking out a pin.

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Kidney and bladder troubles don't disappear of themselves. They grow upon you, slowly but steadily, undermining your health with deadly certainty, until you fall a victim to incurable disease.

Stop your troubles while there is time. Don't wait until little pains become big aches. Don't trifle with disease. To avoid future suffering begin treatment with GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules now. Take three or four every day until you feel that you are entirely free from pain.

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Do not delay. Go to your druggist and insist on his supplying you with a box of GOLD MEDAL Haarlem Oil Capsules. Take them as directed, and if you are not satisfied with results your druggist will gladly refund your money. Look for the name GOLD MEDAL on the box and accept no other. In sealed boxes, three sizes.

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"I have been afflicted with neuralgia spells periodically for several years. Hunt's Lightning Oil cured me permanently. I have not had a touch of it for ten years. I have never had a pain that Hunt's Lightning Oil would not relieve," says Uncle Jesse Lewis.

"No need to suffer from headache, neuralgia, sprains, cuts, burns, etc., if you keep a bottle of Hunt's Lightning Oil on hand. It is a quick and positive relief every time. There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses," says T. J. Beveridge.

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Sure Cure, Anyway.
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RELIEVED MIND OF HOSTESS
California Newspaper Man Proved Himself a Diplomat in Situation That Called for Tact.

While a Los Angeles publisher was abroad, a few months ago, with a newspaper crowd he was invited, with the rest of the party to dine with a duke and duchess who were burdened with a double last name, such as Kelly Angus.

The Californian was in an awful stew from the time the dinner started as to how he should address the hostess in case he fell into conversation with her, but finally, when the opportunity came, he proved himself every inch a diplomat.

"The duchess, it seems was apologizing for the dinner not being more formal, or something like that, and the newspaper man, desiring to make her feel at ease, just reached his right hand across the table, took the hostess by the hand, and said:

"Oh, that's all right, Mrs. Kelly, all of us like good home cooking."—Washington Star.

Seeing the Bright Side.
Bacon—He's an optimist, you know, Robert—Really?
"Oh, yes; one of the greatest ever. Why, the other night on his way home he was held up in the dark street and had a dark lantern flashed on him."
"Gee! I'll bet he was no optimist just then!"
"Oh, yes, he was. He was looking on the bright side of the lantern even then."

Horn Headlight.
An automobile horn and headlight have been combined by an inventor, the sound being produced back of the reflector and issuing around it.

KEEP IT HANDY
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No Smoker.
"You see that fine house? A man built that with the money he saved on cigars."
"He must have been a terrific smoker before he quit."
"He didn't quit—he's a cigar manufacturer."

Some people are always complaining about their poverty who are rich without knowing it.

When used as a cloak religion is a misfit on most people.

IN ANOTHER KEY



CATALOGUED.

General Crowder tells one on himself. Seems they had posted a new sentry in front of the draft office and the general thought he'd try him out. So he approached and asked:

"Have you your general orders?"

"None," retorted the rookie.

"Have you any special orders?" persisted the general.

"None," once more.

"Do you mean to tell me that the sentry you relieved left you without a word?"

"None," said the private. "He said 'Look out for Crowder; he's a crab!'"



VARIETIES OF PROMINENCE.

"So you are married, congratulations."

"Yes. Married a prominent girl, too."

"Society or chorus?"

Kind Hearted.
Some men are fond of animals. Their hearts are full of pity. Why, we know chaps who'll sit up late To fatten up a kitty.

Hard to Tell.
Donald—Dixon is planning a sixty-day balloon trip round the world. Dunne—Indeed! What route will he take?
Donald—He won't know until he gets up.

Increasing.
"Has the mine you invested in proved valuable?"

"I should say so! The prospect keeps getting so much bigger that they are constantly in need of more money for its adequate development."

Gave Her Away.
Mrs. Talkitt (entertaining Mrs. Gossip)—Edith, you mustn't stare at Mrs. Gossip so.

Edith—Mamma, you said she was a cat, but she doesn't look at all like one.

Like Humans.
Maud—Isn't it queer that lobsters are always green until they get into hot water?
Fred—Nothing queer about that. If they weren't green they wouldn't get into hot water.

The Answer.
"They say the Joneses are a very happy couple."
"But Jones is a traveling man, and is very seldom at home."
"Exactly."



AN OBJECTOR.

"I never allow young men to kiss me."
"Oh, I see. You're one of those conscientious objectors, too."

Explained.
Anent the saying, "Touch and go," You'll notice, I'll be bound, That when a fellow makes a touch He doesn't hang around.

Still Unanswered.
"Say, auntie, are second thoughts best?"
"So we are told, my dear."
"Then why don't people have them first?"

A Mean Dig.
Grace—When I met Myrtle today I had my new spring gown on. Of course, I expected her to say something about it, but she pretended not to have seen it.

Helen—Yes; she's an awfully considerate and tender-hearted girl.

His Theory.
"I believe boys are like wheat in the respect."
"What is that?"
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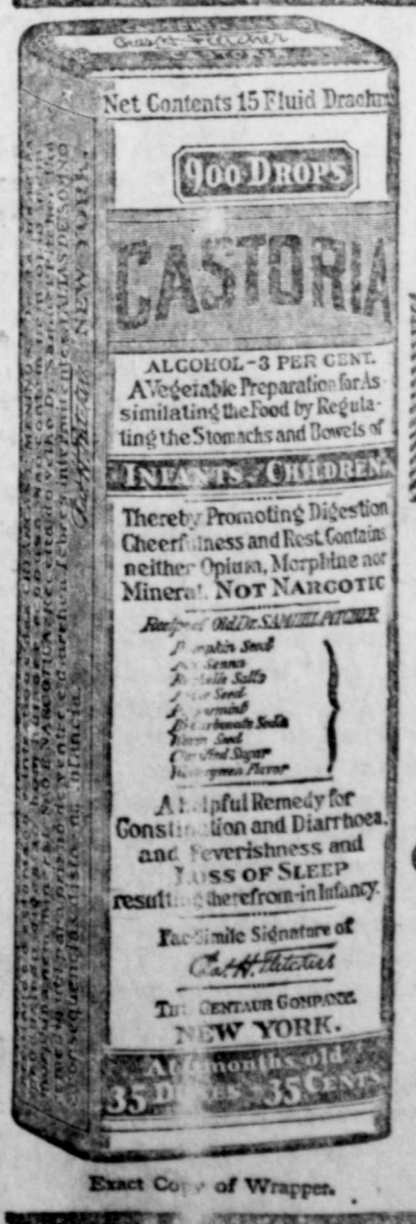
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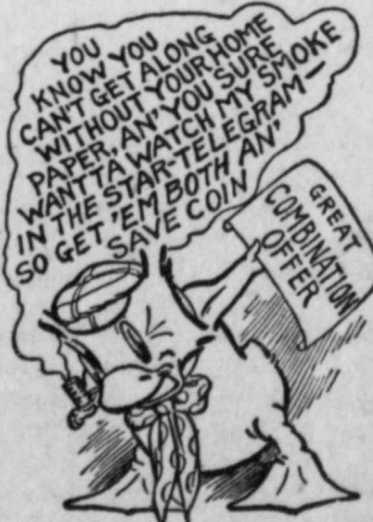
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"YES, I AM RENE BEAUCAIRE."

Synopsis.—In 1832 Lieutenant Knox of the regular army is on duty at Fort Armstrong, Rock Island, Ill., in territory threatened by disaffected Indians. The commandant sends him with dispatches to St. Louis. He takes passage on the steamer *Warrior* and makes the acquaintance of Judge Beaucaire, rich planter, and of Joe Kirby (the Devil's Own), notorious gambler. Knox learns Judge Beaucaire has a daughter, Eloise, and a granddaughter, Rene, offspring of a son whom the judge has disowned. Rene's mother is a negress, and she and her daughter, never having been freed, are slaves under the law, although the girls have been brought up as sisters. Kirby induces the judge to stake his plantation and negro servants on a poker hand unfairly dealt by Joe Carver, Kirby's partner. The two hands contain five aces, and Kirby accuses the judge of cheating. Beaucaire, infuriated, accuses Kirby, and drops dead. In the confusion Kirby and Carver are enabled to steal away. Knox tries to induce Kirby to give up his stolen winnings. Kirby refuses and after a hot argument he and Carver throw Knox overboard. The lieutenant swims ashore and reaches a hut. Knox lies unconscious for ten days. Recovering, he finds he is in a cabin owned by Pete, a "free nigger," who had shot him, mistaking him for an enemy. His dispatches have been forwarded. Recovering from his wound, Knox sends Pete to bring Haines, Beaucaire's lawyer, and they arrange, with Pete's help, to get the women to the cabin of an abolitionist, Amos Shunk, before Kirby comes. Knox and Pete start out for Beaucaire.

CHAPTER VI.

The Home of Judge Beaucaire.

The road we followed appeared to be endless, and so rough that I soon climbed down from my seat, an uncomfortable board, and stumbled blindly along behind, tripping over stumps in the darkness, and wrenching my ankles painfully in deep ruts. It was considerably after ten o'clock when we emerged upon an open station, and a glimmer of stars overhead revealed to me afar off the silver thread of the great river. Pete stopped the straining mule, a feat not at all difficult of accomplishment, the animal's sides rising and falling as he wheezed for breath, and came back to where I stood, staring about at the dimly perceived objects in the foreground.

"Out dar am de Beaucaire place," he announced, as soon as he could distinguish my presence, waving his arm to indicate the direction. "An' I reckon we better not ride no further, fer if Allick shud smell corn, he'd nat'raly raise dis whol' neighborhood—he's got a powerful voice, sah."

"Equal to his appetite, no doubt."
"Yas, sah; that's mostly whut Allick say."

"How far away is the house?"
"Likely 'bout a hundred yards. Yer see dat light out yonder; well dat's it, an' I reckon de ladies wuz be up yet, keepin' de lat'z burnin'. Here's de slave cabins 'long de edge ob de woods, but dey's all dark. Whut's yer a goin' fer ter do now, Massa Knox?"

I was conscious that my heart was beating rapidly, and that my mind was anything but clear. The problem confronting me did not appear so easily solved, now that I was fairly up against it, and yet there seemed only one natural method of procedure. I must go to my unpleasant task boldly, and in this case only the truth would serve. I was an officer in the United States army, and had in my pocket papers to prove my identity. These would vouch for me as a gentleman, and yield me a measure of authority. And this fact, once established, ought to give me sufficient standing in the eyes of those girls to compel from them a respectful hearing. I would tell the story exactly as I knew it, concealing nothing, and adding no unnecessary word, outline my plan of action, and then leave them to decide what they thought best to do. Strange, unbelievable as the situation was, proof was not lacking. Della could be compelled to acknowledge that Rene was her child—she would scarcely dare deny this truth in face of my positive knowledge—and she, at least, must know that Judge Beaucaire had never during his lifetime given her her freedom. This fact could be established beyond question, and then they must surely all comprehend the necessity of immediate flight—that there remained no other possible means of escape from hopeless slavery. Desperate as the chance appeared, it was the only one.

It dawned upon me now with more intense force than ever before, the position in which I stood, and I shrank from the ordeal. A perfect stranger, not even a chance acquaintance of those directly involved in this tragedy, I would have to drag out from the closet, where it had been hidden away for years, this old Beaucaire skeleton, and rattle the dried bones of dishonor before the horrified understanding of these two innocent, unsuspecting girls. The conviction came to me that I had best do this alone; that the presence of the negro would hinder, rather than help the solution of the problem.

"Pete," I said, measuring my words, my plan of action shaping itself even as I spoke. "What lies in there between us and the house?"
"A truck patch mostly, wid a fence 'round it. Den thar comes som' flower beds."

"No pa?"
"Well, I done reckon as how thar might be a sorter path, sah, but yerd' hardly find it in de dark. De best way'd be ter sorter feel 'long de fence, 'til yer git sight o' de front porch."

"All right, then. I am going to leave you here while I scout around. Keep your eyes open, and have the mule ready to move at any minute."

"'Bout how len' yer be gone, sah?"
"I cannot tell you that. As short a time as possible. It may require considerable explanation and urging to get those three women to trust me. However, all you have to do is wait, and be sure that no one sees you. If you should be needed for anything at the house, I'll get word to you some way; and if I should send Della and Rene out here alone, without being able to come with them myself, I'd tell them to the cart at once, and drive to the boat. I'll manage to join you somewhere, and the important thing is to get them safely away. You understand all this?"

"Yas, sah; leastways I reckon I does. I see ter take keer ob dem all, an' yer take keer o' yerself."
"Exactly, because, you see, I haven't the slightest idea what I am going to run up against. There may be others in the house, and I might not dare to leave Miss Eloise behind alone without some protection. I shan endeavor to induce her to go to Haines at once."

Following some impulse I shook hands with him, and then plunged into the darkness, my only guidance at first that single ray of light streaming through the unshaded window. As I advanced cautiously along the fence, a low structure built of rough rails, and thus approached more closely to the front of the main building, other lights began to reveal themselves, enabling me to perceive that the inner hallway was likewise illuminated, although not brilliantly. All about me was silence, not even the sound of a voice or the flap of a wing breaking the intense stillness of the night. I came below the veranda, still in the deep shadow, utterly unconscious of any other presence, when suddenly, from just above me, and certainly not six feet distant, a man spoke gruffly, the unexpected sound of his strange voice interrupted by the sharp grate of a chair's leg on the porch floor, and a half-smothered yawn.

"Say, sheriff, how long are we all goin' ter set yere, do yer know? This don't look much like Saint Louee afore daylight ter me."

I stopped still, crouching low, my heart leaping into my throat, and every nerve tingling.

"No, it sure don't, Tim," replied another, and the fellow apparently got down from off his perch on the porch rail. "Yer see Kirby is bound he'll get



I Stopped Still, Crouching Low, My Heart Leaping Into My Throat and Every Nerve Tingling.

hold o' them two missis' females fursi, afore he'll let me round up the niggers. The papers is all straight 'nough, but they've got ter be served afore we kin lay hands on a durned thing. The judge tol' me fer ter do everything just as Kirby sed, an' I aim ter do it, but just the same I got ter keep inside the law. I dunno as it makes much difference when we strike the ol' town."

"Tain't so much that, sheriff. I kin stan' it fer ter be up all night, but Bill wuz tellin' me we might hav' som' trouble down ter the Landin' unless we finished up our job yere afore mornin'."

"Oh, I reckon not; whut was it Bill said?"
"Quite a rigmarole from fursi ter last. Giv' me a light fer the pipe, will yer?"
There was a flare above me, and then darkness once more, and then the slow drawl of the man's voice as he re-

sumed. "Some feller by the name of McAdoo, down ter Saint Louee, who's just cum' down from the lead mines, tol' him that Joe Kirby got all this yere property in a game o' kyards on the boat, an' that it wan't no square game either. I didn't git it all straight, I reckon, but accordin' ter the usual handed me thar wuz two dead men mixed up in the affair—Beaucaire, an' a young army officer. Seems ter me his name was Knox."

"I didn't hear that."
"Well, enyhow, that's the way Bill tol' it. Beaucaire he naturally fell dead—heart, or somethin'—an' the other feller, this yere army man, he went out on deck fer ter see Kirby, an' he never cum' back. McAdoo sorter reckoned as how likely he was slugged, an' throwed overboard. An' then, on top' all that, we're sent yere in the night like a passel o' thieves ter take these niggers down ter Saint Louee. Whut do yer make ov it, Jake?"

"Wal," said the other slowly, his mouth evidently loaded with tobacco. "I ain't never asked no questions since I wuz made sheriff. I'm doin' whut the court says. Kirby's got the law on his side—no doubt 'bout that—but I reckon as how he knows it was a durn mean trick, and so he's sorter skeered as ter how them fellers livin' down ter the Landin' might act. That's why we tied up ter the shore below town, in the mouth o' the creek, an' then hed ter hoof it up yere in the dark. Of course we got the law with us, but we wuz pullin' this job off an' not stir up no fight—see?"

"Sure," disgustedly. "I reckon I know all that; I heard the judge tell yer how we must do the job. Br, why's Kirby in such a sweat ter git all these niggers down ter Saint Louee?"
"Ter sell 'em, an' git the cash. Onc' they're over the way there 'on't be no row. He'll let the law yere lie idle fer a year or two, an' by that time nobody'll care a whoop 'low he got it. But he's got ter git 'em ter the niggers right away."

"Well, who the h—s goin' ter prevent? They're his'n, ain't they? Thar ain't no Black Abolitionists 'round yere, I reckon."
"Seems sorter queer ter me," admitted the sheriff, "but I did get a little outer that feller Carver comin' up. Carve, is som' sorter partner with Kirby—a capper, I reckon. Tain't the niggers thar are makin' the trouble—leastways not the black 'uns. Nobody's likely ter row over them. It seems that Beaucaire kept a quadroon housekeeper, a slave, o' course, an' a white back she giv' birth ter a child, the father o' the infant bein' Judge Beaucaire's son. Then the son skipped out, an' ain't never bin heard from since—dead most likely, fer all this wuz twenty years ago. 'Course the child, which was a girl, is as white as I am—maybe more so. I ain't never set eyes on her, but Carver he says she's good lookin'. Enyhow, the judge he brought her up like his own daughter, sent her ter school in Saint Louee, an' nobody 'round yere even suspected she wuz a nigger. I reckon she didn't know it herself."

"Yer mean the girl's a slave?"
"Her bet! That's the law, ain't it?"
"An' Kirby knew about this?"
"I reckon he did. I sorter judge, Tim, from whut Carver sed, that he wuz more anxious fer ter git that girl than all the rest o' the stuff; an' it's her he wants ter git away from yere on the dead quod, afore Haines er any o' them others down at the Landin' kin catch on."

"They couldn't do nuthin'; if thar ain't no papers, then she's his, accordin' ter law. I've seen that tried afore now."
"Of course; but whut's the use o' runnin' any risk? A smart lawyer like Haines could make a devil ov a lot o' trouble just the same, if he took a notion. That's Kirby's idee—ter cam' up yere in a boat, unbeknownst to enybody, tie up down thar at Saunders', an' run the whole bunch o' niggers off in the night. Then it's done an' over with afore the Landin' even wakes up. I reckon the judge tol' him that wuz the best way."

There was a moment of silence, the first man evidently turning the situation over in his mind. The sheriff bent across the rail, and spat into the darkness below.

"The joke of it all is," he continued with a short laugh, as he straightened up, "this didn't exactly work out thing, 'cordin' ter schedule. When we dropped in yere we rounded up the niggers all right, an' we got the girl whar there's no chance fer her ter git away—"

"Is that the one back in the house?"
"I reckon so; leastways she tol' Kirby her name was Rene Beaucaire, an' that's how it reads in the papers. But thar ain't no trace ov her mother, nor ov the judge's daughter. They ain't in the house, ner the nigger cabins. Leaves me in a deuce ov a fix, fer I can't serve no papers less we find the daughter. Her name's Eloise; she's the heir ter law, an' I ain't got no legal right fer ter take them niggers away till I do. Looks ter me like they'd skipped out. Thar's Kirby an' Carver, a comin' now, an' they're

alone; ain't got no trace ov the girl or her mother, I reckon."

Where I crouched in the shadows I could gain no glimpse of the approaching figures, but I heard the crunch of their boots on the gravel of the driveway, and a moment later the sound of their feet as they mounted the wooden steps. Kirby must have perceived the forms of the other men as soon as he attained the porch level, and his naturally disagreeable voice had a snarly ring.

"That you, Donaldson? Have either of those women come back?"
"No," and I thought the sheriff's answer was barely cordial. "We ain't seen nobody. Whut did you learn down at the Landin'?"
"Nothing," savagely. "Haven't found a d— trace except that Haines hasn't been home since before dark; some nigger came for him then. Is that girl safe inside?"
"Sure; just as you left her, but she won't talk. Tim tried her again, but it's no use; she wudn't even answer him."

"Well, by Heaven! I'll find a way to make her open her mouth. She knows where those two are hiding. They haven't had no time to get far away, and I'll bring her to her senses afore I am through. Come on, Carver; I'll show the wench who's master here, if I have to lick her like a common nigger."

The front door opened, and closed, leaving the two without standing in silence, the stillness between them faintly broken by a muttered curse.

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"YES, I AM RENE BEAUCAIRE."

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CHAPTER VI.

The road we followed appeared to be endless, and so rough that I soon climbed down from my seat, an unplanned board, uncomfortable enough under any conditions, in the swaying, bumping cart, and stumbled blindly along behind, tripping over stumps in the darkness, and wrenching my ankles painfully in deep ruts.

It was considerably after ten o'clock when we emerged upon an open plateau, and a glimmer of stars overhead revealed to me afar off the silver thread of the great river. Pete stopped the straining mule a feet not at all difficult of accomplishment, the animal's sides rising and falling as he wheezed for breath, and came back to where I stood, staring about at the dimly perceived objects in the foreground.

"Out dar am de Beaucaire place," he announced, as soon as he could distinguish my presence, waving his arm to indicate the direction. "An' I reckon we better not ride no further, fer if Alick shud smell corn, he'd nat'larly raise dis whol' neighborhood—he's got a powerful voice, sah."

"Equal to his appetite, no doubt." "Yas, sah; that's mostly what Alick an'."

"How far away is the house?" "Likely 'bout a hundred yards. Yer see dat light out yonder; well dat's it, an' I reckon de ladies nuss' be up yet, keepin' de lady burnin'. Here's de slave cabins—long de edge ob de woods, but dey's all dark. What's yer a goin' fer ter do now, Massa Knox?"

I was conscious that my heart was beating rapidly, and that my mind was anything but clear. The problem confronting me did not appear so easily solved, now that I was fairly up against it, and yet there seemed only one natural method of procedure. I must go to my unpleasant task boldly, and in this case only the truth would serve. I was an officer in the United States army, and had in my pocket papers to prove my identity. These would vouch for me as a gentleman, and yield me a measure of authority. And this fact, once established, ought to give me sufficient standing in the eyes of those girls to compel from them a respectful hearing. I would tell the story exactly as I knew it, concealing nothing, and adding no unnecessary word, outline ray plan of action, and then leave them to decide what they thought best to do. Strange, unbelievable as the situation was, proof was not lacking. Della could be compelled to acknowledge that Rene was her child—she would scarcely dare deny this truth in face of my positive knowledge—and she, at least, must know that Judge Beaucaire had never during his lifetime given her her freedom. This fact could be established beyond question, and then they must surely all comprehend the necessity of immediate flight—that there remained no other possible means of escape from hopeless slavery. Desperate as the chance appeared, it was the only one.

It dawned upon me now with more intense force than ever before, the position in which I stood, and I shrank from the ordeal. A perfect stranger, not even a chance acquaintance of those directly involved in this tragedy, I would have to drag out from the closet, where it had been hidden away for years, this old Beaucaire skeleton, and rattle the dried bones of dishonor before the horrified understanding of these two innocent, unsuspecting girls. The conviction came to me that I had best do this alone; that the presence of the negro would hinder, rather than help the solution of the problem.

"Pete," I said, measuring my words, my plan of action shaping itself even as I spoke. "What lies in there between us and the house?" "A truck patch mostly, wid a fence 'round it. Den thar comes som' fower beds."

"No pa'?" "Well, I done reckon as how thar might be L sorter path, sah, but you'd hardly find it in de dark. De bes' way'd be ter sorter feck 'long de fence, 'til yer git sight o' de front porch."

"All right, then. I am going to leave you here while I scout around. Keep your eyes open, and have the mule ready to move at any minute."

"Bout how len' yer be gone, sah?" "I cannot tell you that. As short a time as possible. It may require considerable explanation and urging to get those three women to trust me. However, all you have to do is wait, and be sure that no one sees you. If you should be needed for anything at the house, I'll get word to you some way; and if I should send Della and Rene out here alone, without being able to come with them myself, load them into the cart at once, and drive to the boat. I'll manage to join you somewhere, and the important thing is to get them safely away. You understand all this?"

"Yas, sah; leas'tways I reckon I does. Ise ter take keer ob dem all, an' let yer take keer o' yerself." "Exactly, because, you see, I haven't the slightest idea what I am going to run up against. There may be others in the house, and I might not dare to leave Miss Eloise behind alone without some protection. I shan endeavor to induce her to go to Haines at once."

Following some impulse I shook hands with him, and then plunged into the darkness, my only guidance at first that single ray of light streaming through the unshaded window. As I advanced cautiously along the fence, a low structure built of rough rails, and thus approached more closely to the front of the main building, other lights began to reveal themselves, enabling me to perceive that the inner hallway was likewise illuminated, although not brilliantly. All about me was silence, not even the sound of a voice or the flap of a wing breaking the intense stillness of the night. I came below the veranda, still in the deep shadow, utterly unconscious of any other presence, when suddenly, from just above me, and certainly not six feet distant, a man spoke gruffly, the unexpected sound of his strange voice interrupted by the sharp grate of a chair's leg on the porch floor, and a half-smothered yawn.

"Say, sheriff, how long are we all goin' ter set yere, do yer know? This don't look much like Saint Louce afore daylight ter me."

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"Tain't so much that, sheriff. I kin stan' it fer ter be up all night, but Bill wos tellin' me we might hav' som' trouble down ter the Landin' unless we finished up our job yere afore mornin'."

"Oh, I reckon not; what was it Bill said?" "Quite a rigmarole from fust ter last. Giv' me a light fer the pipe, will yer?"

There was a flare above me, and then darkness once more, and then the slow draw of the man's voice as he re-

sumed. "Some feller by the name of McDoo, down ter Saint Louce, who's just com' down from the lead mines, tol' him that Joe Kirby got all this yere property in a game o' kyards on the boat, an' that it wain't no square game either. I didn't git it all straight, I reckon, but accordin' ter the usual handed me thar wos two dead men mixed up in the affair—Beaucaire, an' a young army officer. Seems ter me his name was Knox."

"I didn't hear that." "Well, enyhow, that's the way Bill tol' it. Beaucaire he naturally fell dead—heart, er somethin'—an' the other feller, this yer army man, he went out on deck fer ter see Kirby, an' he never cum' back. McDoo sorter reckoned as how likely he was slugged, an' throwed overboard. An' then, on top' all that, wos're sent up yere in the night like a passel o' thieves ter take these niggers down ter Saint Louce. What do yer make ob it, Jake?"

"Well," said the other slowly, his mouth evidently loaded with tobacco. "I ain't never asked no questions since I was made sheriff. I'm doin' what the court says. Kirby's got the law on his side—no doubt 'bout that—but I reckon as how he knows it was a durn mean trick, and so he's sorter skeered as ter how them fellers livin' down ter the Landin' might act. That's why we tied up ter the shore below town, in the mouth o' the creek, an' then hed ter hoof it up yere in the dark. Of course we got the law with us, but we wanter pull this job off an' not stir up no fight—see?"

"Sure," disgustedly. "I reckon I know all that; I heard the Judge tell yer how we must do the job. Br, why's Kirby in such a sweat ter git all these niggers down ter Saint Louce?"

"Ter sell 'em, an' git the cash. Onc' they're out'er the way thar won't be no row. He'll let the lady yere lie idle fer a year or two, an' by that time nobody'll care a whoop how he got it. But he's got ter git rid o' them niggers right away."

"Well, who the h—s goin' ter prevent? They're his'n, ain't they? Thar ain't no Back Abolitionists 'round yere, I reckon."

"Seems sorter queer ter me," admitted the sheriff, "but I did get a little out'er that feller Carver comin' up. Carver is som' sorter partner with Kirby—a capper, I reckon. Tain't the niggers that are makin' the trouble—leas'tways not the black 'uns. Nobody's likely ter row over them. It seems that Beaucaire kept a quadroon housekeeper, a slave, o' course, an' a while back she giv' birth ter a child, the father o' the infant bein' Judge Beaucaire's son. Then the son skipped out, an' ain't never bin heard from since—dead most likely, fer all this wos twenty years ago. Course the child, which was a girl, is as white as I am—maybe more so. I ain't never set eyes on her, but Carver he says she's good lookin'. Enyhow, the Judge he brought her up like his own daughter, sent her ter school in Saint Louce, an' nobody 'round yere even suspected she was a nigger. I reckon she didn't know it herself."

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There was a moment of silence, the first man evidently turning the situation over in his mind. The sheriff bent across the rail, and spat into the darkness below.

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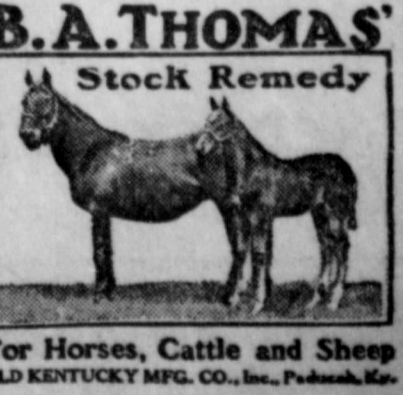
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Lumps of undigested food causing pain. When your stomach is acid, and is gassy, sour or you have heartburn, flatulence, headache or dyspepsia, here is speedy relief—no waiting.
Eat a tablet or two of Pape's Diapiespin and instantly your stomach feels fine. All the indigestion pain, gases, acidity and misery in the stomach caused by acidity ends.
Pape's Diapiespin tablets cost little at any drug store but there is no surer or quicker stomach antacid known. Adv.

Militaristic Groom.
This thing did not happen in an Indianapolis office, but it might have occurred:
A returned soldier and his sweetheart called on a judge to marry them. The judge married them and apparently satisfied with his work, he said to Vice:
"Salute the bride."
For an instant the groom was flushed. Then he took two steps to the rear, came to a distinct halt, clicked his heels together and gave Mrs. Vice one of the "doughboys" finest.
"Oh, well, I guess that will have to do," sighed the judge as he signed the license.

Every department of housekeeping needs Red Cross Ball Blue. Quality good for kitchen towels, table linen, sheets and pillowcases, etc.

Telephone Progress.
The development in telephonic and telegraphic equipment effected during the war would have occupied probably from ten to fifteen years during ordinary peace times.
It is easier to leave the wrong thing unsaid than to unsay it.

B.A. THOMAS' Stock Remedy
For Horses, Cattle and Sheep
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M. & M. Store --- Christmas Gifts

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Overcoats

It's real Overcoat weather now. OUR STOCK CONTAINS A WIDE VARIETY OF STYLES.

Top coats of belted and plain models, come in grey, brown and Oxford, and are priced \$16.50, \$20, and \$25.

Boys' Suits

Boys, tell your mothers you want one of those handsome new Suits at the M. & M. Store. Priced \$10, \$12.50, \$13.50, \$15 and \$17.50. This is a lot of Extra Special Values we have received on back order. The fabrics are the newest, and they are modeled by latest style conceptions. A number of patterns to select from; not a suit in the lot that is not worth several dollars more than we ask. Sizes 8 to 18.

JUST COME IN: A beautiful line of SILK SHIRTS, best quality tub silk, new smart patterns. Priced \$12.50.

THE NEWEST THING for young men—Silk Collars and Ties to match, assorted colors. Beautiful Xmas gifts. Large assortment. Ties 75c up to \$3.

MEN'S SILK HOSE, in black, white, grey, and bright plaids. Priced \$1 up to \$2 a pair.

LARGE SILK MUFFLERS, black and white. Priced \$1.50 and \$2.50.

STETSON and LION HATS, in novel new shapes as well as the standard blocks, and are priced \$6 up to \$10.

MEN'S OVERALLS, standard 240 Denim, full made, \$2 a pair.

GLOVES, HANDKERCHIEFS SILK HOSIERY, AND MANY OTHER Gift Assortments are ready now.

We have not suffered from the sharp advance in merchandise, as some, for we were fortunate in early purchases, hence our prices are not based on the high market cost of today.

MEN'S SUITS

You can't get more value for your money than in a M. & M. STORE SUIT. They come in all wool French Serges, navy and grey. Belted and waist seams come in cassimere, colors brown and green, for young men. You'll recognize these suits as special values at these prices: \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00 and \$42.50.



Special Prices on Coat Suits

It will pay you buy you Suit here. We save you \$10 to \$15 on a suit.

LADIES AND MISSES COATS—We have received a shipment on back order, and are selling them at the old price.

Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouses—New style collars, some beaded designs, others embroidered, and are priced \$6.50, \$8.50 and up to \$15.

DRESS SHOES for particular women are here in black, mahogany and gray, A B and C widths, and range in price from \$6.50 up to \$15 per pair.

MADAME GRACE CORSETS—The graceful dressy lines so essential to grace and beauty are all combined in the Madame Grace front and back lace Corset. \$1.50 to \$6.50.

NOTIONS—New Velvet Hand Bags, Finger Purses, newest designs, priced 75c up to \$6.

SILK HOSE make pretty Christmas gifts. Black, white, grey, mahogany. \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Ladies and Children's Lisle and Cotton Hose, black and dare browns, 25c, 35c, up to 85c pr.

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32 inch soft finish Kilbunny Gingham, beautiful patterns, fast colors, 45c yd.

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Men's Winter Furnishings

The warmer weight Underwear, union suits or two piece garments. We sell the proper fitting kind, and not expensive,

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MEN'S MOLESKIN and CORDUROY Trousers, very best quality, extra heavy weight. Priced away below the present market value, at \$4, \$5 and \$6 a pair.

WOOL OVERSHIRTS for this cold weather, and are priced from \$3.25 to \$7.50 each.

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