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A Drowning Bulldog That Turned on the Rescuing Newfoundland.
A savage looking bulldog, which belonged to a schooner lying at a wharf in San Francisco, fell into the bay unnoticed by any one on board. After vainly trying to scramble up the vessel's side, he caught hold with his teeth on a rope attached to a small boat lying alongside. Then he attempted to place his fore feet on the line to use it as a rest, but in this he was again unsuccessful, for every time he made the attempt the small boat would back, the rope would sag, and the brute would duck beneath the surface.

Every time he came up again he was hanging by his teeth with a sort of deathlike grip to the line. This exercise, without beneficial results, seemed to exhaust him even more than his attempts to reach the deck of the vessel. For a few moments he rested; then, turning his ugly face and his wicked eyes toward those on the wharf, he set up a howl. A Newfoundland leaped into the water, true to his instinct, and swam toward the struggling bulldog. The latter, also showing his nature, regarded the rescuer's approach as a challenge to fight.

Releasing his hold on the painter, he turned and not only put himself on the defensive, but growled and snarled and finally made an attempt to bite the one that would have helped him to a place of safety. The Newfoundland, not a coward by nature, but not a fighter, realizing that his good intention was not appreciated or understood by the brute that had given such howls of distress, turned and swam to the boat steps, from which he made his way to the wharf, shook himself and trotted away.

In the meantime the inappreciative bulldog swam back to the painter, got another grip with his teeth on it and howled anew. About this time some one belonging to the schooner seized the rope, hauled the shivering brute alongside, and seizing him by the skin of the neck hauled him on board.—San Francisco Call.

One Time Names of Ships.
Do you know what pretty names they used to give ships? says Walter Besant in the "Voice of the Flying Day." Here is a list of some, all belonging to the earlier part of the seventeenth century. Nothing could be prettier. The Willing Mind, of Poole; the Happy Return, of Gravesend; the Blessing, of Lymington; the Queen of Sheba, of Rotherhithe; the Jeremiah and Anne—there is a name for you! It is the sweetheart and the girl, the husband and the wife, the old man and the old woman—there is a whole life history in that name. I hope the ship lived long and prospered and died gallantly—that is, against the rocks—before they turned her into a collier. She was of Southampton port. Then there were the Mercy, of Plymouth; the King Solomon, of the same port; the Mary and Martha, of Wells; the Star of Bethlehem, of Boston; the Ladies' Delight, of Sandwich. Let us add the Pilgrims' Mayflower, and I think it will be admitted that in the naming of ships our grandfathers were before us.

Maternal Discernment.
A Woodward avenue girl had a talk with her mother the other morning about a woman's capabilities and duties. "Don't you think, mamma," she said, "that I ought to learn to keep house?" "Certainly, my dear," was the prompt response.

"And how to cook?"
"Of course."
"And how to wash and iron?"
"Possibly."
"And how to do my own sewing?"
"Yes."
"And how to mend papa's clothes, sew on his buttons and darn his socks?"
The mother gazed at her daughter curiously.

"My dear," she said earnestly, "I do hope you are not thinking about marrying that poor young man who is coming to see you," and the daughter denied it, of course.—Detroit Free Press.

She Asked Questions.
Mrs. Wade was in one respect a "tormentersome" woman to live with, as her husband expressed it. She had "no imagination," he said, and "would ask the queerest questions."
At the supper table Mr. Wade mentioned a tragic circumstance that he had read that day in the newspaper. A passenger on a transatlantic steamer had fallen overboard in midocean and had never been seen again.

"Was he drowned?" asked Mrs. Wade.
"Oh, no. Of course not," said Mr. Wade. "But he sprained his ankle I believe."—London Tit-Bits.

Convulsions.
Mr. Homestead (rushing into his wife's room)—Maria! Maria! Come quick! Nellie's got convulsions.
Mrs. Homestead (entering the parlor)—Nonsense! The child's practicing her Delsarte lesson.—Exchange

Didn't Find Them.
Waiter (obsequiously)—Well, sir, how do you find the oysters, sir?
Customer (struggling with a bowl of oyster soup)—Don't know. Haven't come across any yet.—Spare Moments.

It is curious the way that some of our most useful appliances were invented or discovered. We are told that some Venetian mariners built a fire on a beach where there was sand mixed with soda, and that they were surprised to find that the sand melted and formed a transformed composition. Some reflecting man was in the party, and by this accidental melting of the sand discovered how to make glass.

Years after this the children belonging to a Dutch spectacle maker were playing with the glasses which their father used, and they made the discovery that by putting one glass in front of the other they could make the steeple of a neighboring church appear nearer. Their father had sharpness enough to use this accidental discovery in making the first telescope.

Most engineers are familiar with the story of how the steam engine was first made automatic. In the early rude forms of the Newcomen engine a boy was employed to open and shut the cocks which admitted steam and the condensing water. A boy named Humphrey Potter, who was engaged on this work, was anxious to play, and the movement of the engine gave him very little opportunity. To increase his leisure he devised an arrangement of strings connected with the walking beam which opened and shut the cocks. This was the first move toward making the engine's mechanism perform the operation of admitting and releasing steam.

The moving of a distant signal by means of a wire seems a very simple operation, and one which called for little ingenuity to invent. Still, the earlier railroad engineers could not devise satisfactory means of operating a distant signal until a working signal man showed them the way. It is told that in 1846 an English signal man had to attend to two signals placed some distance apart at a station. To save himself the trouble of walking to and fro between them he procured some wire and pulleys and made a crude arrangement by which he was able, while in his box, to operate both signals. An official who had been trying to devise some means of protecting trains standing at stations happened to see this primitive arrangement and applied it to the working of distant signals.—Locomotive Engineering.

The Wonderful Aphid.
The aphid, which is known by the common name of "plant louse," is an entomological enigma as well as an agricultural pest. The scientists do not pretend to know just exactly how many varieties of aphid browse on the green things of nature, but some authorities estimate them at 1,000, a large proportion of that number having been named and classified. A single insect of any of these species of aphid may become the progenitor of billions of young, even during their lifetime.

Latrille, who is an acknowledged authority on this branch of entomology, makes some curious and interesting calculations: A female will produce young at the rate of about 25 a day during the summer months, and as each immediately becomes the progenitor of others one aphid may possibly be the mother, grand mother, great-grandmother, etc., et al. of the enormous number of 5,004,500,000 individuals by the end of the season.

Yongard and Mason, who are equally as good authorities as Latrille, extend this number into quintillions as being within the capabilities of a single mother's efforts.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

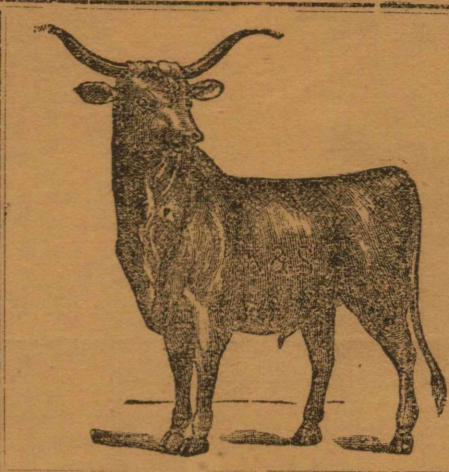
Me and the Cat.
Richard X— is an incorrigible youngster of 10 who has shown a tendency to lay the blame of his misdeeds on other shoulders. His favorite scapegoat was the family feline. A jar of sweets could not be opened or a bit of gingerbread purloined or a vase broken to atoms without a lame excuse of Dick's. "I guess it was the cat," calling forth his mother's reproaches.

"Richard, you must not lay the blame on the cat of all the wickedness you are guilty of in this house."
Not long after one of these upbraodings, in Sunday school, his teacher asked Richard the question, apropos of the devil's power on earth: "Who is responsible for the wickedness of this world?"

It was with a mixture of a contrite spirit and the old habit that little Dick answered: "Well, I suppose that I'm partly to blame. But—but I think our cat has her paw in it."—Harper's Magazine.

Biliousness Cured.
Dr. Slasher had been treating a patient in Bellevue hospital for disease of the liver, and the patient died, and when the autopsy was held it was discovered that while the liver of the victim was in a perfectly healthy condition his lungs were dreadfully diseased.

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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor,
Sonora, Texas. - April 21, 1894.

Today is San Jacinto day and a legal holiday.

A good way to decide a man's religion is by the way he pays his bills. No man who owes and is able to pay but delays payment in close times simply because he can, is a really good man.

The jury in the Pollard-Breckinridge breach of promise case in the circuit court at Washington, D. C., rendered a verdict in favor of Miss Pollard for \$15,000 damages from Congressman W. C. P. Breckinridge.

Henry W. Grady on liquor:— Tonight it enters an humble home strikes the roses from a woman's cheeks, and to-morrow it challenges the republic in the halls of congress. Today it strikes the crust from the lips of a starving child, and tomorrow levies tribute from the government itself. There is no cottage in this city humble enough to escape it, no place strong enough to shut it out. It defies the law when it cannot coerce suffrage. It is flexible to cajole, but merciless in victory. It is the moral enemy of peace and order, the despoiler of men and terror of women, the cloud that shadows the face of childhood, the demon that has dug more graves and sent more souls unprepared to judgment than all the pestilences that have wasted lives since God sent the plagues to Egypt, and all the wars since Joshua stood before Jerico. It comes to ruin, and yet it shall profit mainly by the ruin of your sons and mine. It comes to mislead human souls and crush human hearts under its rumbling wheels. It comes to bring gray haired mothers down to shame. It comes to change a wife's love into despair and her pride into shame. It comes to soil the laughter on the lips of little children. It comes to stifle all the music of the home and fill it with silence and desolation. It comes to ruin your boy and mine, to wreck your home, and it knows it must measure its prosperity by the swiftness and certainty with which it wrecks this world.

Last week's Boston Advertiser says: The tone of the wool market is not materially changed, values for the raw material showing a fair amount of steadiness at the low basis of values ruling. New wools from Arizona have already been received on the market, and this brings the thought more closely home that the new clip is near at hand. Holders of old wool are not disposed to feel any more sanguine on this account, although it is doubtful if values will be forced much lower than they are at present. With manufacturing business strangled to a great extent by the tariff agitation, only a hand to mouth demand for wool can be expected for many months to come, as manufacturers see no light ahead to induce them to buy the raw material, even though it is cheap. The pressure of new wool on the present over-supplied market will not help prices, but if there is no outside disturbance to weaken conditions the feeling is that there is no reason to force general values lower. In territory wools there are no particularly new features, the market ruling about steady. Fine and fine medium territory wools of good staple continue firm, and for such a steady demand exists. There is yet a large amount of poorer staple wools on the market, however, and such have to clean up low. The best grades of fine strong staple wools yet hold at 27 to 28c secured, with fine medium at 35 to 36c, with the shorter grades and more common lots ruling down as to quality.

Medium wools remain quite at about 30c, with fall Texas at 27 to 33c and spring at about 23 to 26c. Texas and southern wools are quoted as follows: Texas spring medium, twelve months, 10 to 17c; Texas spring fine, 11 to 14c; Texas spring mixed, six to eight months, 12 to 14c; Texas fall, nominal.

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Norris Notes.
Norris, Texas, April 10th, 1894.
—Every cattleman we meet has a smile on his face a foot long since the bountiful rain which fell here last Friday night.
Young grass is really quite plentiful in some places and the cattle are doing exceedingly well considering.
Mail carrier, Mr. Holman, was struck by lightning last Friday night about 11 o'clock while going into Comstock. He was knocked from his cart and lay unconscious about four or five hours in the rain. He was found next morning by Mr. Shell the PM at Comstock. He is back at work again and says he does not want any more lightning in his life if he can help himself. Mr. A. H. Martin is all smiles. It is a fine baby boy. Mother and child doing well.
Henry Stein of Juno in company with Miss Brown of Devine, Texas, passed up Saturday. Miss Brown will teach the Juno school. We hope she will be pleased with her situation.—Sam Stick, in Del Rio Record.

There is a brighter prospect for an improvement in the life of live stock prices than there has been for some time. Meat channels are not so badly clogged, and the consumptive demand is gradually getting nearer the supply. For the past two weeks there has been a marked improvement in this direction, and apparently there is nothing in sight to interrupt its progress. Buyers of all kinds of live stock have become less bearish and take hold with an eagerness which has imparted decidedly more life to the business. Of course, it would be an easy matter to glut the market temporarily with an over-supply, but with reasonable receipts there is not likely to be any stagnation in prices, at least for a while. Sheep and hogs are high enough to be profitable and cattle are gradually reaching a point where farmers have very little reason to complain.—Drovers' Journal.

A remarkable case of petrification was discovered when the body of Solomon Krepps was exhumed in Taylor's cemetery, near Brownsville, Pa., for removal to another graveyard. The grave was near the fence which separates the cemetery from the national pike, and it is supposed that water percolating through the lime stone roadbed had kept the body covered with a calcareous solution. The clothing was found well preserved, although the burial took place eight years ago. The hair and beard were crisp and felt like threads of glass. The body was entirely turned to stone, and so hard that blows with a pick made no impression.

As we go to press the rain is pouring down in torrents. Blessed be the name of the Lord.
H. L. Thom, who was bitten on the nose some time since by a vicious pole cat, is lying at death's door, whether as the result of the bite or not is difficult to determine. He is generally paralyzed, unable to eat or speak. After many attempts he wrote on a piece of paper "I am starving to death."

Henry Stein's store at Juno was robbed last Tuesday morning by three Mexicans who stole three horses and a pack mule to carry off the spoils. Messrs. Philpott, Young, Valdez and the Bendele brothers trailed the robbers to a point near Comstock, where the trail was lost.—Del Rio Record.

Ship from San Angelo.
We are now prepared to furnish double deck cars in any quantity on short notice, and will furnish a special train for 10 or more cars of sheep and will see that all sheep shipments receive good service enroute to market.

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Regular Cloudburst.
Kerrville, Texas, April 13 — This afternoon a cloudburst struck this vicinity, accompanied by hail and high wind from the northeast. For forty-five minutes the water fell in torrents, flooding the city and doing much damage, gathering in force as it came from the hills north of town until it ran a solid body a foot deep on a level, carrying fences, bundles of shingles, lumber, boxes, drowned chickens, and other light articles with it toward the river. The Guadalupe river is rising rapidly and at 9 p.m. was reported as having a 12 foot rise.
During the storm the barn of J. A. Alexander was blown down and his house lifted three feet from the foundation.
The kitchen of C. L. Char was torn loose from the main building and carried several feet.
The large glass windows in the residence of W. Schreiner were blown in and the house flooded.
A small, one roomed house, said to be the property of Senator R. H. Burney, was swept from its location on the hillside to the flat below.
Windmills were blown down and several shanties in the Mexican quarters north of town turned upside down. No one is reported as injured.
Heavy rain is reported from the Morris ranch and points on the line of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway south-east.

The rapid rise in the river indicates heavy rain toward a head.
Burned to a Crisp.
San Angelo, Texas, April 13.— This morning at 4 o'clock the inhabitants of San Angelo were awakened from their peaceful slumbers by the ringing of the fire bells, to find the whole city brilliantly illuminated by flames reaching high into the heavens from the Concho Hotel, which burned like timber.
After the fire died out O. T. Berry's remains, a prominent stock man from Fort McKavett, were found among the debris, burned to a crisp. The unfortunate gentleman had driven over fifty miles yesterday expecting to meet his wife on to-day's train, who is en route from Onio, in perfect ignorance of the sad news that awaits her arrival at San Angelo.
The other guests barely escaped by jumping from the second story windows without any pretense of arranging their toilet. Loss on building and furniture is estimated at \$6,000; no insurance.

Whose Wool?
F. J. Godair has returned from a three months' trip through Cuba, Florida, Mexico and Texas. He reports drought in Western Texas and around San Angelo, one of unusual severity; that large numbers of cattle which owners desire to ship to the Indian Territory are unable to be moved on account of the severe drought. Texas sheep from there will not be ready to move for thirty days and very few will come unless rain falls soon. Orders have been put in for about 50,000 cattle to go to the nation. This is the shearing season, and a big lot of wool sold recently at San Angelo at 6 cents. Floyd looks as if his trip benefited him.—Drovers' Journal.

Saving to Stockmen.
National Stockyards, Ill., April 14.—At a meeting of the St. Louis Live Stock exchange the rules governing commission charges were amended so that the charge for selling cattle shall not exceed \$12 per car. The former rate was 50 cents per head, and some carloads contained twenty-five to thirty-five head of cattle.
The St. Louis National Stockyards also reduced the cost of feeding prairie hay \$1. These reductions furnish an important saving to Texas stockmen, as the St. Louis market sells about 500,000 Texas cattle each year.

SPECIAL NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given, that all hunters, wood cutters and men driving sheep in the Taylor pasture, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. A reward of \$25.00 will be paid for the arrest and conviction of any one for theft or killing of cows, hogs or horses.
J. AS. LAMBERT,
Foreman Dr. J. B. Taylor's ranch.

Prof. Richardson of Christoval, was in Sonora Tuesday.

Menard County District Court.
CRIMINAL DOCKET.
Nos. 551 and 552. State vs Will Simmons. Misdemeanors. Dismissed on motion of District Attorney.
No. 570. State vs Jeff Taylor. Theft of horse. Plea of guilty to unlawfully taking stock from range. Verdict two years.
No. 572. State vs John Taylor. Theft of horse. Plea of guilty same as in 570. Verdict two years.
No. 571. State vs Jeff Taylor. Theft two saddles. Plea of guilty. Verdict two years.
No. 573. State vs John Taylor. Theft of two saddles. Plea of guilty. Verdict two years.
Nos. 593, 596, 598, 599. State vs Bill Williams. Retired.
No. —. State vs Jim Taylor. Theft of horse. Trial. Verdict five years.
State vs Thos. Ball. Theft of cattle. Trial resulting in a hung jury, with nine to three for a guilty and cause continued.
No. 609. State vs Martin Hernandez. Burglary and theft in night time. Trial by jury; verdict two years.—Menard Enterprise.

Important to Mutton Raisers.
Office of Kansas City Live Stock Commission Company,
Kansas City, April 2, 1894.
Dear sir:—As we are giving the sheep and mutton trade particular attention this year and desiring to help sheep owners who want to market sheep this season realize the most money possible, for what they want to sell, we have made arrangements to handle sheep in large numbers; and in order to have them come to market regularly so as not to glut or over crowd the market, sheep in any number can be consigned to us here at Kansas City on a feed in transit rate, with the privilege of stopping off on pasture at Strong City, Kansas, 145 miles west of Kansas City, which is on the main line of the Santa Fe railroad. At Strong City we have several large pastures where we will receive and pasture sheep for one half cent per head per day, and after the sheep are rested and filled up have them shipped on into the market in such numbers as may be deemed best to realize the most money for the owners. The through rate will apply when sheep are stopped off at Strong City for one week or ten days; over that time \$10.00 per car extra will be added; this is called the feed in transit rate by the railroad company. We will furnish every accommodation necessary to handle sheep properly at Strong City; and where the sheep are consigned through to us, we will pay freights, and attend to all details after arriving at Strong City; also attend to the marketing whether at the pasture or on the market here; charging the usual commission, deducting all expenses from net proceeds and rendering a correct account for balance as may be directed by the owner. Our experience of 20 years in the trade leads us to believe that the way we suggested here, considering the general condition of the market, is the one by which sheep can be marketed best, this year. Our dressed meat houses here can slaughter and use from 2500 to 3500 sheep per day and they are paying, and will buy close up to farther eastern market prices. In close proximity to, and surrounding Kansas City are many large and small sheep feeders who buy regularly on this market. We have an extensive acquaintance among them and can sell to them many sheep not fat enough for butchering.
From the 10th of April on, grass will be good in Kansas. Hoping to hear from you soon, and to know that we can do some business with you, we are,
Yours very truly,
KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK COMMISSION COMPANY.
P. S.—Mr. E. D. Lehan will represent us in your section and look after any shipments you intend making to this market. Please advise him at Sonora, Texas or write us at Kansas City.

Bigger Than Some States.
Very few people at a distance, in thinking of Western Texas, understand that nearly the whole of it is at present fenced up in mammoth pastures, yet such is the case. Many of them are larger than ordinary counties, and some of them embrace large parts of three or four counties. Just west of Belcher, Texas, come the Silverstein, the Ikeard and the Worsham pastures. This latter contains 50,000 acres and has one line of fence twenty-three miles long.
Pastures of about this size continue in a most unbroken succession until Armstrong county is reached. There is found what is known as the Goodnight ranch, the southern boundary of which is a little string of fence eighty-three miles long. Charley Goodnight, as the owner is familiarly known, is considered one of the richest men in the Panhandle. Mr. Goodnight lives in almost baronial style. His park contains deer, a drove of elk, and one of the few herds of buffalo to be found in the United States.
Another fair sized holding of land is that of the Epenella cattle company. This contains over 1,500,000 acres, and takes in parts of Dickens, Crosby and Emma counties. If the land was in the form of a square it would be about 50 miles each way. The Matter here is smaller, but still includes rather more than 1,000,000 acres. These are both owned by syndicates, with headquarters in London, and they are only two selected at random out of a large number.

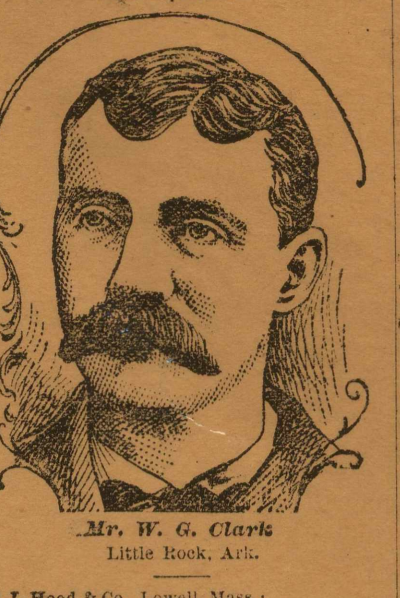
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El Paso, Texas, April 14.—Senator John M. Dean came near losing his life this evening. Coming down steps from his office, his foot turned and he was precipitated against the iron curbing at the foot of the stairs, cutting a deep gash in his head and knocking him insensible. At a late hour tonight his physicians think he may recover, although the danger is not over.

Two Years' Profanity Uncorked
In a certain town in Texas lived a preacher by the name of Deacon Tracey. One day a brother of his died and willed him a horse. The animal came to him from a distance of seventy-five miles, and whether it was the change of scene or a streak of natural cussedness in him no one could say, but he "took fire." He would balk on the slightest excuse, and the deacon would have to hold himself in and fool around until the beast got ready to go on. He would have got rid of him but nobody wanted the horse, and in hopes that he might have a change of heart the deacon continued to drive him in and out of town. One day he got notice that a clergyman of his faith was coming to spend a short vacation with him, and he drove in to meet the train. Instead of the clergyman, who was not very well known to him, he picked up a Boston drummer who was out on a vacation and wanted to go to the next town beyond the deacon's. Neither had time for any questions before the horse balked.
"What's up?" asked the stranger as the rig came to a halt.
"He's balked," answered the deacon.
"Well?"
"Well, I can't do nuthin' with him. We've got to wait for him to get ready."
"That's a — of a note!" growled the drummer.
"W — what?" gasped the deacon.
"Why, — him, the way is to get up and beat — out of him," said the drummer.
"Say! S —!" called the deacon, as he chewed on his tobacco with fifty times the usual rapidity, "you are swearing!"
"Well, such a cursed infernal beast ought to be sworn at. Get up and give him —."
"Land! but there you go again! Say, has millenium com?"
"I guess she has."
"And can we all swear?"
"That's what ails Hannah."
"Good! I've been holding in for two years on this beast, thinking it was wicked. If you, a minister of the gospel, can use profanity, it can't be wicked in me, and now you hang on to the seat and I'll wallop — out of him, so that he'll remember it all his life."—Texas Siftings.

Mr. W. G. Clark's Little Rock, Ark.
"C. T. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass."
"Allow me to thank you for the great good Hood's Sarsaparilla has done me. It is one of the best medicines I ever saw. For years I suffered with rheumatism and headache, hereditary in our family. I tried everything I could hear of for my own case, but could not find any relief until I began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. I must say I was one of the
Most Surprised Men
ever seen, for long before I finished the first bottle I was so much improved and felt so much better that I would often pinch myself to see if I was the same man. I could hardly believe that I was, for I could eat and sleep well, and I had taken my third bottle was a new man and able to do as much work as I ever could. I have laid my old crutches away as a
Memento of My Rheumatism
In the past, I always take pleasure in recommending Hood's Sarsaparilla to suffering humanity as the best and only medicine that ever did me any good. It has made a stout, healthy man out of me, when I was such a wreck. I
also had trouble from sour stomach, symptoms of dyspepsia and costiveness, but Hood's Pills have cured all that." W. G. CLARK, 304 Ringo Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.
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The Millionaires' Club.
In conspicuous places about the recently opened Millionaires' club may be found fastened to the wall handsome gold frames studded with 10 carat diamonds. The frames contain sheets of white silk velvet, which are embroidered with gold thread letters, making up the following set of rules:
Every millionaire who joins this club must be able to read and write.
No millionaire is permitted under any circumstances to float among his fellow members any issue of bunko bonds exceeding \$5,000,000 in amount.
Under no circumstances will any conversation about art, literature or science be permitted on the premises.
No member will be permitted to bring his luncheon to the club wrapped up in a newspaper.
The price of pork and other securities will be posted every few minutes. Any member who wishes more frequent information must inquire at the desk.
No member who wears American made clothes will be permitted to sit at the front windows.
Members will please not eat with their knives when there are outsiders present.
No round games shall be played where the stakes exceed \$100,000 a corner.
Members are requested not to approach the club on foot nor in a hired conveyance.
Members must not swear at the club servants, as they are all younger sons of English noblemen.
Any member violating any of the above rules will be prohibited from using the gold soup plates for one month.—Life.

A Household Treasure.
D. W. Ealer, of Canajoharie, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use; that he would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman, Druggist, Catskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy that he has used in his family for eight years, and it has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Why not try a remedy so long tried and tested? Find bottles free at W. H. Cusensky & Co.'s drug store. Regular size 50c, and \$1.00.

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It Killed His Nerve.
The man had answered an "agents wanted" notice in person and when he found it was to sell a book he backed away.
"Why don't you want it?" asked the chief. "You can do well with it."
"No, I can't," he replied firmly. "I've got gall enough and know how to talk, but not for books. I've lost my nerve in that line. I used to be right spry, but about two years ago I went out with a book of interest to women, just to fill in a week of spare time I had and got a setback. The first house I struck was presided over by a woman who was about the scrawniest specimen I ever saw."
"Good morning, miss," I says to her, thinking the 'miss' would catch her, which it did temporarily. "I have here a book which I'm sure will interest you. It is just what you want; tells you how to remove wrinkles and traces of age, how to make a thin, scrawny neck plump and firm; how to cultivate a perfect complexion; how to restore an old face to youth; how to turn gray hair to its original color; how to make a bird figure perfect; how to develop sunken cheeks round and full; how to shape the limbs, hands and feet; how to make women beautiful; how to — and right there I stopped. I don't know what made me do it, but something in her expression warned me, so to speak, and all at once it struck me that what I was talking about and what that woman was didn't coincide exactly, and I had put my foot in it. Anyhow, somehow I got out of there in a wrecked condition, and since that fatal moment I've had no heart in selling books. Not much," and he walked out.

A Queenly Head
can never rest on a body frail from disease any more than the lovely Lily can grow in sterile soil. When Consumption fastens its hold upon a victim, the whole physical structure commences its decay. At such a period, before the disease is too far advanced, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will arrest and cure it. So certain is this, that an offer is made to refund the money paid for it when a failure can be found under the condition of a fair trial.

Once used, Dr. Pierce's Pills are always in favor. Specific for constipation, piles, biliousness and headaches.

Indictments Quashed.
El Paso, Texas, April 16.—In the United States circuit court this morning a motion was made to quash the indictments against W. F. Buchanan, Charles R. J. D. Walling and J. M. Harris, all of Robert Lee, who are charged with robbing the United States mail. The motion was sustained by the court. Other indictments were found by the grand jury tonight. The case will come up for hearing tomorrow and it is expected to occupy the court for a week. Twenty-seven witnesses have been summoned from Robert Lee to testify in the case.

Foster's Weather.
St. Joseph, Mo., April 14 — My last bulletin gave forecast of the storm wave to cross the continent from April 15 to 20th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 21st, cross the western mountains by close of the 22nd, the great central valleys from 23rd to 25th, and the Eastern states about the 26th.
This storm will be at its greatest force west of the Mississippi river, and will probably develop thunder storms or other electrical disturbances. Rains will not be general but limited localities will have heavy downpours.
The warm wave will cross the Western mountains about the 21st, the great central valleys about the 23rd, and the Eastern states about the 25th. The cold wave will cross the western mountains about the 24th, the great central valleys about the 26th, and the Eastern states about the 28th.

Improved horse powers and pumping jacks and large express cisterns for sale at half price. 69-121. Inquire at Dr. J. B. Taylor.

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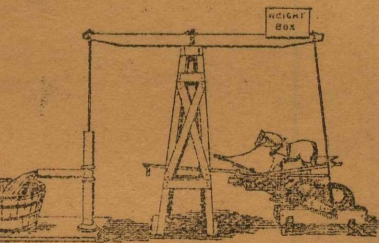
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 County offices..... 10.00.
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The announcement rates published will be the same the week before the election as they are now.

Delays are dangerous. Let the people know you are out for office and want their vote through the columns of your county paper.

All those that announce will not be charged for having their names printed on general ticket. Candidates not announcing will be charged one-half the announcement fee to have their names appear on tickets.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce:

For District Attorney.

Eugene Carlidge, for the office of District Attorney of the Dist. Judicial District at the November election.

For District & County Clerk.

W. B. Silliman as a candidate for reelection to the office of District and County Clerk, of Sutton county.

For County Treasurer.

W. H. Cusenbary, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Treasurer of Sutton county, at the ensuing November election.

For Assessor.

A. J. Swearingen, as a candidate for the office of Assessor of Sutton county, at the November election.

For Sheriff and Tax Collector.

J. L. Davis as a candidate for reelection to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton county at the November election.

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WHISKEY

is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the Corner Saloon, San Angelo.

I. N. Brooks was in town Thursday.

Maj. A. A. DeBerry left on a business trip to San Angelo Thursday.

G. S. Robinson, the sheepman, was in Sonora Wednesday for supplies.

W. J. McCoy was down from the Murchison ranch this week for a few days.

P. McHugh the sheepman and mutton buyer of San Angelo was in Sonora a few days this week.

Go to SAM BENKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine imported Brandies, imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars. 17-1f

The Commissioners court examined and approved the final settlement papers of J. L. Davis, tax collector this week.

J. A. Caldwell dealer in wool, hides, furs, grain, hay, etc., San Angelo, has opened a first-class free wagon yard in the rear of his warehouse. Good water and sheds. He solicits the patronage of the Devil's River Country. 101-1f

Geo. P. Lanier, the well-driller was in Sonora Saturday for supplies and recognizing the fact that newspaper men can barely keep the wolf from the door dropped \$2 in the box.

"THE BUCKSKIN BREECHES" are the best Jeanes Pants made. Every pair is warranted. Ask your dealer to show them to you.

Mayer & Hagerlund sell the celebrated Buckskin Jeans Pants 56-1f

Mrs. Kennedy and Miss Atkinson mother and sister of Carle Atkinson of the Citizens water works, were in Sonora a few days this week on a visit to Mr. Atkinson and Mrs. Kennedy's brothers, Messrs James and Jerry Robinson

N. W. COWERT,

ICE CREAM,

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MILK SHAKES,

FRUIT, NUTS,

CONFECTIONARY, ETC.

THE BEST IN TOWN,

OPPOSITE MAYER & HAGERLUND'S

Dr. C. C. Jones, eye specialist of Philadelphia, who has been one of the leading oculists of Washington for two years is in Sonora on a short visit to his brother, Dr. H. G. Jones. Dr. Jones has sold his business in Washington and is in Texas with a view to locating in Galveston or San Antonio. He has his instruments for testing the eye and those reading the services of a first class optician should grasp the opportunity and call on Dr. C. C. Jones.

Rev. J. W. Cunningham and family left for Mason county Tuesday going via Rock Springs where Mr. Cunningham will conduct a revival service for about three weeks. The Devil's River News wishes Mr. Cunningham and family success in their new field.

Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters rebuilds the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

H. E. Dickinson of Ballinger, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of this legislative district, was in Sonora Saturday.

Prevention is better than cure, and you may prevent that tired feeling by taking Hood's sarsaparilla, which will keep your blood pure and free from acid taint and germs of disease.

Hood's Pills do not purge, pain or gripe, but act promptly, easily and efficiently. 25c.

Mat Karnes, the sheepman who ranches eight miles north of Sonora, was in town this week trading.

Don't Tobacco Spit or Smoke Your Life Away

is the truthful, startling title of a little book that tells all about No-to-bac, the wonderful, harmless guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The cost is trifling and the man who wants to quit and can't run no physical or financial risk in using "No-to-bac." Sold by all druggists. Book at drug stores or by mail free. Address the Sterling Kennedy company, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

T. T. Thomason the sheepman was in town this week attending county court.

John Bunton the cattleman from Frank's Defeat was in Sonora this week.

Will Miers was over from Stockton this week attending county court.

Geo. Van Baren the sheepman, from Fort Terrett, was in Sonora this week attending county court.

H. Knansenberger commissioner of Precinct No. 4, was in Sonora this week.

The cheapest place.—The Pioneer Drug Store, San Angelo. 38-1f

Maj. John Allison was in from his ranch in Precinct No. 3, this week attending commissioners court.

Peter Jager, San Angelo, manufacturer and dealer in marble slabs, tombstones, monuments, and all kinds of marble works, solicits your trade. 82

Mr. Stevens of the sheep firm of Stevens & Stanley of Lampasas county, who are ranging their sheep on the head of North Llano, was in Sonora Wednesday for supplies.

Call on Zenker & Maers at the Favorite Saloon, when in San Angelo, take a glass of their cool beer and you will continue to call every time you chance that way. 33-1f

Ed. Palmer of Schleicher county was in Sonora a few days this week circulating among his many old friends.

C. J. Nichols, Sonora's popular young contractor and builder, has the contract to build the addition to P. Harst's residence. The masonry work will be done by George Edwards of Ozona. Work will begin Monday morning.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chubains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. H. Cusenbary & Co.

Choice selection of jewelry just received at Cusenbary & Briant's at the Post Office.

Mr. Crews of the furniture house of Crews & M. Grogan of Ballinger, was in Sonora Saturday, on business and pleasure.

Specimen Cases.

S. J. Gilford, New Cassell, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Spunker, Catawissa, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by W. H. Cusenbary & Co's Drug Store.

Stock News.

Maj. A. A. DeBerry sold 450 head of dry sheep to O. T. Word at \$1 50 a head.

John T. Cooper bought 600 head of shorn mutton from D. K. McMullan at \$2.25 a head.

J. H. Griffith sold 171 head of sheep to O. T. Word at \$1 75 a head after shearing.

T. D. Newell of Sonora, bought 900 head of muttons with wool on from Biandin & Walker this week, at \$2.50 and \$3.00 a head.

The sheep market at Chicago on April 17th was: Receipts 15,000, shipments none. Market slow 10 to 20 cents lower; top sheep \$4.40 to \$4.90, lambs \$5.25 to \$5.65.

J. C. Sanders of Bell county, who has wintered his sheep in the Sonora country, sold his flock of 1150 head shorn sheep to T. D. Newell of Sonora at \$1 15 a head.

Geo. P. Lanier of the well-drilling firm of Misener & Lanier, finished a well for J. J. Ford of Edwards county, at Wagon wheel water hole on the West Nueces, at a depth of 339 feet.

We understand that E. F. Wheelis sold his entire stock of cattle this week to Johnson & Millar, of Ballinger. Consideration \$8,000.—Concho Herald.

L. H. Cowan, General Attorney of the Cattle Raisers Association, came in Monday from Fort Worth to assist in the prosecution of the Thos. Ball case.—Menard Enterprise.

B. C. Flowers shipped 1,000 fat muttons from Comstock to Chicago Tuesday. He was offered \$2 80 per head in pen for them.—R. T. and N. T. Wilson are shipping 6,000 head of fat muttons from Comstock to Chicago. These are soted fed sheep in splendid order and ought to bring \$4 00 per head in Chicago. This shipment started Thursday.—Del Rio Record.

To Whom It May Concern.

The parties who had my sheep in charge last winter let them all get away on the plains about 5,000 in number. I have got a part of them and can hear of more of them in other herds, also of some that are yet loose. Any person that has or knows of any of them will be rewarded by informing me of their whereabouts. My wool brand is thus R & J also have a dot thus O the J brand a burnt brand on the nose.

J. T. RIDGWAY,
 Miles, Texas.

Born on Thursday April 19th, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Koenig a girl.

Born on Friday, April 20th, 1894, to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lemen, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart left yesterday for a few days outing on the North Llano.

A grand ball was given at the court house last night in commemoration of San Jacinto day.

B. F. Byrd the wellknown sheepman of Crockett county, was in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

J. E. Mills the sheepman, was in from his ranch in Schleicher county Saturday for supplies.

W. A. McIlhenny the sheepman, was in from the ranch this week for supplies.

John Henderson one of the leading and most influential citizens of Ozona, was in Sonora this week, prospecting.

J. C. Johnson and E. Jackson the horse raisers from down the river were in Sonora this week attending county court.

Mrs. E. R. Moore has received a new and complete line of millinery goods and will be pleased to have the ladies call and examine them in the blue shop on Concho Ave.

Colvin Clay Lemen, proprietor of the Sonora water works, is one of the happiest men in town this week, it's a boy and that's the reason. He will be named Frost, after his uncle who is at present in Sonora.

If you need the services of Dr. C. C. Jones, the eye specialist, you must call on him before Tuesday at noon. He has treated several persons in Sonora and an inquiry will show how satisfactory his work is.

Frost Lemen of Kansas City, is in Sonora on a visit to his brother C. C. Lemen. Mr. Lemen is one of the proprietors of the well-known Lemen Bros.' circus. The show is in winter quarters near Kansas City.

County Court.

The County Court of Sutton County was in regular session this week with the following officers present: J. M. Bell, judge; L. N. Halbert, attorney; J. L. Davis, sheriff and W. B. Silliman, clerk. The following cases were disposed of:

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

No. 106. State vs G. B. Duke, unlawfully carrying a pistol, continued by the state.

No. 108. State vs J. C. F. Clark, keeping a gaming table and bank, dismissed on motion of county attorney.

No. 109. State vs Nicolas Cantu, same as above.

No. 110. State vs J. P. McConnell, permitting gaming on his premises, verdict not guilty.

No. 111. State vs W. H. Cusenbary, simple assault, verdict not guilty.

No. 112. State vs Emelian Gonzales, keeping and exhibiting a gaming table and bank, dismissed on suggestion and proof of the death of defendant.

No. 113. State vs Jesus Gonzales, theft of property under \$20. Defendant pleads guilty and punishment assessed at one day's imprisonment in the county jail and a fine of \$10 and costs.

No. 114. State vs Louis Marquette, aggravated assault, continued by the state.

No. 115. State vs Jesus Gonzales, same as No. 113.

No. 116. State vs Geo. S. Allison, permitting gaming on his premises. Dismissed on motion of county attorney for want of evidence.

No. 117. State vs Geo. Morrie, permitting gaming on his premises. Verdict of not guilty.

No. 118. State vs Jesus Gonzales, same as No. 113.

No. 119. State vs Coleman Whitfield, keeping a gaming table and bank. Dismissed on motion of county attorney.

No. 120. State vs Geo. Morris and Geo S Allison, selling spirituous liquors without bond. Case dismissed at cost of defendants.

No. 121. State vs J. C. F. Clark, unlawfully playing cards. Plea of guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

No. 122. State vs H. L. Bradford, theft of property under \$20. Verdict not guilty.

No. 123. State vs Coleman Whitfield, unlawfully playing cards. Pled guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

No. 124. State vs Emelian Gonzales, unlawfully playing cards. Dismissed on suggestion and proof of death of defendant.

No. 125. State vs Nicolas Cantu, unlawfully playing cards. Pled guilty and fined \$20 and costs.

CIVIL DOCKET.

No. 41. Western Mercantile Company vs John Allison, suit on account. Judgement by default for \$281.32.

No. 42. W. L. Hall vs J. W. Bunton et al., suit on note. Passed for judgment by confession.

No. 43. D. B. Cusenbary vs A. W. Haley, suit on account and breach of contract. Continued by agreement at defendants cost of continuance.

No. 44. W. B. Silliman vs W. E. Miller, suit for damages on breach of contract. Continued for service.

No. 45. J. B. Massey vs W. J. Fields, suit on breach of contract.

No. 40. A. W. Haley vs Cusenbary & Fields, suit on note and application for attachment. Ordered on motion of defendant Cusenbary that John D. Fields of Travis county be cited to show cause why he should not be made a party to this suit. Continued on motion of plaintiff.

No. 85. W. A. Miers vs D. B. Cusenbary, administrator. Suit for recovery of two horses. Verdict for defendant.

Notice to Meat Eaters.

Owing to the hard times, the large amount already due us and our limited capital and in order to be just to all including ourselves, we give this notice to the public as it requires cash to buy beef for market, we have decided that on and after this date we will be compelled to receive cash from every one who buys meat in our market for same. We hope for better times. We remain

Yours respectfully,

WYATT & GIBBONS,

Sonora, Tex, April 21st, 1894.

Miss Laughlin accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart on their outing.

Jose Hill has moved his family to town and is occupying the old Dunagan place.

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A QUIANT INDIAN LEGEND.

Why the Redskins Paint Their Faces When on the Warpath.

"Why do Indians paint their faces?" I have asked that question of hundreds of red men and have received but one answer. Of all the tribes that I have visited, but one has a legend accounting for the hideous decorations that are to be seen on the faces of Indians under all ceremonial circumstances. I was sitting at a campfire in a village of Jicarilla Apaches one night listening to the stories and legends that were being told, when I pronounced the old question again, hardly expecting even the usual expression of ignorance that hides so many of the thoughts of the Indians. To my surprise, however, I received the answer that I least expected. An old fellow who had sat all evening listening to the stories, without changing his attitude, granted and straightened up as he heard the question. Proceeding with all due solemnity he told the following legend:

"Long ago, when men were weak and animals were big and strong, a chief of the red men who lived in these mountains went out to get a deer, for his people were hungry. After walking all day he saw a deer and shot at it, but the arrow was turned aside and wounded a mountain lion, which was also after the deer. When the lion felt the sting of the arrow he jumped up and bounded after the man, who ran for his life. He was almost exhausted, and when he felt his strength giving away he fell to the ground, calling on the big bear, who, you know, is the grandfather of men, to save him. The big bear heard the call and saw that to save the man he had to act quickly, so he scratched his foot and sprinkled his blood over the man.

"Now, you know no animal will eat of the bear or taste of his blood, so when the lion reached the man he snatched the blood and turned away, but as he did so his foot scraped the face of the man, leaving the marks that you see on the bloody faces. When the man found that he was injured, he was so thankful that he left the blood to dry on his face and never washed it off, but left it until it peeled off. Where the claws of the lion scraped it off there were marks that turned brown in the sun, and where the blood staid on it was lighter. You know all men now paint their faces that way with blood and scrape it off in streaks when they hunt or go to war."—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

To Eradicate Consumption.

The possibility of the entire eradication of consumption, so that this terrible disease will no longer have any terrors for the human race, has for a long time been discussed by specialists. In the meantime a far larger number of deaths is caused by it every year than by any other disease whatsoever. Yet it has been scientifically demonstrated over and over again that it is not hereditary in the ordinary sense in which it is supposed to be. It has been demonstrated that very nearly all incipient cases can be arrested, and it has been demonstrated that with proper care no person not afflicted with the disease need ever have it.

The danger comes absolutely and every case from the sputum of diseased persons or from the flesh of diseased animals. With proper state and municipal regulations for its control, that greatest enemy of human life could be quite as completely annihilated as smallpox has been.—Dr. H. M. Biggs in Forum.

Two Ways of Looking at It.

A famous Brighton minister once painted a wretched tumble-down cottage or cabin in Ireland, where he found a poor man lying ill on a mean, uncomfortable bed. There was little to cheer him during the long, weary day, as he lay fevered and helpless—no pretty pictures to rest his eyes upon, no sweet scented nosegay of flowers by his bedside, and but few friends to come and sit and talk to him. And the minister noticed that above the sick man's head there were great holes in the roof.

"Dear, dear!" said the minister, "you must find those holes very awkward in bad weather!"

"Ah, sure and I like them," said the old man, "for I can count the stars through them as they goshining over the roof."—Exchange.

Remedial Art.

The horse was balking and backing all over Woodward avenue and a chappie with a pretty girl by his side was watching its performances. "I think," remarked the young woman, "that they ought to send it to the art school."

"To the art school?" queried the chappie, without the faintest idea of his companion's meaning.

"Certainly."

"And why, pray?"

"To cultivate its talents for drawing of course. Don't you think it needs it?" and the chappie caught on several hours later.—Detroit Free Press.

Spiritualistic Item.

Friend—Are you happy?
Spirit (through medium)—Perfectly so.

"Can you state what has pleased you most since you left us?"

"The epitaph on my tombstone. It both amazes and delights me."—Texas Edifiers.

"Business Is Business."

Those who have read Todd's Student's Manual (it would do the boys a world of physical and moral good to read it) will recall his illustration of the value of doing small deeds. He describes a coat of arms which represented a mountain and a man with a pickax, digging away. The motto was, "Petit a petit" (little by little).

The great financier who founded the English branch of the famous Rothschild firm of bankers worked upon the lines marked out by this coat of arms.

Among his "clients" was one of the "chosen people," a young broker. One day the business he had to transact was on so small a scale that he took it to a less famous house.

Rothschild soon heard of the transaction—he had a way of hearing of everything done on "change"—and when next he met the broker he rebuked him for not coming to the house of Rothschild.

"Oh, sir," answered the broker, "I thought a matter of 18 pence too small to bring to your house."

"Ah, but business is business," replied the great banker.

Mrs. Rothschild thought with her husband. She was generally in the counting room, keeping the books and wearing two watches displayed at the waist, according to the then ostentatious fashion.—Youth's Companion.

Could Be Corrected.

"Here is a poem which you may publish in your paper," said a young man with eyes in a fine frenzy rolling as he entered the editorial door. "I dashed it off rapidly in an idle moment, and you will find it in its rough state, as it were. You can make such corrections as you think necessary."

"Ah, much obliged," said the editor. "I will give you a check for it at once."

"You are very kind," said the contributor. "I shall be delighted."

"There you are," said the editor, handing him a check.

"Many thanks," exclaimed the young man. "I will bring you some other poems."

She Snipped Ribbons.

"Many persons afflicted with a peculiar derangement of the digestive organs are seized with an almost uncontrollable irritability as soon as they sit down to eat, more particularly at the breakfast table," remarked an experienced Arch street physician. "This is caused by a premature secretion of the gastric juice, due to a vivid anticipation of food. To avoid possible insanity, such persons require careful medical treatment."

To Eradicate Consumption.

I once attended a young lady professionally, whose rather stern father was so often obliged to send her away from the table for unreasonable bursts of temper that he grew suspicious of her sanity and caused her to be watched. It appeared that as soon as he reached her room she seized a pair of scissors, opened a trunk, and drawing forth a roll of ribbon proceeded to snip it into small bits. The trunk was nearly full of such snippings, and it was remembered that she was continually purchasing ribbon. I cured her of such manifestations of wrath by treating her for dyspepsia.—Philadelphia Record.

Religious, Not Pious.

Rev. Rowland Hill was a witty and eccentric minister, and several interesting stories are told concerning him, among them these:

A man was one day calling upon him and setting forth some very peculiar religious views.

"Do you hold the Ten Commandments to be the rule of life for Christians?" asked Mr. Hill.

"Certainly not," was the reply.

The minister rang the bell, and when the servant appeared he said to him:

"John, show this man to the door and keep your eye on him until he is beyond the reach of every article of wearing apparel in the hall."

The Kangaroo Rat.

One of the queerest little animals of the antipodean wilds of the paradoxical continent of Australia is a little zoological oddity which the naturalists have called the kangaroo rat. It averages no larger than the common rodent of the Norway variety, but is a miniature kangaroo in every respect. Its mode of locomotion is precisely the same as that of Macropus giganteus. Besides this, the female carries its young in pouches which nature has provided for that purpose, and in many other respects imitates the habits and characteristics of its gigantic relative.—St. Louis Republic.

He Swam While Asleep.

Dr. Macnish, the great Edinburgh physician, explodes the old story of somnambulists waking the moment they touch water with their bare feet. He knew an Irish sleep walker who once climbed out of bed one cold fall night and swam two miles down a river, got ashore and was subsequently found sleeping soundly by the riverside, perfectly unconscious of the extraordinary feat he had performed.

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In the force defending the Shah Nujeff, in addition to the regular army, there was a large body of archers on the walls, armed with bows and arrows, which they discharged with great force and precision, and on White raising his head above the wall an arrow was shot right into his feather bonnet. Dan, as he was called, coolly pulled out the arrow, paraphrasing a quotation from Sir Walter Scott's "Legend of Montrose," where Dagald Dalgetty and Randal MacEagh made their escape from the castle of McCallum More.

Looking at the arrow, "My conscience!" said White, "bows and arrows! bows and arrows! Have we got Robin Hood and Little John back again? Bows and arrows! My conscience, the sight has not been seen in civilized war for nearly 200 years. Bows and arrows! And why not weavers' beams, as in the days of Goliath? Ah! that Daniel White should be able to tell in the Sant market of Glasgow that he had seen men fight with bows and arrows in the days of Enfield rifles! Well, well, Jack Pandey, since bows and arrows are the words, here's at you!" and with that he raised his feather bonnet on the point of his bayonet above the top of the wall, and immediately another arrow pierced it through, while a dozen more whizzed past a little wide of the mark.—"Reminiscences of the Mutiny," by W. Forbes-Mitchell.

Tattered Volumes.

Burton, in his "Book Hunter," gives an amusing account of De Quincy's famous collection of books. "Some legend there is of a book collector having forced his way into the Caucasus den and there seen a sort of rubble inner wall of volumes, with their edges outward, while others, bound and unbound, the plebeian sheepskin and the aristocratic Russian, were squeezed into certain tubs drawn from the washing establishment of a confiding landlady."

The famous reviewer Jeffrey treated with disdain the bookbinder's delicate art. Books were merely meant to be read, he contended, and he was quite satisfied so long as the words were visible. Lord Cockburn laments the fact that Jeffrey's library was "for a lover of books, and for one who had picked up a few, most wretched and so ill cared for that the want even of a few volumes never disturbed him."

Chaplin, in his "Reminiscences," describes the study of his brilliant countryman as "a roomy, not over neat apartment on the ground floor, with a big baize covered table loaded with book rows and paper bundles. On one or perhaps two of the tables were bookshelves likewise well filled, but with books in tattered, ill bound or unbound condition."—Chambers' Journal.

What He Knew About the Case.

"The most intelligent witness in a law case I ever saw," said ex-Governor Proctor Knott of Kentucky, "was an old mountaineer down in eastern Kentucky, whom the opposing attorney subpoenaed. He was said to have been an eyewitness to the murder my client had committed and for which he was on trial, and I was mortally afraid he would annihilate my defense of provocation that I had been trying to establish. So when he took the stand I saw my client blanch, and I got a trifle white myself."

"Tell the court what you know of this killing," said my opponent, with a triumphant glance at me.

"Well, judge, I war a settin on a box in front of Bill Higginses' store a-whittin up a stick, an Si Jones, what were killed, he kem by, a-ridin up a loss. An I sez to Si Jones, sez I, 'Si, is that there critter a mare or a horse?' Sez he, 'It is.' An with that he rid on. Judge, that's all I know about it.' And the old man reached for his hat and got down out of the box."—Washington Post.

Courthouse Wit.

Frank Lockwood, an English counsel of whom many stories are told, was once defending a man at York who was accused of stealing cattle—"beasts," they call them there. "Now, my man," said Lockwood, "you say that you saw thus and so. How far can you see a beast to know it?" "Just as far off as I am from you," promptly returned the witness. In another case a thief showed both wit and some logic. He had been convicted of stealing a horse. "Yours is a very serious offense," said the judge sternly. "Fifty years ago it was a hanging matter." "Well," replied the prisoner, "and 50 years hence it mayn't be a crime at all."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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