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THE ASTRONOMER.
They had met and loved and married,
But in taste they did not agree,
While still together they tarried,
Each was longing to be free.
And at last love's bonds were riven,
For they fought with equal zest,
But his wealth to her was given,
And the lawyers took the rest.
From their several ways' digression
He had hoped to settle down,
To attend to his profession,
And by working gain renown.
But fame's meteoric brightness
As a great astronomer
Seemed to quickly lose its brightness
When he missed the smiles of her.
And he had that tired feeling
That his labor was in vain,
And the chains were round him stealing
Which draw down to sin's domain.
For the Dipper's charm no longer
Did his glowing vision yearn,
But for something that was stronger
Now a taste began to burn.
Never even did he ponder
On the signals just from Mars;
To the opera he would wander
There to hear the singing stars.
And one night he became enamored
Of a singer's voice so sweet,
For her love his spirit charmed
To retard his downward feet.
Costly flowers he oft would send her,
Laden with the garden's breath,
And a score of notes he penned her
That to lose her would be death.
Soon a meeting she appointed
He prepared him for the strife,
And with love's true grace anointed
His soon met his former wife!
For her hand with ardor plead he,
As in earlier, brighter years,
"All those horrid, dark spots," said he,
"I will wash away with tears."
Now again they are united
In the hands of truest love,
And their lives will move on plighted
While the stars shall shine above.
—E. C. Fuller in Chicago Inter Ocean.

Churchyard Humor.
Nothing, it seems, gives some people such distress of mind as not to have their relations buried in particular spots. Half the heartburns that arise between clergy and 'ho dissenters come from the refusal of the former to bury the latter, which Sidney Smith, the most humorous of clerics, always professed himself eager and willing to do.
A bishop of Salisbury is credited with having persuaded one of his clergy to perform the last rites he had obstinately refused to a Calvinist ("There are none but church of England people in my churchyard," he said, "and never shall be") by the narration of personal experience.
"When a curate of a church in Thames street, I was burying a corpse, when a woman came and pulled me by the sleeve in the middle of the service. 'Sir, I want to speak to you, and immediately. I cannot wait till you have done,' for I had naturally remonstrated at the interruption, 'or it will be too late. You are burying a man who died of the smallpox next my poor husband, who never had it.'"
The application of the story was understood and had the desired effect, but it was told so long ago that it seems to be forgotten.—London News.

Black Coffee.
An approved way to make black coffee is to put four tablespoonfuls of pure pulverized Mocha coffee in a warm, dry coffeepot and pour over it gradually a pint of boiling water. Stand the pot in a bain marie or in a saucepan of boiling water, so that, though the coffee gets thoroughly hot, it still does not boil. When this coffee has been poured through a strainer, it is ready for use.—New York Times.

To Keep Puss Home.
A country cat can always be kept at home by cutting off her ears, or, for a time, by clipping out the hairs in the interior. The long hairs serve to keep out the drops of dew that fall from the leaves of plants and grasses, and when the hairs are removed the cat will stay at home rather than claw the water out of her ears.

Handling Facts.
The lady witness had become quite picturesque in her testimony, and the attorney had called her down in a way that had made her mad all over. "Confine yourself to facts, if you please, madam," he said in conclusion. "Very well," she replied tartly; "you are no gentleman. How does that strike you?"—London Tit-Bits.

A careful computation with the best data obtainable on the basis of 0.9 grains of gold to a ton of sea water shows the ocean would contain gold to the amount of \$80,000,000,000,000,000.

The signs of wine merchants in Herculaneum and Pompeii have been recovered. They generally represent a Bacchus pressing grapes, while the juice flowed into a vase.
Edible birds' nests prepared for use are worth from \$1 to \$5 per pound, according to quality. There is a constant demand in China for all that can be obtained.

Pliny mentions spell as being used by the Romans for 250 years before they made bread out of wheat.

Cape Fear river is a corruption. The name was originally Capo Fair river.

Many insects hear and breathe with the same apparatus.

ALL ABOUT A HALF DOLLAR.

An Experience Which Had a Costly Deal of Mischief on a Car Conductor.
"Haven't you another coin, sir?" asked a Sixth Avenue street car conductor of me the other day upon being tendered a half dollar.
The car was crowded with lady shoppers, and every one of them looked suspiciously toward me. I glanced again at the half returned to me and hefted it and felt it and pronounced it good coin of the realm.
"What's the matter with it?" I inquired.
"Light," says he, and everybody looked at me again and then at each other, as if to say, "Well, get on to the gall of the man with the counterfeit money!"
"Light, is it?" says I. "It's good coin all the same, but if you want our half dollars made heavier you ought to lodge your complaint with the treasury or congress."
"Well, I'd rather you'd ride free than give change for it anyhow," said he, with growing impertinence.
I was pulling out a dollar note when a stout, businesslike looking lady of highly respectable appearance came over to me and sat down, at the same time asking me politely to let her see the rejected piece. I did so.
"Dear me!" said she. "If that is bad, I don't know silver. And I've taken one just like it at —'s store this morning!" She dug down into a small bag and brought forth one of the same vintage. "If that's spurious, then mine is, too," said she, carefully balancing the two.
"It's light, ma'am," said the conductor without looking at her and giving me change for a dollar note. In doing so he gave me a half dollar so nearly like mine that you couldn't have told the difference.
"Hold on, there!" said I. "You have given me another counterfeit."
The passengers began to laugh now, and I shuffled the pieces so he couldn't tell which he had given me.
"I won't take that," I insisted. But I really couldn't tell which was his and which was mine. So I held them out on the palm of my hand. "Perhaps you can tell—you handle so much more of this stuff than I do. Now, which is yours?"
The young man, who had unquestionably been honest in his conclusion, turned very red, while the ladies tittered. The stout woman by my side was especially pained, as she now felt that her half dollar was all right. The conductor took the two pieces and weighed them critically. "That's the light one," said he gruffly, handing me back one and pouring out some 10 cent pieces. Among these was a Canadian piece, which I promptly returned to him. The passengers laughed again, and he was mad enough to break a bull-rope.
"I guess you're all right," whispered the stout lady, and with this approval I left the car at Thirty-third street.—New York Herald.

A Distinguished Organist.
A good story is told of Mascagni, the composer. During the latter's recent visit to London, while in his room at a hotel, he heard an organ grinder play the intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana." The man, playing the piece entirely too fast, exasperated Mascagni, and descending into the street, the composer addressed the organist, saying:
"You play this entirely too fast. Let me show you how it ought to be played."
"And who are you?" asked the wandering minstrel.
"I happen to be the composer of that piece," replied Mascagni, and then he played the intermezzo for the astonished organ grinder in the correct tempo.
Imagine Mascagni's surprise when on the following day he saw the same organ grinder in front of his house with a placard on the organ on which was inscribed in large letters:
"Pupil of Mascagni."—London Tit-Bits.

What He Needed Most.
The Woman—I tied a string around my finger to get something for my husband. I've forgotten what it was.
The Storekeeper—What does your husband need most?
The Woman—He needs sense most, but I wouldn't need to tie a string around my finger to get him that if it could be bought anywhere.—New York Press.

The Battle of the Lies.
The Field of Lies was the battle fought by Louis the Good Natured against his three sons. The unfortunate monarch was deserted by his own army. He was twice shut up in a cloister, twice compelled to do public penance and twice released to pacify the quarrels of his family. He finally died in a campaign against his own son Louis.

A Conjugal Tie.
Husband—I see plainly you want to get up a quarrel. And in the street too! Wait at least till we are inside our own house.
Wife—Impossible. I shall have cooled down before we get there.—Familie.

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SONORA, TEXAS, May 11, 1895.

The Sonora National Bank.

At a meeting of the citizens of Sutton county held in the bank building in Sonora on Wednesday May 8th, the following proceedings were had to wit:

John W. Hagerlund called the meeting to order and Maj. A. A. DeBerry was elected chairman and Mike Murphy secretary.

Maj. DeBerry stated the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of taking steps to organize a national bank in Sonora with a capital stock of \$50,000 and further explained national banking.

On those present being asked to put down the amount of stock they would take 139 shares at \$100 a share was subscribed to.

A committee of four was then appointed to push the enterprise and solicit subscribers as follows: A. A. DeBerry, R. W. Callahan, John W. Hagerlund and Max Mayer.

The meeting then adjourned.

The state ad valorem tax this year will be 25 cents and the state school tax 20 cents on the \$100 valuation.

D. W. Maddox who has given Menard the best paper ever published in that county, has retired from the newspaper business and is succeeded by Austin Callan.

A cyclone swept the State of Iowa last Saturday and fifty persons were killed. Great damage to property. Parts of South Dakota and Illinois were also visited by the cyclone.

The fact that \$13,900 in stock was subscribed in half an hour Wednesday for the purpose of establishing a \$50,000 National bank in Sonora speaks well for Sonora.

Ever since the Devil's River News started it has advocated Sonora as a trading point but at no time has it had as good backing in the way of stocks and prices as at present.

It is said that no national bank stock in Texas is worth less than \$10. Six months after the Sonora national bank is in operation its stock will be worth from \$112 to \$115.

The hop at the court house next Friday night promises to be the event of the season. The Sonora dress makers have been kept busy for some time past and a number of new costumes will be worn that night.

J. W. Reilly and W. Mollenhaner prominent sheepmen of Sutton county, on their home from San Antonio, sojourned a few days in our little city, combining business with pleasure. They are representative flockmasters of West Texas, and take the Paper.—Kerrville Paper.

M. W. Warren accompanied by Miss Adah Gibbons and his daughters Misses Nellie, Edna and Alice, left Monday for San Antonio on pleasure bound. Miss Gibbons on her return goes to Bandera. We wish them a speedy and safe return.—Rock Springs Rustler.

Last Tuesday Judge Williamson started for his home at Junction, when his team became unmanageable and ran off with him, without any serious damage; but when the Judge got out about two miles from town they again became uncontrollable and ran away, throwing him violently to the ground, inflicting several painful wounds. The accident occurred between ten and eleven o'clock, and it was some four hours before any one came along, as the road is not traveled a great deal. He was brought into town and his wounds were dressed by our popular young doctors Messrs. McKnight & Fenley. He rested tolerably well Tuesday night, and was carried home Thursday morning by Mr. Harris.—Hon. W. A. Williamson was granted an injunction by Judge Woodward at Brady last week to stop the sale of Henry Treadwell's cattle levied on to satisfy judgment in favor of the State amounting to \$750, and costs.—Menard Enterprise.

Born on Friday May 10th, 1895 to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Duke a boy. You can buy sugar in Sonora to-day cheaper than in St. Louis. Do your trading in Sonora. C. B. Duke came into the Devil's Retreat Friday and reported that the boy weighed 8 1-2 pounds.

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Boston Wool Market.
Boston, Mass., May 7.—For the past week the wool market has been dull and prices sagging. Purchasers are only buying from time to time as their need demand. Arrivals of new clip scarce and slow in coming to hand. Shearing is in progress, but the strike of the shearers in Wyoming has delayed operations. The market has a limited supply of old wools, but it will be some time before the new clips are available. There is no Illinois wool on the market, but new clips are expected shortly. The market for Australia wools is firm, but sales slow. Texas spring medium (twelve months) 11 to 12c, scoured 27 to 28c.

FOR SALE.
At 11 a.m., on Monday May 13, 1895, I will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the lot 16 x 100 ft., and stone and frame building thereon, known as the Sutton County Bank property; also an iron safe and other personal property, reserving the right to reject any or all bids.
R. W. CALLAHAN, Assignee.

The shortage in cattle has caused the price of beef to go up in the east, and although cattle on the range are worth more than formerly the increase is not in proportion to the increased price of beef. Secretary Morton and the dressed beef combine are working against the producer and not doing the consumer any good.
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Barbed wire on fences will successfully bear the electric current for telephones, it is said, and on account of the expiration of certain patents and a recent decision of the supreme court adverse to the monopoly, telephones and necessary apparatus can be bought outright at reasonable prices. This, it is thought, will greatly increase the demand for telephone outfits, and make their use common in the country. Such lines would generally follow the road and would be interrupted at gaitways and cross-roads; but they could easily be connected by a wire carried over on poles on insulated and laid under ground. And where other than a barb fence intervenes a plain wire could be attached to said fence to make necessary connections. This would cost but little; and it suggests that if poles, the main cost of a line, can be disposed with and fences used instead, a wire can be quickly strung along any fence, carried over or under breaks and crossings, and thus a very cheap telephone line could be laid anywhere the country. If fence wires will do the business they will undoubtedly be used for such purpose, even if they have to be insulated at connection with posts.—Farm Implement News.

The judges at the school Friday evening decided that the following named pupils deserve the honor of competing for the medal to be given for the best in recitation at the close of the school on the 24th inst: Ora Coker, Ruby Halbert, Emmett Bell, Annie Adams, Cora Lovelace, Eddie DeBerry, Lula Holland.

Stock News.

If you want steer or she cattle come to Sonora.

Mark Fury of Schleicher county sold his spring clip in San Angelo at 7 1-2 cents.

C. T. Turney sold his steers to F. Mayer & Sons, numbering 400 head at 9, 12, 15 and \$18 for 1s, 2s, 3s and 4s respectively.

Wiley Anderson sold his sheep to J.R. Hamilton, of Mexico, Mo. Fat muttons at \$2.25 and ewes at \$2.—Rock Springs Rustler.

C. Ferguson sold to G. S. Long 600 muttons at \$1.50 for ewes and \$2 for wethers.—Chas Schauer sold to G. S. Long 7500 muttons at \$2.35.—San Angelo Enterprise.

E. G. Trimble delivered 400 muttons to Hector McKenzie, at San Angelo, this week, at \$2 head with wool off.—Mr. Z. Boszier bought of Dr. J. O. Toliver last week a nice bunch of stock horses at \$22.50 a head, colts not counted.—Coke County Rustler.

At Boston last week 60,000,000 pounds of spring Texas wool sold at 10 1-2 to 11c per pound.

From the San Antonio Stockman: A bunch of goats sold in Bandera county last week at \$1.00 to \$1.25 per head.

W. A. Mangum Uvalde county, sold last week to T. J. Allen of Dimmit county 175 head of steers, consisting of ones, twos, fours and up, at the following prices: \$10 for 1s, \$12 for 2s, \$15 for 3s and \$20 for 4s and up, delivery to be made May 3.

T. H. Mathis, sold last week to B. L. Naylor of Kansas all his crop of one, two and three year old steers numbering about 600 head at \$10, \$15 and \$20 per head respectively. These were a choice bunch of cattle and will be shipped to the nation.—San Antonio Stockman.

Chicago, Ill., May 7.—Cattle were stronger and about 15c higher than last week; common to strictly choice native steers \$4.00 to 6.00, hayfed Montana and Idaho cattle \$4.00 to \$4.70. There were very few choice heaves here and the larger part of the trading was done at \$5.00 to 5.75, with a good many sales below \$5.00; butchers and cannery cattle strong, cows \$1.65 to 4.80, largely at \$2.30 to 4.25; bulls \$2.25 to 4.50. Texas cattle numbered about 1000 head and good lots were 10 to 15c higher than yesterday and 20c higher than Saturday, choice being worth \$5.25.

A drove of 304 head of Texas steers that averaged 1062 pounds sold at \$4.90 and a lot of 257 head that averaged 1070 pounds brought \$4.75.

The supply of sheep shows a remarkable falling off this week, only about 15,300 head having arrived so far, or 22,000 less than came in during the same time last week. The market to-day was 10c higher; natives \$1.75 to 4.65, Texans \$1.50 to 3.75 western \$3.40 to 4.30, lambs \$3.00 to 5.6c.

From the San Angelo Standard:

Jim Currie, of Garden City, bought 500 head of fat muttons from Robert Currie at \$2.50 with wool off. Jim, since the bottom dropped out is not looking for any more at that figure.

Fayette Tankersley, proprietor of the 7D ranch, Irion and Tom Green counties, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Tankersley bought Crockett county cattle as follows: From the Hereford Cattle Co., 150 heaves at \$25, and from Ed Corbett all his 3 and 4 year old steers for \$18.

The Godair-Henderson trade, whereby W. H. Godair contracted to buy 400 steers, for \$25 per head, from John Henderson, of Crockett county is off.

Jim Morton, of Crockett county, bought 100 stock cattle, calves to May 1st, from Ben Bently, of Juno, at \$9.75.

Lee Good, of Runnels county, is in the city, en route to Crockett and Sutton counties. Mr. Good wants to buy a few thousand cows and steer yearlings.

The wool market opened up very lively this week. Chas. W. Hobbs sold over 2000 bags during the week, and Messrs. Jackson & Richardson are reported to have sold over a thousand bags. Mr. Palmer of Hill & Palmer, of San Antonio, has purchased 1,800 bags during the week, and J. A. Caldwell purchased 1,700 bags last week. It is difficult to obtain prices as buyers and sellers are close as oysters on the subject. It is known that the figures are around 7 cents per pound.—San Angelo Standard.

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PUBLISHED WEEKLY,
Advertising Medium of the
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Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora,
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MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS. - May 11, 1895.

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Country calls promptly answered.
Office at Residence.

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Office at Cusenbary & Briant's drug
store. Residence at the Geo. Dunagan
place. All calls promptly answered.

Sonora, Texas.

Smoke "Our Favorite" for 5c.
21 Cusenbary & Briant.

Geo. P. Lanier the steam well-
driller has a contract to drill for
J. T. Nicks between the Karnes
and Nicks ranches.

Your cigar dealer will give you
a briar pipe free. See adv't of
Duke's Mixture. 18.

Judge J. J. Ellis of Kickapoo
Springs, Edwards county, and
daughter Mrs. B. M. Halbert came
in from the ranch Monday.

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

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wyatt and
children have gone on a fishing
trip to the Llano.

Fort Worth Beer is handled by
Morris & Allison. 35

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts,
Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,
Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands,
Chilblains, 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.

Smoke "Our Favorite" for 5c.

21 Cusenbary & Briant.

The sheep market 10c, higher.

New goods constantly arriving
at Hagerlund's. 39

R. H. Wyatt and Wm. Babb
were in town Friday.

"Too cute for anything," that
what all the ladies say about the
line of Hats at Mayer Bros. & Co.

J. P. McConnell sold the residence
lately occupied by R. C.
Dawson, to W. I. Babb for \$800

When calling for Beer be sure
and call for Fort Worth. 35

R. C. Dawson the well known
Sonora saddler has moved into his
new home this week.

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

W. A. Holland was in Sonora
Friday. Mr. Holland has a fine
bunch of muttons for sale.

Spring dress goods in all the
latest novelties at Mayer Bros. &
Co.

W. L. Gray & Co., of Wallick,
Schleicher county, have lumber on
the road for a 24 x 50 foot store
house. They will carry a \$6000
stock of general merchandise.

Don't fail to see that beautiful
carpeting at Mayer Bros. & Co.

In this issue will be seen the
adv. of Geo. P. Lanier the well
driller. Mr. Lanier is a thorough
mechanic and has the record for
fast time well drilling.

Langdon & Batchelor's glove
fitting corset at Mayer Bros. & Co.

W. W. Razor of Sherwood arrived
last Saturday and is representing
the Equitable life assurance
company of New York.

Just received

A nice line of California dried
fruits.

Apricots,

Nectarines.

Peaches,

Pitted Plums, etc.

At Hagerlund's.

The bank building will be offered
for sale at 11 o'clock Monday
morning by R. W. Callahan the
assignee.

We have a soft finished bleached
domestic at 6c per yard, Mayer
Bros. & Co.

A. R. Cauthorn was in Sonora
Friday for supplies.

Ladies and childrens Ribbed
Vests at 85c per doz, at Mayer
Bros. & Co. 37

J. Hunter and H. Spruce played
for two dances on the Llano this
week. Monday night the dance
was at C. W. Adams, and Tuesday
night at D. Q. Adams. Tuesday
was spent in fishing and hunting.
The entire community was in attendance
and they had a most enjoyable time.

All Free.

Those who have used Dr. King's New
Discovery know its value, and those
who have not, have now the opportunity
to try it free. Call on the advertised
Druggist and get a Trial Bottle. Free.
Send your name and address to H. E.
Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a
sample box of Dr. King's New Life
Pills Free, as well as a copy of Guide to
Health and Household Economy. Free.
All of which is guaranteed to do
good and cost you nothing. W. H.
Cusenbary & Co. Druggists.

S. G. Tayloe and S. D. Foote
have formed a partnership agreement
for the transaction of a law
and land business.

See the World's Fair for
Fifteen Cents.

Upon receipt of your address and
fifteen cents in postage stamps, we will
mail you prepaid our SOUVENIR PORTRAIT
OF THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EX-
POSITION the regular price is Fifty cents,
but as we want you to have one, we
make the price nominal. You will find
it a work of art and a thing to be prized.
It contains full page views of the great
buildings, with descriptions of same,
and is executed in highest style of art.
If not satisfied with it, we will refund
the stamps and let you keep the book.
Address, H. E. BUCKLEN & Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

A. W. Mills the sheepman was
in Sonora Friday trading.

For a pleasant smile, a good
smoke and genial company, make
Zenker & Maier's your head
quarters while in San Angelo.

Make a day of it and attend the
Allison barbecue and the dances in
Sonora on May 17th.

Baker Bros., of Mason county,
are now running the Exchange
restaurant.

All silk parasols at Mayer Bros.
& Co., at \$1.25.

John Bryden and John Allison
Jr., were in from the G. S. Allison
ranch Sunday.

We have given Morris & Allison
the agency for Quaker City Mono-
gram Whiskey, the best on earth.
JAKE DAVIS & Co.,
31 1f, Galveston, Texas.

MONTHLY HOP.

To the People of the Devil's River
Country:

You are respectfully invited to
attend a hop at the Court House
in Sonora on Friday night, May
17th. This will be the regular
monthly hop for May and a good
attendance is expected.

Those owing the late firm of
Mayer & Hagerlund are respect-
fully requested to settle same as
soon as possible with Hagerlund
Bros. or Mayer Bros. & Co., either
of whom are authorized to receipt
for same. 39

F. Mayer,
John W. Hagerlund,
Sonora, Texas, May 4th, 1895.

Our Meeting Closed.

Even at this late hour, let me
in this public way, express what
has been in my heart for these
days. In many things, the meet-
ing was up to high water mark;
The preaching was strong, vigor-
ous, pointed; the singing excel-
lent; congregations, under the cir-
cumstances, remarkably good, at-
tentive, appreciative. The vis-
ible results in conversions, and
accessions, to the church were not
what we desired; but doubtless we
received, what we needed most.
We will remember Dr. Daets and
Prof. Wilcox in years to come.
May the seed sown grow; and con-
tinue to bear fruit, to the glory of
God. And this end; in language
of Paul, "Let us give the more
earnest heed to the things which
we have heard lest at any time we
should let them slip."

Appreciatively
W. G. Cocke.

The BUCKSKIN BREECHES are
made to please the men who wear
them. The trimmings are better, thread
and buttons better, pockets better, and
workmanship is better than other
brands. They are cut fuller and more
shapely. In short, they are made
honestly and are offered to the wearer
on their merits only. Insist on seeing
them.

Hagerlund Bros. have Buckskin
Jeans in all sizes. 27.

The Sonora public school closes
May 21th.

Standard goods, reasonable prices
and printer's ink are moving the
goods at Hagerlund's. 38.

J. T. Nicks the sheepman from
Schleicher county was in Sonora
this week trading.

C. E. Way of Alpine represent-
ing the Mutual Life of New York
arrived last Saturday and will re-
main in Sonora for several
months.

A picnicking party left Sonora
Sunday for the half way ground
between Sonora and Ozona in Dr.
J. B. Taylor's pasture. The
Sonora party report having a
splendid time and doubtless the
others enjoyed themselves also.

Sold out all our Liverpool salt,
200 sacks to arrive next week, will
be sold at the same price \$1.85
per sack at Hagerlund's. 38.

Fred Berger from J. W. Reiley's
ranch was in Sonora Wednesday.

Sam McKee the cattleman
from below Frank's Defeat was in
Sonora Wednesday trading.

G. W. Whitehead and son
Walter well-known stockmen of
Val Verde county were in Sonora
Wednesday trading.

\$12.80 per case is making the
Cooper Dip popular. Sulphur for
those who will have it, at Hager-
lund's. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Huber of the
North Llano draw, 15 miles east
of Sonora came to town Saturday
and remained over night. On
their return home Sunday night
they found that their home had
been broken into and robbed of
silver ware, jewelry, clothing,
blankets, etc and a gun belonging
to Fred Berger. Most of the
silver stolen had been wedding
presents of Mrs. Huber's and the
loss is deplored the more on that
account. Sheriff McConnell is
working on the case with the hope
of arresting the parties.

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 to-
bacco 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 drug-
gists. Book at drug stores or by mail
free. Address the Sterling Remedy
company, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

Picnic and Barbecue.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Allison ex-
tend to you a cordial invitation to
attend a picnic and barbecue at
their ranch, east of Sonora on
Wednesday May 17th, 1895.

March Bros.,

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Dry Goods, Groceries, Grain, etc.

We are prepared to advance money
and supplies on consignments;

we sell each and every dip upon its
own merit.

One-fourth cent per pound covers all
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Free wagon yard.

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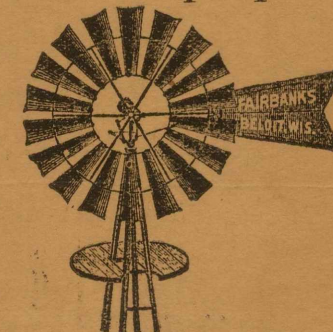
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Will Contract to drill anywhere in West Texas and guarantees

satisfactory work, Fast Time and Straight Holes.

"Our Favorite" is the best cigar.

21 Cusenbary & Briant.

Misses Green and Phillips, Eng-
land, who are at present visiting
at the ranch of C. S. and A. C.
Green in Edwards county, were in
Sonora this week shopping.

See that lovely line of hair orna-
ments at Mayer Bros. & Co.

Frank Baker of Junction City,
is managing the meat market of
S. J. Palmer.

PIANOS and ORGANS by MAIL?

Hardly; but catalogues telling you
about them.

Wm. Knabe & Co.
Boardman & Gray,
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Read about them. Think about them.
May save you money. Write today.

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EVERYTHING IN MUSIC.

**WOODFORD
(1881)
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.

Before you make arrangements
for the next seasons supplies.
Get figures and terms from the
Sonora merchants.

M. McNeal the windmill and
machinery man was in Sonora
Wednesday.

Thomas Bond the well-known
sheepman was in Sonora this week
on business.

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A BRITISH SPAT.

One of the Charming Amateurs of Travel
on an English Railroad.
"There are several things that
strike the American traveler on English
railroads as being curious," said a
returned New Yorker, "but none more
so than the custom that obtains of
the passengers talking at each other.
There is a sliding window set in the
door of each compartment, as you
know, and there is no other airhole
in the whole outfit. The persons who
sit by these door windows control the
ventilation of the compartment. Generally,
too, there is a diversity of opinion
on the subject of ventilation between
those who sit by the window, the party
who travels with his back to the engine
declaring in favor of having the window
open, while the other man, who would
then sit in the draft, is in favor of
having the window closed! The stupid
faults of construction are primarily
responsible for these inconveniences,
but the Briton perpetuates them by
refusing to attempt anything in the
line of concession. Nobody ever, or
rarely ever, thinks of appealing to a
fellow passenger's idea of the fitness
of things, and they content themselves
with growling at each other or else
appealing to the guard and talking at
each other through that official."

"I saw a very amusing instance
of this while traveling on the Great
Western railroad. I was one of two
passengers in a second class car, the
other being a chunky, middle aged
man, with a very red face, a stubby
iron gray mustache and the bluest
necktie I ever saw. At one station,
Bath, I think, a third passenger got
into our compartment. This was a
lady, also of middle age, as prima,
chilly and severe as a new granite
gravestone in a snowstorm. Both
the gentleman and myself had been
sitting with our backs to the engine
and with the windows way down,
so that there was plenty of fresh air
for both of us without our being in it.
"When the lady got in it was on
the other fellow's end of the compart-
ment, and as he did not attempt to
move she arranged her parcels and
herage and herself on the seat op-
posite him, facing the engine. As
soon as the train started the wind
rushed in and nearly blew the tail
feathers out of her parrot. She at
once reached over and pulled the
window up. The fellow, who had
been watching her over the top of
his paper, instantly reached over
and let the window down. Out
streamed the ribbons of her bonnet,
away spread the tail feathers of her
parrot, and up flew the window.
"This sort of thing was kept up con-
tinuously, with short intervals of
glaring at each other, but without a
word, until the next station was
reached.

"The fellow jammed the window
down—it happened to be an up spill
—and yelled for the guard.
"Look 'ere, guard," he cried, as
soon as that official presented him-
self, "ham I to be smothered to death
because there 'appens to be a rheu-
matic ole critter in 'ere who can't
bear a breath of fresh air?"
"Mr. Guard," screamed the lady,
"there is no reason, even if I am un-
protected, why I should be insulted
by a rough faced brute."
"So they went at it, ammer and
mammer, keeping each other over the
guard's back, until the gentleman
knocked the lady out by telling the
guard that he knew it was against
the company's rules to allow parrots
in the passengers' compartments and
threatening to report him unless he
instantly took the thing away. At
that the conductor whispered to the
lady, and seizing the parrot and parcels
she hurried away with him, evi-
dently to some promised seclusion,
giving her late antagonist a Partinian
shot as she swept out about "travel-
ing hogs." It was the funniest thing
I ever saw, and certainly could never
have happened anywhere outside of
an English railroad."—New York
Sun.

A "I Wish I Had" Book.

A clever woman—I cannot remem-
ber whether she lived in a story or
out of one—has suggested a way
whereby next year and the year after
that and the year after that and
on birthdays as well as at Christ-
mas the welcome gift can always
be bestowed, and that is by the use
of an "I Wish I Had" book. In this
book are to be kept the expressed
wishes of friends for this, that and
the other as they occur during the
year, and when the gift season comes
one has only to refer to it, select the
longing that one can afford to pay
for, buy it if one can find it, and the
trouble of walking miles to discover
something that John or Mary or
Tom might want is escaped as well
as your disappointment at finding
that you had not bought anything
that gave pleasure.—Chicago Post.

Finance.

"What this country needs," said
Mr. Kickle, "is an elastic currency."
"Yes," replied his wife, "I notice
it in my shopping. What the country
needs is a currency that'll stretch so
as to make \$1 go as far as \$5."—
Washington Star.

To Readers and Friends:
of the Devil's River News
You will help this paper by
patronizing those who ad-
vertise in its columns. Give
advertising patrons of this
paper preference when
placing your orders.

THE POOLING OF THE WORLD.

The Ideas of Asia Will Yet Greatly Modify Western Life.

Europe and Asia will yet greatly
not embrace as they are doing with-
out a mental as well as a commer-
cial effect upon the first named.
Most of our readers know men and
women who have become, as the
phrase runs, "cosmopolitans"—that
is, have imbibed the ways and ideas
of many European countries, and
know, too, how widely different such
"cosmopolitans" are from ordinary
English people. Henceforward cos-
mopolitanism will imply residence
in several continents instead of sev-
eral countries, and the differentia-
tion of ideas thus produced will be
far more marked. Speaking broadly,
and of course with reserve as to
individuals, we have never met an
Anglo-Asiatic who was not more im-
perious, an Anglo-African who was
not harder or an Anglo-American
who was not more cynically tolerant
than the average Englishman on the
same plane of intelligence, and the
process of change has yet only be-
gun. The ideas of Asia, for exam-
ple, have not arrived here in any
strength yet, but they will come,
and they will profoundly affect both
morals and manners. "Asiatic ideas
do not travel," did you say? Why,
there is not a creed believed on
earth, except fetishism, which did
not originate on that continent. Just
study what the returned Crusaders
were like and what the fighting "or-
ders" which remained in Asia for
nearly 300 years.

We are not saying, be it un-
derstood, that all that comes will be
deliberate. Asia has her virtues as
well as Europe, and we are the last
to forget that if Buddhism and Mo-
hammadanism are Asiatic creeds so
also is Christianity. But that the
mental influence of the east, and of
the south, too, will be felt here we
have no doubt whatever, any more
than that it will be felt in a very
profound way. Already we fancy we
perceive that the grand Asiatic idea,
the superiority of reflection to ac-
tion, is becoming accepted in many
quarters, and we cannot conceive
an idea which, if it became general,
even as an abstract opinion, would
so profoundly modify all western
life. We mark, too, both in France
and England, the slow growth of the
oriental idea of fate—the blind pow-
er—though we still conceal our new
reverence for it under words like
"heredity," "society," "tendency,"
and "circumstance" and try, by mix-
ing western altruism with it, to con-
ceal from ourselves the fact that fa-
talism is non-moral. The subject is,
perhaps, too big for a newspaper,
and, as we have said, the visible im-
portation of Asiatic ideas and Afri-
can encephalitis is as yet but limited,
but still it is well to remember when
we boast of our maritime feats and
the record breaking speed of our
steamers that you cannot abolish
distance without abolishing also in
some degree difference, both eco-
nomic and intellectual.—London
Spectator.

"Carat" as Applied to Diamonds.

Although the term "carat" is ap-
plied to diamonds as well as to gold,
it does not mean the same thing.
Used with reference to diamonds, it
means quality or fineness, 24 carats
being pure gold and 22 karat equal
to coined gold. But applied to the
diamond carat means actual weight,
and by this measure 115½ carats are
equal to an ounce. The value of a
diamond is not merely so much per
carat, irrespective of size, but in-
creases in an increasing ratio with
the weight of the stone.

To give an example. If \$20 be the
value of a stone of one carat of the
"first water"—that is, colorless and
free from brown tinge—a stone of
two carats would be worth \$80, or
\$30 per carat, one of five carats,
\$250, or \$50 per carat, one of ten
carats, \$2,500, or \$250 per carat.
Thus it is that when stones are found
of a phenomenal size their value is
almost incalculable and can only be
approximately appraised by the most
skillful and experienced experts.
And thus it is that we often hear of
fabulous and utterly impossible valua-
tions of gems.—Chambers' Jour-
nal.

A Piece of Sickness.

There is a piece of General Sickles
over in the Army Medical museum
of Washington, a large bone, splin-
tered about midway, where the bul-
let struck, marked "No 1335." The
tag says: "Major General D. E. S.,
United States Volunteers, Gettys-
burg, July 2, amputated in the lower
third of the thigh by Surgeon T.
Sims on the field, stump healed rap-
idly, and subject was able to ride in
carriage July 16, completely healed
so that he could mount his horse Sep-
tember, 1863." Contributed by the
subject.

A Neglected Branch.

Smythe—I intend Harry for the
bar. Would you advise his beginning
on such old works as Coke and Black-
stone?
Tompkins—No. I would begin by
grounding him even further back.
Smythe—Indeed! In what?
Tompkins—The Ten Command-
ments.—Kato Field's Washington

YERKES GOT THE PATENT.

He Had the Edge on the Inventor Who
Devised the Scheme.

Among the many stories told of
Charles T. Yerkes, the street car
magnate, is one of his dealings with
a patent crank which has not gained
a very wide circulation and is well
worthy of repetition. A certain
young man who has a lucrative po-
sition with a big down town firm is a
patent crank of the worst kind, and,
contrary to the usual run of cranks,
manages to hit upon a good thing
occasionally. The young man lives
upon the North Side and consequently
was obliged to pass through the
La Salle street tunnel twice a day.
He had a quick eye for curious and
odd things, and in passing through the
tunnel he often noticed the odd
shadows cast by the brilliant electric
lights which dot it from end to end.
The idea finally occurred to him that
the lights might be utilized for some-
thing besides illumination, and he at
once set to work to invent something
that might bring him some money.

Things went along in this way for
over two months, and nothing had
taken on the shape of an invention,
when suddenly one day, while watch-
ing the shadows on the wall of the
words on the glass in the top of the
car, it suddenly occurred to the in-
ventor that skeleton signs might be
placed along the tunnel in front of
the lights, thus casting shadow ad-
vertisements on the wall. Having
perfected a model, he tucked it un-
der his arm and started for the office
of the street car baron, perfectly
confident that his fortune had been
made. When he entered the com-
pany's office, Mr. Yerkes received
him very coolly, and beyond an occa-
sional "Ah!" or "Yes, I see," did
not seem to take much interest in
the invention. He finally consented,
however, to think the matter over,
and putting the model in a desk
wheeled around in his chair and be-
gan dictating a letter to his stenog-
rapher. In a few days the inventor
returned, not quite so confident per-
haps, but determined that he would
not part with his invention for a
mere trifle. Mr. Yerkes again ex-
hibited considerable animus during
the interview, but finally said:

"What do you want for your in-
vention, Mr. —?"

"Well, I thought \$5,000 and an in-
terest in it would be about right,"
said the inventor.

"Ah, well, I couldn't pay that
much for it. In fact, I couldn't think
of it."

"Well, I wish you would make me
an offer, and maybe we can come to
terms."
"Oh, I would be willing to pay you
\$50 for the entire right to its manu-
facture."

Fifty dollars! Never, sir! I will
keep it first. Why, it cost me more
than that to make the model."
"You know the company can make
those signs itself and hang them in
it wants to."

"Well, but I've got the patent."
"That's all right, young man,"
said the baron coolly as he turned
around in his chair; "you've got the
patent, but we've got the tunnel."
When the young man had recover-
ed sufficiently to appreciate the full
force of this answer, he feebly gasp-
ed, "Give me the \$50!"—Chicago
Tribune.

British Courtesy.

Not long ago I asked an English-
man whom I had met but once if he
could give me the address of a cer-
tain man we both knew. He said he
could not remember it, but that it
was in the court directory. I told
him I should look it up, but he in-
sisted on doing it for me. He ran
around the corner and down two
blocks into a public house, as the
bars are called here, and came back
red in the face and panting. He had
written the address on a card and
explicit directions how to reach the
place by half a dozen railway and
tram lines, two or three bus lines,
cabs and by three or four attractive
routes on foot. He had stopped on
the way and bought a sixpenny guide
to London and offered it to me with
his autograph and compliments on
the fly leaf. I told him I had a Baed-
ecker, but he eagerly explained to
me that his purchase contained a pic-
torial plan of the city, by which one
could tell the location of the parks
by splashes of green and the public
buildings and churches by their
domes, spires, etc. I missed an en-
gagement by his prolonged politeness,
but I got a good idea of English
hospitality.—Atlanta Constitution.

Selecting Judges.

Dr. Franklin thought that judges
ought to be appointed by lawyers,
for, added the shrewd man, in Scot-
land, where this practice prevails,
they always select the ablest mem-
ber of the profession, in order to get
rid of him and share his practice
among themselves.—Green Bag.

Buried.

Yeast—Do you quarrel with your
neighbor still about his hen coming
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of the temperate and even a few of
the torrid zones, a store of minerals
so large as to seem inexhaustible.

She has given it a climate in which
the foremost races of mankind can
thrive and, save in a few districts,
labor, an air in most regions not only
salubrious, but more stimulating
than that of their ancient European
seats.

She has made communication easy
by huge natural water courses and
by the general openness and smooth-
ness of so much of the continent as
lies east of the Rocky mountains.
In laying out a vast central and
almost unbroken plain she has des-
tined the largest and richest region
of the country to be the home of one
nation, and only one. That the
lands which lie east of this region,
between the Alleghenies and the At-
lantic, and those which lie west of
it, between the Rocky mountains and
the Pacific, are also occupied by
that one nation is due to the fact
that before the colonization of the
central region had gone far means of
communication were invented which
made the Alleghenies cease to be a
barrier, and that before the Pacific
coast had been thickly settled the
rest of the country was already so
great in population, wealth and pow-
er that its attraction was as irresist-
ible as the moon finds the attraction
of the earth to be.

Severing its home by a wide ocean
from the old world of Europe on the
east and a still wider one from the
half old, half new, world of Asia and
Australia on the west, she has made
the nation sovereign of its own
fortunes. It need fear no attacks nor
even any pressure from the military
and naval powers of the eastern
hemisphere, and it has little tempta-
tion to dissipate its strength in con-
flicts with them. It has no doubt a
strong neighbor on the north, but a
friendly one, linked by many ties of
interests as well as kindred and not
likely ever to become threatening.
It had on the south neighbors who
might have been dangerous, but for-
tune favored it by making one of
them hopelessly weak and obliging
the other, strong as she was, to quit
possession at a critical moment.
Thus it is left to itself as no great
state has ever yet been in the world;
thus its citizens enjoy an opportu-
nity, never before granted to a nation,
of making their country what they
will to have it.

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mense defensive strength, of im-
mense material prosperity. They
disclose an unrivaled field for the
development of an industrial civiliza-
tion. Nevertheless students of
history, knowing how unpredictable is
the action of what we call moral
causes—that is to say, of emotional
and intellectual influences as con-
trasted with those rooted in physical
and economic facts—will not venture
to base upon the most careful survey
of the physical conditions of Ameri-
ca any bolder prophecy than this—
that not only will the state be pow-
erful and the wealth of its citizens
prodigious, but that the nation will
probably remain one in its govern-
ment and still more probably one in
speech, in character and in ideas.
—Bryce's "American Common-
wealth."

Don't Grease the Griddle.

Hot pancakes are such universal
favorites and the family is so varied
in all its branches that every one
knows how to mix the most approv-
ed ingredients, whether the substanc-
be buckwheat, rice, Indian meal
or wheat flour. But how to bake
them is the question, without filling
the house with smoke and a heavy,
greasy odor. Do not grease the grid-
dle. That's my way of cooking them.
The griddle must be perfectly clean
and smooth and neither too hot nor
yet too cool. When I think it is
about right, I wipe it off with a wet
towel, then try one small cake. If
it bakes to a nice light brown, then
I keep the griddle at that tempera-
ture until the meal is finished, mov-
ing it alternately to a cooler or
warmer place on the range, as may
be needed.—Philadelphia Times.

Howells' Love For History.

I have always loved history,
whether in the annals of peoples or
of the lives of persons, and I have at
all times read it, writes William
Dean Howells in his literary autobiog-
raphy in "The Ladies' Home Jour-
nal." I am not sure but I rather pre-
fer it to fiction, though I am aware
that in looking back over this record
of my literary passions I must seem
to have cared for very little besides
fiction. I read at the time I have
just been speaking of nearly all the
new poetry as it came out, and I con-
stantly resorted to it in its mossier
sources where it sprang from the
green English ground or trickled
from the antique urns of Italy.

LINCOLN RELENTED.

A Pardon That Was Procured Because of
a Woman's Sufferings.

The Rev. Dr. P. D. Gurley was the
minister in charge of the New York
Avenue Presbyterian church, Wash-
ington, during Lincoln's adminis-
tration. Dr. Gurley was Lincoln's pas-
tor, and in many matters his confi-
dential adviser, a post he was admir-
ably fitted to fill, being a strong, ro-
bust, honest personality and a man
of sweet disposition, great ability
and excellent judgment.

During the meeting of the first
general assembly of the Presbyterian
church after the war, which convened
in St. Louis, Dr. Gurley, who was a
delegate, was one day the guest of
Rev. Dr. Nicolls, in whose church
the assembly met, and the following
anecdote of Lincoln was related by
Dr. Gurley at dinner in the presence
of a number of friends, among whom
was the present writer:

Soon after the outbreak of hostili-
ties a hot blooded, fire eating young
man, a son of members of Dr. Gur-
ley's church, made his way through
our lines and enlisted in the Confed-
erate army. The fortunes of war
threw him into our hands as a pris-
oner. It was deemed best to make
an example of him, and he was con-
sequently court martialed and sent-
enced to be shot. Dr. Gurley inter-
ested himself in the young man's
behalf and secured a commutation
of the sentence. A short time after
the father of the boy came to Dr.
Gurley and solicited his aid to ob-
tain a pardon. Dr. Gurley strongly
advised against the effort. He point-
ed out that the young man's life had
been saved by the president, and
that it would be extremely unwise
and imprudent to apply for a pardon
so soon. The father replied that he
felt so himself, but that his wife
threw her arms about his neck and
said she would lose her mind if
something were not done. "I must,"
said he, "make the attempt on his
mother's account. It is better to fail
than not to try." Consequently Dr.
Gurley signed the petition for a pardon,
and the father took it to President
Lincoln.

When the father made known his
errand, the president became very
much excited and fiercely said: "I
saved the life of your son after he
had been condemned to be shot, and
now you come here so soon when
you know I am overwhelmed with
care and anxiety, asking for his
pardon. You should have been con-
tented with what I have done. Go,
and if you annoy me any more I shall
feel it to be my duty to consider whether
I ought not to recall what I have al-
ready done."

A few days after the president sent
for the father, apologized for the
way he had spoken to him, and to
his utter astonishment handed him
a pardon.

Not long after, and before know-
ing what had transpired, Dr. Gurley
met the president. Having transac-
ted his business, he was about to go
when the president said:

"By the way, doctor, you signed
the petition for Mr. —'s son's
pardon, didn't you?"
The doctor replied that he had
done so, but explained that he had
advised against making the applica-
tion at that time, and that he was
induced to sign it only by the state-
ment of the father that he feared
his wife would lose her mind if
something were not done to relieve
her.

The president then remarked:
"Well, Mr. — came to me with the
petition. It made me very angry,
and I dismissed him very roughly.
Afterward I felt so ashamed of my-
self for having lost my temper that
I made a special pardon for the man and
gave it to him."
And then, after a pause and with
a broad smile, added: "All, doctor,
these wives of ours have the inside
track on us. Don't they?"—D. H.
Mitchell in Independent.

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sorb it greedily by the hands, and it
is found to contain both healing
and strengthening properties.—New
York Dispatch.

A Sufferer.

"Here's a fellow," said Plodding
Peto, who had been indulging in lit-
erature, "wot says dere's too much
is or agitation in dis country."
"Dat's wot dere is," replied Meander-
ing Mike. "I suffers from it
myself. Every time I think of labor
it agitates me."—Washington Star.

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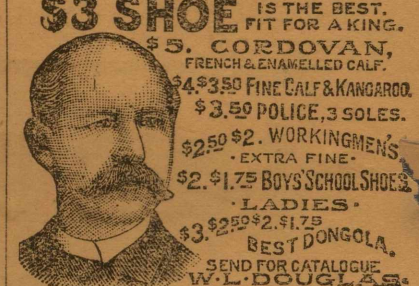
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