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Cattle Ranges of the Southwest.

(continued from last week)

were sheep, and when men were not able to purchase cows they took sheep, and soon the sheepmen were about as wild in their visions of wealth to be speedily acquired as were the cowmen. Those who bought cattle and sheep in 1882-83 have good reason to remember that \$25 for a cow and from \$5 to \$6 a sheep were not then regarded as being extravagant prices. No class of men could so readily figure out such happy results on paper as stockmen, and when anyone expressed doubt back in those flush times, as to the permanency of such prices, pencils and memorandum books promptly appeared, and it was explained to the doubter that cows were certain to go to \$35, and even \$50, and sheep to \$10 per head. The demand for money to invest stiffened the backbones of those who had it to loan, until from 1122 per cent per month was unobtainably demanded and a hesitatingly given, not only upon stock but upon personal security.

Losses as a result of overstocking.—As a result of this madness, the range was overstocked, and a dozen cows and sheep were crowded on the "free grass," where half the number was too many. The ranges were quickly eaten and rampaged out and permanently injured, if not ruined. A cowman was in the Fort Worth (Tex.) market in 1882, to sell his herd of cattle and his "range rights." He frankly admitted that he did not own a foot of the land he was using, but he insisted that his "range rights" embraced 100,000 acres, on which he was holding 25,000 head of cattle. He did not get his price, hence had to hold over his head through the winter of 1882-83. It was an exceptionally severe one, and the following spring only about 10,000 head were rounded up. Still he was undismayed and was able to figure out to his own satisfaction at least, now in the next two years or less he would make back all his losses and much more besides. On the 100,000 acres he was using he might have held 10,000 head of cattle safely, part of it being rough and much cut up with canyons; but in his eagerness to get rich fast he greatly overstocked the range, made no provision for winter feed, never thought it necessary to provide any sort of shelter for his stock, and suffered the inevitable consequences of this reckless way of doing business.

This was but a type of his class, and there were thousands in Texas about that time who suffered as he did for precisely the same reasons. The general collapse came in 1884, when the stockman who was not financially ruined was the exception. By that time the range also was about ruined, and whereas ten years before its capacity for maintaining cattle was perhaps 500 cows to every square mile, this capacity had been diminished, as the result of bad management, until 10 acres to a cow were necessary.

Advent of the "nester."—With the railroad came the "nester," the man with hoe; and with him came the owner, or his agent, of the lands up to that time held free by the cowman. Then followed disputes over land titles and boundary lines, and the end of the "range rights" business was in sight. Stockmen who had "pulled through" the general wreck, realizing the necessity for proving real, tangible rights to the range, went into the market to lease. When they were able to secure leases they did so, but, failing as to some of the surveys in their ranges, they nevertheless contended for the right to use

them. Finding that they could not keep out others without fencing, they began to fence. This angered the "nester," who claimed the right to use in common with every one else the alternate school and other public sections which were not leased. This right being repudiated by those who had fenced these lands, fence-cutting began and increased until the legislature was compelled to enact the most stringent laws to put a stop to it. It was really like a fight over a crust, however. The best grass was gone, and with every stock a drag on the market at the lowest price ever known in the history of the stock business, it was difficult for anyone to make stock-raising profitable. Such conditions served only to encourage the lessee to still further overstock the range. He was not, as a rule, the owner of the title. He realized that his tenure was both limited and uncertain, and, being in hard lines, his idea seems to have been to make the most of his opportunities while they lasted. Hence it was that he crowded into his pastures more stock than they could support, and in this way still further diminished their capacity for supporting stock.

PRESENT CONDITION OF THE RANGES. This overstocking of the ranges has continued year after year, through good seasons and bad ones, until it is the opinion of some of the most experienced cowmen of central Texas that the injury has gone almost past the point where redemption is possible. The ranges have been almost ruined, and if not renewed will soon be past all hope of permanent improvement.

Not only have the ranges been overstocked, but the prairie dog and the jack rabbit have also been damaging the land until the best natural grass country in the United States has been almost destroyed. It is not yet too late to remedy the evil, but no time is to be lost. It is the common opinion that rest is all that is necessary to recuperate and bring back the former luxuriant vegetation of the ranges. But in part common opinion is here at fault. Resting the range will greatly help it, but something more must be done to bring it back to its original capacity for supporting stock, if indeed, that is now possible. The people of Texas are not different from those of other States. They are all alike grass destroyers. Not only has the stockman been reckless in this direction, but even the farmer has been his ally. The latter still wages a war of extermination on the grasses he finds growing in and about his fields; and in his anxiety to make more room for cotton he ruthlessly breaks the sod, that if properly cared for could be made to pay him much better than cotton at 4 to 5 cents a pound.

OBSTACLES TO RENEWAL OR IMPROVEMENT OF THE RANGE. That the range can be brought back to something like its original capacity is certain, but the difficulties in the way of accomplishing this are many, a few only of which will be enumerated.

LEASE OF LANDS. Before a sick man can be induced to take medicine, he must be made to recognize that he is sick and that the prescription will in all probability benefit him. The cowman is, in a sense, a sick man, but strangely, in view of his experiences just mentioned, he seems not to recognize the fact in a practical way. He knows that he is not in as good shape financially as he was twenty years ago, but he still has a "good thing," according to his notion, and is still disposed to "crowd his luck," as he is in the habit of expressing it. He has under protest, however, purchased from the railroad companies and from individuals a moiety of the lands inside of his pasture fence, and he is leasing from the State at a merely nominal price most of the others. He is not overstocking the pasture as recklessly now as he did in former years, but there is hardly one cowman out of ten in central Texas but knows that he has more cows on his range already, or is preparing to put more on, than his best judgment suggests. Why

is this? Only about one-fourth or possibly one-half the lands in his pasture belong to him; the public lands may at any time be "fenced on" by "actual settlers," and he may be compelled in a year, more or less, to pull down his fences and give to the "nester." He is now paying something for the grass that is growing on the land in his pasture, and while the opportunity lasts his idea seems to be to use it, not prudently as he would do if it were his own, but to get the good out of it while he can. In this he is acting strictly within his legal rights, and who has the right to complain? If anyone should suggest to him that his own land are suffering also, his answer might be that when they shall cease to be valuable to him on account of their grass he will sell them to the farmer, who in his anxiety for cotton will be glad to have as little grass as possible to fight.

REVIVAL OF SPECULATION IN CATTLE.

During the past year there has been a revival in the cow business in all parts of the United States. The low price of cattle that followed as a necessary consequence on the heels of the general wreck of the business in 1884, when millions of cattle were forced on the market to pay debts, discouraged the raising of cattle for a time. This resulted in a shortage that has forced up prices. This rise in prices, due mainly to the fact that the supply has been less than the demand, has induced those still in the business to "stock up" their ranches. Thousands on the outside have also gone into the business. Recently fortunes have been quickly made by stockmen, and this fact following closely on the heels of the general business depression that has prevailed during the last few years all over the United States, has had a marked tendency toward the revival of the wild passion for speculation that obtained in the early eighties. One would naturally suppose that the old-time cowman, who went "through the fire" in those days, would be very conservative now, but such does not appear to be the case. He seems to feel that as he "played in bad luck" then, now that he has the chance again, he must win back his losses. Hence it is that these men are again in the market as buyers, and now many of them are as reckless in their speculations as they were when everybody was a speculator.

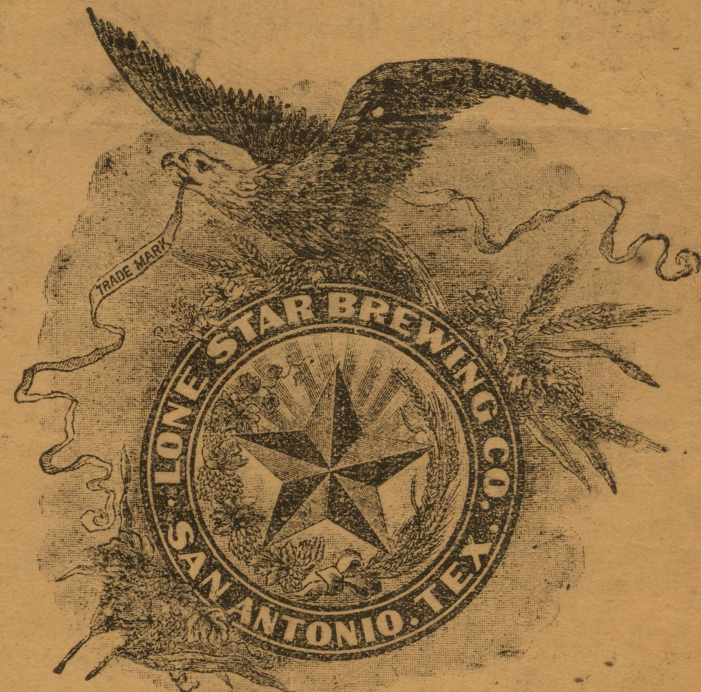
ONE INSTANCE OF SUCCESS AND FAILURE. "A burnt child ought to dread the fire," but when this and that man are known to have cleared large sums in the cattle trade, others with the feverish desire to become suddenly rich have no doubt of their ability to make equally large profits. As an example, there is a Southern cowman who, in 1881, was reputed to be a millionaire. In 1885 he was rated at not above \$50,000; later he came to be recognized as practically insolvent. During the past ten years he has been "hard pressed," until recently. Since the first of January, 1897, he has been in the market again, purchasing "everything in sight," and paying or agreeing to pay, top price for all classes of cattle. Things "have come his way" and again he is a rich man. He could retire now and have enough property in hand to satisfy the desires of most men. But he aspires to be once more a millionaire, and will doubtless risk everything he has or shall have, over and over again, to gain his point. Such instances are not rare in the Southwest, and the tendency has been, and will be to encourage other and less experienced men to take like risks. This situation means, and will continue to mean for a while, a still further overstocking of the ranges in order that the ranchmen may be able, for the time being, to make the most out of their holdings. The new men who are rushing into the cattle and sheep business know nothing practically of their danger and hence can not be expected to be conservative. They expect to make fortune in a short time, like the older and more experienced stockmen have, and may be safely depended on to abuse their ranges just as their predecessors did.

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Ask for X X X Pearl Rye or Edgewood whiskey for sale at A. J. Swearingen's Ranch saloon.

Chris Wyatt the young stockman, was in from his ranch on the Llano attending to some business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Byrd were in from their ranch in Crockett county, Tuesday shopping.

You feel better at once after using Herbine, you enjoy your food more, and you get more nourishment and invigorating force out of what you eat. Hence Herbine makes you strong, vigorous and cheerful. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Dick Calvin of Kerr county, an old friend of J. Q. Sharp, was in Sonora this week prospecting. He went west.

The wagon broke down but we have Star shoes here now.

J. W. Mayfield & Sons.

R. M. Farquhar will have charge of the water works while Mr. Newell visit to Buffalo.

Those Star shoes you have been waiting for now in stock at J. W. Mayfield & Sons. The delay was unavoidable.

### First Class Board.

DAY, WEEK or MONTH.

at

Mrs. Ada Stewart's

two doors south of Postoffice.

A Sunday meeting of the Valley Baptist association will convene in the Methodist Church in Sonora on Friday 8:30 p. m., June 28, 1901. An interesting program has been arranged and every body cordially invited to attend. The meeting will continue till Sunday night following: Friday night—Introductory sermon, Edgar Owen.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m.—Devotional services; 10 to 11 a. m., Individual Responsibility in Christian work, A. T. Talbert; 11 a. m. Relation of Good Works to Salvation, D. H. LeSeur; 2:30 p. m., Devotional services; 3 p. m., Bible Holiness, Edgar Owen; 4:30, Board Meeting; 8:30, What should be the Church's Attitude to the Prevalent Amusements of this country? F. M. Masters.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—Preaching, D. H. LeSeur; 4 p. m., Reciprocal Duties of Parents and Children, F. M. Masters; 8:30 p. m., Preaching, A. T. Talbert.

## J. R. WORD,

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PRESCRIPTIONS CAREFULLY COMPOUNDED BY OTIS MITCHELL.

I KNOW YOUR WANTS AND WANT YOUR TRADE.

D. D. Fowler and T. H. Anderson were in from the Fowler ranch Tuesday attending to some business.

Will Adams and Liss Moss two prominent stockmen from the Union City neighborhood were in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

E. F. Tillman live stock agent for the Fort Worth and Rio Grand Railway, was in Sonora several days, talking to our stockmen about the trail to Brady.

Dr. Broiles the specialist, cures all Chronic diseases. Lampasas Monday, Goldthwaite Tuesday, Brownwood Wednesday, Coleman Thursday, Ballinger Friday, San Angelo Saturday. Consultation free charges reasonable. 31-1f

### Dissolution Notice.

The firm of J. J. North & Co. having been dissolved by mutual consent, parties knowing themselves indebted to the late firm are requested to make arrangement with J. W. Mayfield & Sons who will carry on the business.

The old reliable Rodgers pocket knives for sale at J. Lewenthal's drug store

Born on Tuesday June 18, 1901 to Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Taylor, a boy.

All sizes of the Famous Mason fruit jars at J. W. Mayfield & Sons.

C. C. Yaws and Mike Veehn were in from the Middle Valley ranch Thursday.

Candies, cold drinks, fruits and fine cigars at C. M. Deere's Ice Cream Parlor. 38-1f

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Mayer and children left for the T half circle ranch Wednesday.

If you want a Mower and Rake go to E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Miss Georgie Godfrey of San Saba, is in Sonora on a visit to her sister Mrs. Geo Dunagan.

Dave Dunagan the jolly stockman from Juno, was in Sonora Wednesday attending to some business and dropped \$2 in the slot.

Drink X X X Pearl Rye or Edgewood whiskey sold over the bar at A. J. Swearingen's.

Jas Barton one of our good looking young stockmen, was in from the ranch Thursday and left for the western part of the country Friday on a visit to friends.

When you go to San Angelo call on Eddie Maier, at the Favorite Saloon, he will treat you O. K. 72-1f

W. F. Eshelman, of Fort Worth, was in Sonora Wednesday with some of the best stereoscopic views we have ever seen. Mr. Eshelman will deliver views next week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Newell intend leaving for the North Monday. Mr. Newell will visit Buffalo, and Mrs. Newell will visit friends in Ohio.

Geo. W. Morris of the Maud S Saloon is sole agent for the celebrated Lake Wood Rye. Whiskey. 320-19

James Cauthorn one of Sutton county's greatest catches among the well-to-do young-bachelor-stockmen, was in Sonora this week. Mr. Briant told him he would have to come in again that Dr. Mitchell could fill the prescription.

### A Terrible Explosion.

"Of a gasoline stove burned a lady here frightfully," writes N. E. Palmer, of Kirkham, Ia. "The best doctors couldn't heal the running sore that followed, but Bucklen's Arnica Salve entirely cured her." Infallible for Cuts, Corns, Sores, Boils, Bruises, Skin Diseases and Piles. 25c at E. S. Briant's drug store.

Mason Fruit jars, all sizes at J. W. Mayfield & Sons.

E. L. Allison of Mason, was in Sonora Tuesday on his way home from a trip to Stockton.

A A Williamson the stockman and Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 4, was in Sonora this week on land business.

John Rast the phone man has his gang at work on the Rock Springs road, this week putting up poles.

Call on R. C. Dawson if you want any thing in his line. He carries a new and first-class stock of buggies, hacks, wagons, sewing machines, stoves. Also a fine line of saddles, harness, whips, rugs and every thing that a first-class saddle shop handles. 31-1f

Cart, Font and George Mayfield were in from the ranch Saturday.

Wm. Guest one of our old time friends, was in from his ranch in the Union City neighborhood Wednesday for supplies.

We have Mowers and Rakes.

E. F. Vander Stucken Co.

Dr. O. D. Gunn and G. W. Smith, of Greer county, were in Sonora last Saturday prospecting for a ranch location.

Arthur Martin and Walter White the windmill men returned Friday from Whitehead and Williamson's ranches where they were putting up and repairing windmills.

If you want a good second hand hack. Call on H. C. Hunt the livery man. 28-1f

# More People

are coming to Sonora now to do their trading than ever before in the history of the town.

## EVERY DAY

we are making greater efforts to supply these people with what they

## WANT.

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This, added to our already large line of Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Clothing, Groceries

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Come and see us. We are headquarters for everything.

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When in Eldorado, stop at A. J. Savells feed yard. 26

Geo. Dunagan is running the butcher shop for H. P. Cooper.

Mrs. and Mrs. N. C. Rogers, returned from a business trip to San Angelo last week.

Second hand hack for sale, cheap for cash. H. C. HUNT. 28-1f

Will Hancock of McKavett, was in Sonora Monday attending to some land business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sparks arrived home last Friday from a visit to friends and relatives at Bergsdale.

Giving satisfaction in business is my delight. Call when in need. 36-1f C. M. DEERE.

Sidney W. Stephenson is in San Angelo, this week attending to some business.

Will Whitehead was in from the ranch Monday on business. Will says it is very dry down his way.

Ed Jackson the banker returned from a trip to San Antonio Saturday.

The popular resort for ladies and gentleman is Deere's ice cream parlor everything 1st class. C. E. DEERE, Manager.

Jess Thurman of Rock Springs and Sam Cox of Sonora returned from attending the races in Ballinger. Jess says they done very well with their race horses.

E. A. Rose the stockman who owns the Richard Potter ranch on Devil's River, was in Sonora Monday on his way to his ranch from a business trip to San Angelo.

Hawkes famous eye glasses and spectacles at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Misses Alyce Adams and Mary Wilson two charming young ladies called on the News office Wednesday to see the Devil.

H. Wetjen the sheepman was in from the Gentry ranch Monday and says he will pay a reasonable reward for the return of seven bucks branded H burnt on nose. Leave word at Gentry or Gillespie's ranches, or at this office.

Full assortment of Hawkes renowned spectacles at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Savell spent Sunday at W. A. Miers ranch.

A. A. Williams the saloon and livery man of Juno, was in Sonora Monday on a business trip.

A. P. Belcher was in from his ranch on the Llano this week on land business.

H. C. Hunt the livery man has a good second hand hack for sale. Cheap for cash. 28-1f

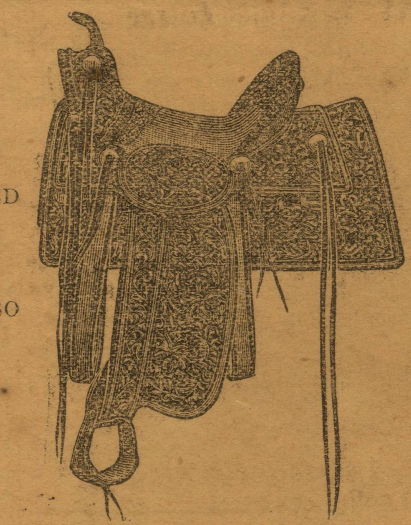
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Mason fruit jars, at J. W. Mayfield & Sons.

Abe Mayer and Mrs. B. Lee left for McKavett, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert and children and Miss Rosie Ellis were in Sonora Wednesday.

Cane seed at. C. M. DEERE'S.

The board of equalization at their meeting last week didn't do a thing to some of the tax payers.

J. Simons representing the Lone Star Brewing Company of San Antonio, was in Sonora several days this week. Mr. Fuller sold a piano to C. A. Yoss and has prospects for several others.

The best knife is a Rodgers See J. Lewenthal's assortment and buy what you want. 33-1f

J. F. Fuller representing Thos. Goggan & Bros. the music men of Texas, was in Sonora several days this week. Mr. Fuller sold a piano to C. A. Yoss and has prospects for several others.

The Sunday school picnic last Saturday to Elbow Lake in O. T. Word's pasture, was a grand success. Every body reports having had a fine time.

When in Eldorado, get your meals at A. J. Savell's Restaurant.

Joe T. Gurley ex-sheriff of Crockett County, died at his home in Ozona last Saturday. Mr. Gurley formerly resided in Sonora and has many friends who will be sorry to hear of his death.

If the stomach performs its functions actively and regularly, the food of which it is the receptacle, is transformed into blood of a nourishing quality, which furnishes vigor and warmth to the whole body. Herbine gives tone to the stomach and promotes digestion and assimilation. Price, 50 cents, at J. Lewenthal's drug store.

Stephen Brannan father to Jap and Frank Brannan died at Rockwood, Coleman county on June 14, aged 80 years. The News sympathises with friends and relatives.

### Cure Your Scabby Sheep.

J. E. Hughes and Chas. Van Dunker representing the White Tar Co. of New York City, arrived in Sonora Monday. These gentlemen are the introducing agents of Hydro-Sol a new remedy for sheep scab, and are visiting the ranches of all the sheepmen in this section of Texas. They desire to place a sample can in the hands of every sheepman and thus prove to him by an actual test that the dip is all they claim it to be.

Judging from the success the remedy has met with elsewhere it should prove a go here. We feel assured that these genial and energetic gentlemen will meet with a hearty reception by the flockmasters of Sutton and adjoining counties.

### Stock News.

J. W. Mayfield bought the C. E. Bourne steer yearlings at \$13.

A. P. Be-leber bought 200 2-year-old steers from D. B. Cusenbary at \$40.

R. T. Baker, Berry Baker and Chris Wyatt sold about 225 yearling steers to Geo. Mapes at \$14.

Bob Anderson the commission man bought from Sam McKee 20 head of stock horses at \$16.50 per head.

Bob Anderson of Sonora bought from P. H. Rose of Del Rio, 200 stock horses at \$10 per head and 8 from Henry Tucker, at \$10.

### Notice to Stock Shippers.

Joe Short of San Angelo, has pasturage two miles from town, and shippers wanting to hold over for a few days can be accommodated by seeing him. 24-1f

J. W. Mayfield bought from Newton & Hunter of Edwards county 600 head of stock cattle every thing counted a \$12.50 per head.

Will pay best prices for butter and eggs, if you have not before give me a trial. 36-1f C. M. DEERE.

The old Chicago Live Stock Commission Co. has changed its name to The National Live Stock Commission Co. and has increased its paid up capital from \$100,000 to \$300,000. This reliable firm is represented by C. C. Broome of San Angelo, Tex. They have unlimited money to loan on cattle and solicit shipments for Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City.

White Bros. sold to Lovelady & Stokes 135 three-year-old steers and 100 yearling. The price paid was \$22 for the threes and \$15 for the yearlings.—Colorado Clipper.

Sheriff E. S. Briant went over to Ozona last Saturday to attend the funeral of his father-in-law Joe T. Gurley. Mrs. Briant and Miss Myrtle Cusenbary returned home with him.

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### "A Plum Good One."

Last Saturday night June 1 Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mills honor a young crowd with a sociable at their home. Those present were Misses Beulah Bruton, Ann Stokes, Alyce Adams, D. Palmer, Marjory Aldwell, Vivia Carson and Laura Stokes and Messers Clyde and Quincy Mills, Will Word, Harry Sharp, H. Yoss, Payne Rounstrée, H. Huffman, Forest Stewart, J. Word and Lem Stokes. They passed off rapidly playing, tennis and etc. Then after many compliments to the host and hostess we all left for our homes with they would give us another soon.

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Her Thanks Upon Getting a Seat In a Street Car.

Members of the smart set, going home from the theater, filled the Madison avenue car, and every one took the squeezing in the best possible humor.

At last, after she had stepped on everybody's feet and bumped up against everybody two or three times, a gentleman stood up from the seat where he had been reading with diligence all this time and said:

"Madam, you can have my seat." Saying that, he lifted his hat and started out. She bowed and replied in a loud voice, so that every one heard her, and said:

"Oh, thank you, kind sir. I cannot sufficiently express my gratitude—one no one could—and all I can say is that I beg you to accept my most earnest thanks. I shall remember you in my prayers, for you are so generous."

By this time the man was red as a beet and could not escape until the car stopped. Nearly all the passengers were amused by the affair, but when he got to the door the woman had reached the seat and said loudly to everybody, "He might have taken it along, and it was so kind of him to leave it."—New York Herald.

AN ISLAND THAT CHANGES COLOR.

Think of an island that changes color every day—an island that vibrates between a bilious yellow and an apoplectic purple! Yet such an island exists in the gulf of Mexico a day's sail from New Orleans; only a small island, with the greater portion of it a broad, low beach, which for a long time was quite mysterious in its complexion.

But the mystery has been solved, and, like all mysteries after careful investigation, it turns out to be a simple, easily understood phenomenon. That the beach of this island should show the usual neutral sand color was to be expected, but why, after the tide had receded from it, it should begin to glow purple at its upper edge and continue to change to that color until the appearance of sand was entirely gone was the mystery, particularly to those who did not go near enough to see what made the change. It is all on account of millions of purple snails which crawl down the beach in the wake of the ebbing tide and again retreat as it begins to rise. Now this changeable bit of earth is known as Snail Island.

OVERTOP YOUR BUSINESS.

A European traveler tells of the following epitaph which he read on a tombstone in England: "Here lies —; he was born a man, but died a grocer." The man had disappeared in his calling. We often find that man's vocation has swallowed him; that it has completely overwhelmed him; that there is nothing left of him for any purpose outside his occupation.

It is a contemptible estimate of vocation to regard it as the means of getting a living. The man who is greater than his calling, who is not overtopped by his vocation, so that it runs over on all sides, is not successful. A man should be greater than the books he writes, greater than any speech he makes, than any he builds or any sermon he preaches.—Success.

IDEA OF MANKIND.

How Henry Moonochere had his idea of human-

the entire human race animals fussing about one of the millions of those that float in inf-a second or two of and then disappear. Artificians between these little have no more significance to those between bits in the the foot of some passer-

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SUBSTITUTE FOR REFRIGERATORS.

There are times when the household gods are set up in places where refrigerators, cold rooms and cellars are not possible. In such cases human ingenuity has surmounted the lack of all these and found ways and means of keeping food. The following suggestions may be helpful if they are needed:

FOR DECORATION.

Get at the florist's a wide wreath frame that will fit over the edge of your lemonade or punch bowl. Fill in around the edges with a delicate fern. When grapevines are bare, cover the body of the frame with glossy green galax leaves, using partly the beautiful rich crimson ones for variety.

HOW TO RENOVATE VELVET.

French chalk rubbed in lightly will remove grease spots from velvet, or the chalk may be dropped on and allowed to remain for 12 hours. To restore the pile on velvet hold it very taut over the steam from a pan of boiling water, keeping the right side on top and having some one beside you to brush the pile up with a stiff whisk until it looks as it should.

A THEATRICAL FAUX PAS.

"Strutter lost his engagement with that historical play company." "What was the matter?" "Oh, in signing documents on the stage the quill pen wouldn't work, and he snatched out his fountain pen."—Detroit Free Press.

KNEW HIS BUSINESS.

"It was very noble of you, Willie, to plead that your brother be spared a whipping." "I guess I know my business. Every time he gets licked he turns around and licks me."—Indianapolis Press.

WHERE HE PITIED.

Higbee—I saw an old maid kiss a dog on a street car this morning. Digbee—Poor foolish thing! Higbee—Wasn't she though? Digbee—Oh, I was thinking of the dog.—Ohio State Journal.

TOO SOFT.

"A dude has just fallen off a yacht," announced the devilish. "There is a dinner for you." "He wouldn't agree with me," said the shark. "I am a man eater."—Chicago News.

EATING SUPERSTITIONS OF THE FIJIS.

The coasters of the Fiji islands will not eat until they can sit flat upon the ground directly over a triangle made of three small fish bones. Then they only handle the food with the left hand.

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LINGUISTS IN THE ARMY.

As to the linguistic accomplishments of the officers of our army we are now able to state, as the result of examination of the reports in the office of the adjutant general, war department, that 304 commissioned officers of the regular army speak Spanish fluently and that most of these officers are serving in the Philippines and the West Indies.

French is spoken by 224 officers German by 136, the languages of American Indians by 13, Italian by 8, Swedish and Norwegian by 4, Tagalog by 5, and some of our officers speak Chinese, Japanese, Russian, Eskimo, Dutch, Hungarian, Portuguese and Polish.

A JUNKSHOP GUN.

"During the recent Chinese trouble," says the Philadelphia Press, "Gunner Joseph A. Mitchell of the cruiser Newark was stationed at Peking when the trouble was at its worst and when Peking was a hot-bed of revolt and defied the legations with an old gun resurrected from a Chinese junkshop. The gun afterward became famous as 'Betsy, the international gun.' It was mounted on an Austrian gun carriage and Italian wheels, with the trail made from a beam taken from the British legation. It fired Russian cartridges and Chinese balls, molded on the ground by a British smith. It was cared for and loaded by an American gunner. The very first shot splintered a Boxer barricade. As a ruse, Mitchell moved the gun from place to place, giving the impression that half a dozen guns were in action. He operated the gun up to the very day Peking was relieved and escaped unscathed until the troops were in sight of the city, when he was wounded in the arm by a chance bullet."

EXERCISING DISCRETION.

"I was in New Orleans a week ago," said a man who travels to a writer in the Washington Post, "and went to a neighboring city on business. I met the judge of a circuit court and the chief of police of the town, and we talked after dinner. We had a drink or two, and then the talk turned on guns. The judge reached around to his hip pocket and took out a big six shooter. He showed us how quickly he could draw it and expatiated for fully five minutes on the virtues of the weapon. When he went away, I asked the chief of police if there was no law against carrying concealed weapons.

TWO OLD PRISONS.

The news that the New York state board of health has declared that the Sing Sing prison is in such a fearful sanitary condition as to be unfit for the confinement of human beings and the possibility that the prison may be torn down draws attention to the fact that the state of New York maintains three prisons for convicted felons. These prisons are situated at Auburn, Sing Sing and Dannemora. The first mentioned is the oldest in the country. That at Sing Sing, on the Hudson river, north of New York, is the next in age, and it is also the largest on the western continent. Auburn is said to have been indebted to political influence for securing for it the erection of the first prison. Sing Sing was selected for business reasons. The gloomy gray pile which is called the main hall and in which are most of the cells was erected in 1825.—Leslie's Weekly.

HIS INSOMNIA CURE.

Captain Evan Howell of Georgia was talking the other day in Washington to Senator Platt about insomnia. "Now, suh," he said, "I have a sure cure for insomnia, and it is as simple as it is sure. When you go to bed and can't sleep, get up and take a drink. Go back to bed and wait half an hour. If you do not go to sleep, get up and take another drink. Repeat this, suh, at intervals of half an hour. If you do not go to sleep for four times, making four drinks, then, suh, if you are not asleep, you will not care whether you sleep or not."—Argonaut.

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Try washing red table linen in water in which a little borax has been dissolved.

Add a few drops of ammonia to the blue water to whiten the clothes.

Clothes turned right side out, carefully folded and sprinkled, are half ironed.

Sprinkle salt on a wine stain and pour hot water through it until it is gone.

Wet fruit stains with alcohol or pour boiling water through them.

Kerosene may be safely used with boiling water to whiten yellow clothes. The quantity required is a tablespoonful to each gallon of suds.

For very yellow or grimy things make an emulsion of kerosene, clear limewater and turpentine in equal parts. Shake them together until creamy, then add a cupful to a boilerful of clothes and boil for half an hour.

The same emulsion is good for very dirty articles, such as jumpers, overalls, working shirts, children's trousers. Use it in conjunction with strong suds, as hot as the hand can bear, and rub a little upon the spots that are dirty and grease spots. Let the clothes stand five minutes before washing out, and be sure to have the second suds and the rinsing water as hot as the first.

If coffee is spilled on linen, the stains can be removed by soaking the part in clear cold water, to which a little borax has been added, for 12 hours.

If the stain is from tea or fruit, do not put the article in cold water, or the stain will become set; simply pour boiling water over it until it disappears, which it will do if quite fresh.

HOW TO TREAT BRUISES.

For an ordinary bruise such as results from an ill directed hammer or from a door shutting on one's finger use a mild astringent of some sort, such as witch hazel or vinegar. Keep the bruise constantly wet until the pain ceases, using a bandage of old muslin for wrapping. If the pain is very intense, lutanum may be added. After the pain has ceased and only discoloration and swelling remain to tell the tale it is a good plan to apply a stimulating liniment. This induces an extra flow of fresh blood to the spot. In the case of a severe bruise the supply of blood to the injured part must be lessened by elevating it above the heart and applying cold water or even ice. Of course when the bruise, or contusion rather, is of such moment house remedies should be indulged in only while waiting for a doctor, a truth that necessarily applies to all the various emergencies that arise. In cases of severe burns physicians are often hampered by the home remedies that cover the burns and hide the real extent of the injury.

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