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LESSONS FROM YALU.

MAHAN DRAWS CONCLUSIONS FROM FIGHT.

Offense Is Better than Defense and Rapidity of Fire Is Most Important—Battle-Ships Better Than Cruisers—Light Tonnage a Factor.

THE CURRENT Century devotes considerable attention to the battle of the Yalu. This engagement is important not only for its decisive bearing upon the contest between China and Japan, but because it was the first one fought between modern ironclads with modern arms. The Century prints the first authoritative account of the battle that has yet been published, written by Philo N. McGiffin, the brave American officer who commanded the Chinese battle-ship Chen Yuen. This is illustrated with photographs taken during the actual engagement, as well as by those showing the damage done to the vessels. A second paper, by Capt. A. T. Mahan, the greatest authority on naval tactics, discusses the "Lessons from the Yalu Fight." The following is an extract from his article:

It appears from Commander McGiffin's narrative that both Chinese and Japanese were led, by design or accident, to accumulate projectiles and ammunition on deck in advance of immediate demands—a practice greatly deprecated. But is the deprecation wholly sound? Offense is better than defense. Rapid fire with some risk is better than slower fire with no risk—risk, that is, from this particular source—because the slower fire yields to the enemy an advantage greater than the risk avoided. On board a foreign battle-ship, not long ago, the Captain said to me that in providing for action they accumulated a certain number of rounds—ten, I think—near each rapid-fire gun. "Don't you consider that a great risk?" I asked. "Undoubtedly," he replied; "but not so great a risk as that the enemy should fire faster than we."

I think he was right. Collingwood used to tell his crew that if they could fire three well-aimed broadsides in as many minutes, no enemy could resist them. Farragut noted with emphatic commendation, in 1839, when the French attacked the castle of San Juan de Ulua at Vera Cruz, that they habitually kept a great number of shot accumulated in racks on deck—a practice many naval officers still remember. The introduction of shells—explosive projectiles—gave pause to this habit, for direful experiences had taught that a shot, solid or hollow, striking one would explode many near by. Nevertheless, the difficulty of insuring rapid supply at any time, even the quietest, and the dreadful liability to severance of the chain of supply by the casualties of battle, suggest the imperative necessity of an accumulation. This should be so planned and so proportioned to the rate of fire possible to the gun as to insure the minimum of risk that must be taken if the full efficiency of the battery is to be maintained. Especially is this necessary for the beginning of an action—usually, at least as regards the single ship, the most pregnant of the final result. As regards systems, the result of this episode is a drawn battle, which may be summed up broadly as the successful resistance of two ships, armored, with a joint displacement of 15,000 tons, to five ships, partly protected, of 19,000 tons. This, as far as it goes, favors the view that a given amount of tonnage in one or in a few big ships possesses a decided advantage over the same, or even a greater amount, divided among several. This view is also in strict accord with the general teachings of warfare, that force concentrated under one command is more efficient than that disseminated among several. This conclusion must not, of course, be pressed to absurdity, but tempered, as all practical conclusions are, by moderation and discretion. A man may consider one 10,000-ton ship better than two of 5,000 without wanting one of 20,000 tons at all, for sufficient reasons. Our forerunners found a 74-gun ship absolutely superior to two frigates—for the latter to attack was considered folly—yet the 74 was their norm for the battle-ship, and only exceptionally was exceeded in size.

On the other hand, this episode was a drawn fight, because 45 (more or less)

quick-firing guns got the better of eight 12-inch guns unsupported by any quick-firing guns at all. They did so, I apprehend, because they destroyed the personnel of the ship, either directly or by shattering its power of efficient offense. Men, however brave, cannot stand up against fire of a certain intensity; and when such a condition is reached and sustained, they are as good as dead for the time being.

BIG FISH, SMALL ROD.

Extraordinary Catch Made by a Sportive Resident of Santa Cruz.

Al Cumming had an encounter with a huge shark at Santa Cruz Sunday, says the San Francisco Examiner. Cumming had engaged a boat and was out for salmon. Suddenly there was a jerk at his line that almost capsized the boat. The fish came to the surface and his fins showed that he was a big shark. Cumming toyed with him for a while, and as the shark felt the sharp prong of the hooks forced into his mouth he made a plunge, going down fully one hundred feet, and reeling out about five hundred feet of line. Cumming had only one hundred feet more on the reel, and if the shark had accomplished that distance he would have escaped. But he was exhausted and came to the surface again. Then, with the skill of an experienced angler, Cumming played the line carefully, and, after great effort, got the shark alongside of his boat. Both the shark and his captor were winded. The boatman killed the shark with one blow of his boathook. Mr. Cumming caught the shark with a twelve-ounce salmon rod and a linen salmon line. The fish was more than five feet in length and weighed fully one hundred and fifty pounds. It is the largest shark ever landed there with a hook and line, and its capture was due to the perfect knowledge of fishing that Mr. Cumming possesses. The contest lasted just one hour, and exciting as it was for Mr. Cumming, it was also as much so for the onlookers. Fully twenty boats were in the vicinity.

Omaha's Rival to Sandow.

Omaha has a genuine phenomenon in the way of a strong man, a regular coming Sandow. His name is Alois Swoboda and he is but 22 years of age. He was born in Vienna, Austria, and is a fine example of what a man can make of himself physically if he goes at it the right way. Swoboda has been examined frequently by physicians and they are unanimous on the point that he is a marvel of muscular development. The muscles all over his body, when contracted, are as hard as steel, and when relaxed as soft as a girl's. The measurements of Omaha's Hercules are as follows: Height, 5 feet six; weight, 145; chest, 45 inches; waist, 28½; expansion, 14 inches; biceps, 16; thigh, 23½; wrist, 7. He has a perfect physique and enormous strength. He toys with a 250-pound dumb-bell as a boy would handle a feather duster and tears two packs of cards in two with the wonderful strength of his hands. He has a system of training peculiarly his own.

A Member of the Force.

"A good many amusing incidents came out in our first examination of the police," says Col. John W. Ela, the apostle of local civil service reform. "I recall one incident which struck me as being particularly funny. We were putting one of the patrolmen through, and the big fellow fumed and fretted and perspired as if he were actually in the sweat box. At last I asked him this question: 'What is a felony?'"

"The poor fellow looked stunned for a moment or two, but finally there came an expression of returning reason into his eyes, and in a triumphant tone he answered: 'A t'ing on the t'umb!'" —Chicago Record.

Compelled to Be Twice Married.

Edward Robinson of Newport, Ky., went to Cincinnati recently and secured a license to marry Ruth Simpson, a Newport girl. They were married by Squire McClure of Newport, who did not examine the license closely. Then they went on a wedding trip. When the squire made his return to the county clerk he saw that the license was issued in Ohio and that the ceremony by him was illegal. The parties were recalled from their honeymoon and corrected the mistake by a ceremony in Cincinnati.

Saved Her Life.

Ballwin—Say, Winball, I will marry Miss Helen after all, and prove myself a hero.
Winball—A hero? In what way?
Ballwin—Why, she said if I didn't marry her she'd commit suicide.

ALL OVER THE STATE.

Interesting Cullings on Various Subjects Taken from the Daily Press.

At a recent circus at Bartlett, Williamson county, the chief profit was a gambling attachment. This was of the nature of the old-time "thimble-rigger," three little shells and a bean, the betting being on which shell the bean was under. The boys were poor guessers and lost during the day between \$800 and \$1000, some individuals losing as much as \$100. The city marshal and his deputy went to the car, the gamblers' headquarters, to arrest them, and on entering the car the gamblers closed the doors, disarmed the officers and beat them over the head with their own pistols, and shooting a hole through the deputy's hat.

It would appear that A. J. Rosenthal, the Republican candidate for congress from the Galveston district, has no idea of giving up his contest, and is in no wise discouraged as to the ultimate result of the same. On the other hand, he appears to be more confident now than ever before that he will be given a seat in that body. A gentleman was in San Antonio some days ago and met Mr. Rosenthal there. He said the latter told him that he was going to Washington in November to push his contest and that he was satisfied he would be seated.

During the big railroad meeting held at Austin on September 26 it was suggested by some of the railroad representatives that a special rate be made to move the big corn crop, but no agreement was reached, and it was decided to arrive at a determination later on. Nothing has been done yet, and it is suggested if something is not done at once the corn crop will be moved and it will be another case of locking the door after the horse has been stolen from the stable.

Hermann Koeppe, of Galveston, who up to three months ago was engaged in work at his trade as a cistern builder, was tried before Judge Lockhart on a charge of lunacy. Koeppe's mania was that of money. He imagined that he was worth in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000, and that a portion of it was in many of the prominent properties of the city. He was adjudged insane and will be taken to the asylum at San Antonio.

At Victoria recently Soda Vallareal, a handsome, dark-eyed Mexican maid, went before a justice and lodged a complaint against Panchito Martinez, charging him with having toyed with her affections under promise of marriage. Martinez was immediately arrested, but instead of going to jail, he consented to marry the girl. A license was soon procured and the justice of the peace made them happy.

The railroad commission has fixed the total valuation of the Rio Grande and El Paso railroad at \$81,824,333.

The purchasers of the Texas, Louisiana & Eastern road are now known to be Jack Handy of St. Louis, M. Marx, Leon Blum and J. H. Kempner of Galveston, Sam LaLaurie of Sherman, Northern Trust company of Chicago, and the Peabody people of Boston. The road will be extended to a junction with the Gulf, Beaumont & Kansas City road, giving it an outlet to deep water at Sabine Pass.

The three-masted schooner Crisis of Scranton, Miss., bound from Mexico to New Orleans with a cargo of mahogany valued at \$50,000, was wrecked twenty miles below Corpus Pass recently. Capt. W. Gandy and his crew of four men arrived at Corpus Christi a few days after the wreck. The vessel was of 280 tons burden and is a total loss; cargo insured.

Melzie R. Davis is a little boy who has traveled over Texas a great deal. At this time he is a source of perplexity to the United States government. A charge is pending against him made by parties at Temple of forging an order on the postmaster and thereby obtaining a valuable registered letter. He is only 11 years of age.

At a regular meeting of the city council of Smithville, Bastrop county, recently, an ordinance was passed authorizing the issuance of \$6500 in coupon bonds for the purpose of buying the block of ground and buildings heretofore used for the city school, but belonging to the Smithville Improvement company and to build a city hall.

In Fort Bend, Fayette, Smith and Brazoria counties the cotton worm is playing havoc with the cotton. Paris green seemingly does but little good.

The range for cattle in Scurry has not approached its present luxuriant condition for many years. Good hay can be cut almost at random on the prairies. Cattle are in fine condition. The range, which had been very much thinned and comparatively denuded of cattle for several years prior to this, is being restocked.

The large lumber schooner A. J. Perkins of Lake Charles came up to Aransas Pass the other evening with both masts gone and was towed inside to Rockport by one of the tugs at work at the Pass. Her crippled condition is due to the late storm on the gulf. Her crew went through a great deal of hardship and exposure.

The gold excitement has struck Spanish Fort, Montague county. Some parties have been earnestly digging for hidden treasures supposed to have been deposited there at an early day when the Spaniards had a fort at that place. One kettle has been unearthed, but the contents have not yet been made public.

At Ennis, Ellis county, recently, the 18-month-old child of Joe Riesman ate some bread on which had been put rough on rats and placed in the woodshed. The child had eaten but little of it when noticed. A physician was summoned, and though the child was quite sick for awhile, it was soon out of danger.

Superintendent Perkins of the waterworks company at Ennis, Ellis county, has received a deep well pump for the artesian well and put it in operation. It is throwing water at the rate of 500,000 gallons per day.

The report that the adjutant general has issued orders to militia captains to enlist men from the rural districts whenever possible in filling up their companies is declared to be a fake by his department.

A. A. Trimble, who has been indicted and was in jail at Kaufman charged with the seduction of Miss Mary Brantley, put an end to the prosecution by marrying Miss Brantley in open court.

Bud Middleton was recently found dead in Miller's creek, near Johnson City, Blanco county. Some think he drowned himself. He married three years ago and has been living near Johnson City.

A couple of large devilfish were seen near the jetties at the mouth of the Brazos river recently. It is reported that the largest one would measure twenty-five feet from tip to tip.

A stranger, after taking several drinks, insisted on pulling off a glove contest with a bear at Marlin, recently. After the first round the bear had to be pulled off the man.

Dick Sloan of Bastrop, while driving recently to Austin was thrown from his wagon by his horses running away, the fall breaking his back. He is in the hospital.

An iron bridge is being built over the Brazos river near Mumford, Robertson county.

Gov. Culberson has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of Albert Moore, alias Dickson, alias Smith, wanted in Erath county on a charge of rape.

The commissioners court of San Augustine county has compromised the suit on the bond of the defaulting ex-treasurer, E. M. Phelps, who is now serving a five years' sentence in the penitentiary, at 15 cents on the dollar, the bondsmen paying that amount.

Mrs. Forshey suicided recently by shooting herself in the head with a revolver at Marlin. She was about 45 years old and has been partly deranged for some time.

Horse Monday is always a big day in every county town. Considerable money and many horses change hands, and the merchant gets their share.

The people of Beaumont want to vote on the proposition to abolish the corporation, and so petition.

There is talk of establishing a telephone line from Jasper to Kirbyville, both in Jasper county.

Texarkana is to have a barrel stave factory that will work eighty men. The machinery is all on the ground. The staves will all be exported.

The railroad commission has filed its valuation of the Texas Midland railroad with the secretary of state, placing the same at \$40,910.

The Populists of Blum, Hill county, have organized a club with twenty charter members.

The Hardeman precinct of Hardeman county, has adopted local option.

A Paralytic Cured.

His Grandfather, a Revolutionary Soldier, and His Father, Both Died of Paralysis, Yet the Third Generation is Cured—The Method.

(From the Herald, Boston, Mass.)

Like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, a stroke of paralysis came to Mr. Frank T. Ware, the well known Boston auctioneer and appraiser, at 235 Washington street. He went to bed one night about six years ago seemingly in robust health. When he awoke his left side was stiffened by the deadening of the nerves. The interviewer sought out Mr. Ware to get the facts. He gave the interesting particulars in his own way:

"The first shock came very suddenly while I was asleep, but it was not lasting in its effect, and in a few weeks I was able to be about. A few months after, when exhausted by work and drenched with rain I went home in a very nervous state. The result was a second and more severe shock, after which my left arm and leg were practically helpless.

"My grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and lost an arm in the struggle for American independence, died finally of paralysis. My father also died of paralysis, although it was complicated with other troubles, and so I had some knowledge of the fatal character of the disease which is hereditary in our family. After the second shock I took warning, for, in all probability, a third would carry me off.

"Almost everything under the sun was recommended to me and I tried all the remedies that seemed likely to do any good, electricity, massage and specialists, but to no effect.

"The only thing I found that helped me was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I verily believe that if it hadn't been for those pills I would have been dead years ago.

"Yes, I still have a slight reminder of the last attack six years ago. My left arm is not as strong as the other and my left foot drags a little, as the paralysis had the effect of deadening the nerves. But I can still walk a good distance, talk as easily as ever, and my general health is splendid. I am really over seventy years old, although I am generally taken to be twenty years younger.

"The Pink Pills keep my blood in good condition, and I believe that is why I am so well."

Mr. Ware has every appearance of a perfectly healthy man, and arrives at his office promptly at eight o'clock every morning, although he has reached an age when many men retire from active life. He says that in his opinion both his father and grandfather could have been saved if Pink Pills had been obtainable at that time.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y., at 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

It Will be Immense.

It is given out that the Catholic church proposes to erect a building at the Paris fair of 1900 "1200 feet long, 1000 feet wide and 1000 feet high." Such a building would hold half a dozen of the biggest cathedrals that have ever been built, and would be loftier than the pyramid or the tower of Babel, and twice as high as the Washington monument. The story is preposterous on the face of it. There is no time between the present and the fair to erect such a structure, and the church has not the money to do it with.

A Great Exhibition.

The secretary to the Austro-Hungarian Chamber of Commerce has informed the world at large that a great exhibition will be held at Budapest next year in commemoration of the foundation of the Hungarian kingdom under Arpad 1000 years ago. The exhibition will be on a scale of great magnificence, organized under the auspices of Francis Joseph, apostolic king of Hungary.

He Lived.

The late Morris Goldberg of Oakland, Cal., had a throat disease, which made it impossible for him to swallow. He offered his physician \$225 a day for every day he was kept alive. Food was introduced into his stomach by a tube, and he was kept alive forty days.

He Was Disgusted.

Henry Griesedick, a millionaire brewer of St. Louis, was found coming off a transatlantic steamer at New York with \$5000 worth of jewelry in his luggage, trying to beat the government.

He Was Disgusted.

Germany was expecting 2000 German veterans from America to take part in the late fairs, and the Kaiser had arranged to have them parade before him and make them a speech. Only 219 put in an appearance, and the Kaiser was disgusted.

He Was Disgusted.

A medical man of Rome, who fesses to be the best of doctors, says that Pope Leo XIII was at least 100 years old.

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The Concho Valley Fair at San Angelo will be session November 5 to November 8.

Bears in the cotton market suffered last week. The estimate of the cotton crop has fallen from 7,500,000 bales to 6,750,000 bales and the tone of the market is correspondingly strong with an upward tendency.

This country has 1,000,000 acres more land in potatoes than Great Britain, but does not produce as many bushels. This shows what careful farming will do.

First, we wish to thank every one of our subscribers for past patronage and also to thank you in advance for the response that you will make to the following propositions.

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For the last six months, our subscription list has not paid us as much as the paper costs us, and yet, we have about fifty more new subscribers than we had on February 1st.

It must be plain to all that we cannot run a paper in this way all ways.

We are at a few dollars expense each week for paper and etc., besides what it costs us to live.

We have some obligations to meet on the first of next month and will have to depend on our patrons—Subscribers to help us out. We hope to not be compelled to make any personal calls on you, that you will respond to this appeal at once. We ask all to remember that it is on or by the first of next month, that we will be compelled to meet some obligations with hard cash, and that we are dependant upon you for it.

We think we have persuaded quite a liberal policy, and still expect to do the same, but in this extremity, we call on our friends to help us and to help us now. We will be compelled to have a certain amount of money, but to those who have not it and are not able to get it this month, we will ask to bring us something to lessen the cost of living any thing that we can eat, horse or cow feed, a pig or a mutton or a load of wood.

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A prominent west Texas sheepman said to us one day last week that good stock sheep were getting scarce and but few flocks were now for sale. Owners are now asking \$1.50 per head for the same class of sheep which were selling at 75c to \$1 per head a year ago. "Why," said he, "a year hence you will find just as much of a boom in sheep as there is now in cattle, and those who go in the business will not make a mistake.—Stockman and Farmer.

possible and get acclimated," said Fitz. "I will leave the first of this week over the Southern railway and will take Charley White and Prof. Donovan with me."

Manager Brady says that Corbett will go to Texas immediately after the exhibition at Madison Square garden, Sept. 20.

"This exhibition," Brady said, "will give the public ample chance to see and inspect Corbett's condition."

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They Will Be In Texas Soon.

New York, Sept. 15.—Champion Jim Corbett was at his training quarters at Loch Arbor to-day and did some light preparatory work. He will start to actual training Monday. He is much annoyed that the attention of the public has been drawn to the fact that he had not gone into training.

Fitzsimmons is preparing to leave for Texas where he will continue his training.

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BUG SKUFFLE NEWS.

Bug Skuffle, Texas, Sept., 13. Ed. RUSTLER:—I will drop you a few dots from this place.

We are all enjoying life, cutting cane and talking about our thriving town. We had it surveyed out last week, the incorporation limits extend one mile west and east to the Public Well, and you can get any-thing from a cob pipe to a sack of mijo maize. Lots are cheap, only \$25.00 a piece. We are also going to have a Beer Saloon right away, that with our camp ground and store & Co., will make a good town in any county. Yours Truly,

A PROSPECTOR.

I notice, said the druggist to his assistant, "that a gentleman came in with a prescription, and that you took it and gave him the stuff in about three minutes. What do you mean by that?" It was only a little carbolic acid and water," replied the assistant. "I simply had to pour a few drachms of acid into the bottle and fill it up with water." "Never mind if you had only to do that," that the druggist declared. "Don't you know that every prescription must take at least half an hour to fill or the customer will think he isn't getting anything for his money? When a prescription for salt and water, or peppermint and cough sirup is handed to you, you must look at it doubtfully, as if it were very hard to make up. Then you must bring it to me, and we will both read it and shake our heads. After that you go back to the client and ask him if he wants it to day. When he says he does, you answer that you'll make a special effort. Now a patient appreciates a prescription like that he's had so much trouble over, and when he takes it he derives some benefit from it. But don't you do any more of that three minute prescription business, my boy if you want to become a first class druggist."—Sheffield Telegraph.

PREMIUMS.

Farm Products, Concho Valley Fair.

T. C. Winn, Seaton Keith and George Rickardson—Directors in charge.

The entry book for articles in the exhibition hall will be open from Saturday Nov. 2d, to Tuesday 5th, at 12 m.

All articles entered for competition in the exhibition hall must be correctly named, labeled and delivered at the grounds by or before 12 o'clock m. Tuesday, Nov. 5th, and under no circumstances will goods be received after that date.

No article will be exhibited to compete for more than one premium except in a general display of the class.

The judges on awarding premiums must first consider quality second variety.

Exhibits will be arranged so that nothing can be handled. No charges will be made for entries space or room, and premiums will be paid in full as per report of awarding committee.

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Best 25 ears of corn	5 00
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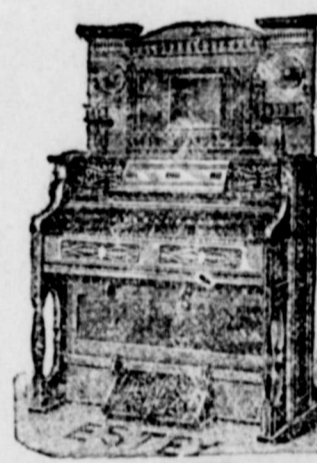
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THE LAW SATISFIED.

MURDERER CHARLES H. KEY'S NECK BROKEN.

Swung Into Eternity at Paris for the Murder of Smith McLaughlin in Panola County, Chickasaw Nation—He Made No Confession.

PARIS, Tex., Sept. 14.—It was shortly after the high noon hour when Hangman Oglesby sprang the trap that ushered the spirit of Chas. H. Key into the great beyond yesterday for the murder of Smith McLaughlin in Panola county, Chickasaw nation, July 2, 1894. The execution occurred in the jail yard of the federal prison in the presence of about forty spectators, composed of the court officials, representatives of the press and others. It was originally intended to have the execution immediately after 10 o'clock, but Key made a gallant fight for time, using first one pretext and then another. Marshal Williams accompanied by Rev. Geo. M. Fortune, pastor of the First Baptist church and Key's spiritual adviser, arrived at the prison shortly before 10 o'clock and immediately proceeded to the cell occupied by the condemned man, where the marshal read the death warrant and then withdrew, leaving Key alone with his spiritual adviser. Key professed religion Thursday and was baptized in the jail. Dr. Fortune remained with Key for about twenty minutes, during which time he made a statement of his past life. Hangman Oglesby then entered the cell for a short conversation for the purpose of buoying up his spirits and preparing him for the trying ordeal. When all was thought to be ready and the door to the cell was opened preparatory to the start to the gallows Key began his tactics of delay by requesting to be taken through the jail so that he might say "good bye" to each of his fellow prisoners. The request was granted and consumed about three-quarters of an hour. During this round among the prisoners many a hardened criminal was moved to tears. When the march to the gallows was again taken up Key asked for another consultation with Dr. Fortune and afterward with Dr. Williams. It was 11:54 when he entered the jail yard, just beneath the shadow of the gallows. He was visibly agitated and made a wild and rambling talk to the small assembly around him while standing beneath the gallows in an effort to gain more time. His talk ended, he requested the privilege of shaking hands with the spectators, during which a couple of hymns were sung, followed by a short prayer. At 12:06 he ascended to the gallows was made the prisoner being assisted by the hangman and Deputy Sheriff McCrummen. Marshal Williams and Dr. Fortune also occupied the gallows. Here Key caught a glimpse of the large concourse of people upon the outside, whose morbid curiosity had drawn them thither, and, although the heat from the sun was terrific, he again made a wild talk of several minutes' duration. This concluded, the clergyman offered a short prayer and bade the condemned man good-bye, retiring from the gallows. His arms and legs were pinioned, the black cap put over his head and the noose adjusted and at 12:25 the trap was sprung. He was pronounced dead in thirteen minutes, having died almost without a struggle. Key slept but little Thursday night, having failed to retire until 3 o'clock yesterday morning and having arisen at an early hour. His execution proved a twofold disappointment to all of those who knew the man, the crime and the incidents of the trial. It was the universal opinion of these that Key would weaken when the hour of his execution arrived and that he would make a full confession of his crime and also tell what he knew of the big Springs murder, but he did not. Every effort was made by the officials, the press representatives and his spiritual advisers to secure a confession but without avail. When Dr. Fortune entered the cell for the last time just before the execution Marshal Williams had all the guards and visitors expelled, leaving the clergyman alone with Key. Dr. Fortune then called Key's attention to the fact that his relief was hopeless, that in a few hours the poor fellow's soul would be before the judgment bar of God. He then asked Key if he believed in the reality of heaven and hell. Key answered that he did. He then asked Key if he believed that God rewarded the righteous and punished the wicked. Key responded in the affirmative. The clergyman then, in solemn tones as he could command, reminded Key that while God cleansed the heart it was for us to cleanse the hand, and that no man could afford to go up before God with a lie on his lips. "And now, key," said the preacher, "you say you believe in heaven and hell and know your destiny will be fixed in a few hours. If you still have on your conscience any false statement or on your soul any crime, the concealment of which will jeopardize your soul, let me suppose you that

for your soul's sake tell it to me. I promise you faithfully to use it as sacredly as the wellbeing of society will permit." Key straightened up and looked the preacher in the face with a sternness that was indicative of clear grit and said: "I have been watched, probed and hounded by all kinds of people ever since I came here to this jail. Detectives, lawyers and bailiffs have plied me with all kinds of questions and sought by every means to pull the wool over my eyes, but"—and here he broke down and wept most bitterly for some time. "I have a father and mother. They have prayed for me all my life, and I'll take my chances of the other world before I'll ever say a single word that will darken the shadows already cast on their life."

Many Lives Lost.

LONDON, Sept. 14.—A special from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, says that reports received from Yetapan are to the effect that a severe earthquake has reached that section. It is estimated that the loss of life will reach 250 persons and that the property loss will amount to perhaps \$1,000,000. The earthquake commenced on Sunday afternoon and lasted during the day and night. Thousands of persons hurried down from the mountains. During the afternoon and evening on Monday sheets of flame were noticed on the horizon, adding to the general alarm. By Tuesday morning confidence had been restored and the mountaineers had started for their homes. But late that very night the earthquake was again heard and the people once more returned to the suburbs. At midnight the tower of the church fell, killing ten persons and wounding a score or more. Shortly before daylight another severe shock was noticed. Many persons were killed by the falling of rocks. Fire, smoke and lava issued in enormous quantities from the sides of the mountains. According to reports received at Yetapan 100 houses have been destroyed. At two small towns not far from Yetapan as many more houses were destroyed and 100 persons are reported dead or dying. The loss of life at Yetapan will perhaps reach 150. It is apparent that the worst is over, but the alarm is widespread and the excitement continues.

A Wall Street Furore.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—Yesterday was an exciting one, and for a time bade fair to be a critical one in the financial field. Many feared that it might pass into history as a smaller edition of the "black Friday" of years ago. But the disturbing elements are now understood and the outlook for the treasury and the maintenance of its gold reserve is comparatively clear. Uncertainty as to the intention of the bond syndicate to maintain the reserve at the century mark and as to its ability to do so, had disturbed the moneyed interests increasingly throughout the week, and a crisis was reached yesterday when it was announced that the firm of Lazard Freres, which is a member of the bond syndicate, had engaged \$2,500,000 of gold for shipment. This announcement gave rise to the impression that the syndicate had withdrawn from behind the throne and it sent quotations tumbling in Wall street, besides starting stories that the syndicate had dissolved, that a bond issue was imminent and that the treasury would fast drift back to its old position. However, several city banks came to the rescue.

Homes Indicted Again.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 13.—H. H. Holmes, the notorious murderer and swindler, was to-day indicted by the grand jury for the murder of E. F. Pietzel, whose mysterious death in this city a year ago, and the subsequent collection of \$10,000 insurance on his life by Holmes, led to the unveiling of the latter's remarkable criminal record. Holmes is now in prison here and awaiting sentence for swindling the insurance company, to which charge he pleaded guilty, hoping thereby to prevent the detection of his graver crimes. The district attorney will press for a speedy trial in this city. Indictments for murder have also been brought against Holmes in Toronto, Indianapolis and Chicago.

Mr. Satelli's Statement.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Archbishop Satelli said yesterday that he has absolutely no information or intimation concerning the report that he was to be created a cardinal. It is stated at the residence of the papal legate that the representative of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Nicaraguan government and the vatican has no new features since the announcement in the Associated Press came months ago. An archbishop in Nicaragua has been selected as the apostolic delegate and the Nicaraguan government has sent a representative to the vatican.

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THE CUP STILL OURS.

THE VALKYRIE REFUSED TO SAIL AT ALL.

The Defender Sailed Alone Over the Course and Thus the Race was Awarded to the American Boat—Lord Dunraven Gives Reasons.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—The international contest between Defender and Valkyrie for the America's cup is ended. On the whole it has been an extraordinary series and while the result is satisfactory to the American people two at least of the contests that went to make up the match were not. Defender won in a clean race Saturday; in the last race she crossed the line behind the English boat and was awarded the race on a foul; yesterday she had a walkover. Yesterday's occurrence was all the more unfortunate, not only because a great crowd had gathered to witness the struggle, but because weather conditions were such as to lead many to think of all days Valkyrie would be in her element. Lord Dunraven had said Wednesday night, and he said it most emphatically, that he would withdraw his boat on the morrow if an absolutely clear course was not provided. It is claimed that during the previous race his boat had been greatly interfered with and everything depended on the outcome of the third of the series. He adhered to that decision so closely that Valkyrie merely crossed the starting line and then retired from the contest. Defender, who was well in advance when the handicap gun was fired, continued on her journey and went over the course well within the time limit. By her three straight victories Defender retains the historic cup for America.

Regarding the foul alluded to in the following letter explains: "NEW YORK YACHT CLUB, Sept. 11.—C. Oliver Iselin, Esq.: Dear sir—We beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday protesting Valkyrie. We have given the matter our careful consideration, and believe that the foul occurred through the miscalculation of the distance between the two yachts at the critical moment. From our observation, sustained by that of others who were in a good position to see, we conclude that the Valkyrie, in contravention of section 2 of racing rule 16, bore down upon the Defender and fouled her by the swing of her main boom when luffing to straighten her course.

"We also consider that Defender allowed Valkyrie sufficient room to windward to pass clear of the committee boat. Your protest is therefore sustained."

It was nearly 6 o'clock yesterday evening when the following was fastened up on the bulletin board of the New York yacht club house:

"NEW YORK YACHT CLUB, Sept. 11.—To the members of the New York yacht club: Your committee begs to state that before arriving at a decision on Defender's protest they endeavored to bring about a mutual agreement between the respective yachts to resail yesterday's race, but each preferred that the committee should pass judgment on the protest. "REGATTA COMMITTEE, N. Y. Y. C." The racing rule that the regatta committee referred to is in section 11 of article 16 of the racing regulations. It reads:

"A yacht shall not bear away out of her course so as to hinder another tacking to leeward."

Under date of September 11 Lord Dunraven wrote the committee as follows:

"Gentlemen: It is with great reluctance that I write to inform you that I decline to sail Valkyrie any more under the circumstances that have prevailed in the last two races, and for the following reasons:

"1. To attempt to start two such large vessels in such confined space and moving steamers and tug boats is, in my opinion, exceedingly dangerous, and I will no further risk the lives of my men or the ship.

"2. At the starting of the first race the crowding was so great that we could not see the degree mark boat and could not tell when we were near the line, and we were much hampered by steamers, especially on the race home.

"To-day on the reach home eight or nine steamers were to the windward of me, and what was worse a block of steamers were steaming level with me and close under my lee. Sailed nearly the whole distance in tumbling, broken water in the heavy wash of these steamers. To race under these conditions is, in my opinion, absurd, and I decline to submit myself to them again. I would remind your committee that foreseeing the trouble that might occur I urged upon them the desirability of sailing off Marble Head or some locality other than New York bay, and that 'hey refused to do so. At the same time I would testify to my full belief that your committee have done everything in their power to prevent overcrowding. The fact is that when a contest between the representatives of the two yacht clubs excites so much popular interest and attracts such crowds of

people, if the races are sailed in the immediate neighborhood of a great city, and the time of starting is known, it is impossible to keep a course clear enough to insure the probability that the result of the match would be decided according to the relative merits of the competing vessels. I have the honor to remain your obedient servant,

"DUNRAVEN." Thus ends the yacht contest for the America's cup.

Work of a Cyclone.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Sept. 13.—A terrific thunder storm visited this section Wednesday night. Wires were down in all directions and communication was cut off for hours, except one telegraph wire. The storm was of such force as to actually swamp passenger cars on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railway, near Richland. The wind and lightning were accompanied by a deluge of rain. Several farm houses in this vicinity were struck by lightning and burned, roads were washed out in places and fallen trees block the highways in many parts of the country. It was the most severe storm in years, although lasting only about one hour. The cyclone struck the village of Cape Vincent just as a large excursion was en route homeward from the Jefferson county fair at Watertown, and were about to take the boat for Kingston, Canada. The Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg depot collapsed and George Godfrey and Thomas Arneel of Cape Vincent received injuries from which they died. A large number of persons were injured, several of whom it is feared will die.

Trouble For Nothing.

WOODWARD, O. T., Sept. 13.—Yesterday evening at Curtis station, thirteen miles east of this place, at 3 o'clock, the west-bound passenger on the Santa Fe was held up by four men whose horses could be seen hitched near the track. They piled ties on the track and compelled section men to flag the train. Two men went through the express car and one stood on each side of the train while the train was being held. The two on the outside indulged in promiscuous shooting. Only one man was masked and he assisted in going through the train. They were in quest of the government money expected to pay off Capt. Barrett's company of the tenth infantry now stationed here. The robbers got nothing. Agent Rourke immediately sent out an engine and stock car for the horses for a posse of six headed by Officer Hall and Funkhouser, which reached the spot one hour after the robbery.

Town Almost Wiped Out.

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 12.—Word was received here late last night that a disastrous fire was then raging in Conway Springs, a town of 1200 inhabitants in Sumner county. Half of the business center, including the postoffice, had been destroyed. The town is practically without fire protection and its buildings are mostly light frame structures. A strong wind was blowing and it is feared that the whole town will be swept away. The stores and contents completely lost are: McKinnon's hardware store, Wahl's store, Kay's building, the postoffice, the Eureka drug store, a barber shop, a bakery and several smaller buildings. At 1 o'clock this morning the fire was believed to be under control.

Church and State Separate.

CITY OF MEXICO, Sept. 13.—The official paper of the federal government denies any intention on the part of the administration to enter into concordal with Rome, which would be directly contrary to the constitution, which makes entire the separation between church and state. Partido, Liberal, which is the semi-official organ of the government, says there is no danger to our liberties. The government is strong and respected by the Mexican people and accepted by the country, and does not need to lean for support on any one. For this reason there is no reason for diplomatic alliance with the vatican.

Soldiers Leave Havana.

HAVANA, Sept. 12.—Battalions of the Soria and Gallacia regiments left for the province of Santa Clara yesterday to reinforce Gen. Arderius. The soldiers were given an enthusiastic farewell by the populace of Havana. Official dispatches report the burning of the small village of Buyecto near Manicillo by an insurgent band. The government is in receipt of a report that in a skirmish between a company of loyalists under the mayor of Ambar, a town near Melilla and Remedios and a band of insurgents, two of the latter were killed.

British Consul Stoned.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 13.—The British consul at Wen Chow, in the province of Che Kiang, has been stoned by a mob. Literature inciting against the English has been circulated by the officials. The inquiry at Wu Cheng is being obstructed by the tactics of the head officials, and the viceroy is trying the exonerate the prisoners in the face of the damning testimony.

He Was Scared. E. L. Vance of Deer River, Minn., had an experience with Indians the other day which has left him gray-headed. The Indians have been in his employ for some time past, making hay at the agreed price of \$2.50 a ton. Somehow they found out that he was getting more for the hay than he had told them, and determined, in a very civilized way, to have their proportionate share of the profits. They quit work, and, going to their employer, demanded \$4 a ton. He refused, whereupon they formed a circle around him, and, executing a war dance, told him that they were going to scalp him and burn him at the stake. He managed to make his escape before this part of the programme was carried out, and the Indians went off to their reservation. They say that they were only having fun with him, but now he employs white labor.

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Mr. H. E. Johnson is visiting Edith this week.

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Commissioners Court was in session Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. H. C. Green is visiting at San Angelo this week.

Mr. J. E. Stewart made a flying trip to his ranch, near Edith Wednesday.

Pro. Stuart of Hayrick was in town Wednesday and taken dinner at the Davis Hotel.

Mr. W. T. Caraway, of Hayrick was seen on our streets Wednesday last.

Mr. Mark Allen and sister Miss Mary were in the city trading Wednesday.

The New Home Sewing Machine for sale by S. R. Neblett of Sweetwater.

J. W. Hall bought of L. E. McCarty five head of stock horses for \$30.

S. W. Crutcher of Sweetwater is agent for Buckeye mowers and rakes.

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Mr. J. H. Henderson and sons Jack and Ralph were in town Tuesday.

G. J. Moore left Tuesday morning with a fine bunch of horses, for the east.

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Judge G. W. Perryman and W. C. Hayley made a business trip to San Angelo Thursday.

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G. W. WEBB,
Temporary Administrator.

Prof. Popplewell of Bronte was seen our streets Thursday and Friday.

Mr. M. B. Patterson of Sanco was in the city a day or two last week and give the RUSTLER office a pleasant call.

Mr. Will Hulse, of the Kickapoo country was in town with a load of corn for the Lee Livery Stable. While here he gave the RUSTLER office a pleasant call. Mr. Hulse says that he is needing rain now on his late cotton.

Messrs J. T. Cooper and A. A. Baker, of Sonora two prominent sheepmen taken breakfast at the Davis Hotel Tuesday on their way to Colorado City.

Misses Lizzie and Bell William's daughters of Mr. L. G. Williams of near Sanco, are boarding at the Davis Hotel and attending the public school here.

D. S. Arnold, of Sweetwater handles Michell wagons, stoves and hardware of all kinds by ear load lots in connection with the leading grocery business of the town.

Mr. Tom Hennesey, of Bronte was in the city Tuesday. He says last year, he planted sixty acres of cotton and made 300 pounds and this year he planted sixty acres and thinks he will make 25 or thirty bales.

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Mr. John Cornelius, of near Bronte was in town last Saturday and called at the RUSTLER Office and subscribed for the RUSTLER. He also filed on a piece of school land. Call again Mr. Cornelius.

The Coke county people are invited to call and see my fine, new line of Millinery, when in Sweetwater.

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The first bale of cotton was bought this week by March Bros. at 8 1/4 cents. It was raised by Mr. Gannell's of Coke county, near Robert Lee. The city raised a premium of \$5.00 for the raiser.—S. A. Starboard.

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J. L. Carlisle, a prominent Hardware man, of San Angelo died of Typhoid fever, on the September 15.

R. Y. Haggerton, wife and mother-in-law Mrs. W. L. Lowe, were visiting in the city Thursday.

Prof. B. U. Smith was seen on our streets Friday.

Rev. Jno. Reed and family of Edith, passed through town last Saturday. They were on their way to Mule creek, where he will preach to-morrow.



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We have been requested to state that Dr. J. F. Riggs will be here September 24, 25, and 26, and will be prepared to do any work in his line (dentistry.)

Wonder what Judge Avenett's hurry is for his house to be repaired. He was after the carpenters before breakfast the other morning. Something going to happen.

Locals are scarce this week.

Big Injun Sulkey plows, Cassida sulkey plows and John Deer walking plows at cost by S. W. Crutcher at Sweetwater, Texas.

Mr. F. B. Perry, went to San Angelo Friday and returned Saturday.

A. J. Lee, the one arm farmer of Coke county, was in town Friday. In conversation with an Enterprise reporter he said that he had been farming 25 years, that aside of occasional droughts, this is the best country that he has ever seen. He has 15 acres planted in cotton, 15 acres in corn, 15 acres in milo maize and 5 acres in sorghum. Anyone who has seen his cotton and knows anything about the staple, thinks that it will make a bale to the acre. His milo maize will only make 50 bushels to the acre, while it made 75 last year, clearly showing that it is strictly a dry weather plant.—S. A. Enterprise.

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Mr. J. H. Burroughs went to Ft. Chadbourne Saturday on business.

Rev. W. W. Hampton is holding a protracted meeting here.

Mart Trammell left Saturday morning for Sterling City to attend the Colt races there.

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Robert Lee Mission, M. E. Church
South; services as follows:
Robert Lee, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m.
Hayrick, " " 4 p. m.
Bronte, 2d " 11 a. m.
Rock Springs, " " 4 p. m.
Mt Carmel, 3d " 11 a. m.
Cow Creek, " " 4 p. m.
Sanco, 4th " 11 a. m.
Tusker S. C., " " 4 p. m.
Decker, 5th " 11 a. m.
GEO. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Methodist Protestant Church; ser-
vices as follows: Robert Lee 4th Sun-
day; Sanco, 1st Sunday; Silver, 2nd
Sunday; Live Oak, on Oak creek, 1st
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W. W. HAMPTON, Pastor.

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An exchange recently received
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know that times are 2 hard for
me 2 take your paper. Hits all I
can do to buy terbacker for my-
self and boys, besides the old wo-
man has to have her snuff. I will
pay you what I owe you next fall
when I sell my hogs; if they don't
die with the cholery N. R.—We've
got another baby at our house,
come a week ago last Thursday
night. Bite something about it
and send us three four papers and
we'll send'em off for you.

"With cotton at 8 cents pound,"
says the Commercial Appeal, "it is
a great pity the farmers have so
little on hand." Had the farmers
more on hand, says as much as last
year, it is not at all likely that this
year's crop would bring 8 cents a
pound. Hence the reduction in
the staple this is not such a great
pity after all.

The following came to us with-
out a date line, but in an envelope
postmarked "Austin, Tex.":

To Hon. Geo. N. Aldredge, Dal-
las: We the following members
of the democratic party of Texas
think that it will be for the best
interest of our country and the
democratic party for you to be the
next governor of the state of Tex.
and inasmuch as the democratic
party and the interest of our state
have been misrepresented so long
to the people, we beg of you to
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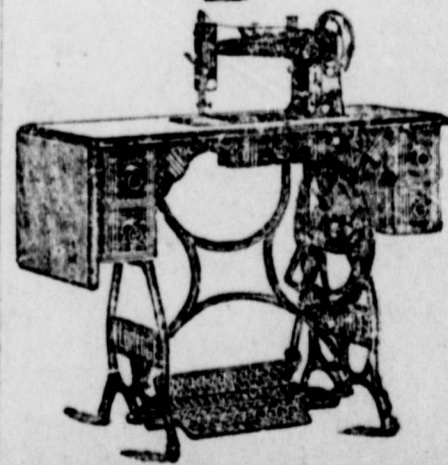
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FASHION is not often kind to the poverty stricken ones in her domain, but this season she has made a decided move in our favor by smiling upon the old-fashioned alpaca gowns. For this material means much to us. It has that soft, shimmering effect sought after these days and is very serviceable, also, since it does not crush or wear rough. In fact, it is an ideal material for one who must look well to the wherewith she will be clothed. If you wish a charming gown get one of white alpaca, with perfectly plain skirt and tight-fitting waist. Have it made with a plain stock collar. Have made also a jacket as shown in illustration of blue serge. The jacket is shorter than those worn last year and is gored below the waist line. It has peculiar square revers—the upper ones of white alpaca—which are slashed and edged with braid. The hat worn with this costume is of rough blue straw. Into the trimmings is introduced that combination of blue and green which is so fashionable. If, however, you wish to wear the gown on a dressy indoor occasion you may cross the bodice with a Marie Antoinette fleche of some delicately colored chiffon or you may wear a broad sailor collar and



AUTUMN GOWNS.

with it a front of soft, lacey material, and so on. Given such a good foundation, it is unnecessary for me to tell the ingenious American girl what she may do with her gown.

Mobair's the Staff.



Decree of Dame Fashion.

Shell and amber combs are decorated with gold. Panama hats, with a plain velvet band are very much worn. For home wear or more dressy occasions the gowns are all extremely light this season. Ribbons are used still in the greatest profusion, and are measured by the mile instead of the yard. The ruffled skirts have caught the popular taste just now, and several of the new models show them. An English straw hat is trimmed with ribbon of black and white, fastened with a rhinestone buckle. A very odd skirt, circular in shape, is laid in inch tucks, encircling the figure

from waist to hem. It is more strange than graceful. The pinks, purples and mauves, so much used of late, are a little out now, and light blue and lime-blossom green have taken their place. Pretty combs and pins add greatly to the beauty of the hair, and never before was there such a wealth of these ornaments displayed.

Helpful in Make-Overs.



The Beef-Tea Delusion.

It is popularly supposed by all classes of persons, and the idea has usually been sustained by medical opinion, that beef tea is a highly nutritive substance, and a fitting food for the sick; but science has satisfactorily demonstrated that this is one of the many popular errors of the age. The following ex-

isting, as showing how utterly delusive existing opinions on this subject are: "We must guard against supposing that meat-bouillon possesses a strengthening and nourishing influence. In regard to this, the most delusive notions are entertained, not only by the general public but also by medical men. Until quite recently the opinion was held that bouillon contained the most nutritive part of meat. There was a confused idea that a minute quantity of material—a plateful of bouillon made from a teaspoonful of meat extract—could yield an effectual source of nourishment; that the extractives of meat were synonymous with concentrated food. Let us inquire what substances could render bouillon nutritious. The only article which meat yields to boiling water is gelatin. It is well known that albumen is coagulated in boiling, the glycogen of meat is rapidly converted into sugar, and this again into lactic acid. The quantity of gelatin is, moreover, very small; for a watery solution, which contains only one per cent of gelatin, coagulates on cooling. Such coagulation may occur in very strong soups and gravies, but never in bouillon. Bouillon, therefore, contains much less than one per cent of gelatin." In view of these facts, it is important that too much dependence be not placed on beef extracts and bouillon, as patients kept on this diet may lack the proper nourishment to enable them to resist the ravages of disease.

New Wrinkle for Fair Cyclers.

Some women bicyclists have a way of dividing their skirts at the moment of mounting by using a single safety pin to pin the front of the skirt at the hem to the back, between the feet. In this way all the value of the divided skirt is secured with none of its ugliness when walking.

A Mystery Explained.

New Clerk—Why does the boss look so nervous and anxious when he locks up the safe?
Old Clerk—He be afraid somebody will see that there is nothing in it.

FOR THE YOUNG FOLKS

GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Interesting and Instructive Reading for the Heirs to This Republic—Incident and Anecdote Worth the While to Read About.



THE BOY WHO'S always wishing That this or that might be, But never tries his mettle, Is the boy that's bound to see His plans all come to failure, His hopes end in defeat, For that's what comes when wishing And working fail to meet.

The boy who wishes this thing Or that thing with a will That spurs him on to action, And keeps him trying still, When effort meets with failure, Will some day surely win, For he works out what he wishes, And that's where "luck" comes in! —Sel.

Oddities of Wild Animals.

"People who live near the haunts of wild animals see a good many strange sights if they are watchful," said a woodsman. "Our folks once had a stumpy lot with woods on three sides of it. The field had been seeded to clover, and fifteen or twenty woodchucks dug holes in the ground and lived high and in peace till a bear got in the habit, along in July, of stealing out of the woods just before sunset every day, rouching in the tall clover and pouncing on a wood chuck, while it was getting its supper. Father wouldn't shoot the bear because its fur was good for nothing then, and he wanted it to thin out the wood chucks. When the bear killed a number of woodchucks and carried them into the woods, a wise old woodchuck in the upper end of the field began to smell a rat, and whenever the bear stole out of the timber, the cunning old woodchuck would sit by its hole and whistle like everything to warn the other woodchucks of the bear's presence. Then he and all the woodchucks in the lot would scold into their holes, and the bear would slouch back into the woods looking sheepish.

"When the alert old woodchuck had played that trick on bruin a few times the bear went to thinking, we thought, for at noon one hot day we saw the bear shamble out of the woods and climb up a tree just above the cute old woodchuck's burrow. Not a single woodchuck was in sight and that made us wonder what the bear was up to. The bear stayed in the tree all the afternoon, and just before sundown we saw the cute old woodchuck crawl out of its hole and take a survey of the field. He didn't see the bear, and pretty soon he scampered off some distance from his hole, and began to nibble contentedly. No sooner had the woodchuck started to eat his supper than the bear let himself drop from the limb. It landed near the hole, got its feet in a second and lay flat in the clover. The woodchuck heard the thud and scampered for his hole, and the cunning bear nabbed him and squeezed him to death in a hurry. With the wise woodchuck out of the way, the bear had smooth sledding, and before the end of August it killed every woodchuck in the lot."

Crows Outwit a Farmer and Get a Dinner.

"Crows are so fond of eggs that you can play some amusing tricks on them," writes a well-known Illinois farmer. "One summer I placed a studded porcupine in a field, spread a little straw over it, and stuck some hen's eggs onto the quills. A crow soon spied the eggs from a treetop, and flew down to get one. It lit on the ground near by, and then it flitted up and settled down on the straw, but it hopped off very suddenly, looked sideways at the eggs, and scratched around as if its feet didn't feel exactly natural.

"The crow tried again, got its feet pricked and flew back to the tree, where it sat silently till two more crows got footed in the same way, when it began to coo and chuckle as if it was laughing at them. Then the two joined him and the three sat on the tree till two more got their soles pricked, when the five went squalling away to the woods. The next morning I noticed a big flock of crows flying back and forth from the woods to the porcupine. Finally they all disappeared, and I found that the black scamps had outwitted me, for they had piled up a lot of twigs on the quills, and on them the cunning crows had got a foothold, stuck their bills into the eggs and carried them off.

"One spring I fed the crows on chopped frogs till the corn got well up, and by so doing kept them out of the cornfield. I scattered the frogs in a field next to the corn lot, and the crows soon got so that they watched for me to come with the fodder. When I had fed them a few times a lot of kingbirds got in the habit of following me to the feeding ground. They lit on the trees, and when the crows settled down to eat the king birds whaled them back to the woods, where they kept shady till the kingbirds went home."

Mice Run a Spinning Wheel.

In a little shoemaker's shop in Third avenue, New York, there is an exhibition in the window a miniature thread-spinning machine run by two trained mice in a sort of treadmill apparatus. The proprietor of the store, who is an ingenious German of an inventive turn of mind, planned and invented the machine himself, and, as it was built on a small scale to fit the space available, it could not be operated by steam power,

so he conceived the idea of training the mice and having them do the work. The little register fastened on one side of the machine shows that the mice daily perform work equivalent to traveling ten and a half miles.

A Christian Hero.

The heroic example of Gustavus Adolphus was recently called by a contemporary in connection with the centenary celebrations lately observed in his honor in many lands. The noble deeds of this great hero are as inspiring today as they have ever been. The picture which historians draw, representing the king and his warriors on one occasion in straits and difficulties out of which no way seemed clear, kneeling with uncovered heads and pleading for God's help and guidance, reveals one element of his power. Akin to it is the power of his prayer uttered on the morning of the battle of Lutzen, in which he was slain: "O Jesus, help me to fight this day for the glory of thy name." When this prayer was offered, and Luther's great hymn, "Eln' feste Burg," had been sung by the entire army, the command was uttered, "In the name of Jesus, forward, march!" An example of this heroic type has a strange reduplicative power; from age to age its embodied ardor and faith and courage will quicken the souls of countless multitudes of struggling men and women.

Caught a Big Garfish.

H. Lutz, while fishing in Lake Marie recently, caught the largest garfish ever captured in that lake. It measured forty-one inches and had a bill seven inches long. He says:

"I was casting with a steel rod and live frog, and had about fifty feet of line out, when the fish took the bait with a yank. I at once began to play him, and attempted to land him, but he pulled like a horse, and in his struggles jumped repeatedly as high out of the water as four or five feet. I thought several times that my line was a 'goner,' but determined to land him if it took all day. After a hard and exhausting fight of an hour and a half I tied him and got him to the side of the boat, where my chum managed to finally land him with the aid of a gaff hook and landing net. He proved to be a huge garfish, the largest ever caught in those waters. I have had trouble in landing catches before, but never anything to approach this fellow's resistance. I was several times forced to play out all my line, and to hold on to the gunwale of the boat to save myself from going over."

Polly Got Even with the Old Man.

A New Bedford man whose niece had coaxed him to buy a parrot succeeded in getting a bird that was warranted a good talker. He brought it home, and, after putting it in a cage, stood before it and said: "Say uncle, Polly!" The bird did not respond, and after repeating the sentence a dozen times or more with no better success, the uncle put his hand into the cage, and grabbing the bird by the neck shook him until his head wobbled around, all the time yelling to him: "Say uncle, goll darn you; say uncle!" The bird looked limp and lifeless, and, disgusted with his purchase, the old fellow took the parrot in the yard, where he had a coop of thirty chickens. Thrusting the half-dead bird in with the chickens, he exclaimed: "Here, by gosh! You'll say uncle before you get out!" Next morning the uncle went out to see how the parrot was getting on. Looking into the coop he counted twenty-nine dead chickens, and in the center of the coop stood the parrot on one foot, holding the thirtieth by the neck and shaking it till its head wobbled, and screaming: "Say uncle, goll darn yer; say uncle!"

Companions in Mischief.

A dog and a horse owned by Col. Willis J. Hulings, at Oil City, are inseparable companions. The horse has learned to pick and untie all sorts of knots, and unless the door is fastened with a padlock it is impossible to keep him in the stable during the present hot weather. This trait gives the dog much trouble, for the horse pays no attention to his barking or sharp nippings, but keeps trespassing on the colonel's lawn or that of his neighbor without discrimination. After trying by all manner of stratagems to get the horse back into the stable where he belongs, the dog will give up the job in disgust, rush into the house, and by barking or dragging at the dress of some of the women members of the family entice them to the window or yard, and as plain as if told in words, show that the horse is in mischief.—Pittsburg Chronicle.

Knew Him by His False Teeth.

Policeman John Roebuck and Edward Goggin travel beats in the vicinity of the Illinois Central's Thirty-ninth street station, says Chicago Record. At 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning they saw the light usually kept burning in the ticket office go out. On looking through the window of the station they saw a man with a lighted match in his hand examining the front of the safe. He had a coupling pin. Just at that moment a heavy freight train thundered by, and the man proceeded to smash the combination with the coupling pin. He struck several blows, when the policemen entered and seized him. The safe contained \$4,000. The burglar was taken to the Hyde Park station, where Lieut. Lavin recognized him by his false teeth as Henry Stone, alias "Mouthy John," an old-time thief.

His Wife's Permission to Be Hanged.

"Tell Alexander Simms to be hung on the 10th. I can't come. Don't ship his remains." The above was the telegram received by Sheriff Bowden yesterday evening from Ella Simms, the wife of Alexander Simms, who will be hanged to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock for the murder of Policeman Minor.—Florida Times-Union.

A WOMAN'S POSTSCRIPT.

Caused a Sensation in a Mexican Community When Freely Translated.

A telegram was received from Ensenada, Mexico, recently announcing that Manuel Riveroll, who has been in jail some months charged with the theft of a \$13,000 gold bar from his office on the night of March 20, would be liberated. Orders have been received to that effect from the City of Mexico, where all the evidence secured by the Ensenada court was sent for review. Nothing has been learned of the expected release of Pratt and Garret, who are imprisoned with Riveroll, though in their case also the officials have failed to find anything to show guilt. An amusing instance of the misdirected zeal of the Ensenada authorities came to light. Some weeks ago a letter was received at the jail from Mrs. Pratt, directed to her husband. The official court interpreter was sent for and he proceeded to decipher the letter. He got through it very well with occasional wild guesses, until he came to the end, and there, in a postscript, he saw the words: "Baby is quite well." This nonplussed him, until he remembered that "well" meant a hole in the ground for providing water. In a second the whole thing flashed through his mind, and he trembled with excitement as he ran to the judge and told him he had captured a letter which gave the whole thing away. "The gold brick is in the well at Pratt's house," he told the judge. That official, overjoyed with the news, gave orders that Pratt, Garret and Riveroll should be placed in solitary confinement, and that visitors should not be allowed to see them under any circumstances. Then a force of soldiers were sent to Pratt's house with orders to pump the well dry and get the brick. The greatest haste was employed and within a few hours the well was pumped dry, and the search began for the bar. Nothing was found, and then the lieutenant in charge of the squad procured shovels and made the soldiers dig at the bottom of the well for three or four hours. But still nothing came to light, and after inspecting walls and ransacking the house the facts were reported to headquarters. The officials did not know what to make of it. They called for the letter again and sent for another interpreter. This man happened to understand English, and he soon explained the situation. He told them that it meant the baby was in good health. The judge discharged the old interpreter on the spot and engaged the new one. He released the prisoners from solitary confinement, and did his utmost to prevent the facts from becoming known.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Queen Victoria is always out of sorts during warm weather, feeling the heat keenly.

Unlike most public speakers, Vice President Stevenson always reads his speeches.

Miss E. Thornton-Clarke, the sculptor, has a fondness for pets of all sorts. Her favorite is a big mouse.

London Graphic says an English bishop rides a bicycle, but forbears to mention the name of the cleric.

Lord Middleton is an enthusiastic admirer of blooded stock, and owns several of the finest cows in the world.

Captain Middleton, chief organizer of the English Conservative party, has distributed twelve tons of literature to English voters, among which was nothing about the tariff.

Seaside outfits for pet dogs are being made by the hundreds in Paris just now. The canine curlings must have a coat for every kind of weather, and Countess Mercel's pug wears do-skin leggings on wet days, lest he catch cold.

SCRAP.

The Czar of Russia inherits his father's weakness for brass bands.

Of the twenty-seven royal families of Europe two-thirds are of German origin.

Milton was quiet and reserved in conversation, but thoroughly refined and well bred.

The agricultural department places the annual loss caused by weeds at \$10,000,000.

Mrs. Siddons was large, with very striking features, and an air of great personal dignity.

The dignified Charles Francis Adams bowling along on a bicycle is one of the sights of Boston.

According to Dr. Kukula, there are 119 universities in the world, with 157,513 students. Berlin, with 7,771 students, is the largest, and Urbine, with seventy-four, is the smallest.

Miss Altha Haneura, a daughter of Djenet Pasha, is at work as an authoress, and is publishing in Paris a series of articles exposing popular errors regarding Turkish life.

The children of Mexican Indian princes were carefully educated by the Spaniards, and several viceroys of Mexico were descended from the Montezumas and bore their name.

Goldsmith's fame was grafted upon a boyhood of wholly unrecognized capabilities. "Never was so dull a boy" was the report of the relative who first undertook to teach him his letters.