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THE AGONY IS OVER.

ANTI-PRIZE FIGHT BILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES.

Arguments Before the Committee Awaited Naught, and With Few Opposing Votes, the Bill Went Through in a Whoop—The New Law.

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 3.—The extra session of the legislature has practically concluded its labor, but the members will not get away from Austin until Monday. It is a constitutional requirement, however, that will keep them here and all they have to do is to enjoy themselves as they may see proper. The anti-prize fight bill has been passed and nothing remains to be done except for the governor to sign it. The consensus of opinion is that he will attach his signature and permit it to become a law on its own merit, and some of the members voted to adjourn sine die this morning, but article 3, section 37 of the constitution reads as follows: "No bill shall be considered unless it has been first referred to a committee, reported thereon, and no bill shall be passed which has not been presented and referred to and reported from a committee at least three days before the final adjournment of the legislature." Thus it will be seen that a final adjournment of the solons cannot be had until Monday. Gov. Culberson did not ask the legislature to consider any new matter at the present session. He knew the members were impatient to get away and in order to corral them he told them if they would pass the prize-fighting bill they could go home. It appears the governor was as anxious for the boys to get through and go home as they were themselves. The bill went through the house with a rush. It was the same way in the senate, all of the opposing senators throwing up their hands on the show-down except Mr. Dean. It will be noted that the governor has been saved again by the Populists. Had they voted against the bill it would have been defeated with several votes to spare. It was their vote that the opponents of the measure relied on, otherwise they would have given up the ghost early in the engagement. At any rate the great battle between Gov. Culberson and Dan Stewart is over.

The following is the full text of the bill, as both houses amended it and passed it:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit prize fighting and pugilism, and fights between men and animals, and to provide penalties therefor and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith: Section 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas, that any person who shall voluntarily engage in a pugilistic encounter between man and man, or a fight between a man and a bull or any other animal, for money or other thing of value, or upon the result of which anything of value is bet or wagered, or to see which any admission fee is charged, either directly or indirectly, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years.

Sec. 2. By the term pugilistic encounter as used in this act is meant any voluntary fight or personal encounter by blows, by means of the fists or otherwise, whether with or without gloves, between two or more men, for money or for a prize of any character, or for any other thing of value, or most serious disturbance, or upon the result of which any money or anything of value is bet or wagered.

Sec. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. The fact that there is now no adequate penalty against prize fighting and pugilism or against fights between man and beast creates an imperative public necessity and emergency, requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three separate days and that this law should take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is hereby so enacted.

The bill passed the house by a vote of 107 to 5, with fifteen members absent; and passed the senate by a unanimous vote with one exception.

Rev. Anthony Kosolowski, priest of the Polish Roman Catholic church in Lubeck street near Roby, Chicago, will begin suit for damages in the sum of \$100,000 against Archbishop Fechan of the diocese of Chicago. The suit is the result of trouble growing out of the excommunication of the priest by the archbishop.

Commissioner Hampton.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—Wade Hampton, commissioner of railroads, has made his annual report to the secretary of the interior. He says in part: In the hard times it appears that the gross receipts of the Union Pacific system were reduced \$1,000,000 a month below the normal. He thinks that the Thurman act will be found to justify the expectation of its framers if the following amendments are made:

1. To embrace within its provisions all Pacific roads which have received from the United States a loan of its bonds in aid of construction.
2. To provide that 50 per cent instead of 25 per cent of the net earnings be retained.
3. To extend the debt until it shall have been discharged as provided.
4. To further provide that if any of the companies abandon any portion of the subsidized lines or divert their business from a subsidized to an unsubsidized road the company shall in such case be requested to transfer the lien and on condition which attached to the old or subsidized line to the new and unsubsidized line in order that the rights and interests of the United States may be protected.

Turks and Armenians.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 3.—Five hundred arrests have been made in connection with the recent rioting of Armenians here. The government is greatly alarmed and the garrison kept under arms. Trouble among the Armenians of this city has been brewing for a long time past, the bitter feeling against the authorities growing stronger as week after week passes without the adoption by the Turkish government of the scheme for reform in Armenia proposed by the representatives of the powers. The long smouldering flame of discontent, carefully fanned by the Armenian agitators, has at last broken out. Finally the Armenians determined at all hazards to make an attempt to present a petition to the sultan through the grand vizier, and a large body of Armenians on Monday marched with this intention toward the palace of the porte. The authorities, in anticipation of trouble, had stationed a strong force of police about the palace, and the other public buildings were also guarded. The arrival of the Armenians at the palace was the signal for several desperate encounters between them and the police, during which several Turks and a number of Armenians were killed or wounded. A conservative estimate of the affair places the killed at ten, with forty persons severely wounded. In addition, as already cabled, about 500 arrests were made. Many Armenians during the affrays were thrown to the ground and severely beaten by the Turkish policemen, after which they were securely bound and carted away to prison. In addition eight Armenians were killed within the precincts of the ministry of police, where besides many persons were wounded. The Turks were greatly enraged at the outbreak and threatened vengeance upon the Armenians. As a result, during the evening of Monday, a body of Sofias (Mohammedan students of theology), armed with ugly looking sticks, assembled in a public square, threatening to start out and massacre the Armenians, but the authorities hurried several detachments of police to the spot and the Mohammedan students were dispersed.

The authorities are doing everything possible to belittle the affair; but there is no denying that it was a most serious disturbance and that more trouble is anticipated.

Dr. Edgar in Jail.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 3.—Dr. J. Frank Edgar of Lexington, Ky., arrested here Tuesday for perjury, waived examination yesterday morning and was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury. He will also have to answer to the charge of personating another in a judicial action, the penalty for which offense is from two to five years in the penitentiary. Edgar is accused of pretending to be C. Frank Davidson of Lexington, with whose wife he eloped several months ago. Mrs. Davidson is also here, but not under arrest. It is charged that Edgar personated Davidson in order that papers in the suit for divorce instituted here by Mrs. Davidson might be served on him and the suit thus expedited. The perjury charge grows out of the fact that in instituting suit here for divorce from his wife Edgar swore that he had been in the state a year, when the truth was that he had been in the state only a few weeks.

FERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

A PLATFORM GIVES AWAY WITH 2000 PEOPLE

And They Fall into a Cellar—One Child is Instantly Killed, Eight Other Persons Fatally Wounded and Many Seriously Injured.

LORAIN, O., Oct. 7.—While a great crowd of people was assembled yesterday afternoon to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the new St. Mary's Catholic church, a temporary floor on which many of the people were standing suddenly gave way, precipitating many men, women and children to the ground. One was killed outright, twenty were fatally injured and between thirty and forty others were badly hurt. The services were just about to begin when the accident happened. Fully 6000 persons were assembled on and around the platform which had been constructed across the foundation of the edifice. The boards forming the temporary floor had been laid across the joists, which were supported in the middle by upright posts. These supporters broke and the floor went down with a crash. Five thousand people were thrown into the pit. There was a rush forward by those willing to lend assistance to the crushed and struggling people. This made matters worse, for fifty more persons were crowded forward into the hole upon those who went down with the floor. When the confusion had subsided somewhat many of those able to extricate themselves did so by walking and crawling over their less fortunate companions. The work of rescue was begun at once and all were finally taken from the pit. Following is the list of the killed and wounded:

Mr. and Mrs. Webster of Sheffield, fatally injured; Rosa McGee, 3 years old, skull fractured. Katie Griffin, 8 years old, hurt internally. Mrs. Mary McGrath, left leg crushed and hurt internally. Mrs. John Eustis, an aged woman, left leg crushed and chest injured. Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan, spine injured and left leg crushed. Mary Galber, crushed. Mrs. Kate Dierick, both legs broken and hurt internally; John Fieldcamp, hurt internally. Those badly injured, but who will recover, are: Nellie Dollard, head cut; Nicholas Wagner, skull fractured; Leo Theobald, 3 years old, head cut; Col. W. Brown, leg and arm bruised; Mrs. John Fox, both legs broken; Mrs. William Daburgett, hurt internally; Mary Latimer, right leg crushed; Mrs. Jacob Keefer, hurt internally and leg will have to be amputated; John Martin, leg broken; John Eustis, back hurt; Mrs. M. Bruz, ankle broken; William Ryan, leg broken. Many others were severely bruised.

The old Catholic church and parochial school were at once turned into hospitals. A score of doctors were called, and they were kept busy for hours caring for the injured, several of whom will die before morning. The contractor was told that the platform was insecure, but he said it would hold all the people that could be crowded upon it. There were between 1500 and 2000 people on it when it gave way. Despite the accident the services were continued and the laying of the corner stone was completed.

Secretary Olney Silent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Secretary Olney positively refused to say anything touching any correspondence he has had or intends to have relative to a settlement of the Venezuelan boundary dispute, so it cannot be positively ascertained as to whether he has taken any steps recently to induce Great Britain to submit the matter to arbitration. It can be stated, however, that since Secretary Gresham's death and up to a very recent date the department had not made a single move in that direction.

Robbery in Canada.

TORRINGTON, Ont. Oct. 5.—At Myrtle, a small town a few miles from here, a desperate robbery was committed in the Canadian railway station. Unknown robbers sandbagged the night operator, rendering him insensible. The safe was then blown open and \$2500 of the Dominion Express company's funds stolen. The operator was so badly injured that he is unable to give a coherent account of the affair.

Arrested at Last.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 7.—John Don Farden, alias T. J. Franklin, was arrested here yesterday for stealing \$16,000 from the office of the Adams Express company at Terre Haute, Ind. The arrest was brought about by John K. Seville, a detective, who has been working on the case since the larceny occurred, September 6. The detective said Farden was employed as cashier of the express company and on that date he put a package containing \$16,000 in his pocket and disappeared. He was traced to Washington and then to Baltimore. Detective Seville found him in a boarding-house on West Fayette street, where he was arrested. Farden admitted that he had taken the money and said he was willing to return to Terre Haute without the formality of requisition papers. Detective Seville will probably leave for the west with his prisoner to-day. Farden stated to the authorities that he spent every cent of his share of the \$16,000 in fast living. He was without a cent. He asserts that he was cashier in the Adams Express company at Terre Haute and for fourteen months had been putting up money for the express company's agent at that place, who, it was discovered, was short in his accounts. When the auditor of the company would visit the office to examine the agent's books Farden would temporarily place money he handled in the agent's drawer to balance the accounts. In September last he put in a package containing \$16,000. The agent cut it open and at the same time proposed that they divide the money and leave the state. The agent gave Farden \$5000 and retained the remaining \$11,000 himself. That day Farden deserted his wife and children and left the city, going to New York, where he spent some time. From there he traveled to New Orleans, where he remained until he left for this city, arriving here last Friday. Farden also said that the express agent in the case left Terre Haute on the same day he did. Farden was traced to New York, thence to New Orleans, and finally to this city. In every place the accused is said to have been a high roller, and to have spent money freely. Farden was formerly employed in the treasury department at Washington and afterward was an examiner in the pension department. He was first employed by the express company about three years ago.

Paper Mill Trust.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—A meeting of the paper manufacturers who have been working up a combination, was held in this city yesterday. They include in this list all the list of New England and New York which can fill large orders. They propose to capitalize these properties at \$85,000,000 and to buy the mills from the present owners on an appraisalment based upon a payment of \$20,000 for each ton of daily output, or \$18,000,000 and an allowance of \$17,000,000 for timber tracts, power rights, franchises, machine shops and antique buildings.

Condition of Gen. Mahone.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—The condition of ex-Senator William Mahone of Virginia, shows no particular change from that of several days. He is simply clinging to life by a slender thread, which his physicians think may be severed at any time. He remains in a comatose condition, from which he is aroused only with an effort, and his digestive organs are failing, which adds to the hopelessness of the case.

Engineer Killed.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 7.—Two passenger trains on the main line of the Atlanta and West Point railway had a head end collision at 7 o'clock Saturday morning at Red Oak, sixteen miles from Atlanta. Engineer Alex Atkins on the down going train remained at his post and was instantly killed. All of the other trainmen jumped and saved themselves. No passengers hurt.

Mistreated His Wife.

SEBREE, Ky., Oct. 7.—Yesterday afternoon Dr. Joel Parker, in a drunken frenzy, beat his wife unmercifully and dragged her through the house by the hair, bunches of which were found strewn about the floor by the neighbors, who were attracted to the house by the screams of the unfortunate young wife and her three small children. Mrs. Parker's life is despaired of. The house on the inside presents a scene of terrible disorder.

COOLEY AIR SHIP A SUCCESS.

Maintains Its Position Aloft and Wopid Sail If Not Held Back.

Rochester, N. Y., Special.—Two tests of the Cooley air ship were made yesterday in this city, the second one being successful. After drawing all the ropes tight Mr. Cooley gave the signal and the ship shot up with surprising rapidity. A strong west wind was blowing at the time and the pet and pride of the inventor sailed in a moment across the meadow to a tree and entangled one of the ropes in it. This caused the ship to shift its position so that it no longer faced the wind, and it made a dive to the earth amid the laments of a thousand spectators. When Mr. Cooley reached the ship he found it, to all appearances, a complete wreck, but he set to work with a will and soon found that he would be able to use but a single set of sails on the next trial, for the cross spars were broken in several parts. The useless set of sails were accordingly removed, and with the help of several men the ship was again placed in an erect position, the ropes tightened and fastened, and several extra braces added to assure stability of the two parts. About 5 o'clock all was in readiness for the second trial and the ship was carried far out in the meadow away from any dangerous trees, and ten men held the ropes preparatory to the signal from the inventor. When finally the signal came the ship arose slowly in the air to the height of 200 feet, and instead of darting downward it stayed right where it was. It was evident too, that it wished to go higher, for it tugged at its ropes, and then finding that it could not go farther began its course downward with great ease. It alighted about 500 feet from the spot of its flight upward and settled slowly to the earth without damage.

Wire Fence Telephones.

Wire-fence telephones are now used on many Australian stations, and they are found to be a great boon in communicating between the homestead and outlying boundary huts. Mr. E. Argyile of Gunbower station, Gunbower, Victoria, describes his experience of the wire-fence telephone in the Scientific American as follows: "Some two years ago I satisfactorily utilized the top wire of the existing fences on this station for telephonic use. First of all, I may say that since my station was satisfactorily served by this inexpensive method (2s. 6d. per mile) of telephoning I have been inundated with letters from all parts of Australia, and that at the present time there are many hundreds of miles of station fences throughout this and the neighboring colonies brought into requisition for the purpose. Our climate, as you are aware, is very dry (average rainfall 8 inches to 9 inches); in consequence insulation is not such an important matter. On this property we have about six hundred posts to the mile of fencing, the wire passing through an auger hole in the ordinary way; the rust that forms on the wire makes a sufficiently thick skin to insulate it from slight moisture. At the straining posts we file the rust off the wire at either side, and tightly screw or key on a piece of clean wire to carry the current around the post; at knots or loop joints we make a continuous connection in the same way. We use the ordinary long-distance microphone transmitters at either end, with the dynamo call bells and receivers. In addition, we have a portable instrument, which can be attached to wire at any point when out on the run, and in this way can send messages to the homestead. Our longest service is 16 miles, but one run has a continuous service of 28 miles, and from my experience there is no reason why in a dry climate it could not be utilized on much longer lengths."

Milk Famine in Pennsylvania.

A milk famine now threatens the northern portion of Pennsylvania. Grasshoppers are eating up the cows' food and Texas flies are literally eating up the cows. The milk producers of Greenfield township are unable to get half the supply they ought to have this time of the year. A milk and cream dealer drove thirty miles and, outside of those with whom he has contracts, he could not get a pint of cream. At Lenoxville the creamery is only doing one-tenth of the business it has capacity for, because it can't get the milk. A few of the farmers have already gone to feeding grain, and that helps the milk supply some. An agriculturist named Morgan, in the Welsh settlement, has twelve cows which ought to give nearly ten quarts apiece to a milking and he milks all of them in one ten-quart pail, and that holds all the milk.



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SATURDAY, OCT. 12 1895.

Col. Wash Jones will move to Abilene and become an associate on the West Texas Sentinel.

Jack Daugherty and Tom Doyle will be tried under the new law for engaging in "physical culture" at Hillsborough.

A little effort is all there is in the way of Coke county making a grand exhibit at the C. V. F.

If any man in the world ought to understand the currency question it is Mills. He has been on all sides of it from greenbacks to gold.—Colorado Spokesman.

Premiums offered by the C. V. F. range from one dollar to twenty five dollars and the list takes up about two columns in the Enterprise.

The civilization of Mexico will not admit of the "physical culture" contest and the only chance now is for them to dump it off on the untamable red man.

Upon the call of the governor the legislature convened in extra session on Oct. the 1st. an almost unanimously passed an anti-prize fight law to take immediate effect so the Corbett—Fitzsimmons fight will not take place in Texas.

No more "physical culture" for Texas and the quill drivers with "comps" are much offended at Charley and they say that he has cooked his political goose, but still he seems to have a considerable backing, judging from the way the legislature came through.

The decision in the Greer county case has been all written up. Oklahoma gets Greer county. The decision has not been handed down yet, as they wish congress to make some disposition of the land. The law will probably give each settler 160 acres of the land he now claims opening the residue to settlement under the homestead law, the claimant paying for the improvements.—Eye Opener.

Another display of the indulgence in spirit and dense stupidity of the 24th legislature. The law of funding bonds has been declared negatory. Perhaps no legislature that ever assembled in any state ever made as many serious blunders.—Colorado Spokesman.

We believe all the adjoining counties, with the exception of Coke is to have an exhibit at the Concho Valley Fair, and the Rustler is unable to see the good policy in Coke not being represented. There will be home seekers and wide awake prospectors there from a distance, and will they hear of Coke.

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Notice.

The 4th, quarterly meeting of Robert Lee Mission, M. E. church South, will be held at Hayrick, beginning on Friday night before the 3rd Sunday in October.

B-rethren, as this is the last quarterly meeting of the present year I hope there will be a full representation of the official members. The stewards and Sunday School superintendants for next year are to be elected and the character of the local preachers are to be passed on. The final settlement of the finances of the mission is to be made on church their report.

We expect the Presiding Elder to be with us, and the people of the different parts of the county will attend. Remember, Friday before the meeting is set for fasting and prayer for the success of the Gospel.

Geo. F. FAIR, Pastor.

Mr. E. Meinelle, of Edith was in town Monday. Messrs Meneille and Ed Good, both of whom have traveled extensively over Texas this year, agreed that Coke has the best cotton of any section either of them have seen and both pronounce it the banner cotton country.

About The Concho Valley Fair.

San Angelo, Texas, Oct. 8 '95 ED. RUSTLER.—The Circus has come and gone and with it I am correctly informed several "hard earned but easily parted with Dollars." It is reported that there was a "gang" of hard people with this show who did not stop at any thing to get hold of something which did not belong to them. The prospects for a great fair, Nov. 5th to 8th grow brighter every day. A visit to the fair grounds presents a sight of unusual activity. The appointments at the Fair grounds are of the best and on a big scale. The grand stand is second to none in the state and it is said that the view of the track from this is the best of any in the state. It comfortably seats 2000 people. Underneath this is the offices of the Secretary, President and board of directors. There is a fine lot of stables for the horses and other stock. There are in one string box stalls for 100 head and in addition to this there are four additional stable with room for eight head each. Besides this there are about 100 open stalls for exhibition stock. Below all these are the pens for horses and cattle, in bunches, sheep pens and a covered pen for hogs. Everything is gotten up in the most approved manner and it is now being put in fine shape for the coming fair. There have been engaged stables, for 50 race horses already and they have not yet begun to make application. The Management have just finished putting the track in perfect order, in fact if possible it is better now than the day it was finished.

The exhibition Hall is ahead of anything of the kind in or out of Texas, except in the largest cities. It is of hexagon shape and divided into three stories. The ground floor is reserved for agricultural products. Second story for Mechanical, Mercantile, fancy work etc. and the third story is for art, pictures etc. This is an especially propitious season for the "Concho Country" to get people into look at our country.

The cheap rates to Dallas will attract big crowds from all over the country and after they are there it will only take \$5, to run out here. In addition to this the Railroads have agreed with us that they will give an extension of

time for two weeks to those who want to look over this country. Coke County should by all means have an exhibit of her agricultural possibilities at the Fair.

Yours, J. L. P.

J. C. King made quite a large sheep deal last week, making sale to some San Angelo parties aggregating something like \$13,000.—Sweetwater Review.

MARRIED:—On the night of Oct., 2nd at 8 o'clock at Sanco school house, in the presence of a crowded house of people, Mr. C. W. Wulgen, of Colorado City and Miss Donah Craddock of Sanco were united in holy wedlock. After the ceremony was ended and the large audience were intending to congratulate the fair, young couple, they arose and started home, leaving the crowd looking very blank.

The families of the bride and groom and the officiating minister and wife repaired to the residence of the brides parents and feasted on a sumptuous supper. There were at the marriage people from Hayrick, Robert Lee, Fort Chadbourne, New Hope and Colorado City. The groom showed his appreciation of his fair bride by giving the officiating minister a new five dollar bill.

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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't 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. Pay up and renew your subscription for a year in advance and we will send the Ft. Worth Gazette or some other good paper for one year, or we will give a good discount off on cash payments. Will take county scrip at what it can be sold. We most respectfully submit the above proposition for this month only, trusting that our patrons will generously respond to our needs.

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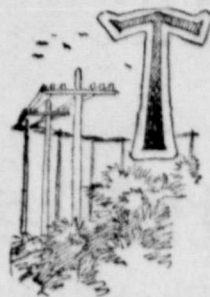
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LATEST IN WARFARE.

EDISON'S INVENTION MAY REVOLUTIONIZE METHODS.

Would Destroy an Opposing Army with a Few Electric Volts—Biographical Sketch of the Greatest Inventor of Our Times.



HOMAS A. EDISON has recently made a discovery which will to a certain extent revolutionize warfare. As he has figured the plan out electricity will take the place of heavy artillery. One dynamo will do the work of a hundred guns. His plan would be to charge the enemy with an electric current. One shock would kill a whole army. It is said that he will transfer the secret to the war department free of cost. The idea can be utilized in naval as well as land warfare.

Mr. Edison enjoys the honor of many achievements and it may truthfully be said that the history of the century will contain no brighter page than that made necessary by his genius. Edison first saw the light of day at Alva, Ohio, February 11, 1847. The study of chemistry engaged his attention from early boyhood. He attended the common school until at the age of 15, when he became a "news butcher" on a railroad train. About this time he became interested in electricity. He used to sit up all night at the railway station where he had access to the telegraph instruments. So persistent was he in the pursuit of knowledge that in a remarkably short time he became an expert operator. He worked at his trade in a number of places, and while at Adrian, Mich., opened



THOMAS A. EDISON.

a shop for repairing telegraph instruments and the making of new machinery. He then went to Indianapolis, where he invented his automatic repeater. Later he was stationed in Cincinnati, with an established reputation as an inventor, and from there went to Boston, where he perfected his duplex telegraph. Shortly thereafter Mr. Edison was made superintendent of the New York Gold Indicator Company and transferred his shops to Newark, N. J. In 1876 he resigned this position and established himself permanently at Menlo Park, N. J., devoting his entire time to research and invention. Among the productions of his brain are the phonograph, the microphone, the electric pen, the quadruplex and sextuplex transmitter, improvement in the electric light and the telephone, etc. Mr. Edison is of a modest, retiring disposition, an indefatigable worker, and when occupied in perfecting a new invention scarcely takes time to eat or sleep until it is completed. Remarkable as have been many of his achievements in the past, he expects to produce still greater results from recent experiments, and the public has great confidence in his forecasts of coming miracles.

When the pastor likened a certain Methodist church on Sunday to a beehive, there was a loud hum from the pews.

LONDON'S TRILBY.

Miss Baird Is Said to Satisfy the Most Exact Critic.

Miss Dorothea Baird, who is to take the role of Du Maurier's heroine at the London Haymarket next winter, brings to it a personality that is wonderfully in keeping with the picture of Trilby as we are all familiar with it. She is tall and fair, as the accompanying illustration shows. Her eyes have a merry look, that, however, hints of an easy change to "wistful and sweet," while the contour of her face, the expression of her mouth, and the generous pose of the figure are all in harmony with our ideal of the fascinating goddess of the Quartier Latin. Miss Baird is a sister of Mrs. E. T. Cooke, wife of the editor of The Westminster Gazette. Another of her sisters is a noted Oxford wit, and is the wife of A. L. Smith, fellow and tutor of Balliol. Although



MISS DOROTHEA BAIRD.

The New London Trilby, very young, Miss Baird has been long enough on the stage to win recognition in Shakespearean parts, her Rosalind being especially mentioned.

DO NOT SELL IT YET.

HOLD YOUR COTTON AWHILE SAYS HON. A. J. ROSE.

The Crop of the State is Estimated at 1,500,000 Bales, and Only 6,000,000 for the Nation—It Will Bring 10 Cents by January 1, 1896, He Thinks.

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 5.—The following address was issued yesterday: Office of Commissioner of Agriculture, Statistics, Etc., AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 3.

On August 31 last this department gave to the press information showing that the decrease in the acreage of cotton planted this year in Texas justified the belief that the present crop would be at least 27 per cent below that of 1894 and probably greater. I then entertained the opinion that unless a decided change for the better in season and conditions should speedily ensue the reduction of the crop would be materially increased.

Since that time a radical change has occurred, but one that, instead of improving the prospect as to production, has greatly diminished it, and it is now evident that the cotton crop of 1895 will be decreased to a much greater degree than my apprehension then presaged. The continued drouth from middle Texas to the coast and the ravages of the boll and leaf worms in the northern portion of the state have so seriously arrested the development and reduced the fruitage of the plant that I am now compelled to believe and feel it my duty to say that the present crop of Texas will not exceed 50 per cent of that of last year, or a total production of about 1,500,000 bales, and I seriously doubt that it will reach that amount.

Under this condition I most earnestly advise the farmers to market their cotton slowly, which, in my judgment, is always the safest plan. If, as is reported, the crop of 1894 is now exhausted, there is no reason why this one should not command and realize more than 10 cents per pound by the first day of January next. Nearly all of the cotton has already opened and from the middle of the state southward will soon all be gathered. When the present rise in price reached the 8 cent mark many of our farmers made a great rush to market their cotton, and speculators have taken advantage of this and are endeavoring to use this increased amount of cotton thrown suddenly upon the market as proof of an increase of production beyond what had been supposed and the eagerness of the farmers to sell at 8 cents as a cause and reason for reducing the price.

My present estimate is based upon numerous reports made by practical farmers in response to inquiries sent out by this department, and these reports fairly represent all sections of the state, being well distributed from Red River to the coast and from the Sabine to the extreme cotton growing counties on the west. They present fairly and well the true condition, and from my own observations and from personal interviews with citizens and farmers during a recent journey through a considerable portion of the state I am prepared to fully agree with them. In conclusion I desire to say from information received from other states I am convinced that the total cotton production of this country in 1895 will not be more than 6,000,000 bales. A. J. ROSE, Com. of Agriculture, Statistics, Etc.

Prize Fighter Arrested.

HILLSBORO, Tex., Oct. 5.—The first offense under the new prize fighting law was committed at Whitney in this county Thursday night. The new law went into effect at 5 p. m. Thursday and the fight at Whitney occurred at 8 p. m. The first intelligence of it received here was at 7 p. m. Thursday evening, when Sheriff Bell received a telegram from Special Deputy Sheriff J. D. Clifton at Whitney stating that two men were going to have a boxing match there to which an admission fee would be charged, and asking what course he should pursue. He wired back that if they fought for the gate receipts or a prize, to arrest them. Clifton did not receive his answer until the fight was over and the parties had left Whitney. He went in search of them immediately on receipt of the telegram. The parties left in a cart, coming toward Hillsboro, and Clifton overtook them in the cross-timbers, when the principals took to the woods and escaped. He arrested the door-keeper, who proved to be W. C. Barton of this city, and brought him to Hillsboro and jailed him.

Three Lives Go Out.

OTTAWA, Ill., Oct. 5.—Corrydon Phelps, for many years the leading stock buyer and shipper of this city, and Henry J. Rigden, a painter, were struck by a passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific here and instantly killed. John Heiser, who lives close to the scene, was sick and sat at his window overlooking the track. He was found dead by his wife a few minutes later, death evidently having been produced by the shock of witnessing the accident.

CITY LAW.

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 5.—Now that the limitations bill has passed and the error of the codifiers been corrected by rushing the measure through without any discussion of its merits, some of the members are disposed to question the wisdom of their action. It is contended that the measure has worked in the past and will operate in the future to the injury and disadvantage of the very cities and counties demanding it. It is now under this act the custom to indefinitely postpone the forced collection of delinquent taxes. Tax sales by collectors are a burlesque and force no collections. The big property owners laugh at such farces. If the cities were compelled to bring suit against such persons immediately there would be very few delinquents. Having this exemption from operation of the limitation law cities go on assessing these delinquents from year to year and postponing real proceedings for forcing collections. Year by year the example of the leading delinquents is followed by others until now it is stated that in one city alone more than \$400,000 is due for delinquent taxes piled up by reason of the existence of this right of cities to postpone forced collections. While the cities generally as represented here, clamored for the bill some of their friends doubt the real good to result ultimately. Influential taxpayers who have the pull with the city administrations, it is contended on experience, are never sued for their back taxes. It is only the schemers and big property holders who take the chances. Others pay their taxes each year. But the number of delinquents is rapidly increasing. If this kind of legislation encourages delinquency the cities are on the wrong side.

Nothing Known Yet.

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 5.—No action will be taken on the propositions submitted by the parties in Mexico, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Arkansas, regarding the big fight until Tuesday or Wednesday night next, it is understood. Joseph H. Vindig of New York city, manager of the Florida Athletic club, will reach Dallas Sunday night or Monday morning. W. A. Brady, the manager of the California, and Martin Julian, who looks after the business interests of the New Zealander, will be in Dallas and participate in the conference. Until the meeting of the managers of the club and the managers of the champion fighters has taken place no one can predict to a certainty which proposition will be accepted.

Number of Killed.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—A telegram from Berlin states that the number of Turks killed on Monday in the riots at Constantinople was eighty-four and of the Armenians 111. The wounded on both sides were several hundred. A correspondent from Constantinople says that 1000 to 1200 Armenians have been imprisoned at their capital. It is now absolutely certain, the correspondent adds, that eighty-one bodies of Armenians have been given up by the Turkish officials to the Armenian hospital at Stamboul. All were in a fearful condition, some having as many as thirty wounds.

Viceroy Li Gone to Peking.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—A dispatch from Shanghai says that Viceroy Li Hung Chang has gone to Peking, at the special request of the dowager empress of China, with whom he has always had the most cordial relations. The grand scheme of administrative reorganization has been prepared between them, a prominent feature being the removal of the capitol from Peking to some more secure place in central China.

Will Court-martial Armes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—It has been definitely decided by the war department to appoint a court-martial to try Capt. G. A. Armes for his alleged offensive conduct toward Lieut. Gen. Schofield. Charges and specifications on which the trial will be based have been prepared by Gen. Leber, the judge advocate general of the army. They allege conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline and conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

Convict Shot to Death.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 5.—Neal Smith, a negro convict, who recently outraged a young white lady at Coal City, Ga., after beating her into insensibility, was last night taken from the prison guards by a mob from Tennessee and Alabama and shot to death. Great excitement exists, and even the guard who had charge of the convict and allowed him to go about as a trusty was roughly handled, No further trouble is expected.

Cubans Were Victorious.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 4.—A special from Key West says: The steamship Mascot from Havana brings word that an engagement occurred on Sept. 29 between Spanish and Cubans, in which the latter were victorious. The Spaniards lost 150 killed; the insurgents lost eighty killed and wounded. Gen. Sanchez commanded the insurgents and Gen. Robin the Spaniards.

What a Professor Says.

Prof. Waldeyer, of Berlin, told the anthropological congress that met recently at Cassel that, when grown up, man is 10 centimeters taller than woman. The average weight at birth for boys is 3333 grammes, for girls 3200 grammes. The European man is superior to woman in strength and height, but the muscles of the tongue are more highly developed in woman. Male blood contains 5,000,000 red corpuscles to a cubic millimeter, female blood only 4,500,000, while the average man's brain weighs 1372 grammes to 1231 grammes for that of a woman.

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MINERAL Bids for locating gold or silver ore, lost or hidden treasures. For particulars address E. D. EVANS, Box 12, Southport, Conn.

Davitt's Idea.

Michael Davitt says there is something absolutely hideous and revolting in the disgusting cant of this whisky ring about their particular "industry" in which colossal fortunes go to the maker and a bare subsistence wage to the worker; dog-carts and diamond rings for the wholesale merchant, and sixteen hours work a day and a bare living for the waiter who has to retail the precious product that fills our lunatic asylums with the hopeless victims of dipsomania, our jails with criminals, our streets with unfortunates, and tens of thousands of homes with squalor, want and misery, while it fills the coffers and the pockets of the distillers with untold wealth.

Sensible and Practical.

Instead of being invested in cold marble or bronze, the funds raised by public subscription for a monument in memory of M. Carnot, the murdered president of the French Republic, are to be devoted wholly to the relief of suffering humanity. Eleven thousand francs, the interest on the sum raised, will hereafter be distributed annually among twenty-five widows of workmen who have been left with children without support. And Mme. Carnot has reserved the right to increase the fund by donations.

Would Be Hard on Them Now.

In the reign of Louis XV a solemn edict was passed in France to the following effect: "Whosoever, by means of red and white paint, perfumes, essences, artificial teeth, false hair, cotton wood, iron corsets, hoops, shoes with high heels, or false hips, should seek to entice into the bonds of marriage any male subject of his majesty shall be prosecuted for witchcraft and declared incapable of matrimony." Now that law would be pretty hard on the plainer portion of the fair sex in these days.

A Prehistoric Man.

Among the fossils discovered by Prof. J. L. Wortman of Columbia college, who has been in Wyoming with a class from the college and who has returned with a collection for the Museum of Natural history, is the skeleton of a prehistoric man found near the head of Bitter creek, in southern Wyoming, near the Colorado line, in the sediment of the bed of an extinct lake, in which the man was probably drowned.

A Variety of Baggage.

Nazr Ullah Kahn's baggage when he started home to Afghanistan showed what had really interested him in England. He took with him winnowing machines, sewing machines, a bicycle, a calculating machine, lemon squeezers, egg beaters, a toy electric railroad, a scrap book filled with caricatures of himself and an electric lamp to wear in his turban.

Its History.

Mr. Frankenberg, who waved the signal from the summit of Kenesaw mountain to Gen. Sherman, from which incident the popular religious song, "Hold the Fort," was written, is a resident of Atlanta, and still has the identical flag with which the signal was waved. He takes great care of it and proposes to leave it to his children.

It Paid.

Boston spent \$75,000 on the Knights Templar and took in from them about half a million.



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CHINA HAS HEROES.

BRIGHT SIDE OF THE PICTURE OF OUTRAGES

Several Missionaries Smuggled to Safety—Brave Native with a Sword Defends American Women—Many Christian Missionaries Are Yet in Danger.



CORRESPONDENCE just received at San Francisco by steamer Tokio gives fuller particulars of the anti-missionary outrages in Sze Chuen. The story does not present a page altogether black and forbidding, for there are some spots of light upon the record.

Miss Hol, of the China inland mission, describes how, when the house in which she and two other women resided was attacked by the mob, a man with a drawn sword appeared at the door and while engaged in sharpening his weapon on a stone warned the rioters that the women were good folk, and that he meant to defend them. The crowd fell back and one of the two women, attended by a Chinese maid, effected her escape to the yamen, only to be refused admittance. But the Chinese attendant raised a loud outcry, warning that unless the officials gave them refuge they would die at the gates, and at length they gained entry. The officials, however, were too terrorized to send succor to the other two women. They also owed their safety to the man with the sword, who procured chairs for them and got them to the yamen. He appears to have remained incognito.

Another missionary, escaping from his burning home, entered the house of a Chinese doctor, who swathed him in bandages, covered his head with a Chinese hood, and in the guise of a moribund Chinaman placed him on the shoulders of coolies and sent him to the yamen. Another missionary reached the out-station, where his wife awaited him, by disguising himself as an official en route to meet the incoming viceroy, the real officials making him up with blue glasses, long boots, uniform, cap, etc.

But against the comfort inspired by the evidences of native good-will has to be placed the fact that, although a month and a half has elapsed since the riots took place, many missionaries at out-stations in Sze Chuen still remain without protection and exposed to mob violence at any moment.

From all parts of China comes intelligence that the war has not produced the smallest perceptible effect on the nation. Some know nothing about it; others believed their country was victorious. The much-predicted awakening of China is a myth; she sleeps as soundly as ever.

Some Queer Poisons.

The Bombay Government's analyst has been investigating the various poisons that are used in India, and in the course of his report he disposes of the old notion that pounded glass is the most deadly kind of substance you can mix with the food of any one against whom you entertain a particular grudge. "Pounded glass," he says, "is a most useful poison." He does not, of course, mean by this that it assists digestion or can safely be recommended as a pick-me-up after a hard day's work, but that it is useful in the sense of not doing very much harm to the person whose life is aimed at and leading very easily to the detection of the would-be murderer. If it is pounded until it becomes very fine, it causes merely slight discomfort and can be detected in the first mouthful of the food with which it is mixed. The same may be said, it appears, of diamond dust, tiger's whiskers, chopped hair, and such like. After all, two penn'orth of blackbeetle-killer is as good—or as bad—as anything, and you can get this at the nearest grocer's. Where, I wonder, would you have to go in search of tiger's whiskers or diamond dust?

He Was a Little Lamb.

The Rev. Dr. Meredith, a well-known clergyman, tries to cultivate friendly relations with the younger members of his flock. In a recent talk to his Sunday-school he urged the children to speak to him whenever they met. The next day a dirty-faced urchin, smoking a cigarette and having a generally disreputable appearance, accosted him in the street with: "Hello, Doctor?"

"The clergyman stopped and cordially inquired: "And who are you, sir?" "I'm one of your little lambs," replied the boy, affably. "Fine day." And, tilting his hat on his head, he swaggered off, leaving the worthy divine speechless with amazement.

Great wit is sure to madness close allied. And thin partitions do their bounds divide.

—Dryden.

The Suffrage Referendum.

The women of Massachusetts are being generally registered as voters to vote at the state election on the suffrage referendum question. In this connection it is announced that: "Women of foreign birth whose husbands are naturalized can be registered on presentation of their husband's naturalization papers." This is doubtless quite convenient; but nothing connected with female suffrage should hinge or depend upon a husband. Matters should be arranged so that a woman can become naturalized on her own account, and on her own account register and vote. Because a man comes to this country to hold office and happens to be a husband, his naturalization papers should be of no more use in making a citizen of the woman who happens to be his wife than they might be in helping any other imported woman to register and vote. Men and women are not married politically. If they were made one in that way they would be allowed to cast only one vote, and one registration paper would do. The annex business will never do at the polls, though it may be satisfactory to students at college.

Couldn't Work.

There are fools galore in the realm of betting and making election vows. Everybody knows the wheelbarrow idiot and the let-his-whiskers-grow lunatic; but an unusual type of the genus in one Anthony Gaa, of Laporte, Ind., who has just died in the poorhouse. Anthony vowed in 1860 that if Lincoln was elected he would never do another day's work, and he never did. The question is, was he fool or philosopher? And why may it not be possible that tramps really belong to a secret brotherhood which has taken vows similar to Mr. Gaa's? It is noticed that many political bummers in cities do no work after an election, and none before it, except to occasionally hold a broom long enough to be put on payrolls; but it never occurs to the reformer that the poor fellow has taken a vow that he will not work, and no charitable person would have him break his word.

Trolley Car Excursions.

The trolley car party has grown to be an institution in Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Boston and other northern cities. The party charters a car, by the hour or day, and rides from one part of the city to another at will. So popular have they become in Brooklyn that the trolley company has ordered cars for this service in winter, which will be so sumptuously furnished and the interior so conveniently arranged that they will be in demand for cold weather. Even to Philadelphia, where the trolley party originated, the device of winter cars for the same purpose is a new thing. The Brooklyn company requires that the builders shall turn them out with electric heaters and the finest possible arrangement of lights and seats.

Who, of Course.

Mr. Beauchler, the secretary of the British legation in China, estimates that the taxes actually collected from the people of that country amount to about \$50,000,000 yearly, but he says that not more than one quarter of that sum ever gets into the imperial treasury. Every one who handles it has to have a slice.

Rich Enough.

Four large parties of Russian farmers, who have been living in Kansas, have recently returned to reside in their own country. They have made their "pile," and carry from \$3000 to \$5000 apiece home with them, which will make them persons of consideration in Russia.

The Way of the World.

Michael Gemige, the courier of Bismarck, who carried the dispatches to Napoleon III at the time of the treaty of Prague, was picked up in a public park at Hoboken, N. J., the other day in a starving condition. He is 60 years old.

Soon Dies Out.

They say that the Russian thistle, about which there has been so much talk, dies out of itself when the constituents of the soil in which it flourishes are exhausted. In the Dakotas, where a few years ago it was an alarming nuisance, it has well nigh disappeared.

An Actual Fact.

People smell better with their mouths shut, because all the air for the use of the lungs must then be drawn through the nose.

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Lucky Delaware.

The little tribe of Delaware Indians in the Indian Territory, the remnant of a once powerful and dominant race in the east, have just come into great luck. In a couple of weeks they will receive about \$220,000 cash, in consequence of a judgment of the court of claims at Washington in their favor. And this piece of good fortune is only the continuation of a series of windfalls that have dropped into their pockets during the past five or six years. A little over a year ago they received from the government nearly a million dollars in cold cash, from trust funds lying in the treasury, and shortly before that they received other large sums, and these, together with the property they already had, and other big lumps of ready money in hand, will make every man, woman and pappose of them worth fully \$6000 per capita.

Stolen Library.

It was lately discovered that some thousands of volumes purchased by the University of Pennsylvania in good faith had been stolen from somewhere, and now comes word from Paris that a collection of 10,000 volumes on American history, made by a Frenchman named Valtmare, and by him given to the city of Paris, is missing and cannot be traced, though they are believed to be hidden away somewhere in France.

Oh, Pah-w!

The term "thick-headed" as applied to stupid people has its foundation in fact of nature. It often happens that the brain shrinks, and as it does so the skull sometimes thickens.

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LOCAL CHIPS.

Dr Riggs has at last arrived and will be in Robert Lee until Tuesday the 15th.

Sheriff Murray is up again after a few days sickness.

Ex-County Commissioner Sam Sawyer was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

F. B. Perry sold his bear to one of the butchers in San Angelo for \$20.

County Judge D. T. Averitt is making substantial improvements around his residence.

Isape & J. W. Roe's new line of groceries.

BORN:—To Mr and Mrs W. C. Merchant, on Saturday the 5th, a fine boy.

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

J. W. Barnett informs us that H. D. Pearce is doing a "smashing" hotel business in Ballinger. He advertises in the RUSTLER—see!

For the best hair cut and easiest shave, go to Charlie Carr when in Sweetwater.

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Mr. Henry Storm and family of Howard county, an old acquaintance of Jeff Davis visited him Sunday night.

The RUSTLER acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the Texas Immigration and Industrial Association at Waco the 15th of this month.

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to the estate of G. E. Trimble, deceased will please come forward and make settlement with the undersigned and all persons holding claims against said estate will please present same.

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Deputy Sheriff, Frank Robinson has returned after several months absence from Coke.

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Deputy Sheriff, J. W. Barnett took E. W. Yardley to Ballinger Sunday as an attached witness in the Cyrus Odem case.

Newton Fowler, of Sweetwater passed through town Monday on his way to San Angelo with the King sheep which have been sold to San Angelo parties.

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Eight bales of cotton came through town early Tuesday morning on the road to San Angelo. Our merchants could not stop it long enough to get to bid on it.

A. J. Payne, of Saneo, called at the RUSTLER office Monday. He informs us that Miss Emma Merchant is to teach the Saneo school.

Mrs M. Bagley, of North Branch Canion, is visiting Mrs W. C. Merchant.

Some of our people attended the Syndicate show at San Angelo Monday. The same show visited Ballinger Tuesday.

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J. H. Burroughs started east Tuesday to purchase a stock of hardware. He expects to stop at Commerce, Hunt county and see his brother J. B. Burroughs.

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Three cars of cattle shipped from here by W. H. Snyder to Bisbee, Ariz., on the 24, were stopped at El Paso by the quarantine officers, the Southern Pacific refusing to receive them on account of the quarantine regulations.—Colorado Times.

A. M. Thompson, of Bisbee, Arizona, is here looking for pasture for a large amount of cattle.—Colorado Times.

If it is fine grass and plenty of water that Mr. Thompson wants he would do well to cast his eye this way.

Attorney Billups of Coke county, was in town this week. Mr. Billups is thinking of moving to Sterling City and practice law.—Concho Valley News.

King Brothers, of Sweetwater sold 7000 sheep, mixed, to Ewing, San Angelo at \$1.50 per head.

If Coke county has not enough enterprise to get up an exhibit for a fair, no one can be blamed for not wanting to come among us to live.

Mrs. Toliver called Tuesday and paid us \$1.50 a subscription to the RUSTLER for which she has our thanks.

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Tuesday, the 12th day of Novem-
ber, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m.

"All members of the associa-
tion are urgently requested to be
promptly present at the opening
of the session. All persons desir-
ous of becoming members are
cordially invited to attend this
meeting.

"It is respectfully suggested
that meetings be held in every
county throughout the State and
representative men induced to
attend and unite with the Asso-
ciation.

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cers and members of the Associa-
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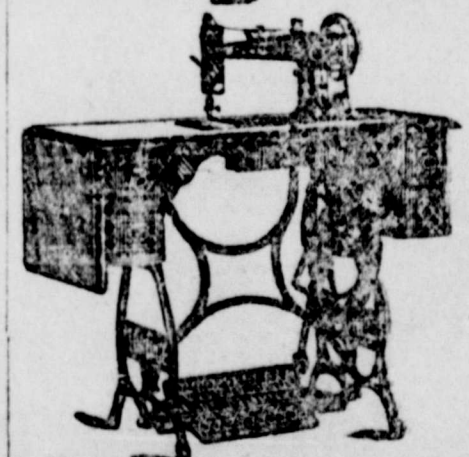
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The Possibilities of the Snakeskin Industry Suggested to Mrs. Haskins by the Belts and Pocketbooks of Summer Boarders in Cooperstown.

(Special Correspondence.)

P in the Otsego Hills in New York State many strange industries are carried on, but there is none stranger than that of Hiram Haskins and none that returns a better profit. Mr. Haskins is a snake farmer, and so profitable has his business become that he has undertaken to domesticate the reptiles and breed them. While traveling through Otsego with wheel and camera a few weeks ago the writer heard at Cooperstown of this strange man who had gone to raising rattlers and pilots for the market. His place was found up in the hills near Schuyler Lake. He lives in a comfortable frame dwelling, where the writer was invited to partake of a meal of fresh milk and boiled cracked corn.

"Kem up to look for snakes, did yeow, neow?" said the old man as his bright, gray eyes twinkled, and he chuckled: "Waal, I guess I kin show yeow a powerful sight of them."

"What induced you to go into the snake trapping and breeding business?"

"Waal, about five years ago Mrs. Haskins an' me was down to Cooperstown,



HOME OF THE SNAKE FARM.

an' we seed so many ladies at the hotel with snakeskin belts an' pocketbooks that we wondered if they was common rattler skins. One day some weeks later I was cradlin' late oats an' I killed a spotted adder with the blade of the cradle. I took him home and skinned him jist like I would an eel, that is, stripped his hide off whole without splittin' it. Then I cleaned it and cured it with white oak liquor, and when it was dry and cured it was soft and shiny like. Mandy, that is, Mrs. Haskins, says, says she, 'Hiram, I'd send that pelt down to New York to some pocketbook maker and see if it's worth anything.' Waal, I sent it to a feller on Mercer street that deals in fancy leather an' in a few days I got a letter with a check for \$3.50. He said if I had any more spotted snake pelts to send them along. I didn't hev any, but Mandy says, says she, 'Hiram, you kin git some more, can't you?' 'I dunno,' says I, 'but I guess I kin when buckwheat mowin' begins, as ther'll sure to be some snakes in the ten-acre buckwheat lot or I'm mistaken.' Then I begin to think an' to ruminate around in my mind how I cud git a lot of snake pelts. A few days later I got a regular windfall. I run into a den and killed five full-grown spotted adders, a rattler, and a purty brown mottled serpent that I didn't know the name of. I cured these skins an' sent 'em to New York an' my returns was \$25. The man that bought the pelts said he'd take all I cud ketch.

"Mandy," says I, "do you think I could trap snakes in a trap? I'm going to try anyhow." 'I don't see why not,' Hiram, says Mandy; an' then I made up my mind to try an' ketch snakes in traps. A few days later I went to Cherry Valley an' bought one of them big wire French rat traps. It's like an eel pot; the snakes could slip easy like into the trap but cudn't get out, as the wires stuck into them. They cud git into the trap, but cudn't reach the bait. Then I ketched a couple of them English sparrers in a snare an' baited the



THE SNAKE HOUSE.

trap an' put it out in the long grass in the east meadow, where I had heard an adder hiss a few days before.

"The next mornin' I went down to the trap, and, bless me, if there wusn't an

adder full six feet long an' big as my wrist crowded up in the trap. I run a bodkin through him behind the head and took him outen the trap and set it ag'in and went away. Before night I hed ketched a beautiful brown pilot, full of shiny green scales; that is, they looked green when the sun fell on 'em sideways. I killed him, an' went on that way ketchin' snakes all over the farm until it was time for 'em to go in their holes. I hed over 100 pelts—adders, pilots, a couple of green moccasins, rattlers, and several green an' brown mottled pelts of snakes I cudn't call by name.

"I thought, now that I hed a fine lot of pelts, I'd go to New York with 'em myself. I fixed up and went down, and when I kem back I hed a clean \$200 in my wallet. While I wuz down there the feller who bought my pelts says to me: 'If you keep on this way you won't hev no snakes left in the counties of Otsego or Chenango. You hev brought more pelts to me than any professional trapper on my list, an' I've got lots of men ketchin' snakes. Why don't you build a snake house an' raise 'em?' Waal, I laughed at that, but the idee struck me that I'd try anyhow, so I asked if he could recommend any one to me as had a snake house, an' he told me to go up to Central Park an' see how they kep' snakes there. I went up there an' seed the glass place where they kep' the snakes, an' the keeper says to me, says he: 'The varmints 'ud breed here, if we wud let 'em, but we don't want any young snakes.' There wuz all kinds of snakes there, an' the idee struck me to build a glass breedin' house. I seed a powerful sight of other kinds of varmints up at Central Park, but I s'pose you hev seed them, too. Howsomever, we're on snakes now. I reckon we'd better stick to snakes.

"When I kem home I went to work to build a snake house. I made a purty good one, as you'll see. There wuz no more snakes to ketch that fall, so I rested until spring, when they kem outen their holes. I hed good luck an' ketched a lot of young ones an' soon hed my snake house stocked. I hed all kinds, but didn't know much about the nature of puttin' the wrong kinds of snakes together. I ketched one of them big ringed neck racers—black-snakes, you know—an' he wuz a fighter. No sooner did I let him into the cage than he tackled a rattler I hed there an' in a switch of a lamb's tail, he grabbed that rattler in the back of the neck, jumped into the air with him, an' coiled around him, squeezin' the life outen him. That giv me a lesson, an' I didn't put rattlers an' racers in the same cage ag'in.

"Waal," said the old man, as he looked up at the sky, "I think mebbe we'll hev rain; let's go an' see the snakes."

He led the way to a frame shanty



HASKINS AND ASSISTANT.

with double walls like an ice house. Inside was a row of wire-netting cages, covered with glass. In the cages were as choice an assortment of snakes as one would care to see. In one compartment were spotted adders by the score, little and big, all coiled and twisted in a squirming, wriggling mass. In another compartment were twelve or more copperheads—the old man called them pilots. In still another compartment were all kinds of snakes of the garter and whiplash species, green scaled, brown and white mottled, and of nearly all shades of drab and gray. Another compartment contained fully twenty rattlers, all lying still, as if dead.

In the fall, the old man said, jist before the snakes were ready to hibernate, he culled out all the big ones, and, after killing them, stripped off the hides and salted them dry. He did not tan-cure them now, as the purchasers preferred to dress them, as they could dye them in many colors at the same time. He got jist as good prices for salted skins as for cured ones. The remark that there were no blacksnakes in his menagerie caused Haskins to explain: "I kill all them fellers. They scales, an' only the snakes as hev purty skins bring big prices. When I ketch a good-sized racer in my traps I send him down to York for breeders, but I jinerally kill the no-good things."

A Dreadful Suspicion.

He—I had a beautiful dream last night. I dreamt that we were walking in a garden and I gave you a kiss. She—Yes; but are you sure nobody saw it?

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Could you always walk by sight.

'Tis true He has many an anguish For your sorrowful heart to tear And many a cruel thorn-crown For your tired head to wear. He knows how few would reach heaven at all If pain did not guide them there.

So He sends you the blinding darkness And the furnace of seven-fold heat; 'Tis the only way, believe me, To keep you close to His feet. For 'tis always so easy to wander When our lives are glad and sweet.

Then nestle your hand in the Father's And sing, if you can, as you go; Your song may cheer some one behind you Whose courage is sinking low. And, well, if your lips do quiver, God will love you the better, so!

Sand Key.

Vacation is becoming tiresome to Anna, who this morning got out her school books and looked through them for old times' sake. When she came to her geography she opened it at the map of the Southern States, and glancing down the page she read out the question:

"What is the southernmost point of the republic?"

"O, I know that," she answered, "it's Key West."

"What's that?" called out her uncle, who is captain of a vessel that is engaged in coastwise trade in the Gulf of Mexico.

"I said," responded Anna, "that Key West is the southernmost point of the United States."

"But it ain't," replied her uncle, whose geography, we may hope, is better than his grammar.

"It isn't," queried Anna.

"No, it ain't," returned her uncle, "er I don't know a cocconut from a banana."

"What is, then?"

"Well, you come with me on the next trip of the 'Florida Belle' an' er I don't show you Sand Key, eight miles southwest of Key West, then I'll eat it, lighthouse an' all."

Anna, uncle is right. Some years ago the Gulf Stream piled up a little heap of sand in the ocean. The government soon discovered the barren islet, named it Sand Key, built a lighthouse upon it, and took possession of it as the most southerly end of the country.

Her Ring of Gold.

Laura received a gold ring on her birthday from her father, who told her that the jeweler had said that it was eighteen carats fine.

"What does eighteen carats fine mean?" she asked.

"Not carats, but carats," he replied.

"A carat is a term used by goldsmiths to mean the one-twenty-fourth part of the weight, so your ring has eighteen twenty-fourths parts gold. It is, therefore, three-fourths pure gold."

"And what are the other six twenty-fourths?"

"Three are silver and three are copper."

"Why did you not buy me one all gold?"

"Because pure gold is too soft for use. It would wear away. Even gold eighteen carats fine is not sufficiently hard to stand constant rubbing. Mother's wedding ring is now only about half as thick as it was the day we were married. So my watch has lost nearly all the engraving on it in the twenty-three years that I have been pulling it out of my pocket a dozen times a day."

"Well, I am glad now you did not buy me a ring of pure gold," said Laura, "because I want to keep this forever, and I am glad that I have learned the meaning of carat."

Apples as Brain Food.

A New York physician says: "The apple is an excellent brain food, because it contains more phosphoric acid in easily digestible shape than any other vegetable known. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthful sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. This is not all. The apple agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretions, and prevents calculus growths, while it ob-

viates indigestion, and is one of the best preventives known of diseases of the throat." If all this be true, and its persistent reiteration certainly argues large faith, the knowledge cannot be too widely disseminated.

A Mother's Influence.

Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, one of the grandest preachers of the age, bears testimony to his mother's influence over him as follows:

"During my infancy she dedicated me to the Christian ministry, and kept that steadily before her own eye and mine. I cannot now fix the date of my conversion; it was her constant influence that led me gradually along, and I grew into a religious life under her potent training, and by the power of the Holy Spirit working through her untiring agency. If all mothers were like her, the 'church in the house' would be one of the best feeders of the church in the public sanctuary."

May these words sink deep into the heart of every mother who reads them, that she may be the agent of the Holy Spirit in bringing up her child. It has been truly said that "the first seven years of a child's life almost invariably determine its destiny."

Food and Morals.

The intimate relation between one's diet and the moral nature is thus set forth by a writer in the New England Kitchen Magazine: How matter can be transmuted into soul even a woman's curiosity has never been able to discover. But we do know that angelic traits are not evolved from a diet of pork and soggy potatoes, nor has it been found that tea and sauerkraut tend to manly dignity and valor. An outraged stomach in any rank is forerunner of nettles or porcupine traits. The ministry of diet in the work of character building is therefore one of the most important studies a woman can undertake. The luxurious kitchens of the well-to-do, pampering physical appetites to excess, weaken soul faculties and strengthen animal propensities. Well-authenticated statistics reveal the startling fact that sins of impurity are vastly more frequent among the luxuriously fed. Drunkenness is quite as much a disease of ill feeding. Many a sin of the soul is the revenge of an outrageously ill-nourished frame. Speeding the gospel of good cookery will hasten the triumph of the gospel of redeeming love.

Water as a Medicine.

Some excellent advice concerning water drinking is given by an exchange thus:

The human body is constantly undergoing tissue changes. Worn-out particles are cast aside and eliminated from the system, while the new are ever being formed, from the inception of life to its close. Water has the power of increasing these tissue changes, which multiply the waste products; but at the same time they are renewed by its agency, giving rise to increased appetite, which in turn provides fresh nutriment.

People accustomed to rise in the morning weak and languid will find the cause in the imperfect secretion of wastes, which many times may be remedied by drinking a tumblerful of water before retiring. This very materially assists in the process during the night, and leaves the tissue fresh and strong.

Living in Sunshine.

I think the superb health of my family is, to a great extent, due to the habit we have of almost living in the sunshine, writes a well-known physician. Every bright day all the shutters are open, and the entire house gets the benefit of the sunlight. It drives away dampness, mould and microbes, and puts us all in good humor and health. I cannot imagine good sanitary conditions and darkness. Even my cellar is as light as I can possibly make it, and whatever fruit and delicacies need to be shut away from the light I put in close cupboards or covered boxes. I have sheets of canvas that can be thrown over them before they are put away, and always take pains to so arrange my stores that nothing will be injured by an abundance of light. People who live in badly-lighted apartments have little color and less health.

The Proper Way to Sit.

Hill's Journal of Health declares: that a proper sitting position requires that the spine shall be kept straight, and that the support needed for the upper part shall be felt in the right place. Therefore, sit as far back as possible in the chair, so that the lower end of the spine shall be braced against the back of the seat. If this back is straight, the shoulders will also rest against it; if not, they will have no point of support, and it will be found that they do not need it. This position makes no strain upon the ligaments of the spine. It allows a proper position of the shoulders, consequently of the lungs, stomach, and every other organ of the body. The work is carried on naturally and comfortably, as is also the circulation of the blood, which, in a wrong position, is seriously affected.

We never live; we are always in the expectation of living.—Voltaire.

A FILTER INSIDE YOU

HOW YOUR BLOOD IS KEPT PURE.

Health Comes From Pure Blood. Pure Blood Depends on Your Filter Inside You.

Your Kidneys Keep Your Blood Pure If They Are Well. A Few Facts About Them, and How to Make Them Well When They Are Sick.

Your blood is what nourishes your body.

Now blood is made every minute. It goes to the lungs, gets fresh air, and then passes through the body. In passing, it deposits new flesh, fat, bones, etc., and takes up worn out matter.

This worn out matter goes to the kidneys. The kidneys filter it out of the blood and throw it out of the body.

That is, when they are well, they do.

When your kidneys are well, they act, as perfect filters, to keep your blood pure. When they are sick, they act imperfectly. They leave the bad matter in. Sometimes they take out the good.

There is nothing more poisonous than bad blood.

A proof of this is rheumatism. It is simply a blood-poisoning caused by the bad matter left in the blood by sick kidneys.

Bright's disease is the kidneys working the other way—taking the good food out of the blood.

Both kinds of kidney sickness are dangerous.

Both can be cured by Dr. Hobb's Sparagus Kidney Pills.

One of the most wonderful facts of our body is this natural filter inside us. Our kidneys are very important organs. We don't take enough care of them. We are sick oftener than there is any need for. It is simply because we take no heed to our kidneys.

Sick kidneys show their effects in many different diseases.

Rheumatism and Bright's disease are very common. Anaemia, Neuralgia, Pain in the Back, Dizziness, Bladder Troubles, Gravel, Diabetes, Sleeplessness, Nervousness.

These are only a few symptoms, or so-called "diseases." Back of them all are the sick kidneys.

Once the filters can be made to work, all these symptoms will disappear.

Dr. Hobb's Sparagus Kidney Pills are made principally from the roots of the asparagus plant, which has a special curative action on the kidneys. It gives them new life and strength. It helps them to do their work as it ought to be done. It cures their sickness. It cleans and renews the filter.

When the kidneys are well you will feel a great difference at once. Your complexion will clear, and your whole body will get renewed life and freshness.

This is the effect of Dr. Hobb's Sparagus Kidney Pills on the sick kidneys, of the re-vitalized kidneys on the impure blood.

With a course of Dr. Hobb's Sparagus Kidney Pills you will get new life. They will cure you when other medicines, which do not reach the real seat of disease, cannot help you.

Dr. Hobb's Sparagus Kidney Pills are for sale by all druggists, price 50c. per box, or will be sent prepaid to any address on receipt of price.

An interesting booklet, explaining about the kidneys and their power for good and evil, sent free on request. Address Hobb's Medicine Co., Chicago, or San Francisco.

"Miss Ancient appears very cold and indifferent to me, although they say in years gone by she was engaged several times." "Yes; she is a souvenir spoon."

—Truth.

"When er man talks er tremenjuss s'ight 'bout what a good frien' ob your'n he is," said Uncle Eben, "listen ter 'im, but doan' trade hosses wif 'im."—Washington Star.

Dry-Goods Clerk: "What a rare complexion she has." Drug-Store Clerk: "If you knew as much about that complexion as I do you wouldn't call it rare; you'd say it was well done."—Detroit Free Press.

Coroner: "It is a very unhappy occurrence that you should run over this old lady and kill her." Trolley Motor-man: "Very. This makes my thirteenth, and I feel that that number will bring me bad luck."—Judy.

"How can you ill-use your dog in that fashion?" I thought you were a member of the Society for the Protection of Animals!" "So I am, but I haven't paid my subscription for the last three months."—Lustige Blatter.

Forget-me-not blue will be worn. Old red is seen on mohair samples for fall. After many ups and downs the small bolero jacket comes out again in velvet, cloth, lamb and sealskin.

So elaborately are capes trimmed that even Astrakhan and "baby" lamb models have motifs of jet applied.

Cloth designs have a close fitting back and loose, double-breasted front having a single or double row of buttons.

Manufacturers have prepared many dressy short coats, so evidently capes are not to have their own way without a rival.

One swallow may not make a summer, but about eighteen swallows often make one fall.

A man never feels thoroughly at home at a house until he can smoke in the parlor.

A man can convince a woman with eloquence, but it takes figures to convince a man.

When a man loses his pocketbook he accuses at least half of his neighbors of finding it.

The temptation is never so great to slight the truth as when a man is telling about himself.