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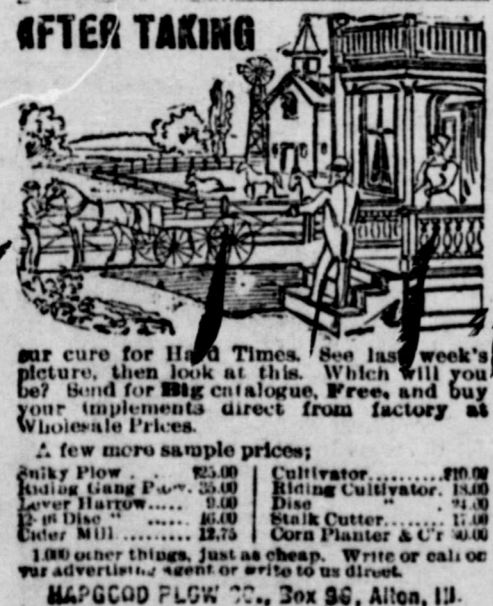
Of the Coke County Rustler
As I promised in my last communication to give you information, of where we settled when we decided, I shall now comply with that promise.

On Dec. 1st 1899 Geo. F. Fair bought of J. W. McCulley, in the town of Lometa Co. of Lampuses, Consideration \$400. Paid in seven mules, five mares, three colts, one horse and \$46.35 cash.

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They had a candy breaking at Brother and sister Strickland's last Tuesday night.

The San Angelo Enterprise claims our R. L. Powell for Sterling county. Now that's too bad. R. L. is a full-fledged rabbit-twister.

Frank Stokes was seen driving his stock to pasture the other day.

L. C. How,

Telegram.

New York.

Dec. 16 99

Editor Coke Co Rustler, Robert Lee, Texas,

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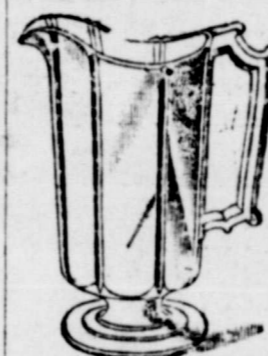
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MOULDERS OF DESTINY IN SOUTH AFRICA

The South African war will always be notable for the number of new men it brought so suddenly and so conspicuously to the front. First among these men, of course, is the British commander-in-chief, Gen. Sir Redvers Buller. This man is a soldier, a politician, an administrator, an adjutant-general in the imperial army and an English country squire. He is now over 60 years of age, and has lost his early slimness, but none of that earlier activity, solidity and unflinching self-reliance which distinguished him as an officer in, successively, Canada, India, Egypt,

Irishman by birth, distinguished himself early in the affairs of the Transvaal campaign. He first saw service in the Indian mutiny. There he was under Roberts at Kandahar, where his great bravery and dash attracted the attention of his superior officer, who is also an Irishman. Later White took part in the fierce struggles around Kabul, Sherpur, Sakhti Shah and Charashah, in Afghanistan. He was made a knight for advancing at great risk, single-handed, along a ledge of rock and shooting dead one of the Afghan leaders. It was Lord Dufferin who

the Cape, where he is engaged on "special service." His highness is a major in the Fourth King's Royal rifles and an enthusiastic soldier, though it is a foregone conclusion that he will not have a very active part in the settling of affairs.

Major-Gen. Sir W. P. Symons, who fell mortally wounded in that fierce engagement so early in the war, was a popular and gallant officer, and will be greatly missed from the front in the Natal field force, of which he was commander. Col. Otter, the leader of the Canadian troopers, has also seen



and South Africa. Lord Wolseley was impressed with Redvers Buller's ability in the Red river campaign, seeing in him the making of a great soldier. He was never a genius. His capacity for troop handling has been painfully and slowly acquired, though perhaps his tactical skill is instinctive. He is today a great, blunt, harsh-spoken man, with an unbending will and a temper that is volcanic in its fury. He never would say two words where one would do. He is even repellent in his abruptness, but under the caustic crust there is said to be a kind and generous heart.

Sir F. Forestier Walker, who primarily had command of the South African forces, is known among his friends as Freddy, being, as has been at times said of Dewey, a little bit of a dandy, and handsome, tall slender and the beau ideal of the aristocratic young Englishman. He is a typical guardsman, and his dress is always faultless. But he has fought so hard in Egypt and among the ferocious Zulus that people forget he is somewhat of a dude and think of him only as the hero of a hundred fights. He is only 44 years of age, and yet he has been advanced to the position of a general officer.

Lieut.-Gen. Lord Methuen, who was chosen for command of the First division in South Africa, enjoys the distinction of being the youngest lieutenant-general in the British army. He joined the Scots guards in 1864, fought in Ashanti in 1873, and in Egypt went through Mahuta and Tel el Kebir. He was also mixed up in the Bechuanaland expedition and has had plenty of minor campaigning to do in the northwest of India, that ever ready practice ground of the British officer. His lordship is a courteous and polished gentleman, well tested by hardships in the field.

made the discovery that White was one of the ablest officers in the service and eventually secured for him the commandership in chief of the Indian army. There is nothing academic or theoretical about this general. He shines more on the battlefield than he does in the council chamber and is a gruff, outspoken man, with indomitable will and a stern sense of duty.

Major-Gen. French, who was sent to the Cape to take command of the cavalry, took part in the Nile expedition of 1884-85 and was mentioned in the dispatches for signal bravery. He is one of the most promising of the younger generation of English officers, as also is Gen. Yule, who has come so prominently to the front of late, and who is a Canadian by birth.

Lieut.-Col. Baden-Powell, who first came into notice during the Transvaal war as special-service officer in command at Mafeking, has seen much service in South Africa. He first went to Natal with Sir Baker Russell in 1884 and fought through the Bechuanaland expedition. He also commanded a flying column during the Zulu war and has always distinguished himself for valor and discretion as an officer. He is a genial and popular man, and is still young, as officers go.

Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig-Holstein is the only member of the royal family seeing actual warfare at

considerable active service and is looked upon as an officer of promise. He fought throughout the Fenian raid and also in the Riel rebellion.

Of the Boer officers, the wily and foxlike Joubert and the intrepid Cronje are, of course, the most important. Gen. Cronje will be remembered as the vanquisher of Jameson in the battle at Krugersdorp and is generally regarded as the best fighting man in the Boer army. He fought at Laingsnek and is fearless and daring. Commander Pretorius, who was wounded at Elandslaagte, was also one of the best trained of the Boer officers, and his loss was no doubt keenly felt by his countrymen in the field. Another officer in whom the Boers place much faith is Gen. Jan Kock, who was originally in command of the Boer forces at Ingagnani, but was wounded early in the war. Commandant Botha, who was killed in the sortie at Kimberley, was a famous Dutch fighter who first distinguished himself at Brekhorst Spruit. It was this same Kimberley engagement that brought forward Col. Murray as a fighting officer of great tact and energy.

HOW CAVALRY CROSS RIVERS



The accompanying illustration will give a good idea of how English cavalry cross the South African rivers. Each engineering corps is usually supplied with two collapsible boats, packed away in sections. When water is met with in a march to the front, the different sections of these boats are speedily bolted together, while the troopers divest their horses of all trappings, tying the same up in their horse cloths. After this eight troopers at a time cross the water in each boat, carrying their arms and accoutrements with them, and swimming four horses on each side of their little craft.

Homes Built Off Shore.
In Tapsuelel, in new Guinea, the houses are built on piles in the open ocean, a good distance from the shore. The object of this is to protect the inhabitants against sudden attacks of the kindly head hunters, who always are on the lookout for victims, whose heads they need in their business. Other villages in this happy land are perched up in all but inaccessible trees for the same weighty reason.

SCIENTIFIC TOPICS.

CURRENT NOTES OF DISCOVERY AND INVENTION.

A Portable Acetylene Gas Lamp—Warranted Not to Bruise—The Scientific Theory of Blushing—Electrical Hair-Cutting.

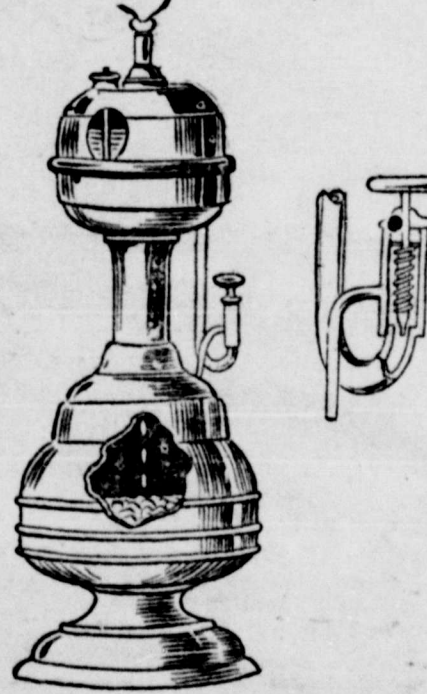
Scientific Theory of Blushing.
It is just as natural for some persons to blush as it is for others to turn pale. The same laws of nature which govern the one govern the other. The capillaries, or small blood vessels, which connect the arteries and veins in the body, form, particularly over the cheeks, a network so fine that it is necessary to employ a microscope to distinguish them. Ordinarily the blood passes through the vessels in normal quantities, leaving only the natural complexion. But when some sudden emotion acts on the heart, its action increases, and an electric thrill instantly leaps to the cheeks. The thrill is nothing more than the rush of blood through the invisible capillaries just beneath the delicate transparent surface of the skin. The causes that bring this condition in the circulating system are called mental stimuli. They consist of joy, anger, shame and many other emotions. Sudden horror, remorse or fear, on the contrary, influence the nerves which control the blood vessels, and the face becomes white. Blushing and pallor result from the sudden action of the mind on the nervous system. So, if the mind be forewarned and prepared for emotions, both habits can at least be partially overcome. But when the nervous system be highly strung, it would be a lifelong, if not a futile task, to endeavor to effect a perfect cure. It is the sensitive, nervous girl who blushes easily, while the girl stolid of nature, or who by conventional education has her nerves under perfect control, seldom blushes.—Philadelphia Times.

A Remarkable Earthquake.

On July 19 last the city of Rome undulated with the waves of an earthquake for nearly half a minute. The famous monuments of antiquity scattered in and about the city were strongly shaken, but, fortunately, no serious damage was suffered by them. The great columns in the Forum rocked visibly, and a large stone crashed down from the Colosseum. A strange atmospheric effect, which has before been observed during great earthquakes, was very noticeable on this occasion. People who rushed in alarm from their houses were drenched with a torrent of rain that poured from light gray clouds which almost instantaneously gathered in a perfectly clear sky as soon as the earth began to quake.

A Portable Acetylene Gas Lamp.

A new acetylene lamp has been invented by an inventor of Josseland, Tex., which is particularly adapted for use as a table lamp, and which is arranged to insure a uniform, perfect and brilliant light. The lamp comprises a base supporting a bowl forming a generator in which the calcium carbide is contained and in which gas is generated. A cap screws on the generator and terminates in a pipe by which a water reservoir is supported. A tube, provided at its upper end with a burner, extends through the reser-

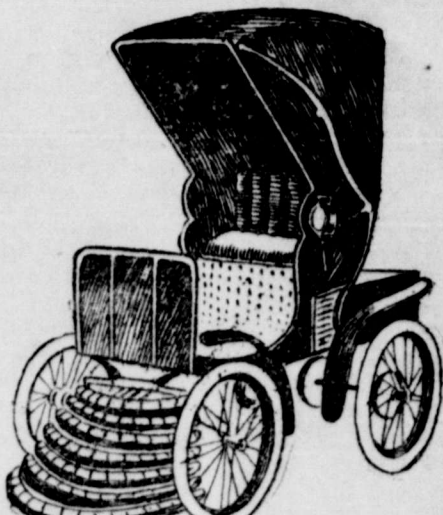


voir and serves to conduct the gas. Water is supplied from the reservoir to the generator below by means of a pipe provided with an automatic valve. As shown in the enlarged detail view, this valve has a downwardly extending stem fitting loosely in the end of the waterpipe and an upwardly extending stem receiving the end of a rod screwed in a cap closing the valve chamber. The screw-rod is provided with a collar enlarged at its lower end by a spring coiled around the stem. A tube opening into the valve chamber above the valve conducts the water to the generator. When the screw-rod is screwed down the valve is seated to cut off the water supply, but when the rod is screwed out until the collar abuts against the under side of

the cap so as to allow the spring to hold the valve loosely to its seat, then the water rises in the valve chamber and flows, drop by drop, to the generator. When the gas pressure overbalances the water pressure, the valve is seated, thus preventing the further generation of gas. When the gas pressure has diminished, the valve is opened by the water, and generation is resumed. The supply of carbide can be replenished by unscrewing the generator cap and placing the required quantity of the material within the bowl. The water reservoir can be filled by means of a filling cap.

Warranted Not to Bruise.

A Philadelphia inventor has devised a fender for automobile or trolley cars, the principal of which is shown in the illustration. The fender is made of inflated hose, tied together in the shape of a locomotive cow-catcher. The special advantage claimed for the inven-



tion is that there is no metal framework to bruise a person struck by it.

Artificial Sponges.

A German technical journal describes a method of manufacturing artificial sponges, recently invented and patented by Dr. Gustav Pum of Graz, Germany. The process consists principally in the action of a solution of chloride of zinc on pure cellulose. The results are products which swell up with water, but turn horny and hard on drying. In order to retain for the product the property of also absorbing water after drying, certain chemicals are employed in treating the cellulose with zinc chloride, and finally the product is subjected to a mechanical-plastic treatment. For example, the cellulose is treated with concentrated zinc chloride solution and sodium chloride (common salt) whereby a pasty viscous mass is obtained which is mixed with coarse-grained rock salt. The plastic mass thus obtained is pierced in a press mould with pins, after whose removal the pressed material appears traversed by small canals in all directions. The excess of salts is removed by washing one or two days with alcohol and water. The product thus obtained can take the place of natural sponge in all its uses, and may especially serve for filtering water for sanitary and industrial purposes. It is also suitable for filling up life preservers, for the production of anchor buoys, as well as in surgery for absorbing secretions, etc.

Electrical Hair-Cutting.

A French scientific journal, L'Electricien, describes an electric substitute for the barber's scissors. It consists of a comb, carrying along one side of its row of teeth a platinum wire through which flows an electric current. As the comb passes through the locks to be shorn, the heated wire instantaneously severs the hairs, leaving them of even length, and sealing the cut ends as in the ordinary process of singeing with a taper. A similar device is a curling iron, kept at an even temperature by an electric wire in the interior.

Scientific Jottings.

The cultivation of fruit trees along the highways of France is being extended each year, the government having adopted this practice as a source of revenue, so that now roadside fruit cultivation has become an important branch of national industry.

An account of the application of liquefied carbonic acid gas to extinguish underground fires was given by George Spencer at the recent meeting of the Institution of Mining Engineers, says Nature. At a colliery with which Mr. Spencer was connected a fire occurred in a heading, as the result of a fall of roof and sides on steam pipes. The heading was built off with as little delay as possible, but notwithstanding all efforts to shut out the air, sufficient reached the seat of fire to keep it burning slowly. It was, therefore, decided to apply carbon dioxide, and for this purpose six cylinders of liquefied gas were successfully used. It is not claimed that the method described can be successfully applied to all fires, but there are undoubtedly many cases, which might be so treated. In case of fire on shipboard, the use of carbon dioxide would no doubt prove invaluable, as it could be quickly applied and would not cause the same damage to cargoes as water.

