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CANYON CITY, TEXAS.

Wright Items.

Well, Christmas has come and gone and the cold weather holds on the same. Yesterday, 26th, it was beautiful but today it is cold and Marchy.

On last Sunday, December 22nd, Dave Reed and Miss Lillie McCune were married by Rev. Frank Moore. They had a real nice supper.

On Christmas day J. W. Skipworth and Miss Mabel Smith were married by Rev. J. D. Cook; so you see Jim and Dave have got them a dish washer. I have not learned where Dave and his better half expect to make their future home. Jim

and Mrs. Mabel will live three miles south of Wright where Jim has been trying to keep up his ranch. We expect some more weddings soon. One poor fellow got left, but we will call no names.

No Christmas dinners. Several had turkey and other good things.

Mr. and Mrs. McCune and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and family took dinner with Mrs. Ross. Rev. J. P. Bussell, Swan Gibbs, W. T. Bussell and family and B. R. Bussell and family took dinner with Mrs. Thornton. Grandma Phillips, Miss Cora and Mr. and Mrs.

Little took dinner with Mrs. Faulkner.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes went over and spent Christmas with Mrs. Bagley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tudor ate Christmas dinner with Mrs. Pack.

Professor Tudor treated his pupils at the close of last week with a pound of fancy candy, apples and nuts. He will take up his school Monday and finish his term, two months.

Santa Claus came around and visited the little folks and they all rejoiced over their presents.

Messrs. Denson and Ross have lost three nice calves in the last few days. They supposed it was blackleg. Their cattle are all in very good condition.

Roy Ross says tell the cousins to come down and help him kill black birds. He fired into a bunch and killed 15 at one shot. He thinks he is a fine marksman.

We read a letter from Sidney Denson. He is feeding cattle for Marion Faulkner. They are hauling cotton seed from Miami and feeding 900 or a 1000 head of cattle.

None McCune came home Christmas to take a few days vacation. He will return to Miami tomorrow where he is attending school.

We learned that Wilbur Willett got to Louisville all right. The operation was performed and he was very weak. The doctors thought that another operation would have to be performed but he was not able just then so we have not learned how he came out. It was a rib bone that was broken was the trouble.

No births or deaths since we wrote last. Cricket.

Mr. C. R. Burrow and Miss Mary were at home to their friends Friday evening, Dec. 27. Those present report a pleasant evening.

We desire to call your attention to the beautiful display of furniture at Oscar Hunt & Co's. store, some lovely pieces and suites for sale at reasonable prices.

Miss Belle Parker spent Christmas with her father, A. S. Parker, at Tulla.

Many of the blotches, pimples and other affections of the skin are caused by the failure of the liver and kidneys to cast off impurities, which remain in the system. Herbine will stimulate the liver and kidneys, and cleanse the system of all impurities. Price 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

Miss Olive Beasley spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Stone, of Bovina.

Home Comfort coffee is the best. J. A. Wansley & Co. of

SHORT HORNS FOR SALE.

Full Blood, unregistered Short Horn Cattle for sale cheap. If taken in next thirty days, I will sell at a bargain 23 cows, 9 one-year-olds, 10 two-year-olds, heifers. The cows will be safe with calf by Registered Short Horn bull. Their bull calves at weaning time are worth from

\$35 TO \$50 EACH

This is a chance for some one to get a good herd. My reason for selling these cattle are, I have three herds to handle, and by disposing of the short horns it gives me more pasture facilities. Come soon, as they are going fast. Call on or write to Canyon Ceta Stock Farm, Ceta, Texas.

C. T. DeGraftenreid, Prop.

Many a bright and happy household has been thrown into sadness and sorrow because of the death of a loved one from a neglected cold. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is the great cure for coughs, colds and all pulmonary ailments. Price 25¢ and 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

We made a flying trip to Portales and spent Sunday with friends. We found the little city growing like a June weed in the sunshine, but its a good healthy growth. Handsome residences and good substantial business houses are going up on every side and the country is filling up just as fast.

The fragile babe and the growing child are strengthened by White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys worms, gets digestion at work, and so rebuilds the body. Price 25¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

Two Husbands Wanted.

Must be handsome, sober, intelligent, industrious, good providers, also must be good cooks and expert laundrymen; must be willing to sew on own buttons, make fires, sweep floors, feed chickens, milk cows, stop hogs, obey orders promptly and not be given to speaking the last word. Photos and references exchanged. Address, with statement of bank account, and we will furnish samples of our cooking.

Halls and Sostana. Lock Box 400, Canyon, Texas.

Herbine should be used to enrich and purify the blood; it cures all blood disorders, is especially useful in fevers, skin eruptions, boils, pimples, blackheads, scrofula, salt rheum and every form of blood impurity; it is a safe and effectual cure. Price 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

We wish to thank our friends and patrons for the liberal patronage given us especially since our cost sale has been on, and to say that we have been highly pleased with the results.

WITH A VIEW TO CLOSING OUT THAT PART OF OUR BUSINESS
WE WILL
CONTINUE TO SELL OUR DRY GOODS AT COST.

Notwithstanding our stock has been somewhat reduced you will find many seasonable goods and we are paying

NO ATTENTION TO COST IN MAKING PRICES ON OUR BROKEN STOCK.

They may not have known the reason but when SMITH WALKER & CO. said they would sell AT COST those who knew them believed it.

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How to Prevent Pneumonia.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jennings entertained a crowd of friends Saturday evening. All report a delightful time.

Try Secretary Gage cigar at Canyon Drug Company's.

Misses May Lair and Onus Service made us a very pleasant call Saturday afternoon.

Oscar Hunt & Co. are showing the handsome line of pictures, moldings, frames, etc. ever exhibited in the Panhandle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hadley spent a few days at Dalhart last week.

Mr. J. M. Vansant is now in the real estate business and solicits the patronage of the public. Give him a trial and be pleased at the results.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Regular services for Canyon City 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7 p. m. At Bula 2nd Sunday and at Tulla 4th Sunday in each month. Sunday school at Canyon every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues at 2:30 and 3:30 p. m., respectively. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Everybody invited to attend these services.

J. E. STEPHENS, Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Services at Canyon City on the second and third Sundays of each month, at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Also at Tulla on the first Sunday of each month, morning at night and at 11 o'clock on the day before.

J. C. BUNNERT, Pastor.

Sunday school at Canyon City each Sunday at 10 o'clock, a. m. Go to the Canyon City Pharmacy for fine Cigars.

The properties of Ballard's Snow Liniment possesses a range of usefulness greater than any other remedy. A day seldom passes in every household, especially where there are children, that it is not needed. Price 25¢ and 50¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

The greatest drawback to raising and developing first-class beef cattle in Texas is, that the young animals are usually stunted in winter time. Any animal that has been stunted gets a setback that is difficult to overcome. It is far too common to see calves permitted to just get through a season with little or no feed, with the hope of making up for it later. This does not pay, and the sooner the cattle raisers find it out and put a stop to it the better. The only way to produce first-class beef cattle and get all the profit out of the business there is in it is to keep the animal in thriving condition from the day of its birth until it is marketed.—Farm & Ranch.

GOOD ADVICE

The most miserable beings in the world are those suffering from dyspepsia and liver complaint. More than seventy-five per cent. of the people in the United States are afflicted with these two diseases and their effects: such as sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constiveness, palpitation of the heart, heartburn, waterbrash, gnawing and burning pains at the pit of the stomach, yellow skin, coated tongue and disagreeable taste in the mouth, coming up of food after eating, low spirits, etc. Go to your druggist, J. N. Hadley, and get a bottle of August Flower for 75¢. Two doses will relieve you. Try it.

Whoever has suffered from piles knows how painful and troublesome they are. Tablers Buckeye Pile Ointment is guaranteed to cure piles. Price 50¢ in bottle. Tubes, 75¢ at Hadley Drug Co.

COLD DRINKS.

Cold drinks, all the best non-intoxicating drinks—soda pop, malt tonic, cherry phosphate, etc., ice cold at

LEWIS BENTLY'S
Next door to the restaurant

Get your old buggy fixed up like new. Harter can and will do it right for more or less, according to the amount of fixing it needs.

Miss Aggie Bangster, from Hansford county, this state, is visiting here this week, the guest of Miss Maud Long.

Wed. M. C. Ohl, Jeweler has on Frank and a stock of watches, returned to get his prices when spending the watch or clock. Their parents of Lester.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

With this issue we begin a new year's work. The Stayer has stayed with its patrons through many discouraging places. More than once we have thought that we could no longer struggle against odds but each time got a fresh breath and started again, ever striving in our feeble way to help in every good work for the country, sparing no pains or time to advance the town's interests.

To those who have aided us with their patronage we extend our heartfelt thanks; for those who have not we have only kind feelings. This is a free republic and if any man does not feel that he would be benefited by patronizing his town paper he should by all means let it alone. The Stayer is not an object of charity and does not solicit alms, but is a legitimate business enterprise and as such expects the support of every man who is in sympathy with the good people of the town in their efforts to build it up. In every community there are some men who are eager to make every dollar they can and turn just as few loose as possible, who are ever ready to throw cold water on any scheme to benefit the town if they are expected to contribute anything. This is the class who have no use for a paper "never have time to read it anyway", and we are thankful to say they are few here, just enough to remind us that even a favored town can have some moss-backs in it.

Once more we wish to thank all who have proven themselves our friends and bid our evil wishers God speed for this year of our Lord 1902.

THE FACTS IN THE CASE

When you read a thing you like to feel that it's the truth. THE DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS gives the facts in the case.

SPECIALY EDITED.

If you'll read The News awhile you'll like it. It holds the attention, specially edited, that's why. It's not and not haphazard go into the make-up of The News.

TWO PAPERS YOU NEED

You need THE STAYER, because it's your local paper. It gives a class of news you can't get elsewhere. You need The News, because it gives you all the State news. THE STAYER and The Semi-Weekly News one year for \$1.50, cash in advance.

The News is promptly stopped at expiration of the paid for.

After the first of February the Stayer will no longer be sent free to any one. We have, for months, sent out hundreds of copies each week to non-subscribers for the benefit of our advertisers; but as is usual at this season, merchants cut their advertising down as low as possible, some omitting it entirely; but the paper's expense goes on just the same and we cannot afford the extra cost that more liberal patronage enabled us to stand before. We have made the Stayer a household word in all the country tributary to Canyon City, and hope that many of those to whom it has so long been a weekly visitor will see fit to subscribe as we will make a low rate to readers out of the county. Remember no one out of Randall county now owes us a cent for the paper but if you desire it continued we will expect you to so notify us and then you will be expected to pay for it. You can tell your postmaster whether you want it or not and either pay him or send 75 cents direct to us or let us know that you will pay when you can. Should we see fit to resume the free list we will make it known.

A message from Mr. Clark, of Fancher, immediately to Port... Mr Perry... better list

Spraying Machine.

Dr. W. K. Lewis returned from Dallas Friday morning, where he went to inspect a large pump, which had been recommended as just what he needs in the proper enlargement and development of his spraying machine. He says the pump in question proved to be just what he was looking for and he will at once proceed to rig up the machine on the proper scale and as originally intended.

The machine with which he has been operating during the present season was a small one and but represents his idea in a crude form. This machine has done the work expected of it however, and has demonstrated to the complete satisfaction of all who have witnessed its operations that it will do the work claimed for it in a thorough and efficient manner. Indeed the success of the machine has been so great as to attract attention all over the country, and cowmen at various other points have expressed a keen interest in its perfection and general adoption.

It is reported on good authority that the Livestock Sanitary board of the state is also deeply interested in this machine, and has intimated that if it does the work claimed for it, the board will be prepared to endorse it and recommend it as the solution of a most vexed and irritating problem, which has assumed such proportions as to become almost a state and national issue.

The intention of Dr. Lewis and those who are interested with him in this great enterprise is to put out a machine of large proportions that it will do the work faster and more effectively than the embryo machine that has been used here this season to determine whether or not the theory of spraying could be made a success. This large and improved machine will be taken to Fort Worth during the annual session of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association next March and a complete and public test will be made for the purpose of demonstrating to the satisfaction of all interested that cattle can be entirely freed from the

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the certainty of good service. Roelofs Hats are the American standard for manly head-gear—recognized as best by the unconditional award of The Grand Prix, Paris Exposition last year.

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CANYON CITY, TEXAS

presence of ticks, without injury to the cattle, and in a very short time.

Dr. Lewis says he can spray the tickiest herd of cattle in existence with his machine and within ten days they will be absolutely clear of ticks and should be able to go where they please. He says that cattle below the line can be treated and it will be safe for them to cross over the line at any time desired. This is a pretty broad statement, but he is going to demonstrate these things so clearly to all men that the fact cannot afterwards be successfully called into question. And it may be stated here for the benefit of those doubting Thomases, that the several tests made during the present season have seemed to clearly establish that these claims are not idle vapors but solid and substantial facts.

The liquid used in the spray is medicated Beaumont oil. The hurtful principles of the oil upon the cattle are overcome by modifications and additions of other ingredients which rob it of the ability to harm the animal, but renders the preparation a dead shot for the tick. The machine sprays it upon the animal with such force, as it passes through the specially devised chute, that every portion of its anatomy is exposed to the douche and even the small ticks concealed by the hair, receive their quota and obediently wither, die and drop from the animal.

The Stockman is satisfied from what he has seen of the results from using the small machine that it is a success and believes that the larger and improved one will demonstrate that fact completely at Fort Worth when the big test is made. If such is the case, Dr. Lewis will be entitled to the lasting gratitude of all Texas stockmen for what he has achieved in the business. The machine will certainly fill a long-felt want.—West Texas Stockman.

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LOCAL MARKET REPORT

For the week ending Thursday January 2.

Flour	\$2.00 to 2.50
Sugar	.....	5.75
Salt, No. 1	.....	1.15
Lard per lb	.....	12@13
Bacon strips, smoked,	.....	12@12 1/2
per lb	.....	dry salt.....12
Rice per lb	.....	.084
Tomatoes per case	.....	\$2.35@2.65
Corn per case	.....	2.10@2.25

DRIED FRUIT.

Peaches, new crop per lb	.....	10
Apples, " " " " " "	.....	10
Prunes, dark, " " " "	.....	8 1/2
Apricots " " " "	.....	12 1/2
Pears " " " "	.....	11
Raisin, 3-c " " " "	.....	8 1/2
Molasses per gal	.....	40@60
Potatoes new " " " "	.....	2@24
Coffee, Arbuckles, per lb	.....	14
Java, " " " "	.....	20
chickens per doz	.....	\$2.00@2.25
EGGS, " " " "	.....	20
Butter per lb	.....	20@30
Corn meal	.....	1.90
Onions " " " "	.....	3@3 1/2
Cabbage " " " "	.....	3@4
Peas, blackeye	.....	24
Mexican beans	.....	3
Coal Oil, per ten gal.	.....	case, Eupion,.....\$2.75
Brilliant, " " " "	.....	2.45
Baker perfect paint	.....	\$3.75
Baker " galvanized	.....	\$4.05
Nails " " " "	.....	.04
staples, " base	.....	.04
Coal per ton	.....	\$7.00@8.00
Corn, per cwt	.....	1.75
Bran " " " "	.....	1.40
Oats " " " "	.....	1.40
Chops " " " "	.....	1.85
Millet seed per bu	.....	1.50
Alfalfa hay	.....	10.00

J. A. Wansley & Company have moved the building they now occupy back into the next lot and are preparing to build a store house 28x90 feet. They will also use the old building as a ware room. This will make an elegant and commodious business house which they will fill with an up-to-date stock of dry goods and groceries.

Mr. T. F. Gilleland of Happy was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. Jno. Bratton's family arrived here today and will stay at the Rogerson Hotel for the present.

W. D. Orr went to Amarillo Monday evening.

Mrs. Mary Reeves is having a neat residence built in the central part of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas, from the southern part of the county were visiting in Canyon Sunday.

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Weekly Stock Train.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

Amarillo, Texas, August 29, 1901.—We have arranged to start a Weekly Stock Train for Kansas City, beginning on next Sunday night, September 1st, 1901. It is expected that this train will leave:

Carlsbad	.....	12:30 A. M. Monday
Roswell	.....	4:00 " " "
Portales	.....	4:30 " " "
Bovina	.....	10:30 " " "
Herford	.....	12:30 P. M. " " "
Canyon City	.....	2:00 " " "
Amarillo	.....	4:00 " " "
Washburn	.....	4:30 " " "
Panhandle	.....	5:35 " " "
Miami	.....	7:35 " " "
Camidian	.....	8:35 " " "
Higgins	.....	9:50 " " "
Gard	.....	10:45 " " "
Woodward	.....	11:35 " " "

Where it will connect with a train on the Atchison line that is hoped will put cattle into Kansas City for Wednesday's market, BUT IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE DO NOT GUARANTEE TO MAKE THIS MARKET, AS WE ARE LIABLE TO BE DELAYED IN GATHERING SHIPMENTS ALL ALONG THE LINE, AS THIS TRAIN CONTemplates, and may have to unload for feed and rest, in order to comply with the law. We have selected Wednesday's market for the reason that we are assured that the market on the following day, Thursday, is equally good, and our patrons are therefore protected as far as we can protect them against loss on account of possible delay as above suggested.

We will still continue to handle train load shipments, with proper notice, on any day of the week as suits shipper. This weekly stock train is simply intended to take care of shipments that would otherwise have to be handled by stray freight trains and necessarily suffer considerable delay. Don A. Sweet, Traffic Manager.

See R. B. Redfearn for fine Jewelry.

Mrs. Trimble and Mrs. Harper made as a very pleasant call Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Taylor was a pleasant caller at the Stayer office today.

Any young ladies who are looking for Mr. Stephen Howardson can find him at the Canyon Grain and Coal Co.

R. E. Muncey was down from Amarillo Tuesday.

"Do you happen to know anything of your master's whereabouts?" asked the wife who was looking for her husband. "I'm not sure, mem," said the careful servant, "but I think they're in the wash."—Youth's Companion.

Mr. Wilbur Willett is reported no better and very small hope that he will recover. His many friends will regret to learn this as he is a very popular young man.

The mind reader, Prof. Carnaveaux has been giving a series of laughable entertainments here this week. He performs some really wonderful feats in mind reading or telepathic suggestions, as well as some of the more amusing features of hypnotism. He kept crowded houses well pleased each night of his stay here.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Preaching on 4th Sunday in each month by Elder H. M. Bandy.

Mr. Waddell, father of Walter Waddell, died about 2 o'clock today at Mr. Elbert Dockery's residence, Canyon City.

Judge and Mrs. C. T. Word entertained a crowd of young people Wednesday evening.

Mr. L. G. Wilson recently made a visit to Yuma Arizona. He reports the Texas contingent well pleased and prosperous. Mr. Wilson left a most delicious Yuma grown orange in the office. It was of fine size and much superior to any California orange we ever ate.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson of Plainville have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pipkin of this place.

Mr. W. D. Street is building a neat residence on the east side.

Healthy Mothers
Few mothers are healthy, because their duties are so exacting. The anxiety of pregnancy, the shock of childbirth, and the care of young children, are severe trials on any woman. But with Wine of Cardui within her grasp, every mother—every woman in the land—can pay the debt of personal health she owes her loved ones. Do you want robust health with all its privileges and pleasures? Wine of Cardui will give it to you.

WINE OF CARDUI
strengthens the female organs and invigorates weakened functions. For every female ill or weakness it is the best medicine made. Ask your druggist for \$1.00 bottle Wine of Cardui, and take no substitute under any circumstances.

See Edwin Crum, Gomer, Mich. "When I commenced using Wine of Cardui I was hardly able to walk across the house. I was weak after I had had a mile and a half of strawberries. When my other child was born I suffered with labor using 24 hours, and to me was like a hot iron. I had no milk. After using the Wine during pregnancy this time, I gave birth last month to a baby girl, and was in labor only two hours, with but little pain and I have plenty of milk. For this great improvement in my health I thank God and Wine of Cardui."

For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, in care of Druggists, The Ladies' Advertiser Department, The Chicago Medicine Co., Chicago, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Jenkin spent Christmas day with Dr. and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. I. W. Scott and mother were in town Sunday.

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Mrs. R. W. Morgan, Editor and Publisher.

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FOR GOVERNOR
Sergeant Sam W. T. Lanham

Notice to Our Patrons.

Owing to press of other business Mr. Morgan retires from the management of the Stayer and I assume full charge. No one is responsible for anything that may appear in its columns but myself, Mr. Morgan has no connection whatever with it. I will make all contracts and pay all debts. Respectfully soliciting a continuance of the public patronage I am
Yours Very Truly,
Mrs. R. W. Morgan.

International Stock Food guaranteed to make hens lay, at Canyon Drug Company's.

John Turner and Lee Shifflett are building a house for Mr. Puckett at Hortales.

Canyon City Lodge No. 481 I. O. O. F. meets every Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock. All visiting brethren are solicited to meet with us.
S. L. Long, N. G. M. Newman, Secretary.

Austin, Dec. 28.—There was a meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of this city which was closed last August by the federal examiner, for the purpose of arranging to reopen the bank on January 2. If the books arrive from Washington by that time, and in case said books are delayed, as soon as they do arrive.

The stockholders today elected the following directors for the reorganized bank.

John H. Kerby of Houston, A. S. Vandervoort of Houston, W. B. Watham, A. P. Zilker, P. J. Lawless, George P. Assman, J. L. Hume, E. D. Seeling of Austin.

The said directors elected John H. Kerby president and A. S. Vandervoort cashier.

It required something like \$150,000 to get the bank on its feet again, and this money was secured through the instrumentality of Mr. Kerby.

The state of Texas has \$254,000 tied up in this bank failure, and that amount, as well as that of other depositors, will be paid on the installment plan in order that the bank may get on its feet again, all depositors having agreed.—Fort Worth Register.

If you want a first class meal, nicely cooked and neatly served, for only 25¢, go to the Rogerson hotel.

FOUND.—A purse containing money and tickets. Owner can recover same from M. S. Lusby at photograph gallery.

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Passenger Service
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DALLAS, TEX.

Kansas City Stock Yards
November 18, 1901

Kansas City Stock Yards,
December 28, 1901.

Placing a low estimate on the two closing business days of the year the cattle receipts at Kansas City will in all probability pass the two million mark this year and thus gain a distinction coveted for many years. Cattle receipts for 1900 were the largest up to that time but will be fifty 30,000 behind as compared with the new record established in 1901. After the discouraging close of the cattle market of the preceding week, which was brought about by the near approach to the holiday season and the congestion of meat distributing cars caused by the cold weather, the eager manner in which the packers entered the market on Monday and continued throughout the week was very encouraging to the trade. Beef cattle advanced 25 to 40 cents over the low point of the week before and closed with choice export and shipping cattle quotable at 6.00 to 6.75 and fair to good qualities worth 4.75 to 5.75. The top price of the week was paid on Tuesday when a load of 1507 lb Kansas-fed, branded Wyoming steers sold at 8.60. These cattle were bought in the West last spring at which time they were averaged 1075 lbs, and were put on full feed of equal parts chopped corn and wheat with prairie hay for roughness about the middle of July and fed on that ration until early in November when the diet was changed to shelled corn and shorts with sugar cane as a substitute for hay. They showed a satisfactory gain and sold well but owing to the high value of feed consumed, the owner declared there was no profit in the experiment. The scarcity of desirable killing cows was responsible for a 15 to 25 cents advance during the week but there was no enhancement of carner values.

There were few stockers and feeders of any description and country buyers were conspicuously absent during the week but the few heavy feeders gained strength, in sympathy with the beef grades and the light cattle were in such small supply that the demand, slight as it was, was sufficient to cause prices to stiffen. The extreme range of stocker and feeder prices runs from about 2.50 to 4.50.

Receipts of Southern cattle were very light during Christmas week but from advice received the indications are that there will be a generous contribution from Southern feed lots with the beginning of the new year. The best offerings of the week were from the Geo. M. Ball feed yards at Galveston, Texas, and sold at 4.50. Prices were higher on the few cattle received and are expected to continue to advance.

Hog receipts during Christmas week were light as expected but the packing demand was such that prices advanced enough to offset the bad break of the previous week and put top-heavy hogs up to as high as 6.85 per hundred weight. Values are again above those of surrounding markets and a good many Northern and Eastern hogs from outside territory are being received. Mixed and medium hogs sell at 6.25 to 6.75 lights—130 to 200 pounds—at 5.50 to 6.00 and pigs at 4.00 to 5.40.

As the sheep receipts for the entire week aggregated less than 1800 head there were not enough to test the market but the demand was strong and buyers and salesmen were unanimous in quoting a 15 to 25¢ advance. The last fed Colorado lambs that were offered, on the 20th, sold at 5.25 and there is no doubt that 5.50 would have been willingly paid for a choice bunch of fat lambs and possibly as high as 5.75. In fact, a prominent sheep commission firm quotes best lambs at 5.75 to 6.00. Sheep shippers seem to have marketed up pretty closely before Christmas and are taking a vacation but some liberal shipments are on the road to market and will probably partially satisfy the demands during the coming week. Fat wethers are quoted 4.00 to 4.50 and ewes at 3.00 to 3.75. Light receipts and high prices are generally predicted for January by the sheep talent.

Receipts of live stock for the past week were:

Cattle.....12,800
Hogs.....42,000
Sheep.....1,700

For the preceding week:

Cattle.....32,700
Hogs.....94,400
Sheep.....13,400

Corresponding week last year:

Cattle.....15,700
Hogs.....42,200
Sheep.....22,000

The Pecos Valley Road will sell tickets to El Paso for the Mid-Winter Carnival for one fare for round trip. Selling dates; 11, 12, and 18. Final return limit, Jan. 31.

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Epworth League Social.

The Epworth League social at the residence of Prof. and Mrs. A. Ernsberger on Friday evening, Dec. 20th, was well attended. The following interesting program contributed greatly to the entertainment of the evening:

Piano Duet "Over the Waves," was rendered by Mrs. Jessie Coffee and Miss Donahoo in a way that did credit to the performers, then followed quotations from standard authors by members of the League. Next on the program was a vocal duet "Larboara Watch," by Prof. and Mrs. Ernsberger, which was a rare treat to admirers of Vocal achievement. Piano solo "The Mocking Bird" was executed in a very admirable manner by Miss Donahoo. Miss Karnes recited "How Girls Study" in a manner that elicited much applause. Piano Duet "The Witches Flight," by Wilkie and Miss Lola Word was given in a way that showed rare talent of the youthful performers. Piano solo "The Mountain Stream" was rendered by Mrs. Overhuls in her usual charming manner. The program closed with word contest in which all participated. The closing feature of the entertainment, and to those of epicurean taste, the most important, was the partaking of appetizing refreshments. The success of the affair reflects credit on the affable host and his accomplished wife.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Giffeland entertained a large party of young folks Tuesday night at their home 15 miles southeast of Canyon City. Misses May Lair, Ona Long and Tenie Thompson went from here.

Messrs. Hammon and Fincher, Messdames Hammon and Thomas and Miss May Lair rendered some delightful music. A delicious supper was served at 12 o'clock. Those present say it was the most enjoyable affair yet.

Dr. Rogers and family, of Montague, have located in Canyon City.

Mr. Reed and family, of Chillicothe, arrived in Canyon a few days ago and will make this their home.

Boys Beware.
If you contemplate making an engagement with a girl as her escort be sure that Mr. Giffeland is not in town and does not expect to be any time soon or you are liable to get left.

Mr. and Mrs. David Park gave the most enjoyable affair of the season this week in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Park. The guests were:

Miss Lottie Park, Mr. Bennett; Miss Mary Burrow, W. W. Gunn; Miss Pearl Holden, Earl Cobb; Miss Gyp Holland, Homer Vivian; Miss Willie Vigus, Jess Devaney; Mr. and Mrs. James Park.

W. W. Gunn won first prize, carrying 13 oranges across the room in a teaspoon in 10 seconds.

In the advertisement guessing contest Mr. Bennett won first prize.

Mr. Earl Cobb caught the most fish out of the pond but the girls say it was because he spit on his bait.

The young people report this the most unique and jolly affair of the season.

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Mrs. Frank Park gave the little folks a jolly Christmas party during the holidays.

Percy Boren, of Portales, has been seriously ill but is improving now and will soon be well again.

J. A. Wansley & Co handle the old reliable Meyers flour, Albatross and Supreme. Every sack guaranteed.

For artistic wall paper see Oscar Hunt & Co., they have some of the prettiest designs and colorings ever shown here. Prices always right.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Crawford spent several days looking over the New Mexico country and visiting friends.

If you want to sleep on a splendid bed, new, nice and perfectly clean, with an abundance of good blankets, go to the Rogerson Hotel.

The Christian Scientists of Canyon City, and adjoining vicinity and Amarillo met and celebrated Christmas which was very encouraging to the adherents of this new, old religion. The order of program was as follows:

Song—"Joy to the World."
Silent prayer and the "Lord's Prayer."

Reading from the Bible, Tenth Chapter of Luke and Eighth Chapter of Romans.

Song—"Onward Christian."
Reading From "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary B. G. Eddy.

Reading of letter from C. M. Howe, C. S., D., Graduate of Mass. Metaphysical College.

"Christmas Greeting was read also being choice selections from the Bible along the line of Christ's teaching.

Testimonials from the beneficiaries of Christian Science.
Song—"I Need Thee Every Hour" and "Saw Ye My Savior."
Benediction.

One Present.
Rev. Bandy preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. L. C. Bracken passed through here Christmas enroute to Farmersville, Cal., where she expects to reside in future.

Mr. R. L. Stringfellow was in town last Saturday.

Mr. Sam P. Butler, of New Mexico, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Conner this week.

J. N. Webb has sold his six section ranch in Gray county to M. J. Flittie, of Oklahoma.

J. L. Williams sold to Roy Sitters; for Williams, Mundy and Gibson; fifty head of heifers at \$20.

Jim Christal was hurt pretty badly last Monday by his horse falling with him while cutting at the RO ranch.

Local cattlemen say cattle are in better shape now than ever before known at this season of the year. We have had but three or four days of real winter, the range is good and there is plenty of feed, all of which naturally makes conditions good. Donley county is more fortunate in this respect than many of her neighbors.

Talking with Richard Walsch last week he called our attention to an error we made in stating that the car load of JA prize steers sold in Chicago brought 7.25. The price paid was \$12 per cwt. and the average weight was 1493 pounds. They dressed out the best load of cattle ever on the market, yielding 67 1/2 per cent meat.—Clarendon Banner Stockman.

JEWELRY!
R. B. Redfeard, the old reliable, has on sale, a beautiful line of solid gold, rolled gold, sterling silver and plated rings, pins, brooches, cuff buttons, collar buttons, fancy stick pins, bracelets; in fact a line too numerous to mention. Call and see what marvelous bargains he is offering. Remember
REDFEARN.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Newman entertained a party of young people last Thursday night. Conversation and games passed the time very pleasantly. Refreshments were served. All report a nice time.

Mrs. John Stegall of Plainview and little son Frank passed Canyon last Sunday enroute home from a visit to Mrs. Stegall's parents in New Mexico.

Mr. Sherman Clayton, of Tulsa, was in town Wednesday.

Messrs. Frank and Dunlap Lester have returned to Baylor College after spending the holidays with their parents Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Lester.

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DETECTIVE STORY
BY EDGAR MORETTE

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"Your father would," he replied, huskily; "it was he egged me on to this; he promised me that you would have me—"

"My father promised—"

"Yes, your father; and by God—"

Chatham, who was growing more and more excited, brought down his clenched fist upon a table near which he stood, and with an evident effort repressed the oath which rose to his lips. Miss Murdock, startled and bewildered, observed him in speechless amazement.

After a momentary struggle, the accountant suddenly broke forth in piteous pleading:

"I don't ask much now. Tell me only one thing and I shall go away content for the present. Say that no other man has any better chance with you than I have. Say that you do not love anyone else."

The young girl tried hard to avoid his ardent gaze.

"Say it!" he commanded, in sudden sternness.

Agnes drew herself up proudly then. "I don't know by what right you presume to catechize or to command me," she said, coldly, at the same time making a motion as if to touch the button of the electric bell.

Chatham saw the motion and sprang before her to intercept it.

"Ah! that is the way of it, is it?" he exclaimed, with passionate jealousy. "You are in love—with another man!"

The words seemed to choke him in the utterance. The blood rushed to his head; the veins on his temples stood out in purple vividness, and, as he clutched spasmodically at his collar, a wild light came into his eyes.

Agnes caught their mad glitter and shrank back in sudden terror.

"I have been duped!" he shouted, frantically. "I have been a cat's-paw, and now that I have done all that was wanted of me I am to be turned out like a dog, with a kick. The dirty work is done, is it? We'll see about that; we'll see what your father has to say. But, at any rate, you can be sure of one thing."

His voice sank to a hoarse whisper and the words fell with impressive distinctness:

"If I don't marry you, no one ever shall!"

As he spoke he leaned forward upon the table which stood near him, and his fingers closed nervously upon the handle of a jeweled paper knife. There was murder in his eye at that moment, and the frightened girl quailed before it.

Suddenly her ear caught the sound of footsteps in the hallway. She opened her lips to call for help, but before she could utter a sound the door opened, revealing the anxious face of the housemaid, who had heard enough to realize that it was time to interrupt the tete-a-tete without further ceremony.

"Mr. Sprague, miss," she announced, with a comforting nod at her young mistress, whose pale face and frightened eyes had not escaped her attention.

Sprague stood on the threshold in evident embarrassment, looking from Agnes to Chatham, and uncertain how to act.

"I fear I am intruding, Miss Murdock," he said at last; "your maid told me she thought you could receive me. Perhaps I would better call again."

"No, no, Mr. Sprague," replied the young girl, effusively, coming toward him with outstretched hands; "I am so glad to see you." And then, observing his inquiring glance toward Chatham, "I think," she added, coldly, "that this gentleman has said all that he has to say to me."

Chatham's excitement had subsided; in the reaction, he seemed ill and weak and he nervously clenched his tremulous right hand.

"I will wait to see Dr. Murdock," he said, doggedly, in a low voice.

"As you please," replied Agnes, after a slight hesitation. "Mary, show Mr. Chatham to the doctor's study."

As the accountant followed the servant from the room, blank despair was stamped in every feature, and it seemed to Sprague, as the door closed, that he heard something like a convulsive sob.

Unconsciously Agnes had clung to Sprague's hand. Now, as the sense of danger disappeared, she became aware of what she was doing; and, in sudden embarrassment, she withdrew her hand from his reassuring clasp.

The artist, recalling the object of his visit, at once became grave and formal.

"I am sorry to intrude upon you at this unconventional hour, Miss Murdock, but I found this letter in my studio to-day. It was evidently dropped by you yesterday; and, thinking it might be important, I—"

"A letter? What letter?" asked Agnes, puzzled.

Sprague held out the sealed envelope. The young girl tore it open and cast a hurried glance at its contents. Then, suddenly understanding, she tore the paper to shreds and threw these angrily into the fire which burned brightly in the large open fireplace.

"Oh, that!" she exclaimed, contemptuously. And then after a pause:

"Do you mean to say you thought—"

She stopped short, seized by a sudden shyness.

"What else could I think?" said Sprague, softly.

He was watching the fragments of paper as they flared upon the hearth. The flame which consumed them seemed to shed a radiant glow upon his heart.

"Then," he added, presently, and still more softly, "if there is nothing between you and—him—perhaps—perhaps I may hope—Miss Murdock—Agnes—"

His hand sought hers and found it. But the reaction had come at last, and the brave girl who had been able to control herself in the presence of a threatening madman now gave way to a fit of hysterical weeping.

Sprague, not being a medical man, could hardly have known what remedies to employ in an emergency of this kind. All he did was to whisper soothing words in the young girl's ear and to kiss the tears from her eyes. But apparently that was enough. Evidently for a layman he must have possessed considerable medical intuition; for, after sobbing awhile upon his shoulder, Agnes quieted down gradually and remained contentedly nestling in his arms, while the artist, doubtless fearful of a relapse, continued, for perhaps an unnecessarily long time, to ply the treatment whose effect had produced upon his patient so marked, so rapid, and so satisfactory a result.

The attention of the medical profession is respectfully called to a treatment which, though empirical, may possibly possess specific virtues.

CHAPTER XVI. THE ROENTGEN RAYS.

"I tell you, Sturgis, it is a wonderful discovery. I don't know what applications may ultimately be made of it in other branches of science, but I am convinced that it is bound to cause a revolution in surgical diagnosis," said Dr. Thurston, enthusiastically.

"Yes," replied Sturgis, "I have no doubt that Roentgen's rays will be of great assistance to the surgeon in the examination of features and in the location of foreign bodies which cannot be reached by the probe."

"As a proof of that, I must show you a beautiful photograph which I have just made. After leaving you on New Year's morning, I found a patient asleep in my office. He had been waiting several hours. It was the usual case of a pistol in the hands of a fool friend, who did not know it was loaded; and of course with the usual result—a bullet wound in my patient."

Sturgis was listening in an absent-minded way while his friend spoke.

"The wound was not severe; no bones broken. The bullet had entered the palm of the left hand and had passed up into the forearm."

A sudden light came into the reporter's eyes; but he maintained his listless attitude.

"Well, sir, probe as I would, I was unable to locate that bullet. At last I



HIS FINGERS CLOSED NERVOUSLY ON THE HANDLE.

concluded to try the Roentgen rays, and here is the result. It is as pretty a shadow photograph as I have yet seen."

So saying, Dr. Thurston handed the reporter a photograph, which the latter studied carefully in silence.

"Notice how clearly you can see the peculiar shape into which the bullet has been flattened," said the physician.

"Yes," replied Sturgis, "I was observing that. Have you a duplicate of this that you can spare?"

"Yes; keep that one if you wish."

"Thank you; I am very glad to have it. Did you succeed in extracting the bullet?"

"I have not tried yet. I had to develop the photograph first."

"Of course. When do you expect the red-haired young man to return?"

"He promised to come back yesterday, but he failed to do so," replied Dr. Thurston. Then, suddenly:

"But who said anything about his being young or red-haired?"

"Not you, certainly, old man," replied Sturgis, smiling. "Don't worry; you have not voluntarily betrayed any professional secret. But, for all that, your patient is wanted by the police."

He was bound to fall into their hands before long. The only effect of this discovery will be to hasten the denouement. I had traced him to your house, and I knew how he was wounded; so that I recognized him as soon as you mentioned his case."

"Who is he?" asked Thurston. "I am sure I have seen him somewhere before, but I cannot remember where."

Whereupon the reporter related the story of Chatham's connection with the Knickerbocker bank case.

CHAPTER XVII. THE QUARRY.

Half an hour later Sturgis was walking briskly down Broadway, with his usual air of absent-minded concentration. Presently he turned into a side street and at once slackened his pace. He now sauntered along like a loungee at a loss how to kill a long, idle day. The show window of a bric-a-brac shop arrested his attention. He stopped to examine its contents.

A little farther up the street was a liquor saloon, outside of which stood a group of boisterous young rowdies. An older man, evidently in his cups, was seated on an adjoining stoop, where, with maudlin gravity, he seemed to be communing with himself.

On the opposite side of the way stood a low, dilapidated brick house. A painted sign over the windows of the ground floor bore the name: "MANHATTAN CHEMICAL CO."

The drunken man rose unsteadily to his feet and approached Sturgis with outstretched hand.

"Say, Jimmy, get on ter his nibs strikin' de bloke fur a nickel ter git medicine fur his sick mudder!" exclaimed one of the young ruffians.

The wretched-looking individual thus designated seemed hardly able to stand as he steadied himself against an iron railing; but the eyes he turned upon Sturgis were bright with intelligence, and the words he spoke were uttered in a low, firm voice:

"He's been here—been here twice."

"Twice?" echoed Sturgis, surprised. "Where is he now?"

"I don't know."

"You don't know?"

"No, sir; but I guess Conklin does. This is how it was: It was my watch yesterday afternoon, when Chatham came the first time. He went into the Manhattan company's place through the basement at a quarter after five. So I just settled myself out here and waited. Well, I waited and waited, but there wasn't any sign of Chatham, and when Flagler came along to relieve me at ten o'clock Chatham hadn't come out yet. Flagler he spotted the place drill six this morning, and then Conklin took his turn again until two o'clock, when I came on for my watch. Just as Conklin was telling me how things stood, who should come down the street but Chatham himself, large as life."

"Down the street?" exclaimed Sturgis.

"Yes, sir. And up he goes, as if nothing had happened, and into the Manhattan Chemical company's place again."

"He had put up the back-door game on you," said the reporter.

"Yes, sir; just what I said to Conklin. So, quick as a wink, I sent him around the block to keep his eye peeled on the next street, and I waited here. And here I've been ever since. If Conklin isn't on the block above, it must be because Chatham has made tracks again, and he after him."

"I'll go and find out," said Sturgis. "Has anyone else called at the Manhattan Chemical company's office since you have been on watch?"

"No, sir; but a couple of hours ago an express wagon came along and delivered a long wooden box; might have been chemicals for the wholesale department, for it was lowered to the cellar by the hoist in the arway. The blond young man receipted for the box."

"Very well, Shradly. Hang on a little while longer, and I shall have you relieved just as soon as I possibly can."

So saying, the reporter, who had been pretending to look through his pockets for a coin, ostentatiously slipped a nickel into the outstretched palm before him. The light seemed to die out of the sharp eyes of the detective, and it was the miserable drunkard who staggered back to his place on the stoop next to the station, unmindful of the gibes of the young rowdies congregated there.

Sturgis walked up to the next street, where he found a second detective on duty.

"Anything new, Conklin?" he asked.

"No, sir; he's been lying low; looks like he knew he was spotted this time."

"Good. Stay here until I can notify the police that we have run down the quarry. It will be necessary to obtain a search warrant for the Manhattan Chemical company's place. In the meantime, if Chatham should attempt to make tracks, hang on to him like his shadow and send back word here as soon as you can."

"All right, sir."

Sturgis, after leaving Conklin, walked along the street which the detective was watching and carefully inspected every house on the block. Almost all were huge edifices; but here and there an old-fashioned brownstone front stood out conspicuously against the broad expanse of brick walls and iron columns. Half-way down the street one of these old houses stood well back from the street line behind a small garden. The reporter stood near this and read the numbers on the adjoining buildings.

"This is directly back of the Manhattan Chemical company's office," he mused. "I wonder who lives here. It looks like a respectable place enough. One could obtain a good view of the rear of the Manhattan Chemical company's office from the back windows. If—"

He stood thoughtfully considering what pretext he could use to gain ad-

mission to the house, when suddenly he became aware of the presence of a man who had approached with noiseless steps.

"Ah, is that you, Mr. Sturgis?" said the calm, sardonic voice of Dr. Murdock.

The reporter started inwardly, but gave no outward sign of surprise.

"Were you about to do me the honor of calling?" continued the chemist. "Yes," said Sturgis, deliberately; "I was about to seek an interview with you. Can you spare a few minutes?"

"Who is it that asks for the interview?" inquired Murdock, with quiet sarcasm. "Is it Mr. Sturgis, gentleman; Mr. Sturgis, reporter, or—"

Sturgis met a cold gleam from Murdock's inscrutable eyes.

"Or Mr. Sturgis, the famous detective?" continued the chemist, with an imperceptible sneer.

"I represent the Temper," replied the reporter, quietly.

Murdock glanced carelessly up and down the street. There was no one in sight.

"Oh! very well," he said, taking out his watch and leading the way to the house; "come into my study and let me hear what I can do for the Temper."

On entering the house Murdock motioned Sturgis to the door leading from the hall into the drawing-room.

"If you will step into the parlor for a few minutes, I shall be with you directly," said he.

Sturgis nodded acquiescence, and while Murdock walked toward his study, which was at the extreme rear of the hall, the reporter opened the drawing-room door. He did not open it very wide, however, neither did he enter; for although the room was rather dark, his quick eye caught a passing glimpse of a feminine head coiled neatly upon a distinctly masculine shoulder, the owner of which had his back turned to him. Bachelor cynic though he was, Sturgis had not the heart to interrupt so interesting a situation; and, as the couple were so absorbed that they had not noticed the intrusion upon their tete-a-tete, he discreetly retreated and softly closed the door.

By this time Murdock had passed into his study, so that Sturgis found himself alone in the hall. He was glad of a short respite during which he might collect his thoughts; for, having been taken by surprise, he had not had time to select a plausible topic for the interview which he had solicited from Murdock. Not knowing that the house was that of the chemist, his sole object had been to gain admittance, so that he might be able to observe the Manhattan Chemical company's offices from the rear, and if possible to ascertain how Chatham had managed to give the detective the slip the first time he appeared to them.

Now that he was in the house the reporter was confronted with the necessity of explaining his presence there without betraying his true purpose. This would not have been a difficult matter had the inmates of the house been total strangers; but he felt that it would be by no means so easy to offer an explanation which would be satisfactory to a man of Murdock's keen perception. And Murdock was the last person to whom he would have confided the true reason of his visit; not only because the chemist, as his opponent in the wager concerning the Knickerbocker bank mystery, was interested in thwarting rather than aiding his investigation, but chiefly because he felt a strong instinctive distrust of the man.

As these thoughts were passing through the reporter's mind, he slowly paced the long hall, back and forth, with his hands behind his back. In so doing, he passed a door which was slightly ajar and caught a glimpse of long rows of bookshelves loaded with beautifully bound editions. The place was evidently the library. It occurred to him that a library is a public room and that he would be more comfortable in there than in the hall.

He pushed open the door and looked in. The room was empty. He entered.

The library occupied a space between the parlor and the rear room into which Murdock had entered, and it was separated from each of these rooms by folding-doors over which hung heavy portieres.

Sturgis was a lover of books; his interest was at once aroused in the collection before him. It was admirably selected from the standpoint of a philosopher and a man of science. Every department of history, of philosophy and of science had its section in which the volumes were classified and arranged with intelligent care. But curiously enough, poetry and art were but meagerly represented.

One section specially attracted Sturgis' attention. It was devoted entirely to the history of crime in all its phases and in all ages. Criminal statistics, criminal jurisprudence and the psychology of crime, as well as the biographies of all the noted criminals of ancient and modern times, were completely represented. Almost the only works of fiction in the collection were in this section, and included every book imaginable concerning criminals and their deeds. Many rare and curious volumes were there—some of them so rare that they could be found in only a few of the great libraries of the world.

Here Sturgis was in his element. He had himself collected a valuable library on the subjects kindred to his profession; but here were books many of which none but a Croesus could ever hope to own. He was soon absorbed in an examination of some rare volumes which he had often longed to possess.

While thus engaged he became

conscious of a presence near him, but, inattentively, he noted that one of the voices showed in the calm, even tones so characteristic of Murdock's speech, while the other, whose timbre and modulations were unknown to him, betrayed the repressed excitement of the speaker.

It soon became evident that Murdock's interlocutor was fast losing control of himself; for he gradually pitched his voice in a higher key, until occasional words began to reach Sturgis' ears. The reporter was not the man to wantonly play the part of eavesdropper; therefore, although the isolated words which reached him brought no connected sense, he judged that it was time to move out of earshot of the conversation to which he was becoming an involuntary listener. Replacing upon its shelf the book which he had been examining, he started toward the hall door. As he did so, he heard the now thoroughly excited individual exclaim in loud tones:

"I don't care a damn for the money. I only went into the scheme because you promised she'd have me; and, by God, if I don't get her, I'll give the whole cursed thing away."

Sturgis, who had reached the hall door, pricked up his detective's ears at these words. But in another second he heard the knobs of the folding doors rattle, as though some one had placed his hands upon them.

Quick as thought he opened the door and glided out into the hallway. He had not time to pull the door quite to behind him when the folding doors opened and he heard Murdock say in his calm, frigid tones:

"Perhaps you have done that already with your dulcet voice."

Had Murdock seen him? The reporter asked himself the question. Probably not; for he heard the folding doors close once more.

CHAPTER XVIII. THE EXTENSION.

A few minutes later Sturgis, apparently absorbed in the contemplation of the paintings which hung in the hall, heard the door of Murdock's study open softly. Although the reporter did not turn his head, he at once became conscious that the chemist's piercing eyes were fixed upon him. The observation lasted so long

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