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## SUSIE'S SECRET.

BY MARIAN FORD.

"OH!" sighed Maynard, when he found himself safely in the open air. "Did I come to Boston to play Don Quixote to such a Dulcinea? Merciful goodness, how thin she is! Thank fortune, Miss Susie isn't like her."

No, Susie was not at all like her; the baked custards were done to a turn, and the batter pudding had not fallen when brought on the table.

The next day there was a great dinner given by the city to the journalists, and in the evening a performance at the principle theater.

Maynard presented himself before Susie faultlessly attired; only the white cravat he had thought it his duty to don in honor of the affair, drooped forlornly.

"Don't look so mischievous, Miss Susie," said Maynard, perceiving the corners of her mouth twitch, "but give me your friendly aid to straighten this tie."

Susie approached him, raised herself on tiptoe and began to adjust the knot. But

as this of course could not be done while the parties were a mile apart, the young girl grew very red and Maynard unusually warm. Skilled as Susie was in all feminine arts, there must have been something unusually contrary in Maynard's cravat; it offered the most obstinate resistance to her trembling little fingers. Maynard began to feel more and more strangely. The coquettish little curls danced up and down before his eyes, the girl's sweet breath fanned his cheek, and a pair of scarlet lips were in most tempting proximity to his own. The hot blood surged to his head, he clasped the slender girlish figure in his arms and pressed a kiss on the rosy mouth.

The next instant he was alone in the room, with plenty of leisure to reflect upon his impertinence. He still felt the impetuous push with which Susie had thrust him from her, still heard her, flushed with indignation, exclaim, "You are the most insolent man in the world!" The words would not fade out of his ears they sounded above the toasts at the great dinner, echoed amid the music, and spoiled the whole entertainment; only the thought of the play, at which he expected to see Susie, since he had obtained tickets for her father and herself, consoled him. And his hope was not vain. The evening found him seated at the theater between the young girl and her father, for the latter had paid no attention to his little daughter's sulks, and only laughed at her when she said her head ached too badly to go.

Susie wrapped herself in her pretty gray dolman and indignant silence, and sat stiffly by Maynard's side consistently ignoring all his advances. But Clara Morris was playing Camille so thrillingly that she could not retain her reserved, formal manner.

Maynard saw her bosom heave with suppressed sobs, and large tears roll down her blooming cheeks, and secretly rejoiced, not from any innate malice, but because his knowledge of human nature told him that no one can be angry when the heart is stirred and softened.

"Are you still vexed with me?" he whispered.

Susie gazed persistently at the stage, though her eyes were so full of tears that she could scarcely see what was passing.

"Won't you forgive me?" Maynard repeated beseechingly.

Susie's lips parted hesitatingly, and a low "If you'll promise—"

"Not to do so again?" Maynard eagerly interrupted. "Oh, no, indeed at least, not without your special permission."

"You'll wait a long time for that," replied Susie, smiling through her tears.

"Then look at me kindly once more."

"But, Mr. Maynard, if you don't keep quiet I can't possibly hear what Camille says."

At the close of the play, the little party went to Parker's. Susie accepted her companion's arm, while her father walked in front with an acquaintance. On the way the conversation turned upon the mania for rushing into print that characterized too many women of the present day. "A man who, like myself," observed Maynard, "continually deals with those representatives of the fair sex, who spend the afternoon in washing off the ink-spots they have made in the morning, learns to be very intolerant. Miss Susie," he suddenly exclaimed interrupting himself, "I suppose you have never written anything?"

Susie, who had started and flushed scarlet at this unexpected question, hastily drew off her gloves and held up both hands.

"Do you see any ink-stains?"

"No, certainly not!" Maynard would only too gladly have seized the slender fingers and pressed them to his lips, but the lesson received that morning was not yet forgotten, and he contented himself with adding: "I might have saved myself the

question; angels don't turn authoresses." "Pardon me, I hope there's plenty of time yet to become an angel. But do you really believe it must necessarily destroy the happiness of married life, if the pen guides a pen?"

"To be sure I do. I should feel a reluctance to my wife the moment I learned she was an authoress, even if I had formerly lived ever so happily."

"Then you admit that the latter contingency is possible. So it would really be necessary for your wife to be clever enough not to betray that she is an authoress?"

"Not betray! Miss Susie, I see your pleasure how little you know about these things. You have no idea of the vanity of authoresses. No woman would be capable of concealing the mighty secret from her husband a single week."

"Not a week? That's a short time. I think a woman might keep a secret rather longer—six months, for instance."

"What are you dreaming of, Miss Stanton? I would make any wager to defeat my opinion."

"What would you wager, Mr. Maynard?"

"I'll pledge myself, in case I receive proof that a woman has concealed her literary work from her husband six months to print unread all the MSS. sent by authoresses during four weeks."

"Really? Well don't forget—your wager is accepted."

Our party spent a short time at Parker's and then proceeded homeward, for the picnic party planned for the following day and those who accompanied them, was to start early the next morning.

Somewhat before the appointed hour Mr. Maynard and Mr. Stanton were in the sitting-room waiting for Susie, who had not yet appeared.

"Has Miss Susie overslept herself?" asked Maynard anxiously.

"No, indeed. My daughter will not lose a pleasure excursion by oversleeping herself. There she comes!"

Yes. There she was, in a charming

silk and camel's-hair suit, with a pretty straw hat trimmed with daisies on her graceful head, making Maynards pulses throb with a strange, sudden thrill at the sight of the fair face.

"Don't you feel proud of your daughter, Mr. Stanton?" he said at last, unable to refrain from giving some expression to his admiration.

"My daughter or her dress?" replied the old gentleman good-naturedly.

Don't misunderstand me. But I must confess I never saw a prettier suit. True, the rose needs no ornament, still—"

"Don't trouble yourself, Mr. Maynard; compliments never meet with success, when people are fasting. But I like the dress myself."

"So do I," said Mr. Stanton, "especially as it didn't cost me a penny."

"How so?" asked Maynard.

"Susie earned it herself."

"Earned the dress herself?" A of the recollection of the lady who was to show him her new dress in Boston suddenly darted through Maynard's brain.

"How?" he asked suspiciously, but instantly banished the idea as Susie answered carelessly:

"By the labor of my hands."

"Ah! they must be industrious hands to earn so much. I always supposed women's work was poorly paid."

"That depends, of course, on the kind of work. But if you don't make haste and drink your coffee, I shall have donned my fine feathers for nothing."

"Yes, yes, Mr. Maynard," said her father, "make haste or we shall be too late. I hope Cousin Arthur has kept seats for us."

This had been done by Cousin Arthur, a jolly fellow, whom Maynard had already met, as he was a member of the committee of reception. The party took places on the left-hand side of the train, which dashed out of the station into the dewy freshness of the summer morning.

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—*Demorest's Monthly.*

(To be continued.)

### Who Holds the Bonds?

Washington, Aug. 21.—The register of the treasury announces that work has been begun on investigation of the question as to who holds government bonds. By the act authorizing the census, there is one task given to the special agent who has charge of investigations of wealth, debt and taxation. There are about \$1,124,000,000 of registered bonds outstanding, and the name of every holder, with the amount owned by each, is on file in the treasury, so it will not be a very difficult task to fix the place where this portion of the debt is held. With individual owners of bonds the investigation has nothing to do, except so far as is necessary to fix his residence. There are some \$555,000,000 of coupon bonds, and to determine where these are owned will be more difficult, but it is believed it can be approximately decided through the aid of New York bankers. Another difficulty will be found in finding out how many bonds are owned abroad, although it is believed that the amount will be found to be small compared to what it was before Europe was drained last year in search of American grain. It is not known how long the examination will take yet, nor exactly what methods will be employed in the work. Probably, however, the secretary will insist upon the employment of clerks of the department at the books, both for prudential purposes and on account of their familiarity with the accounts.

### Imports and Exports of Specie.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The official statement of our exports and imports of specie has just been finished at the treasury department. The statement in regard to gold shows that during the last fiscal year the net imports to the United States amounted to \$77, 153,331, a larger gain than ever before in the history. The figures as to the exports and imports of gold and silver are not so complete as is desired, but they are sufficiently full to show that the United

States exported much more silver than it did gold. The officers of the treasury department do not expect that our gain in gold for the present year will be so large as last year. The crops in Europe are much better, and the grain harvest in the United States only a partial failure instead of a complete one, as has been heretofore reported. France and England will buy more of our grain and breadstuffs than any other nation. There are now afloat on the way to this country \$2,000,000 in gold for the settlement of the balances to the United States, and this amount will be increased of the autumn shipments are made. But our imports on gold will not reach the figures of last year. It is estimated that they will be between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

Following quick on the announcement of the death of Ole Bull and Adelaide Neilson, comes the intelligence that the celebrated Mrs. Charles Kean, nee Ellen Free, is no more. She and her husband were eminent actors in their day, and always drew crowded houses. Death seems to be busy of late in the ranks of those who have mimicked his work on the smaller stage of life. Who next will be in the final roll call to make the exit remains to be seen.

#### New Orleans and Texas.

With the dawn of the new commercial year, on the first day of September, in this prosperous and fruitful season of 1880, the last rail will have been laid between New Orleans and Houston. Texas will be linked with bands of iron, stronger than "hoops of steel," to the great city of the south and greatest cotton mart of the world. We shall, it is hoped, be able profitably to renew the commercial intercourse which once existed between the people of Texas and the good old crescent city, and re-establish our former friendship upon an enduring basis. What inducements will be offered depends upon the sagacity of the business men of New Orleans. If they appreciate the val-

ue of the trade of this great state, and understand that other cities are bidding working for it, and that it does not belong to any body by mere right of discovery, we know there is liberality enough among New Orleans merchants to compete successfully for the greater portion of it. If our trade is again diverted to other points, it will not be the fault of Texas. We desire to trade with New Orleans on equal terms; for, apart from business considerations, there is a social charm in the ancient French capital which attracts to seek its gaieties as a relaxation from the cares of every-day toil. The inauguration of the opening of the road may be celebrated with the eclat which has been hoped for, but this is due mainly to the propitious time of the year. The true auguration will take place when our weather has come, and if New Orleans does not witness a "Texas boom," we will be mistaken, and if she does not presently profit thereby, it will be her fault.— *Waco Telephone.*

#### Postmaster-General Maynard.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Hon. Horace Maynard, ex-minister to Turkey, visited the White House to-day with Postmaster-General Key, to pay his respects to President Hays. While there Mr. Maynard received his commission as postmaster-general and shortly afterwards went to the postoffice department and took the oath of office. The president also signed to-day the commission of Hon. D. M. Key as judge of the eastern district of Tennessee, and the General Longstreet, as United States minister to Turkey. Judge Key will not be for Tennessee before the last of this or first of next week.

Judge Key, the retiring postmaster-general, was to-day the recipient of a hearty and genuine tribute of respect and attention from both the officers and employees of the postoffice department. At a meeting of the employes to-day in the department building, presided over by First Assis-

Postmaster-General Tyner, resolutions were unanimously adopted expressing regret at Judge Key's retirement from the office, conveying to him assurances of high appreciation as an officer and sincere regard for him as a man; and complimenting his executive ability and discretion in advancing every branch of the postal services, to the admirable state of efficiency, and testifying to the uniform kindness and courtesy which have distinguished his official, private and social relations. Immediately after the adoption of the resolutions, Judge Key was invited to attend the meeting, and the resolutions were handed to him by First Assistant Postmaster-General Tyner, who in a brief presentation speech, complimented very highly the retiring postmaster-general's administration of affairs since he had been at the head of the department. Judge Key accepted the tribute of respect, and in reply, spoke feelingly. The new postmaster-general, Maynard, was present and made appropriate remarks.

Griffin, Aug. 23.—A special to the Dallas Herald says: J. N. Masterson, district and county clerk, died this morning at his residence near Albany, of paralysis of the right side of the brain. Surgeon J. T. Powell, of this post, made an examination of the symptoms a few weeks ago, and stated it was caused by an abscess on the left side of the brain. Upon a post mortem held by him to-day he found exactly the condition he had described a few days back. Mr. Masterson's death will be deeply mourned by his friends. He was well and favorably known by old army officers as being one of the most efficient clerks ever in this department.

#### "Old Probabilities" Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 24.—General Albert J. Myer, chief signal officer of the United States army, died at the Palace hotel, in this city, at an early hour this morning.

Washington D. C., Aug 24.—A general order with reference to the death of Brigadier-General Albert J. Myer, chief signal officer of the army, will be issued from the war department to-morrow. Adjutant-General Drum, representative of the general's staff; Captain Richard P. Strong, Lieutenant Henry H. C. Dunwoody and Lieutenant James A. Swift, of the signal corps, will leave here for Buffalo, New York, to-morrow, to attend the funeral of the late chief signal officer which will take place there on Friday. The name of General Thomas H. Ruger is prominently mentioned in connection with the vacancy occasioned by General Myer's death.

Professor Ko-Kun-Hua, the Chinese professor at Harvard, has had but one student during the last term. But that student has made such excellent progress in the language that he has gone to China to engage in business.

#### The Republican State Ticket.

Hearne, Aug. 25.—A special to the Herald says: The Republican meeting here was full and harmonious. A full state ticket was nominated as follows: For governor, Edmund J. Davis; for lieutenant-governor, A. Siemering, of San Antonio; for treasurer, James W. Thompson, of McKinney; for comptroller, S. D. Wood, of Tyler; for commissioner of the general land office, Jacob Keuchler; for attorney-general, J. D. McAdoo; for judge of the court of appeals, J. B. Williamson, of Marshall. There is speaking to night by ex-Governor Davis and others. Ex-Governor Pease is in attendance. No information from the independent movement.

Dallas 26.—Ex-Governors E. J. Davis and E. M. Pease went up on the Central railroad yesterday morning, the former going to stump Ohio for Garfield and the latter Connecticut.

Gov. Roberts refused to reprieve Allen Wright.

The Storm on the Coast.

Corpus Christi, Aug. 21.—No northern mails have arrived here since the 11th. The whole country between here and San Antonio is flooded. The Nueces river is three miles wide.

Bryan, Aug. 30.—A special to the Dallas Herald says: There was a joint discussion here to day by the Greenbackers and Democrats at the courthouse. The ball was opened this morning by Colonel Brady and Governor Throckmorton. To-night General Hamman and Governor Coke speak. Both sides are highly elated, and claiming to have the best of the argument. The excitement is intense.

Suspicious Sickness.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 30.—A telegram received this afternoon from Dr. C. A. Rice, inspector of the national board of health at Vicksburg station, reports five suspicious cases of sickness on board the tow boat Raven which left New Orleans last Tuesday. Instructions were telegraphed by Dr. R. W. Mitchel, of the national board of health, to detain the steamer if possible, but the telegram was delayed, having been sent from Vicksburg last evening. The national board steamer, D. Benner, has been dispatched to intercept the Raven if she should have left before the telegram sent by Dr. Mitchel had been received.

Later.

Dr. C. A. Rice, inspector of the national board of health at Vicksburg station, telegraphs that he has taken five sick people off the tow boat Raven, which arrived on Saturday evening from New Orleans, but that the boat proceeded up the river against the protest of the authorities who are on the alert, and the Raven will not be permitted to land at this port.

Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—The Republicans of the third congressional district to-

day endorsed all the Greenback nominees including Charles N. Barnum, for congress.

The Egyptian Cotton Crop.

Liverpool, Aug. 24.—A London dispatch from Cairo says it is believed that the Egyptian cotton crop will be half a million bales, or 22,500,000 pounds less than that of 1879, and it will be fifteen days late.

JACKSBORO.

*Correspondence of the Citizen.*

Jacksboro Aug. 29, 1880.

The bright countenances of the farmers and merchants of a few weeks ago have most given away to despondency, not before were the people in general so happy as a month ago, but suddenly their bright hopes have been somewhat changed. The expression of the people is not cheerful as it would have been. With the prospects of a month ago it would have placed the farmers in almost an enviable position, and also relieved the merchants carrying over old accounts. As the crop is considerably damaged yet we trust that no further injury will be done to it, or that it will be placed in very embarrassing positions. Fortunately there is a good supply of bread-stuff in the Co., and the prospect of a fine mast is fine, so that the majority of people can easily raise their own money. —The effects of the worm is keenly felt by the enterprising gentlemen who have gone to such expense in erecting new gins, we hope they will be able to meet expenses this season. If we can get a good shower of rain a good top crop of cotton may yet be made. Yet with all the disadvantages we hear in regard to Texas, we think we will compare favorable with some of her sister states. Kansas with its "Big Boom" next year will be apt to buy corn from the "Star State." Nebraska has had three failures in five years; In Illinois and Indiana the corn crop is short; and Pennsylvania also complains of a deficient corn and wheat crop. So take it all in all, our condition is not bad after all.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

[Candidates names announced as below for \$2.50.]

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We are authorized to make the following announcements of CANDIDATES.—

Election, November, 2nd 1880.

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I. N. ROACH.

### FOR COUNTY JUDGE,

T. M. JONES.

L. P. Adamson.

### FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK.

D. B. Mizell.

Ed. Wolffarth.

### FOR SHERIFF OF JACK COUNTY,

Henry Stradley.

William Harrell.

William King.

### FOR ASSESSOR OF JACK COUNTY,

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## NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

We suspend issue next week to make the necessary arrangements to enlarge.

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LOCALS.

Dr. Gresham and C. W. Merrill left on Tuesday for Weatherford to attend the congressional convention.

The rain of Monday makes every one smile, and increases the chance for a top crop of cotton, fall turnips etc.

Jas. W. Knox has gone to St. Louis to purchase his fall stock of goods.

A wedding in high life (colored) took place a few nights since, which was numerously attended by the society young men.—No cards.

Tom Connelly who was on trial at Cleburne, charged with theft of a horse has been acquitted.

Mr. D. J. Murphy's daughter Fanny has just returned from New York where she has been at school for several years. She will be a great acquisition to Jacksboro society.

Ed. Coppins has again gone to the Hot Springs, seeking relief for his ailments. He has suffered fearfully, and we hope he will soon recover his health.

Democratic Republican and Greenback papers for sale by McConnell.

The signal corps is efficiently and agreeably represented by M. H. Marsh, who has succeeded our old friend "Jake" Marshall. In fact Jacksboro has generally been favored in the class of young men in charge of the telegraph office.

LADIES if you want neat dress-goods and all kinds of fancy articles go to D. C. Brown's.

The Workers Institute, (Baptist) which met at this place last Saturday and Sunday was rather thinly attended. Father Tipton preached an acceptable sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday.

The Jacksboro Association meets at Spring Dale 8 1-2 miles due south of town on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday of this month.

The S. S. Convention meets the day pre-

vious at the same place.

D. C. Brown has returned with his Stock of Goods, and will sell as cheap as the same goods are sold in Weatherford and will pay as much for cotton as is paid there.

Mizell & Bernard, have sold their Family Grocery to Mr. — Adamson, (Judge's brother).

Greenback Caucus.

The county executive committee of the Greenback party met at the court room in the district court room with the doors yesterday morning. A Herald entered ceremoniously "fired" out. It was a meeting, and what was done is not known. The matter of getting up tickets for the coming state election, the names of those candidates for offices who are to be placed on it was discussed and decided upon. The names of the independent candidates for counties and the legislature will be embraced on the ticket. The action of the Republican meeting at Hearne, which appointed a committee to canvass and consider the propriety of that party pulling down its ticket in order to co-operate with the dependents and Greenbackers, was alluded to. There will be another meeting at the office of the Greenback Standard. A number of speeches were made and among others Captain Swink, Mr. Burnett, Dan Murray, Mr. Henry Harris, Dr. — son and Murray, Colonel John W. — and Mr W. E. Wolfspoke.—Dallas Herald

The Cotton Crop.

New Orleans, Aug. 28.—The Demarc publishes reports from eighty-five points in the states of Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama and Georgia, on the condition of the cotton crop to date. Replies from twenty-seven points in Louisiana show the weather somewhat improved, although four parishes still suffered too much rain. Twelve parishes reported



on opening and fruiting well; two opening slowly and two fruiting poorly. Worms at points, at five blight, at one too much in, and at seven the damage done averages 31 per cent. Picking was begun two weeks ago in some parts, and now the general labor is sufficient in all but two parishes. The average yield is 900 pounds of cotton to the acre.

Twenty-six replies read from Mississippi show the weather favorable in all but four counties, two reporting too much rain and two drought. Worms are doing some damage in three, rust in three, rain in five, blight in one, and shedding in three counties. The average damage is 16 per cent. Picking began in all but two counties, which will commence September 1st. Labor is sufficient in ten, and scarce in five counties. The yield will be 800 pounds to the acre.

In Texas the weather is reported generally, warm and dry, the heat killing the worms. Cotton is opening well, but fruiting poorly in several counties. The condition of the crop is about the same as last week. Worms reported in seven districts, five of which they have done some damage. The average damage is 28 per cent. Labor is generally scarce. The yield will be 700 pounds to the acre.

Reports from Alabama show unfavorable weather; fruiting poorly in five and all in four districts. Some damage is reported from rain, worms and rust. Picking began August 15th and is now general. Labor is sufficient. The yield will be about 400 pounds to the acre.

Returns from points covering southern and central Arkansas show the weather improved; some damage is reported from rain. The average is 11 per cent. Labor is scarce in three and sufficient in four districts. The yield will be about 700 pounds per acre.—*Dallas Herald.*

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

London, Aug. 26.—Liebrand & Co., of London, New York and Toronto American

merchants, have failed. Liabilities estimated at £40,000; assets, \$30,000.

Infected Cattle.

A cargo of cattle from Baltimore, infected with Texas cattle fever, was referred to by Mr. Windell in the house of commons last night.

COMMERCIAL.

*From the Dallas Herald.*

Dallas, Aug. 28.—The present outlook points to strong markets during the present season. Money is easy over the country as a whole, and will rapidly become more so as the year's crops are sold off. The south is upon the eve of drawing at least \$250,000,000 from the coffers of the world for her cotton crop alone, and which will be distributed among every citizen.

Cotton.

The market is getting interesting, and buyers are again upon the streets in pretty full strength. All of 25 new bales came in yesterday and 30 were received this morning. There is a good demand and the market advanced an eighth to-day. We quote;

Good Middling	- - - - -	-10 1-4
Middling	- - - - -	9 7-8
Low Middling	- - - - -	9 1-2

No other types offering. It is remarked that the staple this year is the finest since the crop of 1873—quite an item within itself though one over looked in looking for the boll worm.

Planters in town this morning were talking blue about the worm. They all say it is still at work, that the old or first-hatch is dead, but a second crop of young ones have succeeded, and they are busy in the shade eating the bolls.

HIDES.—Dry flint 18 lbs. and upwards 13 to 15 cents.

Sugar, from 9 1-4 to 12 1-2.

COFFEE.—Common Rio, 15 to 15 1 2 choice 18 to 18 1-2.

WOOL.—Free of burrs, fine 20; medium 24 to 27; burry, 17 to 20 cents per pound.

China and Japan.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—The steamer Oceanic, from Hong Kong, via Yokohama, arrived here and brings the following news:

Hong Kong, July 27.—There is no change in Russian war prospects. Opinions continue equally divided as to the chances of war and peace. The government stubbornly refuses to disclose its intentions respecting the Kuldja affair. It listens to all representatives from the western ministers, who unanimously urge pacific settlement but gives no sign of assent.

It is by no means impossible that the desperate intrigues of the war party, which now command the sympathy of the empress, may precipitate hostilities any moment, hence the extreme divergence of native and foreign judgments concerning the result. There are prospects of a visit to Corea by ships of several western nations. The United States ship Ticonderoga is still in that vicinity.

Yokohama, Aug. 4.—The diplomatic agent from Corea will arrive at Japan this month to adjust the outstanding question connected with the opening of additions of Corean ports to Japanese trade. Notice has been received that the same agent will seek counsel from the government respecting the recent and impending efforts of western nations to establish intercourse with Corea.

Russian naval reinforcements are arriving here in considerable numbers.

Extraordinary reports are circulating of the inefficient and untrustworthy condition of the English fleet in Asiatic waters.

San Francisco, Aug. 25.—A dispatch from Tucson says Sheriff Buttner, with a posse, left last night to intercept and arrest the Mexican brigand Reyes, who, with his band, were reported in this vicinity. Buttner met them about eight miles from town and a fight ensued, in which about fifty shots were fired. The Mexicans fled, leaving several dead and wounded, as well as their animals and weapons on the field.

The sheriff followed, but soon lost them in the darkness. The bandits are supposed to number fifty. A company of troops are in pursuit of them.

Weatherford's first bale of cotton sold to its owner \$142.23, the price for weight sold and the premium.

Two men named Russell in charge of a herd of stolen cattle were arrested in Saba county Monday afternoon.

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CITATION.

The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable

Jack County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded that by making publication in the Rural Citizen a newspaper published in said County for four weeks previous to the return day thereof you summon, M. E. Ratcliff, C. A. Ratcliff, E. N. Ratcliff, Harrell Ratcliff, James T. Ratcliff, O. W. Ratcliff, W. G. Ratcliff, Mary E. Daniel, Fleta O. Grooves and W. H. Grooves, (the last two names of whom reside in the State of New York,) heirs of the late James T. Ratcliff, dec'd, to be and appear before the Hon. Dist. Court of Jack county, to be holden at the Court House, in the Town of Jacksboro, in said county on the 1st Monday in December A. D. 1880, then and there to answer the petition of Simpson C. Dyer Jun. filed in said Court on the 16th day of August A. D. 1880 and alleging in substance as follows to wit: that he is the owner in fee simple of an undivided two-thirds interest in a tract of land situated in Jack county Texas, consisting of one-third of a league and that Defendants are the owners of the remaining one-third Interest. That on the 22d day of October 1845, Adm'r H. Sevier obtained out of the District Court of Robertson county Texas a Headright certificate known as certificate No. 33-3834 abstract No. 518 class first for one league and labor of land. That two-thirds league and labor of said Certificate was located in Johnson county, Patented Geo. Bamard on the 1st day of September 1853 Pat. No. 581 Vol. 8, and that the remaining one-third league certificate was located in Jack county Texas and Patented Hiram Keich on the 8th day of September 1871, Pat. No. 658 Vol 8. That said one-third league certificate was by the said Adm'r H. Sevier on the 3d day of January A. D. 1846 for a valuable consideration sold and transferred to the said Hiram Keich, and by the said Hiram Keich on the 19th day of Nov. 1858 sold and transferred to Nancy McMullen as administratrix De Bonis Non of the Estate of Hugh McMullen Dec'd and by Simpson C. Dyer administrator De Bonis Non of the Estate of Hugh McMullen Dec'd sold and transferred on the 3d day of July 1869 to James T. Ratcliff, and by the said James T. Ratcliff on the 30th day of July 1874

sold and transferred to Plaintiff. Plaintiff prays judgement determining the share of each of the owners and all questions of Law and Equity affecting the title to such real property, and for a decree directing partition of same.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return as the law directs.

Witness T. F. Horton clerk of the District Court of Jack county aforesaid with the seal of the Court hereon impressed this the 16th day of August, A. D. 1880.



Attest, T. F. Horton, Clerk Dist. C't Jack Co. Texas

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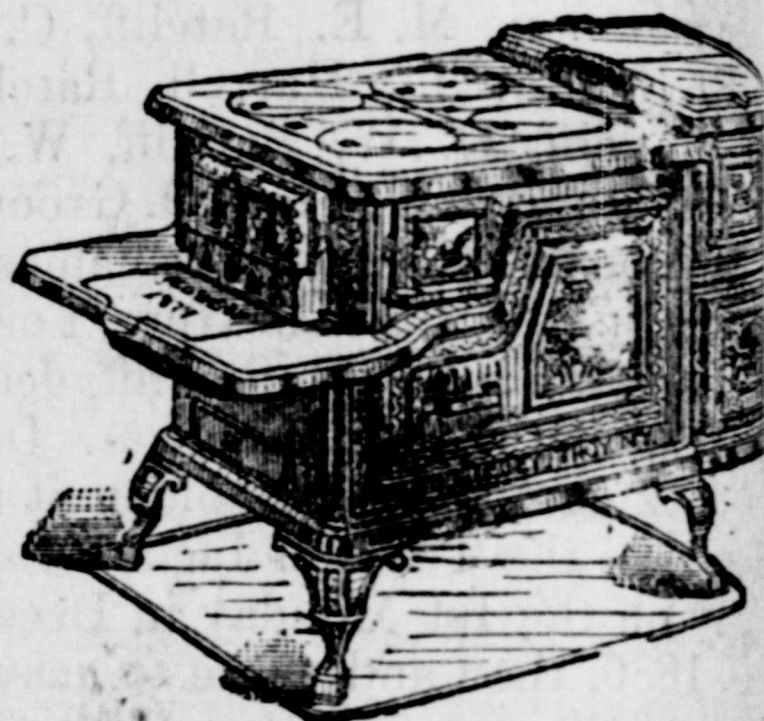
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