# When In Doubt

If at any time you are in doubt as to what item in dress goods, shoes, coat suit, or any item you want, visit our store, where we will take pleasure in showing you the proper wearing apparel to buy. When in doubt as to quality, then we urge you to call and ask our salesmen about the quality of goods you want. T. S. Kent, W. F. Murchison and that day. We do not care if you We are back of every item we sell. It must perfected, the matter of a trades and get acquainted—we want to give satisfaction.

week, Sweaters for father, mother, sister and brother at price from 25c to \$5.00.

Plenty of blankets for this early fall weather at prices from

# 40c to \$6.00

Our entire stock is complete, and we are anxious to wait on you. Pay our store a visit.

# Bulletin Board

We are establishing a bulletin board in our store that wil have placed on it each and every day, specials that will use cough medicines that contain be a great saving other sedatives when you have a to you. So be sure like Chamberlain's Cough Reme. and see the bulletin cleans out the culture beds or That's saying a whole lot, but if before board buy an item. of values all the time.

# Kennedy Brothers

The Store for Everybody Adv.

# **GRAPELAND BUSINESS** MEN ORGANIZE BOARD OF TRADE

Hold Enthusiastic Meeting and Discuss Ways gathering, and after all they are roads are neglected the comof Extending Trade Territory

# TRADES DAY SET WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29th

men of Grapeland held an enthuand went into permanent organization, which shall be known as the Grapeland Board of Trade, and elected the following officers: T. H. Leaverton, Pres.: C. W. Kennedy, Vice-Pres.; Murdock be given. Darsey, Sec'y.; A. H. Luker, Treas. The board of directors is composed of these officers and W. P. Traylor.

trades day ever held in East 29th.—the day of all days.

The business and professional Texas. Aside from the many bargains the merchants will siastic meeting Monday night offer, some nice premiums will be given. For all details concerntrades day, you are referred to the big double page ad in this issue, which gives all the bargains listed and the premiums to

We have tried to make every item attractive and worth your while to make a trip to town on do not spend one cent while in After this organization was the city. We want to meet you day for Grapeland was taken up know you better and want you and discussed, and plans were to know us better. We want to We are receiving this definitely adopted to have this make it a "get together" day as trades day on Wednesday, Oct- well as a trades day; so that the ober, 29. (Get the date firmly memory of the day will cling to fixed in your mind and prepare you as one of pleasure in your to come that day.) Committees life. Tell your neighbor to meet were appointed to arrange the you in Grapeland on trades daydetails, and these committees are come along and swap horses, now hard at work to make the tell yarns, and meet old friends. day the most successful of any The day-Wednesday, October,

# CLEAN UP DAY FOR GRAPELAND

The Board of Trade has desigland, and every citizen who has of those who have remembered law he has violated, while Denby Royall, Secretary. R. B. Edens, the pride of the town at heart is us since the last two issues: Trades Day, October 29th.

If you want to contribute directly to the occurence of capillary bronchitis and pneumonia codine, morphine, heroin and cough or cold. An expectorant eases. That is why pneumonia it is true. never results from a cold when (Advertisement.)

# Notice to Farmers

Those who desire to get a sup ply of Mebane Cotton Seed should fore they got in. some of these fine seed. Geo. E. Darsey.

# **GET ON OUR** HONOR ROLL

The Messenger's Honor Roll nated Tuesday, October 21, as a was crowded out last week, and general clean up-day for Grape- we present herewith the names

earnestly requested to turn out Stovall White, J. M. Selkirk, called. If they are guilty, we ard were re-elected stewards. and help make Grapeland a clean- Tom Kent Jr., Nat Davis, Chas. hope they will get the limit, for and A. H. Luker was elected er and more beautiful town. Haltom, Sid Boykin, H. J. Shaw, this boot legging ought to be district steward. The merchants and citizens are A. B. Spence, B. N. Collins, C. F. stopped—and stopped for good. urged to look after their prem- Stockbridge, Willie Gee, Owen esis, and everyone, who will, will Johnson, W. E. Allen, Wm. be a welcome helper on cleaning Brown, I. M. Baber, W. W. the streets, etc. If you can't come Spence, Cleve Sadler, R. H. yourself, send somebody, and Cook, H. W. L. Shepherd, (col.), let's have the town shining for Lee Finch, T. S. Goodnight, J. L. Whitehead, Grapeland.

E. C. Lively, John Rawls, W Avoid Sedative Cough Medicines Z. Brumley, W. J. Branch, Per-

> Dolph Zachary, Lawson Keene, Crockett.

Miss Ida Horne, Higgins.

# Petty Burglars

We'll put Grapeland against dy is what is needed. That any town for petty burglaries. breeding places for the germs of you will just give the matter a informantion to G. L. Waddel, VOU pneumonia and other germ dis- little thought you will agree that Route 3.

Saturday night someone broke Chamberlain's Cough Remedy into the postoffice through a is used. It has a world wide south window and plundered the reputation for its cures. It con- office. All the money secured tains no morphine or other sed. was 30c which postmaster Howative. For sale by all dealers, and had received after the day's cash had been put in the safe.

W. R. Wherry's store had been tampered with, but the thieves were evidently scared away be-

place their order at once, as the The store of J. L. Tims was time for booking orders is grow. burglarized the same night, ening short, and you should not trance being effected through a teed as good as there is in Grapelet this opportunity pass to get window. So far there are no land. clues to apprehend those who less, are guilty.

# ROCK HILL **HAPPENINGS**

Oct. 13.-The sun will shine after the rain comes true-and country as are the arteries of surely is appreciated by all.

going to come out all right with the fair price.

Monday with Miss Donie Powers ing to it. This is a fact admitted as teacher. Miss Powers comes by all. Let the citizens of Grapeto us with a good reputation, and land, and the people of the surwe feel sure our trustees have rounding country be up and domade no mistake in selecting her ing. Our governor of this grand as teacher. Parents should see state calls for the people to orto it that their children start at ganize, so we can work the roads the beginning of school, and on the 5th and 6th. of November. without the proper books.

appointment here Sunday, and work of November 5th, and 6th. preached a very able sermon. The church called Bro. Williams will, as other states have done.

tending school at Elkhart, was cle and brawn. Let the ladies visiting homefolks Sunday.

have a fine son at their home. water. Let us sand the clay to Hays Spring Sunday. He re- Let us make a great time of it. ports a pleasant trip.

Three cheers for the Messenger. You can't keep a good thing hid, but always coming to the front. LITTLE ITEMS.

## Boot Leggers Indicted

cases against Herbert Denby. School superintendent for the Hartt is in jall reflecting over the ensuing year, and Miss Darsey is out on bond until his trial is Geo. E. Darsey, and S. E. How-

# Road Meeting

We are requested to announce a good roads meeting to be held at Oak Grove next Saturday night. Everybody interested in good roads please come.

# Peas Wanted

I am in the market for peas, and will pay \$27.00 per ton in the hull. See me if you have any to sell.

J. W. Howard. Adv.

# \$1.50 Reward

For the whereabouts of a fawn colored Jersey heifer calf; left home the last week in July. All Adv.

# To the Citizens of Grapeland

We have appointed Mr. J. W. Caskey as our special agent for our laundry in your city, and any favors shown him will be appreciated by us. All the work you give us will be returned first class and guaranteed to be as good as anywhere.

Crockett Steam Laundry. (Advertisement)

Mountain Peak flour, guaran-We can sell it to you for Cash Grocery Co. (Advertisement.)

# WHY NOT HAVE GOOD ROAD DAY?

Good roads are essential to the the human body. When neglect-People are getting through ed the body suffers. When munity and commerce of the nearest towns suffer in propor-Our Literary School opened tion, to the neglect of roads leadhave proper books. The teacher Let us hear the call. I suggest can not teach the child, and it at that each community (on Oct. 24) home, neither can she teach it meet and elect it's road boss, and let all the bosses meet at Grape-Bro. Williams filled his regular land on Oct. 31st, to plan the

Let us all fall in line with a as their pastor for another year. Let the old men bring tools and Miss Ola Patterson who is at teams, and the young men musbring refreshments, and good Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Streetman cheer, and the boys and girls the Mr. Charlie Streetman went places and clay the sandy places. R. B. EDENS.

The fourth quarterly conference of the M. E. Church was held in Grapeland Wednesday of last week. Presiding Elder Shuttles was present, and that night preached a good sermon The grand jury in session at to an appreciative audience. All Crockett last week found bills the reports came up pretty well, against two Grapeland negroes and it has been a satisfactory for boot legging. Five cases year over the charge. Murdock against Oscar Hartt and two Darsey was elected Sunday

# TAKE YOUR

# By HOLLAND.

ANUFACTURERS are of two kinds-the bonest and dishonest. makes the best goods, the other makes the worst. Each particular has bis own scheme of life.

The honest manufacturer aims to make the best goods be can and to advertise them so that all the world will know of their merits. He investigation. wants customers to hold him to a rigid accountability.

The dishonest manufacturer hopes to profit by deception. He produces an article that will be offered as "just as good" though he knows it is inferior. He seeks to make a larger profit than the honest manufacturer, and this larger profit is necessary because he has to find new customers day after day.

MANUFACTURERS WHO ADVERTISE ARE THE HONEST ONES.

# THE DEVIL'S **PARAGRAPHS**

JOHN R. OWENS,

About all a town "kicker" can expect to get is exercise.

All poultry dealers make Messenger. money by (fowl) means.

sometimes.

The fact that natives of Africa "batty."

A cat's sneeze is said to be a sure sign of rain. We guess every cat in Grapeland has sneezed.

Some men would be better off when they lose their temper if they should fail to find it again.

People who suffer from dyspepsia have one consolationthat there will be no cooks in heaven.

An exchange says: "Love grows cold when it's all in one side." We guess so, as we've never had it in both sides.

There is a place for everything, but the fact that the things we really want are not always in day and cleared a neat little sum. their place, causes confusion.

Lots of men claim that they rainy weather interfered. want but little here on earth. We'd hate to see them want a whole lot.

apparel for women is the "pocket-stocking." No doubt some people have been looking for itthe style.

Mrs. Pankhurst, noted suffra gist leader of London, has sailed for America. We hope the American jails will not have to take care of her.

Grapeland turkeys will no doubt go hungry this November as the people are preparing for a "'possum" feast sometime in November.

The Frankston Citizen says: "The grouch is out of tune with strains." We hope that he will never fail to get his just deserts, and that his strains will cease to

When we strike a fellow about subscribing for his home paper, and he tells us he borrows his neighbor's, we have an inclination to "drive on," for we have ic dyspeptic for years, and of all never struck one yet who would subscribe and quit reading the one his neighbor takes.

# Puzzled

"I understood the text alright' remarked Mr. Murdock Darsey, after the sermon was over, "but Bro. Craven's explanation of it of the Hays Spring community puzzled me a good deal."

We spit on the dignity of the courts. The workers want justice, not dignity.-Grayslake, (Ill.) Searchlight.

on the dignity of the courts in morning. their state, and are not molested. but we wouldn't advise them to even spit on the floor of a Texas court room.

Tom Ball was down from McKavett this week .- Menard. Messenger.

Beg pardon, Bro. Callan, but we thought Tom Ball was a prohibitionist and lived in Houston.

Sweet "taters" and pork roast have been on the bill-of-fair in Menard for a month. - Menard

Of course pork roast with potatoes isn't as good as what we Men often oppose things cook with potatoes in this counwhich they know nothing about. try, but it is a pretty fair substitute. The editor of the Many men are like beer bot Menard Messenger should see tles-they get it in the neck the preparations being made by the Grapeland 'Possum Club, to really know what we like with "taters" -- pure, unadulterated, eat bats, proves that they are 'simmon-fed 'possum. No substitutes for us! Thank you!

## A Marvelous Escape

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes P. F. Bastiams of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope, "It occured in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers.

Roy Hawthorne of Elkhart spent Sunday here.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church served oysters and a regular dinner last Satur. They intended to have this dinner several weeks ago, but

Chronic rheumatism contracts the muscles, distorts the joints and undermines the strength. A powerful penetrating and re-The latest thing in wearing lieving remedy will be found in Ballard's Snow Liniment. It restores strength and suppleness to the aching limbs. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

> Misses Fannie and Etta Pridgen of Daly's were visitors to Grapeland this week.

# They Make You Feel Good

The pleasant purgative effect produced by Chamberlain's Tab. lets and the healthy condition of body and mind which they create make one feel joyful. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Mrs. Jas. Owens, little Mulkey God and man. The music of and Miss Lura Mae returned prosperity drowns his doleful home Monday morning from Elkhart, where they had been on a visit to relatives.

# Chronic Dyspepsia

The following unsolicited testimonial should certainly be sufficient to give hope and courage to persons afflicted with chronic dyspepsia: "I have been a chron. has gone 'way down. The reasthe medicine I have taken, Cham berlain's Tablets have done me more good than anything else," says W. G. Mattison, No. 7 Sherman St., Hornellsville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lively announce the arrival of a young lady at their home.

Robt. Weisinger of Dodge, who has been spending several days in this community with relatives, People in Illinois probably spit returned to his home Monday

> Jeff Beeson and family left this week for Thorndale, where they will reside in the future.

# Discriminating Buyers

our store the trading center of Grapeland. THERE'S A REASON.

Because our stock is always resplendent with all that is new and up-todate, and our price-quality combination makes your buying both a pleasure and a money saving transaction.

MY MOTTO: "Quick Sales, Small Profits and the Golden Rule Applied to Business."

# W. R. WHERRY.

# Paint Now

If your property needs it; don't wait.

There are two parts of a job: the paint and the work; the work is more than the paint; and it never comes-down.

The cost of paint is about twofifths; the work three-fifths.

Paint won't come down in a hurry; too many jobs put-off.

Men are waiting for \$2 or \$3; they don't know it; they think they are waiting for \$20 or \$25. Why don't men use their heads?

DEVOE.

Kennedy Bros., sell it. Adv.

The key to health is in the kidneys and liver. Keep these organs active and you have health, strength and cheerful spirits. Prickly Ash Bitters is a stimulant for the kidneys, regulates the liver, stomach and bowels. A golden household remedy. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. adv

### DRUGGIST GIVES MONEY BACK

Dodson's Liver Tone Gets a Four Square Guarantee From Porter's Drug Store

When an article is sold a druggist who is willing to give it his personal guarantee, it's a mighty strong proof of real merit.

That's exactly the case with Dodson's Liver Tone. It is a pleasant tasting, vegetable remedy for a slow and sluggish liver. Since Dodson's Liver Tone came on the market the sale of calomel on is simply this: Dodson's Liver Tone is safe and harmless and guaranteed to be satisfactory -Calomel is often uncertain, sometimes dangerous, and no druggist wants to guarantee that it won't knock you out of a day's work and maybe send you to

Porter's drug store sells Dodson's Liver Tone and guarantees it. For you and your children, it's a good thing to keep a bottle always in the house.

Porter's drug store will give you your money back if you think Dodson's Liver Tone is not worth the price, "Keep your liver working and your liver will not keep you from working," is good advice to go by.

H. C. Jones is hauling lumber to his farm on Elkhart creek and will build a new residence.

# J. W. HOWARD

Houston County Oil Mill & Mfg. Co.

Highest Market Price Paid for COTTON SEED

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**KEEP HOUSTON COUNTY MONEY AT HOME** 

# Porter's Drug

Just Received a new stock of the **CUTLERY":** "CASE celebrated

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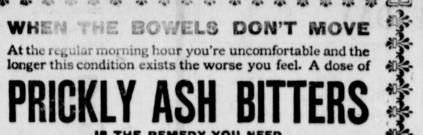
Porter's Drug Store



# First Thing in the Morning Last thing at Night

We are here to serve you right. We keep the best of

meat at all time. Handle packing house goods, such as B B ham and B. Sausage. Phone us your orders. Both 'phones. THE CITY MARKET, J. B. Lively, Prop.



It quickly sets things moving. You feel better at once, and after a copious bowel movement, you experience that thrill and joy of living, that exhilaration of spirits and activity of body and brain that only those can feel whose internal organs are in a state of functional activity and cleanliness. It helps digestion, sweetens the breath and restores vigor of body and brain. Try it. Sold by all dealers in medicine.

Price \$1.00 per Bottle Prickly Ash Bitters Co., Proprietors, St. Louis, Mo.

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THE LEADING DRUGGIST

# Worth Considering

Music in the home is a blessing. It makes life pleasant for everybody in it. A piano or player piano is such a blessing and one that will last a life time.

We now have a nice store in Crockett stocked with a fine line of high grade pianos of different makes, such as Emerson, Haines Bros., Armstrong, Brewster, and the well known and celebrated Chickering & Sons, in both upright and grands. Our player pianos are the oldest and best makes in the market.

Come and hear the beautiful tone of these pianos and you won't want to live without one. Our prices are right. Our monthly payment plan is easy and enables anyone to own a piano or player piano.

Ten dollars cash and six dollars monthly puts a piano in your home.

We are state agents for the Victor and Victrola machines, Victor records and Victor needles. Five dollars cash and five dollars monthly puts a fine Victrola in your home. All class records and needles on hand. Come in to see us. We will entertain you if you love music. Everybody welcome.

# THOS. GOGGAN & BROS.

W. N. MILLS, MANAGER,

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

## You Are Cordially Invited

We will be at the following State Fairs: Texas, at Dallas, La., at Shreveport, and Arkansas at Hot Springs, also the East Texas Fair at Tyler. We invite all our former students, their friends and those contemplating entering our school to visit our booth in the Exposition Building, and see our splendid exhibit, which has won first honors at all these state fairs. Our exhibit this year will be more extensive than ever before; it will be interesting and educational to old and young. We will have demonstrations on some of the most modern office appliances which are taught in our school. Speed demonstrations on the typewriter, adding machine contests, exhibits of students' work in Bookkeeping-Business Training, Shorthand, Typewriting, Penmanship and Telegraphy. A visit to our exhibit will show you why we have the largest school of the kind in America, when you are shown clearly why it is that we can make you a more practical and thorough stenographer in three and a half months with the Famous Byrne simplified Shorthand than other schools teaching other systems can in seven months, and why it is with our original copyrighted systems of Bookkeeping and Business Training than we can give you both a course of Bookkeeping and Business Training in less time than other schools can give you a mere theoretical course of bookkeeping, and why it is that our practical department of Telegraphy, the largest in the United States; with a loop of the Cotton Belt train wire, giving every message to our students that goes from Mt. Pleasant to Waco; a loop of the Western Union wire; every station blank and record book that is used by Western Union or Cotton Belt Railroad, turns out practical operators and station men; and that we place our graduates promptly into good posit-

We had nearly 200 new enrollments during September, and yet they continue to come in from many different states. From present indications we will easily enroll 2000 students this year.

ions.

If you cannot see our exhibit at one of these State Fairs, be sure to write for catalogue and read what we guarantee to give you, what our former students say we have given them, and what their employers say of their proficiency. Address Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Cleanse the liver and bowels, and regulate the system by using Prickly Ash Bitters. It creates and sustains energy. A. S. Porter, Special Agent. Adv.

The Messenger is in receipt of a letter from Lee Eaves at Ratcliff, ordering the paper sent to his address. Mr. Eaves is principal of the Ratcliff High School.

## Quick Help to Backache and Rheumatism

The man or woman who wants quick help from backache or rheumatism, will find it in Foley Kidney Pills. They act so quickly and with such good effect that N. Leaverton.

# You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take-Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything.' Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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Calhoun & Leaverton

Henry A. Johnston, a business man of L'anse. Mich., writes: "For years, Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs and weak, inactive kidneys that do colds has been our family medinot keep the blood clean and free cine. We give it to our children, of impurities, are toned up and who like it on account of its strengthened to healthy vigorous pleasant taste. It is a safe cure action. Good results follow for coughs and colds." It contheir use promptly. Sold by D. Itains no opiates. Sold by D. N. Adv. Leaverton.

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OUR PURPOSE-It is the purpose of the Messenge to record accurately, simply and interestingly the moral, intellectual, industrial and political progress of Grapeland and Houston county. To aid us it this every citizen should give us his moral and

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THURSDAY, OCT. 16, 1913

Our trades day will be a win

It's about time for another street faker to come along and unload some brass jewelry and tin razors on our ever-ready-tobite citizens.

L. W. Tittle will contest the appointment of W. O. Stamps to succeed him as penitentiary commissioner. Mighty hard for a politician to be choked loose from the public feeding trough.

The Kansas City Journal says that any intimation that the Mexicans are not a brave and courageous people is easily refuted by the fact that recently several of them have announced for president.

A movement is under way in Houston to supply free school books to children unable to buy them. Weunderstandthat plan has worked successfully in

About the smallest thing in the whole world is the fellow he beleives to be right. For about honoring the gathering manufacturing interests of the manhood's sake don't try to straddle the fence. That is the worst kind of cowardice.

If the battle of life sorely tries your courage, and your heart is heavy, just look to the shining mountains of destiny that loom up in the far distance as your goal, and you will take fresh courage.

E. R. Smith has purchased the interest of Alf Cohen in the Pales tine Record, and will be associated with O. Ethridge in the publication of this splendid little daily in the future. Mr. Smith is a rustler and will add new life to the Record.

The town of Grapeland is go ing to pull off a "Possum Walk" and invite some of the big guns to eat "possum and taters" with them. The business men are advertising for 'possums, and will likely get them of all colors and sizes.-Kilgore Chronicle.

The farmers around Ratcliff are going into the truck business next spring, and have pledged tune to fall from a hand car, fifty-one acres to tomatoes. Our which bruised him up considersoil will produce fine tomatoes, ably. and we have a quicker outlet to the world's market than those people. Why can't we raise cows or hogs. tomatoes at a profit?

One reason some women have such an open countenance is because a large part of it is never closed up.

Our trades day is going to be hum-dinger, and you can just bet on that. It is a way Grapeland has of doing things—just a little bit better than anyone else.

The Messenger has been declared the official organ of the Grapeland Board of Trade, as well as the 'Possum Club. Which reminds us that we have no news from the club this week, except that several 'possums are in the pen getting fat as butter.

It came out in Governor Sulzer's trial that prior to his elevation to the governorship he very often wore the same suit of clothes for an indefinite period, and that he sometimes wore a hat for two or three years. That's just our experience on the hat proposition, but our suits are generally bought one piece at a time, and while it has been sometime since we bought either one, they'll have to last over this

A commercial club could do ville but without plenty of houses for people to live in such an organization would be considerably handicapped.-Jacksonville Re-

Grapeland seems to be in the same boat with Jacksonville. But then it is an unfailing sign of prosperity.

One of our good advertisers, who was watching the score board of the world's series, told the office boy when he went after a change for his ad Wednesday afternoon to tell us he wouldn't have any this week, but the game was in its eighth inning & to 0 with a Philadelphia man on third and Baker at the bat .-Lufkin Metropolis.

Well, we are quite sure the man on third scored.

The Grapeland Messenger Temple. Why not a State law of says it's going to pull off a 'posthat kind? We would favor it. sum feast up there pretty soon that will make the No-Tsu-Oh Dingely law passed at the extra Carnival look like 30c. Now, if session of Congress after Mc-The Messenger will furnish us Kinley's first inauguration was transportation we'll attend, but who is afraid to stand for what we wont make any promises this season of the year you can never tell how the walking will be. - South Houston Times.

> You ought to come, Russell, even if you have to "foot it," because it is not often that an editor has such an opportunity to "fill up."

Grapeland Chapter, and Mrs. P. Southern man was chosen as H. Stafford, Special Deputy, are leader of this majority, and in Dallas this week attending the another Southern man as Speak-Grand Chapter of the O. E. S. er of that Congress. And on the They will officially represent the fourth day of last March a man Grapeland Chapter.

insurance representative of the K. of P's., was in Grapeland Tuesday mingling with "the boys." Mr. Bonner is very popular among the "fraters" and his visits are always a source of much pleasure to them.

Stanley Weisinger returned to his home in Phelps Monday morning, after spending some time in the I. & G. N. hospital at Palestine. He had the misfor-

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Cash Grocery Co.

# A NEW DAY

no South, nor North, nor East, tariffand taxation burdens. This nor West. Ours was a compact bill passed both houses of Connation. And that great war in gress, and only a matter of ten jured the South more than has days or two weeks was gladly ever been estimated, more than signed by the President, and will ever be ascertained. Aside went into immediate effect. from any humane consideration, it cannot be denied that the free- 000 will be collected from corpoing of the slaves in the manner rations and through the working that they were freed was a tre- out of the income tax feature. mendous monetary loss to the Under the republican tariff law South, a loss that reached into this billion was wrung from the figures staggering calculation. hands of the masses. One pluto-I don't believe in slavery; but crat in particular will have to hundreds of thousands of south- pay approximately \$2,000,000 ern farmers had paid out their more in taxes than he paid when money for negroes, and the his esteemed friend, the Hon. emancipation giving these their Taft, was domiciled in the White freedom without any remunera- House. This law greatly retion whatever to the owners was duces the tariff on all the necesjust as great a financial disaster sities of life, or makes them ento the planters as would have tirely free; and it places the been had they lost just this value burden on those luxuries which in cattle or land. And this loss the vast majority of the people was accompanied by the devast- never purchase. The burden ation of war, and all that utter rests there, and on the fortunes stagnation of business that can of those people who heretofore be imagined. Then came the have escaped with their fortunes horrible period of reconstruction; the tariff burdens. Under this wonderful things for Jackson- and from that we find a period law it is estimated that we will of time extending up until the receive from abroad next year present day, a period during free of all tariff more than \$1,000which the South was in the back- 000,000 worth of merchandise. ground, to a great extent deprived of any voice in govern- the tariff legislation that are mental affairs. The presidents making Woodrow Wilson the were all from the North, the greatest president since Jeffer-Cabinet members were all from son, and are causing the precepts the North, and the majority lead- of democracy to be inscribed ers in Congress were from the upon the hearts of the people.

> senate with him, and in the sec- West, as well. was not propitious.

the present. These laws were and of Democracy. enacted in utter disregard of every interest of the South. The written solely to protect the with our system unless we get North, and so was the Paynethe transportation, because at Aldrich law, enacted during the last republican adminstration.

But now the rifts of darkness have lifted, the morning songsters set the meadows ringing, and over the eastern hilltops the sun is rising. This is the sun of a New South, a Day of Southern destiny.

In 1910 a democratic majority Mrs. A. H. Luker, W. M. of was elected to Congress, and a was inaugurated President who is of Southern birth and educat-Mr. John T. Bonner, of Tyler, ion-a son of the South, you might say-a man who last November received the greatest electorial majority ever given for president in this country. This president selected a Southern man for Postmaster-General; he selected a Southern man for Attorney General; he selected a Southern man for the Secretary. ship of the Navy; and he selected a Southern man for Secretary of Agriculture. And with the beginning of this adminstration another Southern man was chosen president pro tem of the Senate. The South was made the leader and not the follower in theaffairs of this nation. And then during

Before the Civil War there was which sought to equalize our

Under this new law \$1,000,000-

There are many things besides But remember that the South is Cleveland didn't do much; he leading in all this that will not couldn't. In the first place, he only benefit the South itself, but didn't have congress and the the East, the North, and the

ond place he couldn't have ac- Yes, the feathered songsters complished anything if he had warble forth their morning melohad that support, for the time dy, and over the eastern hilltops the sun is rising. It is a New Beginning with the Civil War Day, a Day of buried animosities, high tariff laws have obtained of brotherly love, and equal juspractically all the time up until tice. It is a Day of the South

GEO. LOUIS PAYNE.

# Junior League Program

Subject. Leader-Melba Brock. Opening Song, No. 72. Reading-Mary White. Recitation--Adabel Leaverton, Song-Mabel Boykin, Adelaide elkirk and Rena Ross Richards

Reading-Balis Edens. Roll Called. Business Session. Closing Song. Benediction.

# For Sale

1 high grade Jersey milch cow, fresh; one high grade Jersey bull, eight months old, registered Scotch Collie pups. W. T. Pridgen, Rt. 3.

# Notice

All those who owe me and wish to settle same will find their account at the Guaranty State Bank. I would appreciate it if you would call there and settle it. W. B. TAYLOR.

# Cotton Wanted

We will buy your seed cotton at the gin, paying the highest market price for same. Will buy remnants or full bales. See us if you have any to sell. Spence Bros.

Get yourself in tune to buy a season ticket for the Lyceum Course, and help the managers the early days of last April a give Grapeland some good and bill was introduced in congress wholesome entertainments.



# Money Saving Sale

We have on, for the next two weeks a big Money Saving Sale that should interest everyone that wishes to save money on their purchases that are made during this time.

This sale begins Saturday, Oct. 18th. and ends Saturday, Nov. 1st. If you did not get one of these circulars, call at our store for one. You will find many bargains that will appeal to you.

We will run for Trades Day October 29th., these two extra special staple articles.

10 bars Clairette soap for -10c extra heavy outing for -

These prices are for this one day only. We have a large, roomy house, and would be glad for you to make our store your headquarters while in town.

# Traylor Bros.

KEEP THE PRICE DOWN."

# LETTER FROM OLD GRAY

Morris Clews Bilfel had his big gun loaded to the muzzle. It was well aimed at those who have charge of the convicts at Harlem farm. The contents of Mr. Bilfel's article should be heralded to the extreme limits of this great state. He gave those penitentiary overseers what they justly deserve. We believe that there should be a strict discipline in the penitentiary and on farms cultivated by convicts, and that discipline should be applied whenever there is any move made to disobey the rules of the penal institution. The act at Harlem farm was nothing less than brutal and cites us to the dark days of France when they cut the tongues out of their supposed criminals, pierced their ears with hot irons and to finish up the job they were placed under the guillotine and their hands cut off. All of this has its horrors, but they grow dim when the dark hole of Harlem farm shows up. Such acts as this is a disgrace to the State, and will be a black page in the future history of Texas. If the men in charge had a right to place those convicts in that hole of death, they had the right, when they were crying for mercy to turn them out. The cries of the dying convicts were unheeded, they met their death, the charge against those in charge was wiped out and the offenders are free to go their way. Such uncivilized acts will call forth severe censure from our sister states.

Since Thursday at noon we have had almost continued rain. At present it has the appearance of clearing off. Entirely too much rain for harvesting the crops. A majority of the cotton of this section is already gone to the markets.

T. H. Lockler has gone to the Palestine country looking out a location for next year. There

this locality this fall and winter. Johnnie Douglas has employment with B. L. Wise, and says that Mr. Wise is making great improvements on his farm. When he matures the plans he has in view at present he will have the best improved place anywhere in the country.

will be a good many changes in

Some real estate is changing hands at a very fair price.

A good many seem to have the Oklahoma fever. We surmise that by the middle of January they will be well cooled off.

As ever, . OLD GRAY.

# LETTER FROM ANTRIMITE

(Delayed.)

Oct. 5.-Since our last letter we have had enough rain to make a good crop, could we have had it at the proper time. However, as we could not get it when we needed it most we will make the best of it and live in hopes of something better for next year.

Cotton that is yet on the stalk is very badly damaged, corn is also damaged some, but we see the pastures are getting as fine as we ever saw. Sweet potatoes are making a crop, land is in brought to grief by the death of affords the people a chance to plant an oat crop, which they should do.

The Baptists had church on the fourth Saturday and Sun-Frazier Sunday night.

only one more appointment at tives in their hour of grief. this place this year.

preaching services and did some of barb wire last Saturday and very good singing.

Our little neighborhood was

# What's the Use?

There is no use trading away from home when you can do just as well at home.

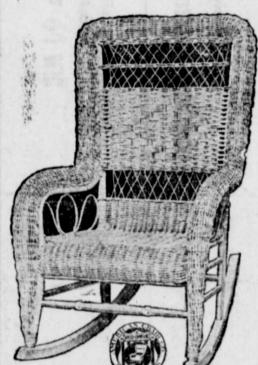
# A FEW SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th:

20 lbs granulated sugar for	\$1.00	7 bars of Clairette soap	25c
5 lbs. Peaberry Green Coffee for	\$1.00	3 lbs Arm & Hammer and 1 lb Battle Axe Soda for	25c
5 lbc best roasted coffee for	\$1.00	3 plugs Brown Mule tobacco for	25c
Compound lard at per pound		Bewley's Best Flour for	1.50

You will also find unusual bargains in Dry Goods, Shoes and Hats. In addition to these Special Prices we are giving premiums that amout to 10 per ct on your purchases

### FREE TO YOU! This beautiful "solid comfort" Reed rocker

We want to put at least one of these fine rockers into your home. You can have one for every room if you desire



A good reed rocking chair is one piece of furniture for which you always have a place. That's why we have arranged to give these fine rockers as premiums to our customers. Without a supply of rockers no home is complete.

We have secured from the American Chair Co., of St. Louis, Mo., the exclusive control for this locality of their celebrated "solid comfort" reed rocking chairs, like the

These rockers fairly breathe comfort; they are appropriate for all rooms and are also an attractive addition to the porch, veranda and lawn.

They are beautiful, comfortable and durable; strongly made of Singapore Reed, supported by well seasoned wood and are finished with the finest Japanese Shellac. They have full, continuous roll arms, well braced, and a solid reed seat in basket form. The back is woven reed, and is restful as well as attractive. The stretchers are neatly turned. The chairs are large and roomy, gentleman's size. These chairs sell regularly for \$6.50.

Pasted on one of the stretchers underneath the seat of every chair made by the American Chair Co. you will find their trade-mark, as shown in the illustation, which is your safe-guard against imitations and inferior goods. This trade-mark is a sign you are getting the best reed

furniture made. Look for it. We make this liberal offer to secure new customers and

to increase our trade with old customers.

# HERE IS THE OFFER:

With every \$25.00 worth of goods you buy from us for cash, whether bought at one time or different times, we will give you one of these rockers for \$1.50. Get as many rockers as you wish. One rocker for \$1.50 with every \$25.00 you trade.

# How to Get A Rocker Absolutely Free

If your cash purchases from us amount to \$50.00 from now to January 1, 1914, that is \$25.00 additional, we will refund the \$1.50 you have paid for the rocker, thus giving you the rocker absolutely FREE. Remember that a rocker will be delivered to you for the small amount of \$1.50 just as soon as you have purchased \$25.00 worth of goods for cash, and it will be optional with you as to whether you trade the additional \$25.00 and get the rocker free.

The rockers are now on exhibition at our store. You are invited to call and see them and get a punch card. Have all your purchases punched on your card. Do all of your trading with us and you will soon have a rocker for every room.

You will always find a choice selection of dependable merchandise at our store and our prices mean a saving to you.

# W. H. LONG and COMPANY

The Satisfactory Store

Augusta, Texas

good condition to turn, and that Percy Edens, who was accidently killed in Houston on Oct. 1st. He was buried in the Matthews cemetery Saturday evening at 4 P. M. Rev. J. T. Fulgham day. Rev. W. D. Andrews conducted the funeral serpreached Sunday and Bro. Paul vices. There was an almost incessant downpour of rain, but Rev. Andrews was unamiously there was quite a crowd present chosen as our pastor for another who stayed through the day to pay their last respects to their Rev. J. I. Weatherby held his companion and kindred. We regular service today. He has join his many friends and rela-

Mrs. Jno. R. Matthews had The Rock Hill choir met before the misfortune to trip in a piece broke her arm.

ANTRIMITE.

# ICE ALL the TIME!

Now handled in car lots and you can get it any time in any quantity.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS:

You can get ice on Sunday until 12 o'clock at the ICE HOUSE, near the water tank.

D. N. LEAVERTON

Rev. W. A. Craven is at Lone Mrs. C. H. Wickard, Miss Pine this week conducting a pro-Ethel Phillips, Miss Anna Beeson tracted meeting. His appointand Sheriff Phillips, of Crockett, ment here Sunday was filled by were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rev. G. W. Henderson, H. A. Phillips Sunday.

# **GOOD ROADS REDUCE EXPENSE**

"Over the roads to the market," is the ever sounding cry of the nation. It reverberates along the highways of commerce and finds its way into the minds of men. To reduce the cost of transportation and make farming more remunerative is the thing that is attracting the attention of those who strive for the uplift of mankind. In Texas the evolution is going steadily onward. So far this year over \$4,000,000 in good roads bonds has been issued, an amount sufficient to improve 1000 miles of public highways.

The farmers of Texas will market this year over ten million tons of products, entailing a highway expense of approximately \$21,000,000. If all our roads were in first condition this enormous expense would be reduced one-half, as the cost of hauling freight over the mud hole and through the sand is 43 cents per ton mile while the cost over improved highway is 23 cents per

Good roads reduce expense and distance as well.-Homer D. Wade.

The changeable weather of early fall brings on coughs and colds that have a weakening effect on the system, and may become chronic. Use Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It has a very soothing and healing effect on the irritated and inflamed air passages, and will help very quickly. It is a well known family medicine that gives results. Sold by D. N. Leaver-

# J. W. CASKEY

TONSORIAL ARTIST

Your Business will be Appreciated

Shop in Lively building just around the corner off Main st. Laundry basket leaves Wednesday and returns Saturday



SOLD BY D. N. LEAVERTON

# Sluggish Liver

All your liver, stomach and bowel troubles will speedily vanish when you start to take Hot Springs Liver

Buttons from Springs of Ark. They never fail to banish diszi-

A. S. PORTER.

I A PHILLIPS, Mgr

# E. Howard

Trades Day Special

50c package stock food for..... Big Bale smoking tobacco..... ..20c ..40c

# W. F. Murchison Trades Day Special

\$1.00 bucket of good coffee for... All 10e lace for..... A nice clock free to the family trading the biggest bill .....5c \$2.00

# The Messenger

Trades Day Special

ery merchant in town is authorized to take subscriptions. One year's subscription for .... This applies to new subscribers for this day only. Ev-..50c

# Guaranty State Bank

Trades Day Special

tween 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. \$2.50 in Gold Free to person making largest deposit be-

# George E. Darsey

Trades Day Special

 50 pound can of best compound
 \$4.50

 25 yards standard calico for
 \$1.00

 A sack of Oriole Flour free to each of the five families trading the biggest bills \$4.50

# Herod & Company

Trades Day Special

First Bale of Cotton Ginned Free

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D. N. Leaverton

50c

fartherest distance.

# Frank Allen

Trades Day Special

3 bottles Garrett snuff..... trading the biggest bill. 6 boxes of soda and 6 bars of soap free to the person

# 0. W. Davis, AGENT

Houston Cotton Oil Mill Trades Day Special

bought this day. \$1.00 per ton premium on every load of cotton seed

# T. H. Leaverton Lumber Company Trades Day Special

Sunset Paint per gallon..... Linseed Oil, per gallon... Free with every bill of lumber for a house, enough

..60c

paint to paint the outside of the house.

# Traylor Brothers

Trades Day Special

gest bill. 10 bars Clairette Soap for... A \$5.00 ladies' hat free to the person buying the big-......25c

# Keeland Trades Day Special Brothers

buying a big range. of furniture and a 12 piece toilet set free A rocking chair free to the person buying the biggest bill 8 the person

# WARREN & SADLER, Props. Cash Grocery Co.

Trades Day Special

7 roasted coffee for.... buying biggest bill of flour. FREE\_A sack of Mountain Peak flour to the \$1.00 family

100 lbs. Cotton Seed Meal, .....

this day. \$1.00 per ton premium on every load of cotton seed bought

# Lively

Trades Day Special

All Cotton

# Spence

First Bale of

# Mrs. George Moore

Ladies hats, worth \$3.00 for ..... Ladies hats, worth \$4.00 Ladies hats, worth \$5.00 Ladies hats, worth \$2.00 for Now on display at Ladies Rest Room in W R Wherry's store. Trades Day Special \$1.85 ....\$2.00 ....\$2.85

# City Barber Shop

J. W. CASKEY, Prop.

of shoes. 20 lbs. granulated sugar 10c ginghams at per yd. A pair of shoes free to the family buying biggest bill ......7c

# Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Trades Day Special

of every family vi A handsome souveneir free isiting the bank

Weighed Free

# Brothers

Trades Day Special

Cotton Ginned Free

Trades Day Special

15c Tonics for 10c Trades Day Only

# Kennedy Brothers

Trades Day Special

to the head

One Sack to each man ..\$1.30

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Top Market Prices for Cattle

# W. R. Wherry

Trades Day Special

Fancy patent flour ... High patent flour ... \$1.30 \$1.20

# J. J. Brooks

4 10c cans baking powder for ... Trades Day Special

picture frame to each of the next five largest bills. kets free to the family buying biggest bill, and a nice Men's and boys' clothing at cost A pair of wool blan-

# Calhoun & Leaverton

Trades Day Special

Public Auction of Horses and Mules

# T. S. Kent

Trades Day Special

largest bill. 12 boxes Searchlight matches Red Jay and Red Lion tobacco per lb ... spools Williamantic thread for ... \$3.50 in merchandise free to the family John Deere wagons at cost. trading the

# Clewis

Trades Day Special

10 per cent discount on every suit order-

NOTICE TO CONTESTANTS

Everyone competing for the premiums offered by the Board of Trade will drive to the Guaranty State Bank, where they will register. A competent man will be there to have charge of the registering and fairness will be dealt to all. The contest closes at 2:30 o'clock in order to give the judges ample time in which to make their decision, and their decision will be final.

The judges for this occasion have been selected for their honesty and integrity, and are as follows:

P. L. Fulgham, Mack Garrison, H. B. Powell, Holland Scarbrough, Ernest Matthews and W. M. Bumgarner.

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# HI AND Wednesda October 2

enterprising little city west of the Mississippi river. many bargains offered. Come to Grapeland and you will be in the most up-to-date people of Houston and adjoining counties are earnestly requested to come and take advantage of the The Grapeland Board of Trade will have its first Trades Day, Wednesday, October and the most 29th, and the

will be given by every merchant in town selling goods. trains, and those who remain until night, will be given free tickets to the Airdome Theater. hicles and live stock, and your every want will be looked after as far as possible. Those coming in on market in Texas for your COTTON, COTTON SEED, COUNTRY PRODUCE, HORSES, MULES, HOGS, Come to Grapeland and bring anything you have to sell or trade and you will be in the best Our roads are good and our room is large. There will be provided ample trading grounds for ve-Come to Grapeland and we assure you a hearty welcome and a pleasant stay while you are with Tickets

take one day off and visit the biggest town of its size in Texas. Any article purchased that is not satisfactory may be returned or exchanged at the price paid. Read the many bargains offered by our live wires and you will see that it is to your interest to on this day

# Wednesday, October 29t

# remium

Below is a list of premiums that will be given away

\$100.00 will be paid for the bale of cotton coming the far-therest distance, hauled on a wagon. This cotton must grade strict low middling or better and must weigh not less than 500 pounds. It will be weighed free.

one wagon on Trades Day. \$5.00 will be paid to the largest family coming to town in

\$2.50 and ginning and weighing will be paid to the man bringing a bale of seed cotton the fartherest distance to town trades day, same to be ginned here.

of ladies to town in one wagon on trades day. \$10.00 will be paid to the man bringing the largest number

is a snap for somebody-IT MAY BE YOU. premiums. Read their ads on this page carefully. Everyone In addition to this list of premiums, the merchants offer

Read the "Notice to Contestants" at the bottom of page.

Come to Stapeland on drades Day, Oct. 29th

# J. N. Parker

Trades Day Special

9 lbs good green coffee for..... Free to family trading biggest bill: A 6

The Wariety Store

A PHILLIPS, Mgr

7 5c cigars for....

....\$1.30

A. B. Guice

Trades Day Special

\$10.00 Off on first buggy sold for cash.

D. N. Leaverton

Trades Day Special

E. W. Davis

All Cotton Weighed Free

Howard

# A. S. Porter, Druggist

Trades Day Special

25c box of soap with each 25c can of talcum powder. \$1.00 in cash free to the family having the largest number of children in the scholastic age, in town, and a fountain treat to the entire family

J. B. Lively

Trades Day Special

# THE TEXAS STEER

A Record of Progress Made by the Cattle Industry.

Like the Indian, the longhorn steer has been compelled to give way to civilization and he is now used principally in staging moving picture plays, as the star performer in wild west shows and posing before the camera for picture card souven-

Our endless ranges have been cut up into innumerable small stock farms, the cattle barons have given way to farmers and quality has taken the place of quantity in the livestock industry of the state.

The market demands quality and the Texas steer has shown his ability to master the world's markets and his products fill the nation's

Texas cattle have advanced more rapidly in value than those of any other state in the Union during the past twenty years. The federal census reports show that we had 8,011,-195 head in 1890 valued at \$75,227,-582 or \$9.40 per head, and in 1910 we had 7,139,400 head valued at \$138,957,404 or a value of \$19.46 each . We show a decrease of 871,-795 in number and an increase in value of \$10.06 per head. On January 1st, 1913, we had 12,527,000 head of livestock in the state classifying as follows: Cattle 6,056,000, horses 1,181,000, mules 724,000, hogs 2,493,000, sheep and goats 2,-073,000. We have four head of livestock per capita. We have more cattle than any other state in the Union and take first rank in the number of mules. The value of our livestock production per annum approximates \$148,000,000 and the value of meat consumed \$150,000,000, leaving a net deficit of \$2,000,000. The principal loss is on hogs. We consume \$24,000,000 more of pork than we produce, and in leather we suffer a loss of \$17,000,000, although we show a gain of \$28,000,000 in cattle.

The cowboy has been pushed back across the plains. Royal blood has entered the veins of the Texas steer and a marvelous transformation has taken place in the cattle industry of the state. We now have the best grade of cattle in the world and select stock from our farms and ranches will be on exhibition at the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, November 22-28.

# ESTIMATES FOR THIS YEAR

Annual Appropriations by Government Indicate Strides Being Made in Road Improvement.

No better idea of the forward strides being made by the office of public roads can be had than from figures connected with the annual appropriations. The appropriation for the present fiscal year is \$41,400 more than for the preceding year, while the estimate for the fiscal year of 1913-1914 is \$134,120 more than the present allotment. One of the items mentioned in connection with the appropriation for the coming fiscal year is roadmaking investigation, for which work an increase of \$89,000 is asked. The present amount available for such work is \$75,000. The next highest increase is asked for road management. \$31,000, as but \$25,000 is available this year. The amount now ready for use in field experiments, \$30,000, the office would like doubled. Included in this list of necessary increases is one for salaries, thus placing the office of pub-He roads on a par with practically all other branches of the government service that are striving to raise the pay of the government clerk. The appropriation asked for this is a raise from \$37,020 for the present year to \$54,400.

Combat Dusty Roadways. An English city is experimenting with granular calcium chloride to combat dusty roadways, applying about half a pound to the square yard.

Baked Bananas. The banana may be baked whole, one side of the skin being stripped back in this case, or it may be peeled and cut in halves or quarters. The fruit should be placed in a baking pan sprinkled with cinnamon, a half cupful of sugar, a pinch of salt and tiny bits of butter. Pour into the pan a half cupful of water and baste frequently while baking in a quick oven. Lemon juice may be substituted for cinnamon, making it into a sirup before baking, then pouring over the fruit when placed in the oven. Apples may be baked with the peeled bananas with delicious results, adding a dash of demon juice.

# OUR HOME INDUSTRIES



I-MANUFACTURED GOODS.

We consume \$750,000,000 of manufactured goods per annum and of this amount \$650,000,000 is manufactured out of the State .- Commercial Secretaries.

# A GGOD HINT TO THE HOUSEWIFE

woman is to buy everything as cheaply as possible, and her success in life largely depends upon the way she spends the family earnings. Her dollar is the yardstick by which all bargains are measured and her pocket book governs her expenditures. Before she places an order she meditates and investigates. She welcomes any suggestion intended to decrease the high cost of living or increase her purchasing rendered at the Airdome Theater efficiency.

and every advertisement you were shown. read in this paper is the expression of a dealer whose methods and goods are honest. Get the ad reading habit and increase the purchasing power of your Office in Leaverton's Drug Store dollar. You will be well advised if you accept their suggestions. -W. Holt Harris.

Joints that ache, muscles that are drawn or contracted should be treated with Ballard's Snow Liniment. It penetrates to the spot where it is needed and relieves suffering. Price 25c, 50c and \$1 00 per bottle. Sold by A. S. Porter.

Strengthen the tired kidneys and purify the liver and bowels with a few doses of Prickly Ash Bitters. It is an admirable kid. Adv. boy baby.

# And Strength

sickness comes through her kidneys and bladder oftener than she knows. Foley Kidney Pills will invigorate and restore her, and weak back, nervousness, aching joints and irregular bladder action will all disappear when Foley Kidney Pills are used. Sold by D. N. Leaverton. Adv.

A special feature program was Saturday night, and a large The advertisements of this crowd was present to enjoy it. paper are an open mine of reli- Aside from the regular 3 - reels able information on purchasing of pictures, Garland & Gilbert problems of the housewife. They pulled off a laughable vaudeville represent a service rendered by stunt, and many pictures of the merchant to the consumer Grapeland scenes and people

# Dr. Sam Kennedy PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

Main Street



Home-Keeping Women Need Health / A good remedy for a bad cough is Ballard's Horehound Syrup. The work of a home-keeping irritation. Price 25c, 50c and It heals the lungs and quiets The tendency of the average her strength and vitality, and Porter.

> In the chill season see that your liver is active. Any derangement in that organ opens the door for malarial germs. An occasional dose of Herbine is all that is necessary to keep the All the rest can be fairly described as liver in sound working condition. Price 50c. Sold by A. S. Por- inf compared to the money waste

A Torpid Liver is a fine field for the Malarial Germ and it thrives wonderfully. The cer-tain result in such cases is a spell of Chills. HERBINE owerful Chill Tonic and

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Liver Regulator.

It puts the liver in healthy, vigorous condition and cures the chills by destroying the disease germs which infest the system. Herbine is a fine anti-periodic medicine, more effective than the syrupy mixtures that sicken the stomach; be-cause it not only hills the dis-ease germs, but acts effectively in the liver, stomach and bowels, thus putting the system in condition to successfully resist the usual third or seventh day return of the chill. Herbine is a cleansing and invigorating medicine for the whole body.

Price 50e per Bottle. James F. Ballard, Prop. St. Louis, Mo. Stephens Eye Salve is a healing cintment for Sore Eyes.

SOLD AND RECOMMENDED BY A. S. PORTER, DRUGGIST

I. M. Baber of the Antrim community was in town Saturday and paid us a very pleasant visit. Mr. Baber's trips to Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Caskey Grapeland are "far between" and ney tonic. A. S. Porter, Special are the proud parents of a fine we are always glad when he comes to see us.

# POULTRY ATTRACTION

Chickens That Have Cackled and Crowed in the Presence of Kings Will be Shown at Ft. Worth Fat Stock Show.

Roosters that have crowed in the presence of kings and hens that have pecked at the judges of poultry shows on both continents, will be exhibited at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, November 22-28.

Every year the blooded hens and high-browed roosters from all over the world assemble at the show, chatter about the premiums, cackle and crow over the blue ribbons, return to the barnyard boasting of their triumphs and spread the fame of the Stock Show throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The hen will be one of the leading attractions of the show and she is a splendid entertainer. Her form is exquisitely molded in all shapes and sizes from the ornamental to the useful. Her attire is the pink of perfection and her form and color are of latest design. In utility she is without an equal in the Texas barn-yard. Her cackle is as musical as the clink of gold dollars, she buys the baby new dresses, keeps the family in groceries and pays off farm mortgages. She has put on a shell game that has driven the fakers from the fair grounds in shame and she has netted the housewife millions of dollars.

For years she has maintained her supremacy as a star performer and this year she will put on a show that will rival all pre-vious exhibits. In giving the largest returns on the amount invested, she takes sweep-stakes. The markets of the world are clamoring for the Texas steer; the packers are loudly calling for more hogs; the sheep boasts of the demand for its fibre, but they must all bow down before the Texas hen. She lays three times her value per annum, raises annually a brood of chickens worth ten times her value and then lays down her life to appease human hunger.

The poultry industry in Texas has reached mammoth proportions. During the past year the total produc-tion, including eggs, approximated \$25,000,000. The egg output alone was worth \$18,000,000. We have approximately 25,000,000 domestic fowls. We have more turkeys and geese than any other state in the

# POOR ROADS ARE EXPENSIVE

American Farmer Pays 25 Cents Mile Per Ton for Carrying Farm Products to Market.

There are 2,100,000 miles of public roads in this country. Only 150,000 miles, or 7 per cent., are improved. bad roads. The waste of our natural resources, reckless as it is, is noth-Adv. brought about by this condition of our highways.

> It costs the French peasant an average of 12 cents a mile per ton to haul his produce to market. It costs the American farmer an average of 25 cents a mile per ton, or 100 per cent. more than the Frenchman. During the year 1905-1906 hauling of farm produce to shipping points amounted to between forty and fortyfive million tons weight. The average haul was 9.4 miles. If the farmers could have done their hauling over French roads, instead of their own inferior ones they would have netted \$58,900,000 more on their crops.

> But all the hauling to shipping points is not done by farmers by any means. The interstate commerce commission tells us that in all something like 250,000,000 tons are hauled for shipment every year. The willingness to move this immense volume of freight over poor roads, as against good roads such as France enjoys, costs the country a cool unnecessary \$305,000,000 a year.

> These figures and facts come from the office of Logan Waller Page, the United States director of public works.

# Stove Protector.

To keep a stove clean when frying make a circular opening, the size of a stove lid, in the center of an asbestos mat. Have the mat large enough to protect that part of the stove on which grease is likely to get spattered. Lay the mat on the stove, set the frying pan on the opening, and the frying may be done with the consciousness that the stove will be clean when the mat is removed .- Ladies' Home Journal.

# LOCAL NEWS

Dr.G.H.Black, The Dentist. ad

See those nobby fall samples at Clewis' tailor shop.

We buy the best only. Cash Grocery Co.

Just arrived, car of cypress shingles. See us. Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

See Clewis, the tailor if your clothes are dirty.

We will deliver meat every morning. Phone us your orders. J B Lively.

Dock Trimble of Augusta was hob-nobbing with his Grapeland friends Saturday.

Call on J. P. Royall for repairs in shoes, harness and saddles, at Adv. adv. Clewis' shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Shank of Crockett visited the family of W. T. Taylor Sunday.

Hulls and meal are POSITIVE-LY CASH-NO CREDIT. Don't ask it. J. W. Howard.

Miss Rosa Bishop left Sunday morning for Ash, where she will teach school this term.

Harry Brewton and his sister, Miss Ada, of Crockett were the guests of relatives Saturday and Sunday.

See T. H. Leaverton Lumber them. Co., and get a glass for that window that bothered you all last winter.

Buy your flour from us. We guarantee to save you money. Happy Day and Mountain' Peak. Cash Grocery Co.

"Doctor" M. L. Clewis, Clothes Specialist. All troubles of any kind of wearing apparel carefully treated. Give him a trial. adv.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lansford and children of Crockett were the guests of Dr. McCarty and family Sunday.

Tom Whitaker, son of I N. Whitaker, was thrown from a

# PORTER'S Drug Store

AGENT

Galveston Daily and Semi-Weekly Farm News. Houston Daily Post and Semi-Weekly Farm and Fireside.

RENEW WITH US

Plenty of seed oats. Cash Grocery Co.

Mrs. J. C. Kennedy visited relatives in Crockett this week.

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T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co., sell the best paint on the market, 'Masury's."

If you desire satisfactory work, carry your old clothes to Clewis.

Doors, wiodows, paints, glass, stains, columns, mouldingeverything in the building line. Adv. T. H. Leaverton Lbr. Co.

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A Model 50 Overland Roadster in good condition.

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FOUND-A pair of glasses in case. Owner may have same by calling at this office, describing property and paying for this

Blue Ribbon and Wire Grass pure Georgia cane syrup, winter pack, rubber sealed and absolutely pure.

Adv. Cash Grocery Co.

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I am in the market for hogs. Will buy all you have to sell and will pay you a good price for George Calhoun.

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Did you know that we have converted our shop into a horseshoing shop. We propose to duplicate anything in that line ever done in your town. Come and see. A. C. Driskell. adv

LOST-A pair of gold skeleton frame glasses in red morocco case. Lost between Roy Brewton's and F. A. Lively's residence on Percilla road. Finder please leave at Messenger office, and recieve liberal reward. Adv.

# Notice

Leave your laundry where the mule Saturday and broke his laundry boy can get it on Tuesday evening as school will start and compel us to gather it Tuesday evening.

Adv. J. W. Caskey.

# Shingles For Sale

at my mill 1 mile east of Grapeland and my mill 3 miles east of Slocum. Heart shingles at Slocum mill \$2.25 per 1000.

T. S. Goodnight.

LOST-Ladies pendant, pink Cameo, somewhere between town and S. E. Howard's residence. Finder will be liberally rewarded if returned to the Messenger office.

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of Grapeland

Takes pleasure in offering its services to those who are contemplating opening a Bank account, promising them as good service as can be found anywhere.

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The GUARANTY STATE BANK

GUARANTY FUND BANK

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellis were up from Crockett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Scarbrough visited relatives in Palestine Sunday.

### The Grapeland Gun Club will shoot every Thursday afternoon. adv

Everything the market affords in fruits and vegetables. Phone us your wants.

Cash Grocery Co.

If your piano needs tuning and regulating would appreciate the work. Drop me a card.

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R. C. Thames of Crockett is here and has about closed a deal for a farm near town. He and his son will also conduct a mercantile business and hope to be open for business by the first. His family will move here pretty soon. We extend them a hearty welcome.

# A Marvelous Escape

"My little boy had a marvelous escape," writes P. F. Bastiams of Prince Albert, Cape of Good Hope, "It occured in the middle of the night. He got a very severe attack of croup. As luck would have it, I had a large bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the house. After following the directions for an hour and twenty minutes he was through all danger." Sold by all dealers.

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We wish to announce that we have purchased the interest of Mr. R. S. Garland in the Airdome Theater, and it will be our policy in the future, as in the past, to give the public the very best pictures possible to obtain. We select the very best and most up-to-date reels going, and our patrons are assured that they will see the very best at the Airdome. We will show three nights a week-Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Special attractions from time to time. We will thank you for your patronage.

Adv. Calhoun & Leaverton.

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# T. S. KENT

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Mr.J.A.Adams, an experienced berlain's Tablets have done me worth, one of our most accom- dry goods man, of Longview, more good than anything else," plished young lady school teach- has accepted a position as head says W. G. Mattison, No. 7 Sher- ers, left Sunday for Waneta, of the dry goods department in man St., Hornellsville, N. Y. where she will teach the coming Geo. E. Darsey's store. We are glad to have Mr. Adams with us. SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I-Fran arrives at Hamilton Gregory's home in Littleburg, but finds him absent conducting the choir at a camp meeting.

CHAPTER II—She repairs thither in coarch of him, laughs during the service and is asked to leave.

CHAPTER III—Abbott Ashton, super-intendent of schools, escorts Fran from the tent. He tells her Gregory is a wealthy man, deeply interested in charity work, and is a pillar of the church. Ash-ton becomes greatly interested in Fran and, while taking leave of her, holds her hand and is seen by Sapphira Clinton, dister of Robert Clinton, chairman of the school board. chool board.

CHAPTER IV-Fran tells Gregory she wants a home with him. Grace Noir, Gregory's private secretary, takes a violent dislike to Fran and advises her to go away at once. Fran hints at a twenty-year-old secret, and Gregory, in agitation, tasks Grace to leave the room.

CHAPTER V-Fran relates a story of how Gregory married a young girl at Springfield while attending college and then deserted her. Fran is the child of that marriage. Gregory had married his present wife three years before the death of Fran's mother. of Fran's mother.

CHAPTER VI-Fran finds Mrs. Gregory a sweet, sincere woman and takes a liking to her.

CHAPTER VII—Gregory explains that Fran is the daughter of a very dear friend now dead. Fran agrees to the otory. Mrs. Gregory insists on her making her home with them and takes her to her arms. The breach between Fran and Grace widens

CHAPTER VIII-It is decided that Fran must go to school, Grace shows persistent interest in Gregory's story of his dead friend and hints that Fran may be an imposter. She threatens to marry Bob Clinton and leave Gregory's service, much to the latter's dismay. Fran de-clares that the secretary must go.

CHAPTER IX-Grace begins nagging tactics in an effort to drive Fran from the Gregory home, but Mrs. Gregory remains stanch in her friendship.

CHAPTER X-Fran is ordered before Superintendent Ashton to be punished for insubordination in school. Chairman Clinton is present. The affair ends in Fran leaving the school in company of the two men, to the amazement of the scandalmongers of the town.

CHAPTER XI—Abbott, while taking a walk alone at midnight, finds Fran on a bridge telling her fortune by cards. She tells Abbott that she is the famous lion tamer, Fran Nonpareil. She tired of circus life and wanted a home.

CHAPTER XII—Grace tells of seeing Fran come home after midnight with a man. She guesses part of the story and aurprises the rest from Abbott. She decides to ask Bob Clinton to go to Spring-field to investigate Fran's story.

th her battle against Grace. Egged on by Grace, Gregory insists on his wife going to church, something she has not done since Grace became one of the house-hold.

CHAPTER XIV-Fran offers her services to Gregory as secretary during the temporary absence of Grace. The latter, hearing of Fran's purpose, returns and interrupts a touching scene between fath-

CHAPTER XV-Fran goes fishing with Mrs. Gregory's brother. Abbott, whose retention as superintendent is to be decided that day, finds her sitting alone in a buggy. He joins her and is discovered by Clinton and his sister.

CHAPTER XVI-Grace tells Gregory chapter XVI—Grace tells Gregory she intends to marry Clinton and quit his service. He declares that he cannot continue his work without her. Carried away by passion, he takes her in his arms. Fran walks in on them, and declares that Grace must leave the house at once. To Gregory's consternation he learns of Clinton's mission to Springfield.

CHAPTER XVII-Clinton returns from Springfield and Abbott, at Fran's request, urges him not to divulge what he has learned. On Abbott's assurance that Grace will leave Gregory at once, Clinton agrees to keep silent.

CHAPTER XVIII—Driven into a corner by the threat of exposure, Gregory is forced to dismiss Grace.

CHAPTER XIX-Grace is offered the job of bookkeeper in Clinton's grocery store. Gregory declares he will kill him-self if she marries Clinton.

CHAPTER XX—Gregory's infatuation leads him to seek Grace at the grocery. He finds her alone and tells her the story of his past. Grace points out that as he married the present Mrs. Gregory before the death of Fran's mother, he is not now legally married. They decide to fice at

# CHAPTER XXI.

Flight.

To reach the station, they must either penetrate the heart of the town, or follow the dark streets of the outskirts. In the latter case, their association would arouse surprise and comment, but in the throng reasonable safety might be expected. Once in the station, they might hope to pass the hour of waiting in obscurity, since that was the last place that a search

would be made. After the first intense moment of exultation, both began to fear a possible search. Grace apparently dreaded discovery as shrinkingly as if her conscience were not clear, and Gregory, in the midst of his own perturbation, found it incongruous that she



"I Don't Think He Has Seen Us."

and the crowd pressed them close together-and she was always beautiful and divinely formed. The prospect of complete possession filled him with ecstasy, while Grace herself all other principles of conduct.

They gained the street before the court-house which by courtesy passed under the name of "the city square." Grace's hand grew tense on Gregory's arm-"Look!"

Her whisper was lost in the wind, but Gregory, following her frightened glance, saw Robert Clinton elbowing his way through the crowd, forcing his progress bluntly, or jovially, according to the nature of obstruction.

He did not see them and, by dodging. they escaped.

The nearness of danger had paled Grace's cheeks. Gregory accepted his own trembling as natural, but Grace's evident fear acted upon his nebulous state of mind in a way to condense jumbled emotions and deceptive longings into something like real thought. If they were in the right, why did they feel such expansive relief when the crowd swept them from the sidewalk to bear them far away from Robert Clinton?

The merry-go-round, its very music traveling in a circle, clashed its stemwhistlings and organ, wailings against a drum-and-trombone band, while these distinct strata of sound were cut across by an outcropping of graphophones and megaphones. Always out of sympathy with such displays, but now more than ever repelled by them, Grace and Gregory hurried away to find themselves penned in a court, surrounded on all sides by strident cries of "barkers," cracking reports from target-practice, fusillades at the "doll-babies," clanging jars from strength-testers and the like; while from this horrid field of misguided energy, there was no outlet save the narrow entrance they had unwittingly used.

"Horrible!" exclaimed Grace, halfstumbling over the tent-ropes that entangled the ground. "We must get out of this."

It was not easy to turn about, so dense was the crowd.

Scarcely had they accomplished the maneuver when Grace exclaimed below her breath, "There he is!"

Sure enough, Robert Clinton stood at the narrowest point of their way. He was clinging to an upright, and while thus lifted above the heads of the multitude, sought to scan every

"I don't think he has seen us." muttered Hamilton Gregory, instinctively lowering his head.

"We can't get out now," Grace lamented. "No, he hasn't seen usyet. But that's the only place of-of escape—and he keeps looking so curiously-he must have been to the store. He knows I'm away. He may have gone to the house."

It was because every side-show of the carnival company had insisted on occupying space around the courthouse, and because this space was meager, that the country folk and excursionists and townsmen showed in such compressed numbers at every turn. In reality, however, they were by no means countless; and if Robwho was always right, wanted to hide. from face to face, with that madden- found that there is a woman in town "as we are told we ought to treat our

ng thoroughness-

hoarsely whispered. "We'll meet at has gone to sit by it, so the mother the station."

the use? Anyway, he'll have to know you heard that we've lost a secretary tomorrow . . . everybody will know tomorrow! No," said Grace, overcoming a slight indecision, "the important thing is not to be stopped, whoever sees. Come this way."

"But there's no chance out, that way," Gregory returned, with the obstinacy of the weak. "And if he does see us, it won't do to be seeming to try to hide."

"But we are hiding," Grace said definitely. "Possibly we can keep moving.

about, and he will go away.' "Why should we hide, anyhow?" demanded Gregory, with sudden show of spirit.

To that, she made no reply. If he didn't know, what was the use to tell Gregory moved on, but glanced back

over his shoulder. "Now, he's getting down," he said in agitation. "He's making his way right toward us. . . All right, let him come!"

"In here-quick!" cried Grace, dragging him to one side. Quick!" A voice stopped them with, "Your

tickets, please." "Oh, no," wailed Gregory, "not into a show, Grace. We can't go into a

show. It's-it's impossible." She spoke rapidly: "We must. We'll be safe in there, because no one would ever suppose we'd go into such a

place." "But Grace," said Gregory firmly, "I cannot-I will not go into a show."

The voice addressed him again: "It's first-class in every particular, lady. There is nothing here to bring the blush of shame to the cheek of the most fastidious. See those fierce maneating lions that have been captured in the remotest jungles of Africa-"

Gregory looked back. Robert Clinton was drawing nearer. As yet he had not discovered them, but his eyes, grown fiercer and more impatient, were never at rest.

With a groan, Gregory thrust some money into the showman's hand, and he and Grace mingled with the noisy yielded to the love that had outgrown sight-seers flocking under the black be submerged. Was she actually trytent.

### CHAPTER XXII.

The Street Fair.

Littleburg was trembling under the fearful din of a carnival too big for it, when Abbott Ashton, after his weeks Hamilton Gregory's door. He discovage is on no friendly terms with falling dew; but every window was open.

he had been smiling most of the time hands, little friend; what do you during his drive from Simmtown with say? Robert Clinton. "Here I sit by the window, where sometimes I imagine I ed; "I just shake." your ears are younger-now!"

Abbott did not get all of this begravely tilted his head, then took the you back homeproffered ear-trumpet: "You are

right," he said, "I hear something." riumphantly. "But sometimes it's louder. How fine you look, Abbottjust as if your conscience doesn't hurt you for disappearing without past nine?" leaving a clue to the mystery. You needn't be looking around, sir-Fran isn't here."

"I wonder where she is?" Abbott smiled. "I'm dreadfully impatient to tell her the good news. Mrs. Jefferson, I'm to teach in a college-it's a much bigger thing than the position I lost here. And I have a chance to work out some ideas that I know Fran will like. I used to think that everything ought to be left precisely as it is, because it's been that way so long -I mean the church; and schools; and-and society. But I've made up my mind that nothing is right, unless it works right."

Mrs. Jefferson listened in desperate eagerness. "A watch?" she hazarded. "Exactly," he responded hastily, "If

watch doesn't run, what's the use of its being pretty? And if churches develop a gift of tongue instead of character, what's the value of their prayers and songs? And I've concluded that if schools don't teach us how to live, they have the wrong kind of springs and wheels. Where is Fran. Mrs. Jefferson?"

"Still," she temporized, "we can't get along without watches, Abbott." "No, nor schools, nor churches. But

they must have good works. Is Fran down at the fair, do you think?" The other bent toward him stealth-

ily. "Ask where Mrs. Gregory is," she said, wonderfully significant, "Well?"

"Abbott, listen: She's gone a-visit-

"Visiting!" Abbott was surprised. "Yes, visiting, she that hasn't been off this place to visit a soul for ages. I tell you, boy, times have changed, here. Maybe you think nobody'd be ert's eagle glance continued to travel left at home to visit; but Fran has

at she used to know, and the woman "We'd befter separate," Gregory has a mighty sick child, and Lucy shalantly. "Very well, then." can rest. Think of that, Abbott, think time. If we're not to talk till—" "No. If he sees us, what would be of Lucy going anywhere. My! Have at this place? I mean the future Mrs. Bob. Yes, she's gone. I'd as soon have thought of the courthouse being picked up and set in the parlor.'

Mrs. Jefferson drew back and said succinctly: "Fran did it!"

Her cap quivered as she leaned forward again. "Get her to tell you all about it. We darsen't speak about it much because of the neighbors. We conspired, Fran and I. Yes, she's down at the carnival, you boy!"

Abbott hastily departed. Later he found himself in a cloud-burst of con-



He Was Slightly Disconcerted.

fetti, on the "city square" and when he had cleared his eyes of the red and white snow, he saw Fran disappearing like a bit of crimson glass at the bottom of a human kaleidoscope. Fran had thrown the confetti, then fledhow much brighter she was than all the other shifting units of humanity.

He fought his way toward her determinedly, finding she was about to ing to elude him?

"Fran!" he cried reproachfully as he reached her side. "How have you the heart to run away from me after put new life into me-here! Get your I've been lost for weeks? Nobody

knew I'd ever be found." Fran gave up flight, and stopped to look at him. A smile slipped from the of absence returned to find himself at corner of one eye, to get caught at the corner of her demure mouth. "When ered old Mrs. Jefferson in the front you disappeared, you left me yourself. room-this July night-because old A friend always does. I've had you all the time."

Abbott glowed. "Still, it isn't exact-"Come in," she cried, delighted at ly the same as if I had been able to sight of his handsome, smiling face- touch your hand. Suppose we shake

"I don't say anything," Fran retort-

hear a faint, far-away sound. I judge Her handclasp was so hearty that it's from some carnival band. Take he was slightly disconcerted. Was her this chair and listen attentively: friendship so great that it left no room in her heart for something greater.

"I want to talk to you, Fran, talk cause of the Gargantuan roar that and talk, oh, just about all the long swept through the window, but he night through! Come, let me take

"Home? Me? Ridiculous! But I'll tell you the best place that ever was, "It's the street fair," she announced for the kind of talking you and I want to do to each other. Abbott, it won't matter to you-will it?-at what place I say to meet me, at about half-

"Why, Fran! It's not eight o'clock," Abbott remonstrated, glancing toward the courthouse clock to find it stopped, and then consulting his watch. "Do you think I am going to wait till-"

"We?" she mocked him. "Listen, Abbott, don't look so cross. I've a friend in town with a sick daughter, and she's a real friend so I must go to help her, a while."

He was both mystified and disappointed. "I didn't know you had any such friends in Littleburg," he remonstrated, remembering how unkind tongues had set the village against her.

Fran threw back her head, and her gesture was full of pride and confidence. "Oh!" she cried, "the town is full of my friends."

He could only stare at her in dumb amazement.

"All right, then," she said with the greatest cheerfulness, "at half-past nine. You understand the date ninethirty. Of course you wouldn't have me desert a friend in trouble. Where

shall we meet, Abbott-at nine-thirty? Shall we say, at the Snake-Eater's?"
"Go, Fran," he exclaimed, "I'll wait for you as long as I must, even if it's the eternity of nine-thirty; and I'd go, in, stoop lower." anywhere in the world to meet you, even to the den of the Snake-Eater."

"That's the way for a friend to talk!" she declared, suddenly radiant -a full Fran-sun, now, instead of the slender penetrating Fran-beam.

Seeing a leg-lined lane opening before her, she darted forward.

Abbott called-"But I can't promise to talk to you as a friend, when we meet-I mean, just as a friend."

Fran looked back at him, still dazzling. "I only ask you to treat me as farmers. well," she said with assumed humility,

"Till half-past nine," said Fran, not

"But what will we do in the mean-

### CHAPTER XXIII.

The Conqueror.

After the extinguishment of the Fran-beam, Abbott wanted to be alone, to meditate on stellar and solar brightness, but in this vociferous wilderness, reflection was impossible. One could not even escape recognition, one could not even detach oneself from a Simon Jefferson.

"Got back to town again, hey?" said Simon. That was enough about Abbott; Simon passed at once to a more interesting theme: "Taken in the Lion Show, yet?"

"I'm just waiting for nine-thirty. . I have an engagement." Futile words, indeed, since it was now only eight o'clock.

"You come with me, then, I know all the ropes. Hey? Oh, yes, I know mother thinks me in bed-for goodness' sake don't tell on me, she'd be scared to death. But actually, old man, this carnival is good for my heart. 'Tisn't like going to church, one bit. Preaching makes me feel oppressed, and that's what scares mefeeling oppressed." He rubbed his grizzled hair nervously. "Just for fear somebody'd go tell. I've had to sneak into all these shows like I'd been a thief in the night."

Simon urged Abbott along in the direction taken, but a few minutes before, by Hamilton Gregory and Grace Noir. "You see," Simon panted, when the girl fell off the trapeze-Her Handclasp Was So Hearty That heard about that, hey? Mother was overjoyed, thinking I'd missed the sickening sight. But bless your soul! -I was right at the front, hanging on to the railing, and I saw it all. Why. she pretty near fell on me. Her foot slipped just so-" Simon extended

his leg with some agility. "Was she killed?" Abbott asked, concealing his astonishment over Simon's evident acquaintance with the black tent before which they had paused.

"Well," Simon reluctantly conceded. "n-n-no, she wasn't to say killed-but dreadfully bruised up, Abbott, very painful. I saw it all; this carnival has ticket in a jiffy, or all the seats'll bel taken. You can't stand there like that -give me your quarter, I know how to jump in and get first place. That ticket agent knows me; I've been in five times."

From a high platform before the black tent, a voice came through a megaphone: "The Big Show. The Big Show. See those enormous lions riding in baby carriages while La Gonizetti makes other lions dance the fandango to her violin. See those-"

"Here, Abbott, follow!" called the breathless Simon Jefferson, "Of course we'll see what's there-no use listening to him, like an introduction in a novel of Scott's telling it all first. You follow me."

Abbott laughed aloud at Simon's ability as they pushed their way under the tent.

"Uh-huh, now see that!" groaned Simon reproachfully, as he looked about. "Every seat taken. I tell you, you've got to lift your feet to get into this show. Well, hang on to the rope -don't let anybody gouge you out of standing room."

At least two-thirds of the space under the tent was taken up by tiers of seats formed of thin, and apparently fragile, blue planks, springy to the foot and deafening to the ear. From hardened ground to fringed tent-ceiling, these overlapping rows of narrow boards were brimming with men, women and children who, tenacious of their holdings, seemed each to contain in his pockets the feet of him who

sat immediately behind. The seats faced an immense care which rose almost to the roof. As yet, it was empty, but smaller adjoining cages promised an animated arena when the signal should be given.

Gregory and Grace Noir had sought refuge on the highest seat, where they might overlook the crowd; here, with heads bent forward as if to avoid the canvas, they hoped to escape observation. Thanks to the influx of country folk, Littleburg citizens were rarely to be seen at such shows until a later and more fashionable hour. Gregory was relieved to find his topmost plank filled with strangers.

"All goes well," he said, pressing Grace's hand. "Nobody will find out that we have been in here."

"Watch for Mr. Clinton," Grace counseled cautiously. "If he comes

"They're all strangers, Grace, Providence is with us-there's Simon Jefferson!" He was too amazed to think of concealment.

"Hush! Yes-and Abbott Ashton." Gregory pulled his hat over his eyes.

Into the tent streamed a fresh body of sight-seers. Simon, swinging to the rope that was stretched in front of the big cage, grumbled at being elbowed by weary mothers and broad-chested

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The band entered and squatted upon blue boxes in one corner. Showy red coats were removed in deference to sweltering heat, and melody presided in undress. Three bears, two clowns and a bicycle sharpened interest in what was to come, whetting the mind upon jokes blunter than the intelligence of the audience. Even the band ceased playing though that had not seemed possible; its depressing andantinos had not only subdued the bears, rendering them as harmless as kittens, but had mournfully depressed the audience.

Into this atmosphere of tamed inertness, suddenly flashed a little figure whose quivering vitality communicated electric thrills. Even the clowns moved less like treadmill horses, as they took their stations at the smaller cages, waiting to lift the gates that would admit the restless lions into the central cage.

The form that had appeared-one knew not whence-was that of a slight woman, dressed in a short skirt of blue, and bodice of white satin. The trimmings which ran in all directions, were rich in pendants of gold and rubies. Above all, there was the alluring mystery of a crimson mask which effectually hid the woman's face.

Simon whispered into Abbott's always unready ear: "That isn't La Gonizetti. Wonder what this means? La Gonizetti is much more of a woman than this one, and she doesn't wear a mask, or much of anything else. La Gonizetti doesn't care who sees her. Why, this is nothing but a mere-I tell you now, if she ain't on to her job, I mean to have my money back." Simon glowered

Abbott stared in great perplexity. "Then who is she?" he exclaimed. "Simon-doesn't she remind you of-of some one we know?"

"Naw. She's got on La Gonizetti's dress, and her voice has the showgirl's clangy-tin-panny-whangdoodle, but that's all I recognize."

Abbott wondered that Simon failed to notice the similarity between the show-girl's movements and those of Fran. This woman had Fran's form. To be sure the voice was entirely different, but the rapidity and decisiveness of action, and the air of authority, were Fran's very own. However, the show-girl's hands were as dark as an Italian's, while Fran's were-well, not so dark, at any rate.

Abbott's brow did not relax. He stood motionless, staring at everything before him with painful intent-

Up near the roof, Gregory and Grace scarcely observed the entrance of the lion-tamer. Secured from espial, absorbed in each other, they were able, thanks to the surrounding clamor of voices, to discuss their future plans with some degree of confi-

Simon told Abbott-"Anyway, no amateur would rub up against those beasts, so I guess it's all right. They



Samson, Up! Samson, Up! Samson, Up!"

ain't but two lions; bill says ten; man that wrote the bill was the other eight. I reckon."

The show-girl was fastened in the central cage. The clowns raised the inner doors, and the lions shot from their cramped quarters swift as tawny arrows. They were almost against the slight figure, without seeming to observe her. For the fourth time since noon they stood erect, sniffing the air, their bodies unconfined by galling timbers and chilling iron. For the fourth time this day, they were to be put through their tricks by force of fear. They hated these tricks, as they hated the small cages in which they could not lash their tails. They hated the "baby carriage" in which one was presently to sit, while the other pushed him over the floor, his sullen majesty sport for the rabble. They hated the board upon which they must see-saw, while the woman stood in the middle, preserving equilibrium.

But greater than the lion's hatred, was their fear of the woman; and greater than their fear of her was their terror of that long serpent which, no matter how far it might dart through space, remained always in the woman's hand. They well knew & venomous bite, and as they slunk from side to side, their eyes were upon its coiling black tongue.

"I met Fran on the street," mur-

ingly. "She said she was going to one could look down and down. This visit a sick friend. When did you see Fran last, Simon?"

"Don't know," Simon said, discourhardest to manage. I reckon, one day, he'll just naturally jump afoul of her, and tear her to pieces. Look at him! I don't believe this girl is going to make him get up on top of that board. My! how he is showing his teeth at her. Say! This is a pretty good show, hey? Glad you came, uh? Say! Lock at his teeth!"

In truth, the black-maned lion opened his mouth to a frightful extent. making, however, not the slightest sound. He refused to budge.

Abbott shuddered. "Samson!" cried the woman, impellingly. The other lion was patientwaiting. He seemed fast asleep. Samson, however, was wide awake and every cruel tooth was exposed as he eyes was the glow of molten copper.

Suddenly Samson wheeled about, watching her covertly. and made a rush for his end of the dently the result of fear and natred, music was not the same; a terrible produced a ripple of laughter. The other lion, feeling the sudden tremor of Samson's weight, opened his eyes suddenly and twitched his tail. He was not asleep, after all.

Simon whispered hoarsely: "It's interesting all the way through. A fellow never knows what's going to happen. 'Tain't as if you was watching clowns, knowing what the joke's to be before they say it. To my mind, lions are more like men than clowns are."

Abbott found himself intensely nervous. He longed to have it all over. anxious, above all, to prove his fears groundless. Yet how were so many coincidences to be explained away? Fran had been a show-girl, a trainer of lions, and Abbott distinctly remembered that she had spoken of a "Samson." Fran had just these movements and this height. He missed Fran's mellow voice, but voices may be disguised; and the hands now raised toward the audience may have been stained dark. Who was that "sick friend" that Fran had possibly mentioned only as an excuse for escaping? Was that a subterfuge? And why this red mask which, according to Simon Jefferson, was an innovation?

At every trick, the black-maned lion balked. He seemed resolved not to leap upon the wall-bracket; and, after attaining the precarious elevation, he pretended not to understand that he must descend. His insubordination disquieted the enormous animal acting the corresponding part. Even he began to pace softly to and fro at such times as he should have remained motionless.

When the time came for the clown to hand the woman her violin he was afraid, and withdrew his arm with marvelous rapidity. His grotesque disguise could not hide his genuine uneasiness. The members of the band, routine work bring catastrophe. Nothing had gone right but the see-sawing act; but of all this, the crowd was ig-

After the violin playing-"Now," Simon Jefferson announced, gleefully, "there's only one more act, but it's a corker, let me tell you-that's why she's resting a minute. La Gonizetti gets astride of Samson—the one that's mad-and grabs his mane, and pretends to ride like a cowboy. Calls herself a rough rider. Makes Samson get on top of that table, then she gets on top of him."

"But this isn't La Gonizetti," Abbott protested, shuddering again.

"Now you've said something. That's right. But it looks like she's gameshe'll try it-we'd better stand a little farther back."

A hand was laid upon Abbott's arm. "Abbott," said the voice of Robert Clinton, harsh from smothered excitement, "You went to Gregory's house -did you see him?"

Abbott did not hear. The refractory lion, knowing that his time had come to be ridden, was asserting his independence. He would not leap upon the table. The other lion stood watching sleepily to see if he would obey.

"That you, Clinton?" Simon's greeting was tense with enjoyment. "Got here for the best of it didn't you! Seems to me I saw Gregory somewhere not long ago, but I wasn't thinking about him.'

"Hercules!" the masked woman addressed the gentler of the lions, "Go to your place. Hercules-go to your place!"

Hercules turned to his blue box, and seated himself upon it, leaving his tail to take care of itself.

'Say, Simon," muttered Robert Clinton, "you didn't see Miss Grace Noir, did you?"

"Shut up!" said Simon desperately. The show-girl was flercely addressing the black-maned iton. "Now! Now! To the table! To the table!"

Samson did not budge. Facing the woman of the mask, he opened his mouth, revealing the red cave of his throat—past the ivory sentinels that

mured Abbott, as he watched, unblink not only stood guard, but threatened, was no yawn of weariness, but a sign of rebellion-a sort of noiseless roar.

The trainer retreated to the farther agingly. "Now they're going to see- side of the cage, then made a forward saw. The black-maned one is the rush, waving her whip, and shouting clangorously, "Up, Samson, up Samson, up!" She did not pause in her course till close to his face.

> Again he opened his mouth, baring every tooth, voiceless, but unconquered.

Hercules, finding that affairs had come to a halt, slowly descended from his box, keeping his half-opened eyes upon the woman. Restlessly he began to pace before the outer door.

The slight figure withdrew several steps, then smote the rebellious lion a sharp blow across the mouth. He snapped at the lash. It slipped away from between his teeth. Having resly standing on his end of the board, cued her whip, she shouted to the other lion: "Back to your place, Hercules. Hercules-back to your place!"

She stood pointing sternly toward stretched his mouth. In his amber the box, but Hercules stretched himself across the place of exit and lay

The faces of the band boys had besec-saw. He stepped upon it. He was come of a yellowish paleness. They conquered. His haste to obey, evi- continued to pound and blow) but the



"I Do Not Care What You Do," Said Still More Roughly.

foreboding brought a sense of faintness even to the boldest.

From behind the mask came the voice. A mighty roar shook the loosescream-"Up, Samson, up, Samson-

Then it was that Samson found his voice. A mighty roar shook the lossely-set bars of the central cage-they vibrated visibly. The roar did not come as one short sharp note of deflance; it rose and fell, then rose anew, varying in the inflections of the voice of a slave who dares to threaten, fears even while he threatens, and gathers passion from his fear.

At that fearful reverberation, the audience started up, panic-stricken. too, played their notes with unusual Hitherto, the last act had been regardcare, lest the slightest deviation from ed as a badly-played comedy; now tragedy was in the air.

Gregory and Grace Noir at that instant, became alive to their surroundings. Hitherto, despising the show, rebellious at the destiny which had forced them to attend it, they had been wholly absorbed in their efforts to escape observation. The roaring of the lion startled them to a perception of the general alarm.

Grace clung to Gregory. "Oh, save me!" she panted hysterically.

The voice of the woman behind the bars rang throughout the tent-"Sit down!" The voice was not loud, now, but singularly penetrating. "Sit down, all of you, and remain absolutely motionless, or I am lost."

She dared not remove her gaze from Samson's eyes; but on hearing no rattling of planks, she knew her appeal had been obeyed. There came to her, however, the smothered cries of terdfled women, mingled, here and there, with unrestrained ejaculations of dis-

Abbott Ashton, but a few yards distant, grasped the rope with bloodless hands; he appeared as a white statue, seeming not even to breathe. In that moment, Robert Clinton forgot the jealous suspicion that had tortured his heart since missing Grace Noir from

Grace Noir, her eyes closed, her cheeks pallid, leaned her head upon Gregory's shoulder, quivering convulsively.

"There, there," Gregory whispered in her ear, soothingly, "everything will be all right."

The masked woman for the second time addressed the terrified audience, still not venturing to turn her head in their direction: "Whoever moves, or speaks, or cries aloud, will be my murderer. I have only one hope left, and I'm going to try it now. I ask you people out there to give me just this one chance for my life. Keep absolutely still."

Again Samson uttered his terrible oar. It alone was audible. Tier above tier, faces rose to the tent-roof, white and set. The audience was like one huge block of stone in which only faces have been carved.

The penetrating voice addressed the band boys: "Don't play. He can tell you're frightened."

The agitated music ceased.

Then the woman walked to the fartherest side of the inclosure. In doing so she was obliged to pass the crouching form of Hercules, but she pretended not to know he was there; she moved slowly backward, always facing Samson.

At last the vertical bars prevented farther retreat. Then she lifted her hand slowly, steadily, and drew off her crimson mask. It dropped at her feet, Despite the muffled street-noises that never ceased to rumble from afar, the whispering sound of the silken mask. as it struck the plank floor of the cage, was distinctly audible.

"Grace!" Gregory whispered in horror-"it's Fran!"

Grace started from his embrace at the name and glared down upon the stage. She sat erect, unsupported, petrified.

Gregory's brow was moistened with a chilled dew. "It's Fran," he mum-

bled, "it's Fran! Grace-pray for her!" Fran looked Samson steadily in the yes, and Samson glared back fixedly. For a few moments, this quiver be tween life and death remained at the breaking point. Had a stranger at that moment looked under the tententrance, he might have thought everybody asleep. There was neither sound nor movement.

Grace whispered-"It is the hand of God!"

Her tone was almost inaudible, but Gregory shrank as from a mortal blow; its sinister meaning was unmistakable. Swiftly he turned to stare at

In Grace's eyes was a wild and ominous glare akin to that of the threatening lion. It was a savage conviction that Fran was at last confronted by the justice of heaven.

Suddenly Fran crouched forward till her head was almost on a level with her waist, in so much that it was a physical exertion to hold her face uplifted. In this sinuous position she was the embodiment of power. If she felt misgivings concerning this last resource, there was no look to betray Straight toward Samson she rushed, her body lithe and serpentine, her direction unerring.

To the beast, Fran had become one of those mysterious flying serpents which bite from afar. He felt the sting of her terrible eyes and his gaze grew shifty. It wandered away, and, on returning, found her teeth bared, as if feeling for his heart.

Rushing up to his very face-"Samson!" she cried, impellingly.

Again he seemed to feel the lash upon his tawny skin. 'Samson. Up, Samson, up, Samson

-up! Suddenly Samson wheeled about, and leaped upon the table.

Fran stamped her foot at the other lion. "Go to your place, Hercules!" she cried, with something like contempt.

Hercules slowly rose, stretched himself, then marched to his box. He Samson waiting upon the table then mounted to his place, and seemed to

And now, at last, Fran looked at the spectators. Stepping lightly to the cried, with vibrating earnestness, afraid. He knew it! And I wanted to "you people out there-you can't think how I love you! You've saved my life. You are perfect heroes. Now make all the noise you please."

"May we move?" called a cautious voice from a few feet away. It was Abbott Ashton, with eyes like stars.

Fran looked at him, wordering at his thoughts. She answered by an up-

ward movement of her hand. As though by a carefully rehearsed arrangement, the audience rose to its feet, band boys and all. Such a shout! Such waving of hats and handkerchiefs! Such unabashed sobs! Such inarticulateness-such graspings of neighboring hands! The spectators had gone mad with joyful relief.

Fran leaped upon the table, and

mounted Samson. "Now, I'm a rough rider!" shouted, burying her hands in the mane, and lying along the lion's back in true cowboy fashion. She plunged, she shouted loudly, but Samson only

closed his eyes and seemed to sleep. After that, making the lions return to their cramped side cages was a

mere detail. The show was ended. Fran, remaining in the empty cage, stood at the front, projecting her hand through the bars to receive the greetings of the crowd. Almost every one wanted to shake hands with her.

"Look, look!" Simon Jefferson suddenly grasped Robert Clinton's hand, and pointed toward the tent-roof. "There they are!"

Something very strange had happened up there, but it was lost to Clinton's keen jealous gaze—one of those happenings in the soul, which, however momentous, passes unobserved in the midst of the throng.

"Not so fast!" Grace cautioned Gregory. "We must wait up here till the very last-don't you see Mr. Clinton? And Simon Jefferson is now pointing us out. We can't go down that war-"

"We!" Gregory harshly echoed. "We! I have nothing to do with you, Grace Noir. Go to him, if you will."

Grace turned ashen pale. "What do you mean?" she stammered. "You tell. me to go to Mr. Clinton?"

"I tell you to go where you please. That girl yonder is my daughter, doyou understand? Don't hold me back! I shall go to her and proclaim her as my child to the world. Do you hear

me? That's my Fran!" Grace shrank back in the suspicion that Hamilton Gregory had gone mad like the rest of the crowd. "Do you mean that you never want to see me again? Do you mean that you want me to marry Mr. Clinton?"

"I do not care what you do," he said, still more roughly.

"You do not care?" she stammered. bewildered. "What has happened? You do not care-for me?"

She looked deep into his eyes, but found no incense burning there. The shrine was cold.

"Mr. Gregory! And after all that has passed between us? After I have given you my-myself-"

Gregory seized her arm, as if to hold her off. His eyes were burning dangerously: "I saw murder in your heart while you were watching Fran." he whispered fiercely. "That's my daughter, do you understand? I know you now, I know you now. . . stumbled down the steps, pushing out of his way those who opposed his progress.

Grace stared after him with bloodless cheeks and smoldering eyes. Clearly, she decided, the sight of Fran's fearful danger had unbalanced his mind. But how could he care so much about that Fran? And how could he leave her, knowing that Robert Clinton was beginning to climb upward with eyes fastened upon her

But it was not the sight of Fran's danger that had for ever alienated Gregory from Grace Noir. In an instant, she had stood revealed to him as an unlovely monster. His sensitive nature, always abnormally alive to outward impressions, had thrilled responsively to the exultation of the audience. He had endured the agony of suspense, he had shared the universal enthusiasm. If, in a sense, he was a series of moods, each the result of blind impulse, it so happened that Grace's hiss-"It's the hand of God," turned his love to aversion; she was appealing as a justification of personal hatred, to the God they were both betraying.

Grace began to tremble as she watched Robert Clinton coming up, and Hamilton Gregory descending. She had trusted foolishly to a broken reed, but it was not too late to preserve the good name she had been about to besmirch. The furnace-heat in which rash resolves are forged, was cooled. Gregory had deserted Fran's mother; he was false to Mrs. Gregory: he would perhaps have betrayed Grace in the end; but Clinton was at hand, and his adoration would endure.

In the meantime, the voice of Fran was to be heard above that of the happy crowd: "I love you all. You looked from Fran to the immovable helped me do it. I should certainly have been mangled but for you perfect heroes. Yes, thank you. Yes, I feel fine. . . And, oh, men and women, I could just feel your spirits holding mine up till I was so bars, she threw kisses this way and high-I was in the clouds. That's what that, smiling radiantly. "Oh!" she subdued Samson. He knew I wasn't win out for your sakes as well as my own-yes I did! Thank you men.

Thank you, women. . . . Well, if here aren't the children, toobless your brave hearts! . . . And is that your baby? My goodness, and what a baby it is! . . . No, I'm not a bit tired-"

She stopped suddenly, on feeling a crushing grip. She looked down, a frown forming on her brow, but the sun shone clear when she saw Abbott Ashton. She gave him a swift look, as if to penerate his inmost thoughts.

He met her eyes unfalteringly, "It's already nine o'clock," he said with singular composure. "Don't forget nine thirty."

Then he disappeared in the crowd. Fran saw the ranks thinning before her. She was glad, for suddenly she found herself very tired. What would Abbott think? Would he, henceforth, see nothing but the show-girl of tinsel and trainer's whip, for ever showing through the clear glass of her real self? At nine-thirty, what would Abbott say to her? and how should she

reply? The thought of him obscured

her vision of admiring faces. Her man-

ner lost its spontaneity. Then, to her amazement, she beheld Hamilton Gregory stumbling toward her, looking neither to right nor left, seeing none but her-Hamilton Gregory at a show! Hamilton Gregory here, of all places, his eyes wide, his head thrown back as if to bare his

face to her startled gaze, "Fran!" cried Gregory, thrusting forth his arms to take her hands. 'Fran! Even now, the bars divide us. But oh, I am so glad, so glad-and God answered my prayer and saved you, Fran-my daughter!"

(To be continued.)

# Darsey's Store News.

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# Make Our Store Headquarters Trades Day.

### CONFIDENCE

Webster defines "Confidence" as "a confiding or putting faith that Mr. J. A. Adams, recently in; reliance; belief," and as syn- of Longview, Texas, has joined follows that to put confidence in and comes to us highly recoma person or firm, one must be mended by every firm he has assured of that firm's honesty ever been connected with, and and integrity to such an extent we deem ourselves fortunate in that he can put his faith in, or securing the services of a man rely upon' that person or firm's with Mr. Adams dry goods ability and willingness to do the knowledge. right thing. Note that we have We shall be glad to have all our said "ability," as well as "will- customers come in and meet Mr. ingness." One must have a Adams. great faith in another's "ability" in order to place any great you spend a dollar with us you amount of "confidence" in that you get 100 cents value. person.

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