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WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO HURRY!

And Buy Your Christmas Goods, for There Are Only a Few Days Left in Which to do your shopping. Now, We Have a Very Beautifule Line of Christmas Goods-Something Suitable For Every One. We Expect You to Visit Our Store and See Our Line. Do Not Disappoint Us. Hurry up for

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

THE DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

We have a well selected line of Fancy Dress Goods such as Panama Cloth, Cecilians, Mohairs, Brilliantine, Trelcot Cashmere and French Flannels, in fact everything in the best dress goods line. Not many of these are higher than 25c a yard. Also have trimmings and linings to match with medium priced goods. We have a big lot of Percales, Ginghams, Chambry, Outings, Ducks and Flannelettes at IOc per yard. Some new patterns to select from. We are selling all prints at 5c a yard. prices and colors guaranteed.

SHOES.

We have something special in the Ladies' and Chaildren's shoes. TAPPAN SPECIAL for Ladies and Children. Our Ladies' shoes for \$1.50 can't be beat as we have them in any shape toe or heel, or in any kind of leather (except patent) in this price shoe. In ladies all over patent leather

Our stock of Children's and Infants' shoes was fant shoe with white kid tops, patent vamp, that

Same as above 3 to 5 for \$1.00

We also have a cheaper one for 75c and 50c a pair and as cheap as.....

We have children's shoes, sizes, 12 to 2, \$1.00. Same as above in smaller sizes for 900

In Misses' shoes we have something nice, in prices from \$1,50, \$1.35 to......\$1.25

In boys shoes we have the box and valoura calf, something nice and new \$1.75 and \$1.50

We have the boys Work Shoes in buckles and

In men's shoes are where we shine. We have

the patent leather Walk Overs for \$4.00

Vici kid, both box and valoura calf for ... \$3.50 We have an all over patent blutcher lace, new-

est last, heel and toe for\$4.50 Our stock of rubbers in misses', sizes 1 to 2, price 40c. Ladies' sizes 3 to 7, price 50c. Men's rubbers, sizes 6 to 11, 65c. Felt lined, sizes 5 to

10, price......\$1.00 Our Shoes now cost us more, but you get your shoes at the Old Price, better made and better values.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

We call you special attention to our Christmas Goods, which we will ofwe handle the nicest thing in Grape \$3.50 fer you special inducements to buy for the next twenty-five days. In this selection you will find something that will suit every member of the famnever as complete as at present. We have an in- ily. Not only have we got a beautiful line of toys, but have a line of ornamental goods that would be beneficial to any household. Something for your wife, mother, father, sweetheart brother, sister and the children. Call and see 'em, ask the price, buy if the goods and price it you, and we will both be satisfied.

HARDWARE.

Our hardware consists of air tight heaters, stove pipes, rain proofs, elbows, flat files, plow goods, rope, loaded shells, single trees, traces, nails and staples. Prices on air tight heaters,

Stove pipe and elbows, 5 and 6 inches, 15c or

QUEENSWARE.

Queensware is something that everybody buys when they have to have to have it. We have something nice and new. Dishes and plates from We also have something cheaper. A set of plates, large size, 50c. Small plate......40c Cups and saucers from 50c up. Bowl, with

OUR DRUG LINE.

We are the only people having a general line of merchandise who buy drugs from wholesale drug dealers, and we can buy and sell you drugs as cheap as anybody. We have added to our line and it is both complete in staple and patent medicines and we want to sell you your drugs when you

FRUITS AND CANDIES.

HAVE TO BUY-

We will handle until after Christmas both box and barrel apples, oranges, prunes and raisins. Prices on oranges, 60c, 50c, 40c and 80c per doz. We want to sell you your fruits, candies, flavoring extracts, etc., for Christmas.

GROCERY DEPARTMENT. THE

We have a very complete line of groceries, such as flour, salt, bran, sugar, coffee, hams, bacon, lard, dried fruits and canned goods. We have these different brans of flour: White Wave, \$1.25; Texas Pride \$1.25; Mascot, Cat Brand, \$1.25; Cuckoo \$1.45; Grand Saline Salt, fine, per !00 lb. sack 45c; Bran in 100 lb. sacks \$1.10; new ribbon cane syrup per gal. 50c; Sugar, the kind you want; coffee as you want it, green, parched or ground, in buckets, cans or packages; We also keep in stock mackeral, onions, Irish and sweet potatoes. We want to sell 'you your groceries; we promise full weights and measures and a new fresh stock,

G. SHIPPER AND

Ready For The Holiday

Visit Our Store and Make Your Purchases,

For your wife, your husband, your children your friend. Don't wait until the last days when the rush is on, but come now. We have a nice assortment of useful article for presents for every member of the family. Also remember that we have and are prepared to sell you at BED ROCK PRICES, your dry goods, gent's and ladiess' underwear, hand knit shawls, facinators, ladies' skirts and dress goods, outings, teazledowns, shirt waist goods, prints, ginghams, flannelettes; a beautiful line of men's fancy shirts, brown hats, fine line men's, ladies', misses' and boys' shoes.

OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT is full of the best flour, sagar, coffee, rice, salt, extracts, pickles. Come give us your trade on the merit of the goods. Full weight, honest measure and courteous treatment. Respectfully,

W. B. FARIS, GRAPELAND.

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GRAPELAND, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DEC. 21, 1905.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

With this issue we wind up the business of the Messenger for 1905. No paper will be issued next week on account of the editor being desirious of taking a little spin. We have labored hard since June 1st, doing all the work alone, and feel enough to swear off on. that a week off is essential. We have done our best to give you a good local paper, and that's all any body could do.

To those who have patronized us we thank you kindly and hope the returns will be ten fold.

We wish each and every one a merry Christmas.

J. J. Jordan, the Kauffman peacut raiser, planted six acres in peanuts this year. He checked the rows of two acres three feet each way and fertilized each bill with a double handful of stable manure. He gathered from the two acres fertilized 115 bushels of peanuts and two and a half tons of hay. The yield of the fertilized land was twice as great as that which was not. He bas made arrangements for a good peanut thrasher next year. Kauffman Herald.

Early in the season the differ ent Farmers' Unions met and resoluted to hold cotton for 11c. We now notice, since cotton has made such wonderful advances, in some parts of the state they are going to hold for 12c. Thus it becomes more evident each day that the more a man has the more he wants.

good for nothing, lazy thing, and an explesion resulted. No such thing as hard times Enough dog meat was picked up here-go to work!

Pull for Grapeland and Hous-

Question of the hour: "What are you going to do Christmas?"

Don't drink up all the booze next week, you old hog; save

The Reisel Rustler devotes a column to German news. It makes interesting reading.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you," snore and you sleep alone. - Anona News.

The word love in the Indian language is "schamlamdamamourtchenwager." How nice it would sound whispered softly in some lady's ear, "1 schamlamdamamourtchenwager you."

We are puzzled, perplexed and full of wonderment. The southbound train rolled in Saturday without a gallon of booze.

Later-We have been informed that there was so much booze in the car that the express messenger didn't have time to unloaded it in the time limit, consequently it was carried by.

One evening last week a long, lean, hungry hound dog was prowling around in the Bon Ton and mistook a large red canon fire cracker for a bologna sausage, which he greedily devoured. One of the boys seized a can of chili and pitched to the Quit howling hard times you canine, which was also devoured. to start a sausage factory.

SICK HALF THE TIME.

The History of Kidney Diseases, Liver Disorders, and Menstrual Troubles is One of Much Weakness, Suffering and Despondency.

Many Despairing Victims Have Been Won Back to Health and Strength by the Timely Use of the Right Remedy.

In diseases of the kidneys and urinary organs men and women once strong, hearty and vigorous are soon reduced to comparative helplessness, at times able to get about and do odd jobs, at others prostrated completely. This was the experience of thousands of persons who owe their present good health to the superior remedial effect of Prickly Ash Bitters. Why endure all this distress when a remedy that has proved its power and effectiveness in such ailments can be so easily obtained. Don't despair, no matter how much fruitless doctoring you have been doing. Prickly Ash Bitters has cured where every other remedy tried has failed, which is attributable entirely to its four-fold cleansing and strengthening effect. It is a kidney tonic, liver and stomach stimulant and bowel purifier combined, therefore it exercises its cleansing and restorative influence uniformly in every part of the body. For the weakening and distressing irregularities peculiar to women Prickly Ash Bitters has obtained the very highest endorsement.

Accept no substitute. Insist on having the genuine Prickly Ash Bitters with the large figure 3 in red on the front label.

Sold Everywhere at \$1.00 per bottle.

SOLD BY-

CARLETON & PORTER, GRAPELAND, TEXAS.

PERCILLA NEWS.

Cupid is Doing His Work. Local News Items.

Dec. 19 .- As this perhaps will be the last chance for a published report of the happenings of our village for the present year, I send you a few jottings.

Mrs. W. F. Murchison is making preparations to pay her sister in DeWitt county a visit. We wish her a pleasant, enjoyable visit, and a safe return. This will be to her a very deserving vacation.

Miss Rubie Cook has gone on a visit to relatives at Livingston. Of course we wish for her a real good time, for she is the nicest little Cook of all the Cooks of this place.

Dan Cupid is said to be very actively aggressive in his operations of late, having some of the young people already in his fetters and will bind them over to from what we see from our view point we fear he has very injudiciously bent his bow and cast his



BEST CHOCOLATES

darts among some very young boys in knee pants and girls in short dresses. While there may be no fatal results, we are lead to think at least his stroke may be serious. Let us be excused if we think him patronizing, and as our Savior said, "keeping these things hid from the wise and the prudent and revealing them to babes and sucklings."

The latest arrival to our village is in the person of Miss Branch, who will make her stay indefinitely at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Branch.

Mr. Editor, wishing you a happy Christmas in the way of turkey dinners, knick knacks, firecrackers, etc., and if it were not for for your bachelor proclivities would wish for you the most exquisit associations, the while, and not forgetting to wish for my own town a pleasant and sober Christmas and a wish for general prosperity. LA PEN.

Our store will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. matrimonial bondage soon, and December 26th, 27th and 28th taking steek.

> George E. Darsey. Grapeland, Texas.

SO YEARS

J. J. Brooks was in Crockett several days this week on some important business.

The city council have fitted up a firstclass calaboose and evil doers had better lay low. Drunkennes and rowdyiem will not be tolerated on the streets at all.

This year will make a lot of new geographical history. Already the map of Russia has been changed, and it is probable that another twelve months will see greater changes in that empire.—Nacoghoches Sentinel.

No man can safely prophesy what will take place in Russia. It's kinder like Texas weather.

TUMORS CONQUERED SERIOUS OPERATIONS AVOIDED

Unqualified Success of Lydia E. Pink ham's Vegetable Compound in the Case of Mrs. Fannie D. Fox.

One of the greatest triumphs of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the conquering of woman's dread en-

emy, Tumor.
The growth of a tumor is so sly that frequently its presence is not suspected until it is far advanced.



So-called "wandering pains" may come from its early stages, or the presence of danger may be made manifest by profuse menstruation, accompanied by unusual pain, from the ovaries down the groin and thighs.

If you have mysterious pains, if there are indications of inflammation or displacement, don't wait for time to con-

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placement, don't wait for time to confirm your fears and go through the horrors of a hospital operation; secure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound right away and begin its use.

Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., will give you her advice free of all charge if you will write her about yourself. Your letter will be seen by women only. Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

Your letter will be seen by women only.

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—

"I take the liberty to congratulate you on
the success I have had with your wonderful
medicine. Eighteen months ago my monthlies stopped. Shortly after I felt so badly that
I submitted to a thorough examination by a
physician and was told that I had a tumor
on the uterus and would have to undergo an

on the uterus and would have to undergo an operation.

"Soon after I read one of your advertisements and decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. After trying five bottles as directed the tumor is entirely gone. I have been examined by a physician and he says I have no signs of a tumor now. It has also brought my monthlies around once more, and I am entirely well."—Fannie D. Fox, 7 Chestnut Street, Bradford. Pa.

THE MAN **BEHIND THE SAW**

Haseasy work if it's an Atkins.
The keen, clean cutting edge
and perfect taper of the
blade make it run easly
without huck line. but buckling.
humping" to
th the Perfec-

But there are other men behind the Atkins Saw. The originator of SILVER STREE, the finest crucible steel made, was a good deal of a man. The discoverer of the Atkins secret tempering process was likewise a man of brains and genius.

And there are high-class workmen behind this saw, masters of their craft, whose skill and pride of work manship have helped to make the

pride of work manship have helped to make the Atkins Trade Mark an assurance of quality as reliable as the Government assay stamp.

We make all types and sizes of Saws, but only one grade—the best.

Atkins Saws, Corn Knives, Perfection Floor Scrapers, etc., are sold by all good hardware dealers. Catalogue on request.

C. ATKINS Q. CO., Inc.

BRANCHES: New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, Portland, (Oregon), Seattle, San Francisco, Memphis, Atlanta and Toronto, (Canada).

ept no Substitute-Insist on the Atkins Brand - SOLD BY GOOD DEALERS EVERYWERE .

Positive, Comparative, Superlative

"I have used one of your Fish Brand Slickers for five years, and now want a new one, also one for a friend. I would not be without one for twice the cost. They are just as far sheed of a common cost as a common one is ahead of nothing."

(Name on application-)

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ure you don't get one of the co kind-this is the TOWERS of excellence. J. TOWER CO.,

TOWER CANADIAN CO., LIMITED

TORONTO, CANADA lakers of Wet Weather Clothing & Hats.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS The Santa Fe Announces Special Low Rates

to the old states in the Southeast. Tickets on cale December 21st, 22nd and 23rd, limited to so days from date of sale.

QUICK DIRECT CONNECTION

Through the three principal gateways to the Southerst. If you are thinking of going back to the old states for the holidays just talk it over with

THE SANTA FE AGENT W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., Galveston JO. B. GREENHILL, C. P. A.,

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

W. N. U. HOUSTON-NO. 51, 1905



Complicating Christmas.

Edward Bok writes, in the Ladies' Home Journal, that "there must be some radical and growing departure from the right and best way of celebrating Christmas when each recurring year we hear a larger number of men saying: "Well, I'll be truly thankful when this Christmas busi-ness is over." And they are led to this remark generally by seeing their wives, mothers, sisters or daughters reach Christmas day utterly tired out, with the prespect of a siege of illness as soon as Christmas is over. And it must be confessed that this state of affairs exists in thousands of homes, Women themselves frequently acknowledge their satisfaction when the day is over. Now, there is always something wrong when we make a burden of our pleasures. And if one of our sources of pleasure in the calendar's greatest gala day is derived from a feeling of thankfulness that it is over, there is something askew either in the way we prepare for, or spend, the day."

Stands Head.

There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment cossesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, aches and pains, it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf.

Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn.

"How magnificently your daughter

sweeps into a room!" "Yes. If she could sweep out a room that well, she'd be some use to her mother."

MCCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY, Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South. they render written opinions in cases not hundled by them. Reasonable rates.

Advice that doesn't agree with our own ideas and inclinations it not the kind we are looking for.

Many a white lie has left a black mark behind it.

Ask the rats what they are doing just now!

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in %-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Leather and suede trim many coats

For fine costumes rich face cloth is at the head of the list.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA,

a safe and sure remedy for infants and children. and see that It

Bears the Signature of Charty, Thitcher. In Use For Over SO Years,

The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Overconfidence. areer when he feels sure of his posi- pose. tion or his fame. Overconfidence is the first sign of a decline, the first troubles, such as Eczema, Tetter, symptom of deterioration. We do our best work when we are struggling for our position, when we are trying with all our might to gain our ambition, to itching instantly. attain that which the heart longs for.

If you are going to the Old States during the holidays go via the Southern Pacific-Sunset Route. Cheap rates to all points in the Southeast and North Central States. Round trip tickets on sale Dec. 21, 22 and 24, return limit 30 days. For further information consult nearest Railroad Ticket Agent, or write to T. J. Anderson, G. P. A.,; Jos. Hellen, A. G. P. A., Houston, Tex.

-Success Magazine.

The couple who "took a dare" and got married also took long chances.

Burmdah is stirred by the question of official dress.

Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

Draped girdles are of soft satin or taffeta, or even of metal cloth,

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching, Biltid, Bleeding, Protruding Piles, Drug-gista are authorized to refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. Soc.

Prince Charles of Denmark now has

When You Buy Starch buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

Some people are unable to distin-tuish between flattery and praise.

He. Got the Pills.

A druggist in northwest Baltimore thinks he has discovered among his customers one of the most penurious men in the city. The druggist sells 100 quiaine pills for twenty-five cents, and the man in question was among those who invested. Some time after he had left the store the customer returned and informed the druggist that there were only ninety-six pills in the bottle he bought. The druggist handed out the four pills, but he is doubtful if they repaid the customer for the time and trouble he took to count the pills and walk several squares to the store and back .- Baltimore Sun.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props.s Toledo, O Sold by Druggists, price 75c.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Smart Chinese Girl. Margaret Jessie Chung, a 16-year-old girl of Chinese parentage living in Los Angeles, Cal., has become a newspaper reporter there. She is teaching English in the Chinese colony of that city and for a year past has been secretary of a church memorial union. Miss Chung is thoroughly American in spirit, dress and ambition,

Cures Blood, Skin Troubles, Cancer, Blood Poison. Greatest Blood Purifier Free.

Purifier Free.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else falls.

Couldn't Obey.

A British army officer in India was awakened one morning by feeling the native servant of a brother officer pulling at his foot. "Sahib," whispered the man, "sahib, what am I to do? My master told me to wake him at 6:30, but he gid not go to bed

A GOOD SCHOOL.

No blow, no impossible guarantees nor unbusinesslike propositions made by Toby's Practical Business College, Waco, Tex., the High Grade School for High Grade Students. Plenty of hard, honest work by a corps of highly educated persons. "That's all." Enter any time. Catalogue free. The home of Jane's Shadeless Shorthand, the renowned parliamentary system. the renowned parliamentary system.

She Is Definite.

It has been generally noted that when a man gets home in a somewhat uncertain condition at two o'clock in the morning, his wife is usually the only one who has anything definite to

It Will Stay There.

"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond doubt the best to It is a dangerous point in any man's be obtained for its particular pur-

> "For treating all manner of skin Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failitching instantly.

R. M. Swann, Franklin, La.

Knew What He Wanted.

Customer-I want a nine-shat re

Gunsmith—We have nothing but five or six shooters, sir. "Won't do! I want to kill a cat." —Chicago Daily News.

HOLIDAY RATES.

Via H. & T. C. R. R. to all points in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indian and Oklahoma Territories, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Colorado, Wyomlas

Rate of one and one-third fares. Dates of Sale, December 21-22-23,

Final limit, thirty days from date of sale. Round trip tickets will also be on sale between all Texas points. Unexcelled service. Convenient connec-

For information relative to rates, connections, etc., see lecal agents or M. L. ROBBINS, C. P. A.

Houston, Texas.

Some men are born great and keep great all their lives, while others who are born all right, become small and mean of their own accord.

The milk of human kindness is often

No One to Object.

"De Courcy Smythe boasts that he can trace his ancestry back to the time of the early Normans." "Well, the Normans are dead, and they won't mind."—Stray Stories.

Old and True.

"For fifteen years I have constantly kept a supply of Hunt's Cure on hand to use in all cases of itching skin trouble. For Eczema, Ringworm and the like it is peerless. I regard it as an old friend and true one.

Mrs. Eula Preslad, Greenfield, Tenn.

There were 1.800 guests at a mar riage feast at Sevignac, near Morlaix Britany, and 300 servants waited on them in an open field.

Sensible Housekeepers will have Deflance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

The British Peace society s protest ing against the formation of rifle clubs as "inciting the spirit of militarism."

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children tecthing, softens the gurus, reduces in-Sammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

The River Moldau is to be made navigable up to the city of Prague, at a cost of over \$3,600,000.

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

An engine going a mile a minute gives 20 puffs a second.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature'z great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At drug-gists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle.

Worth makes the man and the want of it is what makes him worthless.

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow? Then use Defiance Starch, it will keep them white-16 oz. for 10 cents.

Nature doesn't have much use for self-made beauties as patterns, The Best Results in Starching

can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money-no cooking re-

Woman votes in some countries; she rules everywhere.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it falls to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c. Be very careful about damp poultry houses or roup will be the result.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline edreat Nerve Rester. Send for FREE 52.00 trial bottle and treating DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 331 Arch Street, Philadelphia, F

The Kaiser has on only one occasion visited the French capital.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago. - MRS. TPOS. ROBBINS. Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Peb. 17, 1900.

It is wrong to blame fate for the

Is Disease a Crime?

Not very long ago, a popular magazine published an editorial article in which the writer asserted, in substance, that all disease should be regarded as criminal. Certain it is, that much of the sickness and suffering of mankind is due to the violation of certain of Nature's laws. But to say that all sickness should be regarded as criminal, must appeal to every reasonable individual as radically wrong.

wrong.

It would be harsh, unsympathetic, cruel, yes criminal, to condemn the poor, weak, over-worked housewife who sinks under the heavy load of household cares and burdens, and suffers from weaknesses, various displacements of pelvic organs and other derangements peculiar

nesses, various displacements of pelvic organs and other derangements peculiar to her sex.

Frequent bearing of children, with its exacting demands upon the system, coupled with the care, worry and labor of rearing a large family, is often the cause of weaknesses, derangements and debility which are aggravated by the many household carea, and the hard, and never-ending work which the mother is called upon to perform. Dr. Pierce, the maker of that world-famed remedy for woman's peculiar weaknesses and ills-Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription-says that one of the greatest obstacles to the cure of this class of maladies is the fact that the poor, over-worked housewife can not get the needed rest from her many household carea and labor to enable her to secure from the use of his "Prescription" its full benefits. It is a matter of frequent experience, he says, in his extensive practice in these cases, to meet with those in which his treatment fails by reason of the patient's inability to abstain from hard work long enough to be cured. With those suffering from prolapsus, anteversion and retroversion of the uterus or other displacement of the womanly organs, it is very necessary that, in addition to taking his "Favorite Prescription" they abstain from being very much, or for long periods, on their feet. All heavy lifting or straining of any kind should also be avoided. As much out-door air as possible, with moderate, light exercise is also very important. Let the patient observe these rules and the "Favorite Prescription" will do the rest.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser is sent free on receipt of stamps to pay expense of mailing only. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 21 one-cent stamps for pa-per-covered, or 31 stamps for cloth-bound.

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man or woman who decries the of our Redeemer? land or country of their birth? What are the thoughts that irresistably force themselves upon Upon the cross for me; your mind when you hear them say "this is the dullest old place I ever saw. I'd rather live any- That also makes them free." where under the sun than here?" All of this mind you the land that has nurtured them through the sunny days of childhood, giving gladness to their youthful hearts and home to their loved ones. If no other reason presents itself, this is enough to call forth the deepest reverence from every son of the soil. "How dear to my heart are the loved spots that my infancy knew." The heart that does not beat in tender rythms to the spirit of those words is dwarf. ed and cold. The heart that can find nothing dear in the land of its nativity may well be ask what it has done to enhance the sanctity of the nest-tree. The mountains, with their deep roaring canyons, lend majestic grandeur; the plain's sweeping horizon gives breadth to the view; the woodland, with its shade dells and sylvan sighs bring sweet repose; the broad expanse of ocean, the silver waves and shelly beach, floods a soul with music. It matters not, Oh filial heart, where you be; remember the Great Dispenser of Justice has slighted not one for the other."

COLORED TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

The Colored Teachers' Insti tute met at Lovelady Dec. 15-16, and was a pleasant and enjoyable one. They were all elated in January and all physicians over the hospitality shown them by the colored citizens, Lovelady is a small little town, but is good now. has one of the best and most enterprising educational foundations as anywhere in the state, and the colored school is coming ikewise. The train was met by the colored school children bearing the J. S. flags and escorted the teachers to the colored school building, where they immediate. ly went to work. Teachers were present from all points and manifested much interest. The presence of distinguished white gentlemen and ladies Friday night and an enthusiastic address by the principal of the Lovelady High School was considered a valuable treat. The teachers were nicely cared for and given free home during their stay.

The carrying of the institute from one point to another in the county seems to give greater exercise of educational influence among the patrons. The next meeting will be held at Kennard Mills. The teachers are endeavoring to infuse a better moral and educational desire among their colored people more than

BY A COLORED TEACHER.

If you have any speckle peas to well take them to Geo. E. Darey. He will buy them.

LA TEXO BUDGET.

Who Are Continually Belittleing Lineman Hurt. Medical Association Met.

Every town has its quota of La Texo, Dec. 18.- Next week knockers, people who busy them is Christmas and can it be possiselves find fault with everything ble for us to stop and think that and everybody who does not we celebrate this day wrong? It chime in with their particular way is more often kept as the birthof believing. Some are guilty of day of Satan than that of Christ. the habit thoughtless, while there | There is more drunkenness, more are others who reason all things revelry, more murder and sin in from a biased standpoint. He general than on any other day of who reads this will profit by a the year. Then would it not be careful study of the below clip- better to abolish it or change our ways and spend the day in pray-"What is your opinion of the er and thanksgiving for the birth

"Then forget we not that my Savior bled

And for all others his blood was shed

Mr. T. H. Leaverton surveyed his lot this week and drove the stakes. He will soon begin the erection of his building for the planer.

The drawing for the organ took place last Saturday and ticket No. 877, green, was the lucky number. There was no one present who had this ticket; if not presented in 30 days the drawing will take place again.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Rosser, a boy, Dec. 14, 1905.

Mr. Sam Black, a lineman for the Western Union Telegraph Co., was very seriously hurt last week, but nothing serious. He is now at work again.

The Houston County Medical Society met in Crockett last week and during the session a resolution was passed appointing a committee to wait upon the county court and request them to appoint a health officer for the county. This is very important to the people for we are entirely at the mercy of any epidemic that would see fit to take up its abode among us. Certainly no one in the county would object against yellow fever this year month are now, after finishing has demonstrated the efficiency their course, earning from \$50 to of fighting yellow jack. The \$150 per month. Is not this esociety meets again 2nd Tuesday nough to stir the ambition of our are requested to be present.

The health of this community REX.

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SOUTH BOUND.

No. 5 Arrives.......8:05 P. M. sandflat.

REYNARD DOINGS.

Correspondent Reviews Local Happenings.

Reynard, Dec. 18-Rev. Cox wife and babies came in last Wednesday. Bro. Cox had a nice hunt, and preached for us Sunday; had a fair congregation considering the coolness of the day. His wife is as fine a lady as he is a man and made many friends while here. They returned yesterday, saying they had a pleasant visit.

Yes, Old Timer, the year is most gone and it has been peculiar in many ways and those of us who have not died this year and do not starve next, ought to live held at Pittsburg. a long time and never be afraid of starving.

some other variety.

J. H. Beazley was moving cotton and seed all last week and replenishing his stock of merchandise,

Sorry to hear a man was killed in Crockett last Saturday. has been a long time since the streets of our county capitol was strained with numan blood, but men will kill each other until the end of time.

Christmas is coming whether we are ready for it or not, but then many will not be ready for the second coming of Christ.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS.

Augusta, Texas, Dear Santa: Please bring me the following: Oranges, apples, candy, butter nuts, a necklace, a doll bed, a doll buggy and a nice book to read. I'm a smart little girl.

Myrtie Newman.

Dear Old Santa Claus: -- I want a doll that can go to sleep, a doll house, doll lamp, doll bed, doll buggy, a doll pillow, a little carpet, a set of dishes, candy, apples, oranges, bananas, pecans and English walnuts.

Lucindy Rainwater Darsey.

Dear Old Santa:-I want a doll that can go to sleep, a doll pitcher and bowl, a doll rug, a set of dishes, a doll lamp and little watches, candy, apples, oranges. and a jumping jack, that is all.

Mary Lou Esther Darsey. Dear Santa Claus:-Please

bring me a little wagon, a drum, a train, a street car, an automobile, a horn, a whistle, ABC book, oranges, apples, candy and all kinds of nuts. Your friend,

Dear Santa Claus:-Please bring me a toy pistol, a horn, a drum, a train that runs on a round track, some firecrackers, a tool set and a street car.

Ralston Hill.

Frank Hill.

Dear Santa Claus:- I want you to bring me a pistol and some caps for it. Also a little watch and bring me something nice for my baby brother, too. He likes candy and apples. Bring me some apples, candy, oranges and a big cocoa nut. Please, dear Santa, do not forget me. I am No. 1 Arrives......1:37 P. M. right north of Grapeland on the Word C. Pelham,

LIVE CHURCH'S BRIGHT FUTURE.

Brunner Methodists Planning for Church and Parsonage.

On account of Bro. Perry's many friends in this community we reproduce the following article from a recent issue of the Houston Chronicle:

The board of stewards of Brunner Avenue Methodist church met in regular session last night, that I have not found time to and planned for the success of the work of the church for the enthat church since the adjourn-

heretofore been a half station, in member of the Methodist church. J. L. Chiles has gone to your connection with McAshanchapel, town today with a little scrapping but during the recent year the of cotton, of course he will get membership decided that they the benefit of the high price as were able to support a paster for far as it goes. Only two bales of his entire time, and so they made cotton at the gin. No one will all necessary arrangements to besurely hold cotton at the present come an independent station, and price. Everybody to a man has petitioned the bishop, through got enough of Mr. King's cotton their presiding elder, to send them Tyer will soon move his saw mill and there will be a scramble for a wide awake, hustling pastor. and store up to-wards Grapeland Rey. J. M. Perry, who has just completed his first year's work at Washington Street church, in this city, was appointed to that promising field. The day after conference adjourned a representative of the official board called on Mr. Perry and extended to him a very cordial welcome into his new charge and paid him his first month's salary in advance. This pleasant time. was a fine compliment both to Mr. Perry and to that hustling little church.

It is said by those in authority that under the leadership of Mr. Perry the Washington Street church made the best report at conference this year that has been made from that church for about ten years. This historic old church is growing steadily.

Mr. Perry is a young man and has been in the ministry only a the reputation of being a "church forms us he will leave at once. builder," and the activity at near future.

His board of stewards made a liberal assessment for his salary last night, and also provided for the payment of their presiding elder's salary and of all the assessments levied against their church by the annual conference. Already they are beginning to plan for the erection of a handsome new church edifice and an elegant parsonage.

The Houston district conference will hold its annual session at sonville Reformer. Brunner this year. The conference usually meets near the middle of May.

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ORIOLE ITEMS.

All the News of the Past Week by a Correspondent.

Oriole, Dec. 18 .- Have just been reading your interesting paper of the 14th, and find it, as usual, filled with interesting articles from various parts of the county.

The weather has been so bad and I have been kept so busy write any news from this point.

Since writing, Mrs. Cynthia suing year. This was the first Grounds has passed away and meeting of the official board of was buried by the side of husband at the Grounds graveyard. ment of the conference recently near Belott. Mrs. Grounds was an excellent woman and had Brunner Ayenue church has been for many years a consistent

> Farmers here are busy fixing up and repairing for another

> There is no serious sickness here, but almost everybody has a bad cold.

> It is rumored here that Mr. but will still live where he is.

There was an examination at Crockett Saturday the 16th held to see who would be the carrier on route 1.

Miss Lourie Wright gave an enterstainment at the Grounds school house the night of the 16th and I learn they had a

It is distressing to learn of the murders at various points in the county, and on the streets of Crockett. The Bible says, "Thou shalt not kill."

WILL GO TO HOUSTON.

Judge J. C. Box and family are packing their household effects, preparatory to leaving for Houston, where they will make few years, but has acquired the their future home. Mr. Box in-

The friends of Judge Box wil Brunner already indicates big be glad to know he has secured things in the building way for the a lucrative position as attorney for the H. & T. C. Ry., between Austin and Houston.

> It is with much regret that the people of Jacksonville see Judge Box leave the city as he has been recognized ever since his residence here as the leader of all movements looking to the progress of the city.

> We join his hundreds of friends in wishing him and his excellent family much success and prosperity in their new home. - Jack-

AN ORDINANCE,

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Grapeland that the shooting of any Roman candle or sky rocket are prohibited within the city limits of the city of Grapeland unless within a private enclosure, owned or controlled by the party or parties shooting same. Be it further ordained that the shooting of fire crackers or any other combustible substance within twenty feet of any store house or public structure within the incorporate limits of the city of Grapeland, shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$10.00 for either of the above violations. AN EMERGENCY For the immediate protection of the city the above ordinance shall become effective and is hereby declared in force from publication of same.

F. C. WOODARD, Mayor,

S. E. HOWARD. Sec'y.

The Messenger.

ALBERT H. LUKER, Editor.

GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

What a long time it has been since we have had any live news from Man-

So unsettled is Europe just now that even old Father Tiber joins in the general uprising.

A trust has begun to gobble up the New York barber shops. This is the most unkindest cut of all.

Let us hope that Russian students will not construe liberty as license and go to playing football.

Though all the world may say that beautifying is absurd, the sight of one pretty woman will deny it.

Hetty Green may be the richest woman in America, but most girls would rather be Maxine Elliott.

When the emperor of Korea wants to do a little ruling nowadays he has to be content with ruling his temper

The profit of the United States mint service for the year is \$3,289,019, which represents considerable many juleps.

Korea is to have a Japanese governor, but the natives of Korea will be permitted to keep on doing the heavy work.

Mr. Fitzsimmons calls Mr. O'Brien a "jumping jackrabbit." Well, if it's jackrabbit vs. kangaroo the latter ought to win.

And another great and needed reform could be achieved if the moving picture machines would show views of women running.

One trouble with the bluffs offered by the Sultan of Turkey is that the other fellows can always look into the Mirror behind him.

There were 1,000 desertions from the British men-of-war during their stay in American waters. Uncle San is a strong drawing card.

French automobiles. He must feel who came disguised in poverty, and that something is necessary to stop the overcrowding in Persia.

Here is a fine sentence from The Outlook: "Happiness came to him because he did not seek it-only tried to become better and better.'

man has been picked for the job.

A Filipino schoolboy has stabbed his teacher to death. The young idea down that way, as it is taught to shoot should be taught not to cut.

If Prince Louis had ordered a fud set of false teeth from that New York dentist, he might have had to pawn one of his warships in order to get

A school teacher now in the Philippines grumbles that all he has to eat there is "rice, fish, eggs, chicken, mangoes, pineapples and bananas." That's an.

A Cleveland preacher says pie is worse than beer as a destroyer of morality. Perhaps he means the custard pie that one sits on at a Sunday school picnic.

This thing of packing husbands in trunks when starting on the honey moon trip may be economical, but it is undignified. No husband of proper spirit will submit to it.

Mark Twain acknowledges on his 70th birthday that he's never done a day's work in his life. He always was a joker. But we don't understand why he settled in New York.

New York is crowing over the fact that two lots of land, with the buildings on them, cost more than the United States pald for Alaska. But Uncle Sam is not offering to swap.

The statement of Dr. Hornaday of New York that Boston has the best the mistletoe, bring on the smoking place in the country for a zoo has no turkey, and join in the frolics of reference whatever to the council the youngsters-anything, everychamber in the city hall.-Boston

The man who testified in the di- for the time the cares of business, force court that his wife threw hash the pressure of hard times, the in his face didn't say whether the threatening future. Lock up the hash was not good or whether he family skeleton and with it all merely objected to the way in which frowns and harsh words, and the it was served.

A man who was arrested a few key of the closet, so much the betweeks ago for-stealing \$100,000 says it ter. If not, even the brief respite is difficult to be honest on a salary of from ugly cares will leave its ben-365 a month. Pshaw! Not at all, if ediction in your heart. he doesn't burn coal and refrains If you have no fireside of your own from eating meat.



about the spiritual significance of Christmas often follow out its teaching closely, though unconsciously. The thought behind the gift enhances of all provocations. The time is the time of gifts and thoughtfulness for others, and so fit-The Shah of Persia has bought six tingly celebrates the birth of the King, began in the manger to live for, as He nary presents, and the great by childdied for, others. Now, as of old, it is most frequently upon their lips who best obey His commands. The deeds, took out of a drawer a card that was and not the speech, declare the heart, wrapped in silver paper. Just a comand, since every good instinct and desire is from Him, it is a joy to remem- told the story: "I was a workhouse Gen. Weyler has been sent from ber how many millions are on His Madrid to awe the Catalonians. If the side, practising without any idea of nobody cared for me. I 'most cried Catalonians deserve aweing the right their virtue the graces of love, unsel- my eyes out that Christmas eve. Then fishness, faith, hope, and charity. The in the morning one of the lodgers, a denial, the little acts of labor and pa- writ on it. I took it down to the tience, the thousands of good wishes, kitchen and read them verses-I often the unnumbered and unseen benevo- wish I knew her as made them-'God lence of this happy season, must be an incense of worship rising to Heaven and acceptable in the sight of the think thy lot too hard, But work, my Love that dwells there. Christmas, 1905, is another milestone on the road of the world's progress towards righteousness.

the big motive behind them that make the sweetest presents. table presented to him by the head of the firm, and softens into a smile as Christmas a happy one. Father says ruin me!" but is privately certain that season for the starting of a Sunshine ings may last a lifetime

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day that is valuable, but all the family, and especially the neat penyoungest hopeful, fill up the vacuum its value, and no one, from king to peasant, can resist the dear delight of affection's offerings. It is commonly the rich who are best pleased by ordiish ones. The poor have the wonnot always those who have His name drous gift of finding pleasure in what more fortunate folk despise. A woman mon little penny card, it was, till she girl in my first place, and it seemed small and great economies of self- nice lady, gave me this with my name grant thee but a due reward, A worthy portion fair and just, And then ne'er girl, work, hope, and trust!' I stood there and cried for joy. It seemed to put heart into me, and I'll keep that card as long as I live!"

F UMANITY is not difficult to "Christmas Sunshine.

UNSHINE" and "comfort" are two rosy words comfort" are grees of joyousness, and if yet may wander across the seas. among our friends we have The crusty old bachelor sniffs any of those delightful individuals who contemptuously at the gorgeous buhl radiate warmth and good-fellowship, we instinctively apply the terms to them. There are comparatively few ae sees the bunch of Christmas roses persons endowed naturally with a offered by a niece who honestly tries sunny temperament, yet the world and should not happiness be cultivated? This nonsense of present-giving will by dividing itself. Christmas is the

PARTICEEAR beauty of Christ- the hugs and kisses, the mufflers and club. The rules are simple, but will mas is that it is not only the bric-a-brac, bestowed upon him by the be found productive of many smiles and much love. Members agree-1. days that go before have their wiper in crimson, yellow and green To keep all their woes and grievances special worth. Those who think least wool, made with infinite pains by the to themselves. 2. To make somebody smile at least once every day. 3. To in his banking account satisfactorily. be sunny twelve hours a day in spite

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Old Chimes, Old Loves, Old Times. HEN the Christmas bells ring out they ring in a flood of golden memories. The dreams of youth, the romance of spring, the poem of the bride and of the first child, the autumn of content, and now -it is Christmas again, there are empty chairs and vanished faces, the web of life's mingled sorrow and joy is fastened about us, we have known are glad to be alive, and able to look forward in hope to a yet brighter life beyond. Memory is a strong rope that binds the soul to good or ill. A man can never become utterly bad while there remains with him the memory of the beautiful home Christmas. A woman cannot grow callous who has the recollection of the dear old mother and the kind father who made the center and loveliness of the Christmastide holiday and merriment. Let us be kind and loving to each other, for memories all round the world are busy with past Christmases. and this one will abide with those who

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Only Once a Year.

ET us bury old grudges and forgive as we are forgiven; scatter good wishes and thoughts far wide; make the poor glad; to make the grumpy old fellow's wants all the sunshine it can get. Why cheer the aged, comfort the sick, do everything we can for everybody and in public, "What, Christmas again? It is happy anywhere, and increases God bless us everyone! Christmas comes but once a year, yet its bless-

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Let the bells ring out, hang up thing, so that the day be merry and all hearts the lighter because Christ the Lord was born. Forget petty tyrannies and jealousies of common days. If you can lose the

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me

to enliven, seek out the cheerless hearth of some less fortunate brother. There are many ferlorn little ones to

whom an orange and a picture book would be a foretaste of heaven. Play Santa Claus to some child, and you will find your Merry Christmas in the reflection of its innocent delight; or carry your greeting and your gift to some aged and lonely creature whose last Christmas it will be on earth, and earn a blessing that will repay your effort an hundredfold.

There is, happily, no monopoly of the joys of Christmas. If they do not come to us, we can go to them. We have but to open our hearts and stretch out our hands and the messengers of peace will come gladly trooping towards us. It will be our own fault if we do not, each and all, have A Merry Christmas,

SEVEN YEARS AGO.

A Rochester Chemist Found a Singularly Effective Medicine.

William A. Franklin, of the Franklin & Palmer Chemical Co., Roches-



ter, N. Y., writes: "Seven years ago I was suffering very much through the failure of the kidneys to eliminate the uric acid from my system. My back was very lame and ached if I

overexerted myself in the least degree. At times I was weighed down with a feeling of languor and depression and suffered continually from annoying irregularities of the kidney secretions. I procured a box of Doan's Kidney Pills and began using them. I found prompt relief from the aching and lamenes in my back, and by the time I had taken three boxes I was cured of all irregularities."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Cats as Heirs-at-Law.

An extraordinary action at law has just been heard before the civil tribunal of Swette, in Bohemia. Some time ago an old rag dealer named Kondreti, who had lived alone, was found dead in his hovel, and howling around him were his 12 pet cats, which had to be tempted away from his dead body by baits of fish. In the old miser's apartment were found 4,000 crowns and a will, duly executed, constituting the cats his sole heirs. The man's relatives at once impugned the will, alleging that Kondretzi was inene, but the court has within the last few days given judgment upholding the will and finding for the cats, which are to be tended as provided by the testator.

Constable as Violin Maker.

Police Constable Gaskin, who has just retired from the Metropolitan force, has made quite a reputation in musical circles by the hand-made violins he has constructed during his spare time. Some of his instruments have been praised by the finest palyers, and recently Kubelik paid him a visit, highly commending several that he tried.-London Tit-Bit.

As the wise man knows he is a fool, he is miserable; the fool imagines he is wise, and 's happy.

Berlin has about thirty vegetarian restaurants.

Words of Wisdom.

Westfield, Ill., Dec. 18th (Special)-All who are suffering with Bright's Disease, should read carefully the following letter from the Rev. G. L. Good of this place. He says:-

"I feel it is my duty to tell you of the wonderful benefit I have received love and peace, and grief and pain, from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills. and still, thank God, it is a good world, I am a Minister of the Gospel, and in my work, I am frequently exposed to all weathers. Six years ago, I was laid up sick. I doctored with a number of physicians, and finally consulted & specialist, but without success. They all told me I had Bright's Disease. I was in a bad way and almost helpless when, thank God, I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills. They saved my life. I took sixteen boxes and now I am cured. The first day I took them I felt relief. When I began I weighed only one hundred and five pounds, now I weigh one hundred and sixty-five and I am the picture of health. I recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all my friends who have Kidney Trouble and I pray to God that other sufferers will read these words and be helped by them."

When there is a right way and a wrong way the average man goes

AGONY OF SORE HANDS.

Cracked and Peeled-Water and Heat Caused Intense Pain-Could Do No Housework-Grateful to Cuticura.

"My hands cracked and peeled, and were so sore it was impossible for me to do my housework. If I put them in water I was in agony for hours; and if I tried to cook, the heat caused intense pain. I consulted two doctors, but their prescriptions were utterly useless. And now after using one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment my hands are entirely well, and I am very grateful. (Signed) Mrs. Minnie Drew, 18 Dana St., Roxbury, Mass."

A small boy's idea of greatness is to be able to lick another boy a size larger.

Trials of Winter,

Do not permit yourself to be a victim to a cold or cough. They lead to rneumonia, consumption and elsewhere. Be wise; use Simmons' Cough Syrup. It cures coughs, heals lungs and will keep you right here to enjoy the beauties of spring.

A man may burn so much "midnight off" that he has none left to oil the day's machinery.

...DARSEY'S CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS...

Next week everybody will want to get something for Christmas presents for husband, wife, daugther, son, mother, father, or friend, and we submit some good practical presents that will be useful and appreciated by anyone. Not a lot of things that are of no use, but something that will cause the giver to be remembered for a long time.

LADIES' FINE SHOES

No. A96 Ladies White House Patent kid blutcher, McKay soles, dull tops, fast ilets, military heels, a very dressy shoe, price \$3 00

No A8 Ladies Usona patent celt blutcher, McKay soles, large fast ilets, dull top, military heel, swing last and a very nobby shoe, price \$2.50

No A10 Ladies Usona, same as A8, in all kid with

A3, kid lace, goodyear welt, extension soles, fast ilets, Cuban heel, patent tip, a very serviceable winter shoe, yet it is dressy, price, 2.50

· A 5, Ladies Usona kid lace, Brown's flexible turn soles, fast ilets, straight last, soft cap toe, 1.2 heel, an old lady's dress shoe, price \$3,50

A73. Ladies Queen Bee, kid blutcher, McKay sole, swing last, military heel; patent tip, fast eyelets, a neat serviceable shoe, price \$2.00

No. A68 Ladies Queen Bee, kid blutcher, McKay soles, swing last, large fast ilets, military heel, patent tip dill, kid down front and around top, looks like a \$2.50 shoe, price \$2.00

MEN'S FINE SHOES

Star 60, Men's President, all patent leather, blutcher Goodyear welt, extensive sole, full swing last, new heel, as dressy a shoe as you will find at any place. Price \$4.00

Star 40, Men's White House tan, Russian leather, blutcher, light weight, welt extension sole, does not peel, one of the most serviceable dress shoes made, price \$3.50

Star 36, Men's White House, all kid blutcher, goodyear welt, extension sole. straight last, price \$3.50

Star 37 White House, patent leather, blutcher dull top, goodyear welt, extension sole, swing last, full across toe, price \$3.50

B11, Men's Usona, all kid, blutcher, goodyear welt, extention sole, swing last, a light dressy shoe, price \$3.

B16, Men's Usona, kid lace, light weight, welt sole, straight last, plain toe, an ideal dress shoe for old men, price \$3.00





Men's overshirts, all wool, cloth, medium weight, 1 and 2 pockets, four good clear pearl buttons, nice finish and nice fitting collars, colors, navy blue, gray and castor, price \$2 and \$2.50

Also a cheaper overshirt, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25

No 4805, boys' overcoat, black beaver fly front, velvet collar, center slit in back, price \$5 00

4803, Men's sack overcoats, blue black beaver, fly front, velvet collar, 42 inches long, center split in back, every one a warm coat at a medium priece—\$5.00

3473, men's sack overcoat, blue black beaver, extra quality, 44 inches long, fly front, velvet collar, piped facing, center slit in back, price \$7.50

7695, Men's sack overcoat, made of high grade black beaver, strictly all wool, raw edges, and raw seams, 45 inches long, no slit in back, high grade velvet collar, will not fade or crack, made by skilled labor, price \$10.00

8541, Men's belt overcoat, black cashmere with indistinct red threads interwoven, with narrow thread running both ways, forming an invisible plaid, 50 inches long, velvet collar. fly front, this is a very stylish garment, price \$10.00

If any of your friends are going off to spend Christmas we suggest you give them a nice trunk. We have them at \$1.50, \$1,75, \$2.00, \$2.50,\$3,00, \$3.50 and up to \$8.

A nice set of furniture, dresser, rocker, center table, bedstead, window shades, matting, set of bed springs, mattresses. comforts or a pair of nice bed blankets would be something nice and useful. Our assortment is complete at lowest prices. See our bedsteads at \$1.90, \$2.40, \$2.90, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and up to \$10.00. See our line of new matting, at 25c and 30c, worth 10 per cent more.

A BIG SHIPMENT OF GROCERIES

have for several days been arriving and we were never better prepared than we now are to sell you your Christmas bill of Groceries.

See us before you buy. If we have it we will save you money on your bill,

RESPECTFULLY,

GEORGE E. DARSEY.

We Want Turkeys, Eggs and Hides.

******************* LOCAL NEWS.

Prettiest line of Christmas goods in town at W. B. Faris'.

Prof. A. W. Cain had business in Crockett Saturday.

Cooking stoves, heating stoves and stove pipes at Darsey's.

W. R. Earle of Augusta went down to Crockett Saturday.

18 pounds new crop YC sugar for \$1 at W. B. Faris'.

Bob Parker is a new subscriber to the Messenger.

Big lot Hereford brand shoes \$1.00. just in at W. B. Faris'.

G. R. Murchison was in Crockett Saturday on business.

N. J. Time wants to sell you groceries. See him.

John R. Sheridan was up from Crockett Saturday on business.

J. B. Lively will pay you cash for beef hides and bee's wax.

Xmas presents. them.

Knizes and razors make nice

For your Christmas flour buy the Invincible from

W. B. Faris.

HOWARD HAILS YOU with a happy, hearty and merry (sober) Xmas.

Hamp Huff of Daly's and J. S. Newman of Augusta were here Monday trading.

The Messenger has a scholarship for sale in the McKinney Business College valued at \$40 and goes for 25 per cent discount. Who wents it?

We have printed and delivered to John Pelham, fruit and truck of genuine Baker Perfect barb grower, R. F. D. No. 1, a lot of wire and hog fencing. Will connice stationery. Eyery farmer tinue to sell at old prices until liying on a rural route should January 1. have printed stationery with their route number. Call and see this sample.

Mr. C. E. Hayes, manager of the large farm at La Texo, has the thanks of the editor for a fine cabbage, which knocked the scales up to the six pound notch. Mr. Hayes planted 4 or 5 acres in cabbage this year as an experiment, and it has proven quite a success. Upon an average the balance of the crop is as good as this sample. Mr. Hayes thoroughly understands truck raising many other courtesies extended and through his management La to us this year and trust that we Texo is destined to become famous as a truck country.

Several Santa Claus letters from little folks at Percilla and Latexo, interesting letters from Miss Minnie Walker, Courtney, Ind. Ter., Mrs. Mary Carnell, Bell county, and Mr. W. B. Holiday, of Lovelady, reached us too late for publication this week. This was caused on account of the paper being issued Wednes- ited in Palestins Monday afterday afternoon.

Brick and lime at Darsey's.

See Howard's line of whips for qualtty, beauty and cheapness.

Buy your Christmas goods at bran at W. B. Faris. W. B. Faris'.

Dave Hutcherson of the Houston Drug Co., was in the city Tuesday.

N. T. Tims wants to buy your chickens and eggs.

Best line of Christmas goods in town at W. B. Faris.

After January 1st. I will put on all night service at the telephone exchange. Fred W. Caldwell

Extra good coffee 8 pounds for W. B. Faris.

Polk Taylor says tell the people he has plenty of Cotton Seed MEAL and Hulls. See him quick before they are all gone.

The best flour for Christmas or any other time is the Invincible, only at W. B. Faris.

For fruits and candies, go to Howard's.

We understand that D. W. Martin and family will move af-Howard has ter Christmas to old Mexico.

> Good oranges 30c per dozen; best large oranges 40c per dozen at Darsey's.

> A merry Christmas and happy new year to all.

> > Respectfully, Geo. E. Darsey.

O. C. Hickey has returned from Louisiana, where he has been trapping.

Use Texas Stock Food. Satisfaction guaranteed or your money back. Sold by Nat Davis.

Darsey has just received a car

Prettiest line of knit shawls and facinators at 50c to \$2.00. They are beauties.

W. B. Faris.

Don't fail to see our line of Star-5-Star shoes if you want shoes that will stand the winter. Geo. E. Darsey.

To Our Friends and Customers.

We desire to thank each and every one of you for your liberal patronage, good friendship and may be better prepared to serve you in the future than in the past. Wishing each of you a merry Christmas and happy new year, Respectfully,

Geo. E. Darsey.

Buy your goods from us this week, Special prices on every-W. B. Faris. thing at

Mrs W. E. Hollingsworth visnoon.

Best pure wheat bran \$1.10 per 100 pound sacks at Darsey's.

J. B. Lively wants your beef hides and bee's wax.

Pure corn chops, pure wheat

Get our prices on apples and candy for Christmas. Darsey.

New goods, New shoes this week at W. B. Faris'.

Pure extracts for Christmas cooking at Darsey's.

Galveston News and the Messenger one year \$1 25. Want em?

A big .hipment of decorated chinaware in sets, or just as you want them at Darsey's.

T. S. Cook, a merchant of Augusta went up to Palestine Monday, returning Tuesday.

Wear the Brown Shoe Co's. Star-5-Star shoe for comfort and durability, for sale at Darsey's.

Great reduction on all woolen goods. Don't buy till you get prices. J. J. Brooks.

Buy your sugar, coffee and flour for Christmas from

W.B.Faris.

Don't Be Too Late.

From now until January 1 we will sell Baker Perfect barb wire and hog fencing at old prices.

Mrs. Claude Saddler and children of Kountze will spend the holidays here visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Newest style brown hats for Christmas, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00. These are beauties.

W. B. Faris.

Jim Utz and family left last Saturday for Uvalde county, where they will reside in the future, We wish them success.

Plenty hog fencing and barb wire now at Darsey's at old prices until January 1.

D. W. Martin and Bob Parker were in Crockett Tuesday afternoon on business.

Write us about that scholar. ship we have for sale in the Mc-Kinney Business College.

Steve Power of Elkhart was in the city last Friday purchasing some wire for his telephone exchange.

Al Brown's head's swelled up big as a foot ball. He's got a ten pound boy down at his house.

Don't forget that the price of barb wire will advance January 1st. Our store wili be open Friday and Saturday Dec. 29 and 30 and we can sell you want on these days at the old price.

> Geo, E. Dalsey. Grapeland, Texas.

WHITE'S



Ballard-Snow Liniment Co. OT. LOUIS, MO.

-FOR SALE BY-CARLETON & PORTER.

Home A Happy

To have a happy home you must have children, as they are great happy-home-makers. If a weak woman, you can be made strong enough to bear healthy children, with little pain or discomfort to yourself, by taking

OF CARDU

Building Tonic For Women.

It will ease away all your pain, reduce inflammation. cure leucorrhea (whites), falling womb, ovarian trouble, disordered menses, backache, headache, etc., and make childbirth natural and easy. Try it.

At every drug store in \$1.00 bottles.

WRITE US A LETTER

DUE TO CARDU

Nearer, Still Nearer

The Holidays approach. Just a few more days and Christmas will be here in all its glory. It is then the good housewife has the satisfaction of knowing that the cupboard is full of something good to eat for the week.

BEGIN RIGHT NOW

to make preparations and buy your fruits and stuff at the BON-TON, the place where they keep all these good things.

AND FIREWORKS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. We will headquarters for fireworks. Come

here to buy. We will treat you right. Yours for the Holiday trade,

ODELL FARIS, Proprietor.

SCHOOL NOTES

M iss Gertrude Lively who lives several miles out in the country has withdrawn from school. She was doing good work in school but her father could not do without her at home.

The rough weather affects the attendance somewhat, but not so much as might be supposed when we cousider the large number of students that walk from one to four miles each day.

Aubrey Lively of fourth grade is very sick. It is feared that he has appendicits.

One of the hardest struggle for class leadership is in the seventh grade. No one can tell which of those fellows will win out.

Two of the boys who have for feited playground privileges are taking a "lay off" this week. One of these boys made zero on three of his written examinations last week, and it is not likely that this lay off will raise his grades any great deal.

Jim Parker has procured a fine edition of Guliver's Travels on which he spends his spare

Nearly all the students are enthusiastic, hard workers and are doing well. However, a very small percent are on the "dead beat" list and are doing nothing that's any good.

At 4:30 p. m. Friday, Dec. 22,

Do it THIS YEAR

That long promised trip to the old home; Had you thought of it again? We have—and to enable. you to make it

THE I. & G. N.

Will have in effect excursion rates to the Old States and to Mexico for the

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Tickets on sale Dec, 21. 22 and 23. Good 30 days for return.

SPECIAL THROUGH CAR SERVICE

and to all points in Texas Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 31 and Jan 1 Good until Jan 4 for return

For rates and particulars see I & G N ticket agents or write

DJPRICE, GP&TA, Palestine, Texas.

school will be suspended for the holidays and will not resume work until 8:30 a. m. Monday, January 1, 1906.

12 best black coats and vests, worth \$7.50, to close out at \$4.90. W. B. Faris.