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Dr. Robertson's Philosophy.

A man's opportunities are the measure of his responsibilities.

Show me the object for which a man strives and I'll show you what he is and what he will be in after life.

None of us are quite so good as we would like for people to believe, nor hardly as bad as our enemies would make us appear.

No matter how many reverses you may meet in life's battle never give up. Remember that the reward is only to the faithful.

It makes very little difference what estimate the world places upon our work so long as we have a consciousness of having done our best.

There's still a few things that have not been meddled with by the present convention of misrepresentatives, but then they are not through yet.

Some men are born great, others have it thrust upon them, but the only greatness worth losing sleep over is achieved by honest conscientious labor.

The fellow who is satisfied with good enough may hold a job for a time, but he'll never rise above the common herd. The exigencies of the times demand the best that's in us and will recognize nothing less.

State revenue agent McDonald is going after the tax payers of Texas with a sharp stick. He will make an attempt to have all property rendered at its true valuation.—Grapeland Messenger.

Why Kid, I've always understood that it was the fellow who wouldn't pay that the Captain was especially commissioned to look after.—Pearsall Leader.

Reynard News.

April 13.—How cold this morning, and how thankful we are that nothing was killed. Farmers are up with their work at present. J. L. Chiles says his February corn looks fine, but his March cotton is down about 25 points but think if it could get a few warm nights it would go up some. The potatoes are fine and think they will be ready to move by the first of May.

Miss Mary Penington is visiting in our midst this week. Mrs. J. R. Rials and daughters spent last Sunday at J. L. Chiles', Mrs. Jack Beazley and children and Miss Mary Penington spent last Wednesday at J. L. Chiles'. Wish our people would visit more and show that we were on friendly terms at least. We have neighbors who have not been in our house for nearly two years.

Rev. Cox spent several days in our midst after preaching for us.

The young folks are going to have a party at Jack Beazley's to-night in honor of Miss Hattie Kleckly, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. Garrison.

By the way have you seen a map of the county? I have seen one and it is very complete, so far as I am acquainted with it. It was made by the soil surveyors who were in the county a few years ago. Any one who wants one can get it by addressing Bureau of Soils, Washington, D. C.

Oscar Beazley has been on the puny list and it is a wonder he got over it so soon. ZACK.

SHIPPER GIVES AWAY.

The St. Louis Jewelry Co. have authorized us as their agents to give every baby not over one year old brought to our store a GOLD RING. No conditions required, whether you buy or not. In addition to this we give 20c coupons with every dollar you spend with us for cash. These coupons will be accepted as cash in our jewelry assortment toward the purchase of any jewelry we carry in stock. We have on sale an elegant line of high quality, gold filled, rolled gold, gold shell and solid gold jewelry in latest styles and patterns. Don't fail to ask for coupons. 10c coupon with every 50c purchase for cash.

Clothing for Men

The clothing we sell is made by I. & S. Bing, Cincinnati, Ohio. These patterns were submitted to us in early spring and we had the suits made to the best styles, comfort and durability. These suits are made without vests, coat and pants only. These patterns are snappy ones; come in gray, gray plaids, both check and shadow plaids, blue serges; coats are made one half and quarter lined. Style of this coat is three and four button sack, with or without vents. Pants are cut high waist, full in the seat and large legs which are most comfortable. Prices on these suits are \$7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 12.00. These suits fit perfectly and are great values.

Garments for Ladies

A line of ready made garments cannot be found more complete than ours for ladies. We have a line of shirt waists that are a little soiled that we are offering for 25c and 50c. We also have an assortment of skirts, blue, black and grays, from \$1.50 to 3.50. Our stock of muslin underwear is well assorted. For the asking a catalogue of each of these garments, fully illustrated, description and price, will be given with pleasure. These garments can be bought for less than they can be made in the home.

Shoes for Everybody

Our shoes are made by Robert, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co., St. Louis, Mo. Each of these shoes are stamped with the star on the heel, which is your guarantee that this shoe is the very best in quality and is as low in price as the workmanship and leather market will allow. Our line of shoes is complete in price, style and size from a baby shoe to a \$5.00 man shoe. We especially call your attention to our ladies' low cuts in patent leather, gray and white canvas. Prices are from \$1.50 to 3.00. We also have a nice line of childrens' slippers from 1.00 to 1.50. Our 3.00, 3.50, 4.00 and 4.50 men's low cuts can't be beat. We walk on stars, so can you.

J. G. Shipper & Son

The Mother and the Professor.

Dr. Charles A. Eaton, the stalwart and consecrated pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, is authority for the statement that up in Ohio there is a college where only one of the faculty was a church member. Supposing that his church membership meant that he was a Christian man, an anxious mother, sending her young son to the institution, and feeling deeply concerned for the moral and spiritual welfare of her boy, wrote the said professor as follows:

Professor—

"My Dear Sir: I am sending my youngest son to your institution, and he will be in your classroom part of the time. I have heard that you are a Christian man, and if you will look after my boy's spiritual welfare you will receive the abiding gratitude of an anxious mother's heart."

To which the professor replied as follows:

"My Dear Madam: The state pays me to teach your son mathematics. There my responsibility ends."

The professor was a modernized mess—no other terms will describe him. True, the state paid him to teach the boy mathematics and had no right to pay him to teach religion in any form. But the state had no right to buy, nor had the teacher any right to sell, his personal influence as a Christian man either in the school room or in his private life.

The trouble was, he didn't know the first principle of real Christianity, or he could not have answered such a request from such a mother with such carelessness.

"Am I my brother's keeper?" was rebuked by God when it fell from the lips of Cain; and its modernized form, "Am I my student's keeper?" will be likewise rebuked here and hereafter when uttered, or even thought, by the teacher who pockets his stipend and imagines his responsibility has ended when equations have been sought and sines and cosines have been explained in the school room.

"I do not teach Biology—I teach boys," declared Professor George W. Macon, of Mercer University, in a great speech before a young people's convention at Rome. And when he uttered that sentence you could hear the bell ring on earth and in heaven.

Mind or character—which? That is the question. Which is worth more to society?

The picture of J. C. Hardy going in and out before nine hundred boys at the great A. and M. College of Mississippi, yet with time always, and heart and love enough, to be up every morning at 6:30 for the sunrise prayer meeting, and then staying through every after meeting in the Y. M. C. A. services with his arm around some penitent student, showing him the way of life—this picture will live with, and inspire the writer till life's latest sun shall set. And a man who does not feel that way toward his students—helping them above and beyond the mental and material—has no business in a school room.—Atlanta (Ga.) Golden Age.

Lone Pine News.

Crockett, Apr. 13.—Just a few lines from Lone Pine community. Plenty of fevers among the children.

Crops are in good condition; plenty of young calves, pigs and a few colts. That makes this country look good to me.

Reading a piece in last week's Messenger headed "the egg industry," struck me very forcibly, for I have seen some good derived from eggs and chickens in the last two months. The people in this community are shipping their own produce to Houston. The man who buys them doesn't ask us what kind of trade we want, but sends us a check on a bank for 5c per dozen more than we are offered here in trade. Our large fryers last week sold for 50c each. Then why not raise a few chickens as well as a few hogs and cows; corn and peas, mixed with goober vines are also good. The farmer is the man who enjoys all these things, so let's get busy.

TANTABOGUE.

Messrs. Porter Newman, Earle Adams and Marvin Ellis of Crockett were in town Saturday.

Schedule Final Examinations.

The final examinations in the Grapeland High School will be given in accordance with the following schedule.

Tuesday, April 23, forenoon: 6 Gram., 7 Gram., 9 Lat; afternoon: 5 Hist., 6 Hist., 7 Hist., 8 Geog., 9 Myth.

Wednesday, April 24, forenoon: 4 Gram., 5 Gram., 8 Rhet., 9 Lit., 10 Lit; afternoon: 4 Geog., 5 Geog., 6 Spel., 8 Lat., 9 Alg., 10 Phys.

Thursday, April 25, forenoon: 4 Read., Writ. and Spel., 5 Read., Writ. and Spel., 6 Arith., 7 Arith., 8., Hist., 9 Hist., 10 Hist.; afternoon: 4 Arith., 5 Arith., 6 Geog., 7 Alg., 8 Alg., 9 Geom., 10 Geom.

All students above the third grade except those who have been in school all the year and have a general average of 80 or above on studies must take the above examinations before they will be allowed to advance to a higher grade. All students who are out of school at present are advised to come back at the proper time and take these examinations.

Keep this schedule for future guidance.

Will Close.

Grapeland, Texas, April 16.—We, the undersigned merchants and business men of Grapeland, hereby agree to close our places of business from 10 till 3 o'clock on April 26th on account of the old soldiers' re-union:

Geo. E. Darsey, J. G. Shipper & Son, S. E. Howard, J. J. Guice & Son, F. & M. State Bank, J. N. Parker, Wherry Bros., M. L. Clewis, S. T. Anthony, F. A. Paris, J. J. Brooks, Grapeland Messenger. Drug stores will close from 11 to 1 o'clock.

Don't Delay.

Save a possible serious spell of fever later on by cleansing your system now of its accumulation of impurities. Simmon's Sarsaparilla will do it. It makes fine blood, fine appetite, great strength and grand ambition.

O. C. Hickey of Crockett was in town a day last week, on his way to West Texas looking for a location.

Chamberlain's Salve is good for any disease of the skin. It allays the itching and burning sensation instantly. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

The Messenger.

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GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

"The Tyranny of the Roof."

We think of the savage tribe as living outdoors, and free from the restraints which come from civilization—the garment, the house and the cook. But there is a barbarism which spends its winters in huts and holes from which every breath of fresh air is shut out, and where the stifling atmosphere is heavy with "old shapes of foul disease." Akin to the life of the hut and the slum is the life of the home of whatever grade where cold is dreaded more than bad air. The farmhouse, the millionaire's palace and the village grocery alike shelter miserable sinners against nature's laws. The crusade against the ravages of consumption has awakened thousands to the fact that the need for pure air is more imperative even than the need for good food, although it speaks with a less insistent voice. But, remarks Youth's Companion, hundreds of thousands of housewives yet need to learn the danger of the comfortable double window and the air-tight stove, and the healing power of pure, cold air, steeped in God's own sunshine. A woman who was known as the queen of the Gypsies died recently in England. She was of great age and amazing vigor, and a real "character" in her reserve and her hatred of modern conditions. She seldom talked, but it was known that she considered education as rubbish, houses as no better than prisons, and the persons who died in them as the victims of their own effeminacy. In a phrase both telling and memorable she boasted herself "free from the tyranny of the roof." That is truly noble freedom and one which every wise woman may covet for herself and her children. Perhaps another hundred years may see the stuffy bedroom everywhere supplanted by the airy porch, and find civilized man again sleeping under the sky.

I find I am called an old man by other people; but I get along myself without thinking of this or talking about it, unless some correspondent asks me to, writes Edward Everett Hale in the Circle. Thus, I am lame; but I do not say I am lame because I am 84. I say I am lame because I had a fall, precisely as I should have said it if I were 33 years and 3 months old at three minutes after three in the third month of the year. Or, in brief, if you can get along without thinking of yourself much, it will probably be a comfort to yourself, and it will certainly be a comfort to your friends.

Because of a poor olive crop in Spain the demand for peanuts is brisk, and the peanut growers in the province of Valencia are holding their crop for a high price. Peanut oil is largely used by the Spaniards instead of olive oil, and the peanut competes with the olive at the oil-crushers. The consular report from which this information is taken does not say whether or not the Spanish dealers sell the peanut oil as olive oil. They may be more scrupulous in their trade designations than some dealers in cottonseed oil have been.

If Russia wasn't fighting a revolution that is liable to break out into fireworks at several points at the same time what a lot of fun it could have fighting once more the Japanese war in the magazines! Even with its attention taken away it is doing fairly well, for it is a poor week that some one doesn't write a book to prove Stoessel a coward.

The cathedral of St. John the Divine, at One Hundred and Tenth street and Amsterdam avenue, New York, now promises to be completed in 1950, when it will surpass in cost and beauty any church building in this country and will rank with the historical ones in Europe.

The simplest way to ascertain the purity of olive oil is to freeze it. Pure olive oil has the exclusive property of freezing at three or four degrees above zero, whereas other oils need a temperature of ten degrees below. But how about the zero weather?

Hooks and eyes are indispensable in women's attire, holding the folds together so neatly without the use of the conspicuous button. There are a number of makes of hooks and eyes, and the annual outlay for them is estimated at \$640,000.

THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON
AUTHOR OF "THE MAIN COURSE," "ZELDA DAMERON," ETC.
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CHAPTER III.—Continued.

Any resentment I felt on first hearing the terms of my grandfather's will had passed. He had treated me as well as I deserved, and the least I could do was to accept the penalty he had laid upon me in a sane and amiable spirit. This train of thought occupied me as we tramped along the highway. The road now led away from the lake and through a heavy wood. Presently, on the right loomed a dark barrier, and I put out my hand and touched a wall of rough stone that rose to a height of about eight feet.

"What is this, Bates?" I asked.
"This is Glenarm land, sir. The wall was one of your grandfather's ideas. It's a quarter of a mile long and cost him a pretty penny, I warrant you. The road turns off from the lake now, but the Glenarm property is all lake front."

So there was a wall about my prison house! I grinned cheerfully to myself. When, a few moments later, my guide paused at an arched gateway in the long wall, drew from his overcoat a bunch of keys and fumbled at the lock of an iron gate, I felt the spirit of adventure quicken within me. The gate clicked behind us and Bates found a lantern and lighted it with the ease of custom.

"I use this gate because it's nearer. The regular entrance is farther down the road. Keep close, sir, as the timber isn't much cleared."

The undergrowth was indeed heavy, and I followed the lantern of my guide with difficulty. In darkness the place seemed as wild and rough as a tropical wilderness.

"Only a little farther," rose Bates' voice ahead of me; and then: "There's the light, sir"—and, lifting my eyes, as I stumbled over the roots of a great tree, I saw for the first time the dark outlines of Glenarm House.

"Here we are, sir!" exclaimed Bates, stamping his feet upon a walk. I followed him to what I assumed to be the front door of the house, where a lamp shone brightly at either side of a massive entrance. Bates flung it open without ado, and I stepped quickly into a great hall that was lighted dimly by candles fastened into brackets on the walls.

"I hope you've not expected too much, Mr. Glenarm," said Bates, with a tone of mild apology. "It's very incomplete for living purposes."

"Well, we've got to make the best of it," I answered, though without much cheer. The sound of our steps echoed in the well of a great staircase. There was not, as far as I could see, a single article of furniture in the place.

"Here's something you'll like better, sir,"—and Bates paused far down the hall and opened a door.

A single candle made a little pool of light in what I felt to be a large room. I was prepared for a disclosure of barren ugliness, and waited, in heartsick foreboding, for the silent guide to reveal a dreary prison.

"Please sit here, sir," said Bates, "while I make a better light."

He moved through the dark room with perfect ease, struck a match, lighted a taper and went swiftly and softly about. He touched the taper to one candle after another,—they seemed to be everywhere,—and won from the dark a faint twilight, that yielded slowly to a growing mellow splendor of light. I have often watched the acolytes in dim cathedrals of the Old World set countless candles ablaze on magnificent altars,—always with awe for the beauty of the spectacle; but in this unknown house the austere serving man summoned from the shadows a lovelier and more bewildering enchantment. Youth alone, of beautiful things, is lovelier than light.

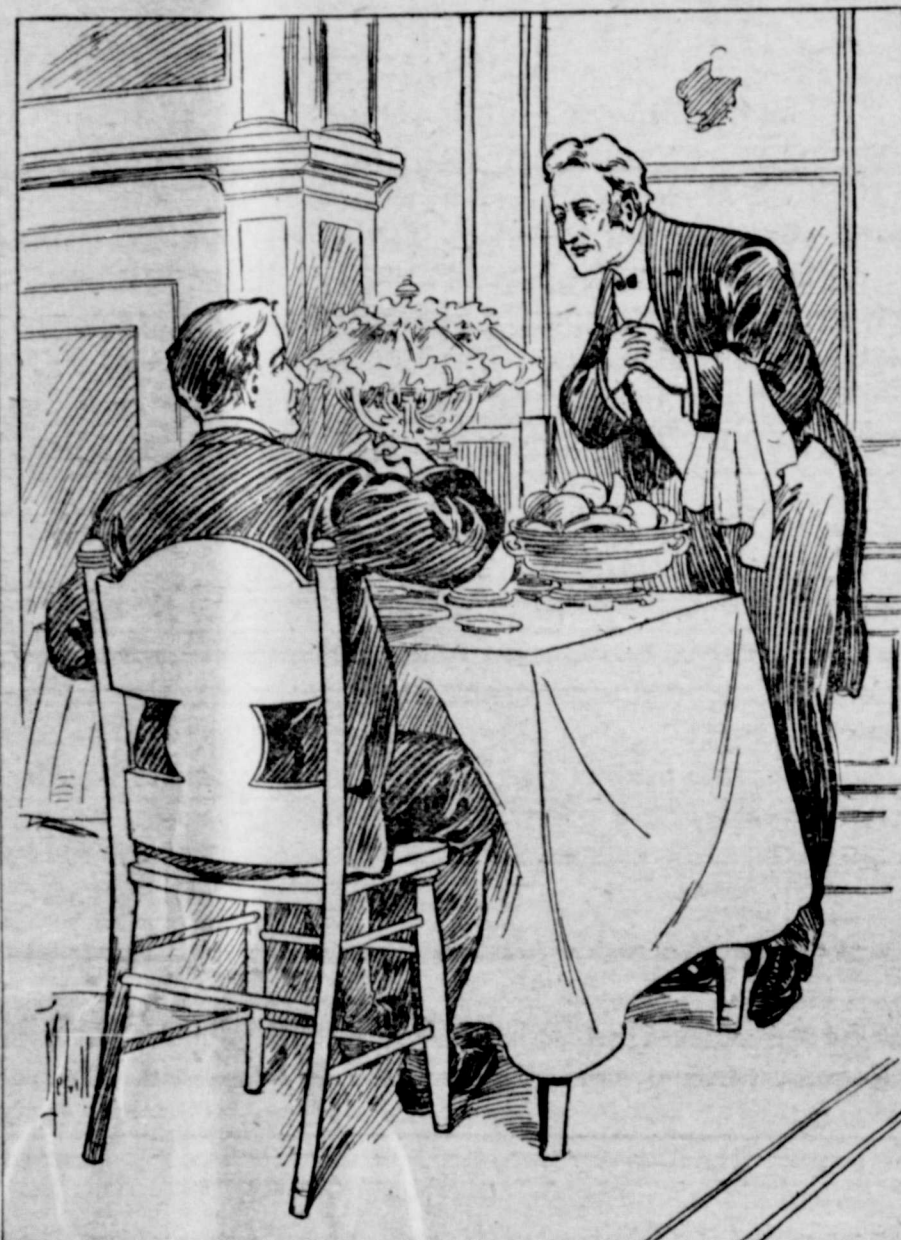
The lines of the wall receded as the light increased, and the raftered ceiling drew away, luring the eyes upward. I rose with a smothered exclamation on my lips and stared about, snatching off my hat in reverence as the spirit of the place wove its spell about me. Everywhere there were books; they covered the walls to the ceiling, with only long French windows and an enormous fireplace breaking the line. Above the fireplace a massive dark oak chimney-breast further emphasized the grand scale of the room. From every conceivable place—from shelves built for the purpose, from brackets that thrust out long arms among the books, from a great crystal chandelier suspended from the ceiling, and from the breast of the chimney—innumerable candles blazed with dazzling brilliancy. I exclaimed in wonder and pleasure as Bates paused, his sorcerer's wand in hand.

"Mr. Glenarm was very fond of candle-light; he liked to gather up candle-

sticks, and his collection is very fine. He often called this 'The House of a Thousand Candles.' There's only about a hundred here; but it was one of his conceits that when the house was finished there would be a thousand lights. He had quite a joking way, your grandfather. It suited his humor to call it a thousand. He enjoyed his own pleasures, sir."

"I fancy he did," I replied, staring in bewilderment.

"Oil lamps might be more suited to your own taste, sir. But your grandfather would not have them. Old brass and copper were specialties with him, and he had a particular taste, Mr. Glen-



I Liked the Fellow's Humility. He Served With Great Deference.

arm had, in glass candle-sticks. He held that the crystal was most effective of all. I'll go and let in the baggageman and then serve you some supper."

He went somberly out and I examined the room with amazed and delighted eyes. It was 50 feet long and half as wide. The hard-wood floor was covered with handsome rugs; every piece of furniture was quaint or interesting. Carved in the heavy oak paneling above the fireplace, in large Old English letters, was the inscription:

The Spirit of Man is the Candle of the Lord

and on either side great candelabra sent long arms across the hearth. All the books seemed related to architecture; German and French works stood side by side among those by English and American authorities. I found archaeology represented in a division where all the titles were Latin or Italian. I opened several cabinets that contained sketches and drawings, all in careful order; and in another I found an elaborate card catalogue, evidently the work of a practiced hand. The minute examination was too much for me; I threw myself into a great chair that might have been spilt from a cathedral, satisfied to enjoy the general effect. To find an apartment so handsome and so marked by good taste in the midst of an Indiana wood staggered me. I was so lost in contemplation that I did not hear a door open behind me. The respectful, mournful voice of Bates announced:

"There's a bite ready for you, sir." I followed him through the hall to a small high-wainscoted room where a table was simply set.

"This is what Mr. Glenarm called the refectory. He took his own meals here. The library was the main thing with him. He never lived to finish the house,—more's the pity, sir. He would have made something very handsome of it if he'd had a few years more. But he hoped, sir, that you'd see it completed. The work was near his heart, sir."

"Yes, to be sure," I replied. He brought cold fowl and a salad,

and produced a bit of Stilton of unmistakable authenticity.

"I trust the ale is cooled to your liking. It's your grandfather's favorite, if I may say it, sir."

I liked the fellow's humility. He served me with a grave deference and an accustomed hand. Candles in crystal holders shed an agreeable light upon the table; the room was snug and comfortable, and hickory logs in a small fireplace crackled cheerily. If my grandfather had designed to punish me, with loneliness as his weapon, his shade, if it lurked near me, must have been grievously disappointed. I had often eaten my bread alone, and I found a pleasure in the quiet of the strange, unknown house. There stole over me, too, the satisfaction that I was at last obeying a wish of my grandfather's; that I was doing something he would have me do. I was touched by the traces everywhere of his interest in what was to him the art of arts; there was something quite fine in his devotion to it. The little refectory had its air of distinction, though it was without decoration. There had been, we always said in the family, something whimsical or even morbid in my grandsire's devotion to

and held it half-opened in my hand, when the glass in the window back of me cracked sharply, a bullet whistled over my head, struck the opposite wall and fell, flattened and marred on the table under my hand.

CHAPTER IV.

A Voice from the Lake.

I ran to the window and peered out into the night. The wood through which we had approached the house seemed to encompass it. The branches of a great tree brushed the panes. I was tugging at the fastening of the window when I became aware of Bates at my elbow.

"Did something happen, sir?"

His unbroken calm angered me. Some one had fired at me through a window and I had narrowly escaped being shot. I resented the unconcern with which this servant accepted the situation.

"Nothing worth mentioning. Somebody tried to assassinate me, that's all," I said, in a voice that failed to be calmly ironical. I was still fumbling at the catch of the window.

"Allow me, sir,"—and he threw up the sash with an ease that increased my irritation.

I leaned out and tried to find some clue to my assailant. Bates opened another window and surveyed the dark landscape with me.

"It was a shot from without, was it, sir?"

"Of course it was; you didn't suppose I shot at myself, did you?"

He examined the broken pane and picked up the bullet from the table.

"It's a rifle ball, I should say."

The bullet was half-flattened by its contact with the wall. It was a cartridge ball of large caliber that might have been fired from either rifle or pistol.

"It's very unusual, sir!" I wheeled upon him angrily and found him fumbling with the bit of metal, a troubled look on his face. He at once continued, as though anxious to allay my fears. "Quite accidental, most likely. Probably boys on the lake are shooting at ducks."

I laughed out so suddenly that Bates started back in alarm.

"You idiot!" I roared, seizing him by the collar with both hands and shaking him fiercely. "You fool, do the people around here shoot ducks at night? Do they shoot water-fowl with elephant guns and fire at people through windows just for fun?"

I threw him back against the table so that it leaped away from him, and he fell prone on the floor.

"Get up!" I commanded, "and fetch a lantern."

He said nothing but did as I bade him. We traversed the long, cheerless hall to the front door, and I sent him before me into the woodland. My notions of the geography of the region were the vaguest, but I wished to examine for myself the premises, that evidently contained a dangerous profler. I was very angry and my rage increased as I followed Bates, who had suddenly retired within himself. We stood soon beneath the lights of the refectory window.

The ground was covered with leaves which broke crisply under our feet.

"What lies beyond here?" I demanded.

"About a quarter of mile of woods, sir, and then the lake."

"Go ahead," I ordered, "straight to the lake."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



The Potato Monument

"If I ever get rich enough to present the city of New York with a monument I am going to give a copy of one I saw in Germany this summer," said a man who travels. "That is the most sensible thing in the statue line I ever saw. It is a monument to potatoes. It is certainly unique. The upper part consists of a statue to Sir Francis Drake, who is revered for having introduced the plant into Europe. This, as well as the pedestal, is draped with garlands of the potato vine, with the full grown tubers intact. On the pedestal are inscriptions. The first sets forth that the above figure is Sir Francis; the second explains in words of highest praise what a blessing the potato has been to mankind; the third records that the statue is the gift of a certain Andrew Frederick, of Strasburg; the fourth contains the names of the erectors. It strikes me that a monument to some valuable product of nature is much more appropriate than all the stone effigies of celebrities that cluster our parks at the present time.

Fishermen Use Wireless.

The wireless telephone, it is claimed, has successfully entered into the deep-sea fishing industry. For the last week experiments have been conducted by the wireless telegraph station at Brant Rock, which is equipped with a wire-

less telephone, with a small vessel stationed among the fleet of the south shore fishermen 12 miles out in Massachusetts bay. Recently, it is asserted, the fishermen wished to learn the prices ruling in the Boston market. The operator on the wireless-fitted boat called up Brant Rock, and telephoned the fishermen's request. The land operator asked Boston, and the answer was forwarded back to the fishermen.—N. Y. Post.

Fine Coin Collection.

Walter B. Gould, a well known Bangor, Me., business man, has a coin collection which probably cannot be duplicated in this country. It consists of about 20,000 of the old-fashioned copper cents, dated from 1703 to 1856. They are kept in a huge glass jar and measure a full six pecks.

Not Enough Style.

The Butler—The house is on fire, madam. Here are the hand grenades.

Mrs. Pacekill—You should have brought them on a tray, William.—Life.

The Engagement Ring.

She—You know the old proverb about riches taking wings.

He—No, but I know about witches taking rings.

STORY OF PIRATE PLUNDER RECALLS DAYS OF LAFITTE

SOME OF FREEBOOTER'S WEALTH RECOVERED

Splendid Gem Now Owned by Brownville, Texas, Attorney, Was Part of Accumulated Booty—Smugglers' Houses at Matamoros, Mexico, Still Stand in Magnificent Ruin.

Gentleman Instrumental in Discovering Hiding Place of Part of Treasure Believed That Much of It Remains Securely Concealed in the Old Rendezvous of the Buccaneers Who Did So Much to Win the Great Victory Over the British at New Orleans—Mexican Government in the Way.

"Yes, that gem is one of the finest I have ever seen, and its strange history, to me, adds very materially to its intrinsic value."

The speaker was Mr. Pierce, a prominent attorney of Brownville, Tex., as we sat on the broad veranda at his handsome residence, smoking our cigars, after the most remarkable January dinner I have ever eaten, writes Isaac Kline. On the menu was roast wild goose, which had been shot as it flew over the house on the day before; oysters on the half-shell, fresh from the waters of the Gulf at Point Isabel, 15 miles away; green corn on the cob, cucumbers, lettuce, celery from Mr. Pierce's own garden; oranges, figs and grapes from trees and vines in the dooryard—in January! The gem under discussion was a very fine diamond, whose steel-blue brilliance proclaimed it as having come from the Old Mines, sparkling in an old-fashioned setting on Mr. Pierce's finger.

"If I might have its entire history I should be very much pleased, for it belonged to Jean Lafitte, the pirate. If it could but speak, what a tale it might tell of former ownership by some Spanish señoritas, of the bloody sea fight which terminated in the sinking of a ship with its crimson deck burdened with the corpses of its defenders; of murder done afterwards in disposing of the wounded by the practical custom of walking the plank; of drunken outrage and orgy at Barrataria following the piratical victory, in which very likely the fair owner of this very ring was one of the prizes. There is certainly a romance connected with this stone, and it attracts me the more for the reason that I know so little of it."

Lafitte's Real Character.

"Jean Lafitte is referred to in the histories as a pirate, and such he was—but from those who knew him, with whom I have talked, I gain the impression that he was not fully entitled to that reputation, though he was a fearless fighter, with a band of freebooters to whom his word was law, whose bravery made them a scourge of the sea 70 years ago, in these very waters. He was a Frenchman and began his career as a lieutenant on a French privateer, was captured by an English man-of-war and thrown into prison at an English port, where he was kept for many years and so barbarously treated that his resentment had a large bearing in shaping his subsequent pursuits.

"It is asserted by old residents at Matamoros who knew him that his action in betraying the English in their attempt to capture New Orleans was in retaliation for the brutalities to

of a formidable community of freebooters in Barrataria bay, about 40 miles west of the mouth of the Mississippi. They had many small vessels and the bay afforded them a secure retreat. In 1814 Commodore Patterson attacked their town and destroyed it, but Lafitte and most of his men escaped, returning later on and resuming operations.

Refused British Bribe.

"About the same time the British were maturing their plans for the descent upon the southern coast of the United States, and sent a brig of war, the *Sophia*, under command of Capt. Lockyer, at Barrataria, with a letter from Commodore Percy, commanding the British naval forces in the gulf, and one from Col. Nichols, then in command of the land forces in Florida, offering Lafitte the command of a fine ship and \$30,000 in gold on condition of his assisting the contemplated expedition to New Orleans. The promise of the British commander of 'bounty and beauty' to his men in case of victory is a matter of record.

Lafitte immediately wrote to Gov. Claiborne of Louisiana, inclosing the two letters, which I have seen, and offering his services in defending Louisiana on the sole condition of pardon for himself and his men. The offer was accepted, and the assistance of the Barratarians under command of Lafitte, who had charge of one of the eight small cannon which constituted Jackson's artillery force at this battle, was an important factor in scoring the great victory of New Orleans, January 8, 1815. From this time the history of Lafitte is involved in obscurity. There was a piratical community formed at what is now Galveston, by a Lafitte, but whether by Jean or his brother Pierre, is now not clear. It was broken up in 1821 by Lieutenant, afterward Commodore Kearney. Lafitte's portraits, of which there are two at Matamoros, show him to have been a handsome man, over six feet tall, with black hair, hazel eyes; and his polished, easy manners and winning address are still remarked upon.

Pirates Were Scattered.

"After the destruction of this rendezvous the pirates scattered. Many of them are heard of afterward and are known in history. They were skilled seamen and bold fighters. Many left the sea and located at Matamoros, just across the river from Brownville. This was then a great field for all sorts of semi-piratical exploits. Smuggling was prevalent and fortunes were made on all sides. Vessels would unload their cargoes by day or night, and the goods were often

related that their women even wore gold heels on their shoes. They entertained in princely style, giving receptions and banquets which for magnificence were not excelled even in European courts. Kings and queens of England, Spain or France gave nothing more elegant in this line. Nothing approaching them was ever given on this continent in those days, even if at the present time.

Entertained Prominent Men.

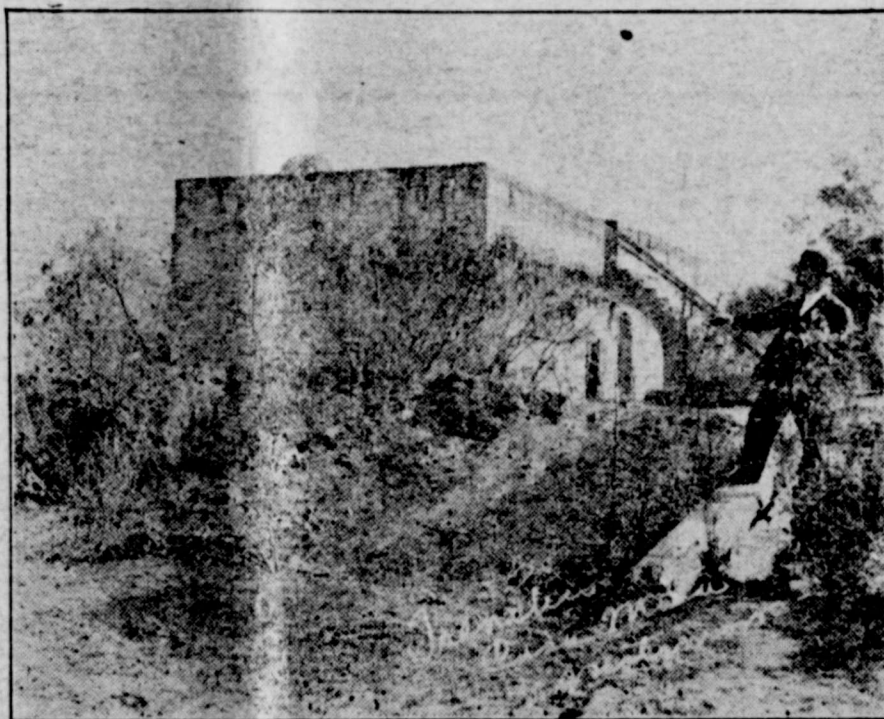
"All prominent people who came to Matamoros were received and entertained by them—Gen. Lawton, Gen. Corbin, the McCooks, even Gen. Sheridan—have been their guests at these receptions. Among their visitors occasionally was seen a man of magnificent bearing, great manly beauty and carriage. He wore jewels of extraordinary splendor, and always carried a court sword with embroidered belt blazing with jewels. I was a boy then, and remember these things well, for they were to me like a dream of the Arabian Nights. The man had with him on these visits a Spanish lady of great beauty who was always at his side. None except the Tarnava family ever talked with her, but it was a current belief among us children that the man was Lafitte and the woman a lady whom he had captured in some of his sea fights, killing her male relative, taken her to Barrataria and still held her as his wife. She was even supposed to bear a title. She attempted to escape from him twice, but

street leading to the Casa Mata, or 'house of death' in the outskirts where the prisoners were executed in the early days.

"A smaller chart on the same parchment gave a complete map of the rooms in the Casa Tarnava. In one of these rooms a spot was marked with a cross near the wall; a similar mark was placed in the basement of the house, and also in a place in the outer walls at the Casa Mata. The Chicago man, whose name I do not give for professional reasons, said that the map had never received any attention from his mother or himself because they did not really know where Matamoros was. There was no railroad to Matamoros or that locality, and neither of them ever expected to get there. Since the completion of the new St. L. B. & M. railway, however, he concluded to go down on one of the Homeseekers' excursions. The existence of the map recurred to his mind and he brought it along, though with little faith in its having any foundation in fact.

Found Chest Well Hidden.

"We visited the ruined house. The map was very accurate as regarded the apartments with the exception that the room marked with the cross did not seem to exist. By measuring the walls, however, we found an inside wall of brick—all the inner walls in this building are of brick—near a stairway, was much thicker than the others, and cut into it—and there was the treasure room. It had been built



"House of Death."

did not succeed. Her people no doubt mourned her as dead.

"After the Tarnavas left the house it was never again occupied and so far as I know has not been entered for 50 years until about a year ago. The entire premises are in ruins, as you saw, but in its prime it was as handsome as any residence on this continent. The slate roof is falling in, though the brick walls will probably stand for a century, as they are very thick and solid. The rotting balconies look down into an inner court still full of orange and fig trees laden with fruit—but I have seen this garden and the balconies lighted up at night, filled with the handsomest women wearing the finest dresses the world then contained. The high ceilings, magnificently proportioned rooms, carved spiral stairways of mahogany, large arched windows, mahogany floors—all indicate the taste of the occupants. The pigeons of the town now make it a roosting place, entering through the falling roof and the broken windows, but in its day it was a magnificent home, such as few ever enter even in this era of wealth, except the most exclusive and aristocratic. Now to the story of this ring:

Had Treasure Chart.

"In June, 1906, a gentleman from Chicago came to my office soliciting my assistance. He had a map or chart and a letter, of which he gave the following history: His mother, a widow, kept a boarding house 26 years ago in Chicago. Among her boarders was a man of about 60 years, who was a sailor on the lake. He had evidently cruised on salt water for many years, in fact the other sailors often talked of that, and the fact that he seemed to hold himself aloof from them; that while mixing freely with them, he would never relate any of his experiences in the past, as sailors generally love to do. This man's name was Porfirio LaFon. One night he was drowned by the wrecking of his vessel, the *Irene*, of Sandusky. His effects lay about the house for years in an old sea chest, all efforts to discover any relatives being ineffectual. In the bottom of the chest was the chart and letter, the latter stating that LaFon had been a pirate under Lafitte previous to coming to the lakes, and had, with his companions, buried a very large treasure in Matamoros. There was also some fine jewelry and a beautifully decorated dagger in the chest, and the chart. The latter I at once recognized as a partial map of the city of Matamoros in the vicinity of the Casa Tarnava or 'house of the pirates,' as it is now called, and the

into the wall in such a manner that its existence would never be suspected. Though four feet square, the stairway at the side, running to the second and third stories, prevented the extra thickness of the wall being noticed, part of the width of the room being taken off the width of the stairway. The only entrance was through the floor in the top story, the place being practically a dry well in the wall reaching clear from the top floor to the basement.

"The treasure chest, of old wood, with brass bindings and peculiar locks, remained, and we smashed it open. It was practically empty. There was a handful of Spanish and English gold coins and several jewels of which the one I wear is one, in the box and on the floor. We searched thoroughly. What we found was valued at \$4,300. The balance of the treasure, which the letter stated to be over \$75,000, had been taken by some one, possibly some accidental discoverer. The other places indicated to contain treasure were imperfect or else the places were too well hidden. Our time was limited, since it soon became noised about what we were doing and we were stopped. You know what the Mexican government is.

Believes Treasure Still There.

"I feel certain that the treasure is still there, if the places can be located, but do not see how that can be done without plenty of time and possibly pulling down the house. The outer walls at the Casa Mata are now obliterated and it would require a great deal of digging to locate the treasure indicated to be buried there. The letter gave the value of one as \$100,000 in jewels and the other as \$125,000 in gold. I have full belief that there is much treasure buried in this locality, by the pirates, the smugglers, the revolutionists and even those who operated here during the civil war when this was the only port the south had open for many months. The sunken place in the brick pavement of the basement at the Casa Tarnava, I think, indicates a secret passage from the well in the court to the street; but it may just as well lead to a treasure chamber.

"The cannon shot over the door in the second story? Oh, I don't know the history of that. It is my impression that it was shot in there during some of the many revolutionary fights which took place in the streets of Matamoros. It may have been planted there during the bombardment of Matamoros by Gen. Scott, and I sometimes think it was."



"House of Pirates."

which he had been subjected. As there was no war between France and England at the time of his release, he obtained a privateer's commission under the Carthaginian government against Spain. I have seen this commission, which is still in existence, in Spanish, and held by relatives of his, near Brownville. These relatives claim that his only acts of piracy were against British vessels—and he was beyond question a scourge to these. In 1807 he came to New Orleans, and in 1813-14 was at the head

smuggled or worse—blood stained fruits of piratical cruisers. Of these followers of Lafitte, the richer, more prominent—captains and lieutenants—settled in the same row of houses. Among them were Constantino Tarnava and Ramon LaFon. These people lived in great splendor until about 1850, when they gradually disappeared, leaving the houses they had occupied about as they are to-day. They were extremely lavish in the use of money, which seemed to flow through their hands like water. It is

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Be determined to succeed then failure will take a back seat.

A resolution was introduced in the legislature to appropriate \$1,000 to buy a grind-stone for Gov. Campbell to grind the nose of the legislators. We don't believe Gov. Campbell would ruin a good grind-stone in this way.

Culberson's name is still being mentioned favorably for the presidency. If the time is ripe for a southern man to be thus honored, Culberson is as good as any to be found. He and Bryan differ greatly on the rail road question.

President Roosevelt says that Harriman, Hearst and Rockefeller have put up \$5,000,000 to defeat his policies in the next political campaign. It took quite a lot of that kind of money to perpetuate the political principles for which Roosevelt stands, and he never whimpered. He should not complain if he has not squared himself with the money bags of his party.—L. Tribune.

School Trustee Election.

There will be an election held Saturday, May 4th, to elect three trustees to succeed B. R. Eaves, J. M. Seaton, Geo. E. Darsey, whose terms expires this year.

Daly's Items.

April 15.—Health of our community is very good at the present, except an occasional chill and fever.

Miss Laura Kyle of our midst is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. F. Musick, this week.

Miss Addie Hill has returned home after a week's visit to relatives at Grapeland and LaTexo.

Miss Mary Penington spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Jack Beazley of Reynard.

Mrs. T. R. Daily and her sister, Miss Leotie Kent of Reynard, were in Daly's last week.

Mr. Frank Pridgen of Elkhart spent Wednesday night with the family of Mr. W. W. Pridgen.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Musick spent Sunday with Mrs. Musick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kyle.

Several young men of the Antrim community attended our Sunday school Sunday.

The party at Jack Baezley's last Saturday night was well attended and all reported a nice time.

The crops and gardens are very promising, notwithstanding the cold days and nights we have had recently.

Next Sunday being the regular appointment of Rev. C. A. Campbell to preach here, we are expecting a large crowd.

CHARLOTTA.

Other Committees Appointed.

The citizens met at the Methodist church Monday night to see what the different committees had been doing for the old soldiers' re-union on the 26th. All the committees made a favorable report with the exception of the soliciting committee. The work of this committee is to see what their neighbors are going to do in the dinner line. Now this is the most important part of the whole business, and as a large crowd is expected it was decided to appoint a soliciting committee in each community to urge their neighbors to come and bring a basket. The committees are as follows:

Grapeland—S. E. Howard, F. A. Farris, A. B. Spence, J. E. Hollingsworth.

Hays Spring—J. L. Ward, W. M. Brown, M. L. Lively.

Daly's—E. G. Penington, H. W. Huff, Henry Penington.

New Prospect—Frank Parker, J. F. Bridges, Lee Linch.

Gum Springs—Jno. R. Taylor, Monroe Smith, Jim Baker.

Guiceland—D. W. Morehead, Jeff Keen, Billie Brooks, N. S. Herod.

Union—Dave Walling, Sam Duitch, Jno. Pelham.

Livelyville—S. H. Lively, D. M. Stringer, Jim Beason.

Percilla—W. F. Murchison, Tom Cook, Jno. Sewall.

Refuge—Henry Ivey, Frank Allen, Frank Brown.

San Pedro—J. B. Cunningham, D. H. Dickey, Ike Whittaker.

Augusta—Kennedy Bros., Jake Sheridan, J. O. Bynum.

LaTexo—Dr. L. Meriwether, Herbert Leaverton, R. F. Murchison.

Reynard—Jim Beazley, Tom Kent, Pat Fulghum.

Oak Grove—Rafe Parker, S. T. Parker, D. M. Herod, J. E. Bean.

Antrim—J. A. Hughes, Bill Durnell, Ed Weisinger.

Enon—E. F. Dunnam, E. H. Darsey, Rufe Morris.

Mr. S. E. Miller went up to Palestine Saturday night and on Sunday brought Mrs. Miller home, where she had undergone operation. She is improving and will soon be up.

Elkhart News.

April 15.—The people of this and adjoining communities are at this writing having a measley time. With the exception of this contagion and a few chills, every body is getting along nicely.

In spite of measles our private school is in session, and taught by our much loved teacher, Prof. Brown. Classes have advanced so rapidly under his instructions, we hope to have him teach again next session.

Mr. Caro Dupuy of San Antonio has gone into the mercantile business with Mr. Willie Weatherford. Their line of dry goods and millinery is one of the most complete that has ever been displayed in our little town.

Mr. Langham has bought a house and lot from Mr. W. J. Bridges and moved to same. Mr. Will Cameron will soon move to the residence formerly occupied by Mr. Langham.

Rev. Warlick preached a very interesting and impressive sermon Sunday to a large congregation of people. He also preached again Sunday night.

Miss Ozment, Dr. Austin and sister, Miss Carrie Austin of Palestine were visitors to the Wells Sunday. Also several young folks of this town spent the afternoon at the Mineral Wells.

Miss Eunice Watkins who has been teaching at Denson Springs spent Sunday with home folks.

Miss Ruby Cromwell of San Marcos arrived Sunday night to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. Cyrus Campbell of Salmon visited at the home of Chas. Cromwell, Sunday.

Dr. H. O. Tyler and Mr. R. C. Parks returned Sunday from Galveston and Houston.

Miss Bratz returned from Montalba where she has been visiting Miss Brown.

Mr. Lawrence Fitzgerald went down to Houston last week to visit home folks and while there was stricken down with measles.

Mr. Tom Davis came down from Palestine Monday.

The home of Rev. Murphy came near being destroyed by fire last week. LINTLE ONE

Oak Grove.

April 16.—As time rolls on people pass out into an unknown world. We attended the burial of Mrs. Cora Keen's baby last Sunday evening and it was a very sad occasion. It has only been a short time since she had to give up her husband and father. Services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Bean. His subject was "blessed are those whose sins are covered up." There was quite a multitude present who sympathized with Mrs. Keen in her sad affliction. The crop prospects are very gloomy. There are some having to plant over, which will not be any draw-back as it will kill a lot of fine grass and put the land in good shape for a crop.

J. E. and J. A. Bean and S. T. Parker will go to Crockett Wednesday on business.

This community is coming to the front. We have preaching and singing twice a month and the men and boys have organized a debating society and will dispose of their oratory twice a month on Saturday night. We are glad to see the boys of the country trying to make men of themselves, instead of hogs or something worse. Old Timer.

Mrs. John Oliver died Wednesday of last week at her home in the Enon community and was buried in the Davis graveyard.

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Caught Cold While Hunting a Burglar.
Mr. Wm. Thos. Lanorgan, provincial constable at Chapleau, Ontario, says: "I caught a severe cold while hunting a burglar in the forest swamps last fall. Hearing of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, I tried it, and after using two small bottles, I was completely cured." This remedy is especially intended for coughs and colds. It will loosen and relieve a severe cold in less time than by any other treatment and is a favorite wherever its superior excellence has become known. Sold by B. R. Guice & Son, druggists.

NOTICE—Every one interested is requested to meet at the Davis graveyard on May 1 to clean off the ground and decorate the graves of our loved ones. Please be on hand.—J. J. Brooks, J. E. Hollingsworth, J. F. Garrett, Committee.

Don't Put Off
for tomorrow what you can do today. If you put off buying a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment, when that pain comes you wont have any—buy a bottle today. A positive cure for rheumatism, burns, cuts, sprains, contracted muscles, etc. T. S. Graham, Prairie Grove, Ark., writes, "I wish to thank you for the good results I received from Snow Liniment. It positively cured me of rheumatism after others had failed. Sold by Carleton & Porter, druggists.
Mr. J. N. Tyer of Oriole was a pleasant caller Tuesday while in the city.

When you need a pill, take a pill, and be sure it's an Early Riser. DeWitt's little Early Risers are safe, sure, satisfactory pills—the pills with a reputation. They do not gripe or sicken. They are sold here by Carleton & Porter.

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NOW OPEN ON MAIN STREET
GOOD ROOMS, ALL NEW
Rates \$1 Per Day
The best of Meals, Fish and Oysters. Short orders served from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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DR. KING'S
NEW DISCOVERY
FOR COUGHS AND COLDS.
FOR WEAK, SORE LUNGS, ASTHMA,
BRONCHITIS, HEMORRHAGES
AND ALL
THROAT AND LUNG DISEASES.
PREVENTS PNEUMONIA
I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as the grandest medicine of modern times. One bottle completely cured me of a very bad cough, which was steadily growing worse under other treatments.
EARL SHAMBURG, Codell, Kas.
PRICE 50c AND \$1.00
SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY
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Try our
New Soda Fountain for
Soft Drinks
B. R. GUICE & SON.

Sour Stomach
No appetite, loss of strength, nervousness, headache, constipation, bad breath, general debility, sour risings, and costarrh of the stomach are all due to indigestion. Kodol relieves indigestion. This new discovery represents the natural juices of digestion as they exist in a healthy stomach, combined with the greatest known tonic and reconstructive properties. Kodol for dyspepsia does not only relieve indigestion and dyspepsia, but this famous remedy helps all stomach troubles by cleansing, purifying, sweetening and strengthening the mucous membranes lining the stomach.
Mr. S. S. Ball, of Ravenswood, W. Va., says: "I was troubled with sour stomach for twenty years. Kodol cured me and we are now using it in milk for baby."
FOR BACKACHE--WEAK KIDNEYS TRY
DEWITT'S KIDNEY and BLADDER PILLS—5c and 25c
Prepared by E. O. DEWITT & CO., Chicago
Sold by Carleton & Porter

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You consult a physician when sick; a lawyer when in litigation. Why not consult a bank when financially worried? We are here to counsel, advise and protect your financial interests.

Prompt attention given to all matters entrusted to us.

A special invitation is extended to the farmers to visit us when in Grapeland.

The **Farmers & Merchants State Bank,**
Of Grapeland
HOUSTON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

LOCAL NEWS.

Darsey has farm bells.

Your dinner for 25 cents at Owens Hotel.

20 pounds good rice for \$1.00. J. J. Guice & Son.

Darsey is showing some pretty white shirt waists.

Buy your elbow gloves from Darsey. He has them in black and white, in kid and silk.

A big lot of fruit jars received at Darsey's in one half gallon, quart and pint jars. Also extra tops and rubbers.

You will find Darsey's sheer white goods complete.

Lots of Carbon at B. R. Guice & Son's Drug store.

Darsey is opening spring goods every day.

Miss Eula Rial Hollingsworth was down from Palestine Sunday visiting relatives.

Darsey wants to show you his wash dress goods.

Fresh loaf bread 5 cents at Owens Hotel.

GROCERIES! GROCERIES!

We are receiving new groceries all the time at Howard's.

Slippers for ladies men and children at Darsey's

Kill the ants with Carbon. B. R. Guice & Son have plenty for all.

If the flour that you have been using is not as it use to be try a sack of Oriole. For sale at Darsey's.

Morning Glory and Clifton Lilly flour, chops, bran and meal Car just unloaded.

M. L. Clewis.

We are putting in at Howard's a line of Barton Bros. shoes and a good line of men's pants and overalls.

Dr. W. D. McCarty has sold the telephone exchange to Mr. Cook of Crockett, who owns the exchanges at Crockett and Lovelady. This puts every local 'phone in Houston county under Mr. Cook's charge. He informs us he will greatly improve the service.

Summer shirts and extra pants at F. A. Faris.

Miss Ethel Stowe of San Pedro visited relatives in Grapeland this week.

F. A. Faris for groceries, freshest and cleanest stock in town, prices the lowest.

Let us sell you what Carbon you need. Plenty on hand. B. R. Guice & Son.

F. A. Faris has just received one of the prettiest lines of ladies patent leather slippers in Grapeland at \$2.50

Lee Clewis wants your beef hides and bees wax. He will pay spot cash.

A full stock of the best shoes all the time at F. A. Faris' the shoe man.

See Darsey's white linen suiting skirts. They are nice styles and well made.

No better flour sold than Red Cross and Keystone you will find it at F. A. Faris'.

Misses Julia Lewis, Callie Spence Willie Browning, Annie Scarborough and Zuma Anthony and Mr. A. M. Woodell spent last Sunday at the Elkhart Mineral Wells.

Mr. E. Jackson and his two little boys of Percilla were callers at the Messenger office last week. Mr. Jackson reported the death of Mr. Foley, which occurred at his home last Wednesday from the effects of an eating cancer. Burial took place at Denson Springs on Thursday, Rev. J. F. Lively conducting services.

MONEY TO LOAN

We Handle Real Estate.

If you want to buy or sell a farm or borrow money on it, call on us. We buy Vendors Lien Notes.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

THE HAYNIE COTTON CHOPPER

Solution of The Labor Question For Cotton Planters.

I have on exhibition this wonderful machine and will put it on trial at Albert Edens' near J. E. Hollingsworth's residence, on Saturday, April 20, and want everybody to come and see it work. N. S. HEROD, Agent.

We Reiterate.

That for more than fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been working on the afflicted. Its mission is to cure skin troubles, particularly those of an itching character. Its success is not on account of advertising, but because it surely does the work. One box is guaranteed to cure any case.

If you want a pair of nice spring pants or work pants, F. A. has the best.

Actual Facts

For upwards of fifteen years Hunt's Cure has been sold under a strict guarantee to cure any form of itching skin troubles known. No matter the name—less than one percent of the purchasers have requested their money back. Why? It simply does the work.

Howard can sell you chops, bran and alfalfa hay.

Best line of candies will be found at J. J. Guice & Son's

T. B. Satterwhite of Crockett was in the city Tuesday.

Go to Howard's for your coffee. We can please you, in price and quality.

We have any kind of Stock and Poultry food you want. Carleton & Porter.

Drs. Woodard and McCarty performed a successful operation on Mr. Billie Clark last week. Mr. Clark is doing well and will be up soon.

WHITE'S Cream Vermifuge



THE GUARANTEED **WORM REMEDY**
THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY **Ballard-Snow Liniment Co.** ST. LOUIS, MO.
FOR SALE BY—**CARLETON & PORTER.**

Agency for
Hawkes' Glasses
Can fit your eye
Carleton and Porter

SPRING IS HERE

With all Its Beauty and Gaiety

But Also With Its Ailments

What Are its Ailments?

Impure blood; weak, debilitated constipation and irregular bowels.

If you feel stupid, lazy and mean; have boils, pimples and eruptions on the skin you should begin at once to use our

Compound Syrup of **SARSAPARILLA** with Iodide of Potash

It purifies the blood and recruits the whole system.

3 bottles for 2.70.
6 bottles for 5.00.

Carleton & Porter
Druggists

Rheumatism Makes Life Miserable.

A happy home is the most valuable possession that is within reach of mankind, but you cannot enjoy its comforts if you are suffering from rheumatism. You throw aside your business cares when you enter your home and you can be relieved from those rheumatic pains also by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. One application will give you relief and its continued use for a short time will bring about a permanent cure. For sale by B. R. Guice & Son.

Buy you a nice spring suit from F. A. Faris.

The Entire Family

Grand Pop used it for Rheumatism. Dad used it for cuts, sprains and bruises. Many for burns, scalds and aches. Sis for catarrh and chillblains. I use it for everything, and it never disappoints any of us. It surely yanks any old pain out by the roots. Hunt's Lightning Oil is what I am telling you about.

Don't sell your chickens and eggs until you see F. A. Faris.

Miss Ida Coleman Lively returned from Dallas Saturday, where she has been attending a conservatory of music. Her many friends extend a warm welcome.

F. A. Faris for all kinds of hats.

Chamberlain's



Cough Remedy

The Children's Favorite
Cures—
Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough.

This remedy is famous for its cures over a large part of the civilized world. It can always be depended upon. It contains no opium or other harmful drug and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Price 25 cts; Large Size, 50 cts.

Cleaning and Pressing

INEEDA LAUNDRY
Can make your old Clothes as good as new. Counterpanes cleaned and pressed. All work is guaranteed

Basket Leaves Every Wednesday

Carl Sory, Agent,
At Carleton & Porter's Drug Store

Plenty of fruit jars, half gallon and quarts and extra rubbers and tops at F. A. Faris'.

When you need a pill, take a pill, and be sure it's an Early Riser. DeWitt's little Early Risers are safe, sure, satisfactory pills—the pills with a reputation. They do not gripe or sicken. They are sold here by Carleton & Porter.

SOMETHING SNAPPY IN REAL ESTATE BARGAINS.

A New List of Properties

150 acres of land situated 1 1/4 miles south of Grapeland 80 acres in cultivation, good house, good wire fence.

House and lot in Grapeland, good house.

300 acres of land 3 miles north-west of town, 200 acres in cultivation, good houses, good fence.

400 acres of land 2 1/2 miles west of Grapeland, two settlements, both well improved, 30 acres in fruit trees now bearing.

77 acres of land 1 1/2 miles northwest of Grapeland, living water, 4 wells good water, under good wire fence, good house and barn, 45 acres in cultivation, young orchard.

100 acres of land, 5 miles north of Grapeland, all under good wire fence, good house, water and orchard.

315 acres of land 4 1/4 north of Grapeland on I. & G. N. railroad, 1-4 mile of Walling switch, 2 good houses, under good wire fence, two good orchards.

JNO. A. DAVIS.



Poor Paint is Expensive

If one is rich enough to repaint his buildings every year for the pleasure of having a change of color scheme, the quality of the paint used may cut little figure. But if it is desirable to cut the painting bills down to the least amount possible per year, it is of the utmost importance that the paint be made of Pure White Lead and the best of Linseed Oil. There are imitations in the form of alleged White Lead, and there are substitutes in the form of ready-prepared paints.

We guarantee our White Lead to be absolutely pure, and the Dutch Boy on the side of every keg is your safeguard. Look for him.



SEND FOR BOOK

"A Talk on Paint," gives valuable information on the paint subject. Sent free upon request.

NATIONAL LEAD COMPANY

In whichever of the following cities is nearest you: New York, Boston, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia, John T. Lewis & Bros. Co., Pittsburgh (National Lead & Oil Co.)

New Danger for Burglars.

A phonographic device that will call the police by telephone adds a new hazard to the dangers of the burglar's profession. When an attempt is made to force a window or door with which the proper connections have been made an electric current operates a phonograph in the garret. The machine calls up central and asks for the police station. The phonograph then informs the officers of the robbery, giving street and number, and repeats this information as long as the receiver is down. Meantime, the intruder, all unconscious that an alarm has been rung in, virtually walks into a trap, and if the call is promptly responded to is soon in the lockup.

Careless Umbrella Owners.

Over 22,000 umbrellas, lost in London, are taken to police headquarters every year.

TWO YEARS IN BED

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Cured Stubborn Rheumatism When Other Treatment Gave No Relief.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have been curing the most stubborn cases of rheumatism for nearly a generation and thousands of grateful patients have given testimony that cannot be ignored.

Mr. Robert Odbert, a machinist, living at 201 Cameron Street, Detroit, Mich., had a very distressing experience with rheumatism for about two years. He makes the following statement: "About the year 1887 I felt the effects of rheumatism which gradually grew worse until I was compelled to give up work for a time. The years of '97 and '98 I was confined to my bed most of the time. I was under doctors' treatment but found no relief. My legs were swollen from the hips downward and red blotches appeared all over them. Frequently they pained me so that I had to bind them tightly with strips of linen. This sometimes relieved the pain but at other times failed to do so. At times I had to crawl to my work, using two crutches. During these spells I suffered greatly from pain around my heart which I attributed to the rheumatism.

"At last my mother wrote me and asked me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did and in a short time I found myself getting better and have had no trouble since. I may here add that I consider myself perfectly cured. I have not had the least sign of the disease since and feel better now than I ever did. For these reasons I recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to any one affected the same as I was."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or sent by mail, postpaid on receipt of price, 50 cents per box, six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

THE GREAT DURABILITY AND WATERPROOF QUALITIES OF THE FISH BRAND POMMEL SLICKER
Make it First Choice of the man Who Knows EVERY GARMENT GUARANTEED
IF YOUR DEALER IS OUT OF FISH BRAND, DON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND, HAVE HIM GET THEM OR SEND CHECK AND PRICE TO US.
\$3.50 BLACK - \$4.00 YELLOW

TAKING OUT A STAIN.

Dry Chloride of Lime Good in Obsolete Cases.

When a stain proves unusually obstinate and absolutely refuses to come out by ordinary methods, wet the spot thoroughly and then cover with dry chloride of lime. Let it remain a few moments, rubbing well with the finger meanwhile, and then rinse until the lime is out. It will generally be found that the stain is also gone. If not, apply again. A second application will remove anything that is removable.

Owing to the nature of the remedy, however, it is far better to make a second application than to leave the first one on until the stain is all gone. The chemical action of the lime removes a portion of the internal fiber of the material and thus eats up the stained part. The proportion of fiber removed is so small as to do no injury but if left on too long the lime will insinuate itself, taking a strong hold, and finally bite through the fabric, or weaken it so it will soon wear in holes. Chloride of lime is the base of javelle water, which is so often recommended for the removal of stains, but using the powder itself is more satisfactory in many ways; and, as it can be bought in small cans with a sprinkling top, it is quite as convenient as when in solution.

FOR THE NURSERY DESSERT.

Simple Prune and Batter Pudding is Very Good.

Soak a pint of prunes over night, drain and remove the stones. In your wooden bowl chop two ounces of beef suet very fine, add four ounces of sugar (half a cup), the same of flour, four eggs, a saltspoonful of ground cinnamon, half a saltspoonful of grated nutmeg, and if you use liquor, a dash of best rum, about two table-spoonfuls. Mix this thoroughly with a wooden spoon for five minutes, then beat in four table-spoonfuls of thick cream and two ounces of bread crumbs (two heaping table-spoonfuls), mix thoroughly and then add the prune pulp lightly. Butter and flour your pudding bag or a stout cloth, and, drawing up the four corners of the latter, tie them tightly. Drop into a pot of boiling water twice and a half the depth of the pudding, and boil two hours and a half. Then hang it up to drain about ten minutes, suspending from a hook over a dish. Untie, turn out on a deep dish, dredge over with powdered sugar and serve with hard or foamy sauce, flavored with lemon.

Filet Darning.

Filet darning is the favorite work for woman's leisure hours at the present moment. If a knowledge of a netting is possessed the foundation fabric is made by the worker, but if not, the square meshed is bought at the lace counters, and is then darned in historic patterns to imitate antique lace. The articles oftenest made are dollies and centerpieces, but pillow covers, table and bureau scarfs offer themselves for adornment with the filet squares, and even bedspreads and curtains are sometimes attempted by the ambitious workers. When eyelet work and the padded French embroidery are used in conjunction with the filet lace the result is very decorative. The foundation net must be stretched over a frame to be darned to best effect. Some lingerie blouses show insets of the filet lace with awfully good effect.

A New Fad.

A fad has arrived and seized upon the feminine fancy, which is to have negligees, tea gowns, the coffee matinees and accompanying petticoats the same tint as the boudoir color scheme. For instance should king roses be the wallpaper design, then all these dainty silk and mull garments are of the same rose hue, and so on through the whole gamut of floral colors that can be matched in textiles.

Pretty Fashions.

The short cap sleeves that are to be worn on jumper waists and e-ton jackets this spring may be slashed and fastened across with tiny black velvet bows, and the jacket fronts held together the same way.

A becoming dog collar to wear with an evening gown is made of six strands of very narrow black velvet ribbon, featherboned, and decorated with tiny jet buckles. The fastening is at the back, under a row of little bows or buckles.

Cream Sponge Cake.

One and one-half cupsful of sifted flour, two table-spoonfuls of baking powder, one cupful of rolled sugar, one teaspoonful of vanilla; break two eggs into a cup and finish filling with sweet cream. Put all together and stir just enough to mix.

In the Future.

Country boarders wanted in Lonesomehurst; sterilized milk; germless butter; eggs laid under a doctor's eye; fresh vegetables, canned this year, certified labels.—N. Y. Herald.

Big Springs, Texas, Dec. 27, 1906.

J. L. Ward's Medicine Co., City. Gentlemen: I have suffered for three years with kidney trouble, causing a severe backache. I could not rest at night, I suffered so much with my kidneys and back. I used Ward's Kidney Pills for three months and am now well. I heartily recommend Ward's Kidney Pills to anyone suffering from kidney trouble and backache.

Yours respectfully, MRS. W. B. ALLEN.

P. S.—Send us your druggist's name and 10 cents and we will send you a 50-cent box of Ward's Kidney Pills. The greatest Kidney Remedy upon the market.

A guaranteed cure for Kidney and Bladder Troubles, Rheumatism, Frequent Desire to Pass Water, Inflammation, Irritation or Ulceration of the Bladder or Kidneys. Removes Gravel or Stone from the Bladder. Sold and guaranteed by your local druggists.

J. L. WARD MEDICINE CO., Big Springs, Texas.

Come what may, hold fast to love. Though men should rend your heart, let them not embitter or harden it. We win by tenderness; we conquer by forgiveness.—F. W. Robertson.

DURING THIS MONTH.

Excellent Advice Which Our Readers Will Benefit By.

Now is the time to get the rheumatic poisons and foul acids from the blood and system, states an eminent authority, who says that Rheumatism and Kidney trouble are caused by the blood, which often becomes sour from excessive acids, and also tells what to do to make it pure and healthy.

Get from any good prescription pharmacy one-half ounce Fluid Extract Dandelion, one ounce Compound Kargon, three ounces Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime.

Just try this simple blood cleaner and tonic at the first sign of Rheumatism, or if your back aches or you feel that the Kidneys are not acting right. Any one can easily prepare this mixture at home.

BUTTON THEIR OWN WAISTS.

New York Women Have Surmounted Great Obstacle.

Marvelous as it may seem, New York women have lately discovered a way of fastening their waists up the back without calling for assistance. Thought not lacking in generosity, they became so tired of the outstretched palm of the chambermaids that they now feel that it is time to guard their pockets. The Gotham woman discovered that if she put her blouse on hind side before, with the sleeves hanging free, it could be fastened from top to bottom, with the exception of the hooks at the neck, and then turned around and the arms slipped into the sleeves without unduly straining the fastenings. So simple! So strange that no one had thought of it before. Or is it possible other women have used the plan and meanly kept it to themselves? Will the waist that buttons in the back now have a new lease of life?

The Small Pharisee.

A clergyman's daughter, before being put to bed, uttered this somewhat remarkable prayer: "And, dear Lord, this afternoon I saw out on the cold sidewalk a poor little girl, and she had no shoes or stockings on, and— and"— (followed by a silence, as though the little mind were wrestling with the problem), she concluded: "but it's none of our business, is it, God?"

GOOD NATURED AGAIN.

Good Humor Returns with Change to Proper Food.

"For many years I was a constant sufferer from indigestion and nervousness amounting almost to prostration," writes a Montana man.

"My blood was impoverished, the vision was blurred and weak, with moving spots before my eyes. This was a steady daily condition. I grew ill-tempered, and eventually got so nervous I could not keep my books posted, nor handle accounts satisfactorily. I can't describe my sufferings. "Nothing I ate agreed with me, till one day I happened to notice Grape-Nuts in a grocery store and bought a package, out of curiosity to know what it was.

"I liked the food from the very first, eating it with cream, and now I buy it by the case and use it daily. I soon found that Grape-Nuts food was supplying brain and nerve force as nothing in the drug line ever had done or could do.

"It wasn't long before I was restored to health, comfort and happiness. Through the use of Grape-Nuts food my digestion had been restored, my nerves are steady once more, my eyesight is good again, my mental faculties are clear and acute, and I have become so good-natured that my friends are truly astonished at the change. I feel younger and better than I have for 20 years. No amount of money would induce me to surrender what I have gained through the use of Grape-Nuts food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

The British army is to have cooperative canteens, under control of a registered cooperative society, bound to return all profits, less working expenses, and five per cent. interest on capital.

FIFTEEN YEARS OF ECZEMA.

Terrible Itching Prevented Sleep—Hands, Arms and Legs Affected—Cuticura Cured in 6 Days.

"I had eczema nearly fifteen years. The affected parts were my hands, arms and legs. They were the worst in the winter time, and were always itchy, and I could not keep from scratching them. I had to keep both hands bandaged all the time, and at night I would have to scratch through the bandages, as the itching was so severe, and at times I would have to tear everything off my hands to scratch the skin. I could not rest or sleep. I had several physicians treat me but they could not give me a permanent cure nor even could they stop the itching. After using the Cuticura Soap, one box of Cuticura Ointment and two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent for about six days the itching had ceased, and now the sores have disappeared, and I never felt better in my life than I do now. Edward Worell, Band 30th U. S. Infantry, Fort Crook, Nebraska."

There is some good, even in those who appear at the worst.

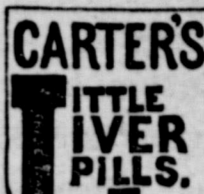
PUTNAM FADELESS DYES cost but 10 cents per package and color more goods faster and brighter colors.

It is difficult to greet misfortune with a smile when it is always frowning.

A Natural Remedy—Garfield Tea! It is made of simple Herbs. Take it for constipation, indigestion, sick-headache; it regulates the liver, purifies the blood, brings Good Health.

Never is a sincere word utterly lost. Never a magnanimity fails to the ground, but there is some heart to greet and accept it unexpectedly.—Phillips Brooks.

SICK HEADACHE



Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.



Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

900 DROPS
CASTORIA
A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomach and Bowels of
INFANTS & CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.
Recipe of Old Dr. SAMUEL FITCHER
Pumpkin Seed -
Sloe Syrup -
Rhubarb Sals -
Anise Seed -
Peppermint -
St. John's-Wort -
Worm Seed -
Clarified Sugar
Waterproof Flavor.
A perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.
Fac Simile Signature of
Chas. H. Fitcher
NEW YORK.
16 months old
35 DOSES - 35 CENTS
EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of
Chas. H. Fitcher
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA
THE GENTIAN COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

A Straight Path
From the cotton field to prosperity, and a large, constantly growing bank account awaits you if you plant, fertilize and cultivate your crop with system.
The most important thing is to apply to your soil, about ten days before seeding, a plant food in the shape of 400 to 1000 pounds of high grade
Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers
per acre on fewer acres. If you follow this advice, your cotton will be waist high by the time many of your "extensive culture" neighbors are hoeing over their crop the first time. Then too they may have used a poor grade fertilizer. Insist upon having only VIRGINIA-CAROLINA FERTILIZERS—accept no substitute.
Ask your dealer for a copy of our handsome new almanac, or write us for one—it is free.
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.,
SALES OFFICES:
Atlanta, Ga. Savannah, Ga.
Montgomery, Ala.
Memphis, Tenn.
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Increase Your Yields Per Acre
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.
CRESCENT ANTISEPTIC
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WAYS OF MENDING

RENTS SHOULD BE ATTENDED TO AT ONCE.

Time Saved and a Better Job Done if Delay in Necessary Work is Avoided—Pressing of Darns When Finished.

Rents will look much better when mended if they are attended to at once, because the longer they are left the more ragged the edge becomes.

Lay the garment right side down and put the edges of the rent as close together as possible; cut a piece of tissue rather larger than the space that is torn and lay on the top.

Take a piece of thin woolen material the same size as the tissue and as near the color of the cloth as possible; lay that on top of the tissue and when placed exactly in the right position iron with a hot iron until the patch adheres to the garment. The heat will cause the tissue to dissolve, forming a kind of glue.

If the material is of light weight goods it will be best to use a patch of the same, but if the material is heavy, such as is used in men's suits or coats, a lighter patch will be much better.

A clean cut in heavy material may be mended by putting the two edges firmly together and basting them to a piece of paper on the right side. This work is done between the cloth.

Take a thread and insert the needle about three-eighths of an inch from the edge and carry it between the cloth to about half an inch the other side of the cut and draw the thread through; put the needle in where it came out and carry it to the other side about one-half an inch beyond the edge in a slightly slanting position.

Continue to do this until the whole cut is darned. Be careful not to pull too tight. Darn it in the same way in the opposite direction.

It is difficult to use this method of mending if the edges are the least bit frayed, and on thin materials it must be done with the greatest care, using the finest needle and thread possible.

All darns should be pressed when finished. To do this lay the right side down on an ironing board and on the wrong side lay a damp cloth and press with a hot iron until perfectly dry.

Baked Celery with Cheese.

Three cupfuls celery, cut into inch pieces, one cupful stale bread crumbs, three-quarters of a cupful grated cheese, one-half cupful milk, two tablespoonfuls of butter, one tablespoonful flour. Cook the celery in boiling salted water until tender, drain thoroughly and set aside half a cupful of the liquid. Melt one tablespoonful of butter, add the flour, and mix smooth, turn in the milk and the half cupful of celery liquid. Bring to a boil and cook three minutes, stirring constantly; add half a cupful of the cheese, stir until it melts, then mix in the celery, adding salt, paprika, or cayenne. Melt the remaining tablespoonful of butter and moisten the bread crumbs with it. Put the celery and crumbs into a baking dish in alternate layers, having the last layer crust, and sprinkle the remainder of the cheese over the top. Bake on the upper rack of the oven until a medium brown, and serve hot.

A New Color.

A golden tan in a soft, beautiful shade, is going to be one of the leading spring colors. It goes by the euphonious name of dead apricot, showing somewhat the same peachy yellow tints as that fruit.

One can get an idea of it by looking at the tan shoes for spring, which are in this new golden yellow effect.

A charming gown in dead apricot silk was worn on the stage in a notable production. It is not a color to be rashly attempted, but if one is sure of its becomingness it is an up-to-date choice for an afternoon or evening gown.

Waffles (Sweet Milk).

Pass through a sieve together two cups of flour, half a teaspoonful of salt and three teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Beat the yolks of two eggs, add one cup of milk, and stir into the dry ingredients with four tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Lastly, add the whites of two eggs, beaten dry. Have the waffle iron hot and well oiled, put a tablespoonful of batter on each section, set the cover in place; when baked to a golden brown on one side, turn, and brown the other side. Waffles are crisp griddle cakes.

White Petticoats.

Parisienne are favoring the trim little hand-embroidered white petticoats to wear with walking costumes, and with the advent of spring these very cleanly garments will entirely supplant those of silk. For street wear a firm cambric is used, with founces and underruffle embroidered in a fancy scalloped edge, a few simple sprays above. For the lingerie frocks, the petticoats are the most wonderful creations of lace and fine hand work.

MAN OF DELICATE NERVES.

Rosenthal, the Pianist, Made Much Trouble in Hotel.

Rosenthal, the pianist, is one of those entitled to have his crankiness termed "the eccentricities of genius," says the San Francisco Chronicle. When he inspected his rooms at the Majestic upon his arrival very late the other night, he went softly to the adjoining doors, and placing his ears close to the cracks, exclaimed in broken English, "Zgodd, no sounds pass thees." After nodding his approval of the grand piano and the furniture he frowned at the tan-colored window shades. "Must be green." He was assured that a change would be made especially for him the next day. At five o'clock in the morning Rosenthal, clad only in his pajamas, came scurrying excitedly down stairs and into the office, where the drowsy night clerk was nodding at the desk. "Ze street cars! Noise! Must stopped! Nervous me! I cannot sleep."

The clerk hurriedly sent for Manager Gustav Mann, and Mann spent two hours telling Rosenthal funny stories in German trying to divert his mind while the clerk was upstairs squaring the management for waking a guest on the Gough street side and ordering him to move at once to the Sutter street side as a gas pipe had burst under the floor and had to be repaired!

Found Out for Himself.

Doubts being entertained as to the stability of the steeple of St. Michael's church, Bath, England, the rector climbed it and investigated. He is an enthusiastic mountaineer.



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First, there must be a due proportion of the ingredients. Each drug in the pharmacopeia has its special action. To combine any drug with other drugs that have slightly different action, the combination must be made with strict reference to the use for which the compound is intended. The drugs may be well selected as to their efficacy, but the compound ENTIRELY SPOILED BY THE PROPORTION in which they are combined.

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