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ONE DOLLAR PER YEAR, PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

Good Roads.

It seems to be the motive of all the speakers at the Good Roads convention to first create public sentiment. This, we believe, is the all important thing to do. As long as the people are satisfied with the roads as they are, and say nothing, it will be a long time before we get any better roads. The people should be dissatisfied with our present system, that is of working so many days in a hap-hazard way. We want the power to levy a tax for road building purposes. You can not get a thing of value without money. No one has any thing to give away. A good public road is the most valuable improvement we should work for. It takes money and lots of it, but your prorata will bring you happy returns. It will put your farm nearer to the town and a good market. It will put your home closer to a good school. It will keep your boys from deserting home. It will make life more pleasant for your family. It enhances the value of land. In the end a good road will cost you very little directly.

The first thing is to create a sentiment in favor of good roads. Talk good roads to your friends and neighbors and attend the good roads meeting.—Marshall Messenger.

Graveyard Working.

Those interested in the city cemetery are invited to be present May 30 for the purpose of cleaning off the ground. Everybody come and bring your hoes, rakes and well filled baskets.

Committee.

When your back aches it is almost invariably an indication that something is wrong with your kidneys. Weak, diseased kidneys frequently cause a break down of the entire system. DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills afford prompt relief for weak kidneys, backache, inflammation of the bladder and all urinary troubles. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

There will be many improvements made in the residence part of town in the near future. The residence on the corner opposite the Christian church is now being remodeled and painted. Will Lively will soon begin adding an story to his residence. Let the good work go on.

For a cold or a cough take Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. It is better than any other cough remedy because its laxative principle assures a health, copious action of the bowels and at the same time it heals irritation of the throat, strengthens the mucous membrane. Contains Honey and Tar, pleasant to take. Children like it. Conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Why is it that a seven year old kid can light a cigarette in an alley with one match and burn up all the barns in a block, while an ablebodied man has to use up a whole box of matches to get a wood fire started in the cook stove that has draft enough to draw all the furniture in the room up the stove pipe?—Exchange.

SHIPPER'S GUARANTEE.

We make the same GUARANTEE on our ready made garments and shoes that we make on our Highest Patent flour and pocket cuttlery. The line of shoes we sell are made by Roberts, Johnson & Rand Shoe Co., Saint Louis. They are not only the largest concern on earth making shoes but are the best. Our clothing is made by I. & S. Bing, Cincinnati, Ohio, which is one of the best lines manufactured. Our line of men's underwear and shirts, ladies' under muslins, skirts and shirt waist are made in the factory of the Hargadine McKittrick Dry Goods Co. of St. Louis. Not only have we a good assortment of these goods in stock but have already bought our entire line for fall. We have three of the best manufactured overalls made: Carhartt's, Fink's and Round House. Each of these garments are GUARANTEED to us by the factory and we PERSONALLY GUARANTEE them to you. We give everybody credit for being honest until proven otherwise, so until farther notice through THE MESSENGER columns we intend to make this same GUARANTEE to everybody. Not only does this GUARANTEE apply to our shoes and ready made garments, but everything in our store. We will GUARANTEE the price and quality all the time. We want you to get a hundred cents worth for every dollar you spend with us. Care was exercised in writing these statements and hoping a share of your patronage, and to meet you PERSONALLY in our store, we are

Your Business Friends,

J. G. Shipper and Son.

Grapeland, Texas.

Suspended Grocery Department.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. have suspended the grocery department of their mail order house. That comes as a result of recent national legislation: "Because its maintenance has been made impracticable by the pure food law just passed." An exchange says: "That is a pretty confession isn't it? And all this time Sears, Roebuck & Co. have been killing out the local merchants only because they were able by means of their rotten, cheap adulterated stuff to under sell him in the local market."

Not only has the local merchant been the looser; the mail order house patrons have been the worst buncoed in every deal. The retail mail order house have made a practice of selling impure goods. They are all alike in that respect and it is the same with their articles. Grocery adulteration is not the only thing, there is also clothing adulteration. This is how they live.—Modern Grocer.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stowe arrived Sunday from Waco and will visit relatives in and near town for a week or two.

Jno. A. Davis, the real estate man, reports the sale of a gin in the Oriole community to Mr. Chas. Kersh will erect a gin at that place, so we understand.

R. W. Vince Dead.

Crockett, Texas, May 25.—R. W. Vince, 74 years old, died here this morning of Bright's disease. He has been a citizen of Houston county for the last forty years, coming from Mississippi. He leaves a wife and two children. His body will be buried tomorrow at the family burying ground at Wesley's Chapel, seven miles west of Crockett.

W. R. Earl of Augusta was in town Monday.

W. B. Faris was up from Crockett Tuesday looking after business matters.

Mr. W. B. Wall and Mr. C. J. Hassell of Crockett passed thru Monday on their way to Richmond, Va., to attend the old soldiers re-union.

Augusta and Weches ball teams crossed bats on the Weches diamond last Saturday and played a game of twelve innings. The score was 14 to 13 for Weches Percilla and Augusta will play at Augusta next Saturday.

No Need of Scratching

Other afflictions may be more painful, but none more annoying than many forms of itching trouble. The quickest and most reliable remedy for itching diseases of any character is Hunt's Cure. One application relieves—one box guaranteed to cure.

Public Speaking.

Messrs. Joe A. Johnston and Joe E. Edmiston of Anderson county will speak at Guiceland in the interest of the Farmers Union on Saturday night, June 1. Everybody come and hear them. S. W. Duitch.

Mrs. F. C. Woodard and children, Mrs. S. N. Boykin and little Mable and Mrs. Birdie Lively have gone to Mineral Wells to spend several weeks for their health. Mrs. Boykin will visit relatives in Loraine before returning home.

DO YOU LOVE

your baby? You wonder why he cries. Buy a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge and he will never cry. Most babies have worms, and the mothers don't know it. White's Cream Vermifuge rids the child of worms and cleans out its system in a pleasant way. Every mother should keep a bottle of this medicine in the house. With it, fear need never enter her mind. Price 25c. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

A dispatch to the Houston Post from Elkhart announces the marriage of Mr. Will Rogers to Miss Pheriba Stubblefield, which occurred last week at the home of Rev. Walter Neel. Miss Pheriba's many friends join us in extending best wishes.

La Texo News.

May 27.—The heavy rains continue to the detriment of farmers interest, although the fair weather of last gave the farmers a chance to replant all their cotton and it has come up to a good stand, generally, and the prospects are now a little brighter.

We, of the rural districts, are deeply interested in the selection of the county superintendent and hereby make our plea to the commissioner is to free themselves of all personalities and favoritism and let nothing but the good of the schools govern them in this matter. The schools of Houston county are certainly in need of something to arouse an interest in them to take advantage of the advanced system of teaching. Let us have a good up to date hustler for superintendent and we will see better schools in the rural districts.

The potato crop was very short here owing to the wet weather, but it turned loose some money among us any way and is a pretty good thing to keep up.

Mr. C. E. Hays has just received a batch of Russians Poles and have them at work on his farm. These people seem to be good workers and will give satisfaction.

Mr. F. M. Hoover of Pittsburg, Penn., president of La Texo Orchard Co. and Mr. Airford, a stockholder in above company, spent a few days with us last week looking after the business of the farm.

Mr. Shilling, immigration agent of the I. & G. N. railroad, spent a few hours with us last week.

The I. & G. N. railroad has appointed Taylor McQueen ticket agent and is preparing to build him an office at the depot.

Misses Jessie and Gertrude Meriwether are visiting their uncle, Dr. Meriwether, and will be with us several weeks.

The health of this place is very good at present. Rex.

Base Ball

GRAPELAND SLUGGERS
VS
LOVELADY BROWNS

Next Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at the Ball Park opposite the depot. Come out and see the game.

What's the Use?

Aches, Pains, Burns, Cuts Sprains, and all similar afflictions are always instantly relieved; often entirely cured by an application of that unequalled remedy, Hunt's Lightning Oil. Don't suffer. Don't delay. What's the use?

Prof. J. E. Hicks of Lufkin was in town several days last week. Prof. Hicks is proprietor of the Lufkin Practical Business College and was advertising and drumming for his college.

"Here's to your health and happiness"—DeWitt's Little Early Risers—famous little pills. Nasty, sick headache or biliousness may come on any time; the cure is an Early Riser. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFE TIME

95,000 acres in the "Garden Spot of the World," is now being opened up to the American People.

DR. CHAS. F. SIMMONS'

Atascosa County (Texas) Ranch now on the Market.

Opportunities like this seldom occur. \$210, payable \$10 per month, without interest, buys two lots for a home or business in town and a farm of from a 10-acre truck farm to a 640-acre farm in balmy South Texas.

President Roosevelt said:
"TEXAS IS THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE WORLD."

Investigation will show that this 95,000 acres comprises one of the finest bodies of Agricultural and Truck Farming land in the entire state, commencing about 36 miles south of San Antonio and about two miles south of Pleasanton (the county seat of Atascosa County), and extending through Atascosa and a part of McMullen Counties, to within 17 miles of my 60,000-acre Live Oak County Ranch, which I in four months last year, sold to 4,000 Home Seekers, on liberal terms, without interest on deferred payments, which gives the poor man, from his savings, a chance to secure a good farm and town lot for his home in town. I will donate and turn over to three bonded Trustees, \$250,000 from the proceeds of the sale of this property to the purchasers, as a bonus to the first railroad built through this property on the line which I shall designate.

This property is located on that middle plain between East Texas, where it rains too much, and the arid section of West Texas, where it does not rain enough.

Its close proximity to San Antonio, the largest city in the State, with a claimed population of over 100,000, enhances its value as a market for Agricultural and Truck farm products far beyond the value of similar land not so favorably located.

Topography.

Level to slightly rolling. Large, broad, rich valleys, encircled by elevations suitable for homes; 90 per cent. fine farming land, balance pasture land.

Forestry.

Ash, Elm, Gum, Hackberry, Live Oak, Mesquite, Pecan, abundant for shade, fencing and wood.

Soil.

About 60 per cent. rich, dark, sandy loam, balance chocolate or red sandy loam, usually preferred by local farmers, and each with soil averaging from 2 to 4 feet deep, with clay subsoil, which holds water.

Climate.

Mild, by practically free from frosts, no snow, no hard freezes; continuous sea breeze moderates extremes of heat and cold, producing warm winters and cool summers. Average temperature about 62 degrees.

Rainfall.

From the Government record, it is safe to assume that the rainfall on this property has been fully 35 inches per year, which is more than some of the old States have had, and is plentiful for ordinary crops properly cultivated, and for Grass Growing.

Improvements and Water.

This property is fenced and cross-fenced in many large and small pastures, with four barbed wires, with posts about 12 feet apart. Also a number of fine shallow wells.

Also, a number of fine Lakes and Tanks.

Also, a number of fine flowing Artesian Wells, whose crystal streams flow for miles and miles down those creeks, whose broad, rich valleys, irrigable from these continuously flowing streams, make it the ideal place for the Marketing Gardener who desires to raise from two to three crops of marketable produce on the same ground every year.

Farming and Truck Farming.

Seasons never end.

This land is adapted to profitable culture of Beans, Cabbage, Celery, Cucumbers, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Beets, Carrots, Onions, Radish, Squash, Strawberries, Cauliflower, Okra, Oyster Plant, Peas, Raspberries, Turnips, Apricots, Cantaloupes, Grapes, Irish Potatoes, Olives, Sweet Potatoes, Bananas, Dates, English Walnuts, Figs, Melons, Peanuts, Barley, Blackberries, Broom Corn, Lemons, Plums, Tobacco, Alfalfa, Rye, Oranges, Peaches, Pecans, Corn, Cotton, Oats, Wheat, Apples, Pears.

Page 63 of the book entitled "Beautiful San Antonio," officially issued by the Business Men's Club of San Antonio, dated May, 1906, says:

"It is readily conceded by all those who know anything about Texas that the most prolific agricultural section is that which recognizes San Antonio as its logical center, particularly that portion directly south of San Antonio, with the Gulf of Mexico bordering on the east and the Rio Grande bordering on the south and west.

"Within the last four or five years, in the territory named, special attention has been given to growing vegetables, they maturing at a time when they secure the maximum prices on Northern markets, which markets they virtually invade without a competitor. The profit in growing vegetables in this territory will be seen by an examination of the following figures, secured from reliable sources, showing

Net Earnings Per Acre:

"Watermelons from \$75. to \$200.00.
"Cantaloupes from \$40.00 to \$75.00.
"Cabbage from \$125.00 to \$225.00.
"Cauliflower from \$75.00 to \$225.00.
"Beans and Peas from \$100.00 to \$125.00.

"Tomatoes from \$125.00 to \$400.00.
"Potatoes from \$60.00 to \$150.00.
"Onions from \$150.00 to \$800.00.
"Tabasco Peppers from \$500.00 to \$900.00 per acre.

"The Chicago Record Herald publishing the following individual experiences in South Texas:
"Men who came here with \$500 and \$600 a few years ago are now independently rich.

"A young man who came to this country for his health, bought 18 acres and in one year cleared over \$6,000 from it, which was \$333.33 per acre.

"Another man 65 years old, from 79 acres, sold \$5,000 worth of produce, from which he realized \$63.29 per acre and then raised a Cotton crop on part of it, which made him \$35 per acre, which made the same land net him \$98.29 per acre for that year.

"Another man from 80 acres in 1904 realized as follows: From Onions, \$2,226.91; from Cotton, \$1,800; 200 bushels Corn; 12 tons Hay; 5,000 pounds Sweet Potatoes.

"Another made \$3,200 from five acres of early Cabbage, which was \$640 per acre, and grew a second crop of Corn and Peas on the same ground that year.

"Another realized \$27,000 from 90 car loads of Cabbage, averaging \$300 per car, which was \$207.69 from each of the 130 acres he had planted.

"Another netted, above all expenses, \$60 per acre on Potatoes, and planted the same ground in Cotton that year from which he realized \$35 per acre, which made that ground yield him \$95 per acre.

"Another realized \$32,966 from 230 acres in Melons, which was \$143.33 per acre.

"Another netted \$21,000 from 35 acres in Onions, which was \$600 per acre.

"Another netted \$17,445, or \$79.25 per acre from nine cuttings of 220 acres in Alfalfa, which yielded in one year 2,475 tons and sold at \$11 per ton.

"Another received \$900 from one acre in Cauliflower; sown in July, transplanted in August, and marketed in December.

The same authority quotes the following statement from the Hon. Joseph Dally, of Chillicothe, Ill., who owns thousands of acres in the Illinois Corn Belt. He says:

"I am one of the heaviest taxpayers on farm lands in Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, and I have been familiar with the conditions around San Antonio for 12 years. Any thrifty farmer can get rich, and make more money off of this cheap land, acre for acre, than any land in the State of Illinois, that sells from \$150 to \$225 per acre.

Come to the land of beautiful sunshine and almost perpetual harvest.

Where the people are prosperous, happy and contented.

Where the flowers bloom ten months in the year.

Where the farmers and gardeners, whose seasons never end, eat home-grown June vegetables in January, and bask in mid-winter's balmy air and glorious sunshine.

Where the land yield is enormous and the prices remunerative.

Where something can be planted and harvested every month in the year.

Where the climate is so mild that the Northern farmer here saves practically all his fuel bills and three-fourths the cost of clothing his family in the North.

Where the country is advancing and property values rapidly increasing.

Where all stock, without any feed, fatten winter and summer, on the native grasses and brush.

Where the same land yields the substantial of the temperate and the luxuries of the tropic zones.

Where the farmer does not have to work hard six months in the year to raise feed to keep his stock from dying during the winter, as they do in the North and Northwest.

Where there are no aristocrats and people do not have to work hard to have plenty and go in the best society.

Where the natives work less and have more to show for what they do than in any country in the United States.

Where houses, barns and fences can be built for less than half the cost in the North.

Where sunstrokes and heat prostrations are unknown.

Where sufferers with Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Hay Fever and Throat Troubles find relief.

Where, surrounded by fruits and vegetables, which ripen every month in the year, the living is better and less expensive than in the North.

Where the water is pure, soft and plentiful.

Where the taxes are so low that the amount is never missed.

Where Public and Private Schools and Churches of all denominations are plentiful.

Where, peace, plenty and good will prevail.

Where it is so healthy that there

are few physicians and most them, to make a living supplement their income from other business.

\$1,000 Reward will be paid to any one proving that any statement in this advertisement is not true.

C. F. SIMMONS,
215 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Tex.

Rights of Employes Laid Down.

"Framers of the earliest laws which have come down to us gave particular attention to the question of the rights of employes," writes an observer.

"Those wonderful statutes which the great Babylonian king, Hammurabi, codified over 40 centuries ago have law upon law devoted to the rights of servants. If the servants were free born then their rate of payment was fixed for them, their scale of compensation established in the event of their suffering loss or injury. For the most part, of course, the servants of that age were slaves. For these, too, provision was made. If a doctor injured a servant in a surgical operation he had to pay half the price which that slave cost; if death resulted the master received slave for slave. If the patient were cured, then his master had to pay the doctor's fee—two shekels of silver."

Author Was a Poor Second.

In one of Re'sold's pieces, called "The Caravan," a dog, hired from the keeper of a beef shop, was introduced to the Drury Lane stage, the animal being trained to save a child by plunging into real water. The public was delighted by this bit of realism, and Sheridan, bursting into the green room, shouted ecstatically: "Where is he, my guardian angel?" The answer was made: "The author has just left the theater." "The author!—pooh!—I mean the dog-actor, preserver of Drury Lane."

Far Ahead of Her Sisters.

Among the 700 or 800 women in the United States who are following the sacred calling of pastors, there is said to be only one who has so far qualified for the distinguished degree of D. D. This woman preacher is the Rev. Augusta J. Chapin, a member of the Universalist church. This denomination counts about three-score duly ordained women among its ministers, so that, even among her fellow pastors, the Rev. Augusta holds quite an unusual place.—New York Sun.

Troubles of the Ancients.

Perseus had cut off the head of Medusa. "Speaking of snake stories," he said throwing the head, with its wriggling serpents into a bag, "I guess that will hold you for a while." But the appalling realization of what he had done did not burst upon him until he discovered that his hasty deed had turned Pegasus loose upon the world.

Force of Habit.

"How was it Wiggins was foolish enough to write those letters read in the suit against him for breach of promise?" "I don't know, unless it was that being in a district attorney's office he got so in the habit that he even took to imitating love letters."

The Actress Lady.

"Polly Pinktoes, the soubrette, celebrated her silver wedding yesterday." "Nonsense! She's not old enough to have been married 25 years." "Certainly not, but she was married for the twenty-fifth time yesterday."

Truth from Uncle Eben.

"Don't imagine, son," remarked Uncle Eben, "dat you shows yoh smartness by bein' deceitful. One of de hardest things in de world is to tell nuffin' but de exact truth an' still be good company."

They Don't Grow There.

British Dowager.—Has that Australian heiress, Lady Bareares, married any family tree? Aristocratic Spinster—Certainly not. Didn't she come from the bush?—Baltimore American.

Psychological Doubts.

"I see that man in so many places that sometimes I think he is ubiquitous." "So do I, and it's puzzling me to decide whether he's leading a double life or if he's twins."

Brightly Colored Animal.

The mandrill baboon has the most brilliant colorings of any quadruped. It shows blue, red and purple of vivid tints.

WHERE WOMAN IS SUPERIOR.

Vegetarian Springs a Few Facts on Astonished Companions.

"Since the first of the year," he said, "I haven't had a smoke, and I haven't taken a drink."

Everybody looked at him with amazement, respect and awe. How strong-willed he must be, they said; how ascetic, how spiritual! It was tremendous.

"And yet," said a pale vegetarian, "all women, or at least 99 per cent. of them, maintain this wonderful abstinence their whole life long. Why don't you praise them for it?"

With his medicated handkerchief he brushed the sneer from his lips.

"We men," he said, "beside women are hogs. We call our women silly; we won't give them the vote; but the average woman lives on a higher plane than the average man. She thinks of nobler things than money-grubbing, drink, tobacco, food.

"Did you ever hear your wife growl about the cooking? Did you ever hear of a woman epicure? No; woman is above the hoglike pleasures of the table. She is above such a tobacco and whisky seance as is now going on here."

The vegetarian put on his cap of medicated flannel, and, despite the warmth of the night, drew the flannel coats over his ears.

"Give woman her due," he ended. "She is a finer-fibered, a more temperate, a more spiritual creature than coarse, gross, hog-like man."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Labor of the Novelist.

"The way of the novelist must be hard," said a librarian of an uptown branch. "The other day an immaculately gotten up individual came into the library and announced that he was a writer with a specialty of dialect stories. We got him several books that he asked for, and little by little he took me into his confidence. 'I want the Scotch dialect for the stern father,' he explained; 'then when I've got enough of that I want some dialect for a sea captain, and then I want a duke—or maybe you can tell me, would a duke drop his h's?'—N. Y. Sun.

It Reaches.

There is nothing better—there is nothing so good for the instantaneous relief and prompt cure of Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Bites and Stings of Insects, as Hunt's Lightning Oil. It reaches the trouble always—others often fall short.

A Sane Analysis.

He—Won't you forgive me for kissing you?
She—No. If I did you'd kiss me again.
He—I promise I won't.
She—Then what's the good?

Garfield Tea, Nature's Remedy, brings relief from many ailments; it overcomes constipation, regulates the liver and kidneys, purifies the blood and clears the complexion. It is made of Herbs, and is absolutely Pure.

This year's convention of the American Federation of Catholic societies will be held in Indianapolis, July 14 to 17.

WINCHESTER



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Loaded Black Powder Shotgun Shells

"Nublacks" are as perfect as brains and ingenuity, coupled with first-class materials and modern methods of manufacture, can make them. They are sure fire, make even patterns, shoot hard and strong and will stand reloading. Ask for "Nublacks" next time.

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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 ORDER AND PRICE TO US. \$3.50 BLACK OR YELLOW FISH BRAND

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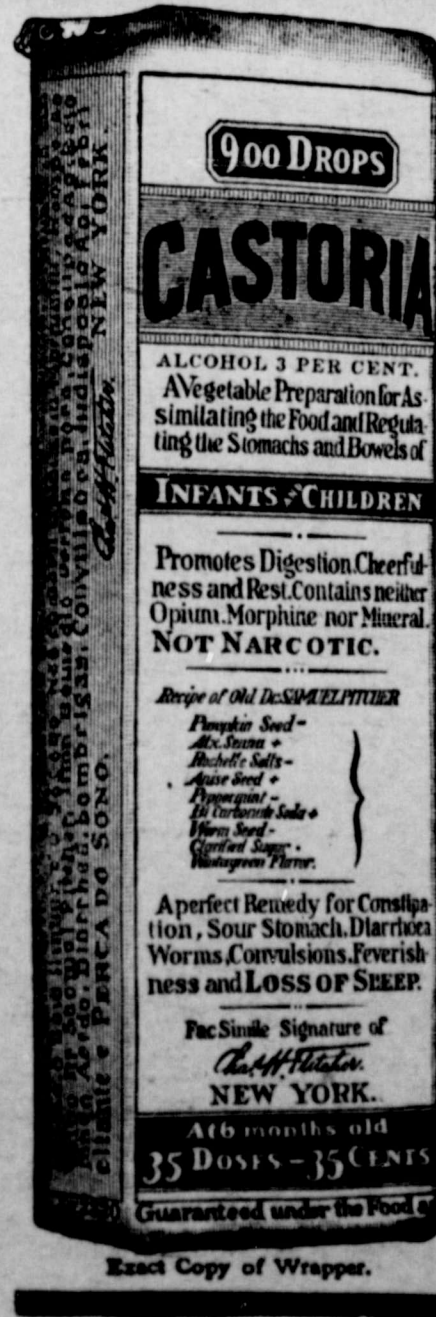
Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Heartily Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

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CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

The Commissioners' Court of Travis County has ordered a prohibition election to be held June 1. The petition was signed by 1,600 voters.

Mr. J. A. Patch, of Fredericksburg, aged 84 years, an old pioneer settler from Germany, killed himself with a shotgun.

Oklahoma Republicans will hold a State Delegate Convention at Tulsa June 6, when Secretary Taft is going to be present and make an address.

President Roosevelt has been made an honorary member of the Army of the Potomac at the thirty-seventh annual convention at the Belasco Theater in Washington.

Thirty years after being indicted for the murder of William King in Madison County, Ga., William Graham was arrested recently in all County, where he has lived since 1877.

W. D. Wilbur, of Paris, Tex., and associates have purchased thirteen acres of ground one-half mile west of Hugo, I. T., and will at once begin the erection of a \$90,000 oil mill.

The House has passed the bill fixing telegraph rates in Missouri at 25 cents for the first ten words and 1 cent additional for each additional word.

Major J. B. Fairchild, for thirty-five years a citizen of Sherman, died suddenly Thursday evening. He had been enjoying his usual health during the day, and was quite cheerful.

Arthur McEwen, chief editorial writer of the New York American, and well known throughout the west in newspaper circles, died last Thursday at Hamilton, Bermuda, of heart failure.

Three hundred teamsters in Kensington, a suburb of Chicago, went on strike, asking for a scale of \$15 a week, and team owners employing about one hundred men have conceded the demands.

It is announced that preparations are being made by the Rock Island to build a line that will give that road the shortest route from Chicago to Mobile, and eventually from Chicago to New Orleans.

Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock the train bearing members of the Dallas Commercial Club on their annual trade excursion pulled out from the Katy depot and on Tuesday, April 30, the party will arrive in Dallas at 7:30 o'clock over the Texas and Pacific Railroad from the east.

At Woodstock, Ala., Frank Richardson, a negro, fatally shot J. E. Sullivan, agent of the Alabama Great Southern Railway, who in turn shot the negro dead in his tracks before he fell.

Sir Alexander Sweetenham retired from the Governorship of Jamaica Friday. He has gone to his residence in the hills, where he will stay until he leaves the island. Colonial Secretary Bourne has been installed.

William A. Brady, the American, is planning to invade London with two of his theatrical companies.

Ten trans-Atlantic liners brought more than 15,000 aliens to New York Wednesday, which is a record number for one day.

Snow, which in many places fell to a depth of four inches, covered the greater part of Nebraska last Friday morning. It had all the marks of a blizzard, and breaks all known records for the month of May.

The volcano of Alarcon, province of Neuquen, Argentina, is in full activity.

Local physicians report quite a number of serious cases of measles of a dangerous type existing in Taylor and vicinity.

A movement is on foot to improve the physical condition of the congested "loop" district of Chicago. The plan embraces new rapid transit arrangements and the removal of the downtown railway terminals.

The Trans-Siberian Railway is to be double-tracked, work commencing at once.

J. B. Gullett, of Canton, was run over and killed by a train at Grand Saline. His head was entirely severed from his body.

TEN YEARS OF PAIN.

Unable to Do Even Housework Because of Kidney Troubles.

Mrs. Margaret Emmerich, of Clinton St., Napoleon, O., says: "For fifteen years I was a great sufferer from kidney troubles. My back pained me terribly. Every turn or move caused sharp, shooting pains. My eyesight was poor, dark spots appeared before me, and I had dizzy spells. For ten years I could not do housework, and for two years did not get out of the house. The kidney secretions were irregular, and doctors were not helping me. Doan's Kidney Pills brought me quick relief, and finally cured me. They saved my life." Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

PUT RELIGIOUS DUTY SECOND.

Stern Laws of Business Come First, Says Austrian Court.

An interesting case at law, which centered on the observance of an old Jewish custom, was decided in Vienna recently. A merchant, says the American Israelite, discharged a clerk on account of neglect of duty. Among the charges against him was that he came to the store late in the morning because he attended service at the synagogue in order to say Kaddish—the prayer for the dead—for his father. The clerk argued that it was his privilege and his duty to say the prayer for his departed father, while the merchant, who was also a religious man, maintained that "if Moses had known that a man had to pay 8,000 gulden a year rent he would have made different laws." The judge would not allow such an argument, but decided in favor of the merchant, "because the daily attendance at the synagogue could not be considered the right of the clerk without the consent of the employer."

FAMILY'S SKIN TROUBLES.

Eczema, Heat Rash, and Scalp Affections Affect Different Members, But Cuticura Cures Them.

"My wife had eczema for five or six years. It was on her face and would come and go. We thought we would give the Cuticura Remedies a trial. We did so and she has never had a sign of eczema for four years. I myself used Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment some time ago for falling hair. I now have a very heavy head of hair. We used Cuticura Remedies for our baby, who was nearly bald when young. She is very fleshy, and we had so much trouble with heat that we would bathe her with Cuticura Soap and then apply Cuticura Ointment, it would dry the heat up so much quicker than anything else. Mr. H. B. Springmire, 323 So. Capitol Street, Iowa City, Ia., July 16, 1905, and Sept. 16, 1906."

No Criticism to Make.

Mrs. Hwfa Williams, the English society leader, talked at a dance in New York about the fashion of riding astride that has taken hold of English equestriennes.

"Some of our young women," said Mrs. Williams, "dress out and out like men. They wear a long coat cut like a hunting coat, a cap, riding breeches and top boots. It is a handsome costume and it is not immodest, but undoubtedly it attracts a good deal of attention. They have been telling in London lately a story about an English girl who has adopted this riding rig. Pulling up her horse one afternoon she said to an artisan who was passing: 'Can you tell me if this is the way to Wareham?'"

"The man looked her over carefully. Then he touched his cap in a respectful manner and replied: 'Yes, miss, yes—you seem to 'ave got 'em on all right.'"

They Go Together.

"Henry," said the young wife, who had taken up physical culture, "how do you think I am built?"

"My dear," replied her husband fondly, "you are built like a watch."

"Thank you Henry. And Henry?"

"Well?"

"If—if I am built like a watch, don't you think I should have a few jewels?"

And then Henry frowned and said the man who compliments a woman is an idiot.

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Allen's Foot-Ease is a certain cure for hot, swelling, callous, and swollen, aching feet. Sold by all Druggists. Price 25c. Don't accept any substitute. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The Tokio Nichi Nichi remarks that "one day's pay for an American workman in San Francisco represents a fair monthly stipend for a Japanese."

Instead of experimenting with drugs and strong cathartics which are clearly harmful—take Nature's mild laxative, Garfield Tea! It is made wholly of Herbs. For constipation, liver and kidney derangements, sick-headache, biliousness and indigestion.

Relief Works in China. Relief work to employ 3,000 men have been established in the Chinese famine centers. The English-American relief fund amounts to \$250,000.

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The time of year for energetic action now is here, but you can't hustle if possessed of that uncontrollable desire to "set down." Simmon's Sarsaparilla picks you up, keeps you up, and does away with that listless feeling.

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The Rev. James Woodrow, who died recently, was deposed from his professorship in a southern theological seminary and convicted of heresy about 20 years ago for advocating the doctrine of evolution.



MISS ADELAIDE NICHOLS

that period of its terrors. Women who are troubled with painful or irregular functions should take immediate action to ward off the serious consequences and be restored to health and strength by taking

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Miss Adelaide Nichols of 324 West 22nd Street, New York City, writes:—"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—If women who suffer would only rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound their troubles would be quickly alleviated. I feel greatly indebted for the relief and health which has been brought to me by your inestimable remedy."

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cures Female Complaints such as Falling and Displacements, and Organic Diseases. Headache, General Debility, Indigestion, and invigorates the whole feminine system. For the derangements of the Kidneys of either sex Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is excellent.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. From the symptoms given, the trouble may be located and the quickest and surest way of recovery advised.

Meaning Unknown.

De Wolf Hopper had a slight cold one night, and in a certain speech he referred to it in this fashion:

"I went to my doctor," he declared, "and the doctor said I had been eating too much nitrogenous food, and must stop it and eat farinaceous food. Since then I haven't been able to eat at all, for I don't know what either word means."

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"Hello!" said Borem, "I just thought I'd drop in on you to-day to—"

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"You did? Now that's strange, because—"

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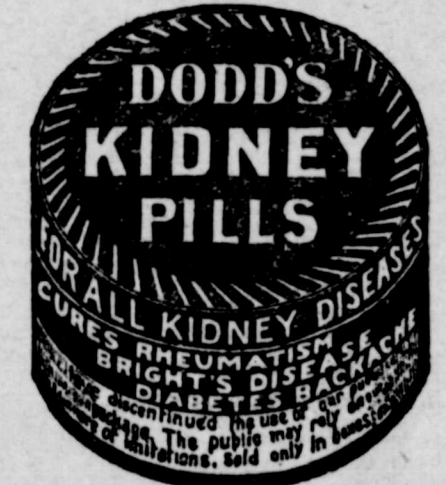
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While no woman is entirely free from periodic suffering, it does not seem to be the plan of nature that women should suffer so severely. Irregularities and pain are positive evidence that something is wrong which should be set right or it will lead to serious derangement of the feminine organism.

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A Cuero merchant shipped a car of hens to New York, sending a man along to look after them. When the car reached its destination the hens had laid enough eggs to pay the freight on the car.—Athens Review.

Several Grapeland citizens hied themselves away to the banks of the creek a few days ago to angle for the funny tribe. Upon returning they told of a very large red fish they saw which actually stood up in the water and hissed at them. Evidently they had too much bait.

Houston is now a city with a hat on Sunday and drinks of all kinds are not allowed to be sold. Alkali Eye, the fine drinking man of the Houston Post, chapters a large crowd of thirsty inhabitants to Galveston every Sunday, where they take a plunge in the gulf and then go on a hunt for a cold bottle.

Everything in Grapeland is undergoing improvement more or less except our school building. Something will have to be done to it before September, for another teacher will have to be added to accommodate the increase of students. We suppose another side room will be added which will give it more the appearance of an up-to-date livery stable.

All men should be careful to keep their credit good for if they are poor and have no credit they are in a sad plight. "Pay as you go or don't go" is the best motto for a man who has gloomy prospects for paying. It is no crime to be poor but it is criminal to make fair promises when one knows he cannot meet his obligations. It is obtaining goods under false pretenses. We have every sympathy with the poor man who is struggling to meet his obligations for we certainly know how it goes, but we often deplore his judgment when we see him going deeper into the quagmire of extravagance.—Barlett Tribune.

"Guard well thy credit—'tis quickly gone; 'tis gained by many acts and lost by one."

Palestine is making arrangements for a big East Texas Confederate Veterans' re-union to be held on June 12.

The Equitable Life Insurance Company announces that it will withdraw from Texas on account of the recent insurance law.

Mrs. Wm. McKinley, wife of the late President McKinley, died at her home in Canton, Ohio, last Sunday. Mrs. McKinley had been an invalid for thirty years.

The advertising merchant is the one who does the business in these days of push and enterprise. The newspapers place your business under the eyes of the buyer. He sees what he wants, and knowing where to find it, looks up to the wide-awake merchant who asked him to come to see him. Success in these days of sharp competition call for eternal vigilance. You can't keep a hustler down.—Meridian Tribune.

The man who complains at paying the preacher is, nine times out of ten, a small, narrow eyed, simlin-headed fellow, and if the world was in control of such cattle civilization would be at an end. It makes us tired when a man drops into this office and begins to criticize the preacher and contend that they are out for the money. If the man could only realize how contemptible he is in the eyes of all right thinking people he would reform or else associate with his kind.—Tyler Courier.

Do not Suffer

No use suffering from Itching Piles when one box of Hunt's Cure is absolutely guaranteed to cure any case. One application will convince you of its merits.

Arland Gainer, Clyde Brown and Felton Kleckly, all young boys from near Augusta, came in town Sunday afternoon with the intention of going to foreign fields but a phone message from Augusta stating they were running away caused the boys to be detained until they were sent after and carried back home.

The report of United States Steel corporation, recently made public, shows that net earnings of this great monopoly reached the fabulous sum of \$156,624,273 last year. And no one will waste the time in trying to figure where the steel trust "got it." From the humblest citizen who built a home or purchased so much as a pound of nails, to the great railroad companies for the construction of trackage—all of them constructed to make the "monopolists" so juncous to the shareholders of the steel trust.—Kansas City Star.

Attention Confederate Veterans.

The attention of the Confederate Veterans of Houston county is called to the annual memorial services of President Davis' birthday, June 3, 1907. The Daughters of the Confederacy, D. A. Nunn Chapter, will give receptions on that day to which all veterans and the public are respectfully invited.

The Woman's Home for Confederate widows is nearing completion and the Daughters of the Confederate Veterans hope to have the same dedicated in next September. And it is necessary to raise about \$4000.00 to complete payments for same before that time and it is requested that the Chapters and Camps throughout the state have entertainments and receptions to aid in raising the money to finish paying for same. I earnestly call upon the veterans of the camp and Houston county and all persons friendly to the cause of the home to attend and contribute any amount they feel able towards this just and meritorious cause.

W. B. Wall, Commander
 Crockett Camp, No. 141.
 D. J. Carter,
 Adjutant.

Dr. Robertson's Philosophy.

We can forgive a man everything but convincing us that we are wrong in an argument. In our scramble for gold let's not forget the more vital matter of public health—moral clean up. What about that trades day? Nearly all our neighbor towns are working this scheme successfully, why not we?

In order to reach the port of success upon lifes sea, we must necessarily sometimes sail against adverse winds.

Every man ought to be proud of the town in which he lives. And then he ought to so live that the town would be proud of him. If all the energy wasted locking for soft snaps was expended on some useful occupation, this old world would get quite a different move on herself.

A man who has more money than he can possibly squander can afford to be generous, but such generosity falls far short of the Paulirian idea of charity.

The man who adds nothing to the common store of human happiness has lived in vain, no matter how much of worldly wealth or fame he may have accumulated. The records of heaven are not kept against church organizations or lodges, but individuals. Don't get it into your head that being a good Baptist or Methodist is going to cut any figure in that day of final reckoning.—Pearshall Leader.

Rev. R. B. Jones of Augusta was in town Monday.

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LOCAL NEWS.

For a good knife, razor or watch go to Howard's.

Several cars of cattle were shipped out Saturday night.

We sell all kinds of groceries.
J. J. Guice & Son.

Jim Garrison of Reynard went down to Crockett Saturday returning Sunday.

Why have your clothes fit like meal sacks when R. L. Brooks can make 'em fit you?

Prof. M. H. Hogan and Mr. Star left Sunday for their home at Slocum.

We make cutlery a specialty. For a good knife, scissors or razor go to Howard's.

Dr. and Mrs. McCarty and the children are visiting relatives at Porter Springs this week.

You will miss something if you fail to see the ball game between Grapeland and Lovelady next Friday afternoon.

Your pants without belt loops, or your clothes without buttons looks bad to some people. R. L. Brooks can fix 'em.

The Messenger has a scholarship for sale at a discount in the Lufkin Practical Business College. See us about it.

If you are troubled with mosquitoes Darsey has the Perfection Mosquito bars and frames which is the best made.

For Sale.

One Henry A. Wood mowing machine, hay rake and press.
Billie Spence.

Grapeland was well represented in Houston and Galveston Sunday on account of the excursion Saturday.

We have some good values in watches, can sell you the Elgin or Hampden. Call and see them.
S. E. Howard.

The farmers union will hold an open meeting at Oak Grove next Saturday. The program was published in this paper several weeks ago.

You will find plenty of wire and hog fencing at Geo. E. Darsey's.

Let us fill your next order.
J. J. Guice & Son.

Tax Assessor Ellis is in town this week assessing taxes.

A. S. Porter went to Crockett Monday on business.

Prof. Mangum of Lovelady was in the city Monday.

The Messenger is prepared to take care of your job work. Our motto: "Always on time."

You get a pressed out glass bowl with every \$1.00 bucket of coffee you buy from us.
J. J. Guice & Son.

It wont hurt to have your clothes cleaned and pressed occasionally. See R. L. Brooks, at Clewis' store.

The Lovelady Ball Team is coming up Friday to play a game with the Sluggers. Everybody is extended a cordial invitation to come out and see the game.

The bank has received its new fixtures and stored them away to await the completion of the brick building. Work will begin just as soon as the brick arrive.

The Messenger is not inclined to be pessimistic, but things will be looking mighty gloomy if this rain don't stop—and that pretty soon.

Mr. T. Torkelson of Crockett and Miss Lydia Holcomb were married last Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother at Salmon, Esq. Jno. A. Davis, officiating. The Messenger extends congratulations.

BASE BALL!

Come out next Friday afternoon and see the game between Grapeland Sluggers and Lovelady Browns. Game called at 4 o'clock.

Teachers Elected.

The school board met last Monday night and elected teachers for Grapeland High school as follows: Sam J. Lester of Tennessee, principal; Misses Bula Sheridan, Nannie Howard and Eunice Miller, assistants.

The ball game between Grapeland Sluggers and Crockett's Team has been postponed until next Tuesday on account of the continued rain. A round trip rate of 70c has been secured and all those who wish to go should see the manager, A. H. Luker.

Jim Cook Writes.

Lufkin, Texas, May 27.—Mr. Editor: Will you please advise me as to whether there is any law to prohibit people from clipping the good news out of a fellow's paper before he has time to read it. I have got to have some protection some way, for last week when my paper was brought to me I was busy in the banking department and didn't have time to read it and bless pat when I got time to look over it I found that I had only a portion of the newsy little sheet to read. Some of the boys, who were not so busy as I, got my paper and clipped out the advertisement and I don't know, they may have gotten more, any way I have only gotten to see a portion of my paper for the last issue. I have either got to solicit for the Messenger or be blank for news myself.

Prof. W. H. Hicks, of the Lufkin Practical Business College, was in Houston county last week soliciting for the school. Professor passed many compliments on Houston county which it justly deserves. I happened in the office as he was making the following statement to Prof. Carney: "I was in Houston county this week and you know that is a good farming country. You can hardly get out of sight of a farm house. All the farm houses are beautiful. The farms are arranged in streets; it is like being in town to ride through that country." The professor is looking for several pupils from Houston county before long.

J. J. Cook.

Snow in Ellis County.

Waxahachie, Texas, May 28.—The weather conditions in Ellis county were broken by the fall of snow in the valley between Britton and Midlothian. This information was brought to Waxahachie by Conductor Walter Hannek of Fort Worth and passengers on his train, who witnessed the phenomenon.

Conductor Hannek stated that there was a considerable sprinkle of light white flakes.

A cold rain has been falling there all this morning.

If but John Smith
And all his kith
Take in the Jamestown show,
It will, I guess,
A great success
Adown Time's turnpike go.
—Houston Chronicle.

With this issue of the Messenger we complete our second year's work. We have experienced many ups and downs and sometimes the sailing has been pretty rough, but we now have the situation pretty well in hand and enter the third year with buoyant hopes.

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GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

Athens.—Drop of thirty degrees, and people are apprehensive.

Importance of Sleep.

We should get up well every morning. If we do not, we are certain gradually to run behind in our physical bank account. This proves that sleeping is quite as important as eating. The luxury of sound sleep is one of the greatest means given to a man or beast for restoring and invigorating the whole system. No one should allow business or anything else to curtail this luxury, and parents should promote it in children, instead of drumming them out of bed early.—Homeopathic Envoy.

FIRST TO CROSS PACIFIC.

Side-Wheel Steamer Aroused Much Interest in Japan.

"I saw the first steamship flying the American flag that ever crossed the Pacific ocean enter the harbor of Hongkong," said Frederick R. Sterling, a merchant of Hongkong.

"That vessel was the Colorado, and it landed in Hongkong in 1869. It was the first day of January, and there was a big crowd of people of all nationalities to see her. Being a side-wheeler of the old-fashioned type, she was a curiosity. At the request of Isaac J. Allen, the American consul general, the ship gave an excursion around the island on which the city is situated. I was among the 1,200 on board. It was a gala day. Whistles blew, people shouted, and numerous small sailing boats and tugs escorted us.

"As I remember now, the vessel belonged to the Pacific Mail Line and sailed from San Francisco. She made the trip of 8,000 miles in 30 days, and when she arrived was in perfect trim and good order. Everybody realized that it means the beginning of the great development of the Pacific."

IT WOULD BE SIMPLE.

Formalities Complied with, Escape from Hotel Was Easy.

In the days before the dawn of his fame it was the practice of a certain well known author to wander up and down the land seeking what he might devour in the way of suggestion and local color. In this way he had drifted down into Arkansas, "roughing it," and not, as he expresses it, presenting a appearance calculated to inspire a hotel proprietor with unlimited confidence.

The only hotel in the town, a frame structure, seemed to have been built upon the theory that there was plenty of room straight up, but that ground had to be bought, and the wanderer was shown to a room on the third floor, reached through many narrow and winding passages. From the one window it was a straight drop to the ground.

"Say, how would I get out of this place in case of fire?" he asked the landlord, who had brought up his trap.

The other eyed him coldly. "Well," he drawled, "all yo' would have to do would be to show ther night watchman—the one with ther shotgun—a receipted bill for yo' board an' lodgin', an' get him to tie up ther bulldog."—Harper's Weekly.

FRIENDS HELP

St. Paul Park Incident.

"After drinking coffee for breakfast I always felt languid and dull, having no ambition to get to my morning duties. Then in about an hour or so a weak, nervous derangement of the heart and stomach would come over me with such force I would frequently have to lie down.

"At other times I had severe headaches; stomach finally became affected and digestion so impaired that I had serious chronic dyspepsia and constipation. A lady, for many years State President of the W. C. T. U., told me she had been greatly benefited by quitting coffee and using Postum Food Coffee; she was troubled for years with asthma. She said it was no cross to quit coffee when she found she could have as delicious an article as Postum.

"Another lady, who had been troubled with chronic dyspepsia for years, found immediate relief on ceasing coffee and beginning Postum twice a day. She was wholly cured. Still another friend told me that Postum Food Coffee was a Godsend to her, her heart trouble having been relieved after leaving off coffee and taking Postum.

"So many such cases came to my notice that I concluded coffee was the cause of my trouble and I quit and took up Postum. I am more than pleased to say that my days of trouble have disappeared. I am well and happy." "There's a Reason." Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

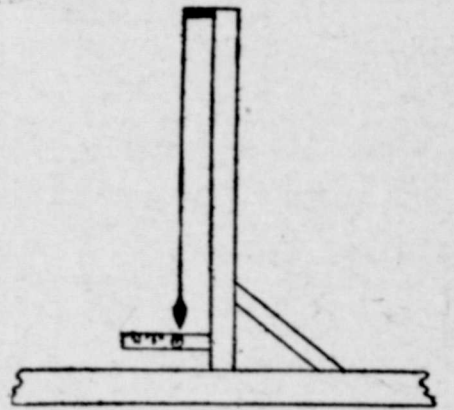


TILE DRAINS.

How They Should Be Laid and a Device That Will Aid.

Where there is a sufficient grade, there is little to contend with in laying tile. From the point where the water stands, the shortest possible cut should be taken through the dry land to the outlet. If, however, there is a great deal of compact blue clay between the marsh and the desired outlet, it is sometimes more economical to run the ditch around these deposits than to attempt to cut through them. If the ditch is cut through such clay, it is advisable to fill in a layer of coarse gravel just before filling in the clay. This will prevent the finer particles of the clay from entering and stopping up the tile.

When the land is nearly level and it is difficult to tell just where the ditch should be run to "get the fall," a simple device can be made similar to the one shown. Take a 2x6, 16 feet long, and to the middle of this bolt an upright piece four feet long. To



Device to Determine Fall.

the top of this upright piece attach a string with a plumb bob at the bottom. Near the lower end of the bob, tack a foot rule one inch above the lower end of the upright piece. Set this device in the ditch. If the bob rests at O, exactly under the point where it is attached to the upright plank, there is no fall whatever. If it moves to the left from O, there is a fall of about ten feet to the mile for each eighth of an inch the plumb bob removes to the left from O. As soon as the fall is determined under the device, remove it 16 feet to the left and determine the fall there.

It is considered that a fall of five feet to the mile is ample; however, many ditches are laid with a fall of only three feet to the mile. The greater the fall, the less liable the ditch is to become clogged, and where it is possible, the fall should be at least ten feet to the mile.

WEIGHING BY FIGURES.

Rules for the Measurement of Hay in Stacks.

A ton of dry hay contains all the way from 300 to 900 cubic feet, depending on the length of time it has been stacked and its quality.

The rules for measuring hay vary in different localities, a cube of seven feet being considered in some places a ton and a cube of eight feet being considered a ton at other places. We would like to sell hay by the seven foot plan and buy it by the eight foot plan. A cube of hay eight foot each way will contain 512 cubic feet in all, which with the average run of hay will come very close to a ton. It takes a very excellent quality of hay for a cube of seven feet to make a ton.

The rule for estimating the number of tons in an ordinary stack is to multiply the length in feet by the width in feet and this by the height to a point where the stack would be level. This height is sometimes considered one-half the height of the stack. The result divided by 500 will give a very good measurement of hay, being the number of tons in the stack.

To estimate the contents of a round stack, says the Farmer, we multiply the square of the distance around the stack in yards by four times the height in yards and point off two places from the right and this will be the number of cubic yards in the stack, which divided by 20 will equal the number of tons. For instance, a stack measures 20 yards around the bulge and is eight yards high, to find the number of tons first square the distance around the bulge 20 yards which would be 400, multiplying this by four times the height eight yards, we would have 12,800, pointing off two places from the right making 128, which, divided by 20 gives 6 and 4-10 tons of hay in the stack.

Bees on the Farm.

Add a hive or two of bees to the farm's equipment this year, and save some of the sweets that now go to waste in the field and garden.

WHY WE PLOW AND CULTIVATE.

The Real Reasons Why These Operations Are Necessary.

Until about 200 years ago the farmer's idea of plowing was to get enough loose soil to cover his crop, and thus allow it to germinate. Farmers in that day, and, in fact, up to the time of Jethro Tull, about 150 years ago, did not seem to have any definite idea as to how plants grow. That worthy, whose name should be forever held in grateful remembrance among good farmers, had the idea that plants took up minute particles of the soil itself. He published volume after volume on this subject, and while his practice was invariably right and in fact quite modern, his theories were all wrong, just as in these modern times the theories of many scientific farmers are all right and their practice all wrong; for it is a matter of history that theory and practice do not always work together, desirable as it is that they should.

When farmers got hold of the idea that plants take their food always liquid and in solution, and do not live on the soil itself except in this way, it became quite clear that water is one of the essential elements of plant growth, and, therefore, that plowing should be done for the purpose of putting the soil in such condition that it should have the greatest water-holding capacity, not the capacity of holding the greatest amount of water between the particles, but of holding a large amount of water in films around the surface of the soil grains. They soon discovered that the finer the tilth and the greater the number of soil grains, the more surface there was, and, therefore, the greater the water-holding capacity.

Studying the matter thoroughly, they found, says Wallace's Farmer, that there is seldom during the summer season a sufficient rainfall to supply the wants of the crop, and hence that it was necessary not merely to plow deep and reduce the soil to a fine tilth, but to have the turned furrow in close capillary connection with the subsoil below, in order that the plants might draw up water from below when there was a deficiency of it coming from the clouds. This further modified the theories of cultivation.

Then another step was made. Farmers began to realize that while tillage was not manure, it was the next thing to it. While it did not add any fertility to the soil, it rendered more available the fertility already in the soil, which cannot be wholly exhausted by anything that man can do or fall to do. In other words, that the soil is a great chemical laboratory in which the food of plants is prepared, and prepared largely in proportion to the amount of intelligent tillage that is put upon it.

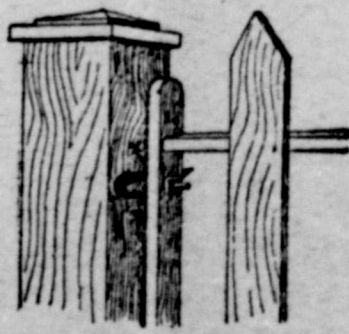
It is only in recent years that this idea has taken hold in the mind of the farmer, and even now only in the minds of the most intelligent farmers. Such farmers are beginning to realize that the water-holding capacity and, so to speak, the efficiency of the workings of the chemical laboratory are greatly increased by the addition of vegetable matter; in other words; that the mineral elements of the soil cannot be brought into such shape as to furnish food for plants except in connection with decaying vegetable matter.

The subject of why we plow and why we cultivate is a very large one ever new and interesting, opening up wider vistas of thought than men who simply plow because their fathers plowed are able to scan a. once.

GOOD GATE LATCH.

Will Keep the Gate Closed and is Self-Operating.

The tidy farmer never likes to see his farm gates swinging, as they are sure to loosen and sag the gate posts



The Gate Latch.

by slamming back and forth in the wind, and are apt to be run into in the dark. This is a good time to be figuring out some kind of a latch that will fasten the gate easily. One that will hook itself when the gate is pushed to is the best as it is more likely to be heeded by the hired man than one which he must stop and fumble with. The accompanying cut shows an ingenious and reliable latch for this purpose. The latch is made of iron and is so arranged that it will hook and hold the gate as soon as it is closed.

Washington Day by Day

News Gathered Here and There at the National Capital

MISS SHONTS WILL NOT WED FRENCH NOBLEMAN



WASHINGTON.—The departure of Theodore P. Shonts, former chairman of the Panama canal commission, with his two daughters, for New York, where he is now head of the Metropolitan traction interests, has again revived talk concerning the engagement of Miss Shonts to the Duc de Chaulnes.

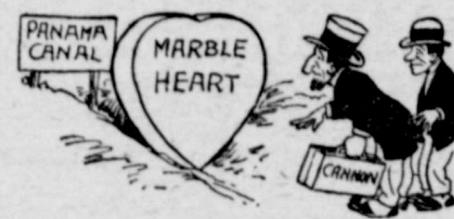
If there ever was an engagement it is now off, as Washington society has the story, and the reason for this failure of another international alliance is said to be the refusal of Mr. Shonts to grant the ducal demand for a settlement.

It is accepted here as the correct version of the departure of the duke without a bride that Mr. Shonts stood firmly for the American idea of marriage settlements. He is reported to

have told De Chaulnes that he would give his daughter a stylish wedding, provide her with a trousseau fit for a princess, and a substantial wedding allowance that would keep her in pin money for a long time, but to enter into any agreement to settle an income on her for life before marriage, this he would not do.

Personally the head of the Shonts household wants to see his daughter happily married, and, if he had any objections to the French nobleman, was willing to put them aside if Miss Shonts was satisfied with the duke. So, according to some of the wise ones, the match will never come off, as the duke is reported to "need the money," for while he is long on lineage and incumbered estates, he is short on cash.

CANAL ZONE MEN HURT PRIDE OF CONGRESSMAN



THE real reason for the estrangement between Speaker Cannon, eight other members of the congressional party and the canal zone officials was not because of the quarantine regulations but because Speaker Cannon and his party did not believe they were properly treated.

When the steamship on which the Speaker and his party were arrived at Colon the men who are digging the canal and caring for the canal zone did not even send a rowboat out to meet them. The party boarded a train at Colon, going to Panama and after it had started and was nearing Culebra cut Speaker Cannon went strolling through the coach ahead. In it he found Chief Engineer Stevens, who recognized him and talked with him a few minutes.

"Well, good-by," the chief engineer said, waving his hand, as the train

approached Culebra cut.

The congressional party headed by the speaker believed they had been so badly treated that they had the steward on the steamship prepare their luncheon for them. Each member of the party on the train carried a lunch box.

When the train pulled into Panama Superintendent Beard of the Panama Railroad company had prepared an elaborate luncheon for the members of the speaker's party. They went in the dining-room and ate the luncheon, and on leaving the table each member of the party left at his plate the customary price for a luncheon. Superintendent Beard found the money on the table, and, as his guests had gone, sent it back to the steamship with a curt note that he was not authorized to collect money for the luncheon.

FAIRBANKS' AMBITION OPENS HIS POCKETBOOK



WITH a presidential bee buzzing merrily in his bonnet, Vice President Fairbanks has entered on a social campaign that has made the whole capital rub its eyes in surprise and wonder at his extravagance.

Since the Fairbanks weather eye was fixed steadily on the White House the expenses of the family, it is said, have jumped from \$30,000 to \$100,000. Mrs. Fairbanks now is one of the most popular hostesses in Washington, and from the occasional receptions of two years ago has developed to two formal affairs a week.

Formerly the Fairbankses lived in a modest house at Eighteenth and Massachusetts avenues, the rent of which was \$3,000 a year. Then they had only five servants in all, and they were without a carriage, hiring a vehicle whenever needed. Now they pay \$12,000 a year for the mansion of

Col. Edward Morrell, of Philadelphia, and they have more than a dozen servants, with twice that total several days a week. Over the Fairbanks' kitchen now presides John Rook, the chef who was the joy of Levi Z. Leiter and his friends.

Rook has so much money to spend that he gains precedence in the market over Pinckney, the buyer for the White House. Fairbanks has given his man a free hand to stock the pantry with the choicest luxuries, and just what this means may be gathered from the fact that at two receptions nearly 1,000 guests partook of a buff fet supper at which tarrapin, every kind of shell fish and the finest imported wines were served. Lavishness is the keynote of the Fairbanks establishment, and to her regular entertainments Mrs. Fairbanks now has added frequent and large theater parties.

TO HAVE GOVERNMENT PAY CAMPAIGN EXPENSE



TO HAVE the proper and legitimate expenses of national campaigns paid from the national treasury for the different political parties, and to permit in presidential campaigns only a closely limited use of money other than that drawn from the public funds, is the striking project which the president has in his mind as a means of purifying national politics.

It would be required, of course that all money should be carefully accounted for, vouchers should be made and carefully audited, and the purposes for which it could be used would be limited to speaking, literature and organization.

It is understood that the amount made available from the public treasury would be apportioned among the parties on some such basis as the rel-

ative votes polled at the last preceding national election. This would let in the small parties for their share.

Politicians regard the scheme as Utopian, but are not at all certain whether it could be defeated if seriously presented to congress by the president.

The president has not developed details of the plan, and may be convinced yet of its practicability, but he has talked of it with much interest, and is thus far disposed to regard it as more than an impractical vision.

Politicians say that if the idea should be followed to its logical conclusions it would eventuate in nothing less than the creation of a great election board possessing unlimited opportunities, for corruption.

THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES

By MEREDITH NICHOLSON
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CHAPTER VIII.—Continued.

The man I was looking for came to the door quickly in response to my knock.

"Good afternoon, Morgan." "Good afternoon, Mr. Glenarm," he said, taking his pipe from his mouth he better to grin at me. He showed no sign of surprise, and I was nettled by his cool reception. There was, I felt, a certain element of recklessness in my visit to the house of a man who had shown so singular an interest in my affairs, and his cool greeting vexed me.

"Morgan—" I began. "Won't you come in and rest yourself, Mr. Glenarm?" he interrupted. "I reckon you're tired from your trip over—"

"Thank you, no," I snapped. "Suit yourself, Mr. Glenarm." He seemed to like my name and gave it a disagreeable drawing emphasis.

"Morgan, you are an infernal blackguard. You have tried twice to kill me—"

"We'll call it that, if you like,"—and he grinned. "But you'd better cut off one for this."

He lifted the gray fedora hat from his head, and poked his finger through a hole in the top.

"You're a pretty fair shot, Mr. Glenarm. The fact about me is,"—and he winked,—the honest truth is, I'm all out of practice. Why, sir, when I saw you paddling out on the lake this afternoon I sighted you from the casino half a dozen times with my gun, but I was afraid to risk it." He seemed to be shaken with inner mirth. "If I'd missed, I wasn't sure you'd be scared to death!"

For a novel diversion I heartily recommend a meeting with the assassin who has, only a few days or hours before, tried to murder you. I know of nothing in the way of social adventure that is quite equal to it.

"Morgan, I hope you understand that I am not responsible for any injury my grandfather may have inflicted on you. I hadn't seen him for several years before he died. I was never at Glenarm before in my life, so it's a little rough for you to visit your displeasure on me."

He smiled tolerantly as I spoke. I knew—and he knew that I did—that no ill feeling against my grandfather lay back of his interest in my affairs.

"You're not quite the man your grandfather was, Mr. Glenarm. You'll excuse my bluntness, but I take it that you're a frank man yourself. He was a very keen person, and, I'm afraid,"—he chuckled with evident satisfaction to himself,—"I'm really afraid, Mr. Glenarm, that you're not!"

"There you have it, Morgan! I fully agree with you! I'm as dull as an oyster; that's the reason I've called on you for enlightenment. Consider that I'm here under a flag of truce, and let's see if we can't come to an agreement."

"It's too late, Mr. Glenarm; too late. There was a time when we might have done some business; but that's past now. You seem like a pretty decent fellow, too, and I'm sorry I didn't see you sooner; but better luck next time."

"Well," I said, seeing that I should only make myself ridiculous by trying to learn anything from him, "I hope our little spats through windows and on walls won't interfere with our pleasant social relations. And I don't hesitate to tell you,"—I was exerting myself to keep down my anger,—"that if I catch you on my ground again I'll fill you with lead and sink you in the lake."

"Thank you, sir," he said, with so perfect an imitation of Bates' voice and manner that I smiled in spite of myself.

"And now, if you'll promise not to fire into my back I'll wish you good day. Otherwise—"

He snatched off his hat and bowed profoundly. "I'll suit me much better to continue handling the case on your own grounds," he said, as though he referred to a business matter. "Killing a man on your own property requires some explaining—you may have noticed it?"

"Yes; I commit most of my murders away from home," I said. "I formed the habit early in life. Good day, Morgan."

As I turned away he closed his door with a slam,—a delicate way of assuring me that he was acting in good faith, and not preparing to puncture my back with a rifle ball. I regained the lake shore, feeling no great discouragement over the lean results of my interview, but rather a fresh zest for the game, whatever the game might be.

The sun was going his ruddy way beyond St. Agatha's as I drove my canoe into a little cove near which

the girl in the tam-o'-shanter had disappeared the day before. The shore was high here and at the crest was a long curved bench of stone, boldly reminiscent of Alma Tadema, and as clearly the creation of John Marshall Glenarm as though his name had been carved upon it.

It was assuredly a spot for a pipe and a mood, and as the shadows crept through the wood before me and the water, stirred by the rising wind, began to beat below, I invoked the one and yielded to the other. Something in the withered grass at my feet caught my eye. I bent and picked up a string of gold beads, dropped there, no doubt, by some girl from the school or careless member of the summer colony. I counted the separate beads—they were round and there were 50 of them. The proper length for one turn about a girl's throat, perhaps; not more than that! I lifted my eyes and looked off toward St. Agatha's.

"Child of the red tam-o'-shanter, I'm very sorry I was rude to you yesterday, for I liked your steady stroke with the paddle; and I admired, even more, the way you spurned me when you

prised them once innocently enjoying their pipes and whisky and water in the kitchen. "They are having trouble at the school, sir," observed Bates. "The young ladies running a little wild, eh?" "Sister Theresa's ill, sir. Ferguson told me last night. And Ferguson says that Miss Devereux's devotion to her aunt is quite touching."

I stood up straight and stared at Bates' back—he was trying to stop the rattle which the wind had set up in one of the windows. "Miss Devereux!" "That's the name, sir,—rather odd, I should call it." "Yes, it is rather odd," I said, composed again, but not referring to the name. My mind was busy with a certain paragraph in my grandfather's will:

"Should he fall at any time during said year to comply with this provision, said property shall at once revert to my general estate, and become, without reservation, and without necessity for any process of law, the property, absolutely, of Marian Devereux, of the county and state of New York."

"Your grandfather was very fond of her, sir. She and Sister Theresa were abroad at the time he died. It was my sorrowful duty to tell them the sad news in New York, sir, when they landed."

"The devil it was!" It irritated me to remember that Bates knew exactly the nature of my grandfather's will. Sister Theresa and her niece were doubtless calmly awaiting my failure to remain at Glenarm House during the disciplinary year.

I had given little thought to Sister Theresa since coming to Glenarm. She had derived her knowledge of me from my grandfather, and, such being the case, she would naturally look upon me as a blackguard and a menace to the peace of the neighborhood. I had therefore kept rigidly to my own side of the stone wall.

"Bates!" He was moving toward the door with his characteristic slow step.

"If your friend Morgan, or any one else, should shoot me, or if I should tumble into the lake, or otherwise end my earthly career—Bates!"

His eyes had slipped from mine to the window and I spoke his name sharply.

"Yes, Mr. Glenarm." "Then Sister Theresa's niece would get this property and everything else that belonged to Mr. Glenarm."

"That's my understanding of the matter, sir." "Morgan, the caretaker, has tried to kill me twice since I came here. He fired at me through the window the night I came,—Bates!"

I waited for his eyes to meet mine again. His hands opened and shut several times and alarm and fear convulsed his face. "Bates, I'm trying my best to think well of you; but I want you to understand,—I smote the table with my clenched hand,—"that if these women, or your employer, Mr. Pickering, or that damned hound Morgan, or you—damn you, I don't know who or what you are!—think you can scare me away from here, you've waked up the wrong man; and I'll tell you another thing,—and you may repeat it to your school teachers and to Mr. Pickering, who pays you, and to Morgan, whom somebody has hired to kill me,—that I'm going to keep faith with my dead grandfather, and that when I've spent my year here and done what that old man wished me to do, I'll give them this house and every acre of ground and every damned dollar the estate carries with it. And now one other thing! I suppose there's a sheriff or some kind of a constable with jurisdiction over this place, and I could have the whole lot of you put into jail for conspiracy, but I'm going to stand out against you alone,—do you understand me, you hypocrite, you stupid, slinking spy? Answer me, quick, before I throw you out of the room!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



I smote the Table With My Clenched Hand.

saw that among all the cads in the world I am number one in Class A. And these golden bubbles (O girl of the red tam-o'-shanter!), if they are not yours you shall help me to find the owner, for we are neighbors, you and I, and there must be peace between our houses."

With this foolishness I rose, thrust the beads into my pocket, and paddled home in the waning glory of the sunset.

That night, as I was going quite late to bed, bearing a candle to light me through the dark hall to my room, I heard a curious sound, as of some one walking in the house. At first I thought Bates was still abroad, but I waited, listening for several minutes, without being able to mark the exact direction of the sound or to identify it with him. I went on to the door of my room, and still a muffled step seemed to follow me,—first it had come from below, then it was much like some one going up stairs,—but where? In my own room I still heard steps, light, slow but distinct. Again there was a stumble and a hurried recovery,—ghosts, I reflected, do not fall down stairs!

The sound died away, seemingly in some distant part of the house, and though I prowled about for an hour it did not recur that night.

CHAPTER IX.

The Girl and the Rabbit. Wind and rain rioted in the wood, and occasionally both fell upon the library windows with a howl and a splash. The tempest had wakened me; it seemed that every chimney in the house held a screaming demon. We were now well launched upon De-

them critically when Bates came in with wood.

"They're unmistakable snowflakes, sir," he remarked from the window. "We're in for winter now."

It was undeniably snow; great lazy flakes of it were crowding down upon the wood.

Bates had not mentioned Morgan or referred even remotely to the pistol shot of my first night, and he had certainly conducted himself as a model servant. The gardener at St. Agatha's, a Scotchman named Ferguson, had visited him several times, and I had sur-



CUSTOM OF YUMA INDIANS

Burning the Dead One of Their Interesting Ceremonies.

Burning the dead as observed among the Yumas is interesting. The body is first thoroughly wrapped and then placed in logs and brush over a hole in the ground. A bed of logs is built up at each side and at the head of the bier, which is next covered over and strewn about with dry fagots. The flames are applied and, while they burn, the clothing, blankets, etc., of the deceased are added to the fire. The horse of the dead man, however, is not burned among the Yumas, as is the custom with some Indians. A day or two after death the wigwam of the

deceased, if an adult, is burned, the rest of the family then going to live with some relative. The Yumas make a great show of sorrow over their dead. Later they are never mentioned at all. The medicine men are still largely in control among the Yumas, and the government makes no attempt to interfere. Usually their patients grow sicker, so that they proclaim them doomed to die and their prophecy will almost always come true.

A Beat All-Around. "The count's rich wife said he beat her." "His creditors said he did the same thing to them."—Baltimore American.

Fuentes Had a Straight T. That American actors are the only stage heroes are proved by the following anecdote of the recent earthquake in Mexico City: Luckily the principal theater was empty, the players and players were gone, when the shock came. Not so at the Arheu. There the performance was in full blast. The lights in the theater went out. For a moment there was silence. Then was felt the shock. Panic-stricken cries went up from all portions of the house.

The situation was critical. In case the audience attempted to leave the house hundreds would be killed in the melee. Fuentes, the leading actor, was equal to the emergency. With remarkable promptitude and self-possession he advanced to the front of the stage and while the building was rocking, assured the audience that the shock would soon be over and that there was not the slightest danger. Just where Fuentes got the tip that the thing wouldn't last long and would not be violent he did not divulge, but the audience voted him a trump and kept its seats till the thing was over.

WAS NOT ALL ETIQUETTE. Minister Tucker Had Reasons of His Own for Remaining Standing.

When the Hon. Beverly Tucker, minister to the Court of St. James, was presented to Queen Victoria she indicated that he be seated by that slight motion of her plump hand which all England obeyed. Tucker was portly and heavy, and the only available chair was fragile and small. He appeared not to notice the invitation. A moment later it was repeated, for even at that first interview began the queen's liking for Minister Tucker, which ripened into such an intimate friendship as no other American ever enjoyed with her majesty. Still, the weakness of things terrestrial was more potent than the finger of Victoria, and Tucker again ignored the command. Then the queen put it in words, when Tucker, with a profound bow, replied:

"Your majesty, I never sit in the presence of royalty." "I accept the compliment at your hands," replied the queen; "and now you must accept comfort at mine." "Comfort!" exclaimed Mr. Tucker. "Why, I should break both my back and your majesty's chair if I attempted to sit on it!"—Lippincott's.

MORE BOXES OF GOLD And Many Greenbacks.

325 boxes of Gold and Greenbacks will be sent to persons who write the most interesting and truthful letters of experience on the following topics:

1. How have you been affected by coffee drinking and by changing from coffee to Postum.
2. Give name and account of one or more coffee drinkers who have been hurt by it and have been induced to quit and use Postum.
3. Do you know any one who has been driven away from Postum because it came to the table weak and characterless at the first trial?
4. Did you set such a person right regarding the easy way to make it clear, black, and with a snappy, rich taste?
5. Have you ever found a better way to make it than to use four heaping teaspoonfuls to the pint of water, let stand on stove until real boiling begins, and beginning at that time when actual boiling starts, boil full 15 minutes more to extract the flavor and food value. (A piece of butter the size of a pea will prevent boiling over.) This contest is confined to those who have used Postum prior to the date of this advertisement.

Be honest and truthful, don't write poetry or fanciful letters, just plain, truthful statements.

Contest will close June 1st, 1907, and no letters received after that date will be admitted. Examinations of letters will be made by three judges, not members of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd. Their decisions will be fair and final, and a neat little box containing a \$10 gold piece sent to each of the five writers of the most interesting letters, a box containing a \$5 gold piece to each of the 20 next best, a \$2 greenback to each of the 100 next best, and a \$1 greenback to each of the 200 next best, making cash prizes distributed to 325 persons.

Every friend of Postum is urged to write and each letter will be held in high esteem by the company, as an evidence of such friendship, while the little boxes of gold and envelopes of money will reach many modest writers whose plain and sensible letters contain the facts desired, although the sender may have but small faith in winning at the time of writing.

Talk this subject over with your friends and see how many among you can win prizes. It is a good, honest competition and in the best kind of a cause, and costs the competitors absolutely nothing.

Address your letter to the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich., writing your own name and address clearly.

Mr. Cain in Honolulu.

Honolulu, Hawaii, May 16.—
Editor Messenger: Continuing
my letter of May 8, I beg to say
that we passed the night safe and
sound in the sleeping car. Next
morning bright and early we
went forth to look upon the earth
quake city. There were no street
cars running and as we did not
possess the means to satisfy the
freebooter carriage men we took
it all afoot. A day and a half
was thus spent tramping up and
down the ruined city.

The newspapers convinced us
long ago that something was torn
down at San Francisco, but I had
no idea the destruction was so
complete. Almost every brick
house was wholly wrecked and
countless flourishing enterprises
entirely silenced. One has con-
siderable difficulty in finding a
store where a few simple articles
can be purchased.

There are thousands of hands
digging out the old rubbish, pre-
paratory to laying the founda-
tions for new buildings. Very
few buildings are actually going
up at present. It has been prophe-
sied that a greater San Francis-
co will rise from the ruins of the
demolished city. Perhaps so,
but it will be many a long day
before she is even her former self.

We went to the place designa-
ted by the government and found
our ocean transportation waiting
for us. After having our bag-
gage transferred and checked,
we embarked on the Siberia, a
member of the Pacific Mail Line,
and steamed out of harbor at one
o'clock, May 10.

The Siberia is one of those
"ocean greyhounds" so famous
in modern navigation. She is
more than large enough to carry
the whole population of Grapes-
land at one time. She is so ele-
gantly fitted up in all her apart-
ments that a passenger experi-
ences none of those inconven-
iences so incident to railroad
travel. A floating palace would
be a fit name for such a vessel.
The passenger should enjoy him-
self more than if he were quar-
tered in one of our best hotels.
He has his own state room which
is elegantly and even richly fur-
nished, he has access to news
stand, library, music room, bar-
ber shop, cream parlor, printing
office and a dining room whose
fare and service will rival that of
the Rice or Manger in Texas.
Then the passenger has nothing
to do but to do as he pleases, and
he generally pleases to spend a
great deal of his time on the up-
per deck, gazing upon the broad
expanse of old ocean and listen-
ing to her mighty roar.

The whole framework of the
Siberia is constructed of steel.
Her system of ventilation is per-
fect and she is lighted through-
out with electricity. She has
enormous propelling power and
since she turned her brave prow
to the waves in San Francisco
harbor she has cut more than
2,000 miles of salt water without
missing a single beat of her
great iron heart.

The entire crew of the ship and
the whole force of servants, num-
bering in all about one hundred,
are Chinamen. It would surprise
you to see how useful these pig-
tailed bugas are. I can well see
why the steamship company em-
ploys them. They can be hired
cheap, it costs practically nothing
to board them and they render
twice as good service as the
average negro, in fact they are
better than the white men that
could be employed for this work.
Besides, they never learn so
much about the work that they

"turn off" the owners of the bus-
iness as white employees fre-
quently do.

It was six days from the time
California's shore vanished from
sight until we caught a glimpse
of the Hawaiian Islands. During
this time we did not see a single
clod of dirt, no not even a grain
of sand. The principal thing out
this way is water. It reminds me
of the girl's grammar examina-
tion when I asked her to give the
plural of "monkey." She gave:
"monkey, more monkeys, most
monkeys." Run the same in-
flexion on the word water and
you will get it.

I like this business of making a
sea voyage, especially as the
"uncle" is footing the bills and
paying us half salary meanwhile.
There is only one thing that an-
noys me: I cannot see far enough.
Seems like if the surface were
perfectly smooth and nothing in
the way we might see to the
"jumping off place." Not so.
The upper deck of our vessel is
about 30 feet above water. From
this deck we can scarcely see
seven miles in all directions. It
is surprising how near to us the
earth's roundness shuts out the
view. I have seen a few school
teachers who believed and taught
the "flat system" in geography.
If the poor souls could be fetter-
ed and carried out from shore a
few miles where they could not
help seeing the roundness of the
earth, they might grasp a new
idea.

We crossed the tropic of Can-
cer yesterday afternoon but I do
not feel disposed to give any de-
scription of that noted line as it
is a familiar fact of geography.
If you have forgotten about it,
ask some third grade pupil how
wide this line is and also what
color it is. Of course we are in
the Torrid Zone and it is a frac-
tion hot.

During the last few days I have
seen multitudes of flying fish. I
always regarded flying fish as
another fish story and of course
shall not blame you for doing so
now. But I have really seen
plenty of the creatures jump out
of the water and fly two or three
hundred yards and go back into
the water.

And now we are entering the
harbor of Honolulu. We shall
spend the day on shore here.
Late this evening we go on board
and sail for Yokohama, Japan.

If my letter is printed and read
I shall continue it later.

A. W. CAIN.

When your food has not been
properly digested the entire sys-
tem is impaired in the same pro-
portion. Your stomach needs
help. Kodol for Indigestion and
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you eat, it tones the stomach and
adds strength to the whole body.
Makes rich pure blood. Kodol
conforms to the National Pure
Food and Drug Law. Sold by
Carleton & Porter.

Prof. Lyles of League City was
in town a day last week, and
while here met a number of our
citizens. Prof. Lyles is an ap-
plicant for principalship of our
school.

Cascasweet for babies is the
best remedy for colic, summer
complaints, diarrhoea and sour
stomach. It is especially good
in cases of teething when irrita-
tion affects the stomach and in-
testines. Cascasweet is a pleas-
ant, safe remedy, containing
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A great many merchants let their stocks run down, but
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isfactory goods and prices.

GEO. E. DARSEY.

CONSTIPATION.

Its Cause and How to Cure it.

Eat too much,
Stomach feels bloated,
All out of sorts,
Don't feel like work to-day. Guess
I've another case of biliousness.

"Take anything?"

"Yes; some pills, but no results; sup-
pose I'm getting ironclad. Sometimes I
double the dose, then they physic me so
hard I'm too weak to work. Think I'll
have to try something new."

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