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I am expecting another shipment of Buggies to arrive soon. I have some beauties coming. Let me sell one. I want to shoe your horses and shrink your wagon tires and do your blacksmith work generally.

I handle all parts for buggies, such as tops, wheels, shafts, tongues, double and single trees and breast yokes.

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I want your blacksmith work. See me for anything in the above lines. Will appreciate your business. Respectfully,

A. B. GUICE, At the Blacksmith Shop.

A Corset Trust.

The latest in the way of trusts is one that will probably make the women of the land mad clean through. It is nothing less than a corset trust. When the news of it spreads through the nation President Roosevelt will probably be importuned by all the women's clubs and organizations to set the Department of Justice on it and send it into small bits. The statement is made here on the authority of the president of a Connecticut company that sells materials to corset manufacturers that the four great corset manufacturing concerns of the country are to form a trust, not by any formal organization, but by such an understanding as to the conduct of business as to make virtually a combination. It is denied that it the purpose to increase prices, but at the same time it is stated that manufacturers are far behind in their orders. The leading corset companies of the United States, according to this information, turn out 200,000,000 corsets a year. This means that the per capita of corsets among the women per year is high. It almost raised the question whether there is truth in the assertion sometimes made that men wear them. Department of Justice officials blush at the mere suggestion of investigating a corset trust, and refuse to talk about it.—Ex

Ratcliff News.

Ratcliff, Texas, Aug. 19.—There isn't as much sickness at present as there has been, and those that have been sick are recuperating.

Chas. Moffett has been up from a siege of the typhoid fever for a few days, but has fever again. There has not been any new cases of fever in several days.

We received a shower a few days ago, but the ground being so dry it didn't do much good.

Rev. Jeff Rhodes has just closed a few days meeting at Mt. Vernon. On the second Sunday in August every year for twenty years, Bro. Rhodes has commenced a meeting at this place. There were several members added to the church during this meeting. He will commence a meeting at this place next Tuesday, August 20th. A protracted meeting will commence at Tadmor next Sunday conducted by Bro. Jones of Augusta.

E. H. Henderson of Weches has put in an up to date stock of goods in the Oddfellows building. His son J. D. Henderson of this place is manager.

B. R. Harvin of Tadmor has opened up a furniture store in

Shipper's Here With The Goods,

As we have everything we have invested in Merchandise and intend to make our financial success selling goods, why not have the best obtainable? Our buyer has returned from St. Louis, the market, where he bought our fall stock of Hats, Shoes, Ladies' and Men's Furnishings, Dry Goods and Novelties. We believe that a man gets out of business in accordance to what he invests, so we try to begin right by buying right and by buying goods that are dependable goods of quality, and by treating our customers right, giving them a Hundred Cents Worth for Every Dollar They Spend With Us, and by accommodating them in every way possible. Just now things look a little gloomy, but at the same time everybody has got to have something to wear and eat and why should we quit buying and stop trying to do business when our financial success comes from Merchandising? In our Ladies' and Men's Furnishings we have displayed our best taste and judgement. We are sure you will agree with us when you investigate. Our prices are the same to everybody, cash or credit. Our stock is always complete in everything that is sold in a general store. Our views of business is to give you good values, good treatment, standard goods at right prices. A well assorted stock to select your size, style, number and quality. We consider well the style and quality at all times in buying. Our line of men's clothing is already on display for fall. Suits, I. & S. Bing is the brand, in prices from \$7 to \$20. These suits are the best styles and patterns to be found anywhere. Our shoes are Star Brand. Our overalls are three of the best lines made, Fincks, Round House and Carhartt. Our hats are the best quality and shape. We have a lot of nice stiff hats at the popular price of \$3. John B. Stetson's at \$5.

Your Business Friends,

J. G. SHIPPER & SON

this place with Oliver Graves as manager.

On account of jars being plentiful the plaining mill at this place will run two hours extra each day commencing at 6 o'clock a. m. and stopping at 7 p. m. This will be awful hard on the planer hands but they will get two hours extra on each day which will make them feel better on pay day.

Mr. L. L. Wilson and family of Creath were visiting relatives at this place Sunday.

Come again, Mr. Cutler, and tell us more about Garza Co. Am glad to know that my old

partner was lucky in securing such a good position as being proprietor of the largest hotel in Post City.

Some are making arrangements to attend the Old Confederate soldier reunion to be held at Alto August 23.

The commissionary run out of ice yesterday and this morning a special train came in from Lufkin with a car of ice. Most every body was about to burn up until the ice arrived.

Jim Brett and Vandy Ball took a trip to Freestone county a few days ago. Vandy says he didn't see a single bear on his western

tour.

Geo. Sheprine has moved back to Alto, where he will leave his family while he is gone to hunt him a home out about Corsicana.

John Mason and family have been visiting relatives and friends at Grapeland the past week.

W. E. Denson and family have also been visiting near Grapeland the past week.

Will McLean of Augusta has been visiting Dug Wall this past week.

We would be glad to hear from Old Gray of Augusta more often. We would be glad to see a

A Bad Coon.

Lufkin, Texas, August 18.—A negro man claiming to be from the North and that no d— Southerner that ever lived could run over him, tried to pull off a few stunts in the business portion of the city last night, but luckily Sheriff Watts and Marshal Nerren were close at hand.

The negro had a Colt's six-shooter, about one of the longest that is made, and just before the officers ran on to him he had been making a display of it. Mr. Watts had to tap him a few licks over the head before anything at all could be done with him.

The gun was taken off the negro and he is in jail, where he will have time to form a better opinion of Southern hospitality.

Does it Need Shelter?

For the quarter just closed the net earnings of the steel trust amounted to \$45,503,705. After providing for all expenses and regular dividends on heavily watered capital stock the steel trust was able to set aside the sum of \$18,500,000. Referring to this showing the Boston Herald says: "The statement is hailed in some quarters as showing great prosperity in an industry that is called the barometer of trade. It shows more than that, however. It furnishes further evidence of the urgent necessity of a revision of the iron and steel schedules of tariff law. The trust can easily afford it and still realize ample returns on its watered capital."—Bryan's Commenter.

Decay of Glass.

Few visitors to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York are aware, while admiring the iridescence of the glass bottles plants and other ancient articles of ornament and use discovered in Cypress, that the presmatic hues displayed are a result of the decay of the glass.

When disintegration sets in the substance of the glass splits into exceedingly thin laminae, which, as the sunlight traverses them, give rise to a splendid play of colors.

Like forest leaves, these delicate glasses signalize their approaching dissolution by becoming more beautiful.—Philadelphia Record.

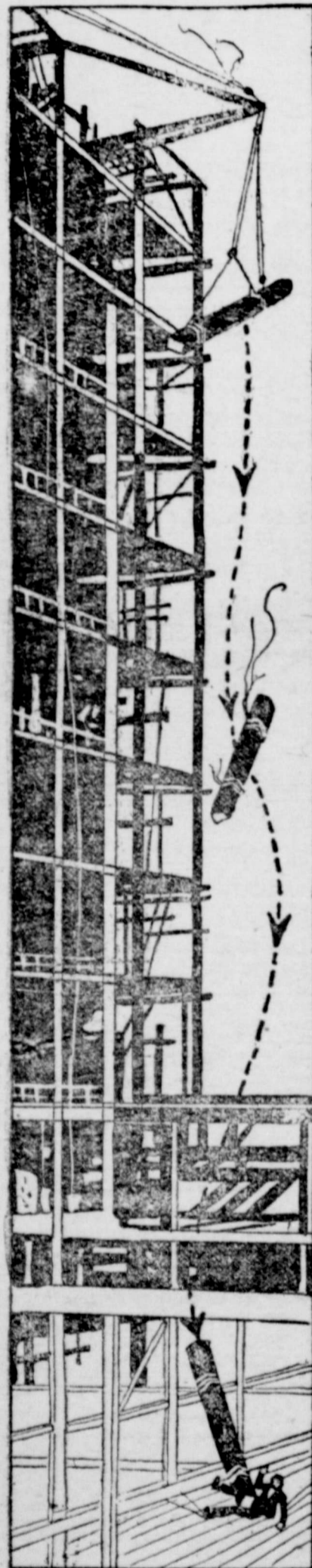
piece from Weches in the Messenger every week or two. Will ring off and come again.

Goobar Tooth.

TOLL TAKEN OF HUMAN LIFE BY THE INDUSTRIES

GREATER THAN DEATHS ON BATTLEFIELD

Over Half a Million Men and Women Annually Are Killed or Injured in the United States While Engaged in Productive Labor---Enormous Sum Needed to Support Those Incapacitated.



A Familiar Peril in Building Operations.

New York.—More than 500,000 men and women are injured or killed in the industries annually in the United States, or one person every minute.

This industrial carnage costs the people of the country, directly and indirectly, over two and a half billions of dollars—a sum larger than the national debt.

Such are the death tolls of industrial progress, which shows such a smiling face to those whose occupations involve no danger, but turns a ghastly countenance on those who work in peril of their lives.

Whoever doubts these figures need only read the grim statistics to be convinced that modern industry is more fateful than war.

In the Japanese-Russian war a total of 333,786 men were killed and wounded on both sides, not counting the losses in naval battles.

In the same period in the United States alone the great army of American laborers engaged in manufacturing and building operations suffered a loss of 425,000 killed and injured; 92,000 more lives were sacrificed to industrial progress in one year than during the greatest conflict of recent times.

Statistics of the interstate commerce commission show that 84,115 people were injured and 10,946 killed on the railroads during the year ending June 30, 1904. Sufficient data has been accumulated by the United States government and other responsible authorities to show that at least 5,100 men are annually killed or injured in anthracite mining alone, and 425,000 in factory and building operations, making the grand total approximately 525,000.

Total Death Roll Greater. These estimates are conservative. If the exact number of accidents was known this total would be greatly increased.

In converting facts into figures Mr. Clarence Marx, who, with other responsible investigators, has given several years of study to the relation of crippled and unemployed persons to industry, presents a startling array.

Of the 525,000 workers mentioned 15 per cent., or 445,000 to struggle per cent. only are killed, leaving 85 against their handicaps. Estimating that at least 50 per cent. or 222,000 of these are able to earn \$225 each annually, which is 50 per cent. of the annual average earnings of able-bodied artisans, we have a total of \$49,950,000. This is the loss in earning power.

Safely assuming that these persons would create twice as much wealth as they earn we would have a loss in production of approximately \$100,000,000 annually.

But this is only half the truth. If these 222,000 wage earners are not reestablished they must sooner or later be supported by the state. It is also evident that the other 222,000 who are totally disabled will also become a burden on the taxpayers.

Poor relief statistics show that it costs \$10,000 to support a pauper during his natural life time. To be conservative again, let us estimate this cost at \$6,000, to make allowance for those who may be supported by relatives and friends, or who may become partially self-supporting. Since under our present system the partially disabled are not reestablished, the total number, minus a small percentage, must be supported at public expense.

To do this costs approximately two and one-half billion dollars. In other words, we contract each year to meet a debt of two and a half billion dollars within the lifetime of the persons thus injured.

Figures That Stagger. These are staggering figures, but they are only a forecast of what we may expect if this wasteful destruction of life and limb continues.

In New York state, according to the estimate of the state labor commissioner in 1906, 44 workers in every 1,000 are incapacitated in the course of the year's work. That means, for instance, that at least 40,000 purely industrial accidents occur in New York city alone every year. The ratio of injured and uninjured is not as high in some other parts of the country, or the total number of accidents in the United States would be over 800,000 annually.

In one section of New York city, the Borough of Manhattan, there were last year 2,160 deaths by violence; astonishing as it may seem nearly one-third of these deaths, or 684, were caused by falls, explosions, caving in of earth, premature blasts and falling rock. The river tunnels were constructed at the cost of 68 lives, 43 in the Pennsylvania terminal works, 20 in the Belmont tunnel, two in the subway borings and three in the Hudson companies' terminals.

In the huge, smoky workshop called Pittsburg, one human life is sacrificed for every 50,000 tons of coal that are shipped out of the city. For each 7,600 tons of steel products one of the manipulators, somewhere in the process of manufacture, lays down his life; and for each 70,000 tons of steel rails another laborer makes the last sacrifice.

Of the 2,660 deaths reported in Pittsburg in 1906, 919 were due to accidents in mills, mines and on railroads. The number of accidents was not computed, but it was undoubtedly in the thousands.

Causes of Fatalities. How does it all happen, you ask? If a huge ladle of white hot steel is upset, the molten stream burns alive its writhing victim. It may be that a man or woman is whirled to a horrible death in mill machinery; or a miner is blown to eternity in an explosion of damp in a mine.

Publicity is given to accidents on railroads, but little is heard of the thousands annually killed and maimed in manufacturing and building and in some of the more obscure trades. It has been shown that 425,000 are annually disabled in factories and construction work. But we have no means of knowing how many are industrially displaced by inhaling the poisonous fumes in working over batteries, or the large numbers that are afflicted with mercurial poisoning and other ailments in the hat industry and allied trades. Neither do we know how many succumb to painters' colic, or blood poison by working with brass and copper.

The victims of tuberculosis among sweatshop workers, grain trimmers, longshoremen, coal hands and others are shown to be numerous by the board of health reports, but the exact numbers have never been gathered into statistical form.

Tributary Evils. This loss of life and limb in times of peace would be sufficiently appalling in itself were there no tributary evils. But the situation is rendered even more serious by the fact that only about 15 per cent. of the industrial accidents result in the death of the victims, while 85 per cent., or 445,000, are doomed to a one-sided battle for existence.

When a man loses a limb or the use of it, is rendered partially blind by an accident, or in countless ways is incapacitated for his regular work, the first great question confronting him is

ing, for if the children were not available their disabled seniors would take their places at a higher rate of wages than at less than current standards.

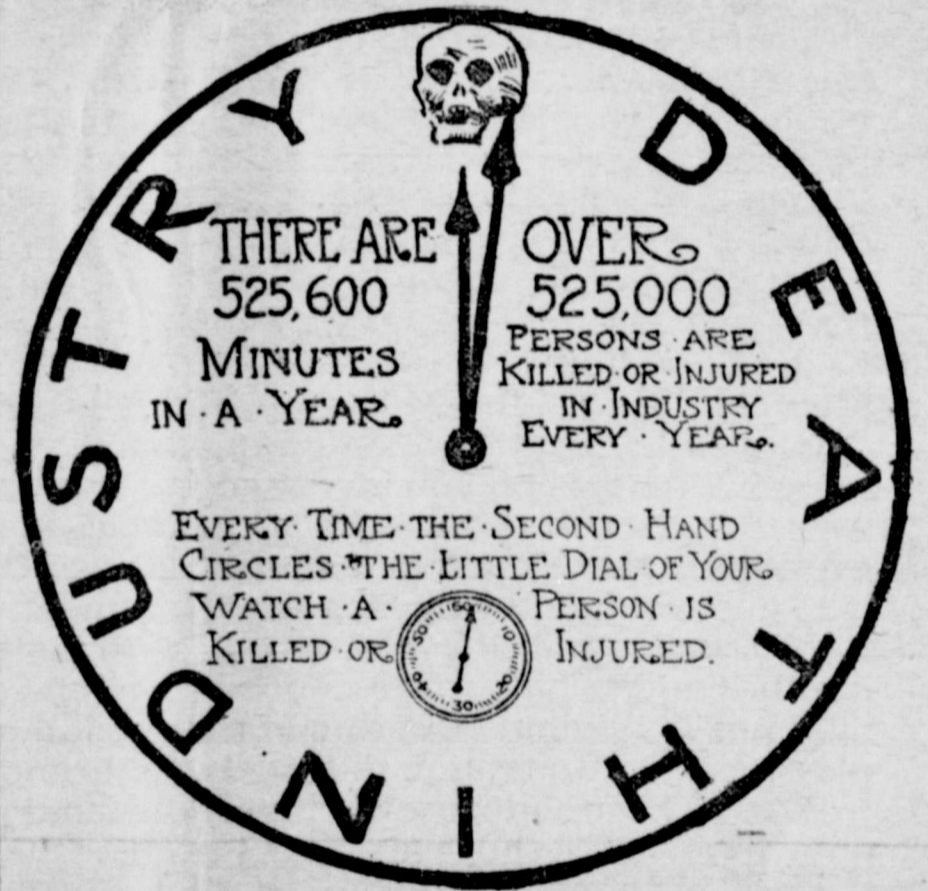
This would do much to remove the stigma of a present national disgrace by which 1,267,324 boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 16 years are allowed to dwarf their young lives in our shops, factories and mills. The handicapped man would supplant children only where a distinct economic and educational advantage is to be gained. He is fully competent to compete with the able bodied for many positions. It is not favoritism that he needs or asks; only an opportunity to demonstrate his fitness. The trouble is, he is rarely given that opportunity.

Great Need of the Day. A crying need of the day is an awakening of the national conscience regarding the needless loss of human life and the resulting economic waste. In our reckless haste to make money we forget that in so doing, the unnatural wear and tear of industry, and the fierce struggle for existence are producing an increasing host of dependent citizens, who have been worn out as a part of a machine and are then thrown on the industrial scrap heap.

The hours of labor are being slightly reduced and wages slightly increased, but the wear and tear on man and machine has been nearly doubled.

Many men, each one a unit of labor, valuable to the employer and to society, drop out crippled by accident or with their health undermined. Unless the employes are speedily able to readjust themselves in gainful occupations, they become public charges. Each man added to the list of the state's dependents makes an added burden of taxes on the wealth producing citizens.

The employer, who is the exponent of the industrial system is accountable for this waste of productive power, though not the originator of it, is himself one of the first victims to feel the extra burden of taxation. Doubtless he is also appealed to, and subscribes liberally for private charitable schemes, which are themselves largely necessary evils. Hence the wasteful system of industry, in which the waste of labor is lost sight of in the mad attempt to save cost of production, reacts on itself; and the hard-pressed employer becomes a victim to the very system that is slowly but certainly adding to the cost of main-



One Violent Death or Injury For Every Tick of Your Watch.

to fit himself for some other form of labor. What are his chances to regain a foothold?

Some few corporations retain on the payroll those employes who may have been injured in their service, but the number of such is small. A few provide pensions, and even fewer have instituted some form of benefit that will be a real help in case of disablement.

But the great mass of injured persons must readjust themselves as best they can.

Prejudiced Employers. The chief reason why they fail to do this and start on the long tortuous road to semi-pauperism and finally the almshouse is the open prejudice of employers against hiring a cripple, or a failure on their part to recognize the fact that he still possesses an economic value, as he usually does. This remorseless prejudice against which many an honest and capable man has been forced to contend has driven valuable material to the waste heap of humanity, if not to a self-made grave.

There are many positions filled by boys and girls who should be in school which could be better filled by older men and women unable to command higher wages because of physical disability. To supplant the incumbents of such positions would be to raise the standards of education and of liv-

tenance and production by increasing the value of labor, which he has tried to maintain, if not to cheapen.

Centuries Paralleled. In former times vassals, serfs and slaves gave up their lives blindly to their feudal chiefs; fighting their battles, tilling their soil, selling their own birth rights for a pot of miserable porridge.

As the fourteenth century vassal sold his service and life for food and shelter so the twentieth century artisan sells his labor and life for money with which to buy the necessities of life. If his wages are greater than his living expenses and he is fortunate enough to escape bodily harm, he may, under extremely favorable conditions, be able to provide for an independent old age. But if shifting economic conditions condemn him to only a precarious living and if he is disabled by the machinery of industry, only one fate can be his—the acceptance of alms sooner or later from friends or the state. He has not shed his blood as the vassals of old in the service of a master. He has sacrificed himself on the altar of industrial progress, whose masters are practically unconcerned for his future.—From the N. Y. Journal and American.

If you raise your head above the crowd, prepare to have it hit

Is Pe-ru-na Useful for Catarrh?

Should a list of the ingredients of Pe-ru-na be submitted to any medical expert, of whatever school or nationality, he would be obliged to admit without reserve that each one of them was of undoubted value in chronic catarrhal diseases, and had stood the test of many years' experience in the treatment of such diseases. **THERE CAN BE NO DISPUTE ABOUT THIS WHATSOEVER.** Pe-ru-na is composed of the most efficacious and universally used herbal remedies for catarrh. Every ingredient of Pe-ru-na has a reputation of its own in the cure of some phase of catarrh.

Pe-ru-na brings to the home the **COMBINED KNOWLEDGE OF SEVERAL SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE** in the treatment of catarrhal diseases; brings to the home the scientific skill and knowledge of the modern pharmacist; and last but not least, brings to the home the vast and varied experience of Dr. Hartman, in the use of catarrh remedies, and in the treatment of catarrhal diseases.

The fact is, chronic catarrh is a disease which is very prevalent. Many thousand people know they have chronic catarrh. They have visited doctors over and over again, and been told that their case is one of chronic catarrh. It may be of the nose, throat, lungs, stomach or some other internal organ. There is no doubt as to the nature of the disease. The only trouble is the remedy. This doctor has tried to cure them. That doctor has tried to prescribe for them.

BUT THEY ALL FAILED TO BRING ANY RELIEF.

Dr. Hartman's idea is that a catarrh remedy can be made on a large scale, as he is making it; that it can be made honestly, of the purest drugs and of the strictest uniformity. His idea is that this remedy can be supplied directly to the people, and no more be charged for it than is necessary for the handling of it.

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MAN IN HIS HOME

MR. GRISTLETON PHILOSOPHIZES ON SUBJECT.

Thinks There Are Few Who Are Sweet Abroad and Sour When in the Bosom of Their Family.

"You know," said Mr. Gristleton, "when I hear it said of a man that he's good as pie to everybody else, but you ought to see how he treats his folks, I don't set it down right away that the man so described must be necessarily a brute or a sneak. You see, if he is going to show peevishness anywhere, home is the proper place for it; there it can do his family and himself the least harm. It is essential to his success in life that he should put up a good front and show a smiling face to the world.

"As a matter of fact the terms are contradictory, for a man can scarcely be permanently ill tempered at home and yet present even a veneer of grace sufficient to deceive abroad. A man is likely to reveal himself at all times for what he really is; to be, in the main, either good or bad everywhere; but if he have a streak of weakness in him, why, that I would prefer he should keep for home, and so, I think would his family.

"They want him to make a good impression in the world, to appear everywhere to advantage, and they are ready to put up with his shortcomings, to make allowances, and after all they don't have to make so many, and they know his ways and they can charm away his crossness easily enough.

"The truth is that while there may be men who are saints abroad and savages at home there are not many such; most men are pretty decent, and these stories we hear about men who are so good to other people and so mean to their own are likely to be without any real foundation or greatly exaggerated or born out of a chance disclosure.

"Jones' family, for instance, know him for what he is, a strong, vigorous, able man who keeps his temper and behaves himself admirably in the world, though there he has much to contend with; and they are willing, more than willing, that he should forget his troubles and even lose his temper occasionally at home if he wants to. It gives them an opportunity to soothe and comfort him and be good to him and strengthen him. They not only don't mind, but they really like him to be natural and human; they are not disturbed because he has some failings like the rest of us, and they know he'll be serene and strong again in a minute.

"So I take little stock in the stories we hear occasionally of this man or that who is said to be good as pie to strangers but a sour chap with his own. You can set it down for a fact that the man who has the strength and courage and self-control to bear himself like a man abroad through the day is, as a rule, and despite any transient pettinesses that he may there reveal, pretty sure to be a man whom they are right glad to see at night at home."

Welford's Deduction.

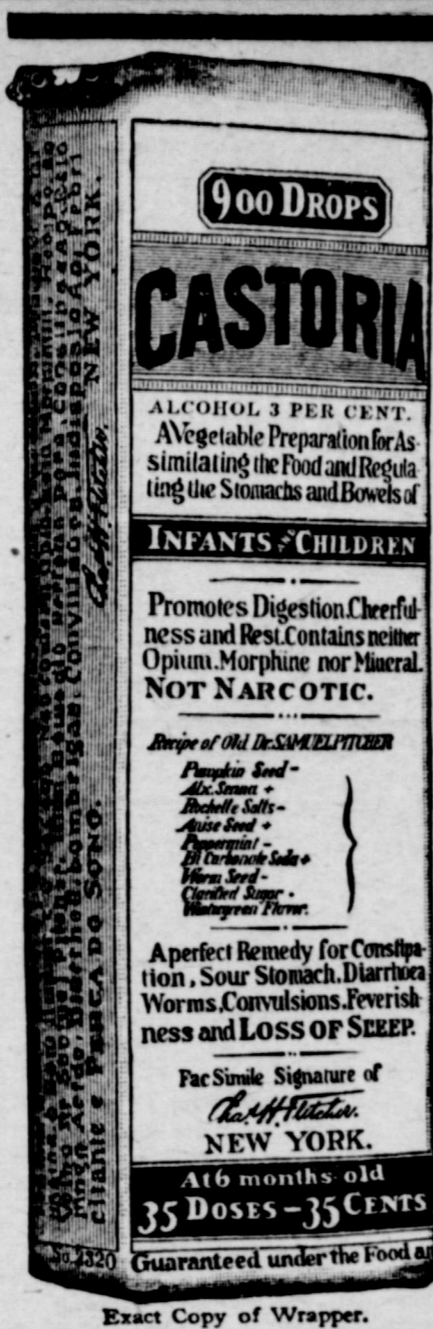
Dallas Welford, in an interview just previous to his sailing to spend his vacation at home, was asked: "What makes a comedian?" With an expression that was a cross between pity and annoyance Mr. Welford answered: "Comedians are born, not made; if they were made there would be no unfunny comedians." Which goes to show that aside from being a comedian Mr. Welford is a good imitation philosopher.

Edward B. Moore, assistant commissioner of patents, was a page in the United States senate when he was a boy. He is a former newspaper man of Washington, D. C.

Betrayed by Clumsiness.

"We have to constantly keep on the lookout for people who, in order to get trade prices, pretend to be in the business," said the head of one of the New York wholesale wall paper houses. "They are not always easy to detect, either, for some are pretty well posted on the subject, and are hard to trip up. But I caught one the other day. He claimed to be a paper hanger from the west and he wanted something 'bang up' in style, at trade prices. He talked so knowingly about wall paper, that I had about made up my mind to give him the discount when a little thing happened that put me wise. He attempted to roll up again some paper he had spread out on the floor to examine. The way he did it was a revelation. He took hold of it and maulled it about as if he were kneading bread. I never saw anything less like the professional way of doing it. I gave him the discount, all right, but up instead of down."

Right Turned to Wrong. Spanish proverb: Right overstrained turns to wrong.



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Dr. C. F. Simmons, San Antonio, Texas: Dear Sir—I have just returned from a visit to your lands in Atascosa County. I left El Reno on the 2nd of this month, for the purpose of looking over Southwest Texas, and especially your land, with a view of locating in Texas, if suited.

I spent two nights and a day on your ranch, and while there I was in the Musgrove, Brown, Turkey Creek, Muley cow and Frenchman pastures, and made as complete an examination of the property as I could within the limited time that I had to spare. I consider your land the best body of land that I have seen in Southwest Texas, and I have looked over considerable lands in Texas.

I was agreeably surprised at the quality of the soil on this ranch. It was much better than I expected to see, and I consider it a most favorable opportunity for a poor man to get a good home. The soil is what I would call dark and red chocolate loam, with occasionally a little sand, which I consider a benefit in some respects, rather than a hindrance.

I have been engaged in farming and ranching about all my life, and have had much experience in raising alfalfa in Kansas and Oklahoma, in my mind there is no question but that the black land on your ranch is especially adapted to the successful growing of alfalfa, which I consider the most valuable farm crop that any farmer can raise. While in San Antonio, I saw fresh alfalfa hay on the wagon, and it was selling for \$17.00 per ton, loose hay. With the long seasons you have in Texas, and proper irrigation, you should get at least seven or eight cuttings of alfalfa a year off this land, and there ought to be a yield of at least a ton to the cutting.

I saw the large artesian well at the Headquarters ranch, and I must say it is the finest artesian well I ever saw, and is fully up to your representations in every respect.

If the land is underlaid with artesian water, as I am satisfied it is, I do not see why alfalfa and all other crops grown upon that land cannot be made a success.

I consider that you are giving the people a great opportunity to secure cheap homes. As far as I have seen, I am perfectly free to say that you have represented your property fairly, and that the description you give of it in your literature is not overdrawn.

If you desire it, you have my permission to refer any persons inquiring about this land to me, and I will be very glad to answer any inquiries made of me with reference to it.

I appreciate the kindness extended to me while on the ranch. With best wishes, I remain, Yours very truly, C. E. HULLIT.

Write for literature and views of the Ranch, and name of nearest agent.

DR. C. F. SIMMONS, 215 Alamo Plaza, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

Diversified Existence.
An old brick laboratory in Middletown, Conn., which was torn down Saturday, has been put to many uses since its erection in 1825. Originally it was a gunhouse, but it has since been used as a hospital, an eating-house, a carpenter shop, an icehouse, and an electrical laboratory.

This is So.
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When women have been deceived by men, they wish to marry them. This is as good as any other kind of revenge.—Beaumont.

Minds of Lower Animals.
Evidence of a mind in all animals, even the lowest, is found by F. W. Headley. The amoeba exercises the power of choice when it eats, and the tree-like colony of one-celled infusorians, called zoothamnium, after a time ceases to be agitated by jars repeated at intervals, showing that it must remember that a jar is harmless.

It's a Hustler.
Hunt's Lightning Oil is up and doing all the time. It cures your aches, pains, cuts, burns and bruises while you sleep. Rub a little on your misery and feel it disappear.

Dishonest London Milkmen.
London pays \$150,000 a year for the water which its milkmen put into the milk they sell as pure.

CATARRH BLOOD DISEASED AND SYSTEM DISORDERED

Catarrh is not merely an inflammation of the tissues of the head and throat, as the symptoms of ringing noises in the ears, mucous droppings back into the throat, continual hawking and spitting, etc., would seem to indicate; it is a blood disease in which the entire circulation and the greater part of the system are involved. Catarrh is due to the presence of an excess of uric acid in the blood. The Liver, Kidneys and Bowels frequently become torpid and dull in their action and instead of carrying off the refuse and waste of the body, leave it to sour and form uric acid in the system. This is taken up by the blood and through its circulation distributed to all parts of the system. These impurities in the blood irritate and inflame the different membranes and tissues of the body, and the contracting of a cold will start the secretions and other disgusting and disagreeable symptoms of Catarrh. As the blood goes to all parts of the body the catarrhal poison affects all parts of the system. The head has a tight, full feeling, nose continually stopped up, pains above the eyes, slight fever comes and goes, the stomach is upset and the entire system disordered and affected by this disease. It is a waste of time to try to cure Catarrh with sprays, washes, inhalations, etc. Such treatment does not reach the blood, and can, therefore, do nothing more than temporarily relieve the discomfort of the trouble. To cure Catarrh permanently the blood must be thoroughly purified and the system cleansed of all poisons, and at the same time strengthened and built up. Nothing equals S. S. S. for this purpose. It attacks the disease at its head, goes down to the very bottom of the trouble and makes a complete and lasting cure. S. S. S. removes every particle of the catarrhal poison from the blood, making this vital stream pure, fresh and healthy. Then the inflamed membranes begin to heal, the head is loosened and cleared, the hawking and spitting cease, every symptom disappears, the constitution is built up and vigorous health restored. S. S. S. also tones up the stomach and digestion and acts as a fine tonic to the entire system. If you are suffering with Catarrh begin the use of S. S. S. and write us a statement of your case and our physicians will send you literature about Catarrh, and give you special medical advice without charge. S. S. S. is for sale at all first class drug stores.

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LaTexo News.

LaTexo, Aug. 19.—The protracted meeting held by the Methodist closed last night. Bro. Cyrus Campbell of the Baptist will begin a meeting next Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. John Walker, who was so badly cut in a difficulty last week is improving.

Those boys who are in the habit of jumping on and off of moving trains had better cease the dangerous habit. It is a violation of the law and may cause them to have to pay a fine.

The trustees have decided to open the school the first Monday in September.

We had some nice showers last week, but not enough to do much good as yet.

We "common piny woods folks" had better lay in our supply of oil before the Standard Oil Co. pays that fine, as they are sure to tack on enough to make the consumer pay it. Now isn't that hard on us to pay Rockefeller's fine? REX.

Rights of a Country Editor.

According to the terms and conditions of the pass now in use we are privileged to walk on the right of way of the railroad, either in the center of the track or on the ties outside the rails. We are further privileged to take with us our wife, the devil and the office cat, if we wish. Frequent stopovers are also allowed and the amount of baggage allowed is only limited by our enduring qualities and our physical possibilities. During the first year of this arrangement the ties will be left as they are, the next year let us hope they will be planked or put a little further apart, as they are a little close together to accommodate the stride of average newspaper men when in a hurry to go somewhere.—P. D. Swick.

Mr. E. G. Pennington, living a few miles west of Grapeland, was in Crockett Saturday morning. Mr. Pennington is one of the most substantial farmers of the county, belonging to that class who have plenty at home and live there. He represents that type of pioneer citizenship noted for its rugged honesty and strict adherence to the rules of that great teacher, Paul, who said, "Owe no man anything." Mr. Pennington's word is as good as his bond. He seldom comes to Crockett and Crockett is the loser thereby. He was here Saturday to have some papers recorded.—Crockett Courier.

I have for sale at great bargains a lot of second hand machines. Ike Whittaker.

An Excellent Showing.

We want to call the attention of our readers to the official statement of the Farmer's & Merchants State Bank elsewhere in this issue. A comparison of this statement with the one issued on May 20th, little less than three months ago, shows the following healthy increase: Loans and discounts 45 per cent; deposits 22 1/2 per cent. The increase in deposits, during practically the dullest month in the year is gratifying, and speaks well of our community.

Beyond Expression.

G. W. Farlowe, East Florence, Ala., writes: "For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I could neither work, rest or sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me; one box cured me, and though a year has passed I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression."

Hunt's Cure is a guaranteed remedy for all itching diseases of the skin. Price 50c.

"A lawyer charges a man \$10 for 10 minutes conversation," says an exchange, "and the man insists on paying it. A doctor charges \$1 for prescription and the patient says: 'Oh, pshaw!, is that enough? An undertaker charges \$100, and he is just perfectly lovely, with every one inside and out side the family: a man buys a gold brick and apologizes for not having bitten; an editor walks a mile in the hot sun to get facts of a death, spends three hours in writing it up and tells lies and praises the people up till he hates himself. Then if he makes an insignificant error or charges 5 cents straight for 3 extra papers he is a stingy, good for nothing cuss who never gets anything right; he is most any old thing and ought to be run out of town. Talk about the ice man. How would you like to run a newspaper?'—Ganando Graphic.

"We never repent of eating too little," was one of the ten rules of life of Thomas Jefferson, president of the United States, and the rule applies to every one without exception during this hot weather, because it is hard for food, even in small quantities to be digested when the blood is at high temperature. At this season we should eat sparingly and properly. We should also help the stomach as much as possible by the use of a little Kodol For Indigestion and Dyspepsia, which will rest the stomach by digesting the food itself. Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Mr. J. I. Campbell was in to see us one day last week and reported a good rain throughout the Guiceland neighborhood. Mr. Campbell says he has inspected the cotton in his community and finds that they will make ten times as much cotton than at first anticipated. This kind of news is encouraging.

Palestine Gets State Road.

Palestine, Texas, August 17.—The penitentiary board met a committee of Palestine representative business men last night and a final proposition by the board was made, to wit: Palestine to furnish a cash bonus of \$15,000 and right of way through the county and city, also terminal and depot grounds. The committee reported to a meeting of citizens this morning and the proposition was accepted. Mayor John R. Hearne put the proposition on a business basis by a personal guarantee of the total amount to be raised by the city, estimated at \$30,000.

The citizens are rejoicing as the extension of the penitentiary road from Rusk to Palestine, which means virtually a direct connection with the Southern Pacific system, also an outlet direct to New Orleans.

Fatal Wreck.

Last Thursday morning about 5 o'clock a fatal wreck occurred at LaTexo, in which engineer Tarbutton lost his life by the engine turning over. The wreck was caused by an open switch, on the spur to Leaverton Bros. plainer. The train was making rapid speed when the switch was run into, derailing the engine and two cars. It required several hours for the wreck to be cleared.

A Peculiar Accident.

Last Saturday while Deputy Sheriff's Karl Porter and Irving Thompson were driving in a buggy near Lovelady, the team became frightened and ran away, upsetting the buggy and throwing the occupants out. A pistol laying in the buggy was thrown against an object and fired off, the ball striking one of the horses and severely, if not fatally, wounding it. Both men escaped without injury and the buggy was burst into kindling.—Houston County Times.

Have You Chills?

It cured your Pa and also your Ma of chills in the long ago and it will cure you now. It has been tested by time and its merits have been proven. We guarantee one bottle to cure any one case of Chills. If it fails your money is cheerfully refunded—and its name is Cheatham's Chill Tonic.

The First Bale.

Grapeland received its first bale of new cotton last Saturday, which was sold to Geo. E. Darsey at 15c per pound. The cotton was raised by A. O. Newman of the New Prospect community, the bale weighing 479 pounds.

John Riha, a prominent dealer Vining, Ia., says: "I have been selling DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills for about a year and they give better satisfaction than any pill I ever sold. There are a dozen people here who have used them and they give perfect satisfaction in every case I have used them myself with fine results." Sold by Carleton & Porter.

Prosperous Texans.

Texans are traveling this year. They are seeing Texas, America and Europe. State health and pleasure resorts are being patronized right up to the limit; the tourist registers at eastern, northern and western points of interest are literally sprinkled with Lone Star addresses, while the steamship bookings of Europe have been unusually heavy from Texas. All of which is a tolerably fair argument that prosperity has been declaring first class dividends and that the Texan is willing to go as far as his money will carry him.—Fort Worth Star.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the
Farmers & Merchants State Bank
At Grapeland, State of Texas,

at the close of business on the 14th day of August 1907, published in the Messenger, a newspaper printed and published at Grapeland, State of Texas, on the 22nd day of August 1907.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, personal or collateral.	\$ 15734.47
Loans, real estate.	3532.60
Overdrafts.	555.05
Bonds and Stocks.	000.
Real estate \$300 00.	
building acct \$2130.86	2430.89
Other Real Estate.	000.
Furniture and fixtures	1238.70
Due from Approved Reserve Agents	
..... \$ 23099.67	
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check.	\$10000 00 33099.67
Cash Items.	\$ 40.00
Currency.	4134 00
Specie.	1509 60 5683.60
Other resources as follows:	000.
Total.	\$ 62274.95

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus Fund.	000.
Undivided Profits, net	279.85
Due to Banks and Bankers, subject to check.	000.
Individual Deposits, subject to check.	46953.48
Time Certificates of Deposit.	000.
Demand Certificates of Deposit.	000.
Cashier's Checks.	41.62
Bills Payable and Discounts.	000.
Other Liabilities as follows:	000.
Total.	\$ 62274.95

State of Texas,
County of Houton, } ss We,
Geo. E. Darsey as president, and
S. E. Miller as cashier of said
bank, each of us, do solemnly
swear that the above statement
is true to the best of our knowl-
edge and belief.

Geo E Darsey, President.
S. E. Miller, Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed to be-
fore me this 19th day of
August, A. D. nine-
teen hundred and seven.
Witness my hand and
notarial seal on the date
last aforesaid.

J. R. Richards, Notary Public.
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Grapeland, Texas.

Are you going to buy a new wagon, if so don't fail to see us as we have just received a full car of wagons in all sizes from 2 1-4 to 2 3-4 and we will sell you a wagon at old prices. Geo. E. Darsey.

LOCAL NEWS.

Fresh flour at F. A. Faris'.
Cut prices on all lawns and summer dress goods at Darsey's.
See Ike Whittaker if you want a bargain in machines.
Pritchard Miller of Crockett was in town Tuesday.
Plenty of Baker perfect barb wire and hog fencing at Darsey's.
Buy your groceries from F. A. Faris.
Cut prices on all oxfords and low cut shoes at Darsey's.
Miss Corine Anthony left Sunday for Huntsville to visit relatives.
Shoes for everybody at F. A. Faris'.
You will find plenty of wire and hog fencing at Geo. E. Darsey's.
Mr. C. W. Moore and family of Crockett visited in Grapeland Sunday.
You can buy any size wagon you want at Darsey's. He has just received a full car.
Rev. W. H. Spruill is out of town this week engaged in a protracted meeting.
The Thoroughbred tobacco can't be beat 15c a plug for one dime at F. A. Faris'.
Dr. S. H. Yarbrough and two children of Trinity are spending the week in Grapeland.
See us for doors and windows big stock now on hand. Geo. E. Darsey.
Miss Lucile McCarty returned home Saturday from Mississippi where she has been spending the Summer.
J. B. Laster returned to Corsicana Saturday after spending six weeks with his parents at Daly's.
Rev. A. O. Riall was in the city Sunday and filled the pulpit at the Christian church Sunday night.

See me if you want to buy a good machine. I have some second hand ones almost as good as new, which I will sell for a trifle. Ike Whittaker.
Don't think just because your coat or pants looks old that you can't wear it, for you can have them made to look like new for a small amount at the tailor shop. Odell Faris.

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He'll sell you a tailor-made suit as cheap as you can buy a custom made suit. I order anything you want Pants, Coat, Vest or a Full Suit

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Remember this: GIVE ME YOUR NEXT ORDER.

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John L. Guice.

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Cut prices on all summer clothing at Darsey's.

Plenty 8 oz. duck at F. A. Faris'.

Just received a car of flour, meal, bran and chops at Darsey's.

F. A. Faris wants all your chickens and eggs.

Mr. Will Warner left last week for West Texas on a prospecting tour. He left here for Merkel.

Odell is the clothing and skirt man.

Hides! Hides! Cash paid by Clewis.

You can't buy a better hat than those hand made high grade at F. A. Faris'.

Clewis wants all the hides and bees wax in the country. Cash paid.

See my line of suit cases, trunks and grips for bargains. F. A. Faris.

The Grapeland Public School will open the first Monday in September. Pupils and patrons will take notice.

Our goods are new, prices right, quality the best. Come to see us. F. A. Faris.

I want to buy your cotton, cotton seed and country produce. M. D. Salmon. Salmon Tex.

We solicit your trade on courteous treatment, fair dealings, good goods and low prices. F. A. Faris.

The telegraphers are still out on a strike and claim the victory. The telegraph companies are as positive they have the victory.

We are prepared to fill your wants in staple and fancy dry goods, groceries etc. F. A. Faris.

Miss Lura Yarbrough is at home from Dallas on a vacation and will spend a week visiting her parents and friends.

Expert tailoring, measure to fit Styles to please. Let me take your order for your next suit. I know how. Odell Faris.

Mr. J. N. Horn of Mt. Auburn, Ill., has been prospecting in the Grapeland community several days. He is pretty well pleased and may locate here some time in the future.

F. A. Faris' headquarters for groceries dry goods, shoes, notions, trunks, grips, suit cases & etc.

S. N. Boykin and Miss Myrta Richards left Sunday night for St. Louis, Mr. Boykin to buy fall goods for Geo. E. Darsey, and Miss Myrta to purchase her fall line of millinery. They will be absent about ten days.

We don't ever buy and keep shelf worn goods, but keep new goods coming every week, thereby giving you bright patterns and the newest designs right from the factory. F. A. Faris.

Daly's and Oak Grove ball teams will cross bats on the local diamond again next Saturday afternoon. Both teams have added strength to their force and it promises to be a good game. Everybody come out and see the battle.

Gov. Campbell has been making speeches all over Texas, commending the action of the thirtieth legislature. If Gov. Campbell would canvass the vote of the constitutional amendments and sound public sentiment, he would offer apologies to the people of Texas for the doings of the "infamous thirtieth."

To Cotton Raisers.

This is to notify the public that I will be ready to gin cotton by Monday, August 26, at my gin at Salmon. Your patronage will be appreciated.

C. C. Kersh.

12 coats and pants new goods summer weight, to be sold within the next 10 days regardless of cost, a rare bargain.

F. A. Faris.

Jno. C. Lewis has returned home from West Texas, where he has been on a visit. He says that country, like this, needs rain. Mr. Lewis will move west some time this fall.

There has been a slight change made in the schedule of the day passenger trains. No. 2 going north is due 11-33 and No. 3 at 1:56. The night trains are not affected. No. 4 arrives at 8:39 on time and No. 5 gets here when it can.

School Notice.

School trustees should not sign any contract with a teacher unless the teacher presents a certificate and unless the trustee has taken the trustees' oath of office. J. F. Mangum, Co. Supt.

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when your joints ache and you suffer from Rheumatism. Buy a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment and get instant relief. A positive cure for Rheumatism, Burns, Cuts Contracted Muscles, Sore Chests, etc. Mr. L. T. Bogy a prominent merchant at Willow Point, Texas, says, that he finds Ballard's Snow Liniment the best all round Liniment he ever used. Carleton & Porter.

We would like for some expert statistician to satisfy our curiosity in regard to how many people have lived since the world began, and by estimating an average rate of individual weight, tell us the amount in pounds of the aggregate. Would we be any wiser? Maybe not, but we would be ready for another question. "Smart men" claim that the weight of the earth can be ascertained, so the question is whether or not its weight is subject to variation by reason of the increase or decrease of the human and animal population, or the growth and decay of vegetation. If it is not subject to variation, we can calculate how often the earth became literally "new" since its creation, by comparing the aggregate weight of humanity to that of the earth, which of course, would mean that when the weights equalized, a new earth began. And if it is subject to variation, how long will it take at the present rate of increase, (since the Roosevelt crusade against race suicide) for its weight to overbalance the pressure of gravity and throw it from its orbit?—Florence Viditte.

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James Laughlin, Jr., of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company has bought the town of Zellwood, Orange county, Florida, to add to his winter estate. The town-people had become hostile to him. Zellwood cared nothing for progress and refused to sell a lot to Pittsburg hotel man for a modern hotel, thinking it would bring too many people to the neighborhood and destroy its pastoral calm. This didn't suit Laughlin, so he wrote checks for the town.

The multi millionaire selected Zellwood for his winter residence, considering it a place of unusual beauty and exceptional climate. He has now changed the name to Sydonie.

Ben Brooks has completed his business course at Tyler and returned home. He has a position with his father.

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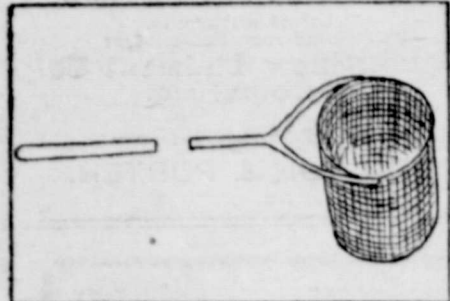
GRAPELAND, - - TEXAS.

HIVING A SWARM.

Methods Followed by a Successful Bee Keeper.

When bees get to hanging out on the hive, I raise it from the bottom board one inch, and then if they do not stop raise them higher, explains a bee keeper in Farm and Home. I think that raising them is a very good preventative of swarming. A certain percentage of colonies will swarm in spite of anything that may be done. It takes but little to induce swarming during a good honey harvest. Bees left to themselves will generally send out one swarm in a season, often a second swarm, sometimes a third.

In hiving swarms it frequently happens that the bees take wing when dumped in front of their new hive instead of crawling into it. We have had a few swarms go back and cluster on the same limb after they had



The Swarm Catcher.

been carried to the hive two or three times. We recently got the thought that a little spraying would overcome this difficulty. We have tried it on a few swarms with good results.

While the cluster is yet hanging on the tree take a small spray pump, or syringe, and wet the cluster of bees with one or two quarts of cold water, then take your swarm catcher shown in the cut and turn it up under the cluster and get them into it. They will cling together while you carry them to the hive, and when dumped in front of it they will not readily take wing again, but will run into it. Swarms that have been hived a few hours and seem restless, or cluster mostly on the outside of their hive, can also be made more tractable by a little spraying. Bees need a great quantity of water during summer, and the beekeeper can supply their needs in a few minutes where it would require hours for the bees to gather it themselves.

Put the new hive containing the swarm on the old stand, exactly where the old hive stood and place the old hive close beside the new one. The next morning as the bees go forth from this hive to work, they will nearly all return to the old place and enter the other hive, making that colony very strong, and in condition to store a great crop. The other colony will be so reduced in numbers that the bees will not be moved to swarm again and will fall in with the first queen that hatches and probably give much surplus. It will make a good, strong colony by the close of the season.

CARE FOR THE NEST.

Ways in Which You Can Encourage the Hens to Lay.

Do you know that you can train a hen to be a poor layer?

Do you know that she can and will keep her eggs when ready to lay for a whole day?

If this condition is allowed to continue she may and probably will lay fewer and fewer eggs, finally becoming an indifferent layer, hence the necessity of having plenty of clean, comfortable nests.

Did you ever notice how shyly the young pullet will go about looking for a secret place where she may stealthily deposit her precious eggs?

How very particular she is about it! If there is an insufficient number of nests, or if they are unclean, or too much exposed she is likely, after some delay, to lay the egg on the floor and among the other hens, which may lead to egg eating.

Comfort is one of the essentials of egg productions, and what is more necessary than handy, clean and comfortable nests?

Look for Head Lice.

Watch the little chicks for head lice. This is the time of the year when that pest thrives. When the bird is moping around and dragging its wings, it should not be doctored for cholera till the attendant is sure that there are no large lice on it. Three lice can suck more vitality from the little chick than all its food can supply.

The incubators are being set away to rust and rusticate during the rest of the summer and fall. Paint the tank with oil to keep it from rusting

CARE IN EQUIPMENT.

Smoker, Veil and Gloves Should Be Ready for Handling of Bees.

While one might sometimes tear a hive to pieces without angering bees, nevertheless it would be unwise to undertake to do so without being prepared for other results. Not only should the smoker be lit and handy, but the apiarist himself should be equipped with some kind of an effective veil, so that in case they should become vengeful he will be able to give them his undivided attention. As to whether or not gloves should be worn depends upon the inclination of the man and upon his ability to endure the pain from the stings. Some men find it necessary to wear them always, while others manage better without them. If good fitting and of soft material they should not be bunglesome nor clumsy to work in. But a stiff, thick glove with open top would invariably be worse than none. For women, gloves are, of course, a necessity since their hands are naturally softer and more tender than are those of men.

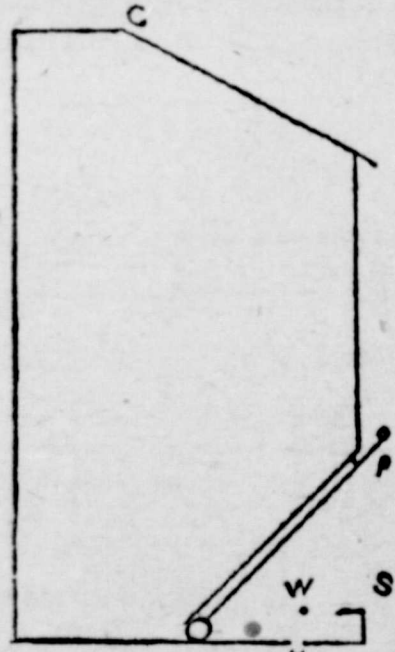
When a colony is to be examined let the apiarist, suitably prepared, and armed with a smoker, approach the hive directly yet quietly, and administer a few puffs of smoke at the entrance. This will frighten the bees and cause them to fill themselves with honey, after which they will be less inclined to sting. In about a minute the cover should be gently raised and a few more puffs blown in over the combs. After this the intended work may be proceeded with at once, using from time to time just what smoke is necessary to control the bees. In many instances, there will be no further occasion to use it at all, but in case they show signs of anger it is better to administer enough to cause them to rush back into the hive again, and when it must be done the quicker or better. But the object should be to control, not punish, therefore no more should ever be used than the occasion demands. In this, as in all other things, one should be guided by humane principles, and forbear to persecute.

For loosening and raising the frames there is no better tool than a common, broad, flat file, having, as all such have, a sharp tapering point designed to be thrust into a handle of some kind. It is this sharp point we use in this way, and prefer it to any special designed instrument we have ever seen.—Exchange.

FEED HOPPER.

Can Be Easily Made From an Ordinary Box.

The feed hopper shown here may be made from an ordinary box. A slanting cover being put on. It is intended for oats, corn, or clover clippings. C is the cover on leather hinges; P,



Working Diagram of Hopper.

round piece of a large curtain pole, which slides down the slides and closes lower opening—the wire connected with it opens it, so that it can remain open or closed as desired; S, a shield to prevent fowls throwing out feed; W, wire stretched across to help prevent throwing out feed; H, hole through bottom for dirt to work out. Wire netting nailed on side makes the space for clover clippings.

POULTRY POINTS.

System simplifies the work; therefore, have a system.

Buckwheat is a good egg food, but is often refused by the fowls until they become familiar with it.

Is it your luck or your negligence when a civit cat or a rat gets into a faulty coop and kills a half-dozen fries?

A combination of poultry, bees, small fruit, vegetables and garden plants will bring large returns from a very small plot of ground.

A reputation for honest goods and honest dealing is bound to bring success. This should now be more easily done with the pure-food law to help us



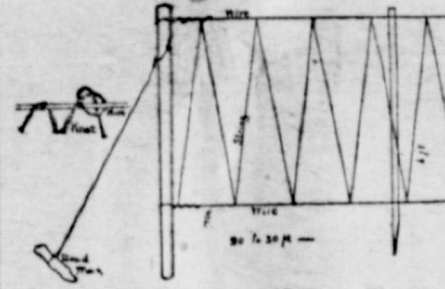
TRELLIS FOR GARDEN CROPS.

Is Easily Constructed and Provides Ample Support for Plants.

After using bean poles, slat frames, and wooden trellises of one kind or another for years; until the supply of poles was exhausted and prices for wooden frames became prohibitive, I began using a combined wire and string trellis, such as is shown by the drawing, says a writer in Farming. This arrangement serves equally as well for either beans tomatoes, peas, cucumbers (under glass), or other climbing plants, being especially desirable for sweet peas, nasturtiums, fancy gourds, etc. It is desirable, too, because all of the material used in its construction, with the exception of the string, may be used year after year.

Those who have never trellised up their tomatoes, either for home use or for a select market supply, do not realize what a very considerable gain in yield and quality is secured by this method. I do not hesitate to say that under ordinary conditions I have been able to more than double the yield, and in some cases triple the marketable product, over the bush method, to say nothing of the increase in quality, which invariably secures for the grower the top of the market, it being possible to secure an earlier and more even ripening and greater uniformity in the size of the fruit; all of which are desirable factors in gardening for profit. In tying up, many of the bloomless laterals may be cut out, giving the main vine more strength and allowing the sun readier access to the fruit to hasten ripening. Trellised fruit is always bright and clean, and almost exempt from blight and rot. In planting tomatoes for trellising the plants are set at less than half the distance usual when grown in the ordinary way.

This trellis may be made to cover almost any length of row; the longer the "run" the stronger the end posts and the "dead-man" or guy post will need to be. The end posts should be solid and about nine feet long, so they may be set two and a half or three



Combined Wire and String Trellis.

feet in the ground, or even deeper, depending on length of row, with at least six feet above ground—this height applies especially to the tall growing lima and string beans. It is best to sharpen and drive the post, but if set in hole tamp firmly, and plant a dead-man eight or ten feet from post in line of row. This may be a large stone or chunk of wood, buried deep enough to hold the strain. The dead-man and top post are connected by two doubled strands of heavy wire, that may be twisted with a stick in the center to take up any slack remaining after wires are stretched and remedy any sag from strain after vines grow heavy.

Stretch the bottom wires first, ten to 14 inches from the ground, and securely fasten. Next stretch the top wire five and a half to six feet from ground, taking extra care to have it as taut as it can be made. Drive stakes or strips one by two inches firmly in the ground along the line of wire every twenty to thirty feet and staple both top and bottom wires to them. These serve to support the weight of crop and hold the trellis against winds.

Just before the vines are ready for the first tying put on the string, or trellis proper. I prefer some soft string, such as wool twine, which affords the tendrils of the plant a firm hold beside being cheap. The distance that these strings are spaced apart at top and bottom will depend on the crop to be trellised; ten to twelve inches for beans, when plated in drills and 18 to 20 inches for tomatoes, for which a heavier twine should be used. In passing over the wire the twine must be knotted to make it cling to one place, else the first gust of wind will blow it into bunches and so make it worthless. The knot that I use is simple, after one gets the "hang" of the twist. Pass the twine up over the wire, carry the ball over the opposite side and down, then up and over both the wire and the string just laid over, then down and through the loop left large enough for the purpose and draw taut, when you will have a simple crossed knot on top, not under the wire, that will depend

for its security on the tautness of the string. The same sort of knot is made at bottom, except that the movement is reversed. Since I have had considerable trouble caused by the slipping of the string as a result of careless workmen, I suggest that enough pains be taken with this part of the work to insure the permanency of the twine when once placed. If you will try one of these easily made trellises you will find that the satisfaction and ease with which you are able to gather the crop will more than pay for the trouble and slight expense in putting it up.

HEADS OF APPLE TREES.

Locality Has Much to Do with Style of Growth.

Whether the heads of apple trees should be compact or sparsely formed depends to some extent on the locality in which the trees are grown. There are lands of sunshine and there are lands of cloudy skies. In the states where much cloudy weather exists during the growing season it is necessary for the trees to catch as much sunshine as possible, for the ripening of the fruit and especially for its coloring. In some of the states it is advisable to prune severely and thin out the branches to make it possible for the sun to get at the fruit. That condition is true of parts of New England and parts of the Pacific states toward the northwest. Even in the eastern part of the United States it pays to keep the heads of apple trees fairly well thinned out.

As we go west toward the Rocky mountains the conditions change in favor of the dense and compact heads. The sun shines eternally during the day time in several of the states west of the Missouri. The heat injures the fruit where it pours upon it unobstructed, and the sunlight is so abundant that it cooks up the fruit with little or no trimming of the limbs.

The question of high and low heads is generally settled in favor of low heads, especially in the western states where the wind blows with great force. The low heads protect the fruit from being switched off and where the trees are close together the wind that blows upon an orchard is deflected upward by the thick, low heads, while if the heads are high it passes under the trees and through them to a great extent. This greatly increases the danger of the trees being broken by the wind.

There was a time when the whole sentiment was in favor of high headed trees, says Farmers' Review. The farmers wanted enough room under the trees so they could plow about them and drive about them easily with the farm team and with the farm implements. For several generations, therefore, the farmers planted their trees so they could use the ground for gardening. Those that remember the old New England orchards remember the tall-trunked trees, some of them so long that a good sized ladder was required to reach the first limbs. There was no danger of the horses hitting their heads when they plowed about them.

But few of those orchards are seen now. They passed away with the coming of a more intensive agriculture. Science pronounced them too expensive in the way of time required for harvesting their fruit. The High-Top Sweeting that bore apples at a long distance from the ground no longer has to be climbed and shaken to get the fruit. It is no more, but in its place stands a tree with head close to the ground and with a trunk so short that there is not room enough between it and the ground to do any climbing.

The modern mathematician has figured out that the low-headed tree costs far less to care for and gives as good general results, though its fruit may not be so highly colored. It is easy to trim, for the trimmer can reach about all the limbs from the ground. It is easy to spray, and less spraying material is thrown away than in the case of the taller tree. It costs little to gather its fruit, and the fruit is less bruised when gathered.

Care in Feeding.

If the hogs are in a dry pen, start in by feeding them a little green clover at once. As soon as the corn is hip high, give them a little of it to eat. It may not add a single ounce of flesh to their carcasses, but it will accustom them to eating it so they can be fed a great deal of green corn when it becomes large enough. The one great mistake in feeding green corn is that the change from dry feed to it is made too quickly. By starting in gradually now with corn and green clover, this rapid change can be avoided.

Spray.

Do not forget to attend religiously to the spraying. The air and soil are filled with all kinds of insects and fruit disease germs and the only way the grower can combat these diseases is by the use of the spray pump.

Be careful and do not overfeed your old hens and get them so fat they will not lay. Feed corn sparingly.

WAITING FOR THE FUN.

Youngster Had Reason to Expect "Something Would Happen."

An old gentleman, rather portly and clad in a somewhat youthful suit of light gray flannel, sat on a bench in the park enjoying the day, relates the Woman's Home Companion.

"What's the matter, sonny?" he asked a small urchin who lay on the grass just across the walk and stared intently. "Why don't you go and play?"

"Don't wanter," the boy replied. "But it is not natural," the old gentleman insisted, "for a boy to be so quiet. Why don't you run about?"

"Oh, I'm just waitin'," the little fellow answered. "I'm just waitin' till you get up. A man painted that bench about fifteen minutes ago."

TWO SISTERS HAD ECZEMA.

Cuticura Cured Scalp Troubles of Two Illinois Girls—Another Sister Took Cuticura Pills.

"I must give much praise to all the Cuticura Remedies. I used but one cake of Cuticura Soap and one box of Cuticura Ointment, as that was all that was required to cure my disease. I was very much troubled with eczema of the head, and a friend of mine told me to use the Cuticura Remedies, which I did, and am glad to say that they cured my eczema entirely. My sister was also cured of eczema of the head by using the Cuticura Remedies. Another sister has used Cuticura Resolvent and Pills and thinks they are a splendid tonic. Miss Edith Hammer, R. F. D. No. 6, Morrison, Ill., Oct. 3, '06."

Chinese Jews.

American interest in China since the Boxer rebellion has extended to the Chinese Jews, who settled at Kaifungfu during the Han dynasty, that ruled China from 200 B. C. to 200 A. D. The Kaifungfu colony is mentioned occasionally by European travelers, among them Marco Polo in the fourteenth century, while in 1690 and 1704 they were visited by Jesuit missionaries. To-day, according to Alfred K. Glover, writing in the Overland Monthly for May, the Chinese Jews are almost extinct, but their records and historical tablets are carefully preserved.

"The Armless Man"

said, "It wasn't money he wanted, but somebody to scratch his back." There are many with strong arms and willing hands that have that same yearning. Hunt's Cure will make back scratching, or any other old scratching totally unnecessary. It knocks out any itching sensation that ever happened, and it does it right now. One application relieves.

Vocal Influence.

The burglar heard the voice of a child and paused.

Then he heard the voice of the child's mother, and continued to pause.

But when the deep bass of the old man chimed in he quit pausing and took a header through the window.

Test Its Value.

Simmons Liver purifier is the most valuable remedy I ever tried for Constipation and Disordered Liver. It does its work thoroughly, but does not gripe like most remedies of its character. I certainly recommend it whenever the opportunity occurs.

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Price 25c. Oswego, Kansas.

Newspaper 500 Years Old.

The oldest newspaper in the world, the King Pao, or News of the Capital, of Peking, will celebrate its five hundredth anniversary this year.

He Hangs On.

Friend—Is your dog affectionate? Owner (warily)—Well, he gets easily attached to people.—Baltimore American.

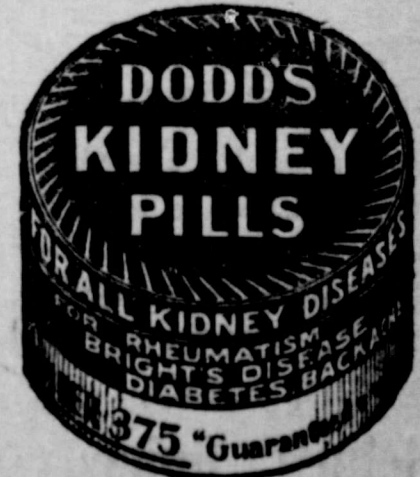
For Chiggers and Mosquitoes.

Hunt's Lightning Oil is great. If used in time it keeps them away. If after being bitten it affords instant relief.

Women forgive injuries, but they never forget slights.—Haliburton.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Shakespeare has no heroes; he has only heroines.—Ruskin.



THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES

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CHAPTER XX.—Continued.

The piano pounding continued and I waited for what seemed an interminable time. It was growing dark and a maid brought lamps. I took a book from the table. It was "The Life of Benvenuto Cellini" and Marian Devereux was written on the fly leaf, by unmistakably the same hand that had penned the apology for Olivia's performances. I saw in the clear, flowing lines of the signature, in their lack of superfluity, her own ease, grace and charm; and, in the deeper stroke with which the "x" was crossed, I felt a challenge, a readiness to abide by consequences once her word was given. Then my own inclination to think well of her angered me, and I dropped the book impatiently as she crossed the threshold.

"I am sorry to have kept you waiting, Mr. Glenarm. But this is my busy hour."

"I shall not detain you long, I came,"—I hesitated, not knowing why I had come.

She took a chair near the open door and bent forward with an air of attention that was disquieting. She wore black—perhaps to fit her the better into the house of a somber Sisterhood. I seemed suddenly to remember her from a time long gone, and the effort of memory threw me off guard. Stoddard had said there were several Olivia Armstrongs; there were certainly many Marian Devereuxs. The silence grew intolerable; she was waiting for me to speak, and I blurted:

"I suppose you have come to take charge of the property."

"Do you?" she asked.

"And you came back with the executor to facilitate matters. I'm glad to see that you lose no time."

"Oh!" she said lingeringly, as though she were finding with difficulty the note in which I wished to pitch the conversation. Her calmness was maddening.

"I suppose you thought it unwise to wait for the bluebird when you had beguiled me into breaking a promise, when I was trapped, defeated,—"

Her elbow on the arm of the chair, her hand resting against her cheek, the light rippling goldenly in her hair, her eyes bent upon me inquiringly, mournfully,—mournfully, as I had seen them—where?—once before! My heart leaped in that moment, with that thought.

"I remember now the first time," I said, more angry than I had ever been before in my life.

"That is quite remarkable," she said, and nodded her head ironically.

"It was at Sherry's; you were with Pickering—you dropped your fan and he picked it up, and you turned toward me for a moment. You were in black that night; it was the unhappiness in your face, in your eyes, that made me remember."

I was intent upon the recollection, eager to fix and establish it.

"You are quite right. It was at Sherry's. I was wearing black then; many things made me unhappy that night."

Her forehead contracted slightly and she pressed her lips together.

"I suppose that even then the conspiracy was thoroughly arranged." I said tauntingly, laughing a little perhaps, in my brutal impulse to wound her, to take vengeance upon her.

She rose and stood by her chair, one hand resting upon it. I faced her; her eyes were like violet seas. She spoke very quietly.

"Mr. Glenarm, has it occurred to you that when I talked to you there in the park, when I risked unpleasant gossip in receiving you in a house where you had no possible right to be, that I was counting upon something,—foolishly and stupidly,—yet counting upon it?"

"You probably thought I was a fool," I retorted.

"No,"—she smiled slightly. "I thought—I believe I have said this to you before!—that you were a gentleman. I really did, Mr. Glenarm. I must say it to justify myself. I relied upon your chivalry,—I even thought, when I played being Olivia,—that you had a sense of humor. But you are not the one and you haven't the other. I even went so far, after you knew perfectly well who I was, to try to help you—to encourage you to prove yourself the man your grandfather wished you to be. And now you come to me in a shocking bad humor,—I really think you would like to be insulting, Mr. Glenarm, if you could."

"But Pickering,—you came back with him; he is here and he is going to stay! And now that the property belongs to you, there is not the slightest reason why we should make any pretense of anything but enmity. When you and Arthur Pickering stand together I take the other side of the bar-

ricade! I suppose chivalry would require me to vacate, so that you may enjoy at once the spoils of war," I stormed with growing heat.

"I fancy it would not be very difficult to eliminate you as a factor in the situation," she remarked icily.

"And I suppose, after the unsuccessful efforts of Mr. Pickering's allies to assassinate me, as a mild form of elimination, one would naturally expect me to sit calmly down and wait to be shot in the back. But you may tell Mr. Pickering that I throw myself upon your mercy. I have no other home than this shell over the way, and I



"I Quite Sympathize With Your Reluctance to Deliver the Message Yourself," She Said.

beg to be allowed to remain until—at least—the bluebirds come."

"I quite sympathize with your reluctance to deliver the message yourself," she said. "Is this all you came to say?"

"I came to tell you that you could have the house, and everything in its hideous walls," I snapped; "to tell you that my chivalry is enough for some situations and that I don't intend to fight a woman. I had accepted your own renouncement of the legacy in good part, but now, please believe me, it shall be yours to-morrow. I'll yield possession to you whenever you ask it,—but never to Arthur Pickering! As against him and his treasure-hunters and assassins I will hold out for a dozen years!"

"Nobly spoken, Mr. Glenarm! Yours is really an admirable, though somewhat complex character."

"My character is my own, whatever it is," I blurted.

"I shouldn't call that a debatable proposition," she replied, and I was angry to find how the mirth I had loved in her could suddenly become so hateful. She half-turned away so that I might not see her face. The thought that she should countenance Pickering in any way tore me with jealous rage.

"Mr. Glenarm, you are what I have heard called a quitter, defined in common Americanese as one who quits! Your blustering can hardly conceal the fact of your failures. I had hoped you would really be of some help to Sister Theresa, and incidentally to me, but we both sadly misjudged you."

Her tone, changing from amused indifference to severest disdain, stung me into self-pity for my stupidity in having sought her. My anger was not against her, but against Pickering, who had, I persuaded myself, always blocked my path. She went on.

"Mr. Pickering is decidedly more than a match for you, Mr. Glenarm,—even in humor."

She drew herself up with tragic scorn in every line of her figure, then relaxed, laughed and was Olivia again; and as I watched her,—wondering, perplexed, chagrined,—she turned swiftly away and ran—I am sure she ran—from the room.

She left me so quickly, so softly, that I stood staring, like a fool at the spot where she had been, and then I

went gloomily back to Glenarm House, angry, ashamed and crestfallen.

While we were waiting for dinner I made a clean breast of my acquaintance with her to Larry, omitting nothing,—rejoicing even to paint my own conduct as black as possible.

"You may remember her," I concluded,—she was the girl we saw at Sherry's that night we dined there. She was with Pickering, and you noticed her,—spoke of her, as she went out?"

"That little girl who seemed so bored, or tired or sick? Bless me, why her eyes haunted me for days. Lord, man, do you mean to say—"

A look of utter scorn came into his face, and he eyed me contemptuously.

"Of course I mean it!" I thundered at him.

He took the pipe from his mouth, pressed the tobacco viciously into the bowl, and swore steadily in Gaelic until I was ready to choke him.

"Stop!" I bawled. "Do you think that's helping me? And to have you curse in your blackguardly Irish dialect! I wanted a little Anglo-Saxon sympathy, you fool! I didn't mean for

"Not soap, evidently!"

"No, but I'm going to say the last word on the tunnel, and within an hour. Give me a glass of beer and a piece of bread, and we'll go back and see whether we're sold again or not."

"Go ahead and let us be done with it. Wait till I tell Stoddard where we're going."

The chaplain was trying the second floor walls, and I asked him to eat some luncheon and stand guard while Larry and I went to the tunnel.

We took with us an iron bar, an ax and a couple of hammers. Larry went ahead with a lantern.

"You see," he explained, as we dropped through the trap into the passage, "I've tried a compass on this tunnel and find that we've been working on the wrong theory. The passage itself runs a straight line from the house under the gate to the crypt; the ravine is a rough crescent-shape and for a short distance the tunnel touches it. How deep does that ravine average—about 30 feet?"

"Yes; it's shallowest where the house stands. It drops sharply from there on to the lake."

"Very good; but the ravine is all on the Glenarm side of the wall, isn't it? Now when we get under the wall I'll show you something."

"Here we are," said Larry, as the cold air blew in through the hollow posts. "Now we're pretty near that sharp curve of the ravine that dips away from the wall. Take the lantern while I get out the compass. What do you think that C on the piece of paper means? Why, chapel, of course. I have measured the distance from the house, the point of departure, we may assume, to the chapel, and three-fourths of it brings us under those beautiful posts. The directions are as plain as daylight. The passage itself is your N. W., as the compass proves, and the ravine cuts close in here; therefore, our business is to explore the wall on the ravine side."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

KNEW HIM AT LAST.

Gen. Butler's Identity Made Known by His Own Quotation.

Gen. B. F. Butler built a house in Washington on the same plan as his home in Lowell, and his studies were furnished in exactly the same way. The general and his secretary, Mr. Clancy, afterward city clerk of Washington for many years, were constantly traveling between the two places.

One day a senator called upon Ben Butler in Lowell and the next day in Washington, only to find him and his secretary engaged upon the same work on both occasions.

"Heavens, Clancy, don't you ever stop?" exclaimed the senator.

"No," interposed Gen. Butler, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do."

Clancy arose and bowed, saying: "General, I never was sure until now just who my employer was. I had heard the rumor, but I always discredited it."

Origin of the "Broad Arrow."

The unmistakable "broad arrow," of which the escaping Gloucester convicts naturally tried to rid themselves as soon as possible, has no inherent penal significance, but is simply the sign of state ownership on the prison clothes, says the London Chronicle.

How this arrow came to be a royal mark is quite uncertain. The story that it was taken from the arms of Henry Viscount Sydney, who was master general of ordnance at the end of the seventeenth century, is exploded by the fact that it was a royal mark before his time.

Paris hankered after the idea that the "arrow" might be really an anchor, and others have seen in it a commemoration of the English archers' prowess. It has been boldly identified also as the three nails of the cross, as a mystic Druid letter signifying superiority, and as the symbol of Mithras as sun god.

A British Institution Falling.

As regards the long and deadly warfare between the turkey and its flat-breasted rival, the goose, for the prime honors of the Christmas dinner table, an expert confesses that the goose's defeat in popularity is probably irretrievable now, according to an English exchange.

"The flesh is proving," said he, "too rich for the delicate tastes of well-to-do people, and there is not enough of it for the poor. None the less, for the real trencherman who has a healthy gusto and a well-filled purse, your turkey, which has to be helped out with sausages and bacon to give it a flavor, is nowhere in it with your goose."

Boy Saves a Horse.

A little fellow of four years went to a blacksmith to see his father's horse shod, and was watching closely the work of the shoeing. The blacksmith began to pare the horse's hoof, and, thinking this wrong, the little boy said: "My pa don't want his horse made any smaller."

Scrap Takes Up a New Line.

Scrap Chronistef has gone into making wooden legs, his first job being for Jim Hooper. Scrap says if the railroad will keep up its end of the business he can make some money.—McEwen (Tenn.) New Era.

A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS.

A Dreadful Operation Seemed to Be the Only Outcome.

Mrs. Clyde Pixley, Bridge St., Belding, Mich., writes: "I had inflammation of the bladder and the trouble had gone so far in five years that my physicians said nothing but an operation would cure me. Awful bearing down pains, backaches and headaches tortured me, there



were spells of dizziness and faintness, the kidney secretions were like blood and passed with intense pain. I had lost 30 pounds when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills, and was dreadfully nervous. In one week I felt better and to-day I am a well woman and have been for a long time."

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DEATH IN A NEW GUISE.

Scheme That Landed a Hungarian Judge in Town Jail.

In a little village on the Hungarian frontier, not far from Presburg, a peasant woman recently received 400 kronen (\$85) from her husband in America.

She promptly deposited it in the local branch of the postoffice savings bank, and then the next day went to withdraw the whole amount.

The bank official was somewhat surprised, and asked for an explanation, when she said that Death had appeared to her during the night and threatened to take her away with him unless she had the 400 crowns ready for him the next night.

The gendarmes were communicated with, and when "Death" made his promised appearance he was found to be very much alive, in the person of the local judge.

The woman's money is still in the bank, and the judge is in jail.—Paid Mail Gazette.

Equally Painful.

A good story is told of an old darky in Richmond who once experienced considerable difficulty in securing the sum due him from a prominent business man whose stable the negro had whitewashed.

One afternoon, as the old darky came painfully up the walk toward the house, the master thereof called to him from the porch:

"What's the matter, Mose? Got the gout?"

"No, sah," came in respectful tones from Mose; "Ise got de bill for dat whitewashin'." —Lippincott's Magazine.

Have Trouble with Your Food?

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The ordinary breakfast cereal cooked a few minutes in a half-hearted way will in time weaken the stomach of anything short of an ox.

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According to a Wisconsin country editor, a mean man lives in his town. At a dance he spied a girl put her chewing gum under a chair when she started to waltz. Taking the gum, he spread it out, inserted a piece of tobacco, rolled the gum up again and stuck it under the chair. When she put the gum in her mouth again and the tobacco began to work, she was too homesick to dance any more.—Ex.

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