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SONORA, TEXAS.

### HUNTING A LION.

When the Brute Fights Either He or the Hunter Dies.

Nothing causes the East African colonist more genuine concern than that his guest should not have been provided with a lion. The Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill says that a failure to produce a lion preys on the colonist's mind until it becomes a regular obsession. He feels that some deep reproach is laid upon his own hospitality and the reputation of his adopted country. In "My African Journey" Mr. Churchill tells something of the pursuit of this noble game:

"This is the way in which they hunt lions: First find the lion, lured to a kill, driven from a reed bed or kicked up incontinently by the way. Once viewed, he must never be lost sight of for a moment. Mounted on ponies of more or less approved fidelity, three or four daring Britons or Somalis gallop after him across rocks, holes, tussocks, through high grass, thorn scrub, undergrowth, turning him, shepherding him, heading him this way and that until he is brought to bay.

"For his part the lion is no seeker of quarrels. He is often described in accents of contempt. His object throughout is to save his skin. If, being unarmed, you meet six or seven unexpectedly, all you need do, according to my information, is to speak to them sternly, and they will slink away, while you throw a few stones at them to hurry them up. All the highest authorities recommend this.

"But when pursued from place to place, chased hither and thither by wheedling horsemen, the lion becomes embittered. First he begins to growl and roar at his enemies in order to terrify them and make them leave him in peace. Then he darts little short charges at them. Finally, when every attempt at peaceful persuasion has failed, he pulls up abruptly and offers battle. Once he has done this, he will run no more. He means to fight and to fight to the death.

"And when a lion, maddened with the agony of a bullet wound, distressed by long and hard pursuit, or, most of all, a lioness in defense of her cubs, is definitely committed to battle death is the only possible conclusion. Broken limbs, broken jaws, a body raked from end to end, lungs pierced through and through—none of these counts. It must be death, instant and utter, for the lion or down goes the man, mauled by septic claws and fetid teeth, crushed and crunched and poisoned afterward to make doubly sure."

### Reward of the Faithful Servant.

The merchant prince had sent for the faithful clerk, who confronted his master tremblingly.

"Jenkins," said the merchant prince, "you have been in my employ for twenty-five years."

"Yes, sir," faltered the faithful clerk.

"Twenty-five years today, is it not?"

"Yes, sir. Thank you, sir, for remembering it."

"Tut! Tut! You have been an honor to the house."

"Thank you again, sir."

"You have proved yourself worthy of my confidence."

"Oh, sir!"

"You have grown gray in my service."

"Yes, sir."

"Jenkins, as a slight token of my recognition of this fact I have a present for you. Pray accept this bottle of hair-dye!"—Woman's Home Companion.

### Jules Verne's Methods.

Jules Verne, author of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea," required no legislative enactment to make him get up early. He rose at 4 in the morning in the summer and climbed up a sort of watchtower which dominated his house in the Boulevard de Longueville, Amiens, where his study was situated. He called this room his "cabin." There he used to work until 10 o'clock. In the winter when he awoke he would await daylight either reading in bed or evoking scenes for his novels. After lunch it was his practice to walk along the boulevards, which form a beautiful green cincture around the old Picardy town. Then he would make for his club and read the newspapers and study the scientific reviews, from which he derived great aid in the composition of his books.

### "I Told You So."

An old couple lived in the mountains of eastern Tennessee. He was ninety-five and she ninety. Their son, a man of seventy, died. As the old folks crossed the pasture to their cabin after the burial the woman noticed a tear roll down her husband's cheek. She patted him tenderly on the arm and said: "Never mind, John; never mind. You know I always said we never would raise that boy."—Success Magazine.

### A TIPSY DUKE'S PRANK.

The Story of How Mrs. Connolly Became Lady Michael.

In former times there used to be a certain Duke of Richmond, then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, who belonged to the hail fellow well met species. With his boon companions it was his almost daily habit to go to a certain fashionable inn at Bray, kept by one Michael Connolly. There much wine was consumed during his incumbency of the lord lieutenancy, and many and wild were the nights that the little inn at Bray witnessed. Connolly had a reputation as being the best cook in Ireland, and it was said his wine was the best to be found within the confines of the Emerald Isle. The Duke of Richmond said so, and he ought to have known, as he had eaten tons of the one and imbibed tons of the other.

Connolly's cooking and Connolly's wine were popular themes of conversation with his lordship, and he was not niggardly with his praise of either. Wine is a great leveler of ranks, and so it fell out one night that the duke, carried away by his admiration for Connolly's talents in kitchen and taproom, committed an egregious, amusing mistake. The night in question had been an even more than usually wet one at the inn at Bray, and the duke, the innkeeper himself and all of the duke's companions were lost to all sense of either proportion or the eternal fitness of things.

Therefore no one thought it strange when the duke sent for mine host and, after a speech of praise of his viands, the way in which they were prepared and especially of his wine cellar, bade him kneel. Then, striking him across the shoulders, he said, "Eise, Sir Michael Connolly!" And Sir Michael rose amid the rapturous applause of those present. It seemed quite the proper caper then, but the next morning, as it came back to still further jar the aching head of the duke, it bore a somewhat different aspect, and the principal question that agitated the ducal mind was how he was to get out of the scrape.

Connolly was summoned and, in the faint hope that the ceremony had made no impression, asked if he remembered aught that happened the night previous. Sir Michael did and manifested a disquieting determination to hang on to his newly acquired title. But, as have lesser and greater men before and since, he fell a willing victim to bribery and finally agreed not to press his claim to knighthood. The price was heavy, but not too high to pay for the suppression of a tale that would make his grace of Richmond the laughingstock of London, and so the duke was turning, satisfied with his morning's work, when the late Sir Michael dashed his self congratulations to the four winds.

"Yes, your grace, I'll keep quiet," he said as he jingled the price of his title in his pocket, "but," thoughtfully—"but it will take more than the likes of me to keep my wife, Lady Michael Connolly, quiet about the matter." And it did. Michael was right. She was Lady Michael to her friends from that day on and always laid claim to the title. The duke was the laughingstock of London, as he had feared, but a reformed man as well, for he dared take no further risks.—London Tatler.

### A One Sided Chase.

In an English paper appears the following amusing anecdote: Some servants were exercising three horses and some of the hounds from the Hunt kennels when an inmate of the district asylum appeared on the scene.

"Eh, sic bonnie dogs," exclaimed the man, who was supposed to be deaf, "sic bonnie dogs. And what dai keep they for?"

It was explained to him that they were kept for hunting the fox.

"An' sic bonnie horses. Are they for hunting the fox too?" He was told that they were, whereupon he asked the value of a horse and a dog, too, and, having been informed, he next wanted to know the value of a fox when caught.

"Oh, about tenpence," was the reply.

"Mersey mei, tenpence?" said the daffie. "Three hundred pounds chasing tenpence! Let's awa."

### A Crack in a Piece of Metal.

A crack in a piece of metal is prevented from extending farther by the well known means of drilling a hole where the rent ends. But when the hole is not bored on just that spot the crack is apt to continue beyond the hole. A scientific journal recommends moistening the cracked surface with petroleum, then wiping it and then immediately rubbing it with chalk. The oil that has penetrated into the crack exudes and thus indicates with precision where the crack stops.

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### Devil's River News.

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### The Balloon Fish.

A Berlin journal, Prometheus, contains a letter from Africa, in which the writer describes a fish which is known to the natives as the fehaka. It makes its appearance in the Nile at high water time. The creature might properly be named a balloon fish. Its whole body, with the exception of a part of the underside, is covered with a thick layer of a jellylike substance. On the uncovered part there are many sharp prongs. When attacked the fish rises to the surface, inhales air until its body assumes almost a globular form, then turns upon its back, leaving the protecting prongs upward in the water. "Fish and man alike know how sharp these are and what painful wounds they can inflict, and they give the balloon fish a wide berth."

### When the Poet Was Happy.

Bronson, the poet, was once asked on what occasion he got the greatest pleasure from his fame as a poet.

His answer was: "It was when a delegation from the Right came to my house in Christiania and smashed all the windows, because when they had thus attacked me and were starting for home again they felt that they ought to sing something, and so they sang 'Yes, we love this land, and sing they could do nothing else. They had to sing the song of the man whom they had attacked.'"—London Chronicle.

### EASINESS OF DEATH.

The Last Moments Rarely Witness Real Physical Suffering.

It is as natural to die as it is to live—and as easy. Practically all the distress witnessed as taking place in the act of dying is the automatic tissue struggle against dissolution and is not recognized by the individual who seems to be acutely suffering. Occasionally in the delirium of fever, in uraemia and other intoxications, in certain of the brain degenerations witnessed in old age, there is an exhilaration or happy, peaceful calm that pervades the final scene.

I remember one dear lady, a Swedenborgian, who believed that after death one would follow the occupation that had been most congenial in the present life. This lady was especially fond of babies, fondling them and giving them personal care. When she came to die of a lingering, most painful illness, at the final moment a beatific smile pervaded her countenance, she beamed in gentle ecstasy and murmured: "Now I see the heavenly light. I see a baby."

Yet nature is not often so lavish with her kindness. Usually everything is dulled, blunted, so that at the border line between life and death it is often difficult, even impossible for a certain time, to say whether the soul has fled or not. It was long debated in medical circles whether or not there was a reliable test for death. Indeed, the tissues always survive the departure of the vital spark for a longer or shorter time. A muscle will contract to the electric current for a considerable time after the eye is dull, the intellect a closed book, the soul on its way. The hair grows palpably after death.

Of course there are some exceptions. I am told—some one dies suddenly in conscious terror and protest, but I have not seen such a taking off, and I can state candidly that of the many scores of deaths that I have witnessed, in hospital and out-

among the very poor and very wealthy, the young and the old, the pious and the blasphemous, some of which have been very painful to behold, in nearly all of them the main actor at the last moment was not conscious of what was going on. The occasional examples of conscious cheerfulness are the exception and still more so instances of terminal torture.—E. L. Keyes, M. D., in Harper's Magazine.

### Five Stages of the Sword.

It may be said that the evolution of the sword has passed through five distinct stages. First came the epoch of pure carnage, when men seemed to hew and hack each other for the mere pleasure it gave them; next the era of legend, when stupendous and impossible feats of arms were said to have been accomplished. Then followed the feudal time, a curious mixture of bloodshed and religion, when the piety of the crusaders was proved by their ability to slash the equally bloodthirsty Saracens. Succeeding this period sprang the noble season of skillful fence as the sword, no longer a weapon of pure attack, became a mixed arm of offense and defense combined. Finally we see its fall, being today a mere military accoutrement, after attaining a glory that no one dreamed of during the days of its first rude and barbarous use.—Exchange.

### Many Good—One Best.

"So many Oils and Liniments are advertised it is hard to decide which to buy. I tried a number before using Hunt's Lightning Oil. After using it once, however, I realized I had found the best there was, and it was useless to look further. It fits its 'all off' No other liniment will hit the spot if Hunt's Lightning Oil fails."

C. G. YOUNG, Okemee, Okla., 25c and 50c bottles.

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### Stock News.

Bert Bellows sold 4 yearling  
 mules to Claud Stites at \$45 per  
 head.  
 E. L. Martin leased from C. A.  
 Chadwick his six section ranch for  
 five years at \$90 a section per  
 year.

E. L. Martin bought from C. A.  
 Chadwick 240 stock cattle at \$10  
 for calves, \$10 for yearling heifers  
 and \$16 for twos and up.

### Billies for Sale.

Six well bred Billies for sale  
 cheap. From 2 to 4 years old  
 AUGUST MECKEL,  
 79f Sonora, Texas.

### DAIRY BUSINESS FOR SALE

The only MILK business in  
 Sonora is for sale with as many  
 cows as the purchaser may need.  
 The business is a paying one  
 but I wish to engage in other  
 business. Apply to,  
 JAMES L. TARVER.

### FOR SALE.

300 head of stock cattle Herefords for  
 sale, only a few calves. For further  
 particulars see or write me at my  
 ranch eight miles north of Rock  
 Springs on the Sonora road.  
 R. L. HATCH,  
 Rock Springs, Tex.



### Fence Your Ranch.

With the celebrated Page Fence,  
 absolutely wolf proof.

Briefly Stated: The quality to  
 look for in wire fences are: Tremendous  
 Tensile Strength, Great  
 Elasticity, Heavy Galvanizing,  
 Extreme Durability, and Economy  
 in Erecting.

A clear title to our claim, the  
 BEST Fence on Earth. Double  
 the Strength of any other wire of  
 same size, adjusts itself to uneven  
 ground, stretches over the hill and  
 down in the canyon the same as  
 on level ground. Remember the  
 BEST is the cheapest.

Let me figure with you before  
 buying your fence.  
 J. B. MURRAH, Agent,  
 Juno, Texas.

### Sells 500,000 Pounds of Mohair

Uvalde, Tex., Oct. 17.—About  
 500,000 pounds of mohair changed  
 hands at Uvalde this week, being  
 sold to a representative of a Mas-  
 sachusetts mill, the price paid  
 ranging from 20c to 30c a pound.

F. O. Landrum sold his two  
 clips at 30c which is probably the  
 highest price paid in the last two  
 years. The bonded warehouse for  
 the storage of mohair at Uvalde  
 has proved a great success and ar-  
 rangements will be made to en-  
 large the building so as to handle  
 more mohair.

### Sol Mayer Buys big Tract of Land Down in Val Verde.

Sol Mayer, the big Sutton  
 county ranchman, has purchased  
 25,000 acres of ranching land in  
 Val Verde and Crockett counties  
 from railroad parties. He paid \$2  
 per acre for the land, making the  
 total deal cost up to \$52,000.

Mr. Mayer has gone to Austin to  
 close up the deal now and will  
 continue his large business on  
 even a larger scale than ever be-  
 fore.

He already had this land leased,  
 but finding an opportunity to pur-  
 chase it at a reasonable rate, he  
 did so. He will now stock it up  
 with a greatly increased number of  
 cattle.

Mr. Mayer is well known in San  
 Angelo having lived in the vicini-  
 ty of this city for a number of  
 years.—San Angelo Daily Stan-  
 dard.

### Antelopes Protected.

Antelopes now have all of the  
 protection that the law can give  
 them. Montana and Wyoming  
 have recently enacted laws giving  
 them absolute protection for a se-  
 ries of years. This is a great  
 achievement, for the reason that  
 the chain of protection for that  
 species is now nearly complete. In  
 no State or Territory is it now  
 legal to hunt antelopes at any time  
 and the penalties for the lawbreak-  
 ers are severe.

It is now in order to work for  
 the enforcement of the antelope  
 laws, and the first thing to do is to  
 reach all ranchmen of antelope  
 counties with a strong appeal to  
 their patriotism and humanity for  
 the creation of a new cowboy  
 sentiment in behalf of antelope  
 preservation.

There are yet remaining alive  
 probably 5000 antelopes, all told,  
 but we hope that the days of antel-  
 ope hunting have ended forever.  
 The remnant bands should now be  
 as safe from attack by man as are  
 the animals of a zoological park.

The boys of the West should be  
 taught in their schools that it is a  
 sin to kill an antelope. The many  
 thousand square miles of Western  
 plains are now barren and lifeless  
 because the beautiful pronghorn is  
 gone from them. With range cat-  
 tle and sheep swarming on 10,000  
 hills the poor little "saddle" of  
 the pronghorn is no longer needed  
 by any one as human food.

The antelope is one of our great-  
 est American zoological curiosities  
 —unique, odd, isolated. It has  
 no near relatives anywhere on this  
 earth. Let it alone and it will  
 take care of itself and harm noth-  
 ing. As an ornament to gray and  
 melancholy wastes, as beautiful  
 wild life amid barrenness, as the  
 companion of the plainsman and  
 as the great American oddity, it  
 deserves to live and be let alone.  
 If we can but maintain this con-  
 dition and stop unlawful killing by  
 the residents of antelope territory,  
 it may really happen that the  
 Americans of A. D. 1935 will find  
 the antelope still living in our  
 land.—Butte (Mont.) Dispatch to  
 New York Herald.

### Money Comes In Bunches.

to A. A. Chisholm, of Treadwell,  
 N. Y., now. His reason is well  
 worth reading: "For a long time I  
 suffered from indigestion, torpid  
 liver, constipation, nervousness,  
 and general debility," he writes,  
 "I couldn't sleep, had no appetite,  
 nor ambition, grew weaker every  
 day in spite of all medical treat-  
 ment. Then used Electric Bitters  
 Twelve bottles restored all my old  
 time health and vigor. Now I can  
 attend to business every day. It's  
 a wonderful medicine." Infalli-  
 ble for Stomach, Liver, Kidneys,  
 Blood and Nerves. 50c, at Nath-  
 an's Pharmacy.

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Is ready with an immense stock of  
 new goods for

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 DRESS GOODS, UNDERWEAR, HATS,  
 SHOES, CLOTHING ETC., CARPETS,  
 ART SQUARES, MATTINGS.**

**Ladies Tailor Made Garments To  
 Order. See samples. Ladies Trimmed  
 Hats to arrive.**

Your wants supplied at

**E. F. VANDER STUCKEN COMPANY.**

Some of the Sonora country goat  
 men met with losses Monday by  
 the rain chilling to death freshly  
 shorn goats. Among those who  
 lost were B. M. Halbert, R. W.  
 Davis, McGonagill & Davis. Mr.  
 Halbert's loss was about 300 head  
 while the rain was falling it was  
 impossible to drive the goats to  
 shelter.

T. L. Benson the progressive  
 merchant and prominent citizen of  
 Eldorado, was a business visitor  
 in Sonora this week. Mr. Benson  
 reports the Eldorado country in  
 splendid shape with prospects  
 good for larger small grain crops.

### The Small Brother.

Miss Gusher—"I love fishing.  
 Whenever I get a bite I—"  
 Small Brother—"Scratch it!"

### Never Worry.

about a cough—there's no need of  
 worry if you will treat it at its  
 first appearance with Ballard's  
 Horehound Syrup. It will stop  
 the cough at once and put your  
 lungs and throat back into per-  
 fectly healthy condition. Sold by  
 all druggists.

S. Crowther and A. Jagger of  
 Providence, R. I., were in Sonora  
 this week examining the mohair  
 and the quality of the goats of the  
 Sonora country. These gentle-  
 men report the mills running on  
 full time.

### Slightly Colder With Snow.

When you see that kind of a  
 weather forecast you know that  
 rheumatism weather is at hand.  
 Get ready for it now by getting a  
 bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment.  
 Finest thing made for rheumatism,  
 chilblains, frost bite, sore and stiff  
 joints and muscles, all aches and  
 pains. Sold by all druggists, 25c,  
 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

### The Married Man.

"My wife tells the truth three  
 times a day, remarked Jones.  
 Before arising in the morning  
 she says: 'Oh, dear, I must get  
 up! but I don't want to!' After  
 breakfast she adds: 'Well, I sup-  
 pose I must go to work, but I  
 don't want to.' And she goes to  
 bed saying: 'There I've been  
 working all day and haven't done  
 anything.'"

The world's supply of sheep is  
 rapidly diminishing. In ten years  
 there has been a decrease of near-  
 ly 72,000,000, or pretty close to  
 one-seventh of all the flocks of the  
 earth. It appears that the higher  
 the civilization the fewer the  
 sheep. Great grazing lands from  
 the extreme end of South America  
 to the plains of Russia, which once  
 pastured great flocks of sheep, are  
 gradually being turned over to  
 agriculture. In Canada the num-  
 ber of sheep is steadily falling,  
 Germany, according to the Ameri-  
 can Wool Reporter, has now but  
 10,000,000, where a half century  
 ago it had three times that. In  
 India the flocks have lost a  
 seventh in 11 years, while in  
 Spain, which is the home of the  
 finest fleeces in the world, they  
 lost a fifth in a brief eight years.  
 Nearly one-seventh of the entire  
 supply of sheep is in Russia, but  
 they are an inferior breed, and the  
 wool is not in demand by foreign  
 countries.

### 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 disap-  
 pear.

### How To Live.

Live up stairs if you wish to be  
 in good health! "Up how many  
 flights?" Only one flight of seven  
 steps. I will describe them.

First Step.—Eat wheat, oats,  
 corn, fruits, beef and mutton,  
 plainly cooked, in moderate  
 quantity, and but two meals a  
 day.

Second Step.—Breathe good air  
 day and night.

Third Step.—Exercise freely in  
 the open air.

Fourth Step.—Retire early and  
 rise early.

Fifth Step.—Wear flannel next  
 your skin every day of the year,  
 and so dispose your dress that  
 your limbs shall be kept warm.  
 Bathe frequently.

Sixth Step.—Live in the sun-  
 shine. Let your bedroom be one  
 which receives a flood of light, and  
 spend your days either out in the  
 sunlight or in a room which is well  
 lighted.

Seventh Step.—Cultivate a  
 cheerful temper. Seek the society  
 of jolly people. Absolutely refuse  
 to worry, and above all don't be  
 afraid to laugh.

Go up this flight of stairs. Live  
 above. Sickness cannot crawl up  
 there. Disease prowls about in  
 the basement, rarely does it get  
 "up stairs."

### No Others.

It is a class to itself. It has no  
 rivals. It cures where others  
 merely relieve. For aches, pains,  
 stiff joints, cuts, burns, bites, etc.,  
 it is quickest and surest remedy  
 ever devised. We mean Hunt's  
 Lightning Oil. 50c and 25c bottles.

Every soldier knows that a  
 horse will not step on a man inten-  
 tionally. It is a standing order in  
 the British cavalry that if a troop-  
 er should be dismounted he must  
 lie still. If he does this the whole  
 squadron is likely to pass over  
 him without doing him injury.

One of the most important works  
 connected with the Panama Canal  
 is the spillway in the middle of  
 the Gatun Dam for regulating the  
 height of the water in the lake.  
 Usually it is preferred to locate  
 the spillway in a position more or  
 less remote from the dam; but in  
 the present case the existence at  
 the center of the site of the dam  
 of a hill, which provided a rock  
 surface at about sea level, proved  
 the deciding factor, and led to the  
 choice of the present site. The  
 spillway consists of a concrete  
 dam, whose crest is to be built on  
 the arc of a circle, with its face  
 convex to the lake. The crest will  
 be at 69 feet above sea level.  
 Above this, and placed between  
 thirteen concrete piers built at the  
 crest of the dam, will be fourteen  
 gates, whose tops, when they are  
 closed, will be 87 feet above sea  
 level. These gates will give abso-  
 lute control of the lake level un-  
 der all possible conditions.—Sci-  
 entific American.

### Letter to W. A. Miers.

Sonora, Texas,  
 Dear Sir: We make you and  
 every property owner in Sonora  
 this offer:

Paint half your job Devco; paint  
 the other half whatever you like.  
 If Devco doesn't take less gallons  
 and cost less money, no pay.

Yours truly  
 F. W. DEVOE & CO.  
 P. S. E. F. Vander Stucken Co.,  
 sells our paint.

Mr. Durand, United States Cen-  
 sus Director, has made an appeal  
 to farmers all over the country to  
 assist him in securing accurate  
 agricultural returns at the coming  
 census. He trusts that farmers  
 will keep or provide some sort of  
 written record of their operations  
 during the year 1909. Each per-  
 son in charge of a farm will be  
 asked to state the acreage and  
 value of his farm—that is, the  
 acreage and value of the land kept  
 and cultivated by him; the area of  
 land in his farm covered with  
 woodland, and, finally, that which  
 is utilized for specific farm pur-  
 poses; the acreage quantity pro-  
 duced and value of each crop, in-  
 cluding grains, hay, vegetables,  
 fruits, cotton, tobacco, etc., raised  
 on the farm in 1909; the number  
 and value of all domestic animals,  
 poultry and swarms of bees on the  
 farm on April 15th, 1910. He will  
 also be asked to state the number  
 and kind of animals sold during  
 1909 and the receipts from such  
 sales, the number purchased and  
 the amount paid therefor, and also  
 the number slaughtered for food,  
 and the value of such animals.  
 The census act provides that the  
 information shall be used only for  
 statistical purposes for which it is  
 supplied. "No publication shall  
 be made by the Census Office  
 whereby the data furnished by  
 any particular establishment can  
 be identified, nor shall the Direc-  
 tor of the Census permit any one  
 other than the sworn employees of  
 the Census Office to examine the  
 individual reports." Further-  
 more, the information reported on  
 the agricultural schedule will not  
 be used on the agricultural sched-  
 ule will not be used as a basis of  
 taxation or be communicated to  
 any assessor.

### Its A Top Notch Door.

Great deeds compel regard. The  
 world crowns its doers. That's  
 why the American people have  
 crowned Dr. King's New Dis-  
 covery the King of Throat and  
 Lung remedies. Every atom is a  
 health force. It kills germs, and  
 colds and lagrippe vanish. It  
 heals cough-racked membranes  
 coughing stops. Sore, inflamed  
 bronchial tubes and lungs are  
 cured and hemorrhages cease. Dr.  
 Geo. More, Black Jack, N. C.,  
 writes "it cured me of lung trouble  
 pronounced hopeless by all doc-  
 tors." 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle  
 free. Guaranteed by Nathan's  
 Pharmacy.

### Drink More Water.

Water constitutes more than one-  
 fourth of the bulk of the body, and  
 all the functions of life are really  
 carried on in a water bath; and,  
 although the sense of thirst may  
 be trusted to call for a draught of  
 water when required, the fluid can  
 be imbibed most advantageously  
 for many reasons besides merely  
 satisfying thirst.

Digestion is much facilitated by  
 a moderate draught of water,  
 which disintegrates and dissolves  
 the contents of the stomach, fitting  
 it for emulsion and preparing it  
 for assimilation.

The habit of drinking water in  
 moderate quantities between meals  
 contributes to health, and indi-  
 cates the fact that those who visit  
 health resorts for the purpose of  
 drinking the waters of mineral  
 springs might profit by staying at  
 home and drinking more water  
 and less beer and whisky. Water  
 is the universal solvent of nature,  
 and the chief agent in all transfor-  
 mations of matter. When taken  
 into an empty stomach it quickly  
 passes into the circulation to liquify  
 fixed solids, whose excretion  
 from the system is thus facilitated.  
 Very few people think of the  
 necessity of washing the inside as  
 well as the outside of the body,  
 and he who would be perfectly  
 healthy should be as careful about  
 the cleanliness of his stomach as  
 that of his skin.



TAKE

To all persons subject to Bilious Attacks, Sour  
 Stomach, Indigestion, Constipation, Headache,  
 Dizziness, Heartburn, Vertigo (blind staggers),  
 Foul-Breath, Sallow Complexion or other symptoms  
 of a Torpid Liver, WE SAY.

# HERBINE

It is the Surest, the Safest, the most Speedy and Complete  
 Liver Tonic and Regulator in the Whole Field of Medicine.

It is a marvellous remedy. Its invigorating effect on a Torpid Liver is little less than miraculous. It acts instantly. The first dose brings improvement, a few days' use cures the most obstinate case. Tired, weak, despondent victims of a Torpid Liver are restored almost in a day.

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It cures Malaria, Chills and Ague by destroying the disease germs in the system and driving them out of the body. Where Malaria is prevalent it is a faithful guardian of health. It puts the Stomach, Liver and Bowels in such fine condition that the malaria germ cannot exist.

Every home should have a bottle of this great Liver Tonic and Regulator. It stands for the health for the whole family. The chill season is here and all of those who are Constipated, who have a Torpid Liver or Digestive Disorders, will surely have trouble with that arch enemy of the race. BE PREPARED!! Get in condition at once by taking HERBINE and you can defy the disease.

PRICE, 50 CENTS Per Bottle.

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If you can not buy what you want at  
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## COS-HART DRUGS

Everything in Drugs. Heart of  
shopping district. In the busy block.  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

### Devil's River News

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.  
MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.  
STEVE MURPHY, Publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora,  
a second-class matter.

Advertising Medium of the  
Stockman's Paradise.

Sonora, Texas. Oct. 23, 1909.

District Court Monday Nov. 1st.

Oscar Savage was in from the  
ranch this week visiting Mrs.  
Savage and baby.

Sam McKee was in from his  
ranch Wednesday for supplies.  
Sam reports a good rain Monday.

Mrs. Cal Ory and children are  
visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam McKee  
on the ranch this week.

### Frightful Fate Averted.

"I would have been a cripple  
for life, from a terrible cut on my  
knee cap," writes Frank Disberry,  
Min. "without Bucklen's Arnica  
Salve, which soon cured me." In-  
dubitable for wounds, cuts and bruises,  
It soon cures Burns, Scalds,  
Old Sores, Boils, Skin Eruptions.  
World's best for Piles. 25c, at  
Nathau's Pharmacy.

William Alley died in Sonora  
Sunday night of dropsy and was  
buried Monday. Deceased was  
of a retiring character and was for  
several years engaged in the bak-  
ing and laundry business in Sono-  
ra. His mother has been with  
him the past year and was his con-  
stant attendant during the past  
two months of his illness. He  
was charitable and kind, and his  
reward is in the other world. De-  
ceased formerly lived at Mason  
and had relatives at Brownwood  
and other places. The funeral  
at the Sonora cemetery was at-  
tended by but a few friends. The  
attendants would have been larger  
had his death been made known.  
Deceased was about 55 years of  
age and the News is informed that  
he fed, clothed and helped up in  
the world several orphans and for  
that reason we say his reward is in  
the other World, although entitled  
to it in this.

E. G. Wentworth of Boston,  
Mass. a buyer of mohair was in  
Sonora the past week looking at  
the clips now in the hands of the  
grower. Mr. Wentworth reported  
himself as surprised and pleased  
at the handling and quality of the  
Mohair and mohair of the Sonora  
country.

Jim Sessom was in from the  
ranch this week trading.

### Nearly Three Inches.

The rainfall in the Sonora  
country Monday was of the heav-  
iest that has fallen in 24 hours  
during the month of October since  
1903 when record of the rain fall  
was established in Sonora by the  
U. S. Government. That is the  
Government records start with  
1903. The precipitation on Mon-  
day October 19, 1909 was 2.76  
inches and the record for the en-  
tire month of October 1904 was  
2.86. In October 1907, however,  
we recorded for the month 6.20 in-  
ches, with 3.15 on the 4th, 1.78 on  
5th, .28 on 6th, and .08 on 7th.  
The November of that year was  
also good and above the average  
being 3.84 inches. The prospects  
seem good for the planting of oat-  
wheat, rye, etc. and they should  
be put in the ground as soon as  
possible. This amount of mois-  
ture, which exceeds 3 inches in  
some parts of the country is a  
guarantee of something green dur-  
ing the winter and weeds in the  
early spring.

### Cold Weather Advice.

To all is to beware of coughs and  
colds of the chest; as neglected  
they readily lead to pneumonia,  
consumption or other pulmonary  
troubles. Just as soon as the  
cough appears treat it with Bal-  
lard's Horehound Syrup the stan-  
dard cure of America Use as direct-  
ed—perfectly harmless. A cure  
and preventive for all diseases of  
the lungs. Sold by all druggists.  
Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle

Luther Thorp is seeing the  
sights at the Dallas fair.

C. A. Chadwick from the eastern  
part of Sutton county was in Sono-  
ra Monday.

A. A. and J. J. Williamson of  
the McKavit country were in  
Sonora Monday.

Mrs. Cornelia Cornell left on Wed-  
nesday for Marlin. Mr. Cornell  
accompanied her from San Angelo.

Fred Berger the shoe maker ar-  
rived home Thursday from a busi-  
ness and pleasure trip to Dallas.

W. W. Williamson was in Sono-  
ra Monday from his ranch in the  
northeastern part of Sutton county.

J. R. Robbins and W. R. Clen-  
denen were in from the Robbins  
ranch Wednesday trading.

Mrs. Pat Lee of McKavett, wa-  
in Sonora this week visiting her  
parents Mr. and Mrs. Dock  
Simmons.

Dock Simmons was in town  
Friday and reports the best rain  
he has had in years.

Now is the time to see Kirkland  
the Tinner about your stove pipes  
and flues. Dont wait for the rush  
but attend to it right away.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Pettit of  
Marfa, are visiting Mrs. Pettit's  
parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dean  
this week.

Mason Rountree who has been  
working on the Corder ranch in  
the Sanders country for some  
time arrived home Sunday.

Seed Wheat, Oats and  
Rye. Write or phone us  
your order.

T. L. BENSON CO.  
Eldorado, Texas.

There are several dishes left  
over from the Trades Barbecue  
Owners call at Vander Stuckens  
and get them.

Miss Clara Allison lost a gold  
watch and fob between town and  
J. W. Mayfield residence Monday  
Feb A engraved on it. Finder  
please leave them at this office.

E. L. Martin who ranches in the  
eastern part of the county, was in  
Sonora Monday attending to some  
business. Ed reports everything  
in good shape out his way.

Rev. C. T. Davis pastor of the  
Methodist church preached his fare  
well sermon to his congregation  
Sunday night and has gone to an  
annual conference at Uvalde.

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West papers giving account of the  
recent flood. The papers were  
sent by Homer Huffman formerly  
of Sonora, now private, 162 Co.  
C. A. C.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all  
trespassers on my ranch known as  
the Lost Lake ranch 12 miles  
south east of Sonora, and other  
ranches owned and controlled by  
me for the purpose of cutting tim-  
ber, hauling wood or hunting hogs  
without my permission, will be  
prosecuted to the full extent of  
the law.

A. F. CLARKSON,  
Sonora, Texas.

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## Samson Windmills

The surest and most powerful water getters ever  
manufactured, guaranteed to be stronger, more perfectly  
self regulating and durable than any other.

## Standard Windmills.

A direct stroke wood wheel on the same pattern as  
the Leader, made in Ft. Worth, Texas, and now that the  
factory has rectified its early mistakes and is turning out  
good smooth work, with a full cypress wheel, the best on  
the market.

## Help Home Industry

Stover Gasoline Engines, Plain and Pumping. The  
simplest, stoutest and best on the market.

Fuller & Johnson Farm Pump Engines, a perfect  
wonder for shallow wells, and light farm work

We manufacture Hudson Bottomless Stock & Storage  
Tanks and carry the largest and most complete stock in  
the west of pipe, casing and fittings, Genuine Cook Cy-  
linders, both Gun and Spool Valves, Baker Perfect barb  
and cattle wire, American and Ellwood Fencing, Heat-  
ers, Cook Stoves, Ranges and

## General Hardware

If your home merchants are unable to fill your orders  
send them to.

FINDLATER HARDWARE COMPANY,  
SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

"Whose going to do it?" ALL  
OF US of course.

The Orient has made three sur-  
veys into Sonora and is now mak-  
ing a fourth. The best manage-  
ment appreciates the good  
Sonora and will build here if those  
interested want the road. Pull for  
the Orient.

Morgan Jones of the Abilene &  
Southern Ry. whose charter calls  
for Abilene to Sonora via Ballinger  
has asked to be excused from ac-  
cepting San Angelo's proposition  
to build from Ballinger to San An-  
geLO for \$60,000. Col. Jones has  
been awaiting developments in the  
West. Instead of being a, (he has  
been 4-flushed) If the Colonel  
had kept to his original plan and  
taken to the Kickapoo a few miles  
from Paint Rock and then on to  
Sonora he would have pierced the  
heart of West Texas and blasted  
the hopes of the Santa Fe and  
Frisco. There's time yet Colonel.

Capt. R. P. Parker, locating en-  
gineer for the Orient has been in  
Sonora this week. Capt. Parker  
has been instructed by the head  
office to run a spur or top line  
from the east into Sonora. Capt  
Parker has found that the survey  
through the Sonora country could  
be greatly reduced as to cost of  
construction and the company or  
Head Office at Kansas City wants  
him to now straighten out the  
divide route and see what improve-  
ments he can make in that. After  
going beyond the Sonora proposi-  
tion Capt. Parker and crew will  
take up the Sonora south survey,  
or rather where the surveys south  
of Sonora converge, and see if he  
can improve on the lines to  
Brackettville, or Dal Rio. The  
surveys south have nothing to do  
with Sonora. The top line is the  
only recognizance that the Kansas  
City Headquarters wants to be  
informed about as regards Sonora  
Get busy.

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ber, hauling wood or hunting hogs  
without my permission, will be  
prosecuted to the full extent of  
the law.

A. F. CLARKSON,  
Sonora, Texas.

Now that the rain has come lets  
all get together.

A years subscription to the  
man, woman or child who will un-  
ravel the tangle.

Dont take "they say talk" at  
par. "Experience teaches its not  
worth recording. Let the Com-  
mittee report.

The rains that come in the Fall  
Train-la  
Give promise of weeds in the  
spring.

### F. CLIED,

PHOTOGRAPHER.  
FIRST CLASS WORK.  
ALL PRICES  
Sonora, Texas.

### Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all  
trespassers on my ranch, cutting  
timber, hauling wood, working  
stock, gathering pecans, hog hunt-  
ing or hunting of any kind or fish-  
ing, without my permission will be  
prosecuted.

W. F. SAWYER.

### Notice to Trespassers

Notice is hereby given that all  
trespassers on my ranch east of  
Sonora for the purpose of cutting  
timber, hauling wood or hunting  
hogs without my permission, will  
be prosecuted to the full extent of  
the law.

W. J. FIELDS,  
Sonora, Texas.

### NOTICE.

By authority of my position of  
Administrator of the Estate of J.  
Lewenthal, deceased, I hereby  
give notice to all who are indebted  
to the said estate, to pay such in-  
debtedness to me. In the interest  
of the estate, I desire prompt pay-  
ment and to avoid the necessity of  
placing said accounts in the hands  
of attorneys for collection.

R. F. HALBERT,  
Administrator of the estate of J.  
Lewenthal, deceased.  
Sonora, Texas, July 21, 1909.

### DR. L. F. ROBICHAUX.

Late of San Antonio senior  
member of the firm of Drs.  
Robichaux & Wagoner who for six  
years have had offices in the Hicks  
Bld'g will come to Sonora to make  
his home where he will equip and  
maintain an office equal in every  
respect with those found in the  
cities. The doctor is a graduate of  
North Western University the  
largest dental school in the world  
and studied medicine at Chicago  
University. He comes with not  
only every advantage from an  
educational stand point but has  
been well recommended to many  
of our leading citizens as a gentle-  
man as well as an artist in his  
line. One of his best references is  
that his firm does an annual prac-  
tice of over fifteen thousand  
dollars.

The doctor sustained a break-  
down in health that made this  
change in location necessary, his  
arrival will appear in this paper,  
and he will guarantee satisfaction  
to all those patronizing him.

### DISTRICT COURT.

The following is the list of jurors  
for the District Court which con-  
venes on Monday November 1st.

#### GRAND JURY

G. C. Allison, L. T. Brown, A. F.  
Clarkson, Bob Cuthbert, E. L.  
Martin, R. F. Halbert, G. P.  
Hill, E. M. Sawyer, S. H.  
Stokes, R. E. Taylor, Max Vander  
Stucken and D. J. Wyatt.

#### PETIT JURORS

G. B. Berry, I. N. Brooks, John  
Bryden, J. R. Beard, Fred Berger,  
J. A. Cuthbert, D. B. Cusenberry,  
R. W. Davis, H. Decker, J. J.  
Ford, A. N. Galay, S. E. Gilbert,  
Ira Glassecock, B. M. Halbert, D.  
G. Howton, Julius Jarrell, W. N.  
Kelley, W. F. Luckie, E. S. Long  
Aug Meckel, S. L. Merck, Wm  
Mittel, W. A. Miers, W. F. Mc-  
Gonagill, T. D. Newell, Ed  
Pfeister, W. A. Pullen, J. N. Ross  
G. W. Stephenson, C. E. Sitter, J.  
T. Shurley, J. A. Sykes, M. V.  
Sessum, W. W. Williamson, J. A.  
Ward, C. A. Chadwick.

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All of my stock horses, except  
Standard breeds. All increases  
from colts to four year old, sired  
by the following stallions: Juror  
Campbell, 2:15, pacing; and he by  
George Campbell, 2:17, pacing;  
Elbino, grandson of Old Election  
eer; John E. Neworthy, he by  
Parole. 2:16, trotting. All the  
above stock are nice smooth stock  
and will develop into fine drivers.  
All the above sired are Standard  
and registered. For further infor-  
mation address,

R. A. Williamson,  
Ozona, Texas.

When you go to San Angelo  
call on Eddie Maier, at the  
Favorite Saloon, he will treat you  
O. K.

### Good and Bad Everywhere.

To the News:  
To reach my Sutton and Schlei-  
cher county friends I will present  
on your news

they raised good crops out here  
in Colorado, 35 bushels of wheat,  
30 of corn, and about 100 bushels  
of Irish potatoes to the acre.

kinda without water. Water is  
plentiful at 3 to 80 feet and wages  
are from 2 to \$5 per day. The  
best flour is 2.93 per hundred and  
potatoes one cent per pound. On  
the other hand \$50 horses are  
worth \$100 and cows \$40 per head  
out here although there is as much  
grass on 320 acres as on 640 down  
there. There is no timber within  
100 miles of here except what has  
been planted. I saw snow three  
weeks ago on the Rocky Moun-  
tains and Pike's Peak. Antelope  
and wolves are as thick as cattle  
in the Stockman's Paradise but  
they will have to leave pretty soon  
as this country is settling up with  
people from everywhere

It is snowing today and as cold  
as — but that is the way I like it.  
There is no shelter between here  
and the north pole but a three  
strand barb wire fence but I think  
if it keeps on snowing and freezing  
I think it will make a good  
"Norther" brake by morning.  
Well I will ring off for this time  
with best wishes.

Dave Ogle.

Flagler, Colo, 10709.

### Hamlet.

had melancholy, probably caused  
by an inactive liver. A bad liver  
makes one cross and irritable,  
causes mental and physical des-  
pression and may result disas-  
trously.

Ballard's Herbine is acknowl-  
edged to be the perfect liver regu-  
lator. If you're blue and out of  
sorts, get a bottle to day. A posi-  
tive cure for bilious headache,  
Constipation, Chills and Fever  
and all liver complaints. Sold by  
all druggists.

Sam Shrewder won \$1,000 in a  
poker game at Fort Worth and the  
jury found him guilty of theft and  
assessed his punishment at 10  
years in the penitentiary. Does  
the crime merit the punishment?

Dont make a mistake thinking  
what others think. The light fast  
harness driver, the heavy roadster  
or the draft horse takes the  
money. Cross breeds are not in  
it. The clean cut, clear headed  
fancy driving horse brings the  
most money; the coach team  
matched and the drafts which we  
cannot raise are in the order of  
value to the grower.

### The Bed-Rock of Success.

lies in a keen, clear brain, backed  
indomitable will and resistless en-  
ergy. Such power comes from the  
splendid health that Dr. King's  
New Life Pills impart. They vital-  
ize every organ and build up  
brain and body. J. A. Harmon,  
Lizemore, W. Va., writes: "They  
are the best pills I ever used" 25c  
at Nathan's Pharmacy.

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**THE WORD "SHIP."**

From Digging Out the Tree Trunk For the Primitive Boat.

There is no doubt of the evolution of our great ships from a floating log on which our earliest ancestors sat astride and with hands and pole navigated the small streams, and just as surely has our word "ship" come from primitive craft. The etymology of the word tells us of the evolution of the craft.

When the superior mind of our Aryan ancestors conceived the idea of hollowing out the floating log and thus decreasing its weight, adding to its buoyancy and better fitting it for their transportation, they had to find a word to express what they were doing, so they naturally used a root that they understood, which was "skap." This root signified the idea of digging, hollowing out and scraping. That is what they did to make their boats, and the "skap" became a noun to designate the boat.

That root "skap" has lived and grown during the 10,000 years and more that have passed since it was first used to give a boat its name, and after the breaking up and division of the Aryan race it followed all of its broadly divided branches to their new homes to be used in all of their tongues.

The Greeks have the root in their word "skafos," meaning a hollow cup, and the Latins have it in "scaber," signifying to scrape. In those languages, as well as in Sanskrit, the root "skap" is a verb, and in English through the Teutonic type, "skapa," meaning a ship, or vessel, or what was hollowed out. In the middle English it was "schip," and Chaucer used the plural, "shippes." In the Anglo-Saxon it was "scip," while the Icelandic made it "skip" and the Dane "skib." The old high German had "scif" and the German "schiff."

So we see the change through the century of centuries has been slight, the same sound with the same signification having gone from father to son through all of the generations, giving us the same word when we speak of the Lusitania as our Aryan ancestors used when they spoke of the floating log that they had hollowed by digging and scraping with stones and shells.—New York Herald.

**A Good Enough Excuse.**

A memorable instance of presence of mind was the adventure of a certain Desaugiers at the time of a popular uprising in Paris, when the people took possession of the Tuileries. The hero of the incident sagely acted upon the theory that a poor excuse is better than none and sometimes better than a better one would be.

He was an inquisitive person, and, regardless of the danger, he hastened to the Tuileries at midnight to see what was going on. At the gate he was stopped by two revolutionists of ominous appearance. "Why do you not wear a cockade, citizen? Where is your cockade?" they asked.

A mob gathered about him and demanded fiercely, "Citizen, where is your cockade?"

Desaugiers took off his hat, turned it around and around, looked at it on all sides and then said in a tone of mild surprise: "Citizens, it is strange, very strange! I must have left it on my nightcap."

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**BEHIND THE SCENES.**

Difficulties With Which a Young Actor Had to Struggle.

An actor's life, although often interesting and frequently useful, is by no means easy. When Frederick Warde, the English tragedian, brought his wife and children to this country to live with him while he made his way here he was, after various ups and downs, engaged by Mr. Booth to play certain prominent parts. In "Talks In a Library" Mr. Laurence Hutton relates some of the difficulties with which the young actor had to struggle.

The company, long associated with Mr. Booth, with the single exception of Warde, was not assembled, and there could be but one or two rehearsals before the first performance. Warde had never even seen the play, "Othello" and had no idea how to dress, a very important item to a young actor who had little money to devote to costumes.

There were, of course, professional persons who could have fitted him out from wig to sandal, but to those he could not afford to go.

He read the tragedy many times, studied his part till he was what is called "letter perfect," and at the Astor library copied many drawings, colored by his own hand, of the dresses he had to wear. These garments and effects were made out of the cheapest material from his own patterns, cut and sewed by his wife, and for six weeks nothing in that house was thought of or talked about but "Othello."

The young man, realizing what it all meant to him, was exceedingly anxious about the results, as was his wife. They lived in a poor, humble little apartment, and he was to take a midnight train to the scene of his great effort only a day or two before he was to make his debut in one of the most important and trying parts of the English drama.

I went to the train with him, and just as we were starting Mrs. Warde came down and said to her child: "I've just been put to bed, and I don't want to tell you any more."

Arthur was then a lad not out of his frocks. It seems that the child, kneeling by his little cot, had gone through the regular formula, "Our Father," "Now I lay me," "Please, God, remember papa and mamma and little sister, and dear grandmother in England," and had then added, as an impromptu, "and, O God, do please help papa through with 'Othello.'"

I told this story at a dinner one night, as I am trying to tell it now, and was startled by an inquiry from the wife of a clergyman, who, with wonder and doubt in her voice, demanded, "Do you mean to tell me that actors' children say their prayers?"

**Convincing.**

The landed proprietor purchased a carriage horse to match one he already possessed. A day or two later he asked his groom what he thought of the new arrival.

"Weel, sir," said Sandy, "he's certainly a gran' lookin' horse, but he's a wee bit touchy i' the temper."

"What makes you say that, Sandy?"

"Weel, he disna seem to talk kindly to onybody, sir. In fact, he disna like me to gang intae his box to feed him even."

"Oh," lightly responded the horse's owner, "he hasn't settled down yet, that's all. His surroundings are strange to him. I don't think there's anything wrong with his temper."

"I didna either at first, sir," remarked Sandy, "but he kicked me clean out o' the box twice, an' when ye come to think about it that's sort o' convincin'!"

**"Poor John."**

A Philadelphian who was formerly a resident of a town in the north of Pennsylvania recently revisited his old home.

"What became of the Hoover family?" he asked an old friend.

"Oh," answered the latter, "Tom Hoover did very well—got to be an actor out west. Bill, the other brother, is something of an artist in New York, and Mary, the sister, is doing literary work. But John never amounted to much. It took all he could lay his hands on to support the others."—Lippincott's.

**PAY DAY SECRETS.**

The Whole Office Force in Fear After the Ghost Walks.

About 50 per cent of that portion of mankind is haunted by the fear that the life-robber of every other person is to get a look at the figure behind the dollar check on the obverse side of its pay envelope.

This fear is the F. Gotch of Pan-ville. The office boy who labors faithfully—to sidestep labor—and the general superintendent of the whole works waltz down to pick up the fruits of their toil with this horrible fear frisking around them. Most paymasters are honorable men. Not only do they keep mum, but they slide the pay envelope out with its face to the marble slab. This, however, is generally performed as though the paymaster had to take it all out of his own pocket and with an air which says: "How can you compromise your conscience by taking so much?"

The method of disposing of the pay envelope vary. There are some employed by the office boys of a Kansas City concern:

The Henry method, invention of Henry, the \$9.58-a-week office boy: Tear the pay envelope into ribbons about four-sixteenths of an inch wide, insert in mouth, chew with teeth until former envelope becomes a pulpy mass, then roll into paper wad and insert in right shoe. In a some deserted spot, not necessarily a cemetery. Note.—If you suspect any one of watching it is better to swallow the strip with the tolltale numerals on it.

Method employed by Cherry-smith, assistant shipping clerk, (\$8.98): Tear or clip envelope until it resembles the confetti of commerce. Put into pocket and hold until you go home in afternoon. Then take in hand and carelessly drop 2 (two) bits from the car window at alternate street corners.

What is considered the one absolutely sure method, discovered by George Peas, an obscure salesman (\$10): Take envelope in right hand, on trousers or sole of shoe. Ignite envelope and cremate.

It is one of the traditions of this same company that every employee, from the general manager down, be paid by the envelope system.

The manager gets his at 10:30 o'clock on Saturday morning. It comes in a tailor made envelope that looks like a paper mail sack. It is a popular Saturday recreation for employees to happen along to see the manager as he opens it. Manager, after filling his pockets with currency, puts the envelope in his inside vest pocket. But he must dispose of it. Let us watch him.

At quitting time he descends to where his motorcar and imported chauffeur await him.

"Go home by way of the Cliff drive, Armand."

As they reach the quieter portions of the city the manager points out to the chauffeur what seems to be an airship over in the neighborhood of Saturn. As the airship driver looks the manager slips the envelope from his pocket. When they reach the drive the manager says:

"Let'er out a notch and watch your turns!"

Then, eying the indifferent chauffeur closely, he tears little pieces from that envelope and pushes them mercilessly over the cliff. He is usually nervous for a day or two after dissecting the envelope, for there is a chance of being followed by some one who may gather the pinhead bits together, piece out the envelope and—nab the secret!—Kansas City Times.

**A Royal Fowl.**

In England under an old law still in force the swan is a royal fowl, as whales and sturgeons are royal fish. All swans the property wherever is not otherwise definable when within the British dominions belong to the crown by virtue of this prerogative. When swans are lawfully taken into the possession of a private person such person may be said to have a property in them, but if they be at liberty they belong to the crown. Formerly it was necessary for persons who wished to keep these "royal fowls" to obtain a swan mark, which was granted by the crown and which could not be legally impressed without grant or prescription.

**The Wit of Everts.**

Once when twitted on his small size by a statesman of the strenuous type the late William M. Everts retorted, "That remark proves what I have always asserted—that in your eyes measures were more important than men."

To another critic, who found fault with his habit of stringing out a whole paragraph without a break by the use of parenthetical clauses, he said cheerfully, "I have noticed that criminals object to long sentences."

**Tempus Fugit.**

Two darkies were engaged in a lively dispute about the purchase of a mule.

"Look heah, Mistah Jackson," exclaimed one, "you done tole me t'ree weeks ago dat mule was a young animal. He hain't got a toof in his head, he's so old."

Whereupon Mr. Jackson thoughtfully scratched his head and replied, "Time shua does fly in dis heah country."—Success Magazine.

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