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### OUR SUN IS NOT VERY HOT.

Compared With Some Stars It Has a Rather Low Temperature.

Compared with some other stars, our sun is rather cool. Recent measurements show that there is at least one star with a temperature eighty times as great. In fact, our sun ranks low among the brilliant stars. Yet the heat given off by our sun hourly has been reckoned as equal to burning a layer of coal twenty feet thick over the sun's entire surface—making our coal trust seem like a puny affair, and its prosecution about on a par with pinching a baby. Measurements made in Germany are described in Cosmos by a writer who tells us that Dr. Rosenberg of the Osterberg observatory at Tubingen, Württemberg, studied photographically, from 1907 to 1909, the spectra of the seventy most brilliant stars of the northern hemisphere, whose brightness is between the first and third magnitudes, to determine how differences of intensities are distributed in their spectra. By systematic comparison with the spectrum of the sun he has deduced the effective temperature of those stars. According to those investigations, the hottest star among those considered is Gamma of the constellation Pegasus, of the magnitude 2.87, according to the Harvard photometric classification, whose temperature reaches the astonishing figure of 400,000 degrees C., and the coldest is Alpha Tauri or Aldebaran (magnitude 1.06), with only 2,150 degrees, a temperature lower than may be reached in our terrestrial laboratories!

The temperature at the top of Dr. Rosenberg's scale is quite exceptional, for the next in order falls at 57,300 degrees, that of the star Sirius. On the other hand, at the lower end of the scale we find a dozen stellar bodies whose temperature is only equal to or lower than that of the electric arc.

It should be added that on this scale the sun, whose spectrum has served as a basis of investigation and comparison for these calculations, occupies a place near that of Capella, with a temperature of 4,930 degrees C.—Translation in Literary Digest.

### The Burglar.

A burglar was one night engaged in the pleasing occupation of stowing a good haul of swag in his bag when he was startled by a touch upon his shoulder, and, turning his head, he beheld a venerable, mild-eyed clergyman gazing sadly at him. "Oh, my brother," groaned the reverend gentleman, "wouldst thou rob me? Turn, I beseech you—turn from thy evil ways. Return those stolen goods and depart in peace, for I am merciful and forgiving. Begone!"

And the burglar, only too thankful at not being given into the custody of the police, obeyed and slunk swiftly off.

Then the good old man carefully and quietly packed the swag into another bag and walked softly (so as not to disturb the slumber of the inmates) out of the house and away into the silent night. For he, too, was a burglar.

### Bismarck and the Eggs.

After the battle of Sedan the old Emperor William sipped off a piece of dry bread, while he sat on a ladder that was supported on one side by a barrel and on the other by the body of a dead horse. Bismarck used to delight to relate that when he was foraging with two companions in an almost deserted village during the Franco-Prussian war he came upon a man from whom he got five eggs. Unable to divide the five equally among three, he swallowed two. Then, calling his companions, he shared the three remaining eggs with them—a truly Bismarckian idea of an equitable division, says the writer who describes the incident.

### Gave Good Reasons.

General Nelson A. Miles during active service one day received a telegram from a subordinate who was on a furlough, but was expected back that day. The dispatch read:

"Sorry, but cannot report today as expected owing to unavoidable circumstances."

The tone of the message did not please the general, and he wired back, "Report at once or give reasons."

Back came the answer from a hospital: "Train off, can't ride; legs off, can't walk."—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Unfortunate Cander.

"Once a friend of mine and I agreed that it would be helpful for each of us to tell the other his faults."

"How did it work?"

"We haven't spoken for nine years."—Chicago Record.

### Vegetarians.

In his book, "The Natural Food of Man," Hereward Carrington says that the natural food of man is neither meat nor vegetables, but fruit and nuts, and remarks: "One of the chief causes of failure on the part of those who leave off meat and attempt to take up vegetarianism is that they do not rightly balance their diet and do not supply to the system the proper amount of proteid food to take the place of that which the meat supplied. Vegetarians, as a rule, eat far too much food. Under the impression that they must eat more in order to offset the supposed greater nutritive value of meat, they eat far more than they should."

### Word Derivations.

"Disaster" is an astrological term meaning "unfavorable star," one of the many words that astrology has bequeathed to the English language. "Predominant," "ill starred," "in the ascendant," are other instances, not to speak of the expression "My stars!" Even "influence" is really astrological, signifying the flowing in upon human affairs of the power of some heavenly body. "Petrol" and "petrol" both descend from "petra," a rock. "Petrol" comes directly enough through "petroleum," rock oil, but "petrol" through St. Peter, after whom the bird was named because it appeared to walk upon the waves.

### With Thanks.

John Budd was a most sedate, precise and altogether exemplary young man. When he wooed and won Susan Smiley, the belle of the village, everybody rejoiced at John's good fortune. However, he bore his triumph with modesty and decorum until the day of the wedding. Then for one awful moment his air of aplomb failed him. When the officiating clergyman asked, "Will you, John, take this woman to be the wedded wife?" John responded blushing: "Yes, please."

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Over a century ago, after the ancients, medieval and other modern astronomers and physicists had failed to agree about the weight of the earth, the celebrated scientist Henry Cavendish measured the attractive power that two lumps of globular lead, which weighed respectively about 400 pounds, had over two similar but very much smaller objects. The plainly evident attractive power was estimated by a dainty instrument which consisted of a thin wire, six and one-quarter feet long, which held a little trapeze from which two tiny balls hung. As the two great globules of lead approached these balls from opposite sides there occurred a twist or "torsion" of the wire which is the index of the effect.

Francis Baily, another physicist, repeated this work more recently. In order to secure extreme accuracy, he made more than 2,000 separate repetitions of this experiment.

It is no difficult matter to compute the pull which the large balls must have given the small ones to produce the effect. If lead balls twelve inches in diameter exert such a force, what would be their force or their dead pull were they as large as the earth?

The attractive force of the earth is known. It is the weight of such balls—that is to say, their tendency to fall. The attractive power of the earth therefore may now be compared with the influence or "drawing power" of lead.

The mass and density of lead and similar metals is known, therefore it is merely a matter of multiplying a few figures to find the "drawing power" or attraction of the earth and its weight. The latter is, according to this plan, 5.6 times heavier than a globe of water.

The pendulum method consists in the comparison of two pendulums, one swinging on the surface of the earth and the other beneath the surface. The differences between these show that at a given distance below there is a difference in the time of the swing. Thus the pendulums differ in a definite fraction of a second for each number of feet below the sea level.

This calculation has shown that the earth is really over six times heavier as water, and the weight of the whole globe is 132,000,000,000,000,000,000 pounds.—New York Journal.

### Farsighted Economy.

Mrs. Wipedunks—Jenkinson, we ought to take one of the first class magazines. It's only \$1 a year, and the children are getting old enough now to have something good to read.

Mr. Wipedunks—Only \$1 a year? That's all, is it? If you begin on magazines you'll think you have to keep it up. At the end of every year you'll want to have 'em bound. There's two volumes in a year. Costs \$1 a volume for binding. That makes \$6 a year. In ten years it's \$60. Then you'll want a book case to hold the twenty volumes. That'll cost about \$25 because you'll think it ought to be big enough to hold the twenty more volumes. There's \$85 thrown away. Do you think I'm made of money? If you want to read the magazines, what's the matter with borrowing 'em?—Chicago Tribune.

### Easily Convinced.

A story in London Opinion bears witness to the fact that, from the preacher's point of view, a sermon may occasionally be too eloquent and too persuasive.

"Eh," said Sandy to the minister. "son was a powerful decession on 'Thrift' ye preached the Sabbath." "Ah! in glad ye were able to profit?" "Profit! Why, mon, I would have sloshed ma saxeence into the plate w'oot a thought if it had not been for your providential words. They saved me fourpence there and then!"

### Misplaced Credit.

"Mother," said a little south side boy, "if I knew of a one legged boy I would give him one of my roller skates."

Pleased with generosity thus exhibited by her son, the mother patted the youngster on the head. "I admire the spirit which prompts you to such a kindly act," she exclaimed, "but that would spoil your own pair."

"Don't worry about that," the lad replied; "I lost the other one."—Youngstown Telegraph.

### Differentiation.

"What is the principal difference between modern and ancient times?"

"One of the main points was that the modern earn their living, while the ancient urped their dead."—Baltimore American.

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**Crossing Sacred Cattle.**

Richard Hamilton Byrd in the Springfield (Mass.) Republican: There are nearly 2000 zebu and sacred humped cattle of India on the ranges near Pierce and Port Lavaca, Tex., and elsewhere throughout the State and in Oklahoma. These are not the little grotesque looking animals usually seen in zoos and at the circus, but huge, sleek looking animals standing six feet high and weighing 1800 to 2000 pounds. These fine creatures are being used for crossing breeding upon various kinds of American cattle and seem destined to play a rather important part in Southern beef production. Most of Texas and other Southern territory is ravaged by the deadly Texas cattle fever, which results in the annual loss of millions of dollars caused by the fever tick; but against the attack of this pest the sacred Brahman cattle are immune. The importance of this animal to the American beef industry lies in the fact that the halfbreeds or crosses between it and Shorthorns, Herefords, Galloways and other American breeds are also practically tick proof. Except as the tick transmits the disease, Texas fever is not infectious, and both the pure bred zebus and the halfbreeds mingle freely with herds ravaged by the fever without danger of transmitting the disease. The Brahman cross-bred cattle are likewise much less effected by other parasites and cattle pests such as hornflies, gadflies, mosquitoes, etc.

The screw worm is also a pest which causes terrible damage and suffering among Southern cattle. Immediately that an animal scratches or cuts itself against barbed wire fence the fly of worm alights upon the sore of the blood and lays its eggs. These hatch almost simultaneously with the laying and in a short time eats out a hole which may become the size of a goose egg. The practical immunity of the Brahman cows and bulls as well as the half breeds, to the screw worm lies in the fact that these exceedingly active animals seldom allow themselves to get scratched. They are wise and wary and while they sometimes go over a fence they seldom go into one, as do the Shorthorns or the Herefords. On this account they are coming into marked favor in Cuba, where the screw worm is a national pest, while they are proving to be exceptionally fine work animals. They are strong and, unlike the ordinary ox, very quick walkers, and they are especially at home under tropical conditions. Cuba may some day have a race of cattle peculiar to the island. They will have the characteristics of both their East Indian and American parents, namely, size, excellent beef qualities and quickness and endurance—a rare combination for the tropics, for the Brahman cattle furnish excellent beef, while the half breeds are perhaps almost equal to the ideal American beef animal. The British in India long ago learned that the sacred cattle made fine English roast and steaks, while the hump purebred animals which some time attain a weight of fifty pounds, is especially prized, being usually prepared in pickle like tongue. About thirty years ago a number of the sacred cattle were introduced in Texas and crossed with native cattle, but as the original strain gradually deteriorated the Department of Agriculture was requested by A. P. Burden of Pierce, Tex., to make a further importation of Indian cattle for the purpose of invigorating the strain of blood. The secretary of agriculture granted this permit, but on account of the very dangerous livestock disease prevailing in India the department required the strictest possible precautions against the introduction of any of these contagious animals. The animals brought were inspected not only by a representative of the department in India, but also on their arrival here. It was during one of these examinations in quarantine that it was discovered that three of the zebus were infected with surra. These promptly were killed and burned. Subsequent examinations showed others to be infected with the disease—prob-

ably carried by flies and mosquito and these were promptly killed. Finally the secretary of agriculture released the remaining animals—thirty-three in all—free from quarantine. A later series of tests showed no disease. Between the breeding of zebus and the active work in progress all through the Southern States is stamping out the Texas fever tick through arseonical dipping the agricultural department holds out the hope that in ten years there will be no Texas fever. This a most encouraging thought and promises a much greater and probably cheaper beef supply.

Oscar Appelt has some of the cattle described in this article.

**STOCK NEWS.**

Enforce the laws as to the movement of diseased or exposed animals.

**Bob Martin wants to buy feeder bulls**

Dock Simmons sold 30 head of stock horses to Sid Peterson of Kerrville for \$1,500.  
Aidwell & Allison sold 250 steer 3's and up to A. C. Pearson of Sterling at \$50.  
R. H. Martin bought for Russell & Martin 60 steer calves at \$22.50 from D. Wallace of Sonora.

Russell & Martin of Sonora bought from Gilbert Kelis about 150 head of stock cattle at pt.

W. T. O. Holman of Sonora sold to Blackburn & Scharborough of Midland 400 steer 2's and up at \$40.

An election will be held in Sutton County on November 1 to determine if the fever tick shall be eradicated or not.

The tick election last Saturday in Crockett was to stay below the line. In Sterling county the election favored going above the line.

Ira Wheat sold 700 steer 3's up to A. C. Pearson of Sterling, Texas at \$50 per head. Sid Martin made the trade.

R. H. Martin & Co. of Sonora sold to Thomson Bros. of Schleicher County 150 dry cows and 75 cows and calves at pt.

Russell & Martin of Sonora sold to Thomson Bros. 150 head of cows, cows and calves recently purchased from Gilbert Kelis.

Lee Russell of Fort Worth bought 600 heifer yearlings from Russell & Martin of Sonora. They will be pastured at Appelta.

Sol Kelly of Sonora bought 60 cows from Allison & Aidwell; 24 cows and 2 bulls from W. C. Bryson; 35 cows from E. F. Vander Stocken \$34 and 15 four year old steers from Joe Turney at \$45. This stuff will go to market.

Ira Glassecock sold his undivided half interest in a 16 section ranch, 2000 sheep, 1200 goats 60 stock horses to his partner L. J. Werdlow. The consideration was not given but was on the basis of purchase, etc.

John S. Allison bought the G. Curt Allison ranch of 4 sections known as the (Syndicate Ranch) four miles south of town and put in as part payment his residence in east Sonora. The purchase gives Dr. J. S. Allison a six section ranch almost adjoining town.

R. M. and H. A. Thomson of Aetna have restocked their Schleicher county ranch with cattle. They were in Sonora this week, closing up some deals. They have not been actively engaged in raising cattle for the past few years, but are now being lured in higher prices. They were amused at the development of Sonora.

Dock Simmons of Sonora recently bought from Ralph Ranch of Schleicher county 251 muttons 2's and up at \$3.50; also 115 grown muttons from Will Kelley of the North Llano at the same price. Mr. Simmons' recent purchases gives him 2,000 high grade grown muttons for spring delivery. His range is fine, the stuff he has bought is fat and there will be something wrong if Dock Simmons does not top some wool and mutton markets in the spring.

Sid Peterson of Kerrville bought horses from the following Sutton County ranchmen: From Chuck & Stephenson Bros. 11 horse \$50. From G. W. Stephenson & L. R. Thorp 19 pony mares at \$30. Mr. Peterson will be back here in 10 or 15 days to buy horses and part (see having horses of any kind for sale should write him just what they have in order that he knows how many he can buy.

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**New Blood Goals for Sonora.**

John A. Ward received two yearling Angora goats at a cost of \$150 and B. M. Halbert two Angora Billies at \$200. The purchase was made of Grant of Oregon and while the Sonora breeders have the best in the United States they think—and properly—hat in this line is necessary.

**Burn all crosses—no matter what the supposed cause of death.**

John Yates of Rankin who will probably be in charge of the dipping to eradicate the fever tick in Schleicher county this fall, was a visitor in Sonora Monday. He is a son of Ira Yates formerly of San Angelo.

Dr. P. B. Scott, district deputy inspector for the U. S. Department of Agriculture was in Sonora Monday for a few hours. The News considers Dr. Scott a pleasant gentleman and an energetic worker. He has a small ranch in the Pecos country but may be reached by phone at Eldorado for the next month.

Some of the largest fleeces ever produced come from the state of Washington. Sheep grow to large size on the ranges in the Snake River valley. What is believed to be the largest fleece ever taken from a sheep was brought to Pullman, Wash., by J. Ross. Husby, a rancher. The fleece weighed sixty pounds. At the prevailing price for wool this fleece is worth almost \$8. Turee fleeces from the same flock of Ramboulet sheep weighed 142 pounds, and another one tipped the scales at 50 pounds.

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**November 28.**

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**DeVoe's Weather Forecasts for October.**

This month will enter with a cold wave and frost over all the Northern States, 1st to 2nd cold wave, 3rd to 4th moderating. On the 5th a storm will form over the Missouri Valley and move southward 8 to 7 warm and cloudy, 8 to 9 rain, 10 to 11th cold and equally, 12 to 13 pleasant. On the 14th a great storm will form over Texas, and move northeastward 15th cold rain turning to snow, 16 rain turning to snow 17th to 18th cold wave, 19 to 20th moderating. On the 21st a storm will advance from the Pacific Coast, 22 to 23 mild and cloudy. On the 24 a storm will form the Mesquite Valley 25 cloudy with rain. On the 26 a storm will form over the lower Mississippi Valley and move across the Gulf states 27 to 28 rain and snow, 29 to 30 cold wave, 31 cold and clear.

**FROM THE DEL RIO HERALD**

Witburn Miers was in from the ranch this week.  
Tom Dragon, of Edwards county was in town Wednesday.  
Cully Brotherton, of Juno, was a visitor to Del Rio the first of the week.  
W. B. Smith came in from his ranch on Devil's River and left Monday for San Antonio to place his daughter in the Thomas School for Girls.  
T. J. Coffman was in from the ranch yesterday and reports every thing looking green and fine. He has recently returned from Kentucky, where he spent several weeks raising chickens and water melons.  
Kays Fawcett and family were in from the ranch several days this week. Mr. Fawcett came for the express purpose of finding out why he did not get the Herd regular, but while here he took advantage of the visit to do some shopping.

**Advertised Letters.**

List of letters remaining on hand in Post Office at Sonora for week ending September 16, 1913.  
**Domestic Letters.**  
Johnie Jett  
Mr. Roy Parker  
Mr. L. L. Bude  
Mr. Leonsrd Fitzpatrick  
Mrs. M. E. Beckett  
Mr. W. D. McAdam  
Post and Postal Cards  
E. D. Wyatt  
Mr. Hal Clark.  
H. Bates

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Cesna Ohoba  
Mannel Luna  
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Sr. Louis Reardon  
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**OLD ROMAN HOTELS.**

Where One Could Get Tiger or Lion Stew, but No Credit.

The traveler who is prone to complain of sleepless nights spent in uncomfortable hotels in this country may find some solace in this account of the Roman hotels in the days of the late republic and the empire.

Most of the hostleries and taverns of Rome, says Humbert de Gallier in "Usages et Moeurs d'Aufretrois," were situated along the Appian way. Some of them were passable. It was at one of the better ones that Cicero used frequently to stop and write his letters.

The most interesting hostleries, however, were near the circuses and amphitheatres. The shrewd and generally dishonest owners had a double purpose in selecting that situation. It was well chosen for the patronage of the huge crowds that went to the circuses on holidays to see the fights between wild animals and the gladiatorial combats, and the landlords could buy conveniently and reasonably those animals that had been slaughtered during the day, to be served on their tables.

Thus a merry-maker might witness a battle between a lion and a tiger in the amphitheater in the afternoon, and if he went to a nearby hotel might find parts of the same lion or tiger in his stew for dinner. A bear's steak was considered a great delicacy in Rome.

The furnishings of the common room, which in these hotels served as dining room, parlor and taproom were severely simple. A few wooden tables, a few wooden benches and a sort of elevated throne were the only pieces of furniture. On the raised chair or throne sat the owner of the inn and watched over his guests and probably his belongings.

A large number of the hostleries displayed upon the ceilings of their common rooms a painting representing a rooster. The painting bore an inscription, the spirit of which will never grow old: "When this cock crows, then we will give credit."

That is the one link that binds the crude, uncomfortable tavern of ancient Rome to the elaborate hotel of the present day.

**Names of Dances.**

The position taken by the dancers gives the name to the "quadrille"—literal English for "a little square" in the French tongue. From the French we get also "country dance," which, as a matter of fact, has no reference to rural frolics. "Contredanse," which has reference to the position of the couples, opposite each other, is readily corrupted into "country dance." The "polka" is a Polish dance, the name being derived from the Bohemian word "pulk," meaning half, and refers to the half step which occurs in this measure. The "waltz" is German—waltzen, meaning to revolve—the circular motion of the couples easily explaining the connection. The "reel" is suggestively obvious. "Jig" is of course from the French "gigue."

**Glaciers of the Alaskan Coast.**

It is very probable that more American travelers are familiar with the picturesque fjords and glaciers of Scandinavia than have viewed the incomparable scenery afforded by the coast of their own Alaska, where the somber inlets are bounded by sheer and towering cliffs and where the great fields of slow moving snow ice lose themselves in some bay or inlet or pitch off suddenly into the ocean itself. The stream of visitors to this splendid American scenery is annually increasing in numbers, and to those who endorse the "See America First" program Alaska offers a magnificent field.

**A Perilous Pet.**

An English major with a penchant for entomology asserts that the hornet is "a gentle, inoffensive creature, very suitable for a pet." This reminds one of an incident in the life of the late Lord Avebury. Traveling one day on a railway train with a pet wasp in his pocket, he hurriedly thrust his hand into his pocket to get his ticket, and the wasp stung him. He did not blame the wasp, however, as his hurried action had frightened the creature. Wasps have frequently become pets, but the major is said to be the first to turn the hornet into one.

**A Welsh Verdict.**

Welsh juries were formerly accused of giving their verdict in accordance with their liking for the ritual counsel rather than on the merits of the case. Sir Francis Palgrave tells of a Merioneth jury whose foreman, when asked for a verdict, replied: "My lord, we do not know who is plaintiff or defendant, but we find for whoever is Mr. Jones' man."

**Notice to Trespassers.**

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 21 miles south of Sonora for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, working live stock, hunting hogs or injuring fences, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
D. E. CUSENBARY, Sonora, Texas.

**LAZY MAN'S PARADISE.**

If You Don't Like Work Go to the Islands Around Madagascar.

If you are just awfully tired of working for your living and have about decided that life is altogether too strenuous for comfort in your bustling bugh then go to the islands around Madagascar! For there you would only have to work about twenty-five days a year and could support yourself and family in all possible comfort.

People do not need to work so hard if they are only willing to try something new, says an English historian. There are other places where the necessities of life can be had for practically nothing, and many of the luxuries, too, for little effort. Now there are the islands around Madagascar. They number some 16,000 and only 600 of them are inhabited. Nature is wonderfully lavish. A man can own a whole island himself or live on one that is already peopled. Land is abundant, and like the air and water, it has no price.

And the best things to eat are yours—all kinds of the finest fruits—bananas, melons, oranges, figs, pineapples and berries—and you don't have to go without such delicacies as figs and citron. There is plenty of tobacco to be had and all the coffee that you could possibly drink. Then there is domestic poultry in great numbers. Fat tailed sheep and goats that you could cook up into all sorts of luscious dishes.

You wouldn't have to be afraid of your life all the time for fear that you were going to be run over the next moment, either, for there isn't a single automobile in any of the islands.—Exchange.

**Rock Candy.**

"Originally what is now known as rock candy," explained a confectioner to a reporter, "was called in the trade Gibraltar rock. Originally, also, it was the purest kind of candy, for it was crystallized sugar pure and simple. Ordinarily it is purer now than many other candies. Hawthorne in 'The House of the Seven Gables,' describing a small store, says, 'For instance, there was a glass pickle jar filled with fragments of Gibraltar rock—not, indeed, splinters of the veritable fortress, but bits of delectable candy.' Other writers of even earlier date than that speak of Gibraltar rock. It appears, however, that the Gibraltar was finally dropped, and it became known as rock candy. I have a price list issued in 1848 to the candy trade in which Gibraltar rock is the name given, though after that it is quoted as rock candy."

**Brigands at a Ball.**

There was a most startling scene at a ball given not long ago at the residence of Baron Remondini, at San Vito, Italy. Dancing had just commenced when half a dozen armed men marched into the ballroom. They posed as detectives come to arrest a famous brigand, Alberto Summi, who they asserted, was among the guests. The wanted man, in the guise of a noble, was speedily located and surrounded. But just as they were pretending to handcuff him the self styled detectives suddenly drew their revolvers and leveled them at the astonished dancers. In double quick time the latter handed over their jewelry and other valuables, the booty thus secured being worth upward of \$3,000. They were, of course, brigands of the band whose chief they had come to arrest.

**To Aim Straight is Human.**

Anthropologists have remarked that taking aim is a human characteristic that even the anthropoid apes cannot be said to share. Apes and monkeys frequently throw nuts and sticks, sometimes with unpleasant consequences to others, but they show little or no ability to take accurate aim. The baboon is said to excel somewhat in this respect, but still it would never pass for a marksman. Accuracy of eye and the judgment of direction and distance that are involved in real aiming have been developed only by man and are among the tokens of his intellectual superiority.—St. Louis Republic.

**Sighing and Yawning.**

Sighing is a sudden, prolonged expiration of air following an unusually long pause after the last expiration. It is not necessarily due to mental depression or sentiment, but often accompanies indigestion and the pressure of gases in the stomach. It is usually involuntary. A yawn is an involuntary stretching of the muscles of the throat and back of the tongue. While usually involuntary, the mere pretense of yawning will cause imitative movements of a similar kind by observers. In fact, yawning is peculiarly imitative, though the reason why.—New York World.

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### School House Grounds Improvements.

As soon as the School House bonds are sold, the present Board of Trustees intend to make a park of the grounds. Paint trees fence the property, equip the walkways in other ways make the Sonora High School the most attractive in the western part of the State.

The board has figured how the improvement may be done and everything else is under way. Get busy now and make Sonora your home.

D. J. Wyatt returned Tuesday from a business visit to Ang.

Bert Page of Middle Valley was in Sonora Thursday.

Nathan's Pharmacy has been given the exclusive agency for the famous Nyal Line of Household remedies and toilet articles.

Mrs. Josie McDonald returned Tuesday from a pleasure visit to Plainview and Pecos.

Ladies Tailor made-to-measure clothes ordered by I. C. Adams Tailor - Adv.

Sam Holland the Eldorado hotel man was a visitor in Sonora Wednesday.

Try the Santons beer as good as is made. For sale at the Bank Saloon.

E. F. Vander Stucken Co., is going to change their business on January 1, and are offering their entire stock of Dry Goods, etc., at Actual Wholesale Cost for Cash. - Adv.

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Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wardlaw of the Pecos county were in town this week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Yaws of the Middle Valley country were in town this week.

Take advantage of Vander Stucken's "Change in Business Sales." - Adv.

Jim Draper tax assessor of Edwards county was in Sonora Friday. He met many old friends and former acquaintances.

I. C. Adams the Tailor can give the best fit in made-to-measure clothes. - Adv.

Misses Edith and Ray Davis daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis left last week for school in other towns.

When getting ready to pack your Spring and Summer clothes it is better to have them cleaned and pressed so dirt, grease, and stains rot them. I. C. Adams the Tailor. - Adv.

See the dry-land exhibits at the First National Bank and add yours thereto. The exhibits at the First National Bank cannot be excelled, and the suggestion has been made that the Sonora country make an exhibit at the Angelo fair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell expect to leave Monday for Boston where Mr. Aldwell will attend the American Bankers Convention. After which they will visit Washington where Mr. Aldwell will present the needs of the developers of West Texas for postal service. Mr. and Mrs. Aldwell will also visit their daughter Mrs. Nesbit in Davenport, Iowa, and friends in other points. They will be gone about three weeks.

### Strengthen Weak Kidneys

Don't suffer longer with weak kidneys. You can get prompt relief by taking Electric Bitters. It is that wonderful remedy praised by women everywhere. Start with a bottle today, you will soon feel like a new woman with ambition to work, without fear of pain.

Mr. John Dowling of San Francisco, writes: "Gratitude for the wonderful effect of Electric Bitters prompts me to write. I cured my wife when all else failed." Good for the liver as well. Nothing better for indigestion or biliousness. Price, 50c, and \$1.00, at Nathan's Pharmacy. - Adv.

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We will sell as many as TWENTY of the CROWTHER Wagons at an Introductory price.

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Come in and we will take pleasure in going over this wagon with you.

Even if You Don't Buy.

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### Sell the Bonds. Then Work

The Board of Trustees have filed all the requirements of what their attorney considers necessary and the approval of the Attorney General is expected at once. It is thought the State will buy these bonds without hesitancy because the basis of valuation on which the \$12,000 was voted would under the law legalize an issuance of \$40,000. There is no delay as everything is in readiness and only awaiting the due process of law. Superintendent Chas. Seiver has bids for all parts of the work that may be let by sub-contract. The major portion of the work will be made directly by contract from the Board under the supervision of Mr. Seiver. The Board does not expect to begin work or let contract until after the sale of the bonds.

Get your hair cleaned and glossed by I. C. Adams Tailor Adv.

Panama & Straw hats cleaned and bleached, I. C. Adams the Tailor - Adv.

WANTED—A man to work the county roads in precinct No. 4. For information and particulars see, phone or address,

E. L. MARTIN,

Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Sutton County, Owensville, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bond returned to the ranch Monday from San Antonio. They placed their son Thomas with West Texas. They were entertained by many former residents of the sonora country and had a most enjoyable visit.

Beware of the "Just as good" kind. There is no headache remedy on the market so safe and sure as Glaston's Bromo Asparine Tablets. For sale by your druggist. Adv.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barton and children left Sunday for San Antonio on a few weeks visit to Mr. Barton's mother and family. Miss Earl Martin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Martin accompanied them.

Better be safe than sorry. Glaston's Bromo Asparine Tablets are perfectly safe. For sale by your druggist. Adv.

Mrs. M. M. Parkerson and daughter Miss Pearl have gone to San Marcos for the school session. Miss Pearl is studying to be a school teacher and Mrs. Parkerson will be with her during that time.

Many children get scoldings they do not deserve. Take a Bromo Asparine Tablet and forget your headache. For sale by your druggist. Adv.

John D. Noguass of Eldorado and his brother Will J. Noguass of Van Horn were in Sonora Monday. Will says the Van Horn country has been enjoying an era of prosperity.

J. E. Davis who has been at Mineral Wells for several months arrived Monday to look after his principal interests. His ranch during his absence has been managed by J. W. Meek.

Santano beer for sale at the Bank Saloon. Try it.

The actions of the Board of Trustees in so far as the News can determine is in perfect accord with our ideas and in the interests of the people. In fact the News would like to see a majority of the present school board re-elected—and then the others of the present board until the work in hand is completed.

## The DECKER HOTEL,

Mrs. Laura Decker, Proprietress.

This House has just been Remodeled and Refurnished, and we are prepared to do a first class Hotel business. Nice clean rooms and first-class fare. Sample Room, Bath room, etc.

### County Valuation

The Tax Assessment according to the approved rolls of Tax Assessor Geo. J. Trainer show the total taxable value to be \$2,986,223. The total tax is \$35,358.33 divided as follows: District school \$5,859.85; County ad valorem \$7,416.01; Court House, Jail and Road and Bridges \$8,156.73; Poll \$87. State ad valorem \$8,305.45; State School \$5,041.89; State Poll \$522. The rolls also show 4331 horses and mules of a value of \$132,995; Cattle 34,043, value \$455,858; sheep 78706 value \$157,278; goats 76,594 value \$134,908; hogs 1375 value \$1375. Making the live stock of Sutton County valued at \$882,324. There are 415 auto. vehicles etc valued at \$36,335; 18 1/2 miles of telephone lines \$5,875; 34 miles of grade and right-of way \$6930; 1000 bank stock valued at \$85,000.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Klosey were in Sonora this week.

Chris Wyatt was in town Friday from his ranch on the north Llano.

R. v. Richard Mercer will hold services at the Episcopal Church Sunday. The Church has been improved by a donation from Mrs. James Hagerlund of a cross and the donation by Mrs. W. L. Aldwell of an altar.

The petition asking the Commissioners Court to condemn the street between the Owens property recently purchased by the School Trustees and the School House campus was signed by a large number of property owners. The Town Site Co. had donated the strip to the School and the action of the court was auxiliary in returning the street to the public. The addition of 150 x 100 feet to the school house grounds will be a great benefit to educational prospects. The Board of Trustees in purchasing the Owens property on Couch Avenue came in possession of a well which they intend to equip and with the means made available by the voting of the bonds, improve and beautify the school grounds.

Read the prices and see the goods the E. F. Vander Stucken Co., is offering on account of their "Change in Business." - Adv.

Fredericksburg, Sept. 15—Mrs. Henry B. Meckel was buried in the Union cemetery Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Meckel was born and reared here, but has been living in San Antonio for some time and was here spending the summer when taken sick. Mrs. Meckel is survived by her son Chas. Meckel and daughter Mrs. Anna Meckel Gliddon, both of whom reside in San Antonio; two grandchildren Matilda and May Gliddon; one brother, Emil Wabtmund, one sister Mrs. Albert Patton, who lives here, and one sister Mrs. Alfred Basse who resides in San Antonio, besides many other relatives and friends residing in San Antonio and in Fredericksburg and Gillespie County. Her husband H. B. Meckel died several years ago at this place. Mrs. Meckel was 54 years old.

The deceased was the sister in law to Aug. Meckel of Sonora.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT

The Honorable Commissioners Court of Sutton County, met in special session at the Court House in Sonora, Monday, September 22, County Judge E. B. Bristol presiding. Commissioners W. J. Fields, W. A. Miers and E. L. Martin of precincts 1, 2 and 4 respectively being present; County Clerk Lowrey and Sheriff Adams being in attendance. The rolls of Tax Assessor Geo. J. Trainer were examined and approved.

The petition of 94 land owners, asking for an election to determine the question of Fever Tick eradication was granted and the election was ordered held on Saturday Nov. 1, 1913.

The petition asking for the closing of the street bordering on the West side of the school house grounds was granted.

Ed Bell who is interested in the mercantile business at Sabinal was in Sonora Friday prospecting.

W. N. Anderson of the Blocker ranch near Billinger was a visitor in Sonora last week.

Amor Whitehead left last Saturday for Chicago where he will take a law course at the University.

V. B. Ross of Edwards County, moved his family to Sonora this week for school purposes. He is a brother of J. N. Ross.

Bill Drennan son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Drennan caught a bunch of wild turkeys in the corner of a wolf proof fence. He had two, stumped his toe while chasing a third. His father, Oscar Drennan says the one landed was blue and fat—we will not tell all Oscar said.

While shearing goats at the Cuseberry ranch last Saturday William Besset was seriously burned by a gasoline explosion. Mr. Besset was smothering out the fire when another employe threw a bucket of gasoline, thinking it was water, on the fire. The spray, and vapor ignited Besset's clothing. The fire burned 4 sacks of mohair and the small barn in which the shearing was being done and some feed. It is remarkable that there was not some loss of human life.

### Ranch for Sale.

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### HARD TEST FOR SINGERS.

Making Talking Machine Records is a Difficult Task.

It is well known that the grand opera stars make a great deal of money singing into the talking machines of various concerns, in order that these companies may manufacture the records for sale, but the fact that almost without exception a grand opera star would much rather sing before the most critical audience than before a talking machine is by no means generally known.

In the first place it is rather un-accustomed in a big empty room before a mammoth horn protruding from between curtains, with the conductor away up high where he will not interrupt the sound waves, and the "orchestra" composed of weird looking instruments made especially for this work.

The singer stands on a little wooden platform at the mouth of the receiving trumpet.

A red light is flashed, and the queer little orchestra gets to work. Then at the crucial moment the artist has to sing to this strange little assembly with the same zest he would under the inspiration of brilliant lights, beautiful clothes, splendid settings and an applauding audience. It is an ordeal, because he has to sing with far greater care in front of the talking machine than is required when an audience is pleased. The slightest variation means a start over, a slight clearing of the throat, a deep breath or slight shuffle of the feet—and the revolving disks record every one of those faults—and the record is spoiled. But these faults are all criticized by an experienced record director, and it is his business to see that nothing short of the perfect records are produced—because from these first molds are made all of the thousands of records that go into so many homes.

When the artist has finished the record is played over and the imperfections criticized. The work spots are rehearsed and the whole trying business commenced over again.

And so it is acknowledged by many of the theatrical and musical hall stars that to produce a record of pure and distinct tone is far harder than to make their way successfully through a whole operatic score. It is a tremendous task to get a set of the perfect records from the opera favorites. It has been said that Caruso has been forced to spend more than four hours of waiting work before he was able to perfect his "Fidi Pagliacci" in the opera "I Pagliacci," and in that time was forced to make more than thirty fresh starts before a disk of pure and distinct tone was obtained.—Washington Post.

### Ended the Agony.

The late Count de Lesseps never seemed to lose sight of the education of his children, even in the smallest detail. One morning at breakfast a beautiful Dresden teacup was broken. "Ah!" cried the countess, "a disaster! Two more of that set will now be broken. It always happens so." "Are you so superstitious," asked the count, "as really to believe that two more will be broken?" "I know it," "Then let us get it off our minds." And taking two of the cups by the handles, he dashed them together. The unger and dismay of the countess proved conclusively that she had not seriously held to her superstition. It also loosed any hold the absurd idea may have had on the minds of the children.

### Insidious Humors.

A budding author who was making excursions into humor sent a paragraph to the editor of a daily paper. Not finding it printed within a reasonable time or hearing from the editorial department, he wrote about its welfare: "I sent you a joke about ten days ago. I have heard nothing respecting its fate, and should be glad to hear whether you have seen it." The editor's reply was as follows: "Your joke arrived safely, but up to the present we have not seen it."—Boston Herald.

### Condensed Tragedy.

Condensed tragedies form a tempting theme for the "funny man," this from London Pick Me Up is not without merit: First, Jones prisms his wife's ear; second, he professes a deep sorrow for its disappearance; third, he offers \$10 reward for its recovery; fourth, numerous animals are brought for inspection; fifth, Mrs. Jones identifies the ear.

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### PARAGUAY'S QUEER PLANT.

An Orchid That Takes Its Drinks Through a Feeding Tube.

What is probably the most extraordinary plant ever discovered grows in Paraguay. It is an orchid that takes a drink whenever it feels thirsty by letting down a tube into water, the tube when not in use being coiled up on top of the plant.

The leaves are sharp, lancehead shaped, growing all round the root and radiating from it. From the center of the plant hangs a long stem, about one-third second of an inch thick, the lower end of which lies in the water to a depth of about four inches. When touched the center stem gradually contracts and convulsively rolls itself up.

But more surprising yet is the object and construction of this stem. On close examination and dissection it has been found that it is a long, slender, flat tube, cellular in construction, open at the outer end and connected at the inner end to the roots of a series of hairlike tubes.

When the plant is in water this tube will gradually unwind till it dips into the water. Then it slowly coils round and winds up, carrying with it the amount of water that part of the tube which has been immersed contains until the final coil is taken, when the water is emptied direct into the roots of the plant. The coil remains in this position until the plant requires more water. Should the plant, however, be touched while the tube is extended the coiling is more rapid.

Many of these plants are spread directly over the water or over where the water has been. In the latter case it is almost pitiful to see how this tube will work its way over the ground in search of water.

### Not Certain About That.

Mrs. Verdigris was enumerating her various ailments. "I haven't kept track of all of 'em," she said, "but one of the first things I had was the lumbago in the small of my back. Then I had the influenza awful bad. The next thing was the rheumatiz. Since then I've had neuralgic, nervous headache, sore throat, indigestion, a breaking out on my skin and ever so many other pesky little troubles that I can't remember."

"It would be an interesting list," said her sympathizing neighbor. "Why didn't you take an inventory?"

### Old Age is Selfish.

A lady residing in a quiet village in Suffolk used to take an interest in a very aged couple who were spinning out the last thread of life in "Darby and Joan" fashion, seated on either side of their fireplace. She often paid them a visit to cheer them up. The old man had been ailing, and at last a day came when the visitor found only one chair occupied. Darby was not in his usual place.

### Where is your husband?

"Well, mum, he be gone at last." "Oh, I'm so sorry! That is very sad for you," said the lady, seeking to find words of consolation.

### It Was Found.

A country minister driving to church with his new overcoat on the seat behind him, lost the coat on route and announced his loss from the pulpit.

### Old Time Mountebanks.

Current, describing the mountebanks he saw in Venice in the seventeenth century, who were adepts in the art of advertising, speaks of the "oration to the audience of half an hour long, wherein he doth most hyperbolically extol the virtues of his drugs and confections, though many of them are very counterfeit and false." And the author of a "Tour Through England" (1723) writes of a mountebank he saw in Winchester: "He cures all diseases and sells his pickets for sixpence apiece." \* \* \* It is a prodigy how easy it is to be deceived by such pickpockets.

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### AFGHAN WOMEN.

High Caste Mothers Lead a Lonely, Lazy Existence.

If there are any women in the world who have a right to die of ennui it is these poor creatures of Afghanistan, the upper class dames. They spend their days doing absolutely nothing, for they disdain sewing, cooking and general household duties. They leave the care of their children to slaves, and they can neither read nor write.

Generally in a rich house there is one chief slave, a sort of house-keeper, rather a grand person, whom it is always wise to conciliate if you intend having many dealings with that establishment. In summer she is always dressed in purest white. In winter velvets and brocades are not beyond her reach. She is generally an elderly person, with considerable influence and a good deal of authority.

Then there is another who is a sort of maid to the lady of the house. She is another person with whom it is not wise to quarrel. She is always very much in evidence. She it is who prepares everything for her mistress' toilet, as also for her master's. It is the wife's special duty and privilege, however, when the things are prepared to wait upon her husband when he is dressing, to pour the water over his hands and feet during his religious washings, to spread his prayer carpet, to put his favorite dish before him, and so on.

It is difficult to appreciate the exact position of these Afghan women until one sees the way in which mothers are treated by their sons. They may nurse them when they are young, but let the boys grow to be eleven or twelve years old and you will hear them tell their mother to "chup sho" (shut up), send them to fetch their caps and expect to be addressed by the mothers as "aghia gul" or "aghia jon," which means "my precious master," "master dear."

Kabul mothers seldom have much affection for their children or their children for them. They do not nurse them as babies, and their babyhood is a particularly long one, for they are very backward. They belong to their nurses more than to their mothers till they are two and one-half years old, and after that it is their father who notices them and not their mother.—Exchange.

### His Amendment.

Dr. Winnington Ingram, the bishop of London, was once asked to select his favorite clerical story, and he chose the following: The late Archbishop Magee, the famous Irish prelate, was once concerned with other high ecclesiastics in the presentation of a memorial to Queen Victoria, and a meeting was held to discuss its terms. The original draft began with, "Conscious as we are of our unworthiness, we humbly pray your majesty," etc., but some one suggested that this was inappropriate, coming from bishops.

### Too Much Sound.

In Dean Ramsay's book of anecdotes there is one which refers to a conversation between a Scotch minister and a sexton. The minister was a stranger to the grave-maker and discussed with him the doctrines of the neighboring clergy. As one after another was mentioned the sexton wagged his head gloomily and said, "He's no sound."

### A Court Fool's Joke.

Scogan, the famous court jester of Edward IV., dearly loved a practical joke. Once he borrowed money of the king and when the day for payment came was unable to make good his word. He feared the king's anger and decided to appease him by a joke. Feigning death, he had his friends carry his body before Edward. The king fell a ready victim to the deception and in his lamentations over the supposed dead fool said he freely forgave the debt. Scogan immediately sprang to his feet, exclaiming, "The news is so revivifying that it has called me back to life."

### Too Successful.

Quizzer—What's the matter, old man? You look worried.  
Sizzer—I have come to a hired man to trace my pedigree.  
Quizzer—Well, what's the trouble? Hasn't he been successful?  
Sizzer—Successful! I should say he has! I'm paying him hush money.—Judge.

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### "FINDINGS ARE KEEPINGS."

They Are, Provided You Can't Locate the Rightful Owner.

There are a good many popular sayings on matters legal which if followed literally may lead to trouble. The old saying that "findings are keepings" is one of them.

It is true that under the law the finder of lost property is entitled to keep it against all the world, except the rightful owner, but in order to get himself into serious trouble he must make a reasonable effort to locate the real owner.

At least that is so in New York, and probably in some of the other states where New York's penal code is more or less closely followed. There is a section in that code which provides that unless a finder makes a reasonable effort to restore it to its owner the finder of lost property is guilty of larceny.

Just what amounts to a reasonable effort, must depend upon the circumstances of each particular case. One would not be expected to go to any considerable expense to locate the owner of a pocketbook of little value, but on the other hand if the property found were so of several thousand dollars' value, a finder might reasonably be expected to expend his own money, if necessary, to locate the loser. If he didn't, he would be guilty of larceny under the statute.

There is no duty upon the part of the finder to advertise for the owner unless that method seems to be the most likely one to locate him.

If you find a gold watch on a street car it is your duty to turn it over to the conductor or to the lost property department of the railway company, not because the company has a better title to it than you, but because that is the most likely method of locating the owner. If the property is not reclaimed within a reasonable time you may insist upon having it returned to you. For this reason, when you turn over lost property in this way either obtain a receipt for it admitting your claim to it as a finder, or, if you cannot obtain such a receipt, deliver with the article a letter asserting your claim, keeping a copy of the letter.

Again, if you find a pocketbook in a store and there is no clerk to its owner it is your duty to inform the shopkeeper of your find, but there is no reason why you should turn it over to him unless by so doing the owner may be more easily found.

Articles found in the public highway may be turned over to the nearest police station, but in most cases it would suffice simply to notify the police authorities of your find.—New York American.

### A Trying Job.

"The doctor has ordered my wife to go to a rest cure."  
"Why should she need rest? You have no children; you have servants to do all the work around the house; your wife has an electric, so that it never is necessary for her to walk anywhere. I suppose she never finds it necessary to do any sewing or darning or anything like that, and I have no doubt that she even hires other people to polish her nails and arrange her hair. How can a lady so fortunately situated possibly be in need of rest?"

### Record Hailstones.

It would be difficult to determine what the hailstone record is. There are numerous pretty well authenticated cases of hailstones weighing half a pound and more, but claims far beyond that are made. Stones of six or eight pounds were said to have fallen at Namur in 1719. The missionary Father Hue records the fall in Tartary in 1813 of a block of ice as big as a milestone which took three days to melt. In May, 1892, a Hungarian village reported a 1,100 pound block, requiring eight men to move it. And in Tippos's time one as big as an elephant was said to have fallen near Seringapatam.

### Calling a Skeptic.

Wayback Senior—The time I sent to see Barnum's world famous white elephant—  
Wayback Junior (interrupting)—He never had a white elephant, dad, it was a fake.  
Wayback Senior (bristling up)—A fake was it? Got dura ye? I s'pose arter ye go to college fer another year or two ye'll be telling me I never seen a real live mermaid in a tank at water!—Brooklyn Life.

### Undecided.

Mr. Peewee—Your wife is a sufficient catch, isn't she?  
Mr. Homebody—I can't just exactly say. She'd rather like to vote herself, but she doesn't want other women to vote.—New York Globe.

**Notice to Trespassers.**  
Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 6 miles south of Sonora, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood or hunting dogs without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.  
J. T. Evans, Sr.

### DIAMOND MINING.

How They Treat the Blue Dirt in the Kimberly Region.

Writing recently from Johannesburg, a correspondent has described the process of mining the diamonds as follows:

The blue dirt in which the diamonds are found is brought to the surface precisely as it is hoisted and used about the same way. It is then placed in little iron cars and hauled to a level field, where it is spread over the surface to a depth of two feet. This is done to permit the weather to disintegrate the dirt and render its washing easier. Today a field of 1,000 acres covered with this blue dirt. It will remain out in the weather a year before it is treated in the washing mills.

You might pause a moment and think of that 1,000 acre field, covered to a depth of two feet with the blue dirt in which diamonds are found. The 1,000 acre field I saw contained the output of only one mine, and that in the Kimberly region. It is the richest diamond field in the world, they say here.

And you may rest assured that this 4,000 acre field is carefully guarded. It is surrounded with a barbed wire fence fourteen feet high, and on the top of the fence are four wires spread out in such a way that no one could possibly climb over. At night the fence is illuminated with electric lights, and there is a patrol of armed guards day and night. But you might be turned loose in the 4,000 acre field and not find a diamond in a year. The process of finding them is very intricate, expensive and difficult. Many of the natives who work in the diamond mines have never seen a diamond; they see only the blue dirt.

After the blue dirt has been out in the weather a year and been plowed up at intervals with steam plows that all portions of it may have a chance at the sun, it is washed in enormous mills and reduced in the proportion of 1 to 4,000,000—that is, for every pound of diamonds found 4,000,000 pounds of blue dirt are mined, hoisted, exposed in the field a year and then run through the washing mills.

In these washing mills the blue dirt is first crushed between rollers and then run through shaking washing pans three different times. What is left is then taken in cars to another mill called the pulsator, and here the precious dirt is again washed three times. Finally the diamonds and the heavier pebbles remaining after six washings go in a stream of water over a shaking pan, the bottom of which is covered with vaseline. The diamonds stick to the vaseline for some reason yet unexplained, while the pebbles roll away with the water. The diamonds on the screen are then easily collected and sorted.

### Suicide as a Luxury.

Suicide has often been regarded as a luxury, and Marseilles, France, colonized from Miletus in ancient days, preserved a custom and a prison for many years under Roman rule. A dose of hemlock and accente was allowed to any one who could show sufficient reason why he should deserve death. "This custom," says Valerius Maximus, "comes from Greece, particularly from the island of Ceos, where I saw an example. It was a woman of great quality, who having lived very happily ninety years, obtained leave to die this way, lest by living longer she should happen to see a change of her good fortune."

### More Important.

Mr. Dustin did not approve of his son's choice of a wife and was trying to persuade him to see things as he did.

"Yes, you are quite right, father," said the son. "Mabel has her defects, she is vain, full of pretensions and grand ideas, with a very difficult character. But, father, in spite of all, I simply adore her. I can't live without her."

### Not a Case of Synophy.

Teacher—Willie, did your father whip you for what you did in school yesterday?  
Willie—No, ma'am; he said the flogging would hurt him more than me.  
Teacher—What nonsense! Your father is too sympathetic.  
Willie—No, ma'am; but he's got rheumatism in both arms.

### Accidentally.

"I wonder how so many forest fires catch?" said Mrs. McBride.  
"Perhaps they catch accidentally from the mountain ranges," suggested Mr. McBride.—Christian Register.

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