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Man and Sleep.

How much sleep is necessary for a man? The question was raised centuries ago by Montaigne. "Physicians," he wrote, "may consider whether sleep be so necessary that our life must needs depend of it, for we find that Perseus, king of Macedonia, prisoner at Rome, being kept from sleep, was made to die, but Plinius allegeth that some have lived a long time without any sleep at all. And Herodotus reporteth there are nations where men sleep and wake by halves yeares. And those that write the life of Epimenides the Wise affirm that he slept the continual space of seven and fifty yeares."

Warships in Olden Times.

Although a warship of today is useless without her guns, artillery was not always used on board ship. It first appears to have been made use of about 1100 B. C., in a battle between the Phoenicians and Iberians, the former winning and occupying Cadiz, or, as it was then called, Gades. The Iberians, from the north of Spain, believed that their enemy had lions on board which belched forth fire. The artillery consisted of long copper tubes, out of which a sort of Greek fire was discharged. The first cannon ever cast in England appears to have been made in 1543 by Ralph Hogge.

Courtship in Oshima.

On the Japanese island of Oshima, in the sea of Japan, the young people enjoy more freedom in the matter of courting than in central Japan. They are left to themselves to select their own mates, much after the fashion of the west. When a young suitor proposes to the girl of his choice the girl declines two or three times as a matter of form and in order that she may enjoy the period of courtship.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

STARTLING POLITENESS.

In Sicily a Friendly Salutation May Scare a Stranger.

In Sicily you must not believe everything you think you hear, and above all you must not act rashly upon first impressions. When a Sicilian is feeling well his "Good morning, sir!" sounds like "Sparracatus to the gladiators." When any one addresses you as if murder was contemplated, with yourself as the victim, be easy. He is probably expressing a polite wish for a pleasant journey. In "Vistas In Sicily" Mr. Arthur Stanley Riggs gives his own experience of this characteristic Latin fervor and inflection:

On our first morning in Taormina a wild looking peasant beauty, bearing upon her shapely head a huge dripping amphora, stopped us with uncouth gestures and a laugh so cloyed that it startled us. Jerking her finger at la signora, she poured forth a torrent of impassioned Sicilian dialect that we could not understand, although I suspected she was saying that we were unfit to be in Taormina and had better leave immediately.

Unpleasant thoughts of the Mafiusi, the Black Hand we loosely call them, swept through me. The girl's utterance was so fierce, her expression so menacing, I wondered whether she might not be really an agent of the dreaded hand. But before my combined annoyance and alarm led me into difficulties, two Taorminians came up and explained in Italian, "The signorina is afraid your signora will lose her handkerchief. It is falling out of her belt."

I was glad I had not shouted for the police!

When I asked the girl, who could understand Italian perfectly, although she spoke none herself, if I might photograph her, she consented and refused my gratuity. Then she wished us a torrential good day and vanished up the black and smoky stairs of a stone hut on one side of the side streets.

How Sapphires Are Mined.

The method of reorganizing the stones from the ground of the New Mines Sapphire syndicate, Yogo, Mont., is rather unusual and interesting. The matrix containing the stones is an intrusive igneous rock, weathered to a yellow clay for a depth of approximately twenty feet from the surface. From this portion the sapphires are easily separated.

ELECTRIC BITTERS THE BEST FOR BILIOUSNESS AND KIDNEYS.

arated by washing below this level where the rock is harder, it has been found necessary to disintegrate it by exposing it in piles to the weather and wetting occasionally. The ore is placed on inclined floors and left for several months during the winter, the frequent freezing and thawing causing the dumps to slack and disintegrate. A large stream of water is then played on the piles and the material sluiced similarly to placer gold.—Engineering and Mining Journal.

Women's Rights In Roumania.

All the rights for which the women of the west have striven so long are in the hands of the Roumanians, says a writer in a German contemporary. Though they are too luxury loving and too idle ever to exert themselves very much, they are free to earn their living by any profession they care to exercise. All higher educational organizations are at their disposal. The universities are open, and their choice of a career is not dependent on the caprice of any professor. They are at liberty to practice as doctors or lawyers, they may be chemists or dispensers, they may hold official appointments, and married and single alike are eligible for posts as teachers in schools.

Hardly a Compliment.

"My mother says she'd like to look like you, Mrs. Bennett," remarked little Mary to one of her mother's friends.

"Indeed! Like me, my dear?" said Mrs. Bennett, who was very plain, but not aware of it. "Well, I consider that a very nice compliment indeed from so pretty a lady as your mother. Are you quite sure, dear, it was I your mother meant?"

"Oh, yes!" replied the child. "She said that if she could have your strength and health she believed she'd be willing to look just as you do!"

Cigars That Last.

Ever smoke an Igorrote cigar? Well, these Igorrottes, in the Philippine Islands, make a cigar that in one respect is like the old time Christmas plum pudding—it lasts a week. It's fifteen inches long and three to five inches thick. Old man Ig. rolls the cigar, and smokes it an hour; then Misses Ig. and all the little Igs. take their turn. By about the fourth day it must need a cuspidor attachment to keep it in operation. One smoke like this would last some people a lifetime.—Power.

LOFTY MOUNT M'KINLEY.

Wondrous Outlook That Bursts Upon the View From Parker Pass.

The Parker pass is the most splendid coign of vantage on Mount McKinley except the summit. From an elevation of more than 15,000 feet it overlooks the whole Alaskan range, and the scope of vision to the east, to the southeast and to the northeast, is almost uninterrupted. Mountain range rises beyond mountain range until only snowy summits are visible in the great distance, and one knows that beyond the last of them lies the blue sea. The nearby summits, red with granite or black from shale, and gullied from top to bottom with snow and ice, the broad highways of the glaciers at their feet carrying parallel moraines that look like giant tram lines, stand out with vivid distinctness. Mount Hunter raises its head above the lesser peaks. The two arms of the McMillan glacier, right

in the foreground, display their course from their heads to their junction and from their junction to the terminal snow, receiving their grooming tributaries from every equating height. The dim, blue lowlands, now devoid of snow, stretch away to the northeast, with meads of stream and patches of lake that still carry ice along their banks.

Turning around and looking upward, the slabs of granite are like a gateway through which the Grand basin opens to our view. The ice of a glacier sweeps with almost a cataract curve to its precipitation, 4,000 feet below us, and the Grand basin, between the two great summits, rises with progressive leaps of jagged blue snow for five or six miles, until its upper rim is about 4,000 feet above us. On the right are the sheer dark cliffs of the north peak, soaring to an almost immediate summit 5,000 feet above the pass. In the midst is the broken, heaving, glittering ice of the glacier, eager, as one fancied, for its fall. On the left is just visible the receding horned snow dome of the south peak, the highest uplift of the mountain. And all this splendor and diversity yielded itself up to us at once; that was the most sensational and spectacular feature of it.—Hudson Stuck, D. D., in Scribner's.

Church Within a Church.

A church built within a church seems a very unlikely arrangement, yet such is the case at Covelithe, on the coast of Suffolk, England. The church at present in use is built within the nave of a ruined church which must in its day have been very fine, since the present church scarcely fills half of the old nave. The old tower remains and is a landmark for sailors. Doubtless there was at one time a large population, but the old village or town is now at the bottom of the sea. The church is only a third of a mile from the sea, from which it is said to have been at one time three-quarters of a mile away.

Cruel Retort.

Two ladies during a friendly meeting on the street got to quarreling about their ages and used very strong language toward each other. At last, as if to end the dispute, one of them turned away and said in a very conciliatory tone of voice: "Let us not quarrel over the matter any more. I, at least, have not the heart to do it. I never knew who my mother was. She deserted me when I was a baby, and you know but that you may have been the heartless parent?"

Origin of "Grass Widow."

Grass widow means "grace" widow, as opposed to "death" widow. The Latin is vidua de gratia; the French, veuve de grace. A smart discrimination is "grass" widow and "sod" widow. It is said that the early adventurers in California had the practice of alluding among themselves to wives left behind as "out at grass," and it is sometimes suggested that the use of "grass widow" came this way into existence.—Kansas City Star.

Smallest Book in the World.

The smallest book in the world was made in Italy. It is not much larger than a man's thumb nail. It is four-tenths of an inch in length, a quarter of an inch in width and contains 208 pages, each with nine lines and from 95 to 100 letters. The text consists of a letter written by the inventor of the pendulum clock to Mme. Christine of Lorraine in 1615.

Blue Stockings.

"Blue stocking" originates from a Mr. Stillingfleet who was a favorite member of the literary gathering in the time of Dr. Johnson and who always wore blue stockings. If he happened to be absent all asked, "Where is our blue stockings?" and from this the term for ladies of literary pretensions was derived.

BOWLING BALLS.

Making Them Is Slow Work, With Long Waits Between Each Process.

A bowling ball looks as if it were easy to make, yet its manufacture involves a long process covering a period of three days. The actual time put upon it is only a matter of three hours, but the work is slow and requires long waits between each step toward completion. A log free from knots and cracks is first cut into pieces a trifle larger than the diameter of the ball after it is finished. This allows for two little projections on either side called "bits," where the clamps of the lathe hold the block of wood while revolving at lightning speed under the keen edged tool cutting into the hard fiber like a sharp knife slicing a fresh cheese.

This preliminary turning and trimming occupy only a few minutes, when the block is shaved and pared down to the required size. The "bits" then are cut off and the whole thing sandedpapered. A coat of shellac is applied, and the ball is put one side to dry. It then gets another sandedpapering. This is no sponer done than the workman again carefully applies the shellac brush. When the shellac dries the second time the surface is rubbed with oil. The work doesn't stop then, for the moment the oil has dried the ball gets another vigorous sandedpapering. Then for the last time it gets more shellac. When thoroughly dry the spiere is ready for the two holes to be cut for the bowler's thumb and index finger. The last stage of the laborious process is the polishing, which gives the ball the appearance it has when it reposes on the rack waiting to be sent crashing down the alley.

Sometimes there is a considerable waste in cutting up the logs because of cracks and fissures in the wood. On this account an ordinary sized log may yield only one block sound enough to put on the turning lathe, while it ought to make six or seven. The life of the average bowling ball is about two years. The best balls cost \$5 or \$6, while the cheapest scale down near the dollar mark.—Exchange.

Old Time English Elections.

No complaint with regard to undue limitation of polling time was possible in the old parliamentary days. The danger was that polling might be prolonged for a fortnight or a month. Drastic action to bring the poll to a close once provoked a riot in the Westminster division of London.—At the general election that began on April 25, 1741, the two Westminster ministerial candidates were on the fifth day of polling well ahead, but an opposition party of electors approaching the hustings in great force, the high bailiff (who favored the ministerialists) declared that he feared a riot and closed the poll. The baffled voters rioted and the military was called out. The high bailiff had afterward to apologize on his knees to the speaker and pay a heavy fine.—London Mail.

China's "Southern Capital."

The city of Nanking has several claims to fame. It is the chief center of the literature of the empire, and the city, as is well known, has often suffered siege and been the scene of fighting and bloodshed. The population has lately been estimated at about a quarter of a million. Known as "the southern capital," as distinguished from "the northern capital," Peking, Nanking is a great military depot and also gives its name to the variety of cotton—nankeen. The famous porcelain tower, one of the wonders of China, formerly stood at Nanking, but it was unfortunately destroyed during the Taiping rebellion.—Westminster Gazette.

Argentine Ranches.

Since the Indians of the grass lands of Argentina were subdued in 1878 the systematic reclamation of the land has been stupendous. Some of the large ranches carry as many as 50,000 head of cattle and provide hunting grounds for many Englishmen. The gaucho is one of the most picturesque as well as useful figures on these ranches and forms the counterpart of his famous brother, the cowboy of North America. Life on a ranch is far from unpleasant, and on some of the big ranches under British control evening dress for dinner is the custom.—Argonaut.

Hard to Do Without Pockets.

"The most annoying thing in navy life for a recruit is the absence of side pockets in the uniform trousers," said a yeoman at the navy recruiting station. "The average man doesn't realize how strong is the custom of thrusting his hands in his trousers pockets until he dons a pair without pockets. I've worn the navy uniform four years now, and I frequently find myself trying to put my hands in my pockets."—Kansas City Times.

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The present National flag of Mexico, with its white for purity, green for union, and red for independence, stands for the three articles of National faith adopted at the end of Spanish rule and establishment of independence under the treaty of Cordova, 1821. The eagle and serpent on a cactus bush refers to an old story connected with the settlement of the old Aztec tribes on the plateau...

Breeding Cattle in Demand.

Purebred livestock interests, particularly the breeders of cattle, are enjoying a rather anomalous situation now—a broad demand for stock at high prices in the face of a feed shortage. As a rule, the purebred stock business is dull when feed is so scarce and expensive as at present, but present is being upset this year, as indicated in the high prices paid for beef animals for breeding purposes at the International sales, the Royal and in private transactions...

The Hereford, Shorthorn, Angus and Galloway breeders are only coveting their past rewards, however. Last year witnessed a fair revival of the breeding cattle business but the few years preceding were discouraging, being marked by complaints of lower prices for registered stock than the figures did for grades at the stock yards when the trade was so disappointing there was much confidence among experienced breeders—confidence which was based on a solid foundation.

The broad demand and the high prices for breeding cattle are, of course, the result of an undercurrent of hopefulness over the future of the beef cattle industry and of the buoyancy, at least, which is attributed to the desire of farmers in many parts of the country to breed as well as feed cattle. The present market at the yards, with its high premium for purebred, is such as to warrant a production of well bred cattle, a kind that mature quickly, on farms. Another inducement is the relatively higher prices paid last year for stock and feed—a comparison with fat animals, which is largely due to an inadequacy of supply.

The foreign stockman are confronted in the near future with the opening market with the world at least four years in breeding and feeding methods. Americans are no superiors among the important foreign exporters of beef, therefore, not improbable that the United States may outsell foreigners because of the better quality of its meat. A large number of consumers in this country, to be sure, are glad to obtain almost any class of beef, but there is a discriminating demand for the best of quality. The extent of this demand and the possibility of the shipment of an export trade in purebred cattle should continue as a new era of prosperity in the purebred cattle industry. Drovers program.

B. Kilpatrick of Sheffield 140 R. C. Ferguson of San Angelo 10 head of ewes, wool off, at \$4 1. D. Wiley of Sheffield purchases the ranch of D. B. Kilpatrick, of Sheffield, for the sum of \$100. The property is near Sheffield Walter Smith of Merion D. B. Kilpatrick of Sheffield purchased the Votaw herd of 170, consisting of 4300, wool off. 3. They also bought from the same owner 630 head of goats at \$1. The Votaw interests are owned by Terrell county. 3. Kilpatrick of Sheffield has based from C. E. Cox of Roswell 1210 head of sheep, wool at \$3 50—Angelo Standard.

F. Vander Stucken has been all week taking stock. They are to open up Monday. J. Wardlaw has had some improvements made to his residence on the Square and is preparing to move to town. E. E. Sawyer residence is being shipped and work is being done. The advantage of the locality may now be appreciated. S. Long's residence in South is in nearing completion. It is ready for the interior finishing work. B. Adams authorizes the publication to announce him as candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Mr. Adams is well known to the people of his precinct and is well supported and voted.

Foreign Meats.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Free listing of beef in the new tariff law already has resulted in a vast increase in the importation of foreign beef and meat products. In October and November, the Department of Agriculture reported today 18,000,000 pounds of meat and its products were brought from abroad. This is more than triple the amount imported for the whole of 1912. Foreign meats are inspected rigidly by agents of the Bureau of Animal Industry who, during the two months, condemned 18,800 pounds.

Nearly half of the imports came from Canada. Argentina supplied 6,000,000 pounds, Australia 3,000,000 and Uruguay 550,000. During the two months 200,000 head of cattle from Canada and Mexico were imported.

Worms The Cause of Your Child's Pains.

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Woodman Circle.

Laurel Grove No. 218, meets in Woodmen hall the second and fourth Tuesday in each month. Second Tuesday business meeting. Fourth Tuesday Social meeting. All members cordially invited.

T. D. Word is attempting to business matters in town this week from his ranch on the east line of the county. He reports everything is good shape at the ranch.—Ozona Optimist.

John Martin and Bert Page sold this week 154 head of cows to Tip-top and Calian, of Menard, at \$25 and \$40 per head. John Martin sold 51 cows and a bull to W. A. Baumwoy this week for \$40 per head, and \$35 per head for the cuts.—Eldorado Success.

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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 for any other purpose, without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

D. B. CUSENBARY, Sonora, Texas.

Notice.

It would please me very much if parties knowing themselves indebted to me would call and pay as I need the money to carry on my business.

B. F. BRYSON

MONSTER LOBSTERS.

In the Good Old Days They Came Big and Cost Very Little. Some of the chronicles of the Pilgrims seem to indicate that this generation knows little about lobsters. The Pilgrim journals were "five or six feet long, and a couple of inches wide, and were made of the biggest lobsters ever captured for which authentic weights and measurements have been preserved the giant among them all weighed thirty-four pounds and measured twenty-three and a half inches.

It appeared that the early colonists of New England enjoyed the lobsters to the full. Lobsters were so cheap in their markets that they might have lived on them for next to nothing or for nothing if they cared to spend a few minutes on a shore catch. Higginson said that many weighed twenty-five pounds apiece and that "the least boy on the plantation may catch and eat what he will of them."

Lobsters sold in the Boston market in 1840 at three halves each for the ones that were of a large size. Frequently the price of lobsters in the New York market runs up to 30 cents a pound retail. "A good big lobster" of the present day weighing three and a half pounds may sell sometimes as high as \$1.

Even at the lowest of the latter day prices lobster is the most expensive meat in the market, as the waste is 45 per cent. The American lobster is found only on the eastern coast of North America. The most northern point at which its capture has been recorded is Hawley harbor, Labrador; the most southern point the coast of North Carolina, while it is most abundant in the maritime provinces. Three of the largest lobsters captured in recent years were from New Jersey.—New York Times.

Yarmouth Blotter.

Probably most readers know that a blotter is a complete herring slightly salted and smoked. Not every one, however, may be aware of the genesis of this article of diet, which is given in an article in the Young Man by Mr. T. E. Freeman. It was accidental. A Yarmouth herring curer, when leaving his premises one night after all his workpeople had gone, found a quantity of good herrings which had been overlooked. Fearing they would be spoiled if left as they were, he sprinkled them with salt and hung them in his "smoke-house," in which oak billets was then being burned. Next morning it was evident that his experiment had been successful. He began to specialize in this direction, an example which was followed by others, until the fame of the blotter was established in the land.

When Hanging Pictures.

An annoyance to all good housekeepers is the line of dirt on the wall that forms at the backs of all pictures at their lower edges and requires frequent dustings to prevent the paper or paint from being permanently marred by an ugly discoloration. To obviate this, take small nails, called brads, that are about the thickness of an ordinary pin and about half an inch long, and drive one in each lower corner of the frame where it touches the wall, leaving out perhaps a quarter of an inch. This will prevent the picture from resting against the wall; no dust can possibly settle there; it permits of a free circulation of air, and the tiny heads of the nails will not mar the most richly decorated wall.

Dew Point of Air.

To determine the air's dew point, Heygenдорff, a German meteorologist, fills with water a cup of silver or other good heat conducting metal and introduces sal ammoniac, hyposulphite of soda or other salt that lowers the temperature in dissolving. As the salt is slowly added the mixture is gently stirred with a thermometer bulb. At the instant when the cooling causes a deposit of moisture to begin on the outside of the cup, the indication of the thermometer is taken and gives the desired dew point or temperature at which the moisture present in the air would become complete saturation or 100 per cent of humidity.

Women Keep Art Alive.

But for women there would today be no art in the world, not alone in America, but anywhere. The assertion may seem a sweeping one, but I thoroughly believe it to be true. The women it is who, through inborn love of music and responsive, deeply refined feeling, encourage it in brave, practical, energetic ways. The women it is too, who lead in the cause of its fostering, and influence by their supreme enthusiasm the men to follow.—Ignace Paderewski in Woman's Home Companion.

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SHOOTING THROUGH MUD.

A Narrow Escape In an Elephant Hunt in Ceylon.

The elephants of Ceylon are not hunted for their ivory, like the elephants of Africa. Instead of the long tusks that ornament the latter, the Ceylon animals have only "grubbers," three or four inches long, which are not often taken. Sportsmen do pursue them occasionally, however, and Sir Samuel Baker in "The Rifle and the Hound in Ceylon" tells of a narrow escape that a certain hunter had in the jungles of Ceylon.

A favorite haunt of the elephants was a pond with a broad and muddy margin. The surface of the mud was baked hard, but it remained soft below. The crust was just thick enough to bear up a man if he advanced with great care. The elephants delight to stalk through this mud and smear it over their bodies, so as to protect themselves from the mosquitoes. Attended by a couple of gun bearers, the hunter was watching this spot one day when an elephant made his appearance and advanced majestically through the mud. The hunter had the wind on the hand, and he could follow him without being scented. Closer and closer he crept until he was within eight paces of the great beast. His gun bearers followed him.

"I was carrying," says he, "a light double barreled gun, but I now reached back to exchange it for my four ounce rifle. I did not imagine that the additional weight of the heavy weapon would have the effect that followed. The treacherous surface suddenly gave way, and in an instant I was waist deep in mud. The noise I made alarmed the elephant, and he came trumpeting toward me.

"I thought it was all up with me. I was immovable in my bed of slime, and instead of the clean, brown barrel to which I could usually trust in an emergency, I raised to my shoulder a mass of mud that encased my rifle like a flannel bag. I fully expected to miss fire. I could not see my sights, and I had to guess at the aim, with the elephant only half a dozen yards from me.

"I pulled the slippery trigger. The rifle did not even hang fire, and the 'rogue' fell into the deep bed of mud, stone dead. If the rifle had missed fire I must have been killed, escape would have been impossible. It was with great difficulty that I got out of my muddy bed through the joint exertions of myself and my gun bearers."

Shady and Sunny Side of Japan.

A remarkable difference exists between the climates of western and eastern Japan, so much so that these districts are distinguished by the two names Sanido—shady side—and Sanयो—sunny side—respectively. During the long and rigorous winter of western Japan the central provinces, bordering the inland sea, enjoy dry and comparatively mild weather. The two regions are separated by mountain ranges, and the factors determining their climate conditions are distinct. A Japanese writer says that while the winter climate of central and southern Japan depends on the southwestern monsoons, that of the western coast is directly related to the barometric area of north China.

Coffee From Dried Figs.

It is claimed that an excellent coffee can be made from dried and roasted figs, which need not be of the first quality. They are dried in the sun or in evaporating pans, according to climate, and then roasted in ovens till brown or almost black and quite brittle. They are then ground up, and the resultant powder is pressed into tablets. These must be kept dry. When made use of they are merely dissolved in hot water. The beverage is said to be agreeable in color and flavor, with a somewhat sweeter taste than that made from chicory.

Downing Street, London.

The greatest street in the world is one of the smallest. This is Downing street, a dark little alley in the west of London. Here is the real center of the British empire, for it is at 10 Downing street that the premier has his official residence. Ever since Robert Walpole was the prime minister, 200 years ago, the heads of the government have made their homes in this "alley."

Handling a Husband.

There is a happy man in everything. It is said that a shrewd old woman heard her married daughter say: "If my husband doesn't do such and such a thing, he'll find himself in hot water." "My child," said the woman, "a man is like an egg. Kept in hot water, but keep him there long and he hardens."—New York Mail.

An Ideal Woman's Laxative.

Who wants to take salts, or castor oil, when there is nothing better than Dr. King's New Life Pills for all bowel troubles. They act gently and naturally on the stomach and liver, stimulate and regulate your bowels and tone up the entire system. Price, 25c. At all drug stores.

MUSIC AS A PLAGUE.

A German Scientist Says It May Act as a Nerve Destroyer.

Professor Oppenheim, a great German nerve specialist, finds that music has become the plague of modern life. In his practice he has been struck by the fact that the largest percentage of sufferers come from the hotels where there is what he calls a "perpetual plague of music." He adds that the common method of going to a seaside or mountain resort for rest and sleeping at one of the large hotels where the music plague rages as badly as in the cities, makes real rest for the worn nerves impossible. He objects, too, to the excessive meat eating indulged in by those afflicted with nervous troubles, but finds that music, so called, is the worst torture to jangled nerves.

"Against this evil there cannot be too energetic protest and action. I am not unmusical. I have had many enjoyable hours with music, and I have even written upon the healing value of music, but there is no longer a question of enjoyment and benefit, but of disorderly disturbance, which should be checked. A benefit that is forced upon you becomes an agony and a burden and wrecks nerves, and that is what results from hotel music, which you must hear whether you want to or not.

"Enjoyment and the beneficial effects of music are dependent upon the conditions under which it is heard. There must be a free choice of where and when and what kind of music one wants in order that it be soothing instead of irritating. Hotel music should be played in a special room with thick walls."

If our hotels take the advice of Professor Oppenheim they will have music only in special dining rooms, notifying their guests as to which are the silent and which the "musical" dining rooms. Then we shall be able to eat in peace, if we wish to, or have all the noise we desire. What Professor Oppenheim would say about music as played at the "dancing teas" might add to the severity of his pronouncement. No one doubts that nervous persons attend these teas, but what will be the result?—New York World.

The Mysterious Geggenschein.

There is visible in the night sky, under favorable circumstances, a faint light, rounded in outline and situated always exactly opposite to the place of the sun. It is called the "geggschein" and is one of the most inexplicable objects known to astronomers. According to a scientist, it may be a sort of comet or meteoric satellite attending the earth. He supposes it to be composed of a cloud of meteors, situated about 1,000,000 miles from the earth and rotating around it in a period of just one year, so that the sun and the meteors are always on opposite sides of the earth. He estimates that the size of this ghostly satellite may be nearly the same as that of the planet Jupiter—viz, about 86,000 miles in diameter.

Forgery in the Old Days.

It was not until 1832 that the death penalty in England for forgery was replaced by transportation, though even then an exception was made in the case of forging or altering a will. This exception was not removed from the statute book until 1837. In the days of good Queen Bess a forger of deeds was very severely dealt with. He had to stand in the pillory; his ears were cut off, his nose slit, and he was branded with hot irons. If he survived these ordeals he was doomed to imprisonment for the rest of his days, and everything he possessed in the world was forfeited to the crown. Surely death would have been far more merciful.

The "Sleepy Sixth."

In one of the New York hotels a floor is arranged for the use of those who work at night and sleep during the day. The "sleepy sixth," as the floor is nicknamed, is run on an inverted time table, with a separate staff and its own restaurant, lift and telephone service. No one sleeping on this floor is called, except under special orders, until late in the day. Breakfast is served in the afternoon, and the other meals are put back in the same way. All the routine work of cleaning and bedmaking is done after midnight.

Lawn Tennis.

Lawn tennis is not the gift of the ancients. In fact, the game is quite modern. A Major Wingfield of the British army is generally reputed to have been the originator of the popular amusement. The game was introduced by the major in 1874 under the name of "Sphairistiké," a compromise between tennis and badminton. The National Lawn Tennis Association of Great Britain was organized in 1883.—New York American.

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.

IT WAS A GOOD PLAY.

That Much at Least the Actor-Critic Was Forced to Admit.

John Hare, the English actor, once went to see one of Beerbohm Tree's infrequent performances of Hamlet. He would willingly have avoided Tree for some little time afterward for reasons obvious to others who, like him, had seen this least impressive of this actor's roles.

Hare chivalrously remained in his box to the end of the play. As the curtain descended on each act he had dreaded the invitation of his fellow player to his dressing room, where the usual courtesies would have been expected.

Act by act slipped by without any word from the stage, and Hare grew proportionately relieved. As the last curtain fell, however, and Hare retired from the box he found a messenger at the door with Mr. Tree's compliments, and wouldn't he come home for a bite of supper with some friends?

At table Hare parried opening after opening, yet not once did Tree refer directly to his Hamlet. Hare on his part dreaded every break in the conversation would bring the dreaded topic. After a decent time he drew away from table to go home. Tree accompanied him to the hall to put on his coat. "Now's my hour," thought Hare. Not one word from Tree. They shook hands on the threshold, and Hare started down the steps in happy relief. Tree followed him to his carriage. Hare heard him in dread. Still the topic was avoided. Tree, with cordial courtesy, opened the door. Hare slipped into the cushions of the carriage, joyfully heard the door slam and drew a deep sigh.

But before the horses started Tree's head was in at the window, and he said, with blighting suavity: "At least, John, you'll admit it's a good play."

Largest Grave in the World.

The largest single grave in the world occupies just exactly one acre of ground, which is surrounded by an iron railing. This enormous grave is located at Puerto Cortez, in Honduras, and is the burial place of a woman. The tombstone occupies the center of the ground inclosed, and several wooden figures representing the deceased are arranged in statue-like form in different parts of the ground. There are sixteen of these figures, which in the evening give the place a ghostlike appearance. The deceased had died rich and in her will had specified the amount of ground to be purchased for her grave and the manner in which it should be decorated. She had many curies notions, and the size and ornamentation of her grave were among them.

Looking Backward.

How far back in one's life can one remember? Herbert Spencer used to recall faint pictures of playing in the garden with a sister, a year his junior, who died at two years old. His most vivid recollection, however, psychological interest, is that of certain results caused in me by being left alone for the first time." The nurse went out and locked him up alone in the house. It was the evening of the week when the bells of All Saints', Derby, was rung, and they were going all the time the child suffered in loneliness. "All through the earlier part of my life, and even in adult years, I never heard these bells without a feeling of sadness coming over me."

Parisian Gay Life.

Speaking of the so called gay life of Paris, Theodore Dreiser says in the Century: "Consumption, cocaine and opium maintain their persistent toll. This is a furnace of desire, this Montmartre district, and it burns furiously with a hard, white hot flame until there is nothing left save black cinders and white ashes. Those who can endure its consuming heat are welcome to its wonders until emotion and feeling and beauty are no more."

Matches.

Matches have not been in use for a hundred years yet. It was in 1833 that Isaac Holden of London found out the secret of putting the sulphur of the igniting mixture directly on the wood and the match was made. They were called lucifer matches at first, because the word while applied usually to Satan really means light bringer, from the Latin lux, light, and fero, I bring.

The Wind of Fame.

"Press agents are all very well," said Alfred Noyes, the English poet, "but a press agent won't advance you to success unless you have the real qualities of success within you." The eyes of the poet twinkled, and he resumed: "Before the press agent blows the trumpet of fame for you, you yourself have got to raise the wind."

Notice to Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on my ranch 22 miles south of Sonora, for the purpose of hunting and fishing without my permission, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Announcements.

THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce. The News rates for advertisements: Congressional, Legislature and Judicial Districts \$5 County officer \$10. Precinct officers \$2.50. All announcements are payable in cash in advance.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

R. H. Martin, as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, a bye title to the action of the Democratic primaries.

TAX ASSESSOR

Geo. J. Trainer, as a candidate for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, a bye title to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COMMISSIONER

W. B. Adams as a candidate for election to the office of Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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For Sale.

A four roomed house corner lot 50 & 140 near school house. Price \$750. Apply at news office 51-47.

Billies for sale.

I have 50 head of two year old youth African Billies, (the Ford stock) which I will sell cheap. G. S. Allison. Sonora.

300 bushels of shelled maize

for sale. Will run on sale without extra charge where desired. Phone or write. S. A. Mauldin, 00 tf Eldorado, Texas.

1000 Bales of cane at 40c

per ton. 1000 Bales of cane at 40c at my Ranch 9 miles Southwest of Eldorado. Also have 5 tons of maize seed for sale. Phone or write Oscar Gibson, Eldorado, Texas.

Cane for Sale.

6000 burlies of cane for sale delivered at Sonora for 5 cents a bundle. Phone or write at farm, 7 miles south of Eldorado. E. S. Johnson. 64 Eldorado, Texas.

REGISTERED BILLIES.

I have about sixty head of Registered Billies kids and yearlings of the choicest breeds of Oregon. Will sell for cash or note to suit purchaser. R. E. TAYLOR, Sonora, Texas.

Sheep Shearing.

Those wanting their sheep or goats sheared see E. F. Vander Stucken at Sonora or write or phone. FRIEND & SEAHORN, 6-8 Ozona, Texas.

Ranch for Sale.

One-fourth mile from Sonora 17 section ranch. 8 good wells, with excellent tanks. Price \$7 Apply to J. A. Southern, 6328 BOKEL, Sonora, Texas.

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CAPITAL STOCK \$100,000.00
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All kinds of lumber, doors, sash, blinds, etc. Call and get prices. Can sell as cheap as any one for CASH. Also carry a full line of DeVoes celebrated paints.

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SID MARTIN,

The Live Stock Commission Man

and Sod Pedlar.

He has what you want, or can sell what you have.

Sonora, Texas.

Married in San Angelo.

Married at the Christian Parsonage in San Angelo, on Thursday December 13 1913. Miss Louella Robbins of Sonora to Lewis A. Verson of Fort Worth. The wedding was witnessed by the parents and family of the bride. They will make their home in Fort Worth. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robbins of Sutton county and the groom is a young man of business who a few years ago was a resident of Sonora. The News extends its best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Alverson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer made a business trip to Del Rio Monday

Married at Uvalde.

R. H. Eswood of Edwards county and Miss Mattie Brooks, daughter of G. W. Brooks of Uvalde, were married at the home of the bride's parents on January 1, 1914, Rev. N. W. Keith officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Amacker of San Angelo were in Sonora for a short visit Tuesday.

Miss Pearl Parkerson has returned to San Marcos to resume her studies.

Miss Sadie Tillman who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. John S. Allison left for her home in Fort Worth Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lee Holland of the G. S. Allison ranch were in Sonora Monday.

J. J. Neill the lawyer of San Angelo was a business visitor in Sonora Monday.

Sid Evans has returned to San Antonio to resume his studies at the West Texas Military Academy.

Miss Mattie Martin returned to San Angelo Tuesday to resume her studies at the Convent.

Russell Martin has returned to San Marcos to complete the session in school there.

Russell and Marion Callan of Menard were in Sonora for a few days enjoyment last week.

Col Bramblett and Bert Page prominent stockmen of the Mayer neighborhood were business visitors in Sonora Monday.

J. J. Ford of San Antonio former Sonora country ranchman, was in Sonora this week looking at the best stock country in the State.

THE SOUTHWESTERN TRUST CO

Will Buy For Cash Or Will Trade For the FOLLOWING STOCKS:
San Antonio Life
Amicable Life
Great Southern Life
Southern Life
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Southwestern Trust Co.
Rio Grande Fire
Amazon Fire
Austin Fire
Texas Life
Texas Bank Stock
Republic Trust Co.
SUBMIT YOUR OFFERS.
Southwestern Trust Co.,
1208 Southwestern Life Bldg.,
Dallas, Texas.

John Robbins the North Llano stockman was in Sonora Monday.

Sam Hull this week bought Lee Merck's interest in the garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thorp are visiting relatives in the Sherwood Country this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Jordan entertained a few friends in their home in South Heights during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert entertained a large number of young people at their home in East Sonora during Christmas week.

Mrs. R. K. James entertained a number of friends at 42 at her home in West Sonora New Years eve.

Among the pleasant outings of the holidays was a visit by a number of young people to the Dunbar cave twelve miles south of Sonora. The party was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barton.

The News herewith prints a form of order for Poll Tax Receipt. These orders must be given to others than officers of the county. The order must be in writing even father to son or brother to brother. There is just three weeks more in which to protect your vote. It is best to appear in person but if not use a form similar to this.

A Few Words of Thanks and Request.

Dear Editor:—Please allow me space in the columns of your paper to express my sincere thanks to the good people of Sonora, for their kindness to me. I want them to know how well I enjoyed that big "pounding" on my arrival, and those liberal contributions to me. But it is not the mere value of your offerings in dollars and cents, that I value most, but the warm hearts back of them all that prompted you to treat me with such kindness. This is also an evidence that you have an interest in the cause which I represent.

Dr. Alexander MacLaren, (who was truly a great man) said: the vocation of the ministry, could be made the highest and most beneficial in the world." But as I find myself in close touch with other lives, and know their heart cries for the things that the world can not give; and upon the other hand, confronted, and often chilled, by the indifference of our Lord's cause upon the part of others, I tremble under the grave responsibilities, and I greatly fear that I shall not be able to leave the blessings in my pathway that the world needs most.

And now for your sake and for Christ's sake, I earnestly solicit the prayers and cooperation, not only of those of my Church, which I feel sure that I have, but of others also, that this New Year may be the greatest of all in the conquest and victories for Christ. Rev. J. L. Burns, Pastor of the M. E. Church South, Sonora, Texas.

DIED.

J. F. Collier for many years a resident of the North Llano died in camp near Ozona, Sunday Jan. 4th, 1914, from paralysis. His daughter Mrs. Lee Holland from the G. S. Allison ranch went to Ozona in response to the message and escorted the remains to Rossvelt Monday where interment was had in the family burial ground at Copperas. Deceased was in his 69th year and is survived by his daughter Mrs. Lee Holland.

Lee Whitehead after a jolly visit to his family and friends in Sonora has returned to Austin.

Bill Ledford the old time drummer was in Sonora Wednesday doing business with our merchants.

Claud Stites postmaster and merchant of Owensville, was in Sonora Monday on business.

J. R. Walker and T. H. Curry of Menard were in Sonora Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murrain who have been spending a few days with their friends in San Angelo, returned to the ranch Thursday.

Haynie and Tom Davis were in town Friday with two live wolves they trapped at the R. W. Davis ranch Thursday night.

Misses Clara Allison and Sallie Wardlaw who have been spending the holidays at Quana, arrived home Monday.

Geo. S. Allison was in from the ranch Tuesday. Mr. Allison has been under the weather for some time but is getting alright again.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Stokes were in Sonora this week visiting relatives. They are ranching on the Guest—Priour place in Val Verde county.

A. F. Clarkson the Lost Lake ranchman was in town Monday. He had been on a visit to his ranch in the Junco Country and reports conditions fine.

J. A. Cope has moved his picture show from the Wilcox building to his property next to his residence. Mr. Cope will arrange to show during the summer.

Wonderful Cough Remedy.

Dr. King's New Discovery is known everywhere as the remedy which will surely stop a cough or cold. D. P. Lawson of Eadsou Tenn. writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the most wonderful cough, cold and throat and lung medicine I ever sold in my store. It can't be beat. It sells without any trouble at all. It needs no guarantee." This is true, because Dr. King's New Discovery will relieve the most obstinate of coughs and colds. Lungs troubles quickly helped by its use. You should keep a bottle in the house at all times for all members of the family. 50c. and \$1.00. All Druggists or by mail H. E. Bucklen & Co. Philadelphia or St. Louis.

STOCK NEWS.

H. P. Allison of Sonora sold two registered Hereford bulls at \$100; one yearling at \$85 and one calf not registered at \$50 to Theodore Savell.

H. P. Allison of Sonora sold to Joe Turney three registered Hereford bulls at \$100; one yearling at \$85 and one not registered calf at \$50.

The Sutton County Stockmen's Protective Association at their first annual meeting last week re-elected R. E. Taylor president, G. W. Stephenson vice-president, B. M. Halbert secretary treasurer.

R. E. Taylor sold out of his late shipment of registered Angora billies; To G. W. Stephenson 8 at \$45 to \$125; one to R. H. Chalk at \$50; four to Marion Stokes at \$45; four to Chas Evans at \$45.

T. B. Adams of Sonora sold to E. F. and A. Vander Stucken 25 head of the Heymann, Kansas Rambouillet rams, coming ones and twos at \$15 per head. They were cut as they ran.

Geo. S. Allison has sold all cattle, sheep and goats and leased about 100 sections of land to his sons John S., Curtis and H. P. Allison at private terms. Mr. Allison reserves the Black Huley cattle and horses and the Glasscock and Liano ranches.

T. B. ADAMS FINE Rambouillets Here

The finest and largest herd of pure bred Rambouillet sheep. 453 head in all, raised by Geo. A. Heymann of DeGraff, Kansas, were received by T. B. Adams of Sonora this week. These sheep were much admired by the stockmen.

WARFIELD'S A G RA NANNIES Bought by Ward and Halbert.

J. A. Ward and B. M. Halbert of Sonora have bought 62 head of Angora nannies from W. J. Warfield of Aisea, Oregon, with one Billie valued at \$40 and one Billie from J. W. Stump valued at \$300. Messrs Halbert and Ward will divide the nannies and use the Billies alternately. The Warfield was one of the most noted bands of Angoras in Oregon, having been bred by the Warfields for the past 40 years and the Sonora Country is to be congratulated on having secured this noted family of Angoras.

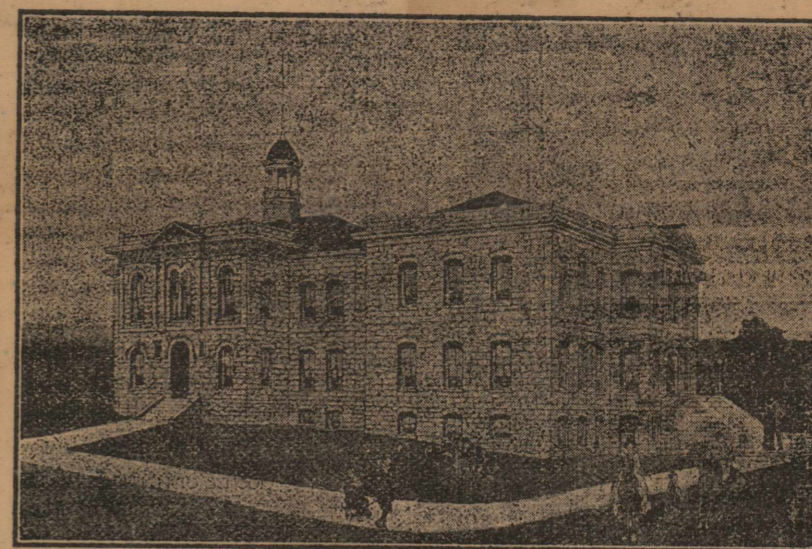
FAMOUS OREGON BILLIES Bought by R. E. Taylor

R. E. Taylor has had on exhibition and for sale this week at the Decker yard 63 registered Angora Billies. Fifty-five registered does he forwarded to his ranch. The Billies and Does were purchased by Mr. Taylor from such National Angora breeders as Wm Riddell & Sons and S. B. Stump of Mouth, Oregon and U. S. Grant of Dallas, Oregon. In the lot was the noted Billie "Taylor & Lock Woods No. 1" purchased from J. B. Stump and valued at \$500 as well as a pure bred African doe kid with mohair 13 inches long. Stock from other noted breeders were also in the shipment. Mr. Taylor says the Sonora country is better adapted to the Angora than Oregon and that the goats he received from that State last month have greatly improved in appearance. Mr. Taylor also received six ewes and one ram of Lincoln sheep that he will give a trial.

SONORA MOHAIR EQUALS South African or Aslatic

B. M. Halbert the Sonora goat breeder says it has paid him to improve his Angoras and gives as an illustration of the benefit of infusion and select breeding, that the clip of Mohair from the top goats of the Sonora Country fifteen years ago averaged three pounds while now the clip of the top flocks averages between six and seven pounds. The general average of the Sonora Country of Angoras is about four pounds and the additional two pounds is what it takes new blood and hard work to get. The average of the top goats of the Sonora Country now equals that of South Africa and it may not be long until breeders in South Africa will be coming to the Sonora Country for individuals with which to improve their herds. The action of South Africa in putting an export duty of \$500 has proved a blessing to the American Angora goat raisers.

GOOD ASSORTMENT OF Boys & Youths Pants TO Close Out at Cost Prices J. E. GRIMLAND.



The State has Approved the issue of \$18,000 bonds of the Sonora School district and the Board is ready to begin the improvement as soon as the bonds are sold which will be as soon as the State has the money.

Order for Poll Tax Receipt:

To J. B. ADAMS, Sheriff and Tax Collector, Sutton County, Texas:

ISSUE TO

my lawful agent, my Poll Tax receipt for the year 1914.

My age is years. My nationality is

I have resided in Voting precinct No. In Texas years

and in Sutton County months or years and am by occupation

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Post Office

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sale of Orient R. R. Ordered by Court To Reorganizers

Kansas City, January 6.—A step toward the reorganization of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad, now in the hands of 11 receivers, was made today when Federal Judge John C. Pollock ordered a decree drawn for the sale of the Orient properties. The order was made after the court had listened to long arguments for and against a plan of reorganization submitted by New York attorneys representing bond holders and construction companies. The effect of the order, it was said, would be the union of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Co., a subsidiary, and the construction companies in one large concern which would take care of the conflicting claims of all creditors. The decree of sale would transfer the properties to a reorganized company. The capital for the reorganization would come from persons now having money invested in the Orient.

Judge Pollock said the date of sale and the minimum amount to be asked would be announced in about two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cauthorn were shopping in Sonora Friday.

Sam Merck has again taken charge of the blacksmith shop.

Carl and Tony Gunzer were in from the ranch Friday trading.

Malcomb McNicol was in from the Bond ranch Friday on business.

Judge James Cornell was in Austin and San Angelo this week on legal business.

Miss Edna Wheat was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Yaws of Mayer this week.

Fred Grimland left for San Antonio Tuesday on a business and pleasure trip.

Ed Fowler is having 50 acres on his ranch north of town plowed in readiness for cotton.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. W. A. Ogle and children wish to thank the kind friends of Mayer and Sonora for the kindness shown them in the illness of their dear husband and father, who has left this world of sorrow and pain to join the angels in Heaven. God knows best but it is hard to give up the best friend that we will ever have on earth. We know that he is at rest with God where there is no suffering. There is a vacant place in our home that God can never fill. While we are here broken hearted we hope to meet our loved one in the next world where we will never part again. Dear father left a wife and seven broken hearted children to mourn for him. We know that he is at rest with God where he will not have any more pain. We hope and pray to meet our dear father some sweet day in the home far away.

Written by a broken hearted child.

The 20 foot two story addition to the Masonic Hall is under course of erection this week.

W. L. Aldwell, president of the First National Bank, made a business to San Antonio and Austin Monday.

Thomas A. Bond left for San Antonio Friday, to resume his studies at the West Texas Military Academy.

Sterling Baker was in from his ranch in the North Llano country this week visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Baker.

Wylie and Marion Adams prominent stockmen and farmers of the Llano near Terrett, were business visitors in Sonora Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Edens and child were in from the ranch in Crockett county, Friday the guests of the Commercial Hotel.

Silas Izard of the firm of Shipman & Izard marble dealers of San Angelo, was a business visitor in Sonora Friday. He was accompanied by J. B. Gates of Blankett, Texas.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every man's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

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Free Port and Independent Steamship Line Among Important Achievements of the Year.



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COMPETITION is the most powerful factor in commerce and the most successful agency in empire building. Whenever it is stimulated prosperity abounds and when it is stifled progress is blighted. It is the only sovereign that sits upon a world throne and rules on land and sea. Proud vessels that majestically sail the deep and hurl defiance at governmental rate-makers will dip their flags at the appearance of this invisible monarch of the world's traffic.


The greatest event in the commercial life of the State during the past year was the establishment of an independent steamship line, managed by Texas merchants, plying between New York and Freeport, and the establishment of a free port where the commerce of nations can pass to and from this country without paying toll to private enterprise. Its effect upon commerce will be international and the lowering of rates has extended the trade territory of Texas jobbers hundreds of miles into the interior.

The Texas jobbers purchase from the Atlantic seaboard markets approximately \$250,000,000 of merchandise per annum and the larger volume moves via the steamship lines. An increase in freight rates not only serves to reduce the profits of the jobbers but contracts the trade territory of the Texas dealers. There is no event quite so certain—not excluding death and taxes—as an increase in freight rates when no independent steamship line is in the field and the new steamship company is rendering all the people of Texas an inestimable service by holding down the rates.

A free port injects into the marine affairs of Texas an element of competition much needed in water traffic. It is more than a stress device to fight competitive ports—it is progress. The improvement of the harbor and port facilities at Freeport which can be completed to accommodate twenty-five-foot vessels at an estimated expenditure on the part of the Federal Government of \$300,000 will perpetuate competition in ports and competition in ocean-traffic. No more profitable investment can be made and no greater aid rendered the public.

ADVERTISING TEXAS

Money Follows Line of the Least Resistance.



BY W. HOLT HARRIS

MUCH has been said and more written about advertising the resources of Texas abroad and our glowing opportunities, when properly safe-guarded, will make the eagle on every American dollar spread its wings and fly to Texas. But the thing most essential to our growth and progress is the proper alignment of our laws and conduct and a clearer understanding of the necessities and requirements of progress. When this is done, it will be as unnecessary to solicit capital to come to Texas as it will be to invite the bees to make honey. Money follows the lines of least resistance and capital flows wherever profit is greatest and conditions most stable. The bank vaults of the nation are filled with dollars that are searching to and fro, up and down the earth for safe and profitable investments but it is of first importance that the house be put in order before the guests are invited.

There is nothing that so weakens the foundation of industrial achievement as the knockout drops of uncertainty, and capital will never seek investment where a myriad of scornful fingers are pointing toward it and neither will it give serious consideration to opportunities that are seared by fear. No amount of publicity, however adroitly presented, can bring about profitable results under such circumstances. Such a country can only hope for satisfactory development through some freak of nature.

We have so many laws and rumors of laws and Dame Duty is such a fickle goddess when flirting with ambition, that it keeps industries guessing as to the true status of affairs lest they all be some companions in adversity.

The press of Texas has been growing for the past few months under a burden of announcements of progress made by the State in its efforts to visit the pains and penalties of law upon industry and the incandescent flashes of malice and prejudice that have lighted the horizon have had a tendency to wither and blight our destiny and we still hear threats of war. Not only has it done violence to progress but it has very effectively placed fetters upon our growth and development by giving the State millions of dollars of bad advertisement.

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MEAT PACKING LEADING INDUSTRY

Growth of Texas Plants Remarkable

For many years Texas has held high rank as a livestock producing unit, but only during the past decade has the slaughtering and meat packing business assumed mammoth proportions. From a comparatively small industry ten years ago it has become the leading manufacturing enterprise of the state as measured by the value of products manufactured. In 1900 the nearest approach to a packing house in Texas was a sausage factory. We had four of these plants at that time and their combined annual output had a value of \$42,000. The latest census reports show fourteen slaughtering and meat packing establishments operating in Texas whose yearly production is more than \$42,000,000 in value. This gigantic industry furnishes employment to 4,300 persons, who receive \$2,600,000 annually in salaries and wages and represents a capital investment of \$12,438,500.

The packing houses of Texas slaughter 2,000,000 head of livestock annually, which is equivalent to the natural yearly increase and is 20 per cent of our meat animal supply. These animals cost the packers \$37,500,000, while a decade ago animals slaughtered were valued at only \$3,170,000.

In number the predominating class of meat animals slaughtered is hogs, the total number killed each year being 910,000, compared with 208,270 ten years ago. The demand for pork has increased with marked rapidity in Texas during recent years, and last year we consumed \$340,000,000 more of pork and pork products than we produced.

Beefes and calves rank next to swine in number slaughtered, but the cost of the cattle killed yearly is \$7,000,000 more than that of the hogs. As Texas is the leading livestock State she also ranks first in number of cattle. We had 6,055,000 head on January 1, 1913. In 1912 the value of beef produced in Texas had a value of \$47,812,000, while the requirement for the year was only \$19,646,000, leaving a surplus of \$28,166,000. Our packing houses now slaughter a million head of cattle annually, while ten years ago the killing capacity was only 32,000.

The Texas sheep which at one time was raised only for his wool now has a dual commercial value and his flesh is one of our most delicate cuisines. While the number of sheep slaughtered at our packing houses has increased more than thirteen fold.

MALT LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS

Mild Stimulants Taking the Place of Strong Drink

The manufacture of malt liquor ranks fifth in importance in Texas manufacturing industries from the standpoint of capital invested and ranks third in value added by the manufacturing process. According to the last Federal Census Report we have twelve establishments engaged in the manufacture of malt liquors, employing 931 persons, with an investment of \$7,027,000 and an annual payroll of \$900,000. The records of the Federal Government show that the capital invested, and the value of the Texas output, have been doubled during the past decade. During the past five years two new establishments have been erected and two million dollars of new money put into the manufacturing business. There are no distilleries in Texas and no whiskey is manufactured within the State.

No authoritative figures are available on the amount of foreign malt liquors consumed in the State, but reliable estimates indicate that 22 per cent of Texas' consumption is manufactured outside the State. Probably 95 per cent of the Texas products are consumed within the State. We consume in Texas approximately 2 per cent of malt liquors manufactured in the United States, while we have 4 per cent of the population. The Texas products have taken first premium at world's fairs, and their purity and perfection is universally recognized. We manufacture in the State approximately 700,000 barrels of beer per annum.

The factory value of the annual Texas output is shown by the census enumerators at \$6,464,000, and the value of the raw material used in manufacturing is \$1,695,000. The value added by the process of manufacturing is \$4,769,000. The principal materials used are barley and rice.

The manufacture of malt liquors in the State has shown an increase of 60 per cent against an increase of 27 per cent in population during the past decade. The increase in malt liquor manufactured in the United States during this period is twenty per cent. Less than one per cent of malt liquor establishments of the United States are located in Texas.

The increased demand for malt liquor indicates that mild stimulants are taking the place of strong, poisonous drinks and is evidence of more temperate drinking and sobriety.

Merry Moments

As We Journey Through Life Let Us Laugh by the Way.

Cruel—What?

It was a clear case of unrequited affection, but, despite numerous setbacks, Blinks persisted in his calls. The lady's name was May, but her attitude toward him was December. Her ten-year-old brother Billy received poor Blinks the last time he dropped in.

"Is your sister at home?" asked the suitor.

"No, she's gone out."

"Ah! so I've come to the ego only to find the bird has flown."

"No, you ain't," retorted Billy. "But you're like the month of June."

"How's that?"

"Every time you come in May goes out."—Fun.

Physical Exercise Sweeping.



"Mother—I'm sick, and you'll have to do the sweeping today."

"Daughter—I can't, mamma; this is the day I take physical culture exercise."—Chicago Daily News.

Unusually Intelligent.

"You saw this horse?" asked counsel for the defendant.

"Yes, sir, I."

"What did you do?"

"I opened his mouth in order to ascertain how old he was, and I said to him, 'Old fellow, I guess you're a good horse, yet?'"

At this juncture opposing counsel leaped to his feet. "Your honor," he cried, "I object to the statement of any conversation between the witness and the horse when the plaintiff was not present."—Our Animals.

His Busy Day.

"Busy day?"

"Terribly busy. I got to the office so late that I almost missed a very important luncheon engagement. Luncheon kept me so long that I nearly forgot a golf match and when I got through with that I barely had time to get ready for a theater party. Still, I don't mind having to hustle. It takes activity to keep business going these days."—Washington Star.

Fitness of Things.

Stenographer—The old man says to order him a carriage.

Bookkeeper—What kind of a carriage does he want?

Stenographer—I don't know, but, to be appropriate, it ought to be a sulky.—Somerville Journal.

Catching a Baseball Fan.



"Did she sue him for breach of promise?"

"Yes; the poor fan spoke of a diamond and she said it was so sudden."—Exchange.

A Nurse's Success.

"I've just returned from abroad, you know. How is your poor father?"

"We lost him."

"Dear, dear!"

"Yes, the nurse married him."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

No Trouble About Sticking.

First Drummer—Confound it! Half the sales I make don't stick.

Second Drummer—Get into my line and you'll have no trouble. I sell mucilage.—Boston Transcript.

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

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A BALLOON IN A STORM.

How It Feels to Crash into a Raging Thundercloud.

Balloonists watch the approach of a thunderstorm with a feeling much like that of the skipper of a fishing boat in southern waters, who watches a nearing waterspout. A close acquaintance with either is dangerous. In Fly Mr. Samuel A. King recounts an experience that few would care to undergo.

Mr. King had announced that he would ascend at Burlington, Ia., at half past 4, without fail. A heavy thunderstorm was about to break at that hour, but rather than disappoint the people who had gathered, the aeronaut ordered the balloon to be released. It shot up rapidly, and the gale swept it out over the Mississippi river.

"I determined," says Mr. King, "to try to pass through the gray cloud that hovered above and in advance of the low black mass. In this way I hoped to rise into the undisturbed atmosphere above the storm. Seven minutes after leaving the ground the car was shut in by the leaden cloud. The lightning's glare momentarily reddened the mist, but there was no commotion. By throwing over sand I passed through the cloud and rose toward the gray cloud thousands of feet above.

"As the balloon neared it I kept looking up to catch the first sign of an opening. Suddenly a blinding discharge of electricity cracked and flashed past the car, the thunder crashed overhead, and the balloon was snatched from its upright position and whirled through the cloud with cyclonic fury. The violently expanding gas threatened to burst its envelope; the car tossed wildly up and down; the slackened net ropes snapped and cracked like whips at the end of each oscillation. Flash followed flash, and the thunder was incessant, but I held on through the blinding and deafening hurly burly, forced the valve wide open and wondered all the time what would happen if the electric fluid and the escaping gas should meet.

"It may have been 10,000 feet down to that cloud where the blackness of night prevailed and where the world below imagined that the storm king held his fearful revel. I knew he was not there, for I had discovered him on his throne holding high carnival in the clear light of day.

"As the gas whistled out of the balloon the descent became rapid. I soon passed out of the range of the lightning and plunged through the ragged mass of the lower cloud, and there the violence of the storm on the earth became apparent.

"There was lively work ahead! Dense woods, furiously lashed by the wind and rain, offered scant hospitality. There was a sweeping plunge, the drag rope thrashed through the branches, and the car crashed into the tangled branches, while I held my breath and shielded my face.

"The balloon was torn to ribbons, and the netting became entangled among the limbs of the tallest tree. The car gently dropped with little jogs to within a foot of the ground. Stepping out, I caught a piece of the torn balloon that came floating down, pulled it over my head and sat down upon a stump to wait until the rain was over."

Hercules' Labors.

The twelve labors of Hercules were: To slay the Nemean lion; to kill the Lernean hydra; to catch and hold the Arcadian stag; to destroy the Erymanthian boar; to cleanse the stables of King Augeas; to destroy the cannibal birds of Lake Stymphalia; to capture the Cretan bull; to catch the horses of Diomedes; to get possession of the girdle of Hippolyte, queen of the Amazons; to capture the oxen of the monster Ceryon; to get possession of the apples of the Hesperides and to bring up from the infernal regions the three-headed dog Cerberus.

Knowledge.

Knowledge is like the coin of exchange. A man is justified to a degree in taking pride in his possession, if he himself worked over the gold of it and tried to coin it, or, at least, if he came by it honestly, already tested out. But when he did not do anything of the kind, but got it from some passerby who threw it in his face, then what ground has he to boast of it?—John Ruskin.

To the Point.

A lawyer residing in Washington and noted for his laconic style of expression sent the following terse and witty note to a refractory client who would not comply with his reiterated demands for the payment of his bill:

50c.—If you pay the enclosed, you will oblige me. If you do not, I shall oblige you.

—Lippincott's.

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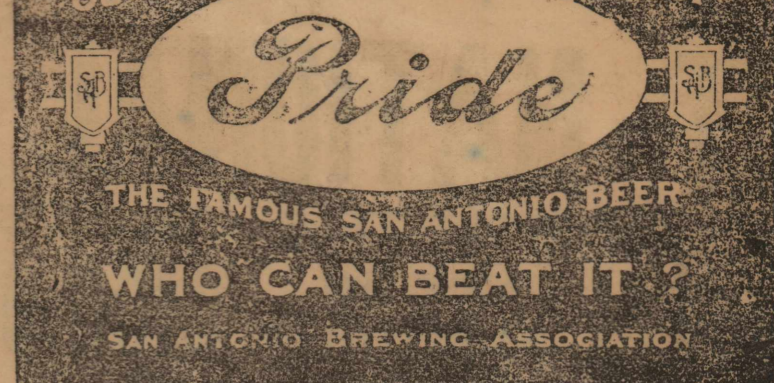
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