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Growth and Age.

As far as the practical side of life is concerned, the period of middle age is a woman's time of richest and most fruitful activity. The careful mother and house wife, with her children growing up around her, is full of thoughts and full of duties. She has neither fingers enough nor hours enough to attend to the needs of the day. However great her capacity, she feels that she can hardly make it accomplish all that she desires.

It is, then, too often, that there comes a break. The woman grows up and scatters, and the house seems empty. The daily activities although quiet as constant, and more wearisome, take on the appearance of being less profitable, and the woman finds that, almost without knowing it, she has passed from maturity to age.

That is not right, either to herself or to others. She should not give all at once, nor let the tyrannical perfection of the body so blind her to its inevitable failure and decay that she will slight the welfare of the soul.

The soul need never grow old, although the body must. If we set the body broad the soul into a corner, the soul will starve; but, even in our busiest hours, when the demands of the day are greatest, we keep a little for the soul, through thought or beauty give it the glimpse of the eternal that it must have to keep it young and fresh and worth possessing. We shall find ourselves repaid, for, even in the midst of bodily illness and decay, a soul thus nourished never grows old.—Fourth's C. M. & Co.

Cheating at Examinations.

Two young ladies, seniors at the University of Chicago, are leaders in a movement to abolish the practice of cheating at examinations in the Chicago high schools. Why is this cheating? It is because there is something wrong with the system. Those boys and girls are not naturally born sneaks and liars, but because the studies they have to take and the recitations they have to undergo have no moral import in them. The common school curriculum is purely an intellectual affair, calculated to promote shrewdness and smariness rather than wisdom and understanding. It looks to results and outside success. The aim is to win at the examinations and there is nothing in the arithmetic or grammar to inspire a boy with the idea that there is only one way to win and that is the honest way. We seem to neglect that way. The intellect is not a moral agent and yet the entire system consists in feeding that, and thus neglecting the spirit which is the ruling force in human destiny. When that is drawn out and strengthened and put over the intellect you make the man and the scholar and in no other way.

If the education of the youth were placed upon this basis three fourths of the loud reformers of the day would retire from business. When the youth are educated along right principles we will hear very little of the claims for charity, reform, uplift and so on, that now engage public attention. In educating the spirit of the child we promote his self activity, bring his soul into play, direct his impulses and awaken his genius. That is education, not working sums and parsing.—Ohio State Journal.

Ranch for Sale.

One-fourth mile from Sonora 17 section ranch. 3 good wells, with sufficient tanks. Price \$7 per acre. Apply to AUGUST MECKEL, 79th. Sonora, Texas.

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The Only Way.

"If you fellows care to go for a spin in the dogcart, do so with pleasure," said the farmer to the two superior town youths, who were recuperating in the country. "Not bad sport, that," said one to the other, when the farmer had set off for his turnip fields. "Easy thing to harness a horse, isn't it?"

"Oh, quiet simple, dear boy!" Nevertheless both seemed a little doubtful on reaching the stable as to whether the animal's head or tail was the correct point to which to start.

Argument decided that the latter end of the wretched animal was the starting point, and, after much snorting and stamping, they reached the head, where their chief difficulty lay in adjusting the bit.

"There's only one thing to do—wait," said one despairingly. "Wait? For what?" "Why, wait for the wretched beast to yawn!"—New Orleans States.

Strengthens Weak and Tired Women.

"I was under a great strain nursing a relative through three months' sickness," writes Mrs. J. C. Van De Sande, of Kirkland, Ill., and "Electric Bitters kept me from breaking down. I will never be without it." Do you feel tired and worn out? No appetite and food won't digest? It isn't the spring weather. You need Electric Bitters. Start a month's treatment today; nothing better for stomach, liver and kidneys. The great spring tonic. Relief or money back. 50c and \$1.00, at your druggist.

ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

Dramatic Reunion of Count de St. Croix and His Fiancee.

The Count de St. Croix, belonging to one of the noblest and wealthiest families in France, became engaged, after a long courtship, to a lady his equal in position and fortune and famous for her beauty.

Shortly after the happy day was appointed which was to render two loving hearts one the count was ordered immediately to the siege of Sebastopol, so he girded on his saber and at the head of his regiment marched on to the battlefield.

During the count's absence a disaster happened that his fiancee, who had been stricken down with smallpox. For weeks she hovered between life and death, but recovered only to find her beauty hopelessly lost. The disease had assumed, in her case, the most virulent character and left her not only disfigured, but scared and scarred to such a frightful extent that she became hideous to herself, so she resolved to pass the remainder of her days in the strictest seclusion.

A year passed away, when one day the count, immediately on his return to France, accompanied by his valet, presented himself at the residence of his betrothed and solicited an interview. This was refused. He, however, with the persistence of a lover, pressed his suit, and finally the lady made her appearance, very closely muffled in a veil.

At the sound of her voice the count rushed forward to embrace her; but, stepping aside, she tremblingly told him the story of her sorrow and burst into tears. A heavenly smile broke over the count's handsome features as, raising his hand above, he exclaimed: "It is God's work! I am blind!"

It was even so. When gallantly leading his regiment to the attack a cannon ball passed so closely to his eyes that, while it left their expression unchanged and his countenance unmarked, it robbed him forever of his sight.

It is unnecessary to add that their marriage was shortly after solemnized, and, despite their afflictions, they lived to enjoy great happiness.

Electrons.

Nothing exists within the entire range of the most powerful telescopes that humans can make but electrons. Every phase of matter on earth, and the same kinds or elements are to be seen on every clear night glowing in many millions of distinct suns, can be resolved into primordial basic electrons. Hence I have repeatedly asserted that nothing exists but electrons. Electrons at rest are not matter—they are pure electricity. No atom of any chemical element can appear in space until electrons revolve around each other. Specific speeds, distances of orbits, numbers of electrons, revolving and directions of their revolutions determine what elementary atom shall be formed. This is the set, rigid and basic fact of modern science.—Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

Welsh Miners' Superstition.

Women, like rabbits, are of ill omen to the miner. In many places, particularly in Wales, if a pitman meets or sees a woman on his way to work he will turn back, for such an encounter is held to forebode evil not only to the man himself, but all his associates. At Oswestry some years ago a woman was employed as messenger by one of the collieries and in the course of her duties met many of the colliers on their way to work. The men immediately told the manager that they could not run the risk of ill luck entailed in meeting a woman on the way to the pit and threatened to strike if she were not dismissed.

Japan's Sacred Island.

Kinkazan, the sacred island of northern Japan, now one of the most attractive spots for sightseers, was held so holy in the ancient days that no woman was allowed to land upon its shores, although it was visited yearly by hundreds of devotees from whom the priests reaped a rich harvest. But in 1873, when the temples were handed over from Buddhism to Shintoism, it lost much of its sacredness, and since that time the buildings have been gradually allowed to fall into decay, several having been completely destroyed by fire.

How Far Eye Can See.

The ability to discern the star Algor at the tail of the Great Bear has been held to be the test of the limit of human vision unaided by any glass. Very rarely is the eye of such power as to see the satellites of Jupiter, though there are on record two or three instances, the third satellite being the most distinct of those seen.

DR. KING'S NEW LIFE PILLS
The Pills That Do Cure.

LAND USURY IS OPPOSED

Farmers' Union Officials Denounce Conventions as Political Trusts and Score Conferences of Constructionists.

Constructive Legislation the Remedy.

Fort Worth, Texas.—The Democratic constructionists engage that to legally restrain the greed of avaricious land owners is socialism, impossible of execution and of funds property rights and it is further advanced as a reason why legislation is needed that not more than one landlord out of one hundred charges his tenants more than a third and a fourth. We will not take the authority to pass upon fine spun theories of government, but we think we are fairly familiar with farm conditions all over Texas and as the undersigned have been farm laborers, tenants and landlords and are now engaged in studying farm problems first hand, we think we are qualified to discuss the subject from every angle without prejudice or self-interest.

The Farmers' Union favors legislation that will permit and encourage co-operation among farmers of small means as well as other classes in securing credit and cheap money and also legislation that will assist in the marketing of our crops and when this is accomplished, we consider that the difficulties of the tenant farmer will largely disappear, as many of them will become home owners. We see no more danger, however, in making land usury unlawful than in making any other kind of usury unlawful.

Who Objects to Land Usury?

Accepting for the sake of argument the statement of the constructionists that not more than one out of one hundred land owners charge usury on land, we do not see that the percentage should constitute exemption from legislation. Perhaps not more than one person out of one thousand commits murder, but will the constructionists contend that the percentage is too low to justify legislation, and do they think the liberties of the people are jeopardized by a law against murder? We contend that property rights are in no wise jeopardized by a law against land usury. Who is objecting to such a law? Is it the ninety and nine who, according to the constructionists, are already using the proposed standard or is it the one that has gone astray on the mountain peaks of usury? We hope the conference of constructionists will not permit their land-mad members to influence their judgment in this matter.

That the tenant farmer is oppressed by either the landlord, the credit merchant or the money lender, and oftentimes all of them cannot be denied. We will reverse the figures put out by the constructionists and say that ninety-nine out of one hundred tenant farmers pay usury in some form or other to one of the three classes above mentioned. The merchant and the money lender take risks but the landlord takes none, as title to his share of the crop rests with him. Why should he be exempt from usury legislation?

As to Socialism.

There are now 35,000 farmers in Texas who are socialists. Some of them belong to the Union, all who will subscribe to the principles of the Union are welcome in our organization and we want to here extend an urgent invitation for all socialists to join with other farmers in electing a Governor and members of the legislature on the Farmers' Union platform.

The convention held by the pros and the conferec proposed by the antis (if they name a candidate) are nothing more than political trusts and are a menace to good government. These political syndicates are inimical to the freedom of the people and ought to be enjoined by decree from the high courts of public sentiment.

The movement which started out to eliminate candidates finds itself now in the attitude of trying to add another candidate by inducing some one to accept its nomination. The candidates have all fled from it as though it were a pestilence. This condition alone ought to suggest to its leaders that they make haste slowly.

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The Sile In The South.

The sile is coming into general use, and everywhere we here of its good report, Texas is probably buying more sile this year than any State in the Union. The great cattle industry of this State has tested out the sile and found it not only practical but giving advantages to the Southern stock raiser, which makes it a necessity in the South, they use the sile for both summer and winter feeding, perhaps more in winter for summer feeding than in winter. The large variety of splendid forage crops which can be grown in the Southern States gives the man with the sile an opportunity to produce not only the best but also the cheapest stock food.

The secret of success in raising lies in the cost of the ration. The great free ranges of the West proved this in days gone by. For the future, it will mean that the stock business will best thrive where the ration can be made the cheapest. The sile furnishes a means whereby forage can be preserved, not only for one season but for several years. It furnishes a means of saving all of the nutriment of the plant, and turns it out in a succulent and nutritious form.

The two great food elements for all animals are carbohydrates and protein. The cheapest known form of carbohydrates on the farm is silage, made from cane or kaffir. Protein is found in the cheapest form in the legumes, such as alfalfa, clover, soybeans and the vetches. In concentrates, perhaps cottonseed meal or hulls, especially for the Southern farmer, will be the cheapest form of protein. The combination of cottonseed meal and silage provides a ration which cannot be excelled for cheapness, and at the same time it is palatable and nutritious. Tonnage of tons of cottonseed in a season are shipped to the Northern States and even jobs out in small quantities to feeders and dairymen. The retail price to a man in the North is nearly double what the Southern farmer would have to pay for cottonseed meal. This should be sufficient encouragement for the Southern stock keeper to warrant his venture into the stock business.

A long dry summer in many of the Southern States burn up the pastures and cause a shortage of grazing food but with the sile abundant and succulent feed can be had at all times. There is never a season, however dry, but what abundant forage can be grown to fill the silos. By using summer and winter silos and balancing this food with alfalfa, cow peas, soybeans and cottonseed meal, the Southern farmer is in a splendid position to produce live stock and stock products at the lowest possible cost.—Fort Worth Live Stock Reporter.

Check Your April Cough. Thawing frost and April rains catch you to the very marrow, you catch cold—Head and lungs stuffed. You are feverish—Cough continually and feel miserable—You need Dr. King's New Discovery. It soothes inflamed and irritated throat and lungs, stops cough, your head clears up, fever leaves, and you feel fine. Mr. J. T. Davis of sticky Corner, Me., "Was cured of a dreadful cough after doctor's treatment and all other remedies failed." Relief or money back. Pleasant—Children like it. Get a bottle to-day. 50c and \$1.00 at your Druggist. Bucklen's Arnica Salve for all sores.—Adv.

Cart Mayfield was in from the ranch the first of the week. Ira Word was in San Antonio last week on business, returning Saturday. C. S. H. McComb went to Sonora Tuesday to spend a few days. Mrs. Ira Word has as her guest Mrs. James Cornell, of Sonora. Mrs. O. T. Word has returned after a two week pleasant visit with her daughter, Mrs. Sui K. City of Sonora. Jim Cornell, the Sonora lawyer, was in the city Tuesday having come down in his car.—D. I. Herald

Eldorado Defeats Sonora.

On last Saturday April 11th, the baseball boys of Sonora went to Eldorado to play ball. The game started at 3 o'clock, with Sonora in the field. Both sides played good ball but Eldorado out batted Sonora which won the game for them. The score was 4 to 2. Batteries: Eldorado, Cochran and Bailey. Sonora, Martin, McDonald and A. Lax. The line up was as follows: Sonora—McDonald, Hamilton, Keese, Adams, Martin, Cook, Cuseberry, Whitehead, Lowrey. The line up for Eldorado was: Sweett, Davis, Stillman, Henderson, C. Cochran, Kniley, Murray, E. Cochran, Buley.

The men who have demanded war with Mexico have been ridiculed a great deal by those who insist upon peace. They say the "war party" would remain at home and allow someone else to do the fighting. Possibly this is true, but a man does not have to be a soldier in order to be a patriot. Many of us who believe that Uncle Sam should carry his honor on his shirt sleeves, love our country just as devotedly as the daring warriors who are for peace, and who are willing to serve where we can do the most good. But we do not care to piece us heroes. While others are receiving the applause of a grateful people for fighting and dying for the native land, we are willing to hold up some pillar of the government in a civil position, such as a post-office. We are too generous to want to mount a pedestal, or any other kind of steed, and plunge madly and picture quely right into the mouth of cannon. We know that if we should be knocked a few miles by a ball and laid on a cactus, we would have a scar in a large monument, but with supreme unconcern, we step aside, and all others to tread the way of fame and glory, ourselves content with a check at the end of each month for civil service.—C. A. C. in Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining on hand in Post Office at Sonora, Texas, for week ending April 14, 1914. Domestic Letters: Peat Suteon, Grada runnes, Palmage Wilson, Joe Wats Jr, J. B. McKinney, Ebel Everett, Jovito Bishop, Mrs. Norman Beadman, Emmett Bellings, Miss Fay Robertson. Foreign Letters: Florencio V. q. 123, Andrea Natalia, J. B. Reyes, Geilpa Castaneca, Juan Sanchez, Juan Sandobal, Pablo De Leon, E. es Toera, Administrador Carreras, Benigno Garois, Jose Angel Samamigo, Gonfacio Rodriguez.

When calling for above please say advertised. G. W. Smith, Post Master.

Located.

"I see you have recovered from the measles, Jonny," said the primary teacher. "Yes," replied Jonny, "but ma says they are still in my cistern."

Notice To Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that all Trespassers on my ranch 25 miles east of Sonora, for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, injuring fences, or DRIVING CATTLE THROUGH THESE PASTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. R. T. BAKER, Sonora, Texas, April 13, 1914.

Notice To Trespassers.

Notice is hereby given that any one trespassing on my ranches 25 miles east of Sonora for the purpose of hunting, cutting timber, injuring fences or DRIVING CATTLE THROUGH THESE PASTURES WITHOUT PERMISSION will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. J. E. ROBBINS, Sonora, Texas, April 18, 1914.

Already Had One.

A gentleman once prepared to meet possible burglars by purchasing a revolver. It was a nice little weapon with "For Burglar" neatly engraved on the butt, and he was very proud of it; but one evening he forgot to take it upstairs to bed with him as usual. When he came downstairs in the morning he found the house depolled of all valuables and this note lying beside the revolver. "Thank; but I always carry my w. l.—The Burglar."

Twenty Rules for Raising Beef in South.

Useful rules for raising beef are given in the Southern Farmer's Bulletin No. 581, just issued by the United States Department of Agriculture under the title of "Beef Production in the South." After discussing in some detail the available pastures and grasses, the Bulletin summarizes conditions as follows: 1. Eliminate the tick on the farm. Good pastures are essential for profitable beef production. 2. Plant pasture grasses over the waste lands. 3. Use purified bulls for grading up the native stock. 4. Always select the best heifers for breeding purposes. 5. Use the coarse fodder, straw and the stalk fields for wintering the breeding herd. 6. Wean the calves when pasture gets short. Put them in the corral and pen-feed while weaning and teach them to eat cottonseed cake or cottonseed meal. 7. Raise and finish beef cattle on the ranch farm when possible. 8. A mixture of cottonseed meal, cottonseed hull and alfalfa hay is a good ration for fattening calves. 9. Silage is the best roughage for fattening any class of cattle. 10. More care is necessary in feeding calves than in feeding grown cattle. 11. At the present prices corn silage is a cheaper and better feed for fattening beef cattle than cotton seed hulls. 12. Hulls and cottonseed meal make an excellent feed for a short feeding period, but do not produce good gains on cattle after the third month. 13. It is not entirely satisfactory to use corn stover as the sole roughage.

While Johnson grass hay cost \$10 and hulls \$7 per ton it is more profitable to feed the hulls alone. Summer feeding on the pasture is usually more profitable than winter's feeding. Finishing cattle early in the summer is usually more profitable than in finishing them later in the season. Finishing steers on grass and cottonseed cake is nearly always more profitable than grazing them without feed. Thin steers make larger and cheaper daily gains than fleshy ones when put on pasture. Pounded for you, cold pressed cottonseed cake is not equal to the common cottonseed cake. The use of a small amount of corn in addition to cotton seed cake has proven profitable for feeding steers on grass. This bulletin, with its twenty pages and nine illustrations, also contains an interesting discussion of the various breeds more serviceable in grading up the native stock it is sent free on request.

New Dairy.

G. K. Stedham and wife of Sonora have moved to Menard and opened a dairy at the Kirkpatrick place. Mr. Stedham says he will supply all the sweet milk that the city wants as he will buy more cows and put on his farm as the trade increases. The business is not at all new to Mr. Stedham, having run a dairy farm in El Paso for five years where there were about one hundred cows milked twice a day. He will deliver milk night and morning during the day if so ordered.—Menard Messenger.

Thirty decks of sheep, or the equivalent of 5,000 head, arrived Monday, practically the entire supply coming out of West Texas. Quality average was fairly decent, and buyers had no complaint to lodge against the class of stuff offered. Market was opened early with stuff selling strong to 10 cents higher. Things moved along nicely at the advance mentioned, and as a whole it was a very satisfactory sort of a session. Clipped mixed sheep brought \$5.65, wool ewes notched \$5.85, wool lambs \$6.85 and ten decks of clipwethers at \$5.15. A string of choice clipped wethers from Del Rio, put on a new top for the season at \$5.75.—Fort Worth Reporter.

A compilation of the building permits issued during March in the nine principal cities of Texas has been completed by the Texas business men's association, and shows that considerable building was in progress during that month. Construction licenses were issued in these cities in the sum of \$2,333,476 in March. Dallas heads the list with permits totaling \$607,213. Waco was Dallas' closest competitor, with \$435,620. The other cities and the amounts issued are Houston \$259,945, Galveston \$236,332, San Antonio \$204,540, Fort Worth \$191,291, Beaumont \$85,014, El Paso \$80,980 and Austin \$30,264.

Dress Making.

Stylish and up to date dresses made by Mrs. Walling. Prices reasonable. Room 221, second floor Mays Bldg, San Angelo, Texas.

For Sale.

A four roomed house corner lot 50 & 140 near school house, Price \$750. Apply at news office 31st

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Breaking Records.

Detroit Mich April 15 Going up Production figures at the Ford factory at Highland park, Mich. are shattering all records. Eleven hundred and more cars a day for twenty-six consecutive working days was the record in March. When the last car had passed out the factory's doors on March 31st, there had been twenty eight thousand, seven hundred twelve Fords built and shipped during this month of thirty one days of which five were Sundays.

Those who have been following motor car production have become accustomed to think of the Highland Park factory as the place where more than one thousand complete automobiles are turned out every day. These will now have to accustom themselves to the new slogan of "More than eleven hundred Fords a day."

When these figures are being digested it should be kept in mind that every car as soon as built, is shipped to a waiting Ford agent. There is no storage room at the factory for these cars, they are sold.

The Ford factory, big as it is, has its hands more than full to build enough cars to supply the demand.

The fact is, that despite the unprecedented production during March, the close of the month saw the factory still many thousands of cars behind the sales department.

An idea of the demand for Fords may be obtained when it is stated that on a single day early in April, the factory received orders for more than twelve thousand cars.

Those familiar with the Ford business are predicting that the demand for Fords this year, as in years past, will greatly exceed the supply. They are urging those who contemplate purchasing, to do so early and thus insure themselves of having a car during the summer months when the demand is heaviest.

And there will be no let up during April. All indications point to this being even a larger month in the way of production than was March.

Reports from the Ford factories at Ford, O. and Manchester, England show that the business of these two companies is proportionately as brisk as that of the American company.

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Little Mary was coloring pictures with her Christmas set of paints. She used a tint that failed to please and exclaimed: "Oh, I didn't mean to do that! However, what's done is done and can't be undone—except shoe laces."

Thirty three United States senators will be elected this year by direct vote of the people in the first general test of the seventeenth amendment to the constitution. Primary elections and conventions for nomination of various candidates already have been held in some states and will continue throughout the country for several months preliminary to the general elections next fall. Terms of 31 senators expire March 3 next.

Absolute prohibition will prevail in the United States navy after July 1, next. Secretary Daniels made public a sweeping order which not only will abolish the traditional "wine mess" of the officers, but will bar all alcoholic liquors from every ship and shore station of the navy. This order, constituting one of the most notable victories ever won by prohibition forces, was issued on the recommendation of Surgeon General B. H. Hays.

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Teacher.—What is conscience, Waite? Little Mary.—Conscience is the fear that some one will find a leleow out.

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Victor.—Tommy, do you know the difference between maximum and minimum? Small Tommy.—Yes, ma'am. Minnie Mumm is Maxie Mumm's sister.

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, hunting hogs or fishing without my permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. A. F. CLARKSON, Sonora, Texas.

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. J. A. Gauthorn, Sonora, Texas.

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. B. CUSENBARY, Sonora, Texas.

Announcements.

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

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR. H. H. Martin, as a candidate for election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

TAX ASSESSOR. Geo. J. Trainer, as a candidate for election to the office of Tax Assessor of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

COUNTY JUDGE. E. S. Biant, as a candidate for election to the office of County Judge of Sutton County, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

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Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that all trespassers on our ranch one mile west of Sonora on the Ozona Road, for the purpose of cutting timber, hauling wood, hunting hogs or fishing without our permission will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Fred & Joe Berger, Sonora, Texas.

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School House Work.

Work is now progressing rapidly on the addition to the school house and the Board of Trustees expect to have every thing ready for the opening of the fall term in September. The Trustees are deserving of special appreciation at the hands of the patrons for their untiring efforts and attention to the duties incident to the erection of the new building. Their work, however, has only just begun and the public are and should render all the assistance in their power to make their work as pleasant as possible.

School Trustees.

An election will be held in the Sonora Independent School district Saturday May 2. Three trustees are to be elected. The retiring members of the board are James Cornell, J. T. Shirley and Theo. Savell. Because of the matter of the school building with which these members are familiar it is desired that they be re-elected. The work of building is of the utmost importance at this time and the plans have been worked out to the best advantage by the present board.

HONOR ROLL.

The following pupils in the first and second grades have had perfect spelling lessons for the week ending April 17:
Willie Ridgeway, Johnnie Stanley, George Smith, Hilos Turney, Earl Merck, Chita Pfister, Laurence Grimand, Arge Robinson, Francis Adams, Joe Tranter, Charlie Bull, Kenneth Jordan, Boosi Glascock, Joseph Bridge, Della Rose Harber, Ruby Bell Marita Frank Merriman, Mary Fields, Dan Ross, Lum Trainer, Millard Cope, Frank James, Rufus Winn, Anna Turney, Gertrude North, Margaret Allison, Eula May Ross, Moody Burns, Artie Bell Orr.
Names of 3rd Grade pupils who made 100 in spelling for week ending April 17. Most Merriam Jewel Eaton.
These were excused from reading on Friday: Clara Pinkston, Lola Glascock, Orlge Harst.

Remember the next election will be held in Sutton county May 2.
Mrs. L. J. Wardlaw and children return from a visit to San Angelo Wednesday.

D. B. Cusenbary returned from Eldorado Monday where he has gone to attend district court.

B. F. Bellows the Sonora lumber dealer made a business trip to Angelo last week returning Saturday.

Owing to temporary illness of District Judge Timmons court at Eldorado was adjourned for the term Monday.

Ota Smith of Eldorado was in Sonora a few days this week visiting his parents Postmaster and Mrs. G. W. Smith.

Mrs. Bart C. DeWitt returned from a month's visit to her parents in Fort Worth Wednesday. Bart met her at San Angelo.

Hill & North the local agents for the Ford sold a five passenger Model T to L. P. Valient this week.

Barney Weaver and Bill Benson two of Rocksprings popular young men were in Sonora Sunday.

Mrs. A. H. Nathan is visiting her sister Mrs. Bul Ellis in Menard this week.

Miss Myrtle Briant of Ozona, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Sonora the guest of her mother Mrs. G. S. Briant.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer left this week for the East where they will spend the summer. They left for Del Rio Tuesday where Mr. Sawyer has banking interests.

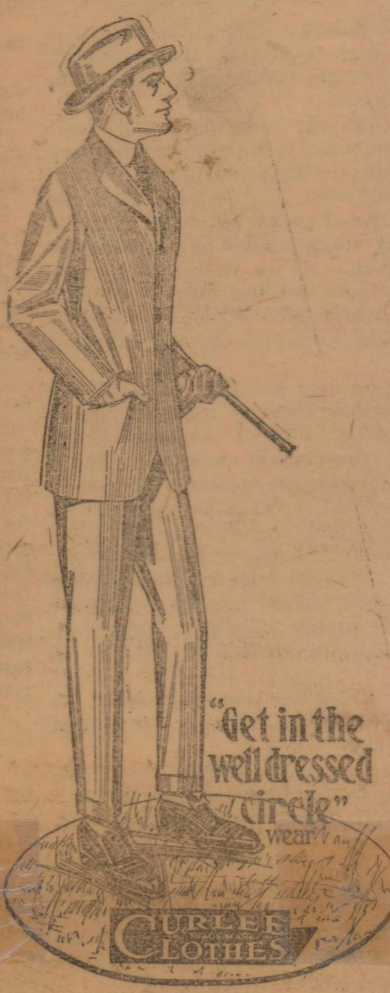
Harry Smart, the contractor has completed the E. E. Sawyer home on Prospect Avenue and left Tuesday for his home Bangor, Maine. The Sawyer home is the best built modern home in Sonora and cost about \$10,000. Mr. Smart was so pleasing and gentlemanly throughout his four months stay in Sonora and made friends of all the men employed on the building and with others he came in contact. He expressed himself as delighted with the climate of the Sonora country and with the character of our citizenship. He will visit San Antonio and New Orleans before returning to his home in the East.

J. W. Mayfield To Build.
W. P. Caldwell has the contract for J. W. Mayfield to build a modern home, on the present home site near the High School to cost \$83,000. Contractor Caldwell was boyhood friend of the Mayfields. The building will be modern and just what Mrs. Mayfield wants in every particular. The work of removing the present house is in progress. The Mayfield home location is one of the prettiest in East Sonora.

G. P. Hill was trading Sonora.
Henry Wilson who ranches in the Frank Deafort country was trading in Sonora Tuesday.

Frank Baker and brother I. W. Baker of Junction were business visitors in Sonora this week.

Pascal Clom who ranches on the west line of Sutton, was in Sonora Monday on business.
Bed Cole the motorcycle expert from San Angelo was in Sonora this week.



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STOCK NEWS.

Bert Page bought 1400 stock goats from C. A. Yoas at private terms, or rather from 2 to \$5 per head.

The attention of cattlemen who intend driving cattle to Menard, is called to the Trespass notices of R. T. Bazer and John Robbins in his issue of the News.

C. A. Yoas sold three sections of his ranch on Middle Valley to Bert Page of Mayer for \$5.50 per acre. The place joins Mr. Page's and is improved with a well, goat sheds, etc.

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Joe F. Logan of the S. E. McKnight ranch was in Sonora Friday.

J. R. Evans the painter is decorating the interior of Judge E. S. Briant's residence.

Dr. W. T. Chapman, the Sonora dentist is attending the State Dental Association meeting in Fort Worth.

The Misses Beile and Ethel Adams entertained a number of their friends Friday night, at the home of their father T. B. Adams.

Millard Parker who has been working in the Sanderson country for the past year returned Saturday.

Mr and Mrs. D. T. Yawe and children and Miss Cora Kuntree were in from the Middle Valley ranch Wednesday visiting.

J. G. Alford returned last week from Bisbee, Ariz. Jim looks as nervous as the day he went away. He says the former Sonora people in New Mexico are doing well.

J. E. White of London and Henry Goobe of Junction were business visitors in Sonora Thursday.

Sam McKnight had for his guest Ed Gibbins of Richland Springs. Gibbins wants to lease a pair of Mr. Gibbins couple of thousand steers.

Miss Maud Lohmann and Herman West were married at the home of the brides parents near Eldorado Wednesday April 15. They will make their home at Seattle, Wash. The News extends best wishes.

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Take Steps to Recover.

W. L. Aldwell, E. F. Vanderstucken, E. S. Briant, W. A. Glasscock and L. J. Wardlaw members of the Railway Committee of Sonora with James Cornell, attorney for the Committee, attended a conference with the Railway Committees of Eldorado and San Angelo at San Angelo Saturday. The question under consideration was the recovering by the people of the grade of the Orient built by the persons interested between San Angelo and Sonora.

The meeting was of the opinion that action should be taken and the three committees will select a committee from their number and present their claims to the Federal court.

Tom Russell of Menard was in Sonora several days this week talking business with his partner R. H. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornell returned from San Angelo Wednesday and expect to leave Sunday for San Antonio to attend the Battle of Flowers.

Mrs. J. C. McDonald met her daughter Miss Estelle, who has been visiting at Pecos, at Angelo Wednesday. They arrived home Thursday.

Service at the churches were not held Sunday because of rain which fell throughout the day. The amount of rain was about one inch and extended over a large portion of West Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bellows entertained a few friends Monday night. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Paschal Odom, Carrie Karnes, Edna Wheat, Betty Brown May North, Willie Mae Winn, Violet Stanley, Messrs Grady Lowrey, Ben Cusenbary, Wallace McDonald.

Miss Estelle Benson and Alfred Mills were married at Eldorado Sunday April 12. Rev. J. R. Maxwell officiating. The bride is the daughter of T. L. Benson, and the groom is one of Schleicher's prosperous young stockmen. The News extends best wishes.

One of our old time friends Frank Hill of McKavett was in Sonora Tuesday on his way home from the D. K. McMullan ranch on Devil's River, where he delivered some bulls.

Want Orient Road Built Or A Return Of Bonuses.

A meeting of some of the most prominent men in West Texas — men who subscribed for the construction of the grade for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Railway from San Angelo to Sonora — was held in the offices of Hill, Lee & Hill, local attorneys Saturday afternoon for the formulation of plans, whereby the road can be induced to complete its line into the Sutton county metropolis or place the bonuses in the hands of an organization which would establish the operation of trains between the two points.

One of the main purposes of the session was appoint a joint committee which will present the claims of the two subscribers to officials of the line. Already there has been formed a railroad committee in Sutton county and there is a similar committee of the Chamber of Commerce here which with one to be formed among those in Schleicher county who subscribed to the grade work will enable such action as is contemplated to be taken. Approximately \$300,000 was subscribed for the construction of the grade and as the contracts, specifying that the line be placed in operation within a certain time, expired over two years ago, the people are urging immediate action be taken.

Among those in attendance at Saturday afternoon's meeting were R. E. Vanderstucken, L. J. Wardlaw, W. L. Aldwell and Judge E. S. Briant of Sonora, who constitute the Sutton county railway committee. Messrs Brown, F. Lee, Louis L. Farr, C. A. Broome and George E. Webb, who constitute a part of the railroad committee of the Chamber of Commerce; and Messrs. Alex Collins, H. E. Jackson and Judge J. W. Hill of San Angelo and James Cornell of Sutton county and R. M. Thompson of Eldorado.

No definite date for a future meeting was decided upon Saturday afternoon, but it is likely that with the co operation of all of the committees action will immediately be taken — San Angelo Standard.

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THE Ne'er-Do-Well

By **REX BEACH**

Author of "The Spoilers," "The Barrier," "The Silver Horde," etc.

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SYNOPSIS.

Kirk Anthony, son of a rich man, with college friends, gets into a fracas in a New York resort. A detective is hurt. Jefferson Locke intimates himself into the college men's party.

Locke, aided by Kirk's friend Higgins, who thinks it a joke, drugs Kirk and puts him aboard a ship bound for Colon. Kirk is on the passenger list as Locke.

"Broke" and without baggage, aboard the ship Kirk makes the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Cortlandt.

Cortlandt is in the American diplomatic service and is going to Panama on a mission. In Colon Kirk, as the son of a big railroad man, is taken up by Weeks, American consul.

Kirk's father repudiates him, and Weeks casts him out as an impostor. Kirk meets Allan, a Jamaican negro canal worker out of a job. The two are arrested by Colon police for helping to put out a fire.

Kirk and Allan are treated brutally in a Colon jail by young Alfarez, commandant of police. Allan's release is obtained by the British consul, but Weeks refuses to aid Kirk. Mrs. Cortlandt gets a phone call.

Mrs. Cortlandt obtains Kirk's release by using influence with Colonel Johnson, head of the canal. The Cortlandts are intriguing to make Alfarez's father president of Panama.

Kirk's father casts him off finally, and Mrs. Cortlandt obtains for him a position on the Panama railroad under Bunsell, master of transportation.

The Cortlandts and Kirk plan a picnic on the island of Taboga, near Panama. Cortlandt is detained and his wife and Kirk are marooned on the island.

Kirk kisses Mrs. Cortlandt and is then ashamed to think he has violated Cortlandt's trust in him. Cortlandt, alarmed by his wife's absence, rescues her and Kirk from the island. In the country near Panama, Kirk meets a charming Spaniard girl.

The girl tells him her name is "Chiquita." He learns later that she means only "little one." Kirk begins his work. Mrs. Cortlandt has learned who Jefferson Locke is.

Locke (real name Wellar) is a swindler and has disappeared. His description fits Kirk. The latter tries in vain in Panama to learn something of Chiquita and meets Alfarez again.

A republic. The voice of the people is supreme.

"Down in your heart do you really think so?" She was still smiling at him. "No! The United States is supreme."

"Ah! That day will come, perhaps—I have said so. I look forward to it as the best solution, but—"

"The day has come."

"Even so, Alfarez is an honorable man, a strong man and the wealthiest man in our country."

"You are also a rich man, a man of ability," said Cortlandt. "Your name is second to none in all Central America. There is no one better."

"Impossible!" exclaimed the banker, in a strange voice. "I? No, no!"

"And why not? Have you never had political aspirations?"

"Of course. All men have dreams. I was secretary of finance under Amador, but the Garzvals have never really been public men. Politics have been a curse to our house. My grandfather—"

"I know," broke in Mrs. Cortlandt. "But times have changed. Panama has seen her last revolution, and she needs a business man at her head. Panama is a healthy country, with no national debt. She is growing, developing. She holds the gateway to the western world, and her finances must be administered wisely. There is no one who can direct her so well as you."

"It is impossible!" repeated Garvel, his agitation growing more pronounced.

"General Alfarez is my friend. His son will be my son."

"Ramon! Is Ramon engaged to your daughter?"

"Yes," exclaimed the banker, shortly. He began to pace the room.

"What difference would that make, if the young people love each other?"

"Certainly," Cortlandt agreed. "They are not children."

"As for love, Ramon loves, and my daughter will love also, once she is married, for she is a Garvel."

"If Ramon isn't satisfactory to her, she will marry me," said Cortlandt, eagerly. But the banker flung his arms aloft in a gesture of half-humorous despair.

"Oh-h! These young ladies!" he cried. "They do not know what they want." He paused abruptly. "This comes upon me like a flood, my friends. I am swept away, and yet I—I will need to think seriously."

"Certainly."

"To an honorable man the salary will mean nothing. I have many affairs; I fear I cannot afford this sacrifice."

"Would you retire in favor of some one who could afford it?"

"Alfarez is honest."

"Alfarez cannot be president."

"It would require a great deal of money. I am considered the future, and but I have discounted the future, and my enterprises!" He flung out his arms. "I have spread out. I must be careful. It is not alone my money that I have invested."

"I will require very little money," said Cortlandt. "I have been from David to Darien, from Boca to Colon and I know the public sentiment."

"It was midnight before Senator Andres Garvel, the banker, made his friends goodby. When he descended the hotel steps to his carriage he held his white head proudly erect, and there was new dignity in his bearing."

The winter season was at its height now. Every ship from the north came

"Oh-h! These young ladies!" he cried, laden with tourists, and the social life of the city grew brilliant and gay. Now that nature smiled, the work upon the canal went forward with ever growing eagerness. Records were broken in every department, the railroad groaned beneath its burden, the giant human machine was strained to its fullest efficiency.

Young Anthony mastered the details of his work very rapidly. Being intensely interested in his work, he avoided all social entanglements, despite repeated invitations from Mrs. Cortlandt. But when the grand opera season began he made an exception and joined her box party on the opening night.

It seemed quite like old times to don an evening suit, the stiff white linen awakened a pang of regret. There was a somewhat formal dinner in the Cortlandts' new home, at which there were a dozen guests, so Kirk had no opportunity of speaking with his hostess until they had reached the theater.

"I've scarcely seen you lately," she said at the first opportunity. "You're a very neglectful young man. I began to think you were avoiding us."

"You must know better than that."

She regarded him shrewdly over her shoulder. "You're not still thinking of that night at Taboga?"

He blushed and nodded frankly. "I can't help thinking about it. You were mighty nice to overlook a break like that, but"—Unconsciously his eyes shifted to Cortlandt, who was conversing politely with a giggly lady here.

She tapped his cheek lightly with her fan. "Just to show you how forgiving



There Was the Girl of His Dreams.

CHAPTER XV.

Gertrudis Garavel.

LIKE most Latin-American cities, Panama was itself upon her government theater. Although it remains dark most of the year, its brief period of opera is celebrated by a notable outpouring of Americans and Panamanians. It was an exceedingly well dressed audience, for although the pit was plentifully sprinkled with men in white, the two lower galleries were in solid full dress. In the center box of the first tier, ornately hung with flags and a coat of arms, Anthony beheld a giant black man of majestic appearance, flanked by a host of lesser figures.

"That is President Galles," Edith told him.

As the curtain fell on the first act Kirk rose with the others and, accompanied by Mrs. Cortlandt, made his way down the long passageway and out into a brightly lighted, highly decorated foyer. Billing now with voluble people. It was a splendid room, but he had no eyes for it. His gaze was fixed upon the welcome open air promenade outside, and his fingers fumbled with his cigarette case.

"Oh, wait, please," he heard Edith say. "I want you to meet some one."

There, not a yard away, was the girl of his dreams demurely bowing to Edith Cortlandt, her hand upon the arm of a swarthy man, whom Kirk knew at once as her father. He felt the blood rush blindingly to his head, felt it drumming at his ears, knew

that he must be staring like a man overtaken. Mrs. Cortlandt was speaking, and he caught the name "Garavel" like a bugle call.

She was the same dainty, desirous maid he had met in the forest, but now splendidly radiant and perfect beyond his imagining. She was no longer the simple wood sprite, but a tiny princess in filmy white molded by some master craftsman. As on that earlier meeting, she was thrilling with some subtle mirth which flickered on her lips or danced in the depths of her great, dark eyes.

How he ever got through that wild introductory moment without making a show of himself Anthony never knew. The general confusion perhaps helped to hide his emotion, for around them eddied a constant human tide, through which at last came Mr. Cortlandt and the other members of his party. Then by some glorious miracle Kirk found himself moving toward the open air at her side, with Mrs. Cortlandt and the banker in advance of them.

"Oh, Chiquita," he said softly. "I thought I'd never find you. I've hunted everywhere."

At the tremendous intensity of his tone she flashed him a startled glance.

"Chiquita is not my name," she said, reprovingly.

"Yes, it is; it must be. I can't think of you by any other. Haven't it been whispering at my ears ever since you said it? It has nearly driven me mad. Why didn't you come back as you promised?"

"It was Stephanie—she is such a ferocious person! I was brought to the city that day—but no, senior, I did not promise. I said only 'perhaps.'"

"Have you done your penance?"

"It was finished yesterday. This is the first time I have been out. Oh, it is delightful. The music—the people!"

"And I can come to see you now?"

"Very well do you know that you cannot. Have you not learned our customs? Do not be foolish, or I shall be forced to walk with my father."

"Don't do that. Can't you see we must make haste while the curtain is down?"

"I do not see. I am strolling in search of the cool air." She bowed and smiled at some passing friends. She seemed very careless, very flippant. She was not at all the impetuous, mischievous Chiquita he had met in the woods.

"See here!" he said, soberly. "We can't go on this way. Now that I've met your father, I'm going to explain my intentions to him, and ask his permission to call on you."

"My father is a stern man. In his house he is entirely a Spaniard, and if he learned how we met, for instance"—even under the electric light he saw her flush—"he would create a terrible scene."

"Trust me! I shan't tell him."

"There are so many reasons why it is useless."

"Name one."

"One!" She shrugged lightly. "In the first place I care nothing for you. Is not that enough?"

"No, indeed. You'll get over that."

"Let us imagine, then, the contrary. You Americans are entirely different from the people you are said to be—liberal, wicked—your social customs are not like ours. You do not at all understand us. How then could you be interested to meet a Spanish family?"

"Why, you're half American."

"Oh, yes, although it is to be regretted. Why, there is no other nice girl in all Panama who would have talked with you as I did in the forest that day."

"But what has all this to do with my coming to see you?"

"It is difficult to explain, since you will not understand. When a young man is accepted into a Spanish house, many things are taken for granted. Besides that, we do not know each other, you and I. Also, if you should come to see me, it would cause gossip, misunderstanding among my friends."

"I'll declare myself in advance," he promised warmly.

"No, no, no! We Spanish-Americans do not care for strangers. We have our own people and we are satisfied. It is much better that old people who are of more experience should discuss these questions."

"But don't you want to have a voice in your own affairs?" he eagerly urged.

She answered frankly: "I do rebel sometimes. I protest, but it is only the American blood in me."

"If you'd learn to know me a little bit, maybe you'd enjoy having me around the house."

"But I cannot know you, any more than you can know me," she cried, with a little gesture of despair at his dullness. "Don't you see—before we could get acquainted nicely, people would be talking about it."

"Let's try. You're living at the country place again, aren't you? Suppose I should get lost some day—tomorrow, for instance?"

"No! Listen. It is the warning bell, and we must return."

The crowd was filing into the theater now. They fell in behind Senator Garvel and Mrs. Cortlandt.

"I'm going hunting again tomorrow," prophesied Kirk, "and I'm almost certain to lose my way—about 3 o'clock. Suppose we have another stroll after the next act?"

"I shall be with my father. Never before have I enjoyed so much liberty."

She sighed gratefully.

"Oh, I detest your blarney, strictly lined Spanish excitement, anyhow? I don't know, I do."

"She laughed and darted to her father's side.

"Don't you see, Miss Garavel is a pretty girl?" Mrs. Cortlandt questioned, as they strolled toward their box.

"She's a dream!" Anthony's tone loomed nothing.

"You got along together awfully well. Most of the senoritas are impossible."

"By the way, what is her name?"

"Gertrudis. Rather pleasing, I think. Kirk thought so too. When, after a while, the curtain fell for a second time he scanned from his companions, minute by minute, excuse or other, and made haste to find her again. But as he approached he felt a sudden pang of jealousy.

Ramon Alfarez was beside her, and the two were gazing at each other with an appearance of intimacy that made him furious. Close at hand stood a tall, dark

man in conversation with Colonel Johnson.

"Ah, Ramon. I wish you to meet Mr. Anthony," said Gertrudis. "So! You have met before?"

"In Colon," Kirk explained, while Alfarez scowled him with his eyes. "Mr. Alfarez was very hospitable to me."

"Yes," the Spaniard exclaimed. "It is my great regret that Senator Anthony did not remain for longer. Does Senator Anthony discover our climate to be still agreeable?"

"Very. It hasn't grown too warm for me yet."

"We are but approaching our 'ot season.'" The speaker's eyes snapped.

Heretofore Kirk had hated Ramon in a careless, indifferent sort of way, feeling that he owed him a good drubbing, which he would be pleased to administer if ever a fitting time arrived. But now, since he saw that the jackanapes had the audacity to love Gertrudis, his feeling became intense. The girl, of course, was fully alive to the situation and, although she evidently enjoyed it, she did her best to stand between the two men.

As for Alfarez, he was quick to feel the sudden fierce hostility he had aroused, and it seemed to make him nervous. Moreover, he conceived that he had scored heavily by his last retort, at which Kirk had only smiled. It therefore seemed best to him to withdraw from the conversation (unwillingly conducted in English), and a few moments later he stalked majestically away. This was just what Kirk wanted, and he quickly suggested the balcony. But Gertrudis was obstinate.

"I must remain with my father," she said.

"May I sit beside you, then? Do you know, I'm going to nestle up to your father and make him like me."

"Again you are speaking of that subject. I have known you but an hour, and you talk of nothing but my father, of me, of coming to call. I have lost all modesty to speak of these things. You force me to embarrass myself."

"You once spoke of a chap your people had picked out. Is it—Alfarez?"

She let her dark eyes rest upon his a moment, and his senses swam. Then she nodded slowly.

"You do not like him?"

"Just like a nose bleed. The day you and I are married I'm going to send him a wreath of poison ivy."

"It pleases you always to joke."

"No joke about that. You won't give in, will you?"

"There is no question of force nor of surrender, senior. I insist now that we shall speak of other things."

A few moments later he was constrained to resign his hostess's party.

"When are you going back to Las Savannas?" he asked as he reluctantly arose.

"Tomorrow."

"The hunting ought to be good."

But she frowned at him in annoyance, and he left her after all without knowing whether he had gained or lost ground. She was not so warm and impulsive as he had supposed. Her girlishness, her simplicity, her little American ways, clung to her deeply, and a fine sense of the difference in their positions. The plague of it was that anything he was more in love with the deflating Gertrudis than he had been with the mysteriously alluring Chiquita. And then, too, there was Alfarez!



CHAPTER XVI.

An Awakening.

HE was in no more satisfactory frame of mind when, on the next afternoon, he shouldered his gun and set out for the country. He went directly to the fairy pool, and waited there in a very fever of anxiety. Despite the coolness and peace of the place, he felt his pulses throb and his face burn. If she came, it would mean everything to him. If she stayed away—why, then he would have to believe that after all the real Gertrudis Garavel had spoken last night at the opera. The sound of a voice shot through his troubled thoughts like a beam of sunlight through a dark room.

"Oh, Senior Antonio! How you startled me!"

Instantly his self-possession came back. He felt relieved and gay.

"Good afternoon, queen!" He rose and bowed politely. "I thought I saw one underneath the waterfall just now."

"Who would have expected you to be here?" she cried, with an extreme and obviously counterfeited amazement that filled him with delight.

"I'm lost," he declared; then, after one look into her eyes, he added, "Ah—"

of yourself and ready to do anything decent for a change. Knowing your aristocratic habits as I do, I realize you must owe a lot of money by this time, and your new friends must be getting tired of you. I have been expecting you to draw me daily and am taking this occasion to warn you in your own extensively acquired courage. I cannot say that I give you will agree to behave yourself in future I will pay your debts, send you meat and give you a job as operator at \$4 a month. But you will go where I send you, and you will stay where you are put. I will do the thinking for both of us and judge of your associates. Maybe you prove to be any good at all I will arrange with the police to let you spend your vacations in that dear New York, which still shows signs of your red paint brush. I would be pleased to have an apology by return mail, so that I may meet you in New Orleans and start you off once more on the road to decency and self-respect. You will never be a success at anything, but I am always ready to do my duty.

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