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Our Memphis factory has been practically turned over to fill my orders first. I sold nearly a quarter million dollars worth last year and expect to sell a million this year. have arranged exceptional terms to responsible people, and am prepared to finance your fence problems. Write me--phone me--come to see me and let me figure on your fence bill, anywhere in America.

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 SAN ANGELO, TEXAS.

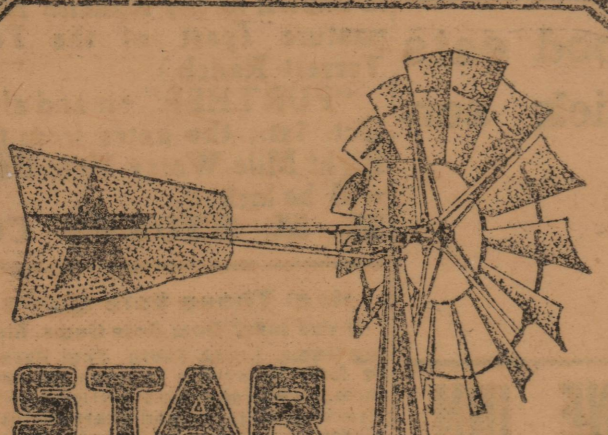
OLD SPANISH TRAIL STAGES

FOR
 Economical Transportation.
 Round Trip Fare Between Sonora
 and San Angelo is now

\$5.00

Ride the Stages and Save the
 Difference.

J. B. LEE, Proprietor.



STAR

Running-in-oil

You will find in the new running-in-oil STAR the many features you have always wanted in a windmill—one oiling a year—your choice of Timken Tapered Roller Bearings or "NO-OIL-EM" Bearings—two gears, two pinions and two pitmans—direct center lift to pump rod—crosshead, guides and pitmans bearings flooded with oil—a scientifically designed wheel with angle steel arms and braces and ball-bearing turn table.

The fans of this new Star are curved to give great efficiency in an 8 to 10 mile an hour wind. Plunger pump in crank case floods crosshead, guides and pitman bearings with oil, and tight cover keeps out dirt, rain or snow.

One filling of crank case with oil each year will save many trips up the tower. May be fitted on any tower.

The new STAR is the last word in Windmill construction. Come in and let us show you this mill. You will want to know about it whether you are needing a new mill right now, and we want you to know what a really fine windmill we have in this new Star.

FOR SALE BY
 West Texas Lumber Co.,
 SONORA, TEXAS.

We Guarantee Every Can of
All Gold Coffee
 "Distinctly Different"

E. F. Vander Stucken-Trainer Company,
 Sonora, Texas

Better Health Habits Due to Advertising

Advertising campaigns have done more to change the habits of the nation in the matter of sanitation and cleanliness than the speeches of all the uplifters who have uplifted their voices in the past fifty years.

Some do not remember the old tin bathtubs and unsanitary plumbing of an earlier day, but invention and advertising have actually changed the bathing habits of the American people to the everlasting good of our national health. The universal full-whiskered man of forty years ago has disappeared through the influence of the safety razor. We have been made by judicious advertising a nation of users of things, and of owners of things that add to the fulness of the lives of the masses. We are users of more soap, more paint, more tooth brushes, more electric fans and farm tractors and almost everything else, per capita, than any other nation.

This transformation from our old days of inconvenience and lack of things—a transformation dependent upon the advertising of industrial leaders—has resulted in an actual increase in capital. We haven't made people waste money on things. We have helped them produce more to be used.—Frank Presbrey in the World's Work.

Only Child in Family Not Under Handicap

What are the factors that make a man a success or a failure? On this question, which perhaps interests us all more than any other, science of late has been altering our opinions radically, says Popular Science Monthly. A long-prevalent idea has been that the only child in a family suffers a decided handicap as far as success is concerned. And so we have been accustomed to pity the pampered youngster who grows up without the companionship of brothers and sisters.

Now comes John C. Stuart, psychologist at Colgate university, to upset this notion. From laboratory tests he concludes that the only child gets out into the world with as good a chance of success as a child with many brothers and sisters. This investigator, in the tests, examined 465 students representing families of different sizes. Eighty-one of them were "only children," 194 were from families with two children, and five had nine brothers and sisters each.

Students were asked to solve puzzles, complete sentences and do a wide variety of mental tasks as quickly as possible. The results revealed that the students who showed the greatest speed on one test also excelled in most of the others.

Name Changes Among Jews

The Jewish aptitude for a change of surname is reported to be manifesting itself in Palestine, where many of the Zionist settlers are adopting the new Hebrew designation "Mirachi," meaning Easterner, says the Manchester Guardian. Once upon a time a whole great Jewish community was compelled to make such a change of name by law. After the Prussian War of Liberation in 1813, an edict was issued ordering all Jews within the Prussian realm to Teutonize their surnames. Most of those affected chose new designations from nature and originated the tribes of Rosenstein, Rosenberg, Blumenstein, and so forth.

Anonymous

The class in third-grade language was learning as many new words as possible each week. The teacher requested that each pupil find a new word, learn to spell it and use it in a sentence.

One day little Mary made an enthusiastic contribution.

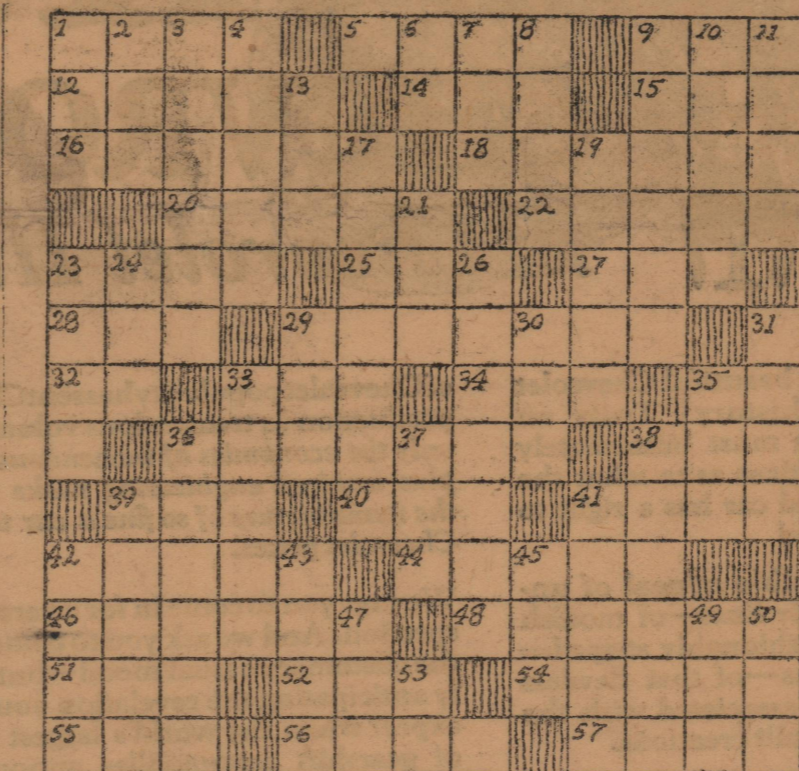
"My word," she proclaimed with much pride, "is anonymous, a-n-o-n-y-m-o-u-s. It means 'without a name.' My sentence is: 'The new baby at our house has been anonymous for almost a month.'"

"Albatross" Glider

A new type of glider, or motorless airplane, is under construction in Berlin. It is intended to imitate as closely as possible the structure and soaring action of large birds, such as the albatross, and has as one of its patented features joints in its wings, which permit radical changes in the positions of the outer half of their length. It will be much larger than the earlier gliders, comparing in size with the average motored monoplane.—Exchange.

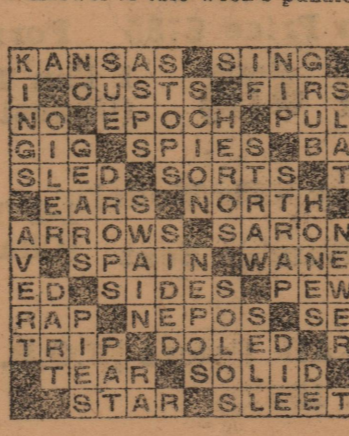
CROSS WORD PUZZLE

HOW TO SOLVE A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE
 When the correct letters are placed in the white spaces this puzzle will spell words both vertically and horizontally. The first letter in each word is indicated by a number, which refers to the definition listed below the puzzle. Thus No. 1 under the column headed "horizontal" defines a word which will fill the white spaces up to the first black square to the right, and a number under "vertical" defines a word which will fill the white squares to the next black one below. No letters go in the black spaces. All words used are dictionary words, except proper names. Abbreviations, slang, initials, technical terms and obsolete forms are indicated in the definitions.



- (©, 1925, Western Newspaper Union.)
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| Horizontal. | Vertical. |
| 1—Any workman in general | 1—Possesses |
| 2—Hastens | 2—Beardlike beverage |
| 3—Chicken | 3—An attack of nervousness |
| 4—Keenly observant | 4—Becomes acid |
| 5—Compassion | 5—Skyward |
| 6—Swedish boy's name | 6—To grab |
| 7—A continued story | 7—Shred cabbage served as salad |
| 8—A right | 8—Warmer |
| 9—Turns down | 9—Girl's name |
| 10—Colorless liquid | 10—Never (poetic) |
| 11—Native metals | 11—To make a kind of lace |
| 12—Pedal digit | 12—A game of chance |
| 13—Writing implement | 13—A candle |
| 14—Aeriform fluid | 14—An old French coin |
| 15—To talk with an impediment in the speech | 15—A giant |
| 16—Right (abbr.) | 16—Rodent |
| 17—Furry | 17—Everlasting |
| 18—Auditory organ | 18—Man's title |
| 19—To exist | 19—A drinking cup (Scott. obs.) |
| 20—Things which horrify | 20—Sharp |
| 21—Fish eggs | 21—Ability |
| 22—To plant seed | 22—To bend the body |
| 23—Small particle | 23—Singular of 36 horizontal |
| 24—Young deer | 24—Over (poetic) |
| 25—Fathers | 25—A vegetable |
| 26—Swift | 26—Prolonged attack |
| 27—Anything which lines | 27—Natives of Finland |
| 28—Self | 28—Part of a stairway |
| 29—To follow | 29—A divan |
| 30—Prefix meaning through | 30—A pastry |
| 31—Noah's eldest son | 31—To doozy |
| | 32—New (archaic spelling) |
| | 33—A jewel |
| | 34—To proceed |

Answer to last week's puzzle.



Cat Halted Traffic

A tomcat tied up traffic at Fremont, Ohio. A woman heard the cat's cries, which seemed to be coming from beneath her car. Several persons looked under the machine, but saw no cat. The cries continued, and a crowd gathered. At last it was found that the cat had climbed between the mud pan and the transmission. From there it had climbed to a warm cubby-hole under the front seat, on which the woman was sitting.

Improvised Curtain Rod

In an emergency a sash curtain rod may be constructed from a 5-16-inch dowel stick, which can be obtained in almost any hardware store, and two soft rubber eraser tips, the kind that slip over the end of a pencil. Cut the dowels about half an inch shorter than the distance between the casing, put on the tips and squeeze the rod in place. No damage is done to the woodwork.—Popular Science Monthly.

Sees World Overpopulated

From compilations and estimations made by a Nebraska professor, the world's population in three more generations will be 7,000,000,000. This number, he says, will be about 2,000,000,000 more than the world will be capable of sustaining at the present rate. The population of the world today is placed at 1,800,000,000.

Veteran Apple Tree

In the shade of the old apple tree on the farm of Robert L. White, near Odessa, Mo., several generations of children have played and eaten the fruit from the tree. The tree is now ninety years old. It is the sole survivor of an orchard planted by Thomas Webb in 1836.

Gasoline From Water Gas

From the chemical laboratory comes the promise of an important new source of gasoline in the future. This source is water gas, which forms a part of most city illuminating gas, and is obtained by passing steam over hot coke.

As the results of experiments in the Kaiser Wilhelm Research Institute for Coal Products in Germany, Prof. Franz Fischer reports in the Popular Science Magazine that by using a catalyst, or substance which accelerates chemical reaction, not only gasoline, but wood alcohol, vasoline and other related products can be obtained from water gas.

Planes as Herald Angels

Four planes in flight were mistaken by East African natives for the "coming of God," and the air-men themselves for Biblical characters, it is told in an East African paper by a resident of Lamuru, who writes: "The boys here, with one accord, left their goats, shouting 'Munga nakuja' (God is coming), or Kikuyu to that effect. My herd boy, who is a Christian, when asked to pass an opinion, referred to them, with tear-stained eyes, as Markie, Lukeie, Mathewie and Johnie."

Asbestos Production

The Quebec production of asbestos formed approximately 84 per cent of the world total in 1925, and about 82 per cent in 1924. The next largest output, 34,349 tons, came from Rhodesia. Russia was third. Both these countries, and some others, greatly increased their production in 1925, but the Canadian output advanced simultaneously to an amount which gave it the same relative proportion as in previous years.

Big Swimming Pool

The Lysside park swimming pool, located near Altoona, Pa., is the largest cement swimming pool in the world. This pool is 185 feet wide by 625 feet long. It accommodates 3,000 persons with full bath-house facilities. It was built in 1924.

Those Good Old Hymns

"I like these old songs we used to sing at church when I was young," feelingly remarked a Rotarian at a recent luncheon when the fellow burst out singing "Grandfather's Clock."—Clay Center Times.

WOOL AND MOHAIR

CHARLES SCHREINER, BANKER.
 (UNINCORPORATED)
 KERRVILLE, TEXAS.
 Makes Liberal Advances on Sheep, Goats, Wool and Mohair.
 Established 1869.

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On improved farms and ranches. Lowest current rates. Loans closed promptly.
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 STORAGE
 Car Washing and Greasing.
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Let us figure your next outfit. Every Aermotor Mill erected by us GUARANTEED against everything, except storms and freezes, for one year.
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5 PER CENT FARM AND RANCH LOANS.

Easy Terms. 5 to 36 years.
 Dependable Service, Through
 THE FEDERAL LAND BANK
 OF HOUSTON.
 This Bank has loaned \$140,000,000 to forty eight thousand Texas Farmers and Ranchmen in six years.
 Let me tell you about it.
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 Ranch Loans, Insurance, Auditing
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 Why pay more than 6 per cent on ranch loans?
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Danger in Tampering With the Atmosphere

A rather imaginative explanation of storms such as the recent one that swept Florida is contained in the contribution of Griffith Moses to the Sydney Bulletin, in which he declares he is convinced that man's tampering disastrously with the atmosphere.

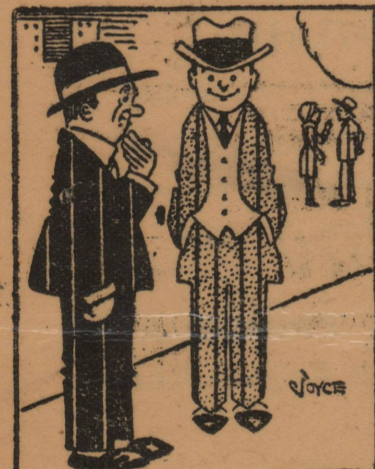
"The atmosphere is 80 per cent nitrogen," he points out, "and if too much of this is extracted, mankind will live and move in a shallow layer of thick oxygenated material. There being insufficient bulk of air left to hold up the regulation amount of moisture, great falls of rain may be expected accompanied by atmospheric disturbances.

"In an atmosphere of artificial exhilaration, animals and vegetables will mature in infancy, attain an abnormal size, live at a terrific pace, and die of old age in their youth. Men and women will be wildly cheerful and take a bright view of everything.

"Oxygen in a pure or comparatively pure state, being a great aid to combustion, the whole surface of affairs and the entire apparatus of civilization will go off in a sudden blaze if the destructive course of events is carried far enough.

"These ideas can't be new, for the destruction of the world by fire has been foretold times out of number and this way is so obvious. But even if the globe must burn, there is no reason why man should be an ass and set it on fire."

HIS SIDE



"No, they don't agree. They practically live on different sides of the house."

"And which side is his?"
"The outside."

Sleeping in Pots

In some portions of Egypt each home has outside it a big baked-mud urn shaped like a teacup and standing on the small end and the rims, or lip outstanding to a noticeable degree. These huge things are beds to be used in the hot summer, and at night the whole family climbs in and goes to sleep, confident that snakes, scorpions and such things cannot crawl up the slippery sides of the immense cup.

Fighting Fog Dangers

A new kind of glass of a deep orange color is intended as a third color for railway signals. The idea is to have a distant railway signal that can be readily distinguished by the driver on the footplate of an engine. Light passing through this glass has good penetration in foggy air, and when modified in color by the fog tends to resemble the red (danger) light.

Iceberg's Journey

An iceberg has been found only a little over 30 degrees north of the equator. Only once before, in 1907, has ice been found floating so far south as Bermuda, but this iceberg was 125 miles south of it. It was only a little one, 80 feet long by 15 feet wide and rising 3 feet above the water (which means a probable 24 feet below).

Wasn't Quite "Holed Up"

As fellow workmen in St. Paul, Minn., strove frantically to release John Roscock, laborer, from beneath tons of sand following a cave-in, John crawled half a block through a sewer pipe to safety. Emerging from the pipe, he returned to the scene of the cave-in and startled his would-be rescuers.

Red Cross Workers

In 1917 there was the marvellous enrollment of 20,000,000 in the Red Cross organization. At present there are some 3,000,000 members. The society calls attention to the fact that the need for Red Cross service is very great in peace time and that membership enrollment helps to make adequate relief possible.

Announcing—



Beautiful CHEVROLET in Chevrolet History

TRULY the most beautiful Chevrolet in Chevrolet history! Truly an achievement which must immediately change all existing ideas as to what the buyer of a low priced car has a right to expect for his money!

Here is the irresistible appeal of unbroken, flowing body lines—of modish new Duco colors, fashionably striped—of notable smartness—of that flawless silhouette regularly associated with the costliest of custom-built creations.

Here are score after score of advancements in design, literally too numerous to list completely—but typified by one-piece full-crown fenders, bullet-type lamps, coincidental steering and ignition lock and large 17-inch steering wheel.

Here is definite assurance of longer life, more satisfactory operation and even greater economy—for all models are equipped with a new AC oil filter and an improved AC air cleaner!

Such features as these are usually found only on cars costing up into the thousands. They are marks of distinction on the world's finest automobiles. Yet these are now offered on The Most Beautiful Chevrolet because the spectacular growth

of Chevrolet popularity has sent Chevrolet production to tremendous volume—and only the economies of tremendous volume plus inspired engineering make possible the manufacture of so fine a car to sell at Chevrolet prices.

We urge you to come in for a personal inspection. And we ask you to come, not in the customary casual mood—but actually anticipating the revelation you would expect when the world's largest buldler of gearshift automobiles announces a completely new line of cars whose truly great value is based on irresistible beauty

and a host of improvements including:

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| New AC Air Cleaner | New Tire Carrier |
| New AC Oil Filter | New Bullet-Type Head Lamps |
| New Coincidental Lock | New Windshield On Open Models |
| New Duco Colors | New Heavy One-piece Full-crown Fenders |
| New Gasoline Gauge | New Hardware |
| New Radiator | New Running Boards |
| New Bodies by Fisher | New Brake and Clutch Pedal Closure |
| New Remote Control Door Handles | |

--with these Amazing Price Reductions!

The COACH \$595	The COUPE \$625	The SEDAN \$695	The LANDAU \$745
Former Price \$845	Former Price \$645	Former Price \$735	Former Price \$765
The Touring Car \$525	The Roadster \$525	The Sport Cabriolet \$715	1 Ton Truck (Chassis only) \$495

Price includes balloon tires and steel disc wheels.
Former price \$535 with balloon tires only.

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Entirely New Model 1-2 Ton Truck (Chassis Only) 395
With Rumble Seat

Balloon Tires Now Standard on All Models --All Prices F.O.B. Flint, Mich.,
Effective January 1st, 1927.

WALKER-STITES MOTOR COMPANY, SONORA, TEXAS.

QUALITY AT LOW COST

Trace Term "Cracker" to City of Savannah

Harris M. King, a Georgian, says that the term "Cracker" as applied to the country people of Georgia originated in Savannah in much this fashion: "Country men would come into the city in their carts, bringing their products for sale to the city, and after disposing of what they had, would buy what they required for their country homes. They always came in droves, and I can recall in my boyhood days seeing as many as 15 or more carts in the procession, coming and going. Arriving here one day, they would remain until the following morning before returning, carting spaces being especially provided for them, and the most of them slept in their carts. When leaving, they would start very early, about daylight, and as they went out they would begin cracking their whips, which would probably sound like a pack of firecrackers going off; the result being that the city folks would be awakened, and they would say, 'There goes those d--n crackers again!' From this, the term 'Cracker' was applied to practically all of the country people of Georgia, and it is sometimes used in designating the country people of North and South Carolina and Florida."

Giant Watermelons

The Department of Agriculture says that watermelons grown in Turkestan along the Tigris river have, under special conditions, reached the remarkable weight of 275 pounds. In the United States melons weighing more than 125 pounds are rare. Last year a record melon was grown near Hope, Ark., which weighed 136 pounds. It was shipped to President Coolidge. —Arkansas Gazette.

Antiquarian Treasures

Four thousand years old, a stone burial-place has been discovered at Snoestorp, Sweden. A farmer who began to dig beneath a little mound on his property was stopped when the national antiquarian authorities learned of his action. A more scientific investigation has resulted in the discovery of bones and of a stone chest, presumed to contain arms and ornaments.

State Helps Book Lovers

Any school library in West Virginia possessing fifty or more volumes may be kept open during summer vacation for at least one day a week, if desired, in order to supply reading matter to students and patrons. Under state law, boards of education are authorized to provide a librarian to meet this local need.

Weak Heart Need Not Carry Death Sentence

Although heart disease has the greatest mortality rate at the present time, a person suffering from it may live a life of usefulness, comfort and of average length by following certain regulations, says Dr. Walter E. Rahte, in Hygeia Magazine. Rheumatic heart disease, the commonest form and one which attacks children and young adults, is caused by a germ that enters the body through diseased tonsils or adenoids or decayed and abscessed teeth. It calls for immediate treatment and special precautions to prevent irreparable heart damage. A moderate amount of exercise, which must be prescribed by a physician; ten or eleven hours of sleep every day and at least one hour's rest during the day; a diet of wholesome, easily digested food in moderate amounts; and proper ventilation with an even temperature are recommended. Drugs must not be taken without a physician's advice, but every person suffering from heart disease should be under a physician's care.

Overweight, underweight and contact with infections should be avoided, likewise excitement, emotional upsets and physical overexertion.

Easy-Going Crime Fighters

The historic city of Nuremberg, long noted for its leniency in dealing with criminals, has run true to the old saying, "The Nurembergers hang nobody." Paul Gemeinbauer, an assistant city treasurer, sought by the police of the whole country on a charge of embezzling \$35,000, returned from Holland and gave himself up at the detective bureau at 11 p. m. A police lieutenant in an adjacent room sent Gemeinbauer away, saying the detective bureau was closed for the night. Returning at 7 a. m., he was told he had come too early. He says he had to announce himself three times before he was arrested.

Electric Signs on Clouds

A new development in electrical advertising paints a message in colors upon clouds. A manufacturer in Oakland, Calif., has announced a device projecting beams of colored lights from powerful electric lamps which form letters against the low-hanging clouds. So efficient are these projectors that the letters and figures are clearly defined even through the rain and fog of a stormy night. Beautifully colored advertising messages at night may by this process become a fitting parallel to sky writing in the daytime by airplanes emitting smoke.

Get Back Your Grip On Health or NO COST!



Notice the quick difference in the way you eat, sleep, look and feel—the remarkable improvement in your health, strength and energy, after taking 2 bottles! If not, the Karnak agent will refund your money.

Karnak is sold in Sonora at the Sonora Drug Store, and by leading druggists in every town.

Give Us Your Order Now For YOUR CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKE

It should be made right away so that it will be properly aged by Christmas. We can make any size you wish, or any number.

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When you go to Villa Acuna, call at Mrs. Crosby's Cafe, first two story building on left after crossing bridge. Refreshments of all kinds, good eats and quick service.

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Where Cleanliness Reigns. Short Orders. Regular Dinners. Chicken Dinner on Sunday. Fresh Bread and Pastries at Reasonable Prices.

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A well charged battery gives your car more power, brighter lights, Quick start, plenty of pep.

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John W. Young, Dealer, Box 380, San Angelo.

Notice to Trespassers.

We will not allow any hunting, driving of stock, wood hauling or trapping in what is known as the Rancho Rica pasture (part of the Fort Terrett Ranch).

"FURTHER" on and after Oct. 1st, the gates from the Eight Mile Water Hole East, will be locked.

M. M. STOKES CO.

Heat Those Sore Gums If you suffer from Sore Gums, Bleeding Gums, Loose Teeth, Foul Breath, or from Pyorrhea in even its worst form, we will see you a bottle of Leto's Pyorrhea Remedy and guarantee it to please you or return money. This is different from any other treatment and results are certain. Sonora Drug Store.

WOOD FOR SALE. If you want Liveoak or Shinoak wood any size, by the cord or load phone 4 rings on 88.

OATS! OATS! OATS! I have one thousand bushels of oats, good for seed and good for feed, at fifty cents per bushel, at granary. My place is 12 miles from Menard on the Mason Highway. A. A. Williamson, 78-12 Menard, Texas.

I will give you wholesale prices on Peerless fencing delivered anywhere in America. I do not sell dealers but will give ranch men wholesale prices. C. W. Jones, State Agent, San Angelo.

Bring us your broken windmill castings. We can make them as good as new. City Garage.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that no hunting, driving stock, wood hauling or trapping will be allowed in our tract seven miles south of Sonora, without our permission. Shurley Brothers, Sonora, Texas. 83.17-p

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Our 24 years of faithful service Speaks for itself.



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City Garage
Sonora, Texas



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LIMESTONE PULVERIZER
Save \$100.00 and the Freight

Order a FARMEQUIP Limestone Pulverizer to be shipped to you during the month of Nov. and save \$100.00 and the freight. The regular price of our Pulverizer is \$675.00 f.o.b., factory, however, we have decided to make a very special price to those sending in orders for shipment during the month of November. Mail us your check for only \$150.00 and we will ship you by prepaid freight the Farm Bureau Model FARMEQUIP Limestone Pulverizer complete with trucks and elevator and let you pay \$425.00 on arrival.

We will not say very much about our Pulverizer here because of limited space but will give you below the name of FARMEQUIP users near you. He will tell you how good it is and how we treat our customers.

Go see one of these Pulverizers at work and then send us your order before it is too late to save this \$100.00 and the freight which will amount to about \$150.00 saved.

The FARMEQUIP is the very best Pulverizer on the market. We guarantee it for ten years against defects in workmanship and material and ship it to you on 30 days free trial. If for any reason you become dissatisfied within thirty days your money will be promptly refunded. The FARMEQUIP users we are listing in this advertisement are not very far from you so do not delay going over to see one or more of these machines at work and make sure of saving the \$150.00 on our special November price proposition.

FARMEQUIP User near you are as follows:

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Write us to send you free booklet "Folks and Fields Need Lime."

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"Good Equipment Direct to User"

High Quality—Reasonable Prices.

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All Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, Notices of Entertainments where an admission fee is charged, Etc., will be charged for at our regular advertising rates.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Come and bring your family to church.

The Methodist church doors are wide open for you and your family, and you are heartily welcome to all of our services.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Intermediate League at 3 p. m.

Senior League at 6:30 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.

A hearty welcome

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Come to church next Sunday at the Baptist Pastors home at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Regular church services morning and evening.

Sunday School 10 a. m., W. E. Wallace Supt.

Preaching each Lord's day at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

B. Y. P. A. at 2:30 p. m.

Singing Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

All are earnestly asked to come to all these services.

The young people are cordially invited to attend the Senior Union.

J. A. Stephen, Pastor.

MARRIED.

Friday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 5 o'clock Rev. Jackson, pastor of the local Methodist Church, spoke the words that made Miss Dymple Vincent Trainer and Sam Thomas man and wife. The wedding was solemnized at the Methodist church with only a few relatives and friends present.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Trainer of Sonora and is a native of this city. She graduated at the Sonora High School here and later attended the Southern Methodist University of Dallas. She is an accomplished musician and very popular with everyone.

Mr. Thomas was formerly employed here by T. L. Benson but is now a member of the office force of the Matland Oil Co., of San Angelo. He is a young man of exemplary habits and of extraordinary business ability.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas will make their home in San Angelo where they will be glad to see their Sonora friends.

The News joins the public in wishing every form of happiness and luck in their future.

TO DEEPEN THE WHITE HEAD WELL.

Negotiations were closed with the Magnolia Oil Company for the drilling of a deep oil test on the Whitehead Estate, 50 miles north of Del Rio.

The company has contracted with the Estate for the deepening of what is known as the Green well, which was sunk about seven years ago, in which a quantity of oil was encountered at that time before reaching a depth of 3,000 feet.

The contract stipulates that the company is to commence drilling operations within four months from the time of signing the contract, which was on the 16th day of December.

In view of the creditable showing of oil made by the well while being sunk to its present depth, which is said to be below the 3,000-foot level, and its location, it is believed that the company's prospects of encountering oil in paying quantities is very good.—Del Rio Herald.

I am better able to handle your fence problems now than ever before. A large factory set aside to handle my business first. Plenty capital to finance your fence deals. Write me.

C. W. Innes, State Agent, San Angelo.

THE PEOPLE OF SONORA AWAKE

Christmas morning to find the Mother Earth entirely covered with snow, rarely a Fairy Book Christmas, for the first time in the history of the town. About two inches of snow fell.

FOR SALE, some good cotton seed for feeding, \$22.00 per ton. Phone or write, J. C. Johnson, Eldorado, Texas. 83 3

LYCEUM NOTICE

A group of four talented musicians, known as the Cheney Concert Company, will give a program on Thursday, Jan. 13th, at the School House, under the auspices of the P. T. A. They are instrumentalists of the highest type, giving an evening of unusually diversified entertainment with viola, cello, piano, guitar, ukelele, cornet, in ensemble and solo arrangements, together with the "White House Golden Organ Chimes."

These chimes are a feature of the program. They are so named because some years ago the honor befell the Cheneys to play the chimes in the famous East Room of the White House in Washington, before the president of that day and some 500 guests of Washington governmental and diplomatic life.

The personnel of the Cheney Concert Company includes Max Cheney, manager, who is a Cellist; Leonora Cheney, reader, whistler, pianist; Maud Cheney, violinist; and Lon Johnson, pianist.

The Parent Teacher Association will have a benefit party on Saturday Feb. 12.

The Parent Teacher Association, will elect new officers Jan. 18th.

Mrs. M. V. Sessom and son, Jim Sessom were in from the ranch Friday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Auher Simmons and children spent the holidays with Mrs. Simmons's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Martin on the ranch near Eagle Pass.

Mrs. J. L. Nesbit and son, Ald well Nesbit of Plainview, visited Mrs. Nesbit's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Aldwell during the Christmas holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Bloodworth and children of Ft. Worth spent the holidays with Mrs. Bloodworth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert on the ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Whitehead and baby, were up from the Whitehead ranch last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Halbert, parents of Mrs. Whitehead.

Bevans (Pete) Cooper, who is working in the Artisia, N. M., oil fields, spent the Christmas holidays with his father, Don Cooper and brothers, Alfred, Tom, and Pat Cooper in Sonora.

The only way to get full value out of your farm or ranch is to fence it properly. I sell Peerless fencing direct from factory at wholesale prices. I have the money to finance your fencing problems. Write me.

VALUABLES KEPT SAFE

by System of Locks

The principal achievement of the modern lockmaker has been to provide a door lock which is burglar proof, at a price that puts it into popular use. In previous generations security was obtainable only at a high cost or with bolts and bars clumsy and inconvenient. Now a pin tumbler lock, with a flat key which fits a lady's purse, provides the highest type of security obtainable, and all at a small cost.

Furthermore, it is possible to have these locks so made that one key will "master" or unlock all the locks in the series, and yet have other keys which will unlock individual locks alone. The owner can carry the master key, and he can give maids keys which will unlock the back or side door only. The garage key can be still different, and so can the key to the closets where valuables are stored, so that the owner can definitely limit the use of any one lock to the persons whom he wishes to use it, but can operate any lock at will. And all at small cost.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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C. W. Innes, State Agent, San Angelo.

NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR SELECTION COUNTY DEPOSITORY.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids or proposals will be received by the Commissioner's Court of Sutton County, Texas, up to 10 o'clock a. m., February 14th, A. D. 1927, from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in said Sutton County, as may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county. All such bids to be delivered to the undersigned, on or before the time above stated, stating the rate of interest such banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of said County, for the period of time beginning February 10th, 1927, and running for two years from said time or until the time for the selection of another depository; said bid or bids to be accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of such Bidder, and as a further guarantee that if such bid should be accepted by said Court, such bidder will enter into the bond now provided for by law in such cases; and upon failure of the bidder that may be selected as such depository to give the bond now required by law in such cases, the amount of such certified check to be forfeited to the County as liquidated damages; the bidder offering to pay the largest rate of interest per annum for said funds to be selected as such depository for said length of time, provided, however, that said Court may reject any and all bids, such interest to be computed on the daily balances to the credit of said County, with such depository and to be payable to the County Treasurer of said County monthly and to be placed to the credit of such fund or funds as said Court may direct.

The checks of all unsuccessful bidders to be immediately returned; the check of the successful bidder to be returned when required bond is duly approved and filed by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 5th day of January, A. D. 1927.

ALVIS JOHNSON, County Judge, Sutton County, Texas.

Miss Ethel Williams of Christoval, was visiting her friend, Miss Velma Barnes here a few days this week.

T. S. Butland a prominent ranchman of Del Rio, was found dead Wednesday. A revolver with one exploded cartridge was found at his side. He was 50 years old.

THE BLIND GODDESS

Don't fail to see this picture. It will be money well spent, and you will be pleased. Press reports say the acting is superb. By both Jack Holt and Esther Ralston. Come, and be assured, you will have no regrets.

K. V. E. Scott, Lessee and Manager.

THANKS

I take this method of thanking the good people of Sutton county and of this section of Texas for their patronage given me during the past year.

Through your cooperation it has been possible for me to do a volume of business that would have otherwise been impossible. And I hope that the satisfaction of our doing business with each other has been mutual.

I am Respectfully,
E. C. GARVIN,
Land and Live Stock
Commission Agent,
Sonora, Texas.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank of Sonora, at Sonora,

in the State of Texas at the close of business on December 31st, 1926.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, (except those shown in 1-b).....	530,788.27
b Acceptances of other banks discounted, excluding those sold with indorsement reported in item 1a.....	19,947.75
Total loans.....	550,736.02
2 Overdrafts secured, \$233 56; unsecured, \$49.71.....	283.27
3 U.S. Government securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation (U.S. bonds par value).....	70,000.00
b All other United States Government Securities.....	28,000.00
Total U.S. Government securities.....	98,000.00
4 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.....	6,000.00
5 Real estate owned.....	8,800.00
6 Banking house, furniture and fixtures.....	2,800.00
7 Real estate owned other than banking house.....	4,737.75
8 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	48,023.66
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks.....	196,477.16
11 Total of items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13.....	196,477.16
b Miscellaneous cash (items.....	6.65
15 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	5,500.00
Total.....	\$807,996.40
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	100,000.00
Surplus fund.....	100,000.00
24 a Undivided profits.....	12,029.54
b Less current expenses paid.....	19,022.54
25 Reserved for taxes, interest, etc., accrued.....	8,800.00
26 Circulating notes outstanding.....	70,000.00
28 Cashier's checks on other banks outstanding.....	51,499.40
Total of items 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28.....	61,409.40
29 Individual deposits subject to check.....	450,426.67
31 State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank or surety bond.....	12,318.05
33 Dividends unpaid.....	8,000.00
Total demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, items 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34.....	470,744.72
37 Other time deposits.....	89,013.74
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 35, 36, 37, and 38.....	89,013.74
Total.....	\$907,996.40

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF SUTTON, ss:
I, W. L. Aldwell, President of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. L. Aldwell, President.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1927.
[Seal] Maysie Brown, Notary Public, Sutton County, Texas.

Correct-Attest:
Roy E. Aldwell,
J. F. Vander Stucken,
E. E. Sawyer, Directors.

Recapitulation.	
RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$551,402.78
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation.....	70,000.00
Liberty Bonds.....	28,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	6,000.00
Banking House, Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures.....	4,800.00
Other real estate.....	4,737.75
Cash on hand and with Banks.....	239,557.36
Five per cent fund.....	3,500.00
Total.....	\$907,996.40
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock.....	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund.....	100,000.00
Undivided Profits.....	12,029.54
Circulation.....	70,000.00
Individual Deposits.....	608,716.86
Dividends.....	8,000.00
Reserved for taxes.....	8,800.00
Total.....	\$907,996.40

LA VISTA THEATRE

K. V. E. SCOTT, Lessee and Manager.

For the week Jan 10 to 15

Mon. and Tuesday, Jack Holt and Esther Ralston in The Blind Goddess, Universal. Comedy, Wide Open Faces. Admission 25 and 50.

Wednesday, White Sheep. Comedy. Hot Heels. Admission 15 and 35 cents.

Thursday, Buck Jones in The Gentle Cyclone. News Admission 20 and 40 cents.

Friday, Lon Chaney in The Trap. Universal. Comedy, A Haunted Heiress. Admission 25 and 50.

Saturday, Collier Moore, in Ella Cinders. Paths Comedy, Hurry Dr. Admission 25 and 50c

Devil's River News \$2.00 a year

Pike's Fame as Great American Is Secure

Colorado's proposal to remove the body of Zebulon M. Pike, discoverer of Pike's peak, to the mountain that bears his name, recalls a career that is an epic of pioneer Americanism. Inheriting his soldierly bent from grandfather and father, Pike left his footprints as an explorer across the Western country. His modest memorial at Sackett's Harbor, on Lake Ontario, scarcely does him justice, comments the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Thomas Jefferson bought an empire without quite knowing it. For \$15,000,000 he took from the hard-pressed Napoleon the territory known as Louisiana, accepting it unseemingly. Wishing to learn what kind of bargain he had made, he commissioned young Pike in 1805 to lead a small military expedition into the interior, to notify its scant inhabitants of their new allegiance and to ascertain conditions in general.

Town of Verkhoyansk—Earth's Coldest Spot

Most people, if asked to name the coldest spot on earth, would hazard a guess that it would be found somewhere in the polar regions, writes S. Leonard Bastin in St. Nicholas. As a matter of fact, temperatures have been recorded in Siberia which are much lower than those ever observed in the neighborhood of either of the poles. For instance, during the forty months' expedition in the Arctic, carried out by the Amundsen polar expedition ship Maud, the lowest temperature recorded was 51 degrees below zero Fahrenheit. In the Antarctic, the lowest temperatures have not been much in excess of this figure. In Siberia, a remarkable thing is the enormous increase of cold toward the east.

Caught Rare Butterfly

In a recent investigation of the Jamaica Doctor Maxon of the Smithsonian Institution was able to capture a rare butterfly, the Papilio Homerus, found only in the hills of Jamaica, having a wing spread of more than six inches and regarded as the most beautifully colored butterfly in existence. The specimen will be the only one in perfect condition owned by any museum.

Actors Beseet by Perils

Snakes, mosquitoes and tigers are among the perils encountered by South American motion-picture folk as they travel on mules through the jungles to suitable settings for the romantic films they produce on the southern continent, according to Don Juan Ferre of Bogota, Colombia, who has played the lead in many South American pictures, says the Los Angeles Times.

Fireproof Fish

A new shipment of fireproof fish, or "desert minnows," has just been received at San Francisco. The type thrives in southern California and Mexico, getting their name from the fact that they abound in hot water springs. Part of the shipment received was found sporting in water that was 120 degrees in temperature.

Electricity in Far East

The spread of electric power lines through parts of the Far East is creating business in electric fans and heaters among Chinese, Russians, Afghans, Indians and other peoples. Germany gets most of this business because of long-term credits she allows. The United States stands second in this distribution.

Says the Deacon:

Try your wings with easy flights before you seek to rise to the mountain top.—Atlanta Constitution.

Giant Ferry Boats

The largest ferry boat in the world is probably the Pere Marquette of Lake Michigan. This ferry boat has a capacity of 30 cars; length, 359 feet; beam, 36 feet; depth, 36 feet; displacement, 4,900 tons. The Balkan Trans-Siberian ferry and some of the car-ferry barges of New York probably are next in rank to the Pere Marquette.

Mirrors in Profusion

More mirrors than employees were found in one government building, in the course of moving a government bureau's office in Washington, according to a public buildings commission report. There were 241 mirrors listed in the moving report, and the employees, male and female, were fewer than this number.

American Money in Canada

It is estimated by the Canadian department of commerce that residents of the United States will leave about \$100,000,000 in American money in Canada this year. The sum is a tentative estimate, based on expenditures of the last year, and many authorities say that the sum is more nearly \$200,000,000 annually.

Romance that delights

Alabaster Lamps

By MARGARET TURNBULL

CHAPTER III

Ned, Jenny and the wagon were standing in the driveway of the Green's former residence. The sign on the gate posts indicated that this place was called "The White House."

Ned found it a charming place. The old stone house was a real bit of pre-revolutionary Pennsylvania. The original outbuildings had been torn down, but enough of the old stone barn had been retained to make a practical, yet picturesque, garage.

Altogether a wonderful old place, in which everything that was old was used. There was nothing new, made to look like an obvious afterthought. All were blended into an harmonious whole agreeable to the eye, and testifying to the skill of the architect.

As he jumped down from the wagon seat, Ned thought perplexedly that he had forgotten to ask the name of the people who lived here. How would he know which box to take out? This difficulty was solved for him by the fact, discovered immediately he examined the contents of the wagon, that all remaining packages bore the name "Johnston." This was evidently not

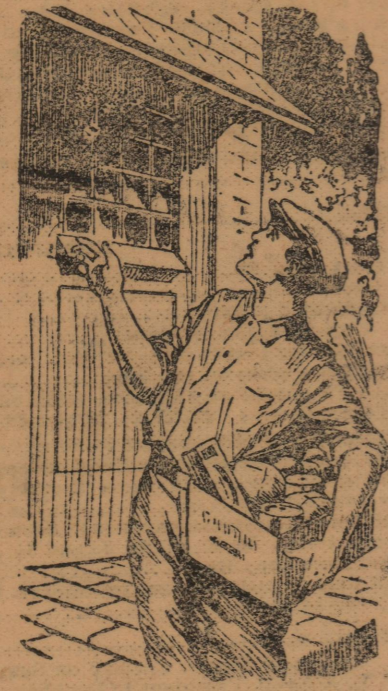
the usual house-to-house delivery, but a special trip, mainly to the Johnston house.

Shouldering the box containing the bundles, he walked to the kitchen door and knocked in his best grocery boy manner. There was no response. He knocked again and waited.

"Oh Grocer!" came in a strong, young contralto voice somewhere above his head.

Ned shifted the box a little to enable him to look upward.

From the rear hall window a girl leaned out. Ned wondered why he should think of extreme youth and fairy tales; then remembered the illustrations for "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let



"Oh, Grocer!" Came in a Strong, Young Contralto Voice Somewhere Above His Head.

down your hair." The girl had been brushing her hair, and it hung about her in dusky masses. The brush was still in her hand.

"Will you please put the box on the bench just outside the door? I'll be down as soon as I can open the door. When we arrived last night, we found the servants had left because it was too lonely."

Ned put down his box and sat waiting on the steps. He was weary from his uneventful early rising. He leaned his head against the pillar of the kitchen porch and closed his eyes. This was a queer adventure—yet it promised, at least for a time, to be diverting; and that was all one could really ask of anything in this life. If it grew humdrum and commonplace, or Dorothy became a nuisance, he would move on. He thought of his newly acquired uncle. There, at least, he had made no mistake. Whatever Claude Dabbs was or was not, he was a man, and he was honest. Ned admitted more than that. C. M. Dabbs had charm.

"Poor fellow. How tired you must be!" Ned turned as the words came from behind him.

"Nonsense," Ned said, finding himself blushing. "I'm not tired in the least. Miss—"

"Johnston, and I hope you've brought everything I ordered."

Ned began carrying in the order. He did not hurry too much about his task. It was pleasant to watch in the clean, white, cool kitchen, this girl who was not like the other girls he knew. She had something they did not have; or was it that he had never seen any of the other girls in just such an environment? Miss Johnston was smiling at him now across the white enamel table, on which they had spread and combed the proceeds.

"I don't really know where the potatoes are kept," she said. "So put them in that big basket in the corner. You see, I don't know where everything belongs, yet."

"Why not leave them where they are," advised Ned. "The new cook will probably want to put them somewhere else anyway."

"Oh I think not, Mr. Mr.-er-Dabbs."

"But I'm not Mr. Dabbs. I'm his nephew. My name's Carter, Ned Carter."

Miss Johnston smiled, then frowned a little, a horseshoe shaped frown that drew her delicate black brows together.

"Try not to make so much noise with the potatoes. Mr. Carter. I don't want my mother disturbed."

Ned, who had been pouring the potatoes into the basket as might a small boy, and rather enjoying the noise, selected and stopped this demonstration of his muscular power. Instead of pouring them out as though they were canned peas, he lowered the bag discreetly and allowed the potatoes to escape as potatoes should.

"Mech better," Miss Johnston admitted, and Ned found her charming as she stood there with slightly puckered brow. He forgot to object to the school-teacher manner with which she said it. "Now, if you'll put the gasoline in the shed at the side of the porch, why that will be all. Tell your uncle that, with the servants gone, I'll have to telephone him later about the chickens we ordered. I'm afraid he shan't want them."

Ned understood he was being dismissed, and picked up his empty potato sack. As he crossed the room he had a sudden inspiration.

"Miss Johnston, if there's anything Uncle can do before your new servants come, why, let me know. Uncle might be able to get someone in Peace Valley to come for a day and help you. Oh, do ask him! It would help immensely."

Ned went out, determined that he should see Mrs. and Mary decide that country people were really the

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salt of the earth. She also decided that this young man was decidedly too good-looking with an air impossible to deny—how had he come by it in a country general store?

While she wondered, and put the groceries away, Dorothy Selden, who could have told her all about the air and how it was acquired, waited at the gate for the returning "grocer's boy."

He drove toward her whistling. In face and figure he was all that a lady might love, but his expression was far from being either pleasant or inviting. He stopped whistling when he saw Dorothy waiting alone, and a heavy frown came into his brow.

Dorothy swung herself into his path. Ned endeavored to keep on his way, but the girl was determined. Ned halted Jenny and waited.

"So, you've changed your mind?"

"No," Ned answered promptly, and then in true country fashion proceeded to answer one question by asking another. "Where's Uncle Claude?"

The girl ignored it, leaning on the wagon, insistently. "You didn't get across to fight," she jeered.

"No. Did you and I'd rather work together to prevent it? I've often wondered."

"You've quarreled with your charming but capitalistic father, and are down here working for your living?"

Ned's mouth twisted into a reluctant smile. "Is that all you got after pumping C. M. Dabbs?"

"And you call yourself 'Carter,' the girl blushed ominously.

"Tight. Don't give me away."

The girl nodded. "What am I to understand from that, but that you've seen the error of your ways and decided to join us."

"Yes?"

"Why this pretense?" Miss Selden asked airily. "I assure you there's no need. I don't mind your following me down here. This is a refuge, a haven where people like ourselves may find freedom of speech, of thought, of action."

Ned looked at her. "And costume?" he asked.

Dorothy laughed, secure in the fact that whatever he thought of it, it was becoming. It was going to be interesting, having Ned around. He must have cared more than she thought, to have followed so soon. How had he known? But she kept these things to herself and continued her pose. "I'm a worker, too, Ned. Mrs. Mannheim—I came down here to stay with her, as you evidently discovered—has a community garden, and I, well I do my small share toward making it a success."

"Don't let me detain you," hinted Ned, lifting Jenny's reins, fearful that if he stayed longer he would spoil her delightful theory of pursuit by the discarded lover.

But Dorothy still held to the wagon and he could not go. "You remember Mrs. Mannheim?" she asked.

Ned nodded. "Oh, yes, I remember her well, but I'm not anxious to renew the acquaintance—under the circumstances. I hardly think she'd care to have 'the grocer's boy' calling."

"Oh, I don't think she'd mind, if I explain. Of course, it hasn't been done. Among our own social set distinctions simply do not exist, but we haven't included the village, yet."

"I'm sure that would never do. And now, please, where is—Uncle Claude?"

"At the stonehouse, across the bridge," Dorothy informed him, and for a moment relaxed her hold on the side of the wagon and stooped to recover Peter's leash.

Instantly, Ned and Jenny started down the road.

Dorothy called to him, surprise in her voice. Was it possible her diagnosis of the feeling maid and the seeking lover could be wrong? "Why, Ned, you're not leaving me like that, are you?"

"I am," Ned called back to her. "I'm busy this morning. You seem to forget that we workers must work."

The stonehouse lived in a tumble-down old farmhouse across the creek, halfway between Clover Hollow and Peace Valley. It was beautiful to look at from a distance, but when you got to the stony road in front of it you saw both farm and house had been neglected for years.

To Claude Dabbs the neglect was far more evident than the beauty. He put his empty box down by the door, passed for a rate, so that it might be a sign and symbol of his presence to Ned when he came by, and went up the rough driveway to see Ertle Pulsifer and find out if William Penn Pulsifer had any intention of working this week. Claude had gone to school with Ertle. He remembered her when she was plump and pretty, and he hated to see her being sold down by a man who passed for a rate, so that it might be a sign and symbol of his presence to Ned when he came by, and went up the rough driveway to see Ertle Pulsifer and find out if William Penn Pulsifer had any intention of working this week. Claude had gone to school with Ertle. 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