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## KEEPING WELL

### PREVENTING DIPHTHERIA

DR. FREDERICK R. GREEN  
Editor of "HEALTH"

TERRIBLE as have been the ravages of diphtheria in past generations, diphtheria is today an entirely controllable disease. It can not only be controlled, it can actually be wiped out just as yellow fever is being wiped out. By the Schick test, which consists of injecting a single drop of antitoxin under the skin, the child who is susceptible can be separated from the child who is naturally immune. Observations which have been made on large numbers of school children, show that from 30 to 40 per cent of all children are naturally immune from diphtheria and so need not be considered, as these immune children will not take diphtheria anyway.

Those children whom the Schick test show to be susceptible to diphtheria can easily be protected by a dose of toxin-antitoxin.

So we know how to prevent this disease in practically every case and yet diphtheria every year kills thousands of children, every one of whom could and should have been saved. As King Edward said, "If this disease is preventable, why is it not prevented?"

It has been, to a great extent, in spite of the indifference of the public. In New York state, for instance, the death rate for diphtheria in 1895 was 95 children for every 100,000 of the population. Antitoxin was discovered in 1894, but did not come into general use for several years. Yet by 1905 the death rate in New York was just one-half. It was again cut in half by 1915. In that year, toxin-antitoxin came into use and the death rate for New York is now only 15 per 100,000, or less than one-fifth what it was in 1895.

These 15 deaths per 100,000 are much better than 95 deaths, but they are still far too many and all of them are entirely unnecessary. If every child when it entered school were given the Schick test its parents would know whether it was safe from or susceptible to diphtheria. If every susceptible child, which would mean about one-half of all school children, was then given a dose of toxin-antitoxin this disease would practically disappear.

Why is this not done? We know enough to stamp it out. What prevents it being done? Mainly ignorance and indifference. Parents, school teachers, school boards, health authorities either don't know enough or they are too lazy to protect their children from this disease. And as the children grow up they will use their common sense better and do something about it.

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### Diesel Engine

The Society of Automotive Engineers says that the two outstanding mechanical features of the Diesel engine are that it compresses pure air, instead of an explosive mixture of air and fuel vapor, and that ignition is effected by the heat of compression. The combustion of the charge proceeds at, or approximately at, constant pressure. The term "Diesel engine" is very often misused and the only Diesel types of engines are those with the two outstanding mechanical features as outlined above. The Diesel type of engine, as built by American engineers, is built on the same principles and operated in the same manner as the German-built engine.

### Flour Sent by Mail

The little town of Kanab, in southern Utah, is getting its winter flour by mail. The nearest railroad is at Elsinore, 100 miles away. After 23 tons of flour, the amount needed in Kanab, had been delivered in Elsinore, it was found that the cheapest method of transportation from rail terminal was by mail. So the Elsinore postmaster sent a hurry call for \$500 worth of stamps and the shipment of flour in ten-pound parcels was begun.—Indianapolis News.

### Changing His Tune

Bobbie, like most little boys, had been told that Santa Claus remembers only the good little boys and girls, so he tried to be good before Christmas. While visiting his grandmother he forgot for a second and started crying. As he opened the door grandmother said:

"Santa Claus, just listen to this little boy cry."

The crying stopped instantly, as Bobbie exclaimed:

"Shut the door, grandmother, I'm not crying, I'm laughing."

### New "Hall of Fame" Idea

Gallatin, Mo., founded in 1837, which has never reached a population of 2,000, is to have a town hall of fame. Pictures of 200 men prominent in professional and business pursuits are to be unveiled on the walls of the courtroom. The pictures are of "boys who went away and made good" in other than an ordinary fashion.

### Predicts Crowded World

If the prediction made by Penck, the German statistician and geographer, comes true, the world, which now has 1,800,000,000 inhabitants, will soon be crowded. The earth can support about five times that number, he says, and he estimates that if the present rate of increase in population continues, it will have that number in three centuries. South America, in the vicinity of Brazil, will have the heaviest population, he thinks, and be best able to support it. He believes Brazil can take care of 1,200,000,000. The British empire could, he says, support 600,000,000.

### Imprisonment for Debt

Doctor Dudding of the Prisoner's Relief association says there is no special prison in Rhode Island assigned to the custody of debtors. An old law still on the statute books of Rhode Island makes imprisonment for debt still possible in that state and in certain other states under conditions such as attempting to avoid process of law or civil suit for debt.

### Helium From Hydrogen

The process of changing hydrogen into helium for use in airplanes, a discovery made by two professors of Berlin university, Germany, consists of the rearranging of the individual electrons within the atom. Fine particles of metal are said to cause this reaction merely by their presence.

### AS USUAL



"Couldn't find the house of that telephone girl I had a date with."  
"How's that?"  
"She gave me the wrong number."

### Oriental Players Put Pop in Basket Ball

Although basket ball was invented by an American, Dr. James Naismith, in 1891, it was the Japanese and Chinese who pepped it up into the fast game which is played today, points out Hugh Fullerton in an article in Liberty. "The first rules were developed for use in the Y. M. C. A. gyms," Fullerton explains, "and were gentle and ladylike compared with those now in force. As gymnasium exercise with a mild contest interest, basket ball achieved some popularity, but seemed to arouse little enthusiasm. It lacked something."

"After a number of years," the writer continues, "Everett Brown of the Y. M. C. A. went to Asia to organize the Far East Athletic association. He introduced basket ball to the Y. M. C. A. athletes of China, Japan, Korea and the Philippines. The Far Eastern youngsters discovered flaws, amended the rules, and played a game quite different from the one we knew."  
"Those changed rules were brought back to America," Fullerton explains, "amended, corrected, and a game as fast, as fierce, as filled with action and thrills as almost any, save hockey and lacrosse, was evolved."

### NOT IF HE ONLY TRIED



He—You won't have anything against me if I try to kiss you?  
She—Not if you only try.

### Youthful Astronomer

Thomas, the eight-year-old son of Prof. Alfred O. Gross of Bowdoin college, explained that he liked astronomy better than he did arithmetic and asked his teacher in a Brunswick (Maine) school to be allowed to address the class. The request was granted and the boy delivered a half-hour talk on the heavenly bodies, holding the closest attention of his classmates. His parents said that they did not know where he had gained the information, although aware of his reading proclivities.

### Got Name From Berries

Saskatoon, the capital of Saskatchewan, owes its name to a handful of bright red berries presented John N. Lake of Toronto in 1882. The berries, known as saskatoon berries, grow profusely in Saskatchewan and when Lake received the handful from a young man, they gave him an idea for a name to give the town, the site for which he had selected for the Temperance Colonization society. A few houses were built in Saskatoon in 1883 and a post office was opened there October 1, 1884.

### Victory for German Women

Professional women in Germany see another victory for the feminist movement in the ruling of the federal ministry of education permitting employment of women dentists in the public schools. Women school physicians have been employed for several years, but it took nearly another two years of campaigning before authorities consented to permit women to compete with men for jobs as dentists in the public health service.

### Japan Gets Into Line

A new motor road from Tokyo to Yokohama, under construction more than a year, has been opened, making it possible to go by automobile from Tokyo to the port city in 40 minutes by easy motoring. The road is part of the general reconstruction program following the great earthquake of 1923.

### New Vegetable Specimen

The guinea bean is a new specimen of vegetable, according to the Dearborn Independent. It resembles a green squash, grows on a climbing vine, can be fried like eggplant, boiled like squash and preserved and pickled like watermelon.

### Men With Bald Heads Will See the Point

The late Senator McKinley said one day to a Washington correspondent:

"In your writings, my boy, never refer to a man as an old man. You'll hurt him if you do. Yes, you'll hurt and anger him and lose his friendship."

"I didn't learn till I began to grow old myself how horrible it is to have your age brought home to you in any way. You, my boy, can't understand this, can you? Well, that's because you're still young. But you're bald, you know, prematurely bald—"

The correspondent blushed a dark purple, angry red.

"—and here's a little story," Senator McKinley went on, "that will show you just how it is."

"A lady sat with her little daughter in the lounge of a Florida hotel when a bald-headed man came up and took a seat close by."

"Oh, mamma," said the little girl, in a loud, startled voice, "look at that man, mamma! Not a hair on his head! Isn't it awful?"

"The lady bent over the child and whispered fiercely:

"Hush! Hush, you little imp! He'll hear you."

"But," said the little girl, with a bewildered look, "but doesn't he know it?"—Detroit Free Press.

### Caveman Unpopular

#### With Modern Woman

The reason so many men of today use cosmetics is because cavemen have no appeal for the modern woman, according to a beauty specialist quoted by Frederick Tisdale in an article in Liberty. "Stone age beauties," the specialist explains, "fell for men who courted them with hickory clubs because that was the only sort of men available. Today woman is a delicate, emotional, fastidious creature. She does not admire the he-man with a chest like a hair mattress and a physique like a stevedore's. Men who make the deepest impression, who hold women most securely, are those who appreciate and practice the elegancies."

"These truths are recognized by matinee idols and the so-called sheiks," the beauty specialist continues. "Hence they seek the beauty shops. Beauty shops that admit men customers do the work after hours, when there are no women about. I could not estimate how large this business is; but I assure you it is greater than anyone outside our profession would imagine."

### Last Year's Wheat Crop

The 1925 wheat crop, although small, was more valuable than any crop since 1920 and probably more profitable even than that crop, according to the food research institute of Stanford university. It sold at 65 per cent above the pre-war level of prices, and the total amount received was approximately \$1,000,000,000. Less than 2,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat paid the duty of 42 cents a bushel and came in for consumption, although 13,500,000 bushels were brought in under bond for milling.

### Radio Wedding Music

Plans for the wedding of Miss Jean Anderson of Belleville, N. J., to Frederick Jackson of Newark were all made. The minister was waiting at the home of the bride's parents to perform the ceremony. But the orchestra hired for the occasion had not appeared. The bridesmaid telephoned to a Newark broadcasting station and requested the orchestra there to play a wedding march. Then, as soon as the bride's father tuned in, the wedding ceremony proceeded.

### Funny, Isn't It?

The latest fad, we learn from a woman's page, is a novelty in women's footwear in the way of shoes that are made to look as if they were patched. And the funny part of it is that the woman who will wear these freaks would feel everlastingly disgraced if they had to wear shoes that really were!—Cincinnati Enquirer.

### Rare Honor for Woman

Madame Curie's likeness adorns one of the new stamps just issued by Poland. It is a delicate way of recalling that the scientist is a native of Poland, although by her marriage to Pierre Curie, she adopted the French nationality. It is a rare event for any government thus to honor anyone who is not one of its citizens.

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**THE ENTIRE CITIZENSHIP OF FRANKLIN WAS SHOCKED LAST SATURDAY NIGHT** when the word was passed around that Rev. J. W. Stephen was dead. Rev. and Mrs. Stephen had been in town for the evening and while returning home a short distance from the depot the aged minister dropped dead with heart failure at 9:45 p.m. Mrs. Stephen quickly summoned assistance and a physician was immediately called, but when assistance reached the scene life had departed. The deceased was subject to such spells and had had several minor attacks during the past few years.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Baptist church and was one of the largest attended funerals ever held in Franklin. The religious services were held by Rev. J. L. Wallace, T. G. Wilts of Franklin and Rev. C. E. Bullock of Hearne and J. K. Merrill of Calvert. Following the church services, the remains were tenderly conveyed to the Franklin Cemetery where the last sad rites were witnessed by a mammoth crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. The funeral procession was probably the longest ever seen here and the hearse had reached the cemetery before the last car in the procession had left the business district. At the cemetery the burial rites were under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge of which deceased was a member. The floral offerings were profuse and many attested to the high esteem in which deceased was held in this community.

Rev. Stephen, better known to his many friends as "Fox" Stephen, was about 67 years of age and came to Robertson county in 1870 from Mississippi where he was born. He was probably better known than any other person in Robertson county and was also widely known in Central Texas.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Franklin and had been pastor of nearly every Baptist church in this and adjoining counties at various times during his long and useful life. He was also prominent in fraternal circles of the city, being a member of the Masons, Woodmen, K.P.'s and other lodges. For thirty years or more he held official positions in various fraternal orders in Franklin.

Rev. Mr. Stephen is survived by his wife and four children, three daughters and one son, also four brothers.

Thus the final chapter has been written in the life of this beloved man and his passing has caused an aching void in many hearts. His legion of friends located at various points over the entire country will be grieved to learn of his passing and the good influences set in motion during the life of the deceased will linger in the hearts and minds of his friends until death removes them from earthly spheres.

The grief-stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.—The Franklin Texas, Robertson County, March 17.

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 K. W. E. Scott,  
 Manager.

**KEEPING WELL**  
**POTATO BUG POISON FOR MOSQUITOES**  
 DR. FREDERICK B. GREEN  
 Editor of "HEALTH"

EVER since it was proven that malaria was carried solely by mosquitoes, every effort has been made to find an easy, cheap and sure way of killing mosquitoes. After the mosquitoes have hatched out, it is practically impossible to kill them. Mosquito nets and window and door screens will keep them out of houses and away from beds. But no screens are absolutely mosquito proof and screens and nets do not protect those who are out doors at night. While the mosquito on the wing cannot be killed, the larva or "wigglers" can be killed while they are living in water or the breeding places can be destroyed by draining the pools or killing the water. But both these methods are difficult and expensive. Scientists have long been hunting for some kind of poison by which the mosquito larva can be killed easily and cheaply. In the last report of the Rockefeller Foundation, Dr. George E. Vincent, the president, announces that the United States public health service has found that ordinary Paris green used for years by farmers and gardeners to poison potato bugs, is just as effective in killing mosquitoes. This promises to be a more effective way of controlling malaria than anything heretofore tried.

Experience proves, says the report, that large groups of people will not take quinine long enough to get rid of malaria. As soon as the sick person feels better, he stops taking quinine. Several ways of controlling mosquitoes have been tried. Drainage on a large scale, ditching to drain small tracts, planting minnows in ponds, lakes and streams to eat up the larvae, spraying crocote or crude oil on the water to suffocate the wigglers are all good but expensive.

The public health service has found that a mixture of 99 parts of ordinary road dust and 1 part of Paris green sprinkled on the water, will kill the larvae but do no harm to the fish or the stock. The government has tried scattering this powder over large areas from airplanes. It is not necessary to remove the vegetation from the water or to drain the area to be powdered. One pound of Paris green will make 100 pounds of powder. The airplane flies low over the swampy region, slowly scattering the dust as it goes. The dust settles on the water and kills the wigglers. Everyone expected wonderful results from spraying machines. No one ever dreamed that they would be used to kill mosquitoes.  
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**Cause of Depressions**  
 Ill health is the real cause of business depressions, declares Doctor Huntington of Yale. There comes a spell of general ill-health, followed by more numerous deaths, and this so depresses the population and creates such a feeling of panic that one of its results is a financial crisis, which is thus in reality due to the weakening effects of ill-health.

**Great Lunar Rainbow**  
 An immense lunar rainbow was recently observed over the crater of the Kilanea volcano in the Hawaiian islands. The arc is described as having flared in a myriad of colors, its brightest portion being directly over the fire-pit of Halemaumau, where the steam column from the grottoes played in the reflected light.

**Good Advertising Idea**  
 An enterprising Vermont farmer has bought the potato crop on the Coolidge farm at Plymouth, Vt., and is selling the potatoes at \$3 a peck. They are put up in attractive boxes holding a peck, each box containing an affidavit that these glorified spuds were grown on the same farm which raised Calvin Coolidge.

**Steel Cars for Japan**  
 Alarmed at the great loss of life in the recent wreck of the Tokyo-Shimonoseki express near Hiroshima, the Japanese imperial railways have decided to abandon wooden passenger coaches as rapidly as possible. The railways will build 780 all-steel coaches during the coming fiscal year.

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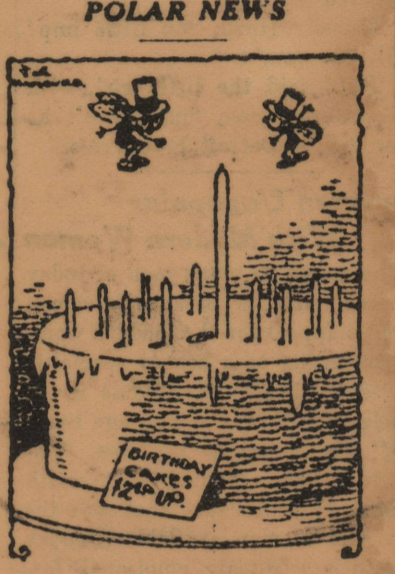
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**Old School Buildings Have Long History**

Public school No. 106, at 253 Lafayette street, and public school No. 162, at 38 City Hall place, have been turned over to the commissioners of the sinking fund for eventual demolition. In the year when these two schools were built John Tyler was serving as the tenth President of the United States in the fifteenth term of the presidency and the national debt of the country stood (January 1) at \$20,601,226. That year Noah Webster, he of the dictionary, died at eighty-five; Daniel Webster dedicated the Bunker Hill monument before an "immense concourse" and Ulysses S. Grant was graduated from West Point.

When these old buildings were brand new Fremont's expedition was threading its way past Pike's peak to the Columbia river and a great emigrant train of 1,000 souls was crawling over the plains on the 2,000-mile journey to Oregon. Samuel F. B. Morse was still experimenting with his Washington-Baltimore telegraph line in that year, but a "submarine telegraph" had been laid between New York city and Governor's island, and the steamship Acadia had just made the passage from Liverpool in 12 days and 12 hours.

The two school buildings were erected in 1848 and have been in continuous use for 83 years.—Washington Star.



**POLAR NEWS**  
 Fly—These North poles are getting so common a fello' can fly over them all the time!

**Chinese Telephone Lines**  
 The northeastern wireless and long-distance telephone administration of the Chinese government, which is located in Mukden, announces that two sections of the long-distance telephone line from Mukden to Tacoma have been completed. The first of these extends from Mukden northerly for 55 miles and the second runs from Tieling to Fakumen, a distance of 25 miles.

**Forbidden German Wives**  
 Chinese students in Germany must henceforth give up the idea of marrying German wives, according to instructions issued by the foreign office in Peking. The Chinese minister in Berlin reported that the students who married tended to neglect their studies and forget their home country.

**Surprised Home Owner**  
 E. J. Holt moved into a new home at Los Angeles, Calif. The house was cold. Holt lit a roaring fire in the fireplace to take the chill from his new home. The fire took away the chill, also part of the wall and most of the furniture. The fireplace was a dummy, made of wooden, painted bricks.

**Accommodating**  
 A young lady who wanted to keep up with the latest styles went into a dry goods store and called for a pair of rolled shoes. The clerk was equal to the occasion—with a little to spare. "Have a seat, miss," he said, with alacrity. "We roll them free of charge."

**Jade Found in Oregon**  
 Jade deposits have been uncovered in eastern Oregon. Plans for mining the jade commercially have been made by Maximilian Joseph Reuz, a Seattle chemist, who made the discovery. The deposits are in a large hill about nine miles southwest of Durkee, in Baker county.

**British Legislature**  
 The British house of commons contains 615 members distributed as follows according to population: England, 492; Wales and Monmouth, 86; Scotland, 74; northern Ireland, 13.

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**North Africa Anxious Over Lake's Recession**

North Africa is anxiously wondering whether Lake Chad in the French Sudan is soon to disappear. The body of water, which, being fed by various tributaries, upon whose volume its size has depended, has covered sometimes as much as 20,000 square miles at high water time, is diminishing below its usual proportions during drought, when its bed has measured only some 4,900 square miles.

The lake has never been known to have a permanent outlet and Colonel Tilho, who is devoting his life to African matters, warns that it now threatens to empty its entire waters into the River Niger. Such an eventuality is very much feared in technical and colonial circles, as it would mean sterility for the rich lake delta with an area of 120,000 square miles.

This land is unexcelled for fertility and, besides being the home of countless flocks of fowl, is cultivated with cotton, sorghum, rice, wheat, sugar cane and tobacco. The drying up of the lake basin, with its resultant effect on the productivity of the delta, would be calamitous.

**Grasshopper Part of Regular Indian Menu**

About seventy years ago my grandfather was agent for the Pawnee Indians on their reservation in what is now western Nebraska. I have often heard my father, who was then a boy, tell of those Indians eating grasshoppers and the interesting way in which they caught them. They would dig a deep hole in the ground and then, choosing a time when there was no wind and when a fire would burn on the prairie slowly and could be kept under control, they would encircle several acres around this hole with a ring of fire and drive the hoppers into the hole and capture them by the bushel. They were then dried and ground into meal to be mixed with their cornmeal and made into bread.—A. I. Gillis, in the Pathfinder Magazine.

**Fear for British Oaks**  
 Britain's most noble tree—the oak—is being rapidly depleted by a mysterious epidemic, which is engaging the attention of research workers on the forest commission. Mildew, together with the royer moth, is responsible for the disease, which has spread over the southern counties of England. The only oaks being grown to replenish the national supply are those planted by the forestry commission.

**English See War Dances**  
 American Indian war dances marked the first official reception to the group of Rhodes scholars who entered Oxford last fall. The dances were given in costume to tom-tom accompaniment by Karl Young, Rhodes scholar from Utah, who had spent much time among Indians during the time he attended the Utah Agricultural college.

**Distinguished for Height**  
 The highest building in the Woolworth in New York city, height 792 feet. The highest Egyptian pyramid is the Cheops, height 450 feet. The spire of Salisbury cathedral has a height of 404 feet. The cross on the dome of St. Paul's cathedral, London, is 365 feet above the street level.

**Powerful Searchlight**  
 A two-billion candle power searchlight, the largest in the world, was shown at the Electrical Industrial exposition in New York city recently. It is said that a man 40 miles away could see to read by it and that those operating it can clearly discern objects at a distance of five or six miles.

**Cosmopolitan University**  
 The University of Hawaii is a cosmopolitan institution. Its 728 students represent 43 of the United States, Japan, Korea, China, India, Guam, the Philippines, Mexico and France. Caucasian students comprise 41 per cent of the enrollment, Japanese 28 per cent, Chinese 14 per cent and Hawaiian 12 per cent.

**Playground on Prison Site**  
 Lyttleton prison, Christchurch, N. Z., that has housed thousands of criminals, is being torn down and the site will probably be converted into a playground for children. The massive walls now are being leveled and plans for the recreation park soon will be started.

**FOR SALE.**  
 I have several parts of a 16 foot Sampson windmill also parts of a 12 foot Aeromotor mill. Will sell cheap.  
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**KEEPING WELL**  
**THE ROMANCE OF X-RAY**  
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OUR knowledge of most branches of science runs far back into the past. No one knows who was the first mathematician of the human race. We do not even know who first created the multiplication table, though doubtless many school children would like to know on whose head to call down their maledictions. Chemistry goes far back into antiquity. Astronomers began their studies and observations of the heavenly bodies even before they had learned how to make any records or leave any evidence of their work for those who followed them. Physics, in a crude way, had almost as early a beginning.

From these humble efforts of unknown and forgotten workers, knowledge has had an almost uninterrupted course, often slowly, standing still sometimes for centuries, yet always moving forward the work of each man, based firmly on the work of his predecessors. Scientific knowledge in all its branches has moved ever upward, not by sudden leaps into the unknown but rather like the slow solid progress of the mason who adds one brick after another, until the wall is completed or at least raised to new and hitherto unknown heights.

But there is one branch of knowledge that has in our own day and under our own eyes, almost, grown to astonishing proportions. This is the whole field of light or, as it is now rather called, radiology, covering a far wider field than what was formerly regarded as light.

The difficulty in the extension of knowledge in this field was the same as in bacteriology. The human eye could only see those rays which were visible. Just as the microscope opened up the invisible world so the work of Roentgen opened up the unknown and unsuspected rays of light. It was the photographic plate in this case which "saw" what the human eye could not see. It was in 1896 that Roentgen, the German physicist, accidentally and unconsciously left a bunch of keys lying on a sensitized photographic plate under a Crookes tube with the current turned on. When later on he exposed the plate and developed it, he found across the face of the intentional photograph a photographed shadow of a bunch of keys. Recalling the circumstances, he realized at once that for the first time he had caught and made a record of a ray that goes through wood and cloth and flesh and bones as a sun ray goes through a window pane.  
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**Queer Patents Granted by Federal Government**

Uncle Sam has frequently granted patents for many queer and unusual things. An enterprising gentleman from Buffalo, N. Y., had a beautiful scheme for solving the transportation problem. His invention covered an aerial railway which consisted of suspending cars from a cable extending between balloons stationed at pre-determined distances. A difference in the height of the balloons and an inclination of the cable between the balloons furnished the motive power for this extraordinary means of transportation. The inventor also provided high housetops to be used as stations.

Another curious patent covers what is called "a useful hat." This hat has two supports, one resting on each shoulder of the wearer, which hold the hat above the head. The inventor contends that this unique chapeau "will permit the free circulation of air around and over the head of the wearer, preventing headaches from the weight of the hat, and allowing free movement of the head independent of the hat."

Another inventor of rural inclination produced and patented a combination churn and rocking chair.—Grit.



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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.

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Keating's Sorenaders furnished the music for an enjoyable dance at the Sonora Club Hall on last Friday evening.

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Judge L. J. Wardlaw of Fort Worth was here this week transacting business. Besides being interested in the firm of Wardlaw & Elliott, attorneys here, Judge Wardlaw is one of the largest land owners in this section.

Sick shoes make sick feet. Sick feet make sick people. We've helped many sick people get well by being their shoe doctors.  
Orion Brown.

Rev. J. A. Stephen has returned from Franklin, Texas, where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother, Rev. John W. Stephen who died very suddenly of heart failure. It was a sad meeting of brothers and loved ones who came from every part of the State and other states to pay tribute to the dead and comfort the living. On his return he came by Austin to see his wife who has been there for more than two months under treatment for eye trouble having operations on both eyes which were successful. Mrs. Stephen sends her kindest regards to all her many friends for remembrance and kindness shown her by the good people of Sonora and surrounding country. She says she is home sick and longs to get home to see you all. It is hoped that she will be able to return in about ten days.

The Methodist birthday banquet has been postponed to April 6th Watch for further announcements.

R. B. Hartman of Fort Worth and J. A. Johnson of Tulsa, Thursday closed a ten-year commercial lease on a block of 3600 acres in Pecos county, largely out of the Allison and Canon ranches, and awarded a contract to Cope & Arnold of San Angelo to drill a 2,500 foot test. The location is in the northeast quarter of section 18, block 178, Texas Central Ry Co. survey, about 4 1/2 miles southwest of the Yates pool. Building of the derrick will start as soon as the title is approved.—San Angelo Standard.

Notice to Trespassers. Notice is hereby given that no hunting, driving stock, wood hauling or trapping will be allowed on our ranch seven miles south of Sonora, without our permission.  
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### TO FRIENDS AND PATRONS

In as much as I have sold the Devil's River News to Mr. Mark A. Wilson of Big Lake, Texas, effective April 1, this is the last issue of the Devil under my direction.

The first issue of the Devil's River News was issued October 15th, 1890.

Over thirty-six years ago my brother Mike Murphy, in looking for a place to locate decided upon Sonora. I arrived here Nov 5th 1890. In my residence of over 36 years here publishing the News I have not had cause for regret. In growing up with this section from the "Wild and Woolly West" of yesteryear to the modern state of development I have had an opportunity to learn the people of this county and have at all times found them to be honest, charitable, liberal commercially, sympathetic and broadminded.

The time I have spent among you has been the source of much enjoyment in this life to the extent that I hope to spend the remainder of my life among you. Realizing the onward march of civilization and the necessity of modern machinery in keeping pace I have decided to sell to a young man who will install up to date printing machinery rather than make this change at my age. Hoping that Mr. Wilson derives as much satisfaction in living among you as I have, and receives your full and undivided business support in the future, I am  
Respectfully,  
Steve Murphy.

Watch the paper for the date for the "Negro Wedding."

Patrons your home dentist, phone 151.

Most of the ranchmen in the section report that their goats sheared light.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Green were in from the Fort Terrett ranch Tuesday.

Lewis Mayfield of Mexico City was here a few days this week visiting his father, J. W. Mayfield and other relatives.

The finance committee from the Sonora Woman's Club, for the building of the Library will be to see you soon. Please meet them with a smile and a nice check when they visit you.

Miss Ray Walker of Wichita Falls, Texas, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hi East land here. Miss Walker, who has made many friends in her former visits here, was a room mate of Miss Amanda Eastland while they were attending the Howard Payne College at Brown wood.

We received the following: Mr. and Mrs. James Oscar Rountree announce the marriage of their daughter, Nell to Robert Earl Erwin on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1927, Plainview, Texas, at home Fort Sumner, N.M.

The people of Sonora and Sutton county are pleased to know of the recent appointment of H. L. Taylor and Brown King to good Highway jobs by the new Highway Commission. Taylor was re appointed to his former position held here, that of being foreman of the road work in this and a part of some of the adjoining counties, while King, formerly assistant County Engineer here, was appointed Maintenance Superintendent for the eastern part of this road district which includes Kimble, Menard, McCulloch and other counties in that section.

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### THE BAT.

La Vista Theatre Tuesday March 29, one nite only. I wish to say to my patrons see this Picture. The World's biggest, most sensational comedy, mystery drama now lavishly done for the screen. A production of high tension, tautly suspenseful interest quick surprises, shrieks of House rick laughter, and astounding climaxes in every one of its smashing bits. A riot of fun and thrills the fitting phantom whose wings fan every audience into tremors of awe and spasms of glee. As a play, kept the country breathless for five years, now tremendously produced for the screen. Millions saw the stage play. Many millions will see the film. One great sensation after another. Mysterious, serious, hilarious.  
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#### ENTERTAINED.

Miss Dixie Miers entertained twelve tables at bridge Saturday evening in honor of Mrs. R. W. Perrine, a bride of the week before.

The party occurred in the Woman's Club room which was artistically decorated for this occasion. After four games of bridge the prizes were awarded to Miss Amanda Eastland and Lloyd Earwood for high score, Mrs. Alton Hightower and Raymond Barker for the consolation and Mrs. Perrine the guest prize.  
A delicious plate lunch was served to bring to a close the very enjoyable evening.

Miss Hazel Stokes entertained her crowd at bridge on Monday evening in honor of Mrs. Cliff Johnson, a recent bride. After a few games of bridge Mrs. Henry Decker was awarded the high score, Mrs. Geo. D. Chalk high cut prize, Nan Karnes the consolation and Mrs. Johnson, the honoree, the guest prize. An ice course was served.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between H. P. Cooper and John Sims of Sonora, Sutton County, Texas, under the firm name of Cooper & Sims was dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st day of March, 1927.

All those owing said firm will please call and settle at once.  
H. P. Cooper,  
John Sims. 914

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

Work on the beautiful brick home of Ed. C. Mayfield is progressing nicely with the construction at a stage where it is showing up rapidly. It will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000.

C. D. Wyatt, prominent local ranchman, has recently purchased the O. L. Richardson home here and Mr. Richardson has let the contract for a new home on his property adjoining the new Fred Berger home. Work has begun on the new Richardson home.

Work is progressing nicely on the O. G. Babcock home in East Sonora which is being built of tile. Mr. Babcock is supervising the construction of his home and the work is progressing satisfactorily.

The new home of Fred Berger's is almost complete with the finishing work being done rapidly. Joe Berger is building this home for his brother Fred while Joe and his family will make their home on the ranch.

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For the week March 28 to April 2. Entire change of Program every night.

Monday, Paramount Feature. Let's Get Married, with Richard Dix and Lois Wilson. Universal comedy, Too Much Sleep. Admission 25 and 50.

Tuesday, United Artists Picture, The Bat. A Comedy Mystery Drama by Mary Roberts Rinehart, all Star cast. Pathe News No. 19, Admission 25 and 50 cents.

Wednesday, Associated Exhibitors Picture, The Miracles of Life with Mae Busch, Aita Naldie, Lully Marmonth. Pathe Comedy, Two reels, Little Robinson Corkscrew. Admission 25 and 50 cents.

Thursday, Warner Bros., Vitograph Co., Picture Across the Pacific, with Monte Blue. International News 15. Admission 25 and 50.

Friday, Universal feature. Hidden Loot with Jack Hoxie. Universal 2 reel Comedy, Snockins Tooth. Admission 25 and 50c

Saturday, First National Feature, The Wise Guy with James Kirkwood. Pathe News No. 20.

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#### SONORA WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Sonora Woman's Club had the pleasure of having Mrs. H. B. Broadbuss of Colorado Springs, president of the Sixth District of Texas Federation of Woman's Clubs, Mrs. Thompson of Colorado Springs, secretary, Mrs. E. S. Noble, San Angelo, past president, Mrs. Smith, San Angelo, State chairman, Mrs. Frank Friend Ozona, State chairman, Mrs. Hoover Ozona, State chairman, and Mrs. Deaton of Ozona, at an early morning meeting last Friday.

Mrs. Broadbuss in her talk to the Club, mentioned her appreciation of the Sonora Club, for their wonderful cooperation in all Federation work, since she had been president. She also said Sonora should be very proud to have Mrs. S. T. Gilmore, Mrs. Williams, and Miss McDonald, each are very successful in Federation work and that she hoped we appreciate them as the Federation does.

She also urged that all the Sonora ladies be present at the Federation of Women's Clubs meeting in Ozona. Several other splendid talks were given by the members of this party. The Sonora Women were indeed fortunate to have these ladies with them and considered it a pleasure.

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#### MURPHY-RAY WEDDINGS.

Miss May Murphy, daughter of Mrs. Melinda May Murphy, 234 West Beauregard avenue, and Wilbur Clyde Ray, independent oil operator, formerly with the Prairie Oil & Gas Company both at San Angelo and at Midland, were married Wednesday at San Antonio.  
The bride was born and reared in San Angelo and has a wide circle of friends. Her father, the late J. C. (Pat) Murphy, was one of the founders of the San Angelo Standard and for thirty six years was its publisher. Mr. Ray came to this city about 18 months ago and is esteemed very highly in the oil fraternity. It is thought that he and Mrs. Ray will continue to make their home here.—Standard.

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By MARGARET TURNBULL

Here. Do what you like for Mary, but leave me out.

"How can I?" Claude asked. "Mary will want you, and I'll want you to stay with Mary, whatever her plans are, until she marries Ned. I'll keep away as far as I can. You'll have to let me play around with Mary a little, but I won't bother you. Of course you can and will live where you like. But I think Mary will want you near her."

Polly sank into the chair at the window and played with her gloves. "Mary!" she murmured. "What's the life going to be like, without Mary?"

Claude looked down at her pityingly. "Well, you're going to have her for a little while yet. Your car isn't nearly as bad as mine. Polly Mary won't want me to help buy her trousseau, but she will want you."

He paused a moment and said diffidently, "You will help me out with that—and some other things, won't you? You've no idea, Polly, how I've been hoping you'd take charge of the money and—"

"Spend it," Polly sighed.

Claude nodded. His face turned toward her in the dim twilight, looked strangely pleased. "By Jiminy! It would be great to see some of it go for things women like."

Polly stared out over the water and was silent or awhile.

"You're rather wonderful, Claude Dabbs. I don't know that I quite take it in."

C. M. Dabbs moved uneasily. "Oh, I've just gone along, he told her. "I'm going what came uppermost. It's you that are the wonder, Polly. Look what you've made of yourself—and Mary. Though," he sighed, "I haven't hardly forgiven you yet for keeping Mary to yourself."

Polly rose. "Don't, Claude, you can't understand."

"Think I do," Claude told her, facing her. "I've given a lot of time to thinking that out, and it came over me with a dash, Polly, that in your place I would have done the same thing. What did you know about me?"

"Or you of me?"

"Well," said C. M., "it happened that way, and we acted each according to our natures; but if I can make Mary happy, and buy you both some pretty things now, that's something."

Polly looked at him in slow amazement. Before her his life seemed to spread out. He had tolled and grown rich, unspotted, Claude was neither meek nor humble. He was wholly master of himself. Even while she determined never to ask the inevitable question, she heard it coming from her own lips.

"In all these years, there must have been some women—"

"You spoiled my taste for just women," Claude answered, brusquely, "and I hadn't much time then, though I own—I missed 'em. I had a whole lot to look after. Tell you about it, some day, Polly, if you care to hear it."

Polly nodded. She became aware that Claude was regarding her humorously.

"You'll notice," he said, as she looked up at him inquiringly, "I haven't asked how many men?"

Polly laughed. "They didn't count, I had Mary."

Claude laughed, too. "Well, you won't have her all to yourself, Polly. Now that Ned's come into the story. You'd better try to like him. He's a nice boy, though his ways are sudden."

"I don't like his sudden ways," complained Polly. "How dare he say he's engaged to Mary?"

Claude's slow smile stopped her. "I guess Mary knows."

Polly looked at him, half angrily. "Were you playing for this?"

"Oh, Jiminy, no!" Claude gave a quick look at her. "I wanted the girl to myself a little while, but I know better than to interfere with young people when their minds are made up."

"Then suddenly Polly realized. "Has—has she said anything to you about—"

"No, but if I know Ned, it will be soon. Will you go back with her to the White house, Polly, and stand by? We can talk everything over—later."

Polly hesitated and was conscious that Claude waited anxiously. "I must talk to Mary, first," she said, and saw the keen blue eyes regard her with a curious look of disappointment.

Mary and Claude Dabbs were climbing Winding Willow road on their way to Clover Hollow. Venice was barely three weeks behind them, but as Mary confided to her father, it seemed more like three years, or as though Venice had never been.

Claude gave her an odd little look, and immediately Mary put her hand on his shoulder and told him that of course she didn't mean exactly that. Claude agreed that he thought she couldn't possibly.

Directly behind them was Peace Valley and the grocery. In front of the grocery Polly had climbed out of Mary's car and into Ned's. She sat there waiting for him.

"That was the sore spot in Mary's heart. Mother had come back rebelliously to the White house, though outwardly quiet and acquiescent.

During all the journey home she had remained secluded in her stateroom while Mary, Claude and Ned had paced the decks together and tried to arrange their lives and hers. She still called herself Mrs. Johnston. While she acknowledged Mary's engagement to Ned, and spoke to Claude when necessary, she steadfastly refused to enter Claude's store or home. He might, and did, lavish all that money could buy on Mary, yet Mary's mother continued to live on her own slender income.

"While I refuse to enter the grocer's shop," she told Mary with finality, "I cannot accept the grocer's money."

When Mary demanded that the whole world, and especially Peace Valley, be told that this was her own father, Polly told her calmly, but determinedly, that that day would see her depart from Peace Valley, Clover Hollow and Mary. Mary must be content that Loren Rangeley knew and that there would be no divorce. That was as far as Polly Johnston was prepared to go, at present.

Polly knew that she was behaving abominably and ungenerously, but could not bring herself to do otherwise. She had looked so relieved at this that Mary reluctantly agreed. Ned, smiling noncommittally at Polly, had put his hand on Mary's shoulder and said:

"But Claude won't mind in the least our telling Aunt Lydia everything, and just how we feel about it."

Then he had taken Mary away and saved Polly Johnston several awkward moments.

Mary, disappointed and unhappy that her mother could not accept Claude and his money as simply as it was offered, tried hard to make a smooth path for both of them. It was wearing work, and it told on Mary. Ned, watching her anxiously, wondered at Polly's hardness of heart toward the girl she adored.

"I'll have it out with Polly yet," he told Claude savagely, and would have—

ly listen to his elder's counsel of patience and his sage, "She's jealous, Ned. Jealous because Mary loves you. You can't argue with a jealous woman."

This afternoon, Mary looked paler than usual. Mary's beautiful mother had been impossible today and Mary was glad to escape with father in the car, while Ned took Polly in his.

Ned surveyed Polly calmly as he gave her his hand. "I'll take you for a ride, Polly dear. Claude and Mary have important business at Clover Hollow, as you probably know unless you closed your ears while Mary was trying to tell you about it. After that, they're coming home here for tea and Mary and Aunt Lydia will probably go over the family album, sorting out pictures of Claude in his youth. At such times I feel horribly in the way, don't you?"

Polly looked at him with equal calm. She could understand Ned.

"And Claude?"

"Claude will probably come back and pretend to be busy in the shop, though it's a dull day; but presently he will steal in to those two, the only women he really loves—and who adore him. Ten to one, Polly, when we come back, my Mary will be on his knee, with Aunt Lydia feeding them chocolate cake and retelling to them anecdotes of the illustrious Dabbs family, past and present."

Polly sighed. Ned forsook the Hillsborough road and turned his car toward the open country.

At that very moment Mary said to her father: "I can't bear it, Dad. I hate to take the credit for all your ideas and work. I want to scream out that you're my own truly, honest father, and that everything's yours. I felt I would if I went to another tea with Mother and heard all those women talk about Dabbs, the grocer. I wanted to jump up and say: 'I'm Mary Dabbs.' How mother can sit there and—"

"She stopped because Dabbs had put a hand on her shoulder and pulled her to him.

"I think your mother's way is far and away the best—for her. What kind of life would it be if Polly pretended? No, thank God, Polly's an honest woman when it comes to her likes and dislikes. If she ever does decide that she'll put up with a little more of my society, I'll be so flattered this town won't hold me."

"Don't you see, Polly's attitude makes it easier to keep things going smooth just now. Down there in Peace Valley there are two camps. One of them's sitting waiting to see me get my come-uppance from Clover Hollow, and the other thinks, 'Poor old Claude Dabbs is being bamboozled by that high-flying nephew. Claude's head ain't level yet, what with foreign travel and being noticed some by them two settlers, the red-headed widow and her girl that's gonna marry Ned.'"

"But how do I look?" Mary asked bitterly, "taking your money and not owning you?"

"You'll get your chance one of these days. And it'll be a lot better, if the lovely Mrs. Johnston ever does take it into her head to smile on me, my stock will go way up with the villagers. They'll think I'm clever. But I'll think the woman's crazy."

He roared with laughter at the picture he had conjured up of the village worthies discussing the affair, and Mary followed his example.

"You'll have to take your arm away, when we get round this bend," she warned him. "But, oh, Father, I do love you."

"Is you? I'd lose everything I have, rather than one hair on your little head, Mary. And now, mind the plan we talked over and show me the kind of business head my girl has. Remember that you and I and Ned agreed that it's the rebels here and there that keep things from getting stale and into ruts, and we want them in our midst." He took his arm away. "I'm Dabbs the grocer now, but I'll be father all the while home."

Mary's head was high as, accompanied by her father, she faced the entire community assembled in Mannheim's living room. As a matter of fact, the community had that moment been discussing the extraordinary Johnston engagement, in the light of "a social experiment."

One thing Mary was devoutly thankful for, and that was that Dorothy Seiden had gone away. Mary felt that she could not have stood Dorothy's sneers at the grocer.

But now she was speaking, her father's eyes on her:

"I felt I should make this explanation myself, and not let it come through a lawyer. I—I am the Clover Hollow Realty company; that is, the majority shares in that company are my name, and I want to have, at neighbors and tenants, live people—people who have views, decided views, who will stimulate the community and set an example of honorable dealing, fairness, courage and cleverness to the whole countryside. So you can see why—I am pleased to have you—and want to retain you—a tenant."

"About Mr. Dabbs—" Mary turned in a simple, natural way and took Dabbs' hand, as if going to present him to them, "in going to ask you to let bygones be bygones. I want to keep you both. Is it a bargain, tenants?"

Her smile won them instantly, and O'Toole with a muttered, "The darlint," led in gallantly holding out his hand to the "swatnest landlord in the world."

They watched her go down the path and ride away beside her agent, and Mrs. Mannheim had the last word.

"She may join with us now," she said a little sadly, "and she has all the earmarks of an enthusiastic worker, but what will happen after she marries Rangeley?"

They drew together to discuss that aspect.

Once out of sight, the agent became the father.

"Handled them like a born politician, Mary. I'm proud of you."

The landlord, seeing that the road was clear, hugged the agent.

On High Ridge road, where the wind swept across fields of young grain, and clover scented the air, Ned, who had been driving the silent Polly at breakfast speed, slowed down.

"Is it a pity you don't really love me, Polly Johnston," he remarked, glancing at her, "for it seems to me we ought to cling together for protection. We are being cold-shouldered to a degree."

"Don't be silly, as well as disrespectful. Both Claude and Mary adore you. I am the odd number."

"Are you so sure about Mary adoring me?" he asked her.

Polly looked toward him curiously. "Aren't you?" she asked.

Ned shook his head. He turned a face toward his prospective mother-in-law that was too honestly pained and puzzled to smile at or doubt.

"I'm in a frightful predicament, Polly. I'm—well, about your daughter, and she—she's just engaged to me."

Polly Johnston so far forgot herself as to whistle softly.

"How long has this been going on?" "Since the beginning. I took her there on any terms she was willing to make. Now, it hurts."

"Why did she engage herself at all?" Polly demanded, but more as though she was thinking aloud than asking a question, and a fairly unflattering question.

Ned did not answer. Polly glanced at him. Something in his face set her thinking. Presently she looked up and said, with the utmost sincerity, "If I understand you correctly, Ned, it's a pity."

"Yes, isn't it. You see, Polly, how your youthful mistake involves others."

"It wasn't entirely a mistake. Look at Mary."

"Have you said that to Claude?"

"No," admitted Polly. "You and Mary, Claude are all so clever, I thought I'd leave you to discover the fact yourselves."

Ned slowed down the machine and stopped it in a secluded spot on a deserted road.

"I just barely remember my own mother," he told Polly distantly, "and I think she must have had a rotten time with my father. But I don't believe she would act as you are acting toward Mary. I have a sneaking idea she would have stood for my marriage-headed father rather than have made it hard for me."

Polly Johnston burst into tears.

Ned stared, astonished, and then looked frightened. This was not in the least what he had expected. He put his arm about Polly, and she put her head on his shoulder and cried heartily. Ned patted her at intervals, a little distractedly.

"If this is doing you good, it's all right, but it's rather hard on me."

"I know it, Ned," Polly sniffed.

"I'm finishing up as fast as I can and it has done me good."

"In that case," Ned was gallantly itself. "Don't mind me."

"Polly dried her eyes, lifted her head and looked into Ned's kind eyes."

"Then you think," she said, as though continuing a conversation, "that it's because Mary is uncertain about what's to become of me that she can't decide about her own life, and if I made some definite plan for my own future, not too far removed from Peace Valley, Mary would be able to take her own happiness, and yours, into consideration."

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Then he gave her a quick, frank look as though reading her thoughts and said: "Always remembering, dear Polly, that I'm deeply interested."

Polly took out her vanity case and made the necessary repairs.

Ned watched her. "You look lovely," he volunteered. "Nobody'd know you'd been crying."

Polly turned a determined face toward him. "Before we turn back, Ned, do you think you could bring yourself to call me 'mother'?"

Ned's hand slipped from the wheel. His arms went round her.

"I'd love to—Mother."

Polly sighed. "Do you think I'm utterly selfish about Mary?"

Ned did not remove his arms. He shook his head. "No, it's just—well in the ordinary course of events, if you'd stuck to your job of being Claude's wife there might have been four or five other upstanding little Dabbses, and you wouldn't be so concentrated on Mary, to the exclusion of everything else."

"Take your arms away. You are rather nasty to me, Ned."

"You wanted the truth. Have a cigarette and forget it."

Polly accepted the cigarette.

"Let me smoke this in peace and make up my mind, before we go back."

They sat, saying nothing, Ned's thoughts busy with his own future. The woman beside him was facing the long years to come, honestly, for the first time. She knew that her position was untenable. She knew also that Claude Dabbs asked only the privilege of watching over and caring for Mary, for Ned and for herself. He would ask nothing of her, grateful if she would stay near them for Mary's sake, grateful that the children loved him.

Polly's mind leaped to its fine conclusion. Here was her opportunity. It might even be that in Claude she would find the friend and companion she had missed and longed for, since Mary had gone her own way. Did not Claude face middle age, too, but with philosophy, and brushing aside its disillusion, neither graded youth its due nor shrank from life. Claude was alive, very much so, but of life he expected little; of himself, much. Polly wondered if she would ever grasp life as serenely and as firmly as he did, taking what it gave, grudging nothing that it withheld.

Polly threw away her cigarette. "Ready to go back, Ned?"

In the library at Claude's home, Claude and Mary were turning over plans for the new factory and the proposed public library and recreation room.

"Mother and Ned take a long time on that drive," Mary observed, finally. "Oh, Dad! do you think anything's happened?"

"Not a bit of it," Claude told her tranquilly. "They've just gone a bit further than they intended. Why, daughter, what's wrong?" Mary had clutched his arm.

"Nothing, only I get so worried nowadays. I never used to. But Ned's a little reckless, don't you think?"

"No," Claude rose to Ned's defense sturdily. "Ned's a splendid driver. Then he laughed. "Is it Ned, or your mother, who's so precious that you think the Almighty may be jealous?"

"Oh hush, Father, don't say it," Mary implored, and then laughed at herself, helplessly. "See how primitive I'm growing, like the heathen who give ugly names to their babies of the gods."

"It's queer," Claude began, more to himself than his daughter, "but the old folk were so often right. My mother used to say that love made women savage and men gentle. I wonder."

"There they are!" Mary ran to the doorway leading to the garden. She stopped astonished. "Father, something has happened. Mother's getting out."

Claude looked over her shoulder. "Let me paste, Mary. If Polly's coming into my store, I must be there to wait on her."

Mary watched him go, but stood waiting. She felt a little sad and alone. Ned came into the room from the hall behind her.

"Ned," Mary said as she turned, "has anything happened?"

"Something nice. Mother's coming in."

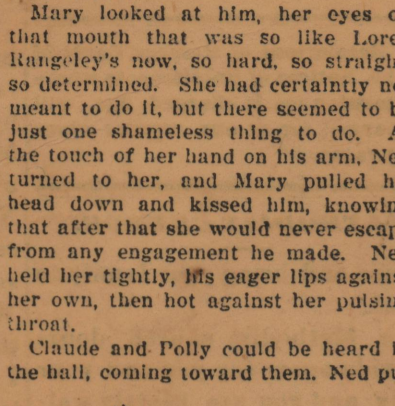
"Mother?" Mary echoed, her lips parted to ask a question.

"And before she gets here," Ned told her hurriedly, coming very close. "I want to give you your freedom. I think what you wanted is coming about. Mother's going to be responsible and settle down for awhile here, and you're free to do as you like about—that engagement of yours, Mary."

He paused, and as she remained silent, continued slowly: "I can't go on this way. I want you to know that, and to know that I'll keep on working with Claude, no matter what happens. You see, I simply can't stick this, Mary. I'm just an ordinary able-bodied man, who wants to be married soon, and expects to be loved, not just tolerated and dodged and held off. The woman I marry will simply have to want me as much, and as near, as I want her."

Mary looked at him, her eyes on that mouth that was so like Loren Rangeley's now, so hard, so straight, so determined. She had certainly not meant to do it, but there seemed to be just one shameless thing to do. At the touch of her hand on his arm, Ned turned to her, and Mary pulled his head down and kissed him, knowing that after that she would never escape from any engagement he made. Ned held her tightly, his eager lips against her own, then hot against her pulsing throat.

Claude and Polly could be heard in the hall, coming toward them. Ned put—



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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.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-43 indicating starting points for words.

- Horizontal. 1—Winner. 5—Largest city in world. 9—Loaded. 10—Negative. 11—A metal. 12—A month of the year (abbr.). 13—Initials of a U. S. President. 14—A color. 17—Steeped. 20—Maize. 22—Possessive pronoun. 23—Looks evilly. 24—South American pack animal. 25—Revolving part of a radio variometer. 29—Egyptian goddess. 32—Back of neck. 33—Hides. 35—Pronoun. 36—Brewed beverage. 37—Over (poetic). 38—Eastern state (abbr.). 40—Worship. 42—Nakedness. 43—Make dear. Vertical. 1—Conceit. 2—Commercial corporation (abbr.). 3—A melody. 4—Large farm. 5—Girl's name. 6—Formerly. 7—Subtle. 8—Cares for. 14—Pronoun. 16—Girl's name. 18—Moves with circular motion. 19—Sixty grains (pl.). 20—Marsh bird. 21—A body of soldiers. 24—Species of moss. 25—Mien. 27—Branch, as a keg. 28—To mend. 30—In want. 31—Shop. 33—Fish. 34—Noticed. 38—Commercial announcement (abbr.). 41—Exist. Solution will appear in next issue.

Answer to last week's puzzle.

PLASTER, LETTUCE, PETNA, USE, RENO, PET, LEGATE, RENOCY, IRE, EXIT, LEAL, EO, NER, OARI, SEBAU, CRO, REGONCI, LEANU, HASTATE, SEATING, ME, S, POT, BANU, NOWHERE, ACAUDAL, EU, ASSESSING, LO, WRIT, TRAYS, LASS, E, THRU, L, COYS, LEA, OVATION, HER, ALAS, USS, CREW, DRYNESS, OVERSEE.

Sailing by Cyclone. One of the most novel propositions in the matter of navigation ever advanced is that for which a French mariner named Fieron stands responsible. The Frenchman thinks that advantage may be taken of the favorable winds at the edge of a cyclone for facilitating navigation. By means of observations with the barometer and other instruments he would ascertain the direction in which the storm is going and so shape the course of his ship that it would be carried along by the sweep of the atmosphere, without becoming involved in the dangerous center of the storm. This proposal to treat cyclones as friendly aids to navigation may strike one as an extravagant play of fancy, but it is soberly advanced by Fieron, who, it is said, has made certain successful experiments in this new method of sailing the sea.

Egypt Overcrowded. Egypt is one of the most densely peopled countries of the world. The average population to a square mile is 939. In Belgium it is 588; in Holland, 400; in Great Britain, 342; in Japan, 317; in Italy, 294; in Germany, 290; in Austria, 236; in Switzerland, 215; in France, 190. In Russia in Europe the average is 50 to a square mile, but in Russia in Asia it is only a little more than three.

Brought Live Reindeer. The steamer W. M. Tupper, from Bethel, Alaska, docked at Seattle with more than 200 live reindeer, which were used in Christmas advertising throughout the United States. After serving this purpose they were presented to parks and zoos. The ship also carried \$750,000 in gold, the year's output of mines in the Kuskokwim district of southwestern Alaska.

Employing Vehicle Tax. Levies on the motor vehicle rather than property taxation are being used to pay for highways, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. In 1920 the percentage of highway expenditure derived from property taxation was 11.2 per cent. New and Valuable Iron. A new cast iron has been produced which has twice the tensile strength of ordinary gray iron.

Would-Be "Highbrows" as Others See Them

Oliver Burton Canby, the poet of Denver, was criticizing the New York literary clique. "This little crowd of reviewers, novelists and playwrights," he said, "declare that they lead the world. They believe it, too. It's a joke. 'To cultivated minds they seem exactly like the young couple that met at the Quoque Browning society's strawberry festival and talked like this: 'Are you literary?' 'Surest thing you know! Are you?' 'You bet!' 'Read much high-brow stuff?' 'Sure!' 'How about Homer?' 'Oh, I'm stuck on Homer. Shakespeare's all right, too.' 'You bet he is! How about Wadsworth and Tennyson?' 'Some writers! I'll tell you who's a good writer, too.' 'Who?' 'Goethe.' 'Yes, Goethe is good, isn't he?' 'Mr. Canby gave a disgusted laugh. 'And that,' he ended, 'is what the reviews and novels and plays of New York's clique seem like to cultivated minds.'"

"Tie That Binds"; or Marriage Made Easy

Twelve years ago an Englishman serving in the army in Malta became acquainted with a native girl. One day she asked him to accompany her to the house of the village priest where she wished to pay a friendly call. The Englishman went with her and while there the priest asked him some questions in Maltese, which he did not understand. The girl, who acted as interpreter, explained to her companion that the priest was inquiring if his health was all right. The Englishman answered yes. Two days later his regiment left Malta. That was the Englishman's version of it.

When he was brought into court recently and charged with failing to support his Maltese wife, he learned that he was married by the priest that day he called with the girl and answered "yes" to some questions. The judge ruled that the marriage was binding.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Ugliness as Insurance

Women's faces are mutilated into ugliness in Africa, as a sort of theft insurance. E. Capitan, just back from a trip in the Congo, is making a report to the French Academy of Medicine on the mutilation customs in the Sara-Djinge country. He is provided with pictures showing the development of a hole pierced in the lips of girls and dilated through the years until old age. The wooden disks worn in these orifices were sometimes seven inches in diameter. He says the practice originated in an effort to make the women unattractive so they would not be carried off for slaves.

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