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We have bought the entire stock of M. A. McGregor, which we are going to sell at COST for CASH,

## Beginning Saturday, May 8th

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VETERINARY PREPARATIONS. We carry a complete stock
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Here you will find the most delicious Ice Cream, and the purest
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New Mattresses Made to Order, Old Mattresses Renovated. Phone Us. VIVIAN'S MATTRESS FACTORY

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## Every

Our buyer is always on the job and so this week we have to show you a dandy lot of new Skirts, new Embroidered Organdies, Silks, and a complete line of ${ }^{\circ}$ Novelties, Men's Shirts and Suits.

## SKIRTS

Beautiful black skirts in shadow cloth gabardine, serge, with and without belt, these skirts range in sizes 23 to $36, \$ 4$ to $-\$ 7.50$

All that's new in checks, the new circular yoke effects, patch pockets and belts $\$ 5.00$ and New Palm Beach Skirts, plain and with stripes , , , , , \$5.00

Out size Skirts, the extra size. We make a specialty of showing a range of sizes in large skirts, reasonable prices

## NOVELTIES

We are showing the prettiest line of ladies purses ever shown in Snyder. New shapes in sand, putty, new blues and black. fitted up completely on inside, prices $\quad 1.00$ to $\$ 5.00$

New fans, the correct gift for a graduating present, in ivory, silk, and maline, with ivory sticks, 25 c to , , $\$ 1.25$

A lot of new ivory picture frames, new shapes and sizes, 25 c to , . $\$ 1.00$

## SUITS

More about those Men's Palm Beach Suits at $\$ 8$ to , $\$ 10.00$

They are taking the eye of every man who sees them.

They are all new, they are well made and you'll be surprised at the unusual good fit. All the way round these good clothes will please you in fit, in looks in service. Both dark and light suits $\mathbf{\$ 8}$ to
$\$ 10.00$
Palm Beach Caps and Ties to Match.

We are receiving these new goods each week and will be glad to show you whether you want to buy or not.

## TOWNSEND-0LDHAM \& COMPANY

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Send Us Your Mail Orders

We Sell the Pictor= ial Patterns

## Bargains in Sox

1440 pair, Men's Sox in blues, tans, lavenders, greys and blacks, reinforced at the heel and toe, we will sell a

90 cents per dozen

## Bargains in Men's Clothing

Our buyer has just returned from St. Louis, where he picked up some of the most wonderful bar= bains in men's clothing that ever came to Snyder. All wool worsteds and Scotch cheviots in tans, blues, greys aud latest checks and plaids, worth from $\$ 20$ to $\$ 25$, come and get your choice for $\$ 15.00$. Odd pants from 1.00 to $\$ 5.00$. Don't fail to see these bargains

We Have Just Received
120 pair ladies' sh
$\$ 1.35$ to $\$ 2.00$
Best Values You Ever Saw
See our Ready-to-Wear Department for Ladies and Children

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## THE MAN WITH THE LONGEST RECORD

By Inspector Joseph H. Faurot, Head of the Detective Bureau of the New York City Police Department

T. ers a period of thirty-nine years. H pard Charles Harrington, and no doubt his fond of their first born, who, great expectation arned for him the soubriquet of Jack She pard, because of the daring of his exploits, which in many ways were like those of He has so many aliases that it is almost
impossible to remember all of them, although in our records he is listed as Charles Ha rington, John Mahoney, Jack Sheppard, Joh Wood, John H. Mathews, George Wilson, Charles Jones and James Robinson.
I know of no more interesting subject for
students of criminology than Jack Sheppard. He is so well known to the police of this country that his name is a byword. In fact, he ha worst criminal record in the United States,'
While he has never faced a homicide charge, here are so many other marks against him that in reviewing his career I cannot find room for one thought of compassion or one
extenuating circumstance. His wits are keen as a brier, and when it pulse Jack can always be depended on to come through. Since the first time he wa arrested he has complained to all who would listen to him that he was the victim of po
lice persecution, and he has succeeded from time to time in interesting some very influ ential persons in his behalf. pard is what one might call well preserved
His shock of snow white hair His shock of snow white hair has tended to soften the lines of his face, and at first
glance one wouldn't take him for "the man glance one wouldn't take him for "the man stares him full in the face that the shifty
restless eye of the criminal is discovered. Hi features are not regular, neither are they rugged, for an exquisitely chiseled nose, al
most Grecian in its modeling, is in strong contrast to the broad, flat and blunt pro contrast to the broad, flat and blunt pro
boscis so frequently found adorning th Jack's nose indicates a refinement and
delicacy of breeding inherited from his
mother, a woman I am told who was gentle mother, a woman 1 am told who was gentle
refined and highly cultured. His broad refined and highly cultured. His broad
square chin and jaw denote a decision o character which brooks no interference, and carry through to success any scheme he un
dertook, even were it necessary to resort to brute for
Charles Harrington, as he was christened,
was but 16 years old when he faced his first conviction. He had participated in first glary and went away for two years. While in prison he came in contact with many of
the more hardened offenders of that day and in consequence, when this youngster was lib
erated he was fired by an ambition to outd erated he was fired by an ambition to outd
the deeds of daring of which he had bee told while touching elbows with his fellow convicts.
After
drifting about the country the fe months following his liberation, the youth
returned to New York and launched upon a returned to New York and launched upon
scheme in which he convinced those inter ested there was little risked and big profits.
Harrington, after sauntering around through the wholesale district, conceived the idea of stealing trucks laden with valuable mer is easily acquired loot to advantage some years he was the fore most truck thief in New York city
He was locked up in old police headquart He was locked up in old police headquar
ers, New York city, in April, 1870 for steal
ing a ing a truck loaded with merchandise valued
at $\$ 10,000$. . There was a clear case agains When one of the attendants at headquar ters took him to breakfast the morning fol
lowing his arrest Sheppard felled him with a smashing blow on the head just as he en tered his cell.
many policemen and detectives had congre gated, he made his way through a rear hal to Mott street and thence through an alley
to Bleeker street. By this time there was a to Bleeker street. By this time there was a
regular procession of pursuers, but Sheppard regular procession of pursuers, but She
cleverly elueded them and got away. afterwards learned that he made his way We didn't hear of him again until we learned of a big truck robbery in Boston, and at once surmised that Jack was up to
and not far away from there.
Sheppard and one of his pals were in Bos ton when they saw a truck start slowly from
in front of a big wholesale cloth house. Th two men were carrying a box under the weight of which they appeared to stagger When about a block from the point where
the truck started they hailed the driver and the truck started they hailed the driver and
asked him to which part of the city he was asked him The reply seemingly satisfied them going. The reply seemingly satisfied them, a dollar to take the box part of the way and
leave it at the address they gave him. The leave it at the address they gave him. The
driver readily consented and the two men climbed on the truck with the driv
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depositing the box on the tailboard. fersd the driver an additional 25 cents if lie
would help one of the men to a room on the would help one of the men to a room on the
the third floor of the building with the box. The big husky driver again agreed, and he
left the kes of the box with his companion
and requested the driver to untie the rope
abi The driver was easily taken in and it is acquaintances waiting for him at the curb
when he descended to the street ten or fif-
 0 get its horses and wargon back. The goods
 picked him up in Yonkers a few weeks later
and upon his return to Boston he was given five year term.
Sheppard rarely engaged upon any job un-
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urned to thousands, and seemingly $\$ 5,000$ Was the minimum. In Philadelphia he stole the entire contents of a elothing store. That
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It was apparent that the satchel was weli



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tectives curiosity, was aroused, and he "taile, "his man for ar for bocock antil he disappeared in Smith \& MeNell's hotel. The
detective waited or him to come out think-
隹 ing perhaps he had only gone to the restaur-

When his vigil stretched into an hour O'Connell went into the hotel to investigate.
He met his quarry just coming down the teps from the room he had engaped. $O^{\prime}$ Coneell interrogated the ministerial looking genlieman and as nis replies were not quite to ing: think Captain O'Brien at headquarters
would like to talk to youl. Come alonk with The usual protest followed, the stranger inand that he was the victim of a "terrible mistake." But O'Connell was firm and the result was the stranger arrived at police headquarters, where he was instantly recgnized as "Jack Sheppard, the man with a ast growing record.
through Jack's baggage. In the satchel, which was securely locked, were found two large sticks of dynamite, weighing several pounds and of sufc. Primers, cartridges, and the customary fuses were there in abundance together with knives and drills such as safe blowers use and a bundle of waste such as is lised for cleaning tools. Evidently there was was is the city to either direct the work of drills were all hand made ind the work of an
hat Jack was not being "tailed" or hounded, but was picked up by a man who had never
seen him before and one, fortunately, who was ossessed of a sixth sense, which all good de-

Sheppard was such a notorious offender in Pennsylvania made a close study of the man during his several stops in that prison, In part the warden's report follows is sojourns in the Eastern penitentiary, he Was sentenced to the new prison at Concord, Mass., which was looked upon as a model of
its kind. He hadn't been in that prison a week before he was up to his old tricks, causprisoners, and this he kept at until he had the whole institution in a turmoil. But he was clever and resourceful, and before long arlealing with the reformation and reconstrficdealing with the reformation and reconstruc-
tion of the discipline in that institution. He was the author of these articles, and in them was openly charged that outrageous methods were employed to oppress and persecute the prisoners. So much credence was given to
hese articles that a commission was aphese articles that a commission was appointed to investigate the charges, and as
politics crept into the probe conditions within he prison became almost unbearable, and in "The New England press made a great to-

Jack said, "and I hope the detectives will let me alone long enough to die in peace. I was that if I ever came back again I would dia at nce. Couldn't stand the confinement, they said. I want to die on the outside and I hope I have neither the desire nor energy to turn nother trick.
The moral of this story is that it does not can make easy start out in life thinking he can make easy money by breaking the laws
or by tricks of dishonesty. Had Jack Sheppard used his intellect and energy in some one of the many vocations now open to in-
dustrious workers, he would have become an honorable citizen and possibly a man of

INTERESTING LETTER FROM AN OLD TEXAN
In response to a request from the editor of our Magazine Section that Hon. Don H Biggers of Lubbock, Texas, member of the Texas history, prepare for our publication a series of stories on the subject of "Indian Raids in Texas," the following letter was received from Mr. Biggers and is characteristic of the kindly humor of this old Texan:

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 you to a stake, surround you with dry grass and well
seasoned timber. then apply a match and go mosoying
away without turning in the tire alarm. But they were
too humane to put on and
o over the 'revelations' of Jack Sheppard; it, strange to say, a very few months after prison, having been caught redhanded in a ig burglary in Philadelphia. Of course his but nevertheless he was put away, and much o my disgust it fell to my lot to look after "Many convicts leave the places of their ncarceration with a new suit of clothes and few dollars in cash-all that stands beither through riotous living or hard luck, oon find themselves stranded and it is a case of beg or steal for them. The great majority choose the latter course. But with Sheppard, who so blatantly protests that the police
never gave him a chance, it was different. pon concluding his last term in the Eastseveral thousand dollars from an estate left by one of his relatives. There was his chance
had he elected to live honestly. He had had he elected to live honestly. He had
ample capital to start in any business he might select. What he did with this money getting possession of this windfall he was ar-
rested in Boston and given two years in the South Boston house of correction." ${ }^{\prime}$ One of my men met Jack in a New York sa-
oon a few years ago. The detective was loon a few years ago. The detective was the picture of dejection. He was seated at a table but there was no drink before him. Pos-
sibly he was out of funds, having failed to ripe out a previously contracted score when ave had anything in the house. engaged sld Jack in conversation. A heavy
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## Rethrashes Old Straw

The high price of wheat has caused H. R. Walters, a farmer living in Cullison, Kan., northwest of Blackwell, Okla., in the wheat growing country to thrash the old wheat-
straw stacks on his farm from the 1914 crop.
He also thrashed some of the 1913 stacks of Wheat
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 you know that the wearer, by some achieve
ment of gallantry, has been awarded the iro cross, and you regard him with new interest.
From the number I have seen there must have been many brilliant deeds performed in the course of the present war. Often these cov when you inquire you will find that the
wearers are members of the flying Many of the aviators have been given the
iron cross. Their work is dangerous at all times and the value of tremely grea emy's country and are often the lofty target the air so violently that only the greatest deoverturning of the planes.
An aeroplane rushing through the heaven at a height of 6,000 or 8,000 feet is hard to
hit, but the concussion of the shells from the balloon guns is so violent that the air for the plane is capsized and brought down. thus been destroyed, but the aviators, in-
stead of becoming timid, have only become more daring. They are learning how to fascinated by the grim and tragic thrills
which a human target must experience when flying a mile high over an alert and watchful enemy.
the sky, he is gambling with death. He is a human bird with the hunters below, and as
he watches the white balls of smoke on all
sides he shapes his course in such a way that the next shell may not strike him.
As a general thing the balloon gun on the earth, thousands of feet below, must aim at bring him down. The aviator knows that practice will be truer, and when the sunners If the sky is cloudy he steers toward the
nearest cloud and is screened from view, but if he is sailing across vast expanses of open
blue sky with the sheltering islands of cloud
far apart, then he must far apart, then he must zig-zag his course so
that the shell that is aimed eight length
ahead may not meet him when he reaches that spot.
The sound of the shells from the balloon
mins is nnmistakable. Every soldier within guns is nnmistakable. Every soldier within erybody instantly scans the sky to find the
target. People rush to the windows or race derful spectacle. And it is a wonderfui spectacle, fascinating beyond words. It is lig aviator about whon: death is stril: ny vicions
blows he would be horri"ied, but as seen from
thousands of fe t below, the aeronlane is onls a tiny object about which nothing human is
visible. You know that there are probably two men in the plane, but all you see is the
gray, cloud colored object moving across the immense depths of the heavens, against th
blue of which are beautiful white balls smoke unfolding like great chrysanthemums.
The thousands of spectators below watch with feverish interest, heightened by the thought that at any instant the little gray
thing in the sky may drop something which will scatter death among them.
When I was at Laon, on the German battle front in France, there were at different times
five French and English fliers who flew in and one was so screened by clouds that the
balloon gun had to let him pass When last
siles within the Gimman lines.
I saw two of the shellings and missed the
first by only an her first by only an hour. None of the plane was destroyed, so that one had the supreme
thrill of beholding a wonderful spectacle
without the unpleasant consciousness of having been an interested spectator at a tragedy.
I had all the thrill without the horror. I had all the thrill without the horror.

## FLYING OVER BAT'TLE FIELD <br> Thrilling Voyage in a Military Aesoplane.

eventful in my experience. The evening before, while at dinner with the staff, I had expressed the hope that some time I might have plane above a battlefield. It was a random wish, fired without the faintest hope that it
would ever be gratified. In my imagination, Tould ever be gratified. In my imagination would be allowed to go up in a ferman flier in times of war, or even
proach the aviation field.
To my surprise, the captain with whom I lency, the general, if I might be allowed to
do so. I'm afraid that I construed his remark as a polite and considerate way of evading
the question, but later in the evening he told the question, but later in the evening he told ter had referred the request to the chief of
the aviation corps. Even then I had no hope,
for I assumed that the aviation corps, with for I assumed that the aviation corps, with
immensely more important things to do immensely more important things to do, ever, I had lost sight of the tremendously comprehensive pass under which two other
Imerican correspondents and myself were
It was an order from the war office asking that we be allowed every privilege and tha and courtesy in helping us at all times to ob-
serve conditions at the front. The officer detailed to accompany us carried a personal otographing within certain reasonable limitations was extended. It was a marvelous
pass of a most sweeping natire, and it open-
ed doors which, to my knowle ige, no foreign
In consegurnce of these credentials the bars were down and we were allowed to pass
within the sanctuary of military secrets and within the sanctuary of military secrets and
military operations to an extent which expressed the flattering degree of trust the
army officers were disposed to venture to
our sense of honor. We were asked not to repeat certain information given us and not
to publish within a certain period photo to publish within a certan period photo-
graphs which I was allowed to make. The general assigned and at 9 o'clock we left the prefecture.
us, and for the wireless station and the avia
bound

At the wireless station were a couple of
automobiles with a lofty telescoping mast. automobiles with a lofty telescoping mast.
I listened to a message which was being picked up from a French station some place as it doubtless also was to the operator.
The aviation camp lies a couple of thous and yards from the great crescent-shaped hill upon which the picturesque city of Laon io
perched. A broad, flat plain stretches for the flat tents that shelter the many machine of aviators were there when we arrived.
On one side of the road was a balloon gun which only an hour before had shelled a
French or English machine that had passed arlier," trying to bring down one of the enemy, On the broad, flat field from which the flyers arise there was a great. white cross
made of bunting. It was a hundred feet long direction in which the wind was blowing often differs from that higher up
ere changing the bunting to a new direc
The flyers were a wonderfully clean, in
telligent lot of young men, were friendly and chines and explained the operations of the
balloon gun, an upstanding cannon so finely balanced that its aim may be adjusted in go up?" asked Captain Walter, chief of the I was indicated as the candidate. "This son, American representative at Aachen,
who was one of our party. "He is the only "We will use this 'double-decker, over
here," said Captain Walter, "and you will be taken up by one of our greatest flyers,
Ingold. He has made many records for Ger Many, For a long time he held the endur
ance record, having flown for sixteen hour
without landing. We have now beaten that record, however.," stantly struck by the number of men who
speak excellent English. The captain led the way across the field to where a great, mas
sive, gray biplane was standing. I was in pressed by the strength and size of it. No nearly so heavy and strong. A crowd of avi-
ators, staff officers and our party of civilians followed and watched the preparations for
the flight.
"What size is vour hat?" I was asked, "What size is your hat?", I was asked,
after which a leather helmet was given me to try on. It seemed all right, but the captain
sent for another. Evidently it was important sent for another. Evidently it was important
that the helmet fit properly. Two pair of
goggles were tried on before a snug and segoggles were tried on before a snug and se-
cure pair were found. Then a Bavarian staff over my heavy ulster. It came only to my
hips, and the effect was such that I looked
like a tribesman fro

Another officer then brought a woolen neck. The goggles were given a final ad justment to see that they were wind tight and I was asked to climb on board.
Ingold had already taken his place in the rear seat, a sort of cockpit, above
One of the mechanicians showed me how to climb into the forward cockpit, which was at least six or seven feet above the ground
and was in the forward part of the long and heavily built boatlike body of the "doubledecker.'
Two footholds in the side of the body showed how to climb my first two steps, and from them I stepped on brass plates on the lower plane and climbed into my little com
partment forward. Just above my head was
a gasoline tank. "Be careful not to bump against it," I was cautioned.
The engine was started, and there was a
tremendous roar as the speed of the tremendous roar as the speed of the grea
propellor forward was speeded up and slow ed down in a preliminary test.
In another moment the roar rose to a high key and the aeroplane moved forward with increasing speed and within
of hundred feet left the ground. time the houses and wagons and roads below shrunk to toy proportions. A long wagon train of ammunition became a white road, which stretched off for mile to the north. Railway trains, loaded with trains. tions were, but at first we flew northward away from the battle front, just to the south of Laon. This was a distinct disappointment But all the time we were climbing to higher was fitful and treacherous. The machine gave sudden and disquieting lurches and oc casionally would fall for a few feet.
In my former flying experiences, one of
which was over Vera Cruz and the gulf of Mexico, I had never seen such unfavorabl high, but it was erratic and full of "holes ", There was one comforting thought- the
philosophy of the fatalist. I was up and was philosophy of the fatalist. I was up and was
obliged to take conditions as thev were. No obliged to take conditions as they were. No
degree of anxiety could possiby affect the outcome of the voyage. Ingold was a great flyer, and nowadays the aviators go up in
almost any kind of a wind. The machine was powerful and strong and it was travelin so swiftly that its momentum carried it through the soft spots in the air
Below me, like a relief map,
vast plain, dotted with clusters of house with railways and roads and checkered wit beautiful fields and patches of wood. Ahead of me was the propeller, but so high
that the blast of air from it passed that the blast of air from it passed over my of steel to which one might cling, and along the forward edge of the pit was a leather padded rim that would break the shock of a
bad landing. There was no altitude gauge in my compartment and so I could not deter
mine how high we were. I was only conscious mine how high we were. I was only conscious
that the thousand-foot flight at Vera Cruz was greatly less than my present position. Above me the clouds were very close, and
the expanse of country unfolding below me

When we swung about we were several
miles north of Laon. In a wide half circle wiles north of Laon. In a wide half circle
we sheered about until the city lay dead ahead. We were still climbing, probably for
the serener air levels above, and the wagon trains and long lines of motor trucks below
were microscopic in size. Soon we passed the aviation field and left it behind. Thi theas see the greatest battle front that has The been known in history. feet high. The great cathedral, rising 200
feet above the street levels, dominates the town as the Cologne cathedral dominates Coand from the chateau, or prefecture, wher the general's staff is quartered, one may see,
day and night, the fierce artillery duel that raging six or seven miles to the south.
And yet, notwithstanding the crowning minence of the town and its cathedra, the cathedral had become squat and had flattened out to the altitude of the smaller buildings
around it. It seemed incredibly small. The great normal schools which now are field of the crescent hill across the rolling valleys and hills to the south were like miniature
biocks which seemed hardly to be higher than biocks which seemed hardly to be higher than
the valleys below them. the valleys below them.
Elevations had flattened, and instead of like a plain, crisscrossed with roads, spattered with houses and villages, and check-
ered with green and yellow fields. Off to the ered with green and yellow fields. Off to the
south was the ribbon of the Aisne, along south was the ribbon of the Aisne, arang
which the mightiest battle of the ages raged were the dim outlines of Paris, seventy miles
Far below and to the left hung the German observation balloon like a huge sausage in
the sky. And stretching across the landscape, slashes of brown against athe green
fields, were the trenches in which at that mo
ment men were fighting and dying. Little gashes in the earth marked 'where batteries were placed, and patches of straw showed
where they were disguised to deceive the
enemy's aviators. It was a wonderful sight. Human being
how savagely the great artillery duel was raging and meant that in every moment men
were being torn to pieces and others were
soon to be carried away from the field on stretchers. Of the individual tragedy of the great drama I could see nothing. At my present
nearest point to the battle front $I$ was four nearest point to the battle front I was four
miles from the fighting. But I was high in the air, so high that the battle field lay edge of which was Paris and in the intervening spaces the tiny rivers and towns and for ests that lay between the Germans and their
immediate goal. The opposing trenohes and the leaping bursts of the smoke from batteries and the incessant bursting of shem above the trenches-these were visible, but
so small that one had to imagine the grim
significance of the picture. The smoke of batteries and the explosions element of the tragedy could only be supplied by the imagination.
On this day the artillery duel was heaviest at cerny, almost directly sonth or Laon. whatls of cal point about and over whion the
shells of the allies' artillery were mostl shells of
bursting.
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could see the figures of men moving about behind the earthworks during a lill in the werery firing. Long days in the trenches exploding shrem careless, but at the firs sought th shrapnel above their position they a human being could be seen. but of the throngs of tense faced soldiers i the honeycomb of pits nothing could be seen. With relentless regularity, the shells were later in the day I learned was the beet sugar Cerny. Some were blackish brow when they exploded, others were balls of
white which suddenly blossomed against the green and brown background of field and

The
The noise of the motor in the aeroplane was so great that it drowned the sord o
the firing. I could not hear the deep grow of the guns. And if by any chance a balloon gun of the allies had bombarded us as w flew, we could not have known it until we
saw the white balls of smoke around ws saw the white balls of smoke around us or
felt the sudden and violent convulsion of the air. And if a hostile aeroplane had hovere over us, as the events of the next hour proved to be possible, we could not have heard the noise or felt the throb of the propellers. Our only intimation of its presence would have the warning of danger from above. Ingold steered the plane south of Laon. passing over the Faubourg d'Ardon at a
great height and swinging off in a wide circle as we reached the edge of Bruvere. On by fitful gusts and the flying wo disturbe than it had been a thousand feet below. Of to the southeast the Aisne traced a silver
course tirough beautifully checkered fields course through beautifully checkered fields
and woodlands. Rheims lay near the horizon. with the towns of Maison Rouge, Maison
Bleue Amifontaine and Neufchatel between In the skies there was no sign of a hostil flyer, although at that moment a French ma cline was rising into the clouds from some-
where back of the line of battle. We were to where back of the line of battle. We were to
see him a few minutes later, but at the tim see him a few minutes later, but at the time of his movements. As we passed over Laon, northward bound
I felt the head of the machine dip and star fill long and gradual drop to the aviatio field, which at that height was so tiny that the long white cross of bunting on the proun on trains still crept in a p and the toy engines were still palling their
endless trains of wounded going north and of fresh troops coming south.
We made a beautiful landing on the white until the machine was safely on its wheels. Then a wide swing about and in another ment we were climbing out. The flight was
over and I had the happy consciousness of having safely undergone an experience which any other in the battle zone. A crowd gath ered about the machine as I got out of my leather coat and the helmet of leather. It was then that we saw for the first time
the French flyer high in the clouds to the "It's a Frenchman!", shouted one of the men, as the glasses were turned on a gray
object sailing across a blue background be tween two great vapory clouds. It was too
far away for the balloon gun to reach and we out of sight behind ase interest as it passe its location until there was no further hope of shelling it.
Perhaps the Frenchman had risen after seeing us in the air-perhaps not. At any
rate, for the additional thrill of the thought am trying to believe that he was

## Mr. Woodpecker. <br> Woodpeckers of all kinds should get the

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should, after two or three years, produce al-
most twice as many bushels per acre as the
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There are several varieties, but most of
the nuts grown in Texas are of Spanish va-
riety, used for food. Nuts grown for the
trade are the Virginia runner, the Virginia
bunch and the African or North Carolina.
The peanut grows best on a sandy loam
soil, well drained and warm, with a clay sub-
soil. However, loamy black lands will pro-
duce good yields and the darkened color of
the shells does not injure the nuts for stock
feeding or affect their plant producing pow-
er. Soils that are poorly drained or sour are
not suited to the peanut. If the soil is acid,
drain well and apply plenty of lime well har-
rowed in and plant next year. The Spanish
peanut will mature in ninety days under fav.
orable conditions, but 110 to 120 days should
be allowed. The large podded varieties will
require a longer time for best results.
Any trash, stalks or stubble remaining on
the land should be plowed under in time to
decay before planting the nuts. If the land
is in good shape it need be plowed only long
enough before planting to allow the soil to
settle If plowed finst before plantion

The Boys' Pig club of Brenham is to have
a car of hogs from the Fort Worth market.
Comanche shipped in the first three months
of the year thirty-nine cars of cattle, twenty-
three cars of hogs, nine cars of peanuts, 1,771
bales of cotton and enough other produce to
bring the car total up to 107.
The president of the Corsicana National
bank announces that he has secured enough
brood sows to go around among all boys of
Navarro county who desire to go into the hog
raising business, and that he will buy the
sows and sell them to the boys on time at
cost, giving the lads all the time necessary to
pay for them.
Harrison county farmers have organized an
association whose objects are to promote di-
versified farming, the raising of more and
better livestock, the organization of a farm-
ers' warehouse association and to conduct a
campaign of education and organization
among the farmers of that county.
The only boy in Stonewall county to enter
the Texas Industrial Congress pig raising
contest for 1915 is Claude Hannis, who is


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## Stories for Boys and Girls



Once, in the days when your great grandfather
was alive, there was was alive, there was a
long and cruel war, which for twelve years ravaged the fields and cities of our
land. Many brave men had land. Many brave men had
to leave their homes and to leave their homes and go to defend their coun-
try and their liberty try and their liberty. This
was the war of revolution was the war of revolution,
when our great nation had its birth. Now, in the army of our
soldiers was a tiny drummer boy. Of course, he
was far too young to carry a musket or a sword; but he just wouldn't stay at
home and be idle when there was so much bold
fighting to be done. So fighting to be done. So
drum and a pair of rattling they gave him a drum and a pair of rattling
sticks and told him to rumble and roll and
make as much noise as he could, just to cheer
the other soldiers' hearts when they felt
downcast. spirits, such a little boy to keep up his own spirits,
not to speak of grown men's spirits; but it
was his job and he did it to the very best of
his ability. 'If you will study the history of almost
any criminal you will find that he is an inany criminal you will find that he is an in-
veterate cigarette smoker. Boys, through
cigarettes, train with bad company. They go with other smokers to the pool rooms and
saloons. The cigarette drags them down. saloons. The cigarette drags them down.
Hence if we can educate them to the dangers of smoking we will perform a service.
"I do not ask you to accept my word alone
in this matter. I want you to read carefully I do not ask you to accept my word alone
in this matter. Itwant you to read carefully
Mr. Edison's letter. The letter follows:
The injurious asent in cigarettes comes pringaily


## Crew of the Texas Best Shots in the World

 rare indeed for a ship to succeed itself as the rare indeed for a ship to succeed itself as theholder of the pennant for marksmanship. This
coveted trophy has gone the rounds of scores of ships and each target practice and percentage scoring finds a new claimant for the All of which means that another gunner's
crew comes into the limelight as having
smashed all records, smashed all records, for the most interesting phase of the game is that each prize team usually breaks the records held by its prede-
cessors. As a result the target shots made
ten ten and twenty years ago and which were
supposed to be remarkable, were only child's supposed to be remarkable, were only child's
play compared with the records made now-
adavs. adays.
The shots made by the crew of the Texas,
the present champions, were the present champions, were the most re-
markable on record, for the pointers were markable on record, for the pointers were
credited with eight straight hits, shooting at a moving target twelve miles away. A $14-$
inch gun was used. This record was made
 his shivering shoulders, he could not keep out
the persistent cold, and the loneliness, which
made him cry bitterly for his mother, who
was far away. Sometimes at night he would

## The Shark's Attendants.

wander away from the blazing camp fire and
the circle of soldiers who sat hunched about
it to the other side of the snowy, pale hill.
There, when he was sure no one was watch-
The Shark's Attendants.
It might naturally be supposed that all
other fishes would keep out of the way of so
dangerous a creature as a shark, for he is
not only always hungry, but not at all par-
ticular on what he dines. Moreover, his capa-
cious jaws, armed with several rows of sharp
teeth, are not at all pleasant to fall into. But
there are two fishes who are so constantly
found in company with his sharkship that
they may quite properly be termed his at-
tendants, and one of them is literally much
attached to him.
The first of these is the pilot fish, who, if
he does not-as the name would indicate-
really serve as a guide to the shark, often
seems to do so. This handsome little fish is
of a bright color, with darker bands. and
usually swims ahead of the shark, or a little
to one side.
Coming up to a baited hook, the pilot fish
will inspect it carefully, and then take his
departure. Pretty soon the dark fin of the
shark will be seen cutting through the water;
as, preceded by the pilot, he slowly saunters
toward the hook; for, as a rule, the shark is
never in a hurry, and, unless very hungry,
takes his time to examine his bait well be-
fore biting.
As he comes swimming along, the chances
are that one or two dark objects will be seen
are that one or two dark objects will be seen
attached to his body or one of the larger side
fins. These are the shark's other attendfins. These are the shark's other attend-
ants, the remora or sucking-fish; and so tightly do they cling that when the shark is cap-
tured and hauled on board, the sucking-fish
ure. The fish is a very poor swimmer, but by means of the sucking apparatus it fastens to
ships, turtles and other fishes and is towed ships, turtles and other fishes and is towed
by them for long distances.
As for the pilot fish, it is thought to accompany the shark for the purpose of secur-
ing the scraps which the latter leaves, while escaping harm by its small size and great
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tion.
Long waisted effects in coats and waists are expressive of the style tendencies. De with a smart swing from the shoulders. Attractive sash draperies form part of the waist fronts, crossing in surplice style, and Redingotes show long straight lines ack sleeves and low sashes merely suggesting A lovely evening gown was made of black satin and black lace. The lace was draped in surplice style over an under body and with a broad band of satin. A vest and girdle combined is an attrac
tive feature of some waist models. Raglan sleeves tacked on the shoulders are seen on
shirt waists, vest like fronts, yoke effects Findice girdles also are used
dancing frocks; these need not be expensive for they can be made over simple satin or charmeuse. Flouncings and mersaline or terials are all nice for dainty evening gowns Chic overblouse styles are shown that lend ques are in two distinct forms-those that follow the figure outline and those which
hang in straight lines. A gown of simple ontline mav be made aterials and colors.
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Dancing frocks for little girls show empire
aists to be worn with or without a tucker
equally pretty are the fluffy ruffled or the
A lace blouse and separate cloth skirt mak
costume appropriate for many occasions
bright lining. A pretty model was made med with revers and carried around the back A stylice fashion.
A stylish coat for a little girl is made of
blue chiffon broadcloth with blue chiffon broadcloth with black velvet
collar, cuffs and sash. The sleeves and yoke are combined. Another pre
with raglan sleeves joined to a two-piece A dainty tunic frock under a soft belt. A dainty tunic frock for a little miss was ashioned from rose colored charmeuse with
a tunic of black velvet.

## Household Notes.

If glycerine is directly applied after calding accident and the scalded parts co ered with strips of soft linen soaked in $g$ erine the effect will be wonderful. Providence, R.
weet milk to cover them boiled in enough five minutes, the cracks will glue together and become invisible and the dishes will tand almost as much usage as when new . H., California, M.
will not come apart, even if washed in they ing water, take five parts of gelatin to on of a solution of acid chromate of lime. Cove the edges with this mixture and press to gether, then place in direct sunlight. put together.-S. C. C., Providence, R. I. Soft felt hats that have outworn their nse as a head covering make splendid tops for
bedroom slippers. They also make excellent holders for hot pots, etc., if cut into convenent shapes and sizes.
pulp out from half an Irish potato and place the shell, hollowed side down, on the earth surrounding the plant. In a few days, during which time the plant is not to be watered bugs is found clinging to the inner surface. you will have the satisfaction of knowing that the little enemies that have been poisoning and destroying the plant have been ailed. The moisture in the potato serves a J. O., Cincinnati, Ohio.



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