

STEERS RULE STEADY

Opening trade a little slow but later good action was noted. Quality not very good.

Best Here Bring \$7.10—Cows and Heifers Strong—Veals Trend Lower—Stockers and Feeders Active.

Cattle trade was lacking in the snap and vim that has characterized the market heretofore this week.

The best steers on offer found outlets at \$7.10, with the bulk of the sales for the day ranging from \$6.75 to \$7.50.

Cows, Bulls and Mixed. An unusually light supply of cows and calves was offered today.

Heifers. Good to choice cows, \$4.50 to \$5.50; fair to good heifers, \$3.75 to \$4.75.

Veals. Choice veals, \$7.50 to \$8.50; medium veals, \$6.50 to \$7.50.

Stocks and Feeders. Choice stockers, \$4.25 to \$4.75; stock feeders, \$3.85 to \$4.00.

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HOGS TREND HIGHER

General market active and quotable strong to 5 cents up. Moderate run on sale.

Trade here was a trifle slow to get under way but fair activity developed later.

There was a falling off in receipts of hogs all along the line today, as compared with a week ago.

Prices were in comparatively light quota and prices for this class of stock were not materially changed.

Choice hogs, \$5.50 to \$6.25; medium hogs, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

Feeding Cows and Stock Heifers. Choice cows, \$4.50 to \$5.50; stock heifers, \$3.85 to \$4.00.

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SHEEP MARKET STRONG

Good active tone to trade and light supply cleared early. Lack of good stuff noted.

Best Lambs Available Land \$5.85 But Right Kinds Would Have Sold Above the \$6.00 Mark.

No new phases of importance developed in today's market for sheep and lambs, and for the most part a decidedly moderate fresh supply changed hands at prices that showed no radical change as compared with the previous session.

Choice fed western lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.00; good native lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.25.

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DEEP PLOWING FOR DRY FARM

Expert Says Fall Work Will Produce Best Results. Las Vegas, N. M., Dec. 21.—Many of the states have awakened to the fact that their yields of corn average far below what they consider fair crops.

In Georgia, the prize for the best acre of corn was won by a boy of 11, Joseph Stone of Chester, an eight-year-old lad.

On the other hand, loose ground favors root growth. The top does not grow so rank, and as soon as the dry weather comes, the roots, having plenty of root and not weakened by a top of heavy foliage, goes to making ears, and we get a much better crop than the one that is allowed to overgrow at the start.

Where the precipitation does not fall below 14 inches, corn can be raised every year in plowing 10 inches or more of the soil.

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SENDING WOOL MESSAGE

Congress will wrestle with the question after the holidays. A matter of importance.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Congress will actively begin consideration of tariff legislation in the committees of the two houses immediately after the holiday recess.

Senator Penrose of the country flockmasters throughout the country are vitally interested as to probable action of Congress—will also consider tariff measures.

Senator Penrose announced that he had been able to formulate a bill to comply with the tariff board's views.

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OTHER LIVE STOCK MARKETS

CHICAGO. CHICAGO Union Stock Yards, Ill., Dec. 21.—The Live Stock Market reports: Cattle—Receipts, 6000. Market strong to 10c higher.

HOGS—Receipts, 27,000. Market steady to firm, higher. Top \$6.30, bulk \$4.90 to \$5.15.

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WHOLESALE BEEF PRICES

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Largest Outside Circulation of Any Paper
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Daddy's Bedtime Story
Santa Claus Tries the New Wireless System

"I'm getting tired of having so many letters from my little friends lost in the mail through the carelessness of these postoffice people," said Santa Claus.
The children smiled as daddy began his usual bedtime story thus. They liked stories about Santa.



WARMTH HURTS SUGAR CANE
Loss to Planters and Factories from 10 to 20 Per Cent.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 20.—Due to the warm weather sugar cane, which was injured by the recent freeze, has suffered considerable loss, according to local sugar factories and planters. The estimate of the loss varies from about 10 to 20 per cent.

FIND A PETRIED HAM.
Imbedded in Soil Near Scene of Wounded Knee Battle.

Rapid City, S. D., Dec. 20.—With the finding of a perfectly petried ham, imbedded in the soil of Big Foot trail near where it crosses White river, east of here, the scenes of the Wounded Knee Indian massacre twenty years ago are recalled.

WOLVES CIRCLE A HUNTER
After He Drops Four the Pack of Fifty or Sixty Makes Off.

Hibbing, Minn., Dec. 20.—Frank O'Rourke killed a wolf last week measuring over six feet from tip to tip in a swamp near Stoney Lake. O'Rourke was hunting when he got lost in the swamp. A pack of about fifty or sixty wolves scented him and coming up, began circling about him.

NOTED DIPLOMAT DEAD.
John Bigelow, Prominent as Author Also, Dies in New York.

New York, Dec. 20.—John Bigelow, the venerable diplomat and author, died at his home here Tuesday. Mr. Bigelow died in the ninety-fifth year of his age in the old-fashioned house on Gramercy park that has long been his residence.

BOOMS GOOD FARM MOVE.
Remarkable Record in Intensive Cultivation Reported.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 20.—The distribution of \$10,000 in gold in sacks to Texas farmers today at the annual



WISER INDIANS.

How old instincts give way to demonstrations of modern progress is illustrated by the Indians in their more modern judgment of land, says an exchange. They used to select for themselves the hilly and unprofitable country along the streams.

INDIANS GET \$135 A PIECE
Fourth Payment to Osages in Year From Their Oil Leases.

Pawhuska, Ok., Dec. 19.—This has been a happy, prosperous year for the Osage Indians. Last week each Osage received \$135 from the United States government, a total of \$12,000, dollars from their oil and gas lease royalties.

HUNDREDS ARE POISONED
Epidemic of Potomac Poisoning at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 20.—An epidemic of potomac poisoning, from which there has been one death, 299 to 400 people ill, some seriously, prevails in Lincoln. The ailment extends almost exclusively in the north-eastern section of the city, many students of the university of Nebraska being afflicted.

MEDICINE LEAVES AND HERBS
Department of Agriculture Issues Bulletin on These Subjects.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Department of Agriculture has just issued a bulletin on leaves and herbs used as medicine. Nor is this the first publication put out by this department on the subject of medicine—the others being Weeds Used as Medicine, Root Drugs, and Medicinal Bark.

RAIN AFTER 3 YEARS DROUGHT
Soaking Downfall All Over Oklahoma Puts Wheat in Growing Condition.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 19.—When the people of Oklahoma were awakened several nights ago by the steady patter of rain on the roof, they rubbed their eyes in astonishment. And when the rain, a soaker, continued falling all night and next day, the people were incredulous.

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convention of the Texas Industrial Congress, promises to make the path-er here the highest agricultural gathering ever held in the Southwest. Secretary W. C. Barriekman announces that 250 acceptances have already been received from the delegates formally appointed by mayors, civic bodies and business institutions.

PACKER JURY EMpaneled.
Chicago, Dec. 20.—The jury which is to try the ten Chicago packers who are charged with violation of the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law, was empaneled yesterday and the opening statement of United States District Attorney James H. Wickerson was begun.

EXCHANGE DIRECTORY.
Following is a list of the commission firms and stock cattle dealers engaged in business at the Stock yard.

- Commission Firms. Butler, James H., rooms 237-38. Byers Bros. & Co., rooms 202-204. Clay, Robinson & Co., rooms 223-224. Crider Bros. & Co., rooms 203-207. Davis, L. E., rooms 217-19. Davis & Son, rooms 205-17. Drinkard, Emmert & Co., rooms 209-15. Emmert Com. Co., rooms 302-4. Kansas City Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 229-32. Knollin Sheep Commission Co., rooms 219-23. Lee Live Stock Commission Co., rooms 210-13. Missouri Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 201-203. National Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 333-40. Nichols, Blanchard & Gilchrist, rooms 226-28. Frey Bros. & Cooper, rooms 318-22. Stewart & Co., rooms 226-28. St. Joseph Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 212-14. Shay, R. O., Commission Co., rooms 205-207. Wood Live Stock Com. Co., rooms 312-14.

Officers of Exchange. The officers of the St. Joseph Live Stock Exchange are as follows: President, A. F. Daily, vice-president, W. True Davis; sec'y-treas., E. F. Erwin. The board of directors is composed of A. H. Baker, M. W. Wyatt, J. G. Adams, L. E. Cooper, M. F. Blanchard, R. G. Denham and M. K. Stewart. Baker, Joseph, & Son, room 319. Baker, James, room 316. Davidson & Reynolds, room 201. Gillette, M. H., room 315. Maxwell, Spayde & Co., rooms 305-8. Morlock, W. H., rooms 224-26.

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Make it out today or have your carpenter do it—and to us for our delivered price to your station. We will then be able to show you in actual dollars and cents just how much you will be able to save.

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\$40 Mahogany Cabinet (Victor Records)—Swell front, each place for records lined with felt. The best cabinet made \$29.50
\$30.00 Cabinets—In mahogany and oak \$22.50
\$25.00 Cabinets—In mahogany \$17.50
\$24.00 Cabinets—In Circassian walnut \$15.75
\$22.50 Cabinets \$14.25
\$17.50 Cabinets \$12.25

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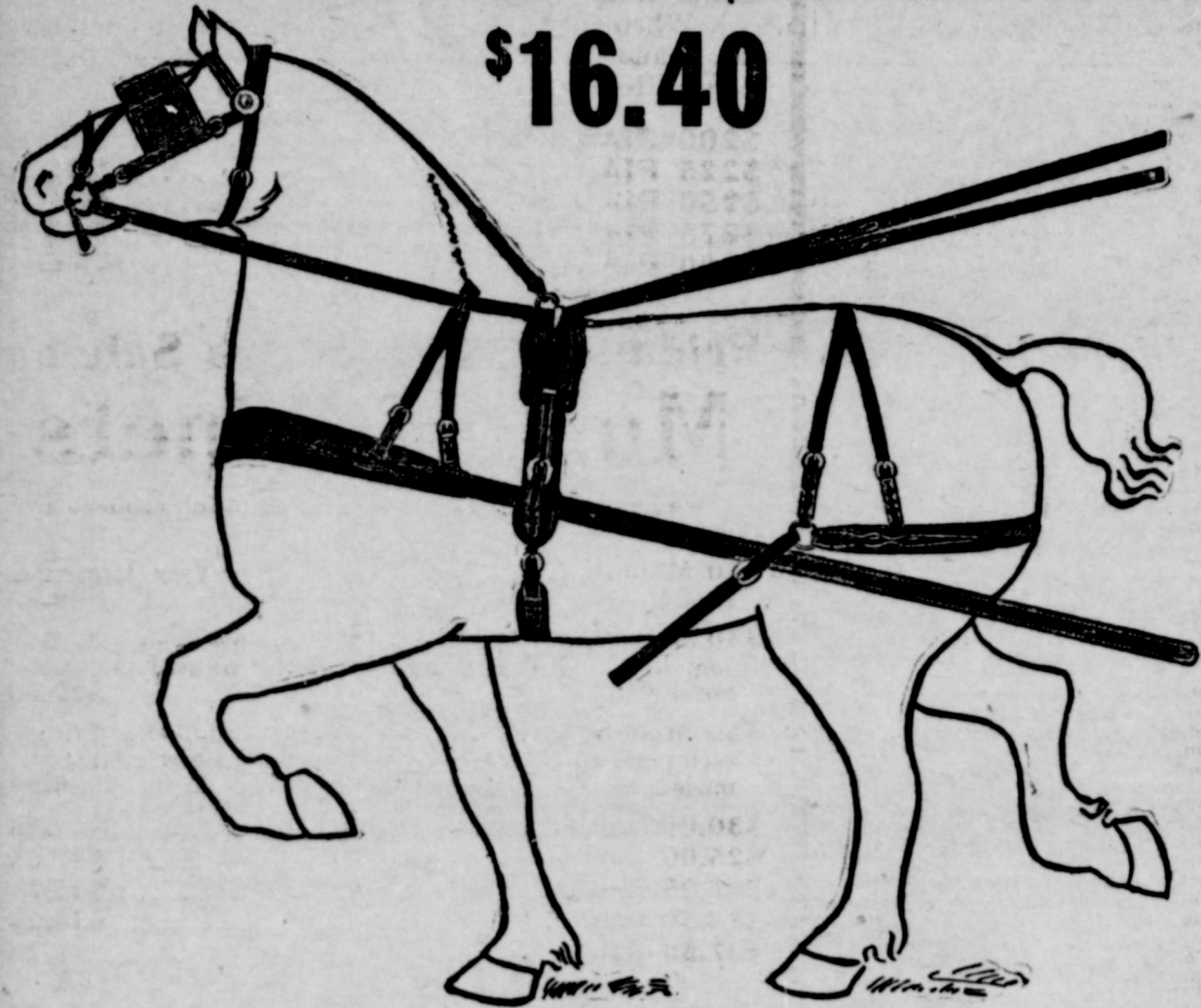
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BREECING, 1-3/4 inch, 1x1 5/8 inch scalloped, doubled and stitched turnback with crupper sewed on, hip straps 3-4 inch, forked, side straps 1-1/2 inch, box loop buckle tugs, scalloped layer.

BELLY BANDS, Swelled, "Griffith," doubled and stitched, with 1-inch wrap strap.

SHAFT TUGS, 1-inch, raised, box loops.

SADDLE, 3 1/2 inch, single strap skirts, wide swelled patent leather, jockey and housing, beaded edge, swing brass.

TRIMMINGS, Nickel or brass swedge, or imitation rubber.

HITCH STRAPS, 5-8 inch.

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CHAMPION CORN-GROWER.

Bennie Beeson, of Mississippi, Raised 227 Bushels on Single Acre.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Twenty boys from the southern states who won prizes this year for raising banner crops of corn during last week's making in the spirit of the national capital, one of the rewards of their efforts.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson presented each boy with diploma in recognition of the good work done by them in the advancement of agriculture. They were also presented to President Taft. Agricultural department officers in charge of farm demonstrations were highly pleased with the results of this year's work by the boys' clubs. Both in quality of corn raised and in cheapness of production, it has been by far the best year since the idea was inaugurated three years ago. They point to the fact that six of the boys now raised more than 200 bushels on their acre of land, whereas last year this was done by only one boy. The average production between the twenty-one boys is about 175 bushels per acre.

Bennie Beeson, 21 years old, of Monticello, Miss., grew 227 and a fraction bushels on his acre at a cost of 14 cents per bushel, is the leading prize winner, having come within a bushel of the best previous record in cheapness of cost, Junius Hill, of Alabama comes first, this 212 bushels being raised at an average cost of only \$1.2 cents per bushel.

"The most interesting feature of this year's corn work, which has spread like wildfire throughout the entire south," said Prof. Martin, who has charge of the boys during their stay in Washington, "is the extremely low cost of production shown by them, and we are much pleased with this, for one of the things insisted upon by Dr. Knapp, who started the movement, was that no efforts should be made to produce freak crops, no matter what the expense incurred might be, but that cost should be kept down. Therefore in awarding prizes cost counts equally with production in determining the prize winners. Quality also is rated and the boys' general knowledge of correct farming methods as shown by a paper he is required to prepare."

The boys here were: Eber A. Kimbrough and Junius Hill, Alabama; Burley Seagrave and Walter Hale, Arkansas; Ben Leath, Arthur Hill and Monroe Hill, Georgia; Carl Duncan and Howard Burge, Kentucky; John H. Henry, Jr., Louisiana; Bennie Beeson, Bennie Thomas and John Bowen, Mississippi; Charlie Parker, Jr., North Carolina; Philip Wolf, Oklahoma; Miller Hudson and Claude McDonald, South Carolina; John V. McKibbin and Norman Smith, Tennessee; John A. Johnson, Jr., Virginia, and Edward Doyle, Illinois.

KANSAS AFTER MORE PEOPLE

Post Card Campaign Inaugurated by Commercial Clubs of State.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20.—In 10 years Kansas has lost 20,000 in population and an effort is to be made to regain this loss and show an increase during the next year. The first move to increase the population of the state and to create interest in it is the flooding of the country with post cards. More than 1,000,000 post cards will be mailed from Kansas Jan. 29, 1912. That is Kansas' birthday, and the cards will be sent out in commemoration of the state's admission into the Union.

The post card was designed by C. A. Seward of Wichita, and is being printed in colors in Wichita, Topeka and Kansas City. The Kansas Development Association, organization of commercial clubs of the state, is back of the movement, and will distribute the cards in each city. There is not a county seat town in Kansas that does not have a commercial club, and every club is a member of this association.

RAISE BUMPER GRAPE CROP

San Joaquin Growers Are Still Shipping; Average Car Daily.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 20.—San Joaquin grape growers are about to close the longest and biggest grape season ever experienced. Not less than a car of grapes was shipped every day during November, and on some days several cars were shipped. Even now grapes are still being shipped, and but for ripening, the skins being of such a character that the cold weather helps preserve them.

The Southern Pacific shipped 4,903 cars to eastern markets, and the Central California Traction Company 1,375 cars. The amount handled at the wineries was 12,000 tons in excess of last year.

AMERICAN FISH SALES DROP

Irish Mackerel Trade Falls Off Despite Good Catch.

Dublin, Dec. 20.—The annual report on the sea and inland fisheries of Ireland says the quantity of sea fish (excluding salmon and shell fish) landed in Ireland in 1910 was greater than that of any of the last eleven years, and amounted to more than 52,000 tons.

The spring mackerel fishery, although more productive as regards quantity and value than that of 1909, showed no material signs of improvement, but the autumn season was well above the average of that for the last twenty years, and was the best since 1905.

NINE PACKER JURORS.

Picking of Jury Is Slow Work on Both Sides.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Two additional jurors were yesterday obtained to try the ten Chicago meat packers and indictment for alleged violation of the criminal section of the Sherman anti-trust law in the United States court.

When the hour of adjournment was reached nine jurors had been accepted by both sides. Fourteen veniremen were excused or challenged. Thus far the government has used fifteen of its thirty peremptory challenges, while the defense has exhausted sixteen of its number.

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KANSAS CITY HAY AND GRAIN.

The following quotations are furnished daily by the Kansas City Receivers and Shippers Association for the benefit of Stock Yards Daily Journal readers and advertisements following are reliable Kansas City hay and grain merchants who solicit your consignments or orders.

Timothy—Choice, \$15.50@20; No. 1, \$14.00@18.00; No. 2, \$12.50@17.50; No. 3, \$10.00@15.50.

Clover mixed—Choice, \$15.50@19.00; No. 1, \$17.00@18.50; No. 2, \$14.00@16.00; No. 3, \$10.00@13.50.

Alfalfa—Choice, \$14.00@14.50; No. 1, \$13.00@13.50; No. 2, \$12.00@12.50; No. 3, \$9.00@10.00.

Lowland prairie—No. 1, \$8.50@10; No. 2, \$8.00@8.00.

Alfalfa—Choice, \$16.50@17.00; No. 1, \$15.00@16.00; No. 2, \$13.90@14.50; No. 3, \$11.50@13.00.

Packing hay—\$5.00@7.00.

Straw—\$5.00@6.00.

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Flavia's Lullaby

By Dorothy Douglas

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"And what is Miss Ransom's opinion on the subject?"

Eric Hope turned deliberately and faced the girl who had remained silent during the discussion. For a second she met the cold blue eyes of his, and then said, not defiantly, but calmly and with a just sense of having reasoned her words:

"Children are very wonderful—but I think they are by no means the only blessing in the world, nor do I consider them essential to the complete happiness of a man and a woman."

Flavia's cool, undisturbed glance rested for a moment on Eric Hope's face. He returned the look steadily, then replied with a short laugh:

"It is rather unfair to judge all happiness from your own unemotional standpoint."

A deep flush mounted Flavia's face. For a second it seemed to the dinner guests that an open battle was imminent. They waited for Flavia to speak.

A low ripple of mockery preceded her answer. "How absurd of you to suppose, Mr. Hope, that I would judge that question from my own standpoint." She laughed unreservedly and swept in the circle of guests with an affectionate smile. "Every one here knows that my voice is my child, my love and my world; it gives pleasure to my friends, infinite joy to myself, and—she paused and finished half seriously—"what child, no matter how wonderful, could do more?"

A short silence followed her words. Tom Nicholson's voice broke it.

"Hear, hear!" he cried. "I think you've hit the nail pretty nearly on the head, Flavia."

"Tom!" Connie Nicholson flashed an indignant glance at the father of Thomas, Jr.

"My dearest Connie," put in Nicholson, quickly, "I referred only to Flavia's particularly unique happiness. Why, that fragment of humanity in the clothes basket upstairs was the saving straw to our domestic—"

"Tom!"

Eric Hope laughed aloud.

"You've put both feet in it now," he said.

Suddenly a blank look overspread Tom Nicholson's face. "That reminds me, Connie; who is going to stay with



"We do," Eric Hope spoke while he lighted a cigar and held Flavia's eyes through the smoke.

An hour later Flavia stood out on the wide veranda and watched the others depart. It was an exquisite moonlit night. She rather envied them the ten-mile drive.

"I hate to leave you all alone," said Connie.

"I am supremely happy," whispered Flavia, "and unafraid."

As they drove off down the lane of elms they heard the rich bel canto tones of Flavia singing an aria from "F.ust."

"She certainly loves her music," laughed Nicholson.

"It is everything in the world to her," chimed in Connie.

"Is it?" mused Hope.

Flavia remained at the piano until the clock struck 11. The old servant had long since retired and Flavia stepped out for a breath of cool air before going upstairs.

A persistent rain had begun to fall. Flavia hoped it would stop before the party returned. She went up to the nursery and peeped at the sleeping child. For a long time she stood gazing at him with unseeing eyes, then she turned away and slowly went to her room.

There was a strange, brooding look in her eyes and when she had braided her hair in two long plaits she stole a quick glance at her reflection. Then she covered her face with both hands to hide what she had seen there. Her face grew hot and she stood for a long time before the open window watching the storm break over the night. Then she slipped again to the side of the cradle and, making sure that the infant slept, crept into her own bed.

Toward midnight, when the storm was at its height and the lightning flashed vividly a man dripping and soaked entered the house. He went stealthily up the stairs and slipped into one of the rooms of which the door was open.

A terrible crash of thunder rent the air.

Flavia jumped up hastily, flung on a soft pink something and went swiftly to the nursery. She picked up the small bundle and carried him into the big lounge, purring tender nothings into his tiny ear. His crying ceased after a moment and the man in the open room emerged to follow the sound of Flavia's voice.

She was sitting in a low wicker chair, impervious to the storm, to anything save the small atom in her arms. The pink something had fallen away from her neck and she cuddled the baby close as she crooned her lullaby to him.

The man knew that he was listening to Flavia's voice, but it was a Flavia of whom he had only dreamed. Small wonder the child slept. Her voice was soothing and so warm with love that it drew the man into the room and down on his knees beside her.

"Don't waken him," the girl said. "Lift him carefully into his basket."

He trembled as he took the baby from her arms, but all he said was, "Is that clothes basket with the pink stuff his basket?"

"Yes," said Flavia, "and when he is safely there you may go down to the library. I will come down later and you may tell me how you came through this dreadful storm. I suppose Connie and Tom will not attempt it."

"I will tell you nothing of the kind," he said under his breath.

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Cisco, Tex., Dec. 19.—Thirty-five rattlesnakes were captured in a den near Cedar Mountain, Eastland county, one day recently, the snakes being found by Mr. Stamps, John Osborn and Bud Gibson while out hunting. The hunters bagged the whole lot, taking them one at a time as the snakes came into the open, seizing them with a pair of tongs and securing them in a box. Upon returning home the hunters killed the reptiles and removed the rattles, which are now on exhibition in a window. The men say that many more rattlesnakes are in the den where the first lot was caught, and it is proposed to go back to the place and capture the whole colony.

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