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Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos Eggers, 539 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at A. P. McLemore's Drugstore. Regular size bottles 50

THE JUMBO DISTRICT.

Present Law of the Land as to Men and Measures.

Dallas News.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 8.—Hon. S. P. Hardwicke of Abilene is here to-day. It will be remembered that in the famous contest between Cockrell and Dean for congress in the thirteenth district last year he was the manager from start to finish of the Cockrell forces. How well he performed his task is forcibly evidenced by the fact that his man now holds down the job, even though no nomination could be made, and an appeal to the voters of the district resulted. Conversing with the News reporter about the situation in that district Mr. Hardwicke said:

"It is about settled that Judge Cockrell will retire at the end of his term, and of course we hear a great deal of talk touching his successor. The present indications are that there will be no dearth of first-class material from which to make a selection. Names of good men are freely mentioned from all portions of the district, but as to whether or not they will become avowed candidates later on remains to be seen. The people of the district who vote the democratic ticket are divided over the silver question, and this will in all probability, be quite a factor in the contest of next year. The populists are numerous in the thirteenth district, a fact plainly disclosed by the vote cast for the populist congressional nominee of last year. With united democracy we can whip the populist, but with a division in our party ranks the result is not so certain. I think that with the advent of the new year politics will be lively in the Jumbo district."

Hon. J. L. Stephenson of Abilene says: "I can't tell you who will be the successor in congress of Judge J. V. Cockrell. The herd of aspirants is unusually large this year, and in cow-boy parlance will be 'hard to cut.' In Abilene we have much good material, and as that city is the largest in the district save El Paso, and has never furnished a man for any important place save a legislator for one term, it certainly would not be asking too much to let us into the herd. Among the good congressional timber in our city can be mentioned Fred Cockrell, S. P. Hardwicke, K. K. Leggett, John Bowyer, Henry Sayles, C. W. Merchant, Col. Otto W. Steffins and others. The prospective aspirants for congressional honors are at all the shipping points ready to be loaded. At Sweetwater Representative Beall's friends are mentioning him, while at Colorado City is a bunch of fine fellows who stand high in the scale. Smith and Loony being the most prominently named. Judge W. H. Cowan of Midland is also named, as is Senator R. D. Gage of Pecos City. Coming back this way we find ex-Senator J. H. Calhoun and Hon. C. U. Conlee at Eastland, and Gen. F. W. James of Baird. Mind you I don't say any of these men are candidates, but their friends feel that each would grace the congressional hall at Washington."

Others here to-day, discussing the prospective candidates in the thirteenth district for the democratic nomination, mention Judge T. A. Buckler, Senator J. M. Dean and Judge T. A. Falvey of El Paso; Judge J. A. Patterson, Hon. R. E. Carswell and Hon. T. J. McMurray of Decatur; Judge L. C. Barrett, Hon. A. K. Swan, Mayor W. A. Squires and others at Henrietta; Judge George E. Miller, Hon. A. H. Carrigan and J. T. Montgomery of Wichita Falls; ex-Senator John H. Stephens of Vernon, Judge H. H. Wallace and Hon. W. B. Flemmons of Amarillo; Judge B. M. Baker of Canadian; Judge W. R. McGill of Seymour; Col. J. N. Browning of Donley and others. In the above list are democrats of all shades of belief on the financial and other questions.

In this district the indications are also good for a lively row over the promulgation of a platform, as views touching this are widely divergent. This is a feature of the coming contest in the largest congressional district in the United States not here touched upon.

Again the populists are said to be "awfully" awake in all that section and it is already a settled fact that the next standard bearer of the democracy in the district will have no walkover; indeed, many have grave doubts about his success. The people of the state can watch the thirteenth another year for lively times already assured there.

The charge is already being made by some that the heretofore rampant silverites are endeavoring to have that heretofore live issue dropped. Some idea of this is gleaned from the following additional utterance of Hon. J. L. Stephenson of Abilene to the News reporter to-day. Said he:

"I have not taken any stand on the financial question because I do not regard it as the paramount issue, and because I do not want so much agitation. I believe the thirteenth is a free silver district, and I doubt if any other kind will ever be cut out of the herd from it."

There are numerous sound money democrats in the district, however, who take a widely different view of matters, and who assert that they are in the majority. As before stated the fight bids fair to be a memorable one, both in point of the number and ability of the aspirants, and the expected contest over the formation of a platform. Another thing that bids fair to increase interest in the outcome is that about every section in the district will go to the convention with a platform expression in support of a local measure. El Paso always has demands to enforce and, again, there are those who desire the removal of the federal court now at Granam to some point on the line of the railway. In this district also are many sheepmen who feel that the time to assert themselves is at hand. It is a fact much commented on here that the recent letter of Major E. W. Cave of Houston in the News found hearty indorsement in many portions of the district. Again, matters of interest to the El Paso section are antagonistic to the extreme eastern and northern sections, while the central portion of the district has but little in common with either.

The chairman of the district democracy is Hon. W. A. Squires of Henrietta, a straight supporter of the present national financial policy. In all sections of the district there exists a desire for a straight-out expression by platform on all questions of interest to it, and already discussion is active touching these matters. It is expected that the contest will open in dead earnest shortly after the holidays.

ROUMANIA, the valley of the Danube and the country about the Black sea are developing into important corn growing sections, and are beginning to compete with the United States in that staple.

The republicans hold a decisive majority in the lower house of congress, while in the Senate there is a tie between the republicans and democrats leaving the balance of power in the hands of a few populist members.

The Motley county Journal states that a Fort Worth party who is interested in the Fort Worth and Albuquerque railroad project has purchased fifty town lots in Matador, paying \$1000 for them. The road can't get to Matador without making a detour or running over Haskell.

NINE "prairie schooners" containing fifty-two persons passed in front of the News office yesterday going west. The people all came from Madison county, Ark., and were en route to Bell county, where they will settle down as farmers and aid in the rapid development of Texas. In the last three weeks 200 wagons with an aggregate of 2000 people have passed west on Commerce street, seekers of new homes hailing from Arkansas, South Carolina, Missouri and northwestern Louisiana. The horses were sleek and the homeseekers seemed happy. It is also reported that the trains on all the railroads entering Texas are crowded with emigrants. The cry is: "Ho for Texas."—Dallas News.

We believe that the outlook for Haskell county is better now than ever before. As in all new and undeveloped countries many of the peculiarities of its soil, climate and seasons were unknown to the people who first cast their lot in it and it has taken years of experimental work with many disappointments and failures of a more or less various nature for the farmer to learn when, how and what to plant and cultivate. During this period of trial quite number have become discouraged and gone away, but others have filled their places and those who have persevered, believing there was a way to success, are now well satisfied with the result of their efforts: they believe that they have mastered the situation; have solved the mystery of what, how and when to plant and cultivate in order to be sure of an ample and profitable harvest. The catalogue of what to plant is not a niggardly one, it embraces a large enough list of fruits, vegetables, forage and staple crops to permit of a wide diversity of crops and a pleasing variety of home luxuries. There is no theorizing by the FREE PRESS in these statements; they are based on the statements of our most reliable and prosperous farmers—the men whose energy and pluck have conquered the situation and blazed the way and made it comparatively easy for those who are to follow, hence we say the outlook for rapid settlement and development of the country is better now than ever before, and that those who come soon enough to get the advantage of choice location and low prices will be the fortunate ones.

If any tendency is more marked than another in latter day agriculture it is for the farmer to confine his operations to a restricted number of acres. No man who reads or thinks or observes can fail to see that the best profit made in these days grow out of concentration of culture on reduced acres. There are a large number of people now whose profits per acre are running up into the hundreds of dollars, but these people in every case are operating on contracted acreage. The hop growers in New York, the fruit growers in California, the celery grower, the potato grower and small fruit grower in many other parts of the country, are examples of what may be done through concentration. The old idea of it being necessary for a successful farmer to own all the lands adjoining him has exploded, and it is demonstrated beyond a question that the worst kind of agricultural poverty is to be land poor. Thousands of men are land poor to day, too, who would make money by selling their surplus land even below what they think it is worth and concentrating on a smaller acreage.—Exchange.

A charter has been issued by the Oklahoma Territory authorities to the Santa Fe, Oklahoma and Western Railroad company, which also includes a land and townsite company, capital stock, \$1,500,000. The railroad is to run from Sapulpa, I. T., to Vernon, Texas.

The United States has exported in round numbers, \$500,000,000 of farm products this year.

It is said that the railroad commission will be in politics pretty strong next election.

St. Louis captured the next national republican convention. It will be held in June.

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Paint Creek Penicilings.

Paint Creek, Dec. 11th, 1895.
To the Free Press.

Weather still pleasant. Mr. D. G. Hisey will finish gathering his cotton crop of eighteen bales to-morrow. He and sons will go to Abilene this week. Our merchants as well as the farmers and stockmen are surely doing a fine business, as we notice many wagons going the public road all loaded with cotton to Abilene and returning with freight for Haskell. Mr. Julian Sumner of Baylor county, agent for the A. M. Sanders patent broom and mop is in our section this week; we hope that he will meet with success in selling such good and needed household articles. Messrs. J. M. and W. R. Perry have returned from Albany, where they went to meet their brother and family and father, who are returning from Hillsboro to make this their future home. Mr. Odom of Wise county, is here for his health. Mr. S. A. Wren and sons will go to Abilene this week for lumber to build an addition to his house. Mr. J. I. Clark will also build an addition to his residence. Mr. D. L. Winters will move to his farm three miles west of here soon. Mrs. J. A. Clark will depart for Dallas on the 13th inst., where she will spend Christmas with her parents. Dr. Lindsey's patients Miss Sallie Hughes and brother, are convalescing. Dr. Gilbert's patients are also improving. We too, Mr. Editor regret to lose such good citizens as Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Adams. M. K.

Ho Outset the Mule.

Exchange.

As the road turned around the hill I came upon a mule and a cart and a man. The wheels of the cart had sunk down into a mudhole, and the mule stood with his head down and ears lazily working to and fro. As for the man, he lay on his back in the shade of a tree and seemed to be taking solid comfort.

"What's the matter," I asked as he sat up and looked at me.

"Mewl has balked," he slowly replied.

"You mean that he has refused to pull the cart out of the mud?"

"Zactly."

"But it's a big load and a small mule," I urged. "Why don't you give him some help?"

"It's agin my principles. I've yelled at him and I've licked him till I'm tired, but I'll be dog-goned if I take anything of that load or boost that cart! No, sah—we stay right here till the pesky critter gets up and humps himself and pulls that cart out o' the mud."

"Then you are not in a hurry." I queried.

"No, sah, no hurry 'tall he replied, as he hitched back to get more shade. "My son Dan is plowin' out the corn with the cow, the old woman is fixin' up the fences, and I've a gallon of whisky and a pound of terbacco in the cart. It's a question of bein' sot, and if I can't stay sot longer'n a \$30 mewl then I'd better move out of Alabama."

Five days later I met the man at Greenville and asked him how the "sotness" came out.

"Oh! yes!" he replied with a grin. "Wall, I camped right thar, for two days and nights, a singing hymns and restin' up and havin' a good time, and then that mewl, a seen' that when it come down to sotness he warn't in it with me, took right holt and pulled that cart out the mud and galloped all the way home."

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STATE CONDENSATIONS

A Summary of Daily Happenings from Various Sources

The International and Great Northern... The International and Great Northern...

For many years Galvestonians have felt... For many years Galvestonians have felt...

Messrs. Ed. C. and Jack Winston have... Messrs. Ed. C. and Jack Winston have...

The Texas and Pacific extension will... The Texas and Pacific extension will...

The grand lodge of the Ancient, Free... The grand lodge of the Ancient, Free...

It is rumored that the Fort Worth... It is rumored that the Fort Worth...

As is usual, the officers at Paris are... As is usual, the officers at Paris are...

THE CLERGY

The King's Daughters of the Living... The King's Daughters of the Living...

Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, de... Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, de...

Dr. George William Warren, famous... Dr. George William Warren, famous...

Rev. Henry Schell celebrated recent... Rev. Henry Schell celebrated recent...

At Sherman, recently, Dr. E. H. Wins... At Sherman, recently, Dr. E. H. Wins...

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To clean a kettle fill it with potato... To clean a kettle fill it with potato...

There is nothing that costs a city more... There is nothing that costs a city more...

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FOR WOMAN AND HOME.

CURRENT HEADING FOR DAMES AND DEMOISELLES.

Some Notes of the Modes—A Baby Weather Coat—Ladies' Tea Gowns—Faded Velvet and Velvet—Tailor's Dress—Women's Hair—Sables.

OW the new woman will reveal in the new arrangements for comfort and for some far-seeing designer of woman's strategy? It was a man who thought of it too. Almost every sort and species of woman will gladly accept this rainy day dress as beyond reproach, especially as the long outside cloak covers everything completely, and no one need know but what one has on a dress skirt of the usual length.

This abbreviated skirt is of rubber, made having enough at the bottom to keep the cloak sat just as though a dress were worn, and fastened at the waist under a belt of leather. There are legions of rubber, reaching half way up the limbs and caught at the sides by "supporters," just as the stockings are. They fit smoothly over the foot and ankle and button at the side with small buttons, easy to manipulate. With this skirt a blouse of any sort may be worn.

A rain cloak of cravenette the usual length is worn with this skirt, and when rubbers and a soft felt hat in the English shape is donned, military to resist the heaviest elements and to successfully resist the dire enemy, mud. The rubber garments may be washed off directly one reaches home and so be kept fresh and sweet.

Ladies' Tea Gowns.
Fawn-colored cashmere and golden-brown velvet are here charmingly combined with a handsome plain front of pale yellow satin, having velvet figures applied on with rich, multi-colored silk embroidery in Roman design. The gown is of good length, with short train that can be cut off at round length, if preferred. The back, shaped in princess style, fits the figure smoothly to the waist-line, gradually expanding in godet-like fullness to its lower edge. Lining fronts, fitted by single bust darts, under-arm pores, close in center, over which the fullness is disposed in classic folds from under the broad collar on each side of the smooth front. A smooth, velvet standing collar finishes the neck, that closes with the front at the left side. Rosettes of yellow satin are placed on each side of the collar. The broad sailor collar of brown velvet



stiffened with an interlining and lined with the yellow satin, or this portion can be omitted if a less dressy effect is desired. The wide Paganini sleeves are shaped in two sections, gathered on the upper and lower edges, and completed with pretty, round, short flaring cuffs at the wrists. The gown can be stylishly made up in crepon, silk brocade, plain or fancy woolen fabrics, an opportunity of handsome and effective combinations and rich, tasteful decoration being afforded by the mode.

Only Another Matrimony.
She was a very stout woman—stouter than stout women usually are. Battered with a basket, two parcels and a baby, she buckled her way to the only seat in the car. Already in half the seat was a slip of a girl, fresh and gaylike, as girls are apt to be nowadays. The young girl had a big bunch of lilacs in her lap. The stout woman, with the eight-o'clock-in-the-morning perspiration, mopped some of it from her head and face. Then the lilacs caught her eye.

These lilacs looked deliciously cool

and fresh, and the stout woman felt uncommonly warm. The situation was a fatal one and imperative. The stout woman felt impelled to do justice to it. She did. She looked at the flowers again, then at the young girl, then straight up into space and came out with "My, aren't them lilacs fragrant!"—Philadelphia Call.

Ladies' Underclothing.
It is one of the most hackneyed of expressions that "fine feathers make fine birds." Our dames and demoiselles have striven with all their might to outdo their feathered friends in outside apparel, and with not indifferent success, as a stroll up and down the streets of our great cities on a bright afternoon would conclusively prove. If they would go a step farther and emulate the same creatures in another point, the results would be favorable to the peace of mind and heart of the dear creatures and bring more tranquility to the domestic fireside. Instead of this, they reverse the conditions, and in place of the softest, finest and most delicate materials next to the body, they possess themselves of a heterogeneous mass of cheap garments, of coarse fabric and sloppy workmanship, and save the down of toilet for the outside, says the New York Ledger. Even the goose has sense enough to protest against being deprived of the fine down with which nature has provided her, but her sister goes of the human family not only make no protest but actually from choice select an outfit in which any well-regulated feathered geese would quack a loud defiance. It might be interesting to trace not a few domestic infidelities and not a few disrupted households to a systematic disregard for the example of the web-footed model above mentioned. There are men so ultra fastidious that they cannot tolerate untidiness even in their wives, and the underwear of some well-to-do women is of itself sufficient to drive a man of delicate sensibilities from his domestic sanctuary. People of sense cannot and will not respect a woman whose underwear is untidy or shabby when she can have better. Her claim to respect is frail, indeed, if she puts a seventy-five-dollar dress over fifty-cent undergarments. Personal tidiness is too apt to be neglected in the hurry and undisciplined worry of the average household. Conveniences and privacy, too are lacking in many cases, and so from day to day good resolutions fade and fall, and the habit of disorderly and dirty garments creeps into the home circle and shadows the fireside by its presence. The subject of underwear is by no means an unimportant one. The underclothes of any woman are the most perfect index of her character and refinement of mind, as well as her taste and education.

Authors' Successes.
Mildred and others have asked how one may become a successful author. Answer: First and foremost, one must have something to write about, then write it with as much directness as possible. Never try to write about anything you do not understand. The world is full of experts who will detect errors at a glance, and will not be charitable in criticizing them. Writers who desire to have their writings published, often pay the publisher for doing the work. Otherwise they are sent to the editors of papers and magazines, and are accepted if satisfactory. Use any good paper, write only on one side, and sign your own name and a fictitious one, just as you please.

Old, but in a New Dress.
A country newspaper reports a brief colloquy between a woman and her lazy husband. She was busy, and the baby was crying, and the man, so far as appears, was saying nothing.

"John," she said, "I wish you would rock the baby."
"Oh, bother," was the answer, "why should I rock the baby?"
"Why, because he isn't very well and I have this mending to do. Besides half of him belongs to you, anyhow, and you ought to be willing to help take care of him."
"Well, half of him belongs to you, too, and you can rock your half and let my half holler!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Escort.
W. R. asks: "If a lady's overshoe comes off in the street, and she will muddy her hands by replacing it, ought her escort to do it?" Answer: Certainly, and consider himself honored by the privilege.

Retribution.
Wife: "If I had known before we were married that you were so, I never would have married you."
The Husband (sadly): "That's what comes of being a hypocrite."—Truth.

Love is an Intermittent fever—followed by a chill.

Just Like a Man.
Mrs. Somebody, who lives on Thirteenth street, has an infant son who is just beginning to walk. Last week he fell down stairs, so his mother bought a pair to put at the top of the stairs. There is a little metal socket screwed to each side of the stairs and the same fits into these. It was put up the day, Wednesday, I think. It was Mr. Somebody's night at the lodge and Mrs. Somebody remembered after he had left the house that he had not been told of the gate. She was so exercised for fear he would fall over it when he came in that she sat up for him. He was late, very late, and she was very tired. And yet when he did come and realized how devotedly she had waited up in order to save him a tumble what do you think the heartless man said?
"Why, my dear," said he, "why didn't you just lift the gate out?"
"Wasn't that just like a man?"—Washington Post.

Plaid Wool and Velvet.
A plaid street dress, in which red and brown predominate. The skirt is open



each side, the front to disclose a plaid of brown velvet, and a large enameled wood button is at the head of each opening. The sleeve is very close on the lower part, with the material shirred in the seam, and is open with three buttons, like those on the skirt, but small, that fasten with cords. The fullness of the upper part falls below the elbow. The blouse has brown velvet bretelles laid in folds, wide on the shoulders so as to fall out upon the sleeve and passing under the velvet belt. The bretelles are garnished with buttons like those on the skirt, a row of three across each, to form the line of a yoke. With this crown a toque of black braided felt, with a rosette of green ivy leaves and berries on each side the front, a larger rosette of red fawn ribbon on each side of the back, and a wall of black opaque blades rising high between back and front.—Ex.

Fashion Notes.
Housekeeping dresses are among the fads of advanced young women. One dainty model is of plain and spotted cambric. It has a yoke and sleeves of plain goods, the waist is gathered full into the yoke and belt; the skirt is of straight bodice with a deep hem, and a full, deep ruffle of the spotted goods falls over the shoulders from the yoke of plain fabric.

Among the new tailor costumes is one made of narrow-striped suiting. The skirt has five back-plaits; there is no regular waist, but a jacket with large sleeves and turned-over collar and lapels faced with satin. A double breasted vest, linen front and tie, and a modified sailor hat with two bunches of plumes complete the outfit.

A narrow-brimmed, round hat has seven large ostrich plumes, set in fan shape on the front of the crown. Among these plumes are placed jeweled ornaments. This is the only trimming, except a velvet band around the crown.

A black velvet hat has a very wide brim, so full that it forms a wide, scalloped edge, not unlike those worn by children some seasons ago. Large wings and loops of velvet at least five inches wide are the trimming. This hat is immense, but is so handsome and stylish that it has been greatly admired.

A felt hat has the brim arched something like the old-fashioned poke bonnet. The back of the brim is turned up, and around the crown are two bands of velvet ribbon. Very large, curled ostrich tails and loops of velvet form the trimming.

An attractive hat has the front of the brim in sailor shape, the back very full and plaited making wide flutings at the edge. The trimming is of fancy velvet and ostrich plumes.

Love is an intermittent fever—followed by a chill.



FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

GOOD SHORT STORIES FOR THE JUNIOR REPUBLIC.

"The Way That Father Comes"—Strange Feline Specimens Found on the Island of Cerros—Give God Your Best Thought.

The Way That Father Comes.
HE way that father comes each night,
Home faring from the city,
Is scanned with eager glances bright
By Marjory and Kitty.
Twin sentries by the garden gate
In spotless white the sisters wait—
Two tiny maids with faces fair,
With deep blue eyes and soft brown hair.

The way that father comes they know
Must always be the right way,
Trod den a thousand times, and so
It always seems a bright way.
The quiet lane their eyes discern
Is known at every grassy turn,
And, hung with blossoms, arched with green,
It is the sweetest ever seen!

Give God Your Best Thought.
With all thy mind. (Luke 10:27.)
Whoever loves God with his whole mind will worship him in all his thoughts. God will be first with him in everything, and he will be constantly planning for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom. No matter what his sphere or work may be, he will be a true missionary in heart and spirit. God needs the best thought of every man, and will pay good interest for the use of it. There is no kind of Christian work that does not require method, plan, decision and intelligent care in its execution, and there is no work that needs to be done for the good of man, that is not Christian work. If the man who does it loves God, a bricklayer can worship God every time he lifts his trowel, and a carpenter can lift up his hands every time he saws a board or drives a nail. An architect can be saying something to his Master every time he puts a plan on paper, and the man who constructs a steamer, or builds an engine, can do it with the prayer, "Thy kingdom come." To love God with all the mind, means that we are not only reaching out to him with our highest thought, trying to fathom his truth and learn his will, but that we will also use all our powers of brain to help carry to those that sit in darkness the glad tidings that will give them light and life. But God cannot be loved with all the mind, unless he is first loved with all the heart.

A Little Man Who Grew Fast.
When Zacharius started for the synagogue, it was with a definite purpose. He wanted to see Jesus. He did what Jesus told him to do, and was soon shouting happy.
Before he did any praying he saw that he would first have to do something else.

There are people who do a good deal of handsomely, who never seem to think it worth while to invite the preacher home to dinner.
"Zacharius stood," and ran his hand in his pocket, up to the elbow.
As soon as he got to Jesus he began to let go of his money.
As soon as he got right he wanted to do right.

When he was running toward the tree, he had no thought that he would soon have the privilege of talking with Jesus at his own table.
As soon as he became a good man, he also became a good giver. Every good man ought to be good for something.
As soon as Jesus found him, he found him willing to take the poor into partnership.

There were scribes and pharisees who thought Jesus was wasting time by going to the home of the publican.
Zacharius received Jesus joyfully, although it was the most expensive thing he ever did in his life.
The man who is not willing to pay over a dollar and a half a year for his religion, pays too much.

Speke with the Same Accent.
Henry Guy Carleton, the dramatic author, stammers badly. One day a lady said to him: "Mr. Carleton, were you born with that stammer—if I may ask the question without impudence?"
"No, madam," was the reply; "I did not begin it until I began to talk."
When he first met William R. Travers, also an inveterate stammerer and a wit, Travers said to him: "Mr. Carleton, I see that you and I speak English with the same accent."

DAIRY AND POULTRY.

INTERESTING CHAPTERS FOR OUR RURAL READERS.

How Successful Farmers Operate This Department of the Farm—A Few Hints as to the Care of Live Stock and Poultry.

HERE is a new field opening for our bright, energetic young men who wish to secure steady employment of a pleasant as well as profitable nature. This field is the private dairies owned by men who keep them not as a source of profit, but also pleasure. A great many of our rich men are buying farms near their city of residence and stocking them with cows of the best breeds. These men wish to place their farms in charge of men who have a thorough knowledge of farm dairying and stock raising, and are willing to pay a good price for the services of such men. The wages offered are above those of the average accountant, teacher or clerk, and the occupation is more enjoyable to one who has a love for rural life. To be successful in this line a young man must be of good habits, neat and orderly, and capable of turning to the best account the labor of men under his charge, must have a knowledge of up to date farming and a thorough understanding of the breeding and care and feeding of all farm animals. He must know how to run the dairy machinery and make first class butter. This field is open and is far from being overstocked with suitable men. In order to secure what they need these dairy owners have to hire two men, one to superintend the farm and one to manage the dairy and creamery, when if one man had the knowledge he could fill both positions.—Denver Field and Farm.

The Dairy Belt.
The so-called "dairy belt" that we were wont to hear so much about in years past proves to be a fair city. Wherever there is good grasses and good water, good butter can be made. It was once contended by dairy writers that the "dairy belt" was confined to the East, and that dairying could not be made a success in the West. Now the West is the greatest of all dairy sections of this vast Union. And there was once a time when the West preached the doctrine that dairying could not be made a success in the South. Note the condition of the South today with her thousands of registered cattle and her tens of thousands of grades. These cattle are certainly not kept for breeding purposes alone. They are butter producers, important factors in building up the agricultural wealth of our Southland. They are money makers for our farmers and breeders. For years the best grades of butter in the South, the product of these herds, has commanded a better price in our markets than the best of the Elgin product that has reached us. In the past few years creameries have increased slowly in the South, but private dairies have multiplied with astonishing rapidity, and the growth of our dairy interest is but in its infancy as yet, compared to what it is bound to be in a few years hence.—Ex.

Wild Sheep of the Pamirs.
Away beyond the snowy ranges of the Himalayas, on the dreary wastes of the Pamirs, in Central Asia, lies the home of a breed of sheep known as the Ovis Polus, or Great Horned Sheep of the Pamirs. They were first discovered by Marco Polo, the well-known traveler, and in his honor they were named after him. Little was known of the animal till recently several specimens were brought home by an English sportsman, and last year the first specimens that ever fell to the rifle of an Irishman were brought to this country by a well-known Limerick sportsman. The rams bear immense horns, sometimes measuring nearly five feet from tip to tip, and it takes in circumference at the base. When starting for polo shooting the sportsman has to cross the Himalayas, and then travel over 700 miles on ponies, carrying the furs for his team until he reaches the Pamirs, and there "roughs" it amongst the wild tribesmen.—Dublin Farmers' Gazette.

Value of Gentleness.—The money value of quietness, gentleness and good temper in milk cows is well known and appreciated by all practical dairymen as a thing of prime importance. These to a certain extent are inherited from the parents of the animal, the same as disposition to fatten, quality of flesh, yield of milk, etc. Even harsh tones to a nervous and timid animal are almost as dangerous as blows. Gentle treatment should commence early with the young calf, and be continued until the animal is put in the dairy. The calf should never know what it is to fear, and if never treated harshly, frightened or teased, will, almost without exception, be exempt from vicious habits. They should be brought up with the idea that man is their friend and protector. Stock that can be approached at any time are easier to handle and in that way repay many times over the trouble it takes to raise them in this manner. The best of dairy breeds may be rendered useless if subjected to harsh treatment.

The Average Cow.—The census claims that there are over 16,500,000 cows in the United States, and estimates their average production of butter at 130 pounds each. When we consider that a good many cows yield from 150 to 400 pounds per year, we must conclude that there are a very large number that yield far below 130 pounds, else the average would not be reduced to that figure. It goes without saying that there are hundreds of thousands of cows (probably millions) that do not begin to pay their way. The few millions of dollars this winter by catering on a campaign of investigation, and killing off such cows. Every dollar such cows bring as meat is pure profit, for they are worth nothing to keep.

Shaking dice for drinks is not enough physical exercise for an adult man.

Small End of the Wedge.
In farming, poultry keeping is a small edge of the wedge, so far as investment is concerned. The poor farmer who is poor, it presents a small out into greater things. The poor cannot go heavily into horse-raising, because it requires large investments first, just when he has not the money to invest. Then he must wait three, four and five years for returns, and to do "carry" the business, and to do other departments on the farm, he is not to the same extent as in poultry breeding.

But with poultry it is different. One can invest \$1 or \$100. Within a few weeks his investment returns him interest. Frequently it will double within a year. How much will it be worth if he can go on doubling his capital each year for ten years? His investment is but only \$10, if he has reached a comfortable figure at the beginning of the eleventh year, his capital would be \$10,240, a very quite respectable thickness.

Few, however, will carry the business through to such a point. It requires application to numerous details. Besides, many people use all the profit from their flocks, instead of reinvesting a portion. Another mistake is to have too much in numbers of birds and not enough in pens for their accommodation and comfort. The houses, yards, pens and all variations of methods must be paid with the increase of flock.

Altogether the poultry business seems to be a providential creature in behalf of the man of moderate means, the woman who has a little spare money to invest and the school boy who is ambitious. A small sum can be invested, and it is like the seed of a plant under favorable conditions it will increase beyond expectations. But either case the product must be properly cared for and nourished.

A Simple Hat-Trap.
Under this heading a correspondent of a poultry journal sends a description and sketch, here reproduced, of what he calls "the only perfect hat-trap, a very simple and inexpensive." In some localities are a serious pest to poultry breeders, and a hat-trap is with a good deal of money them. The contrivance is thus described: Take a common box about four square, and fifteen inches long, bore a hole in each end with an inch-and-a-half auger, about four inches from the bottom, as shown at A in cut. Fill a small tin pan (or box) with meal mixed with Rouseau's dust in the proportion of box, and you can set anywhere without fear of chicks or fowls touching it. Keep it loaded with time, and you will have no trouble with rats.—Australasian.

Raising Quail.
Harry Rudolph, says the Philadelphia Record, has bred, hatched and raised in captivity over 100 quail. His home, on Van Pelt street, this city, to those who have ever captured young quail and tried to make life of this will be good news, for some day there will probably be a quail farm where this most valuable game bird will be bred and raised in quantities. Recent severe winters have greatly lessened the natural supply of quail, not only in this section, but farther south as well, and game protective societies have experienced much difficulty in obtaining as many birds as they wanted for breeding purposes.

Mr. Rudolph's discovery of the food young quail require was not an accident, but the result of long study. He has kept live quail for the last twenty years, but only until recently has he succeeded in getting the young birds so live. All ordinary food, such as is given young chickens, turkeys, etc., is found to be useless with quail, the young invariably dying. He tried brood after brood and finally turned his attention to wild food, such as the birds would be likely to get in their natural state. He was successful and now says he can raise 95 per cent of all wild quail hatched. Just what this wild food is Mr. Rudolph says is his secret. His success proves that it is a good one. After the birds are ten days old they will eat anything and live.

Exterminating Burdocks.—Like all blighted burdocks is easily destroyed in cultivated fields. It is only in by-places, as fence sides, corners, and around the buildings, pastures, and borders of woodlands that burdocks give trouble. But even in these they are not difficult to destroy. Farmers who go over their fields twice a year with their spades will soon have no burdocks. In cutting them care should be taken to strike below the crown. Every plant cut in this way must die. The cutting may be done at any time of the year, but it is best not to cut in late fall, and it is, of course, much more easily done when the plants are young. While it is not difficult to cut off a small tap root with the spade, it is much more difficult to accomplish the same when the root has attained a diameter of an inch or more. Two or three years of persistent spading will remove nearly all burdocks from the by-places of our farms.—Ex.

Pleuro-Pneumonia from Australia.—The department of agriculture has received information from English sources that among the cattle shipped to London from Australia six undoubted cases of pleuro-pneumonia were discovered. This is believed, will have an important bearing on the competition with American meats from this quarter, as it is presumed that England will prohibit further imports from that section of the globe. It was also learned from the same source that the prices obtained from Australian meats, to be dressed weight, was not satisfactory to the Australian shipper.

Sheep in Winter.—It is knock and personal management, and not luck, which will keep a flock of sheep in good condition during the winter. They should enter their winter quarters in good shape and then be tended with intelligence. It is folly to try to make anything out of the weathlings and they should be weeded out.—Ex.

A SESSION OF THE WHIST CLUB.



A Question of Clothes.

President Faure, of France, is a carefully dressed man, and it is said that he spends a large sum annually at the tailor's.

Not being able to get a ring fight of Corbett, Fitzsimmons will challenge the champion to meet him in a water or an actor and engage in a free-round or three-act contest for the dramatic championship in acting.

A Lion's Introduction.

Max O'Reil tells the story of a man he had at one of his lectures, on introducing him to the audience.

Was a Bull Player.

Some students are trying to show that Moses started in as a football player because he was found in the bushes.

A Singular Form of Monomania.

There is a class of people, rational enough in themselves, who are certainly monomaniacal in their doings.

We'll make the mistake of depending on much on our friends.

The Modern Mother.

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect.

Criticism is sometimes wholesome, but it is not always safe.

Have found Figs' Cure for Consumption an unending medicine.

The home rule question has wrecked the happiness of many a family.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

"Hanson's Magic Corn Salve."

The only thing left to the poor Indian was the Indian summer.

get all You can.

Some say that the hypophosphites alone are sufficient to prevent and cure consumption.

Scott's Emulsion.

of Cod-liver Oil, with hypophosphites, contains both of these in the most desirable form.

THE VILLAGE CHURCH.

manuscript of the novel is now at South Kensington.

IT IS TO BE ALTERED.

COPPERFIELD'S BIRTHPLACES IN SUFFOLK TOWN.

Recollections of Dickens—Those You Hear of the Famous Old Place Nowadays Are of a Very Odd Sort—Unique Pictures.

(Special Correspondence.)

IT WILL BE INTERESTING news to the lovers of Dickens' works that Blundeston Hall, the birthplace of David Copperfield,

It is said that the master, in driving from Lowestoft to Yarmouth, observed the name Blundeston—now written Blundeston—on a sign post, and "made note of it," as was his wont.

BLUNDESTON HALL.

Blundeston is the very place to appeal to such a mind as that of Dickens. It is thoroughly English, with its church, its mill, its pound and its irregular street, free from any taint of the jerry builder.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

THE EMPEROR OF CHINA has issued an official bulletin on the war in Formosa.

Need the Men.

Philadelphia gets a revenue of \$1,000,000 a year from the street car, gas, water, telephone and other franchises.

Wanted to Get Supper.

FLATTERY A CURSE.

If Women Are Going Mad Weak Minded Men Are Responsible.

A recent magazine article complains that men are forever talking of pretty women, as if prettiness were the sole attribute that could make them endurable.

WORKER FOR CIVIC REFORM.

William A. Giles, Expert in Economic and Municipal Problems.

The vigorous and faithful work done by William A. Giles as chairman of the Civic Federation's municipal committee has made his name familiar to hundreds of Chicagoans.



WILLIAM A. GILES.

To Candy Orange and Lemon Peel.

Well Enough.

Gen. Alger says that Senator Sherman's charge that he bought colored voters is a reflection on the black race.

The Results of Bilious Fever.

DEKANGEMENT OF THE STOMACH AND A SHATTERED NERVOUS SYSTEM.

With an earnest desire for the relief of suffering I make the following statement:

With an earnest desire for the relief of suffering I make the following statement: I live near the head of Honey Creek in Hamilton County, Texas.

Of Little Use.

Notice.

INCREASE YOUR INCOME.

Clever People.

A Great Big One.

I Pay, However.

Need the Men.

Well Enough.

Avoid Too Much Corn.

My hens are doing very well this fall, having laid right along through the month of October.

It Might Have Been.

PROTECTORS USERS OF "ROYAL."

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LOCAL DOTS.

Everything at Keister & Hazlewood's store is going at cost. Mr. Walter Meadors visited Seymour this week. Spend your cash with S. L. Robertson and save money. Mrs. F. E. Turner has gone to spend the winter in Seymour. A full stock and everything at cost at Keister & Hazlewood's. Mr. Jim Reeves of Knox county attended court here this week. The cost prices at Keister & Hazlewood's will surprise you. Mr. J. W. Collins made a business trip to Knox county Thursday. Toys for all the children at A. W. Springer's. Mr. W. L. Yoe goes on our subscription list this week. A dollar saved is a dollar made at Keister & Hazlewood's is the place to save it just now. Mr. K. E. Bell of Seymour was here attending court the first of the week. Every reader can get a handsome briar pipe free. See advertisement of Duke's Mixture. Mr. Henry Carter, a former citizen of Haskell, now of Brownwood, was here this week. Call and see A. W. Springer's stock of dolls and toys before you buy your Christmas presents. Mr. W. H. Parsons received a fine lot of fruit trees the other day for himself and others. Get good double seamed stove pipe at Reed's new tin shop. Miss Zora Patterson, Miss Mammie Gibbs, Miss Jessie Parks and Miss Ara Parks of Knox county are visiting the family of Mr. McKee. Mr. T. J. Lemmon checked a silver disc into our till the other day. I have a lot of extra heavy sheet steel for stove pipe. The best is the cheapest. Call and see my double seamed pipe.—Theo. Reed. Mr. J. A. King of the Ample neighborhood had his name again enrolled on our list for the Free Press and Gazette. Come thou and do likewise. Straight cost for everything and no holdbacks at Keister & Hazlewood's. Mrs. Dr. Nephery and children and Miss Laura Hale returned on Tuesday evening after a visit of several weeks among relatives and friends in the eastern portion of the state. No special bargains, everything at straight cost at Keister & Hazlewood's, to everybody alike. Hereafter, during the winter at least, the several prayer meetings in Haskell will be united in one, and will make the circuit of the churches, alternating weekly. I have a full line of fresh ingredients for making Christmas fruit cakes. S. L. Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lindsey were in town Wednesday with a good lot of the nicest, latest home made lard that we have seen for a good while. They will also be readers of the Free Press in the future. That cost sale at Keister & Hazlewood's is no catch; they are selling at straight cost. Dr. Gilbert has been dispensing physic over a wide territory this week. On Tuesday he was called to Knox county on the north, and on his return a call to Jones county on the south was awaiting him. First Cost! I mean strictly what I say. All Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats and Furnishing Goods at strictly first cost. S. L. Robertson. Mr. E. L. Roberts has taken to the bicycle. While out riding one evening this week his wheel took fright, threw its rider and ran over a small boy who was playing by the roadside. Fortunately no serious injury was done. Keed's new tin-shop is the place to get anything you want made of tin or sheet iron. North side of square at old Palace drug store.

SPECIAL CUT UNTIL DECEMBER 24 1895.

Six cabinet Photos Only 50 Cts. Don't Miss This Offer at WARD'S THE ARTIST, ABILENE, TEXAS.

Nothing too Good for Christmas!

We have the best stock of Xmas goods West Texas has ever seen. We have just what you want, whether it is for your wife, children or sweetheart. If you are a dollar and want a bill to sell, you will get special prices. It will pay you to get a day off and come to Abilene just to see, even if you don't buy. We are Headquarters on Albums, Dressing Cases, Celluloid Novelties, Dolls, Fire Works, Books, Etc.

BASS BROS., Abilene, Tex.

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A Gin Accident. A most shocking accident, resulting in the death of a little boy, occurred at the gin at this place on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Wm. Clark had come to the gin with a load of cotton and brought with him his wife and their two children to see the gin in operation and to perhaps do some shopping in town. Their son, Mortie, about 9 years of age was playing about the gin room soon after they arrived and it seems that when one of the attendants of the gin stand stepped away to attend to something else, the boy stooped down and commenced catching the seeds in his hands as they dropped from the gin. Some one warned him to get away and in rising he put his hand out to push against the breast of the gin, but it slipped and went under the breast and was caught by the saws, which drew him under, throwing the breast of the gin off and allowing his body to fall against the saws. The flesh was almost completely stripped from the right arm, the left hand and wrist were badly cut, his right leg was terribly lacerated and there were several cuts across his bowels that went almost through. The doctors amputated his right arm and done all they could to give him relief and save his life, but he died in about twenty-four hours after receiving the injury. The wonder was that he lived so long, cut to pieces as he was.

Christmas Tree. According to previous agreement, the several arrangement committees from the different Sunday schools met at the Methodist church after preaching Sunday night, and by general consent elected F. G. Alexander chairman and W. E. Sherrill Secretary. It was unanimously decided to proceed with a union tree, and that if possible the opera house should be secured for the purpose. The following committees were then appointed: Committee to secure tree, W. W. Hents, Walter Meadors, George Fields and Elmer Willbourn. Finance Committee (to raise funds and secure the building) S. R. Ramsey, W. H. Parsons, H. R. Jones and W. W. Fields. Music Committee, Misses Minnie Jones, Edna Ellis, Lula Brockman and Mrs. H. R. Jones. Decoration committee, to be appointed by the different superintendents; said committee to be composed of two ladies and one gentleman from each school. There being no further business on hand the convention adjourned without date.

K. P. Officers. At their meeting on Friday night last the K. P's. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Representative to grand lodge, W. G. Halsey. Chancellor Com., W. E. Sherrill; Vice-Chancellor, A. P. McLe-more; Prelate R. E. Sherrill; Master of Work, J. S. Keister; Master of Arms, H. S. Post, Keeper of Record and seal, W. L. Hills; Junior Guard, V. B. Anthony; Ouster Guard, J. M. Baldwin; Trustees, L. N. Ritter, J. S. Keister and Ed. J. Hamner.

Teachers' Institute. The teachers of Haskell county will meet at the school house in Haskell on Friday night, Dec. 20, and Saturday, Dec. 21, for the purpose of holding a Teachers' Institute. The outline of work for 1896 will be as follows: 1st. Psychology.—W. W. Hents, teacher. 2nd. History of Education.—J. B. Jones, teacher. 3rd. General History.—Mrs. Neat Millhollon, teacher. 4th. Methods in Teaching.—Miss Minnie Ellis, teacher. 5th. The Sciences.—Miss Lula Brockman, teacher. 6th. American Literature.—Miss Sallie Ramsey, teacher. 7th. History of Pedagogy.—Miss Lera Riddel, teacher. 8th. General topics. The above teachers are to have charge of the subject assigned and develop so much of it at each meeting as he may think best. And all teachers will prepare to discuss each subject. Trustees will permit their teachers to dismiss their schools at noon on Friday, in order that they may attend the Institute meeting on Friday night. P. D. SANDERS, County Judge.

We learned from Mr. L. N. Ritter, who got home last week with a lot of cattle from the eastern portion of the state, that there was included in the lot one car load for Mr. D. H. Hamilton, of Centralia, Trinity county, who recently purchased a farm in this county and is now on the way here with his family and household goods. His son, also a married man, accompanies him with the purpose of locating. Mr. Hamilton invested here on the recommendation of Mr. Ritter and Mr. J. N. Ellis. He is spoken of as a man of high standing in his county and, as being an ex-state legislator.

Mr. Elbert Roberts of Abilene, who has ranch interests in this county with his brother, L. W. Roberts, was here this week attending district court. They were defendants in an important land suit, which they lost by the verdict of the jury, but we understand that the judgment they got over against their grantors on their warranty will recoup them pretty well.

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