

FROM THE DEAD.

Characters: Mrs. Danvers; Miss Eleanor East. Scene: An invalid's boudoir, with sacred pictures and large texts for its sole adornment save for a framed cabinet portrait of a young man, which stands, tied with crepe, on a small table near Mrs. Danvers's chair.

From the Dead. Mrs. Danvers—My dear, you surely did not expect any change in me and my surroundings in six months? Eleanor—No, I suppose not. Only you, see, I have had so many changes in that time. It seems an eternity to me. But you were always like the brook: "Men may come and men may go."

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS. Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof. Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture. IN A STUDY of the effect of deep and shallow cultivation and of root-pruning on the growth of the corn plant, a knowledge of the number, length and position of corn roots is essential.

IN WOMAN'S CORNER.

INTERESTING READING FOR DAMES AND DAMSELS. A Chapter on Hair Dressing. Inducing the Hair to Curl Making the Latest Novelties in Chinaware—Taffeta Gown—Wedding Gown. OIFFURES are waved and puffed and fluffed. Not all alike are they, however. Even in the waving may the characteristics of a face be considered.

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Late Tailor-Made Gowns. The tailor made style of gown is considerably modified from the original type, at least in the French models, to which severe material and a stitched or striped finish are quite enough to warrant the title. Otherwise they follow the lines of the frocks of the mode, as English tailor-made costumes never do.

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Novelties in China Ware. The richness of the table ware of the present has never been surpassed, and the styles are so many and varied that even the most fastidious and eccentric in their tastes can find something to their liking. With the exercise of a little good taste one can get together a charming dinner or tea service from the various kinds of china brought out this fall.

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Wheat Raising in England. At the recent convention of the National Association of British and Irish Millers, held at Southampton, the following resolution was adopted: "That the association is of opinion that it is the duty of the Imperial government to foster and encourage the production of wheat within the limits of the United Kingdom, believing that it will tend to the welfare of the nation; its protection, as providing food supply in the event of war; and its prosperity, as affording employment to the working population."



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OCEANS OF SOUP.

Enormous Yearly Output of the Canning Factories. There is enough canned soup sold each year to float half a hundred warships. At least, that is what a man in the business of preparing the stuff says, according to the New York Mail and Express.

STONE OF SCONE.

The Enterprising Schoolboy Who Slept in the Coronation Chair. It is a long walk from the dining-room of the Westminster school to the coronation chair, which stands behind the old stone screen just back of the altar in the abbey, but there is an interesting connection between the two, says St. Nicholas.

GOOSE FEASTING IN FRANCE.

A Paris paper recently gave some details concerning the methods employed by the goose fatteners there. Most of the Paris market people refuse to disclose anything about their methods, saying that they are secret.

HAIR CURLING.

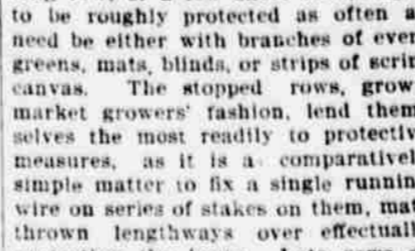
Inducing the Hair to Curl. Natural curling hair is one of the loveliest ornaments a woman can have. It is true that invention has reached such a pitch of perfection that nowadays it is impossible to detect the real from the artificial waves, but still everyone will agree there is a certain amount of satisfaction in doing without the iron and the curling plate, no matter if the effect may be the same or not.

AMERICAN CLYDESDALE ASSOCIATION.

Janeville, Wis., Oct. 30, 1896. To the Stockholders of the American Clydesdale Association: The eighteenth annual meeting of the American Clydesdale Association will be held at the Sherman house, Chicago, Wednesday, November 18, 1896, at 8 p. m. Business: Secretary and treasurer's annual reports; bi-annual election of officers, and such other business as may properly come before the association.

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LOCAL DOTS.

Mr. M. S. Pierson left Friday for eastern Texas. To S. L. Robertson's is the place to go for something fresh to eat. We learn that a new daughter came to the home of Mr. J. S. Boone this week. Ladies and misses trimmed hats, latest style and cheap enough at T. G. Carney & Co's. County Assessor Hooker of Stonewall county was over this week trading with our merchants. Miss Bertie Morris who has been spending some weeks with her sister, Mrs. Gilbert at this place left last Saturday for home. Carney & Co are still furnishing corn to the people at cost and selling them all other goods lower than anybody. Mr. J. F. Adams and family returned the first of the week to their home in Bosque county. Mr. Adams will be a reader of the Free Press for the next year. Be careful how you buy goods at what they cost YOU until you have got prices at T. G. Carney & Co's. Rev. M. L. Moody, the new Methodist minister assigned to this place was expected to arrive yesterday or to-day and, if so, to preach here on Sunday. Leave your watch work at the McLemore Drug Store. Promptness and satisfaction guaranteed. O. NICHOLSON, Wichita Falls, Tex. Mr. Lee Garrett went down to Graham the first of the week with wagons to move the household goods of Rev. M. L. Moody to this place. Frank Armstrong got back from the I. T. and Oklahoma territory this week. He says there is a greatly mixed lot of people there and some of them are pretty rough. Mr. T. J. Lemmon made a shipment of beef cattle to market this week, via Seymour, for Lemmon & Cameron. We learn later that he sold at Seymour at very satisfactory figures. I am receiving and will continue to receive every week fresh stock of dried fruits, green apples, potatoes, onions, rolled oats, flour, bacon, lard, sugar, coffee, canned goods, candies and all other groceries that go to make up a first-class stock, and nobody will sell them cheaper than I will. S. L. ROBINSON. Mr. M. S. Pierson and daughter, Miss Alice, who has been visiting for some time in the central and eastern portion of the state, go home last Saturday. Stonewall county was represented in Haskell this week by quite a crowd of witnesses in the Norton and Belcher cases, which were transferred from that county to this for trial. Mr. R. M. Smith carried his family down to Abilene the first of the week, where they took the train for a visit to relatives and friends in Falls, Comanche and McLennan counties. Mrs. Smith and the children will be gone for a month or more. We are still ordering corn and furnishing it at actual cost. Delivered at Seymour from car 36 1/2 cents, delivered at Haskell at 49 1/2 cents per bushel, cash, for the benefit of the people of Haskell and surrounding counties. T. G. CARNEY & CO. Mr. Bruce Smith, the youthful editor of the Two Rivers, the Kent county paper, spent several days here this week visiting his parents and Haskell friends. We hear that there is a wedding coming off in his town in the near future in which he will occupy a leading position. Mr. Peeler and family from Kaufman county arrived here Wednesday to cast their lot with us as citizens in the future. They will occupy Mr. W. P. Whitman's farm next year. We are always glad to see new settlers come and our people always have a welcome for them.

Rev. N. B. Bennett and family left on Tuesday for Quanah, where he was assigned as pastor of the M. E. church by the late district conference. Rev. Bennett has been stationed at this place as pastor for about three years and he and his family leave many friends here who wish that they may find a pleasant home and congenial surroundings. Mr. T. G. Carney of the firm of Carney & Co told us the other day that he would kill from 8000 to 10,000 pounds of pork this winter, which would be sold from his store. This will keep some money in the country that would otherwise have gone north for bacon. But how much better it would have been if the farmers had raised all the hogs they needed at home and thus have had the meat and kept the money themselves. Free Press subscribers know that we have not been persistent in our requests for settlements, but we are needing money to pay the expenses of the paper and must ask all who can to come forward and pay us what they can on their subscription accounts. Quite a number of subscribers are behind from one to four years, and while the amount owed us by any individual is small, and each one may for that reason think it is of but little consequence to us, they should remember that a large number of such accounts remaining unpaid is a serious matter to us. We need the money especially now, but if there are some who cannot get it we will take feed stuff for horse and cows, and some fire wood. Pay us if you can. Married. On Sunday evening, Nov. 20th, Miss Lucy Hicks, daughter of Mr. J. H. Hicks of this place and Mr. Frank Lawson of Rayner, were united in marriage at the home of the bride, Rev. N. B. Bennett performing the ceremony. They will reside in Rayner, where Mr. Lawson was elected constable at the recent election. The Free Press extends to them its best wishes for a long life of prosperity and happiness. TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD. Holiday Excursion to the Old States. The Texas Central Railroad Company will sell round trip tickets Dec 21st and 22nd 1896, to points in the Southeast at one fare for round trip, good thirty days from date of sale, for return. Through coaches. No change of cars. Good treatment. A nice time. The old folks are expecting you. Don't disappoint them. W. F. McMILLIN, A. G. P. A. Advertiser's Letters. The following is a list of letters remaining at the Post office Haskell, Texas, for 30 days: Cook, Charlie Eq. 1; Flowers, Mrs. W. 1; Hiburn, A. S. 1; Jones, Mrs. Lillian, 1; Stevenson, Mr. J. C. 1; Thompson, Mr. Charles, 1. If not called for within 30 days will be sent to the dead letter office. When calling for the above please say advertised. Respectfully, C. D. LONG, P. M. Haskell, Texas, Dec. 1, 1896. The Oklahoma Experiment Station Bulletin says that Kafir corn has again proved its value during the drouth of 1896; in withstanding heat, drouth and hot winds. It advises feeding the heads rather than the threshed grain, unless the latter is ground, because the stock will masticate it better in chewing the heads and it will be digested better. Now is a good time—when the north and northwest is blizzard swept and buried several feet deep in snow and ice and man and beast is succumbing to the intense cold—for the people of this country to place before the people of that country the many advantages of our southern climate. An increase of the farming population is the greatest need of this section. Its resources and advantages can never be developed until such population is secured, and it will require intelligent and direct effort to do it. The people of the sections referred to are better skilled in the art of breeding and rearing live stock and of conducting a general stock-farming business than are our own people or the people of the sections from which most of our immigration comes, but they are not well informed as to the conditions of our country nor as to the advantages they would meet here in that line of business. We believe that if the facts were properly brought to their attention that it would result in a flow of thrifty immigrants to our country and that a few years hence we would see it one of the most prosperous and independent sections of country to be found any where.

HOPE FOR THE HORSE RAISERS

Good Horses Scarce.

Journal of Agriculture. There is a large decrease in the number of horses in this country. This is due to the extremely low prices that have prevailed for the last few years. The consensus of opinion among horsemen is that really good horses are very scarce. We believe this is a good time to invest in good young, sound mares or colts, for the signs of the times indicate that horses cannot always remain so low. There are very few young horses coming on, and the old horses are dying off. Statistics gathered by the Department of Agriculture show that since 1893, the number of horses in the country has decreased more than 1,100,000 head. The Western Horseman, commenting upon the condition of affairs, says: "As the horses now in the country become older, the death rate will become correspondingly larger, and it is a fact patent to every one that has any acquaintance with the horse business that there are very few two-year-olds, a less number of yearlings, and one has but to take a twenty-mile drive through the country in any direction to be convinced that there are practically no weanlings and a correspondingly small number of mares in foal." This journal predicts that for the year 1896 the report of the Department of Agriculture will show a decrease of at least one million horses, and it is not within the power of man to replenish this great decrease within the next five or six years. It is nonsense to talk of the bicycle displacing the horse, for a large per cent of those who use the bicycle never did keep horses. The "bikes" in the cities and towns are interfering with theatre managers more than they are horse raisers. The horse is demanded by civilization and business, and the man who raises good ones in the future will get a good sale for them. The Dallas County Treasurer Robbed. Two men robbed W. N. Coe, the treasurer of Dallas county, on Sunday night. He was in his office at 12 o'clock at night working on his books to get them up in shape to turn over to his successor, when two men entered and covered him with their pistols before he knew of their presence. They forced him to open the vault from which they took about \$7,000 in money and checks amounting to \$1,200.00. One of the robbers picked up a package of \$8,000 of county school bonds but Mr. Coe caused him to throw them down by telling him that "those bonds have been canceled and are worthless." Mr. Coe stated that when the robbers started to leave he picked up his pistol to shoot at them, but it fired prematurely and one of the robbers turned and fired at him, but as he did so he ducked his head and ran at him firing again himself. The robber's then fled from the building firing two more shots at him as they left. The shooting attracted the attention of several men in a hotel and saloon across the street, who ran to the court house and found papers and documents scattered over the vault floor and Mr. Coe sitting in a chair in a dazed condition from the effects of the excitement and a slight wound in the back of the head, made by the robbers bullet when he ducked his head down. Officers were summoned and blood hounds were brought to the scene but they failed to get on the track of the robbers. A large pistol was found lying outside the window through which the robbers went and it was supposed one of them dropped it. The insanity dodge failed in the trial of Bart, the Austin murderer of his wife and two children, and the jury said he was guilty and gave him the death penalty. The case will go to the court of appeals with possibly a reversal and another trial a year or so hence. The pity is that the jury's verdict can't be put into immediate execution.

Some Court Notes.

About the most important case tried at this term of court was that of M. S. Pierson et al vs. F. L. Bryant et al. This case has been pending for several terms and was one of Judge Hamner's recused cases in which Judge A. H. Kirby of Abilene sat as special judge. It involved the title to eight sections, or over 5000 acres of land and was strongly contested by Foster & Scott of the local bar and W. T. Andrews of Throckmorton, attorneys for plaintiffs and G. T. Todd of Jefferson, A. C. McCalla of Conyers, Ga., and H. G. McConnell of the local bar for defendants, resulting in judgment for the plaintiffs. Defendants will appeal. The visiting attorneys at our district court this week were G. T. Todd, and D. H. Zachery of Jefferson, Texas, A. C. McCalla, Conyers, Ga., W. T. Andrews, Throckmorton and J. F. Cunningham, Abilene. Mr. J. W. Sims, for fifteen years a deputy sheriff of Marion county, was here several days this week as a witness in an important suit. Of the two cases transferred from Stonewall county to the court here, that of the State vs. John Belcher, on a charge of theft of cattle, was tried and a verdict of acquittal rendered by the jury. The other, State vs. Frank Norton, charge of robbery, was continued on account of the absence of witnesses. An unusual fact about our district court this week was that it was presided over by four different judges at different times. Judge Hamner, the regular judge, presided a part of the time and Mr. A. H. Kirby of Abilene disposed of two cases as judge by special appointment. Mr. Oscar Martin was made judge by agreement of counsel in the case of J. C. Baldwin vs. the First National bank, which was dismissed by plaintiff, while Judge P. D. Sanders by special appointment presided in the case of Gibbs vs. Zachery, which was continued. All these were cases in which Judge Hamner was disqualified on account of some connection with them prior to his election. The county attorney had filed at this term of court about twenty suits for back taxes under the new tax law, known as the "Colquitt law," but they were all continued to the next term. Parties who are delinquent on their land taxes might save a good deal of expense and trouble by settling up within the next two or three months. SOME middle-of-the-road populists met at Timpson, Shelby county the other day and passed resolutions in which they admitted the defeat of their state ticket, but wonderful to relate didn't charge fraud. They resolved in favor of reorganizing their party and declared that they believed W. J. Bryan's defeat was planned by Senator J. K. Jones, the democratic chairman, and they censured Senator Butler, their own national chairman for Watson's defeat, etc. All the resolutions lack of being characteristic is the failure to charge all sorts of fraud and a perjury against the democratic party.

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