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Neather & Griffin,
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Specially Prepared for Surgery and DISEASES OF WOMEN.
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Alexander Mercantile Company.
On January 1st the business heretofore conducted by the partnership of F. G. Alexander & Co., consisting of F. G. Alexander of this place, and S. B. Street of Graham, was transferred to the Alexander Mercantile Co., a corporation chartered under the laws of the State, with a capital stock of \$65,000, for the transaction of a general mercantile business.

The incorporators are F. G. Alexander, S. B. Street, W. L. Hills and Henry Alexander.

The parent firm commenced business in Haskell about 12 years ago in a modest way and has grown and prospered until it has become one of the largest establishments in the West and, besides its extensive business here has a large branch house located at Munday in Knox county.

To mention the size of their business house at the beginning and now, will perhaps give as good an idea of the growth of the firm's business as anything we could say. Then they had only 1600 square feet of floor space, now they occupy 7,500 square feet and are badly crowded for room. Their stock consists of everything in the line of dry goods, clothing, notions, millinery, boots, shoes, hats, etc., and a complete line of groceries.

The secret of their very gratifying success lies in the fact of uniform courtesy and fair dealing to all, coupled with the disposition and effort to extend to their customers every accommodation and all the leniency possible and consistent with judicious business methods—and such methods have been disregarded at times in extending favor to those who have met with adversity. While this is true, Mr. F. G. Alexander, head of the firm, is a man of fine business ability and judgement, and to his skill in buying to advantage in the best markets and his judgment in correctly estimating the wants of the public, must be credited something of their success.

The new company is strengthened by the addition of more capital, energy and business ability and we are assured that they will carry out the same broad and liberal policies that have made the success and popularity of the old firm.

HOW THE W. H. M. SOCIETY

Entertained their Husbands.

The reception given at the residence of Mr. F. M. Morton on the evening of Dec. 26th, by the members of the W. H. M. Society in honor of their husbands was a most enjoyable affair. Every face was wreathed in smiles, every heart was glad, care was thrown to the winds, and all seemed to have forgotten that they were not still in their teens. The Haskell H. M. society loves to scatter sunshine in the hearts of those around them.

Crokinole, carom, parchesi, target shooting and ball throwing were the games indulged in.

A target was placed on a wall and the projectiles thrown were diminutive arrows consisting of needles, matches and paper wings. These arrows were all made by Master Levi McCollum, Jr. and the prize in this contest was awarded to Mrs. J. H. Cunningham.

Mrs. Cunningham, who was the only one of the large crowd who landed an arrow in the center.

In the ball-throwing contest the prize was won by Mr. Boone.

In the dining room the table was laden with good things—the first course was coffee and sandwiches; the second, boiled custard and a great variety of Christmas cake.

Mr. Oscar Martin with his violin, accompanied by Mrs. T. G. Carney on the organ, added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

The ladies say they will give their husbands a private drill before the next reception; for not one of the many husbands present gave a correct answer to the question: "What is the occasion of this reception and by what society is it given?"

Mr. and Mrs. Morton are a happy addition to Haskell society, and so royally did they entertain the large crowd present on this occasion that father Time will find it a difficult matter to erase from the memories of the guests the faces of their genial host and hostess.

If Unwell,

Try a 50c bottle of **HEBRINE**, notice the improvement speedily effected in your appetite, energy, strength and vigor. Watch how it brightens the spirits, gives freedom from indigestion and debility!

Isaac Story, Ava, Mo., writes, Sept. 10th, 1900. "I was in bad health, I had stomach trouble for 12 months also dumb chills. Dr. J. W. Mory prescribed **HEBRINE**, it cured me in two weeks. I cannot recommend it too highly, it will do all you claim for it." Sold by J. B. Baker.

Now that the Venezuelan matter is to be submitted to the Hague tribunal for adjustment it is in order to suppose a case. Well, then, suppose the Hague tribunal gives a decision in conflict with the Monroe doctrine! What will the United States do about it—what can it do?

Temperature and Rain During 1902.

The figures given below are from the record kept by W. E. Sherrill, local observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau. They show the rainfall and the highest and lowest temperatures during each month, and the average temperature for each month of 1902.

Mo.	RAIN In.	TEMPERATURE. Max. Min. Avg.
Jan.	.70	75 8 42.3
Feb.	.00	84 8 43.4
Mch	1.01	93 25 56.1
Apr	1.10	106 40 67.3
May	3.29	99 43 76.3
June	1.95	113 53 84.5
July	6.80	103 65 81.9
Aug.	.80	108 66 86.5
Sept.	1.34	105 43 74.8
Oct.	2.61	90 42 66.7
Nov.	2.13	88 29 56.5
Dec.	.82	77 21 42.5

Total rainfall, 21.92 inches; mean average temperature, 64.9 degrees. The coldest days were Jan. 27 and Feb. 2, 8 deg. above zero. Hottest day was June 25, 113 degs.

A Liberal Offer.

The undersigned will give a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets to any one wanting a reliable remedy for disorders of the stomach, biliousness or constipation. This is a new remedy and a good one. All Drug stores.

Farmers' Institute.

Temporary Organization Effected.

On last Saturday afternoon, in response to the call published by Mr. G. J. Miller, about twenty farmers met in the court house for the purpose of considering the question of organizing a Haskell county Farmers' Institute.

No one present possessed full information as to the plan of organizing and conducting the work of Institutes, but the meeting was organized by electing Mr. G. B. Miller temporary chairman, and he and others explained and discussed the objects of the organization as best they could from the information in their possession.

It was generally understood that the object was to bring together persons engaged in any branch of agriculture, horticulture and stockraising, and others closely related to these industries, for the mutual interchange of experiences, and the discussion of methods of farming and breeding, varieties or kinds of crops and stock and all questions bearing upon the welfare of these industries.

Most of those present, including Rev. J. T. Nicholson, Messrs. S. V. Jones, R. W. Williams, G. J. Miller and others whose names we do not recall at this time, expressed themselves as strongly impressed as to the value and advantage to result to the interests directly concerned as well as to all other interests throughout the community, as when these industries prosper all other interests feel the beneficial effect of it in direct proportion.

As this meeting was for the purpose of deciding whether or not a permanent organization would be gone into and, if so, to arrange for securing the services of Prof. J. H. Connell, state organizer, and lecturers for that purpose, a resolution and agreement to that effect was adopted and signed by fourteen of those present.

Mr. S. V. Jones suggested that the meeting had overlooked electing a secretary and, on motion, J. E. Poole was elected temporary secretary. He stated that his "farm" was a one acre lot but he was more than willing to serve and render all the assistance in his power, as he had always advocated such an organization and done what he could to bring it about.

In pursuance of the above mentioned resolution Rev. I. N. Alvis and J. E. Poole were appointed a committee to correspond with the State organizer and arrange the date for the coming of himself and lecturers to perfect the organization. This committee is to advise with the temporary chairman and he is to publish the call when the date is fixed.

It was requested that all who attended this meeting solicit and secure the attendance of as many more as they could at the next meeting and especially for the permanent organization. The expense for organizer and lecturer will not probably amount to more than 25 or 50 cents per member and the business men of the town will cheerfully help bear the expense. After the organization the expense of conducting the meetings will be little or nothing.

It was decided to hold another informal meeting on the 2nd Saturday in Jan., 1903, unless the meeting for permanent organization is called sooner. A committee consisting of Messrs. J. C. Bohannon, S. V. Jones, M. A. Clifton and W. F. Stockton was appointed to discuss the oat question at this meeting, giving all the information obtainable as to the best variety for this section, time to sow, manner of sowing, etc.

Dislocated her Shoulder

Mrs. Johanna Soderholm, of Ferguson Falls, Minn., fell and dislocated her shoulder. She had a surgeon get it back in place as soon as possible, but it was quite sore and pained her very much. Her son mentioned that he had seen Chamberlain's Pain Balm advertised for sprains and soreness, and she asked him to buy her a bottle of it, which he did. It quickly relieved her and enabled her to sleep which she had not done for several days. The son was so much pleased with the relief it gave his mother that he has since recommended it to many others. For sale by All Drug stores.

Snow fell to the depth of two feet in portions of New Mexico last week.

F. G. ALEXANDER & CO., Going Out of Business!

We desire on the eve of this important change in our affairs to congratulate our friends and customers on their energetic efforts to succeed in their business during the past unusually hard year.

We thank those who have traded with us and settled their accounts in full or in part. Most have done their best under the circumstances, and we appreciate that.

We have no fault to find, but must request those who have not been able to pay us in full to come forward now and make satisfactory settlements.

The firm of F. G. Alexander & Co., is going out of business and will be succeeded by the "Alexander Mercantile Co." on January 1st.

Future accommodations with the new firm will depend upon prompt compliance with this request.

RESPECTFULLY,

F. G. Alexander & Co.

P. S. This means every man that owes us.

TERRELL'S DRUG STORE,
Southwest Corner Public Square
Haskell, Texas.

Handles only the Finest and Best drugs. Carries a nice line of
**Jewelry, Notions and Sundries;
Stationery, Watches, Clocks, Spectacles, Etc.**

J. F. FOOTE,
Watchmaker and Jeweler.

I do all classes of repairing on watches and clocks and guarantee my work.
ENGRAVING
I have an engraving machine and can do any style of engraving on jewelry or silverware.
Located at BAKER'S DRUG STORE.

J. M. SCHWARTZ
Maker of
FINE BOOTS & SHOES
...Fit, Style and Quality Guaranteed...
I have had many years experience in making Cow-boy boots. A trial will convince you of the excellence of my work.

OWN A HOME.
—The residence of Mr. T. G. Carney opened wide its doors last Tuesday evening in an At Home to the members of the W. C. T. U. and their husbands and to the honorary members and their wives. The reception was given in honor of the honorary members, and with Mrs. Carney as hostess, a pleasant time was assured all.

Various kinds of games were indulged in and Misses Mason and Garren with lovely piano solos contributed much to the pleasure of all present.

The test of taste was then applied and furnished no little amusement. Eight saucers containing respectively salt, pepper, ginger, sugar, spice, sage, cloves and mustard were passed around. The saucers being numbered from 1 to 8 and each person was allowed to taste of the contents of each saucer. He was then required to write its name against the corresponding number on the paper. After tasting ginger pepper and cloves, some of the tongues became so thick that they were unable to distinguish longer one article from another.

No one named all the articles but the following named seven of the eight and had their names recorded on the roll of honor, Mr. T. G. Carney, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Kusel, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. R. W. Tyson and Miss Sallie Baker.

Best Liniment on Earth.
Henry D. Baldwin, Supt. City Water Works, Shullsburg, Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth." 25c, 50c each bottle at J. B. Baker's.

HELPFUL READING

Some newspapers print matter to fill up space. Much of this is really harmful reading. It is the aim of THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS to give helpful reading. Thousands will testify to its helpfulness to them. Ask your neighbor.

THE FARMERS' DEPARTMENT
written by college professors and others up North on conditions that don't exist here. It is the actual experience of farmers here at home who have turned over the soil.

If you are not taking THE FARMERS' DEPARTMENT, it is helpful to the least interests of your town and country. For \$2.00 cash in advance, we will mail you THE FARMERS' DEPARTMENT. THE GALLETON OF THE DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS for twelve months. The News stops when your time is out.

WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON TO TRAVEL for well established houses in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary \$1200 a year and expenses, payable \$19.70 a week in cash and expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rising. Standard House, 324 Dearborn St., Chicago. (No 50)

—I'm after your cigar trace—try me for a good smoke, K. Jones.

If the Hague tribunal does the right thing it will deduct the value of Venezuelan property destroyed by England and Germany from any award made to them.

Finds Way to Live Long.

The startling announcement of a discovery that will surely lengthen life is made by editor O. H. Downey, of Churubusco, Ind. "I wish to state," he writes, "that Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption is the most infallible remedy that I have ever known for coughs, colds and grip. It's invaluable to people with weak lungs. Having this wonderful medicine no one need dread pneumonia or consumption. Its relief is instant and cure certain." J. B. Baker guarantee every 50c and \$1 bottle, and give trial bottles free.

A few farmers in this country have always raised hogs and produced their own bacon and lard with sometimes a surplus to sell. What some have done others, if not all, can do, and thus keep at home the thousands of dollars that have been going abroad every year for meat and lard.

With the facts demonstrated the past year as to the ability of this country to produce a good grain crop under the most adverse conditions, no one need hesitate to "plant hogs" for fear that they will not make grain to fatten them. With wheat, oats, sorghum, etc. for pasturage and kafir corn, milo maize, etc., for grain, we believe that hogs can be raised here as cheaply and profitably as any where, and, if this be true and a surplus be produced, there are the packeries at Fort Worth to take them at a good price. These packeries will soon be in operation with a capacity for slaughtering from 25,000 to 20,000 hogs daily throughout the year.

We believe there is money to be made in the hog business and progressive farmers

The Old Stager's Family Medicines

Tested by Twenty Years Use. Guaranteed to Cure.

I hereby guarantee every bottle of the Old Stager Remedies to give perfect satisfaction. If not relieved or cured after giving any of these medicines a fair trial according to directions call on the dealer of whom you purchased it and will promptly refund your money. They are sold to him under that agreement by me.

Following is a brief description of the "Old Stager Remedies." If affected with any of the maladies mentioned, try a bottle of the medicine recommended for it—no cure no pay! That is enough said and there is no need for me to go into the lengthy description of diseases and symptoms usually found in patent medicine advertisements, further than to tell what each remedy is good for.

Old Stager's La Gripp Specific This medicine has no equal for La Gripp, Colds, Neuralgia, Headache and Fever.

Old Stager's Liniment. The best liniment on earth for man or beast for Swelling, Bruises, Cuts and Sores of any kind.

Old Stager's Cough Medicine This is the most reliable cough medicine on the market. Gives prompt relief and permanent cure when its use is persisted in. Give it a trial.

Old Stager's Catarrh Medicine This is better than all the nostrums and patent medicines advertised for Catarrh, Hay Fever and Cold in the Head. Gives quick relief.

Old Stager's Fistula Cure No case has ever been reported in which this preparation failed to cure Fistula. On the other hand many old and bad cases have been cured by it. It is easy to apply.

EMOLLINE This is one of the world's best and most elegant applications for chapped hands, face or lips. Removes roughness of the skin and makes it soft and smooth.

McLemore's Guaranteed Prairie Dog Poison This preparation is too well known in Western Texas, where the prairie dog pest abounds to require comment here. If you have dogs, don't fail to get it, because it's the best.

I want a reliable dealer to handle these remedies in every town in the United States. A. P. McLemore, Manufacturer and Distributor, Dallas, Texas.

Haskell, posted through the following dealers in the regions granted: W. H. Wyman & Co. (Haskell) The Prick Chapman Bros. (Haskell) Gessies & Howard, (Haskell) Sunday

Texas Central Railroad
Stamford Station
Train for Waco—Leaves 8 a. m.
" from Waco arrives 5 a. m.

CONNECTIONS at WACO
Cotton Belt
H and T C
I and GN
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for all points in North, South and East Texas, and to all points in the Old States via Memphis and New Orleans.

Write for rates and schedules to
W. F. McMillin, G. P. A.
Waco, - - Texas.

Cut this out and take it to any drug store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They cleanse and invigorate the stomach, improve the appetite and regulate the bowels. Regular size, 25c, per box.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure

Digests what you eat.

This preparation contains all of the digestants and digests all kinds of food. It gives instant relief and never fails to cure. It allows you to eat all the food you want. The most sensitive stomachs can take it. By its use many thousands of dyspeptics have been cured after everything else failed. It prevents formation of gas on the stomach, relieving all distress after eating. Diet unnecessary. Pleasant to take.

Get a bottle of Kodol at Stamford, Tex., going out to his customers part of the

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J. E. POOLE,
Editor and Proprietor.

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Saturday, December 27, 1902.

LOCAL DOTS.

—Mr. Warren Fitzgerald got back Monday from a trip on the plains.

—Williams has just put in an excellent line of pants, suspenders, etc. to which he invites your attention, both as to quality and prices.

—Mr. Charley Cummings arrived home Monday from Tulsa, where he has been for several months.

—You can always get vegetables and fruits at Williams' store when they are to be had in the market.

—Mr. W. L. Hills and family moved up from Stamford last Saturday and are domiciled in the residence lately occupied by Mr. Brockman.

—Messrs. G. W. Griffith and R. E. Debard returned Monday from their trip to Arkansas.

—Take notice—that T. G. Carney has the freshest, nicest and best lot of stuff to eat and wear to be found in the town—come alive!

—Misses Mary and Grace Anderson of the north part of the county, have been spending the week with friends in town.

—Capt. and Mrs. W. M. Wood were in town Monday and spent the night with friends.

—If you are interested about shoes, see the new line of gent's, ladies' and children's shoes just put in by R. P. Williams before you buy.

—Best line of cigars in town—K. Jones, south side.

—Miss Shelly Lee dismissed her art class last week and is spending the holidays with her parents at Munday.

—Mr. J. D. Spurlock, who resides on Mule creek, drew the handsome prize lamp at Mr. Williams' store, the lucky ticket being No. 381.

—All kinds of nuts, candies and fruits at K. Jones, south side.

—We are needing money and must make some collections at once, hence we ask all who owe us to call promptly and settle.

Neathery & Griffin.

—If you owe me, please shape matter to settle just as soon as possible.

S. L. Robertson.

—Mr. J. T. Halsell was up from Stamford Saturday for the first time since his great misfortune in the railroad wreck near Sherman, in which he lost one of his legs.

—Mr. Walter Hicks of the Free Press force visited and took Xmas dinner with his sister, Mrs. J. F. Lawson of Rayner.

—Capt. B. H. Dodson arrived home Wednesday night from the I. T. in time to be with his family for Christmas.

—A son of Rev. Heiser who is attending school at Ft. Worth is visiting his parents during the holiday vacation.

—Mr. J. P. Ashly of wildhorse prairie, has a brother visiting him from Smith county.

—Mrs. Rebecca Phillips and Miss Laura Garren visited with friends in town this week.

—Mr. G. R. Couch returned Monday from a business trip to the plains country.

—Mrs. Gill H. Smith of Pembroke, Ky., arrived here Wednesday on a visit to her niece, Mrs. H. S. Wilson.

—Mr. J. P. Davis and family, in which are included six grown sons, moved up this week to take charge of one of Mr. T. G. Carney's farms in the northwest part of the county. They will cultivate 395 acres next year.

—Mr. S. L. Yates and wife who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McWhirter, parents of Mrs. Yates, left yesterday morning for their home at Lampasas.

—Mr. J. A. Couch was the lucky man in the drawing for the \$25 side-board offered by Drs. Neathery & Griffin.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reeves of Munday, spent several days with Haskell relatives this week.

—Mr. Bob Robertson came down from Seymour and took Christmas with the home folks and incidentally, of course, saw his best girl.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Collins went up to Munday yesterday to spend a day or two with relatives.

—Dry goods, notions, clothing, hats, boots and shoes, ladies and gents furnishing goods, will be sold lower than ever at S. L. Robertson's.

—I have another shipment of Louisiana molasses and sugars on the way from New Orleans. Will make you prices that nobody else can meet.

T. G. Carney.

—Mr. Roy Albin of Midland, came in last Friday night to spend Christmas with his parents and see old Haskell friends.

—The death of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Norman on Tuesday afternoon was a sad bereavement that turned the anticipated pleasures of the holidays into a season of mourning for the parents. They have the sympathy of all in their grief.

—S. L. Robertson is receiving new goods and offering them at very low prices.

FOR SALE.

A. C. Foster offers for sale his entire Law Library for less than cost. The entire library will be sold together or in sets. Anyone wishing a rare and complete Land Law Library should get Mr. Foster's figures on his library, which was carefully selected with a view to the land practice.

—Mr. W. S. Rogers, a young lawyer of Dallas, and brother of Mrs. Marshall Pierson and Miss Alpha Rogers of this place, spent Christmas with them here.

—Mr. J. H. Cunningham is off on a business trip to Clairemont.

—Twenty-three different kinds of cakes, fresh from the Kansas City bakery—nicest thing in the market at Carney's.

—Z. B. Thomason & Son pay the biggest price for chickens, eggs, butter and hides. (4)

—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Couch took Christmas with friends in town.

—Mr. Hugh Rogers arrived from Dodge City, Kan., Wednesday evening on a visit to old home folks and friends, who were all glad to see him after his long absence.

—Miss Stella Couch is taking Xmas with her young friends in town.

—I will receive a car-load of corn at an early date. Persons wanting corn out of this shipment should put in their orders at once. Price will be close, to suit the times.

T. G. Carney.

—For use of grass and stalk field apply to J. F. Mitchell 5 miles north of Marcy. Will take 75 to 100 head of cattle at 25 cents per month. 3t

—Mr. D. R. Couch of the First National bank of Aspermont, with his wife and child, came over Monday to take Christmas with their numerous Haskell relatives.

Better Than a Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on the affected parts, is better than a plaster for a lame back and for pains in the side or chest. Pain Balm has no superior as a liniment for relief of deep seated, muscular and rheumatic pains. For sale by All Druggists.

—Mr. Lee Philipps and Miss Thomas of the Ample neighborhood were joined in marriage on Sunday 21st inst. at the home of the bride, Rev. Knight officiating.

Get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets at any Druggists. They are easier to take and more pleasant in effect than pills. Then their use is not followed by constipation as is often the case with pills. Regular size, 25c per box.

—We noticed an unusual stir and hurrying toward the court house about 11 o'clock Monday morning and went in to see what was up. We found all the old bachelors, young men and boys and a sprinkling of married men standing about the hallways grinning and winking at each other. Inquiry brought out the fact that a young man and young lady who had just driven into town were then in the clerk's office and that Mr. Long was writing out a marriage license—there was going to be a wedding right there. Well, we confess it, we edged up to where we could see 'em and, seeing, we didn't blame the gentleman even if he had stolen her, for the young lady was handsome and charming to look upon. But that crowd was badly disappointed, for when the gentleman got the license into his possession he and the lady went straight to the Methodist parsonage, where Rev. Heiser made them man and wife. We learned that they were Mr. H. V. Parish and Miss Nonie Cook of Stamford, to which place they returned after the ceremony.

How to Prevent Croup.

It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by All Druggists.

SPECIAL OFFER.

I am offering the following bargains in ladies underwear.

Fleece lined pants:
1 pair for 35 cents
2 pairs for 65 cents
3 pairs for \$1.00

These are splendid goods for winter.

S. L. Robertson.

—You can always get good apples, or oranges, bananas and lemons at K. Jones', on south side.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at J. B. Baker's."

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsome, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at J. B. Baker's drug store.

To the Public

I have rented the new wagon yard recently rebuilt by Dr. Simmons opposite my livery stable and am better prepared than ever with ample stall room, sheds and house, good well, fire wood, etc. for the use of my patrons.

Therefore I invite the patronage of all with the promise of ample and comfortable quarters at very moderate charges. Respectfully,

J. L. Baldwin

Sewing Machine for 25 Cents.

There is a chance to get a good, \$20.00 sewing machine at Williams' store for a quarter. Call and see about it.

—Z. B. Thomason & Son want your butter, eggs and hides. (4t)

—Miss Myrtle Baldwin arrived home Sunday night from Austin, where she is attending St. Mary's Academy, and is taking Christmas with her parents and young friends in Haskell.

—You can get all the ingredients for making your Christmas fruit cake and mince pies at T. G. Carney's.

—Mr. A. Marchbanks moved his family to town this week, to the residence recently vacated by Dr. Coston.

—The girls' branch of the Woman's Home Mission society gave an entertainment at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lemmon on Tuesday night, which was enjoyed by a large crowd of the young folks. An admission fee of 10 cents was taken at the door and each guest was given ten tickets. An hour or so was devoted to various amusements, when the guests were called to the room where the "slot machine" had been arranged and were instructed that by dropping a ticket into each of the ten slots they would receive the various refreshments provided for the evening. This slot machine was a rather novel and amusing affair itself, consisting of ten boys and girls with bandboxes inverted over their heads and with curtains dropped in front so as to hide their persons. Each box had a slot cut in it to receive the tickets and as they were dropped in the various articles of the menu were passed out. When the company had made the rounds of the machine they found themselves severally provided with a wooden plate, tooth pick, spoon, some salad, peanuts, cake, candy and chewing gum. Needless to say, it was a frolic they all enjoyed.

Parties owing accounts at the meat market must settle on the first of the month, otherwise we cannot continue their accounts.

Cunningham & Ellis.

A Million Voices.

Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and writes—"it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 227 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. B. Baker's.

—Mr. Walter McWhirter, now located in Galveston, came in Tuesday night to take Christmas with the home folks.

Notice of Stockholder's Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. at the office of said bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting. G. R. Couch, Cashier. Haskell, Texas, Dec. 13, 1902.

—All kinds of nuts, apples, oranges, lemons, dates, cranberries and candies at T. G. Carney's.

—Mr. Oscar Carothers, who has been attending school at Waxahatchie, arrived Friday night last to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carothers.

—Messrs. Hardy, Grissom and Alva Couch, from Add-Ran College and Baylor University, Waco, are taking Christmas with the home folks.

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**LADIES' CLOAKS,
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Local and Traveling Public the best and most comfortable accommodations to be had in Haskell, without a corresponding advance in prices.

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We are handling this plow this season. It has come to be an acknowledged fact that the Disc is superior to all other plows for breaking land and putting it in a good state of cultivation. Especially is this true in a dry season, and no farmer in this section should be without one.

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DIRECTORS:—M. S. Pierson, G. R. Couch, Marshal Pierson, Leo Pierson D. R. Couch.

—Mrs. A. R. Meadors and daughter, Miss Mamie, came up from Albany Tuesday to enjoy Christmas with relatives and friends here.

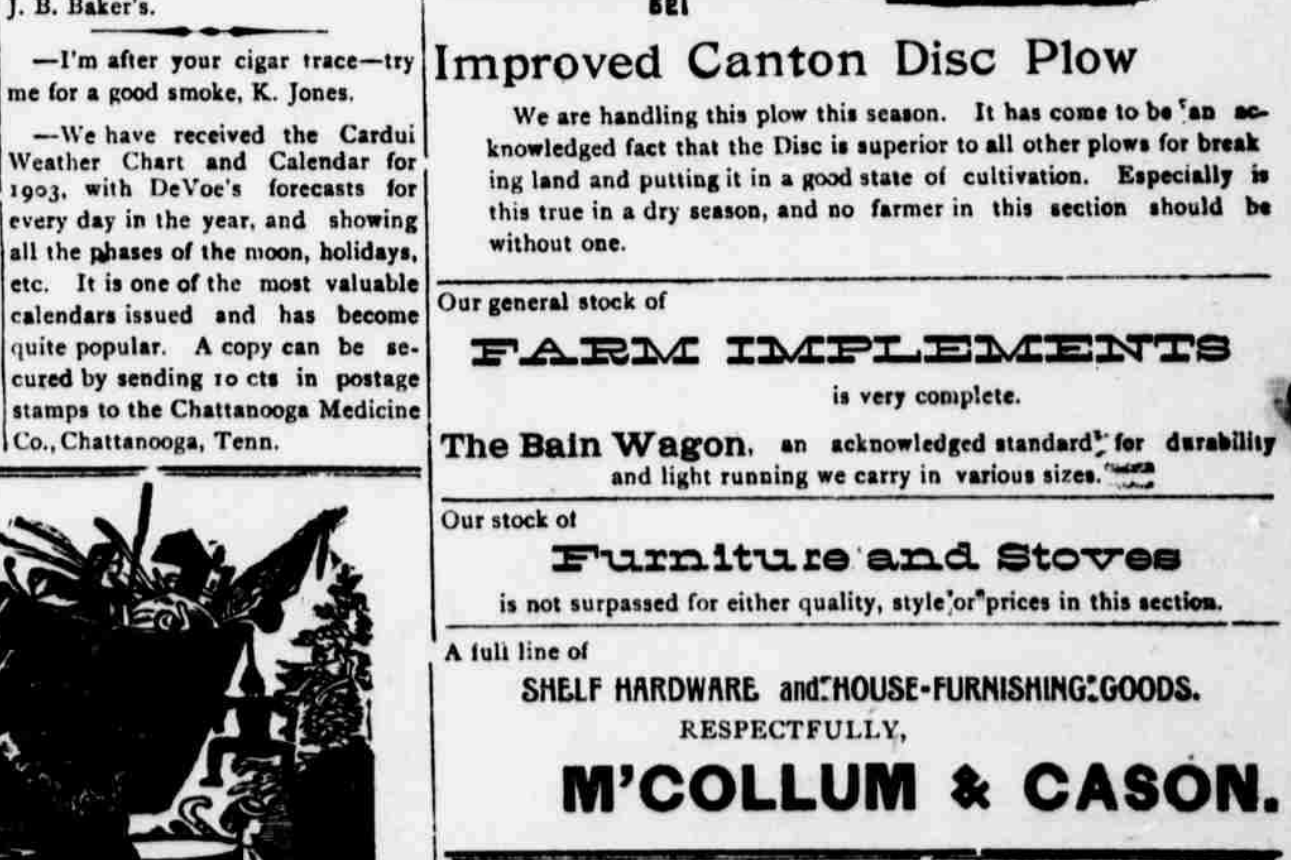
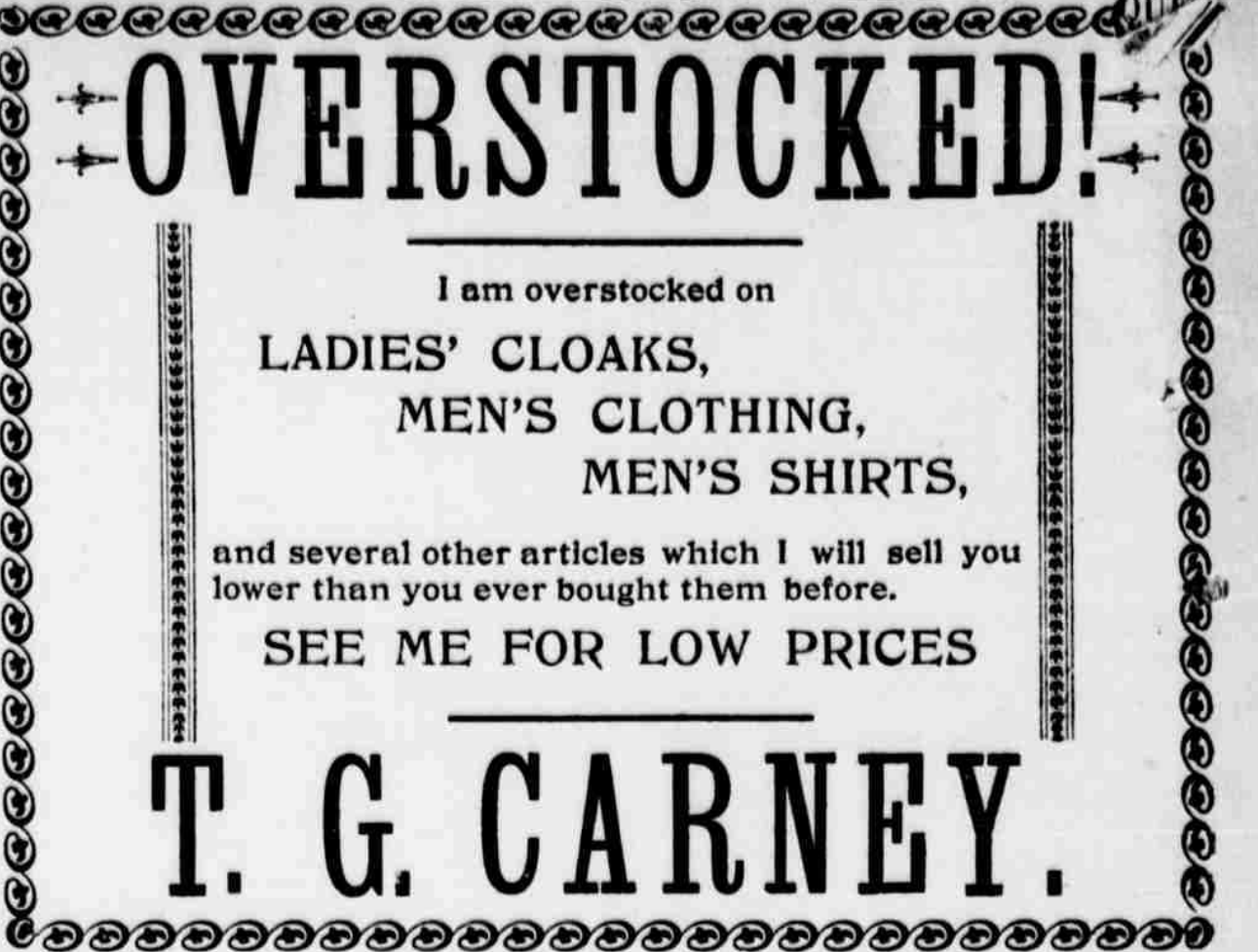
—Mr. Jack Simmons is down from Dalhart taking Christmas with the home folks.

—Mrs. Wm. Oglesby received a telegram last Saturday afternoon informing her that her father was seriously ill and not expected to live and she left by the first train from Stamford, Sunday morning, to visit him.

—New crop Louisiana molasses at Carney's.

The Pride of Heroes.

Many soldiers in the last war were to say that for scratches, bruises, cuts, wounds, corns, sore feet and stiff joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for burns, scalds, boils, ulcers. Skin eruptions and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at J. B. Baker's drug store.





HINTS

Novel Ornament of Salt.

An attractive household ornament, having the appearance of a marble fountain, can be made by putting some salt and enough water to dissolve it in a very small glass fruit dish, and from day to day add a little more water and salt.

In a short time the salt will spread and crystallize over the edges of the glass, then down around the outside. This dish may then be stood upon another similar dish, of larger size, as shown in the illustration, and salt and water placed on it regularly in like manner.

The same result will follow, when



The Fountain of Salt.

A third larger fruit dish, and perhaps a fourth and fifth, may be added to the column.

With the constant additions of salt and water, the crystallization will spread over and down the entire column, appearing like a fountain or waterfall, white and sparkling.

The salt will harden, holding all the section of the marble-like pillar firmly together.

Voguish Corsets.

The woman isn't in existence who hasn't a fondness for dainty lingerie, and the corset figures under this head.

Dainty and exquisite designs in corsets are making their appearance in a wide variety of cut and material. All the cuts tend toward the deep dip in front and the long hip, while the materials consist of flowered silks and satins.

It has been admitted by people of unquestioned good sense and taste that the corset of to-day is cut and made in such a manner as to give the wearer an exquisite figure and comfort at the same time, and it will be a long time before it goes out, for the fashionable woman will not give up beauty and comfort without a struggle.

The ribbon corset is still with us and bids fair to stay, for the slender woman has made it popular.

One corset is in double satin ribbon, a pale primrose in color, and made a little broader than the ribbon corsets worn this summer. It fastens with four silver clasps and has six rows of stitching under each arm in dark primrose silk.

A pretty model in black satin is designed especially for women who are inclined to be a little stout.

It is trimmed profusely with fine black silk lace and has supporters at the front and sides.

Rows of tiny baby ribbon head the lace at the top and end in a large double bow at the front.

Another new model is of white tulle silk embroidered in tiny white silk flowers.

It is made very long over the hips

and all the stitching is in bright red silk. The top is trimmed with a frill of duchesse lace headed with a broad beading.



A CHAT with Housekeepers

Never use soda when washing glazed or hand-painted china.

To clean gold lace or embroidery use spirits of wine that has been made warm.

To prevent the formation of crust inside kettles put in a small, well-scraped oyster shell.

Never scrub linoleum. Clean it by rubbing on a mixture of olive oil and vinegar in equal parts.

Black stockings will retain their color if washed in warm suds of soap and water, with a little vinegar in the rinse.

If you will set a dish of water in the oven when the cake is baking you will find that there will be no scorching.

Dry stale bread in the oven and put it through the grinder or roll and sift, putting the fine crumbs away in a jar for frying purposes.

School Frock for Winter.

Girl's frock of dark blue cloth trimmed with black soutache. The blouse has a pelerine extending to the waist both in front and back. The shawl collar and the girdle are of emerald green velvet. The plastron is of white taffeta, with black satin cravat. The skirt, cut in one piece,



has a hip yoke bordered with the soutache, which also trims the bottom of the skirt.—Wiener Mode-Album.

Popularity of Ruches.

The craze for ruches is still on the increase. Not only for the neck, but ruches appear on parasols, on petticoats and even on hats. Anything,

almost, can be ruched—velvet, ribbon, chiffon or gauze. Sometimes all of these materials and a few others appear on one contrivance for the shoulders. But the latest thing is the ruched hat, which is a simple affair, but so daring that only the smartest girls can wear it. It must be a big picture hat, trimmed with nothing but the large, fluffy ruches. The neck ruches are, of course, presenting many new features this fall, principally the tendency to drift into the cape form. These little half capes give much opportunity for the display of elaborate befrilled trimming, which is demanded at present.

Pretty New Coiffure.

The pretty coiffure sketched is one much favored this season, the hair being arranged in deep waves on the head and brought down to the nape of the neck behind, where it is arranged in several thick twists, with sometimes a loose curl, and tied with a broad, black satin or velvet ribbon. The result is very charming and most becoming to the possessors of blond or auburn hair. For the brunette, the ribbon should be colored, and a bright crimson for preference, as this tone makes a particularly pleasing contrast to dusky locks. Velvet is quite the material par excellence this



An Evening Coiffure.

winter, and is to be met with in the form of shaped bands, separate flouncies, or appliques, as well as forming whole gowns. It is a particularly becoming material, and, being at once soft and rich-looking, requires little or no trimming, unless it be some fur. Corduroy velvet is considered very smart for outdoor wear, and it is a harder and better wearing material than the other. Velvet, however, is a material for the rich only, as it must be of good quality to wear and look well, and the cost of a really good toilette is considerable. Two golden rules to observe in selecting anything are—never to buy anything that is startling or conspicuous unless you have a long purse, and avoid anything that is too smart or remarkable to go with the rest of your toilette, as it will make the whole look shabby.

The Latest Ideas From Paris

Chiffonette is a trifle heavier and more durable than chiffon.

A ready-made silk ruffling is much used in making light hats.

White is the smartest thing for both indoor and outdoor juvenile wear.

A smart golf jacket is of coral-red wool, with coat sleeves of red taffeta.

Fauxer silk comes in very large patterns in soft shades of gray and black for evening gowns.

A feature of this year's founcing is that the upper-skirt founce is deeper than the lower one.

The ostrich feather that droops upon the hair, though a slightly oute style, seems to be popular this fall.

The handsomest coats are those of three-quarter length and of the "box" style, in cloth or silk, fur-lined.

The box coats of velvet with fur collars are quite the prettiest of the loose and flowing coats of the season.

Choux at the back of the neck of heavy brussels net in black and fuffy maline in white are very popular and quite becoming.

Three Beautiful Evening Wraps.

Bewildering Combinations of Lace, Velvet and Chiffon.



Such soul-satisfying "creations"! Happy is the woman who possesses one of these luxurious, almost regal, evening wraps.

To go about knowing that her less fortunate sisters are envying her and wondering where she discovered this beautiful and novel thing is not an unsatisfactory state of mind for the womanly woman, who, no matter how learned she may be, does love pretty clothes.

One lovely woman has ordered a long coat of champagne-colored velvet. Around the foot of it is a deep band of heavy cream-colored lace, the yoke and shoulder cape are of the same lace, and the flowing sleeves are finished with it. Around the high standing collar, and falling down either side of the front, are cascades of champagne-colored chiffon, edged with a tiny border of cream-colored lace.

Another woman has ordered a coat of pale rose panne velvet. It is applied in a graceful design of black Chantilly lace, and on Van Dyke

shaped shoulder cape, and down the front are masses of accordion plaited chiffon in a darker shade of rose.

Not quite so dressy, but very pretty and smart, is a three-quarter coat of fawn-colored broadcloth. It hangs in deep plaits from an embroidered yoke, and the embroidered design being carried on the broad collar, on the full sleeves and down the front. With this goes a beautiful sable collar in the shape of two tabs with beautiful tails.

All three coats are extremely new and fetching.

VENEZUELA SUBMITS; ARBITRATION WINS

Financial Interests of the Country Urge President Castro to Yield—Minister Bowen Undoubtedly Will Be One of the Arbitrators—Britain Admits State of Warfare—The Sinking of the Venezuelan Battleships.

It is now more than probable that the difficulty between Venezuela and the powers will be arbitrated. Although no definite conclusion has been reached, it is generally conceded that Minister Bowen will be one of the arbitrators.

This action was the result of a demand made upon President Castro by large financial interests in Caracas, urging him to bow to the superior force and yield to the power of the allies, receding as gracefully as possible from the position he has taken. Strong pressure was brought to bear upon him to influence him to take this action. A large number of the merchants of Caracas presented the matter to the president and urged him to this course. They submitted that Venezuela was powerless against the mighty strength of England and Germany, assisted through the ultimatum of Italy and the withdrawal of the Italian minister, by the strength of that country.

It is reported that President Castro has decided to yield to the wishes of the delegation and sue for peace through Minister Bowen. He is reported to be willing to accept the terms of the British and German ultimatums.

From the beginning of the trouble President Castro has acted with ex-

trordinary energy. He has transformed the entire country into a vast camp, having raised more than 40,000 men, whom he has well armed, equipped and transported from every direction to La Guayra and Porto Cabello, occupying territory even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds. All the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully considered and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals.

The government is most anxious that these operations, the necessity for which we deeply regret, should be as little inconvenient to neutrals as they can possibly be made. No difference will be made between the vessels of the various neutral powers. I think it is quite likely that the United States will think that there cannot be such a thing as a "pacific blockade," and I, personally, take the same view. Evidently a blockade involves a state of war."

represent Germany as the propelling power in the coercion of Venezuela and as being responsible for all the harsh measures.

For instance, they say, the boys



HERBERT BOWEN THE AMERICAN MINISTER TO VENEZUELA

Mr. Balfour added that the blockade would be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible.

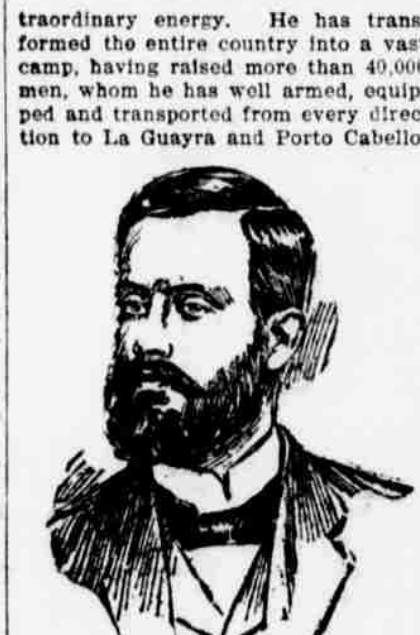
The premier also said the operations were reluctantly undertaken, not to recover debts, but, after a long and patient delay, to recover compensation for assaults on British subjects and the seizure of British vessels.

He believed that the Germans also had claims besides the financial ones. Mr. Balfour's statement was made in reply to the desire of the liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, for information on the Venezuelan situation. After reiterating Lord Lansdowne's brief statement in the house of lords, the premier continued:

"The blockade will be carried out by Great Britain and Germany along different portions of the coast, and though the two fleets will have the same objects they will not act as one force. We never had any intention of landing troops in Venezuela or of



Showing Relative Distances of England, Germany and Points in North America from Venezuela, and Don A. F. Pulido, Venezuelan Charge d'Affaires at Washington.



President Castro.

In the expectation that the allies would attempt to land at one or both of these points.

But there has been a change of feeling, and the prominent men of Venezuela who were at one time ready to lead the people in defense of their country now consider that justification to take the men of the republic away from their families and their work does not exist. They have resolved to discover a means to bring about arbitration, or at least treat with the allies. The means sought is thought to lie through the United States legation, and satisfactory results are on every hand expected to follow.

SAYS STATE OF WAR EXISTS.

British Premier Makes Explicit Statement in House of Commons.

In the course of a long statement

Will Help His Countrymen.

Constantin Stephanoff, brother of

Mme. Talika, who was kidnapped with Miss Stone, the missionary, has completed a six years' course at Yale and is now on his way home to Macedonia, where he will devote his life to uplifting his countrymen. During the first three years of his course he waited on table and did odd jobs for his tuition. Later he was motorman on a trolley car, working all night, attending recitations until afternoon, and then going to bed. In this way he worked his way through until he secured the master of arts degree.

Women Want Too Much.

In reply to a request for a gift for their bazaar the women of the Methodist church of Big Springs, Logan county, Ohio, have received the following letter from the white house: "Mrs. Roosevelt acknowledges receipt of your recent letter and states that she would be glad to comply with your wishes if it were not that requests similar to your own have become so numerous that she regrets to find it impossible to grant them."

GERMAN POSITION IS STATED.

No Occupation of Venezuelan Territory to Be Considered.

The German foreign office denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur.

The officials allege that a systematic effort is apparently being made to

occupying territory even temporarily. We do not think it desirable on either military or other grounds. All the conditions governing such a blockade have been carefully considered and will be published in due time for the information of neutrals.

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The allies have released Gen. Bello, who was made a prisoner in Castle Libertador, and have promised to release the other prisoners in a few hours. Fort Solano and Castle Libertador are not to be garrisoned by Venezuela as long as the present difficulties continue. This is agreed upon to avoid another bombardment.

It is denied officially that Argentina intends to intervene in the Venezuelan affair, although the press protest against the actions of the Anglo-German fleets. In the chamber Deputy Martinez protested against what he termed the brutality of the powers against weak nations and invited the Argentine government to initiate a policy aimed frankly at securing the solidarity of South America by means of an agreement of mutual defense and independence among all South American nations. M. Martinez's resolution was referred to committee.

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Strange Fulfillment of Dream.

The strange fulfillment of a dream was revealed at an inquest at Bradford, Yorkshire, recently. Benjamin Pearson, aged 21, a mill hand, was killed by falling backwards in a hoist shaft. Ezra Mitchell, a fellow workman, said he told his colleagues he had dreamt that Pearson was dead at the bottom of the shaft. A companion replied in jest: "Well, that's better go and see if your dream is true." To their dismay they found it was true, for the remains of Pearson were in the well.

Most Noted Sicilian Brigand.

A worthy successor to Musolino, the noted Sicilian brigand, now in prison, has arisen in the person of one Varsolona, whose fame even threatens to eclipse that of the other robber. Already 600 persons are waiting trial for aiding him in various ways, but Varsolona so far has succeeded in eluding officers sent to capture him. The bandit is hidden in the mountains with some half a dozen followers, the combination having thirty-one murders and countless robberies to its credit.

Guide Who Had No Veneration for Prominent Persons.

Among the most noted guides in the Adirondacks is "Chick" Bruce, whose skill in woodcraft is fully equalled by his absolute lack of anything in the shape of veneration for prominent persons. It is related that Grover Cleveland once made a hunting trip under the guidance of "Chick" Bruce. While waiting for the dogs to bring a fat buck deer within gunshot the chief executive calmly sat on a log basking in the sun with the muzzle of his shotgun resting over against his heart.

"Chick" noticed the situation and roared: "You—old fool, is that gun loaded?" to which Grover in a very humble manner replied that it was, and found both barrels at full cock. "Well, suppose you had killed yourself, what do you think they would do to me? Don't you know I'm a Republican?"

Maeterlinck's "Life of the Bee" has brought him a prize of \$200, awarded by the French academy.

ANIMALS AT BANQUET

THANKSGIVING FEAST GIVEN AT CHICAGO.

Dogs and Cats Enjoy Good Things Spread Before Them in Honor of the Day—Mongrel Cur the Best Behaved of the Whole Bunch.

HE wise saw, "Like master, like man," does not apply in the case of dogs, it appeared when a plemian pup taught table etiquette to patri-

cian poodles at the Thanksgiving banquet of the Canine league at the home for friendless dogs and cats in Chicago.

Fags, the most battered specimen from a nondescript array of mongrels, was the dog whose table manners were a mute reprimand to Boris and



Forgetful of Decorum.

(This is How Most of the Dogs at the Thanksgiving Feast Reported Themselves.)

Dodo, two poodles that had held reputation of being polished members of the canine swell set. Throughout the banquet the pariah was dignified, while the poodles indulged in a series of infraction of the table code that eventually wound up in a fight over the possession of a turkey drumstick and led to their banishment from the board. They chewed their napkins, they barked when the meat course was brought on, they danced on the table and lapped water audibly from the finger bowls, while Fags adhered strictly to the conventionalities.

Two tables were spread for the cats and dogs and two turkeys and a loaf of bread formed the viands. The cats were fed early in the afternoon and in the presence of an admiring throng of spectators sat demurely on their stools and ate the slices of white meat as they were served. The cats' feast passed off without a disturbance and the feline contingent, after a few vocal solos and choruses, was returned to the wire cages without a scratch being inflicted.

The trouble began when Bob White, the custodian, led the dogs to their seats. Most of them were refractory and had to be tied to their chairs before they would keep their seats. After they had been arranged a Spitz terrier bit his neighbor in the ear and the banquet was delayed for ten minutes before the Spitz was sent back in disgrace to his cage.

Early in the morning a boy had led into the home a plucking object with matted hair, in which were mixed many cockle burs. White named the newcomer Fags, on account of his looks, but after a bath the dog looked better and was allowed to sit at the table. The poodles, both of which have been inmates of the institution for a week, sat on his right, while a blooded bull pup whose forelegs looked as if he had been practicing the giant swing sat at the head of the board.

The twenty dogs sniffed eagerly as the soup was brought in tin plates. They placed their paws on the table and lapped it up with little noise. Dodo, so called on account of the largeness of his feet, however, managed to place a paw on the edge of

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Teaching the Dogs Manners.

(Quiet Corner at Thanksgiving Feast for his plate, and dogs granted scornfully as the contents were spread over the cloth.)

While waiting for the meat Boris took Dodo's napkin in his mouth and tried to tear it. The two poodles at once were embroiled in a fight, but separated when Fags scowled at them and growled ominously.

When the first plate of turkey was brought on the poodles pranced upon the table and each seized an end of a drumstick. They knocked the celery holder over and snally fell from the table, carrying the cloth with them. Fags jumped and took Boris by the neck and shook him. He leaped back to his seat in time to get his plate of meat, while White placed the poodles back in their cages with a plate of dry bread to reflect on.

No other interruptions marred the banquet, which was finished with a parade around the kennels led by the blooded bull pup, whose chain was in the hands of White. Little remained of the two turkeys and the loaf of bread. Fifty members of the association and their friends witnessed the banquet.

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

I Did Not Feel That I Could Walk

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It is with thankfulness I write that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been of the greatest help to me. My work keeps me standing on my feet all day and the hours are long. Some months ago it didn't seem as though I could stand it. I would get so dreadfully tired and my back ached so I would scream with the pain. When I got home at night I was so worn out I had to go right to bed, and I was terribly blue and downhearted. I was irregular and the flow was scanty, and I was pale and had no appetite. I told a girl friend who was taking your medicine how I felt, and she said I ought to take it too. So I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and commenced to take it. It helped me right off. After the first few doses menstruation started and was fuller than for some time. It seemed to lift a load off me. My back stopped aching and I felt brighter than I had for months. I took three bottles in all. Now I never have an ache or pain, and I go out after work and have a good day. I am regular and strong and am thankful to you for the change. I recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound whenever I hear of a girl suffering, for I know how hard it is to work when you feel so sick."—Miss MAMIE KEIRNS, 553 9th Ave., New York City.

Women should not fail to profit by the experiences of these women; just as surely as they were cured of the troubles enumerated in their letters, just so certainly will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure others who suffer from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, irregular and painful menstruation, nervous excitability, and nervous prostration; remember that it is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that is curing women, and don't allow any druggist to sell you anything else in its place.

Miss Amanda T. Peterson, Box 131, Atwater, Minn., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I hope that you will publish this testimonial so that it may reach others and let them know about your wonderful medicine. "Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was troubled with the worst kind of fainting spells. The blood would rush to my head, was very nervous and always felt tired, had dark circles around eyes. "I have now taken several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am entirely cured. I had taken doctor's medicine for many years but it did me no good. "Please accept my thanks for this most excellent medicine which is able to restore health to suffering women."

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ALL DEALERS KEEP THEM

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His Little Avocation.
"But," said the bright and good-looking young woman, "haven't you any pursuit to follow for the simple love of it in the hours when you are not at your office?"

"The great and powerful organizer of trusts stood for a moment abashed by the simple candor of a young girl. Then a ray of inspiration swept over his countenance, and he answered: "Oh, yes. I'm a coin collector."

Municipal Aid.
"Well," remarked Miss Innocence, "the government may not believe in women taking the initiative in matters of love, but this city certainly does."

"I don't see how," replies Miss Antike, with more interest than might have been expected.

"It's plain as print. The city clerk is advertising for sealed proposals," replies Miss Innocence.

A Pleasant Suggestion.



"I went to New York the other day. My wife went not with me. Some girls said pertly on the street, 'Can he a man be?'"

Only Death is Sure.
"Dolly," said the sick Mr. Highroller to his little daughter, "has it occurred to you that papa might die and go to heaven?"

"No," replied the child, "because I asked the doctor that very question. "And what did he say?"

"He said: 'I don't think he will, although, of course, he will have to die some day.'"

A Timely Warning.
"Now, my child," said the Deed Mother, as she selected a nice Place for the Little Deer, "if you want to see the Real Thing in Deer Hunts, sit here by the Roadside, and be Careful not to Move, or the Hunter may take you for a Man and Shoot you."

For the Deer Mother was Up-to-Date and read the Daily Papers.

Room for Sorrow.
"Missus," "Poor darling, little Topsey! I'm afraid she will never recover. Do you know, Bridget, I think the kindest thing would be to have her shot and put her out of her misery!"

"Bridget—'Deed, m'am, I wouldn't do that. Sure, she might get better, after all, an' then ye'd be sorry ye'd had her killed!"—Punch.

Assured of Quiet.
Tommy—Can we play at keeping a shop in here, mamma?
Mamma (who has a headache)—Certainly, but you must be very, very quiet.

Tommy—Well, we'll pretend we don't advertise.

Equally Ignorant.
Assessor—"I am sorry your husband is not in. By the way, maybe you can tell me, approximately, the amount of his personal property."
The Wife—"Why, no! I had thought perhaps I might find out from you."

Taking a Contract.
Farmer (wearing long boots)—"Hey, Sonny! D'ye want tew shine 'em fer a dime?"
Bootblack (looking them over)—"How far up?"

Nerved Up.
Gladys—"That poor young Snobleigh actually dared to kiss me! What could he have been thinking of?"
Ethel—"His debts, probably!"—Puck.

In the Art Gallery.



"Were these ladies disappointed by their dressmaker, mamma?"

Not What He Meant.
A well-known authoress was once talking with a dilapidated bachelor, who retained little but his conceit. "It is time now," he said, pompously, "for me to settle down as a married man, but I want so much. I want youth, health, wealth, of course, beauty, grace—"

"Yes," said his fair listener, sympathetically, "you poor man, you do want them all."

How True!
"I have noticed that babies always have very open countenances." "Yes, especially about midnight."

There are plenty of people who have become depressed and discouraged, because that dry, hacking cough hangs to them continually. They have taken much medicine, mostly of the advertised quack sort, nothing like Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea, the discovery of a then noted German physician 60 years ago. We do not say that this will cure a case where the lungs are badly diseased, for it will not, and up to this date there is nothing that will cure under these conditions; but on the other hand, if the lungs are not hard hit, the patient should take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea, a cup full every night on going to bed, have it hot, drink slowly, then every other night rub the throat and top portion of the lungs with St. Jacobs Oil, cover with oil silk, let it remain an hour, then remove. Eat good, plain, nourishing food, live in the open air as much as possible. By all means sleep as near out of doors as possible, that is, windows wide open, except in the very severe weather. Take a cold sponge bath every morning; then immediately rub the body vigorously with a coarse towel. Take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops every other day according to directions. One can buy the three remedies for \$1.25 of any reliable druggist. Begin the treatment at once and see how much better you will be almost within a week's time.

Formerly the office sought the man, but at the present stage of the game it is kept busy trying to dodge him.

I do not believe Pro's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds. Jones F. Borm, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 5, 1900.

The average magazine serial contains about as much meat as a prepared breakfast food.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

A woman without children has not yet the most precious of her jewels.

THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT
will use no other. Defiance Cold Water Starch is sold in 12 oz. and 24 oz. sizes. Price 10c and 20c. Other brands contain only 12 oz.

The phenologist can often tell by the bumps on a man's head what sort of a wife he has.

Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

We may all prate of moral strength, but when temptation comes along one is apt to fall down flat.

WARNING!
Tenderness, aching in the small of the back is a serious symptom. The kidneys are suffering. Take Smith's Sure Kidney Cure at once. It is a reliable kidney remedy and system regulator, and will cure the trouble before it develops its dangerous stage. Price 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

It is better to spare the rod and spoil the child than spoil the child by using the rod too much.

THE TEXAS MIDLAND
Has arranged for through car service to the Mississippi and other accommodations of the Christmas Holiday travel the coming season, making direct connection for all points in the south-east. The Midland Route is without a peer in this section of the country from any point of view, and with the inauguration of this new service will no doubt handle a large percentage of the business originating on or contiguous to their line.

A letter addressed to the General Passenger Office of The Midland at Terrell, Texas, or to any Texas Midland Ticket Agent, will elicit complete information regarding rate, time-card, etc., for any contemplated trip.

Give heed to her to whom children have come; she walks in the sacred ways and lacks not love.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. It is superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 oz., while all the other kinds contain but 12 oz. It is safe to say that the lady who will use Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

While her whole nature may revolt at a union, woman's tender heart oft-times prevents a rupture.

Catarah Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarah is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarah Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarah Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best medicines known, combined with the best blood purifiers, and directly acts on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarah. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by all druggists.

We can not bid love stay or depart. The little god is totally oblivious to hospitality or the lack of it.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

To the Southwest Via Southern Railway.
Railroads in Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory will sell round-trip tickets over the Southern Railway to points in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina, account Christmas holidays, at reduced rates. Tickets will be sold Dec. 15, 17, 21, 23, 25 and 26, 1902, limited to return thirty days from date of sale.

Choice of three routes are offered, either via Memphis, New Orleans or Shreveport.

Parties en route to their old homes in the Southeast and desiring fewest possible changes should see that their tickets read via the Southern Railway. Schedules and equipment via this route are unexcelled.

For maps, schedules and other information call on nearest ticket agent or write C. A. De Saussure, D. P. A., Memphis, Tenn.; M. H. Bone, W. P. A., Houston, Tex.

Trust not the woman that thinketh more of herself than another; money will not dwell in her heart.

A Shrewd Advertiser.

The most curious part of an advertisement now running in some of the English papers of a wonderful charm worn by Pharaoh 4,000 years ago, and guaranteed to bring success in business, fortune in speculation and happiness in home life, health, strength and vigor, and for sale by the advertiser, is a report, incorporated in the advertisement, from Mr. St. Chad Roseawen, of the British Museum, certifying that the article submitted to him is often found on Egyptian mummies, and "its magical use is undoubted."

Knew Smell of Dorset.
The following is a good story about Dr. Buckland, father of Frank Buckland, the naturalist: One night he was dining with a friend whose residence was situated near the borders of the counties of Somerset, Wilts, and Dorset. On driving home late at night in the dark his coachman completely lost his way. The dean, however, came to the rescue. He left the carriage, groped about for a handful of dirt, smelt it and exclaimed: "Dorset! Off the road, John; turn back." The coachman did so, and soon got back into the right track.

Too Literal.
The rolling mill operator was angry.

"Why, confound it!" he exclaimed to the reporter, who was asking for particulars, "the men left without a moment's notice. They walked away from their places, leaving the metal at a white heat."

"In fact," remarked an interested bystander, "they have backed up their belief in the saying, 'Strike while the iron is hot.'"

But in the excitement of the hour the point he made was overlooked entirely.

Wu's Graceful Compliment.
On the eve of Minister Wu's departure from Washington a young woman of his acquaintance said to him that she hoped to visit China some day, as what he had told her about his native country had been so interesting.

"But you have never explained," she added, "why Chinamen take four or five wives." With a grave bow the oriental diplomat said: "My countrymen take so many in order that they may find in all of them the beauties and accomplishments of one such young lady as you," and she reveres that Chinaman.

Extreme in Experiments.
Lady Bancroft, the London actress (this was before her husband got a handle to his name) accidentally cut her hand one morning. In the evening she was talking about it to her fellow players. "It is a lucky thing for me," said she, "that I am not a doctor, for a wound such as this might be a very serious thing if I had much alcohol in my system." "Oh, yes," coincided a bon vivant in the group, "that's a well-known fact. Indeed, I often cut my finger to see whether I've had enough for my good health."

INSIST ON GETTING IT.
Some grocers say they will keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 oz. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 16 oz. pkg. Defiance Starch for same money.

The gods honor her who thinketh long before opening her lips.

FITS Permanent Cure. Noted by the London Times. The day's son of the King's Great New Remedy. Sold by F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. U.S. & S. LACY, Patent Attys., Washington, D.C.

The gods honor her who thinketh long before opening her lips.

Luck is a mighty uncertain thing to sit around and wait for.

THE SON OF EX- U. S. MINISTER TO ENGLAND

Commends Peruna to All Catarrh Sufferers.



Hon. Lewis E. Johnson is the son of the late Reverdy Johnson who was United States Senator from Maryland, also Attorney General under President Johnson, and United States Minister to England, and who was regarded as the greatest constitutional lawyer that ever lived.

In a recent letter from 1006 F. Street, N. W., Mr. Johnson says:

"No one should longer suffer from catarrh when Peruna is accessible. To my knowledge it has caused relief to so many of my friends and acquaintances, that it is humanity to commend its use to all persons suffering with this distressing disorder of the human system."—Lewis E. Johnson.

Catarrh Poisons.
Catarrh is capable of changing all the life-giving secretions of the body into scalding fluids, which destroy and inflame every part they come in contact with. Applications to the places affected by catarrh can do little good save to soothe or quiet disagreeable symptoms. Hence it is that gargles, sprays, atomizers and inhalants only serve as temporary relief. So long as the irritating secretions of catarrh continue to be formed so long will the membranes continue to be inflamed, no matter what treatment is used.

There is but one remedy that has the desirable effect, and that remedy is Peruna. This remedy strikes at once to the roots of catarrh by restoring to the capillary vessels their healthy elasticity. Peruna is not a temporary palliative, but a radical cure.

Send for Dr. Hartman's latest book, sent free for a short time. Address The Peruna Drug Manufacturing Co., Columbus, Ohio.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Nothing reaches a woman's heart so quickly as a man's desire to confide in her.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, soothes the gums, allays inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. Use a bottle.

Marriage is a failure when both husband and wife make the discovery that they have married beneath them.

Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.

When fidelity becomes obligatory, life holds but few pleasures.

LEWIS

SINGLE BINDER

STRAIGHT 5¢ CIGAR

You Pay 10c. for Cigars Not so Good.

F. P. LEWIS, Peoria, Ill.

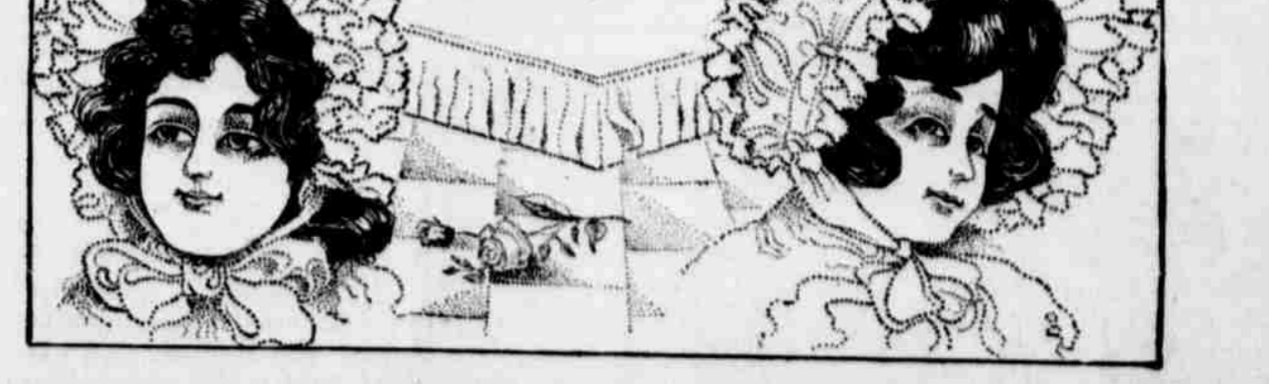
THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without griping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember the full name of the Company—

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.—is printed on the front of every package.



Respect always a silent woman; great is the wisdom of the woman that holdeth her tongue.

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Better keep on the safe side. Don't use a Liniment you're not sure about.
If you have an Injury, an Ache a serious Cut or Bruise, Lumbago, Neuralgia or anything that is curable by a Liniment, better get **MEXICAN MUSTANG LINIMENT.**
It cured aches and injuries of Man and Beast before many of you were born. It was found to be reliable by your sires and grandires: it will be found so by you.

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NEW DIVISION LAWS SENT FREE
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GETTING CLOSE UP

The President and the Cabinet Face an Undesirable Task.

SHIPS CANNOT TAKE ON CARGO

Much Dissatisfaction is Manifest Over a Rule of the Blockade Under Which Vessels May Discharge But Not Receive

Washington, Dec. 24.—The meeting of the cabinet was prolonged to more than two hours, the discussion of the Venezuelan situation and the proposed plans for settlement of the trouble by arbitration consuming practically the entire session.

No response had been received to the president's original suggestion to the powers that they consent to the reference of the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of the Hague's tribunal, and no formal request has been received for the president to act as arbitrator of the difficulty. That such a request will be received formally and officially is now practically assured.

It is known that the president and all the members of his cabinet at first preferred that the whole Venezuelan question should be referred to the Hague tribunal. It is believed that the president's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitrators. He would not submit this important undertaking to any one man, nor does he feel able himself to spare the vast amount of time necessary for an examination in detail of each of the many claims that are being presented against Venezuela. Necessarily the president's own board would include some members of a high order of legal talent, as well as others thoroughly versed in the practice of international law.

It is said that the crucial point before the arbitration is the famous "Calvo doctrine." This doctrine, which was laid down by the greatest of Latin American international lawyers, and for very many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin American republics, denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in behalf of one of its subjects where the courts of the country are open to the application for justice. Thus Venezuela has asserted that all of these claimants—British, German, Italian and French—might have gone before the Venezuelan courts, and if their causes had been just and so decided by the courts, the government would have paid the judgments. The objection to the view is that no account is taken of miscarriages of justice and of racial antipathies.

La Guayra. The allies have advised the foreign consuls here that steamers reaching La Guayra before Dec. 30 will be allowed to enter port and discharge their cargo during the day, but not allowed to take cargoes on board. This ruling has created general dissatisfaction here. As there is no export duty on goods shipped from Venezuela the ruling does not affect the government. Only the ship workers are affected.

All the mail steamers reaching here after Dec. 30 will be boarded from the blockading squadron and neutral passengers and the mails will be sent ashore under a flag of truce. No exception to this ruling in the matter of nationality will be made.

A schooner which attempted to enter port at 8:30 Thursday night was captured.

School Fund Increased.

Austin. The state board of education has made another appointment out of the available school fund for the current scholastic year adding the per capita to the two previous appointments and making a total of \$5 per capita for 1922-23, equaling the previous record breaker. With 759,673 children enumerated within the scholastic age and the total appropriation of \$4,800,000 on Sept. 1, the board added 10c on Oct. 11 and 10c again to-day, a total of \$5.

Proposed Colored College.

Brenham. The colored people of this district, composed of Lee, Burleson, Grimes and Washington counties, had a meeting here Monday and discussed the proposed college for colored youth. A permanent organization was effected. The committee are at work soliciting subscriptions and will report Monday Jan. 12, 1923.

Shooting at Sherman.

Sherman. Thomas Barker, aged 55, a farmer residing six miles northwest of the city, was shot and instantly killed while riding with his wife in an open-top wagon shortly before noon Monday in Northwest Sherman. The tragedy is but the continuation of another in which Robert Fairless, the father of the youth who stands charged with homicide, lost his life at the hands of the man who has now met his death in a tragic manner.

In that case Tom Barker was arraigned for trial and was acquitted by a jury in the district court. The alleged slayer is little more than a child. This afternoon W. H. Robinson, a school trustee in the district in which both families reside, stated that he is just 16 years of age.

Wells Fargo & Co. Raise Salaries.

New York. The employees of the Wells, Fargo & Co. to the number of 6,000 will have their salaries increased from 5 to 10 per cent, the increase to date from Dec. 1.

Oil Explosion at Wichita Falls.

Wichita Falls. An accumulation of fuel oil gas caused an explosion at the Wichita Mill and Elevator plant Tuesday, when the fireman under the boilers, blowing out the iron doors of the firebox, bursting open the doors of the engineers room, smashing the glass in the windows and injuring three men. Engineer J. E. Sells was badly burned on his face and both hands, and was also struck on his head by the edge of one of the doors, cutting a gash three inches long. He is seriously but not fatally injured. John Diggs, the fireman, and Will Yates, received severe burns on their faces and heads, and though the burns are painful, they are not believed to be dangerous.

Marconi's Success.

St. Johns, N. F. Marconi has sent a telegram to Premier Bond announcing his complete success in the transmission of wireless messages between Breton and England and referring with gratitude to the encouragement he received from New Foundland a year ago. In his reply Premier Bond expressed the hope that when the charter of the Anglo-American company expires in April, 1924, Marconi would establish a wireless station here.

Cowboy Contest at Worlds Fair.

Terrill. W. J. Newcom of this city has just returned from St. Louis, where he went to look after the cowboys' roping and riding contest for the World's Fair. Mr. Newcom states that he was given a very warm reception by the people of St. Louis and the World's Fair management. He expects to make the cowboys' roundup one of the leading features of the world's fair.

Veteran Dead.

McKinney. John W. Whisenant, aged 62, died at his home in Allen Tuesday night. The deceased was an early settler in this country. He was a gallant ex-Confederate soldier, having joined Capt. Dixon's company, ninth Texas infantry at the beginning of the war. This company was organized at McKinney and was with Maxey's regiment in many a hard fought battle. Many of his old army comrades attended the interment at the Allen cemetery in the afternoon.

Fatal Fall.

Fort Worth. Joseph Miller, a young man in the employ of the Fort Worth Packing company, was killed at 7:45 Thursday morning by falling through a shaft. Miller was at work in one of the new buildings near a shaft, when he lost his footing and fell eighty-five feet to the ground. His neck was broken and his face and body terribly bruised. Death was instantaneous.

Broke a Leg.

Greenville, Tex. Oscar Perkins received a fracture of one of his legs and was otherwise injured at his home west of the city Monday. He was killing his meat hogs, and while assisting in lifting them over the fence his shoe became fastened, causing his hold to slip, and the full weight of the hog to fall against his leg, broke it and inflicted other injuries.

Railway Fatality.

Brenham. Monday night in a collision of a horse with the eastbound Central mixed train, the steps of the passenger coach were completely demolished. Conductor P. F. Lallier went to step out on them to give a signal to the engineer and fell under the train. He was badly hurt, having his skull fractured and his leg broken just above the ankle and was also injured in the back and chest. The collision was about two miles west of Burton but was not discovered until the train reached the depot here. Conductor Lallier was missing and a search was instituted with the above results. He was found by the westbound train near the Brenham crossing. His recovery is doubtful, according to the attending physician.

Walter Tiller, a farmer living four miles east of Dallas, was seriously injured Monday evening near his home by a runaway team. While driving along the county road the team ran away, throwing Mr. Tiller to the ground. A wheel of the heavy wagon ran over his head, seriously mashing it and completely tearing one ear away. He was carried to his home where he is said to be in a serious condition.

W. W. Junk of Dixon, Ill., and a party of Illinois capitalists have secured 25,000 acres of swamp land in Lafourche Parish, La., and will turn it into an immense rice plantation. The concern is capitalized at \$250,000.

Stock Yards Nearly Completed.

Fort Worth. General Manager W. B. King of the Fort Worth Stockyards company states that the new yards will be completed and ready in their entirety for use about the 15th of next month. A portion of the yards have already been completed and are now being used. The vitrified brick floors will be put down later. All of the viaducts have been practically finished. General Manager King also made the statement that Armour & Co. will be ready to kill about the middle of next month if the present good weather continues.

While working in a laundry at Ennis Monday Miss Lillie Brown got her right hand caught in the ironing machinery and badly mangled and burned.

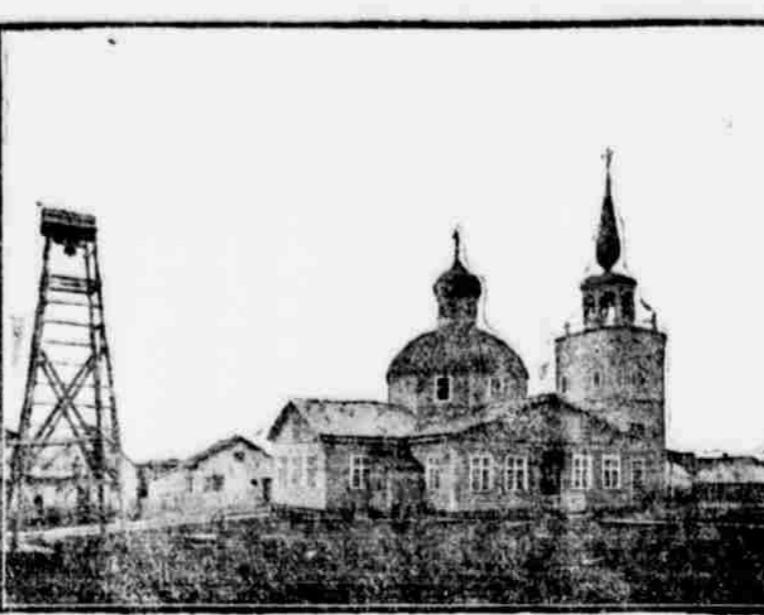
R. W. Kleiner was shot and instantly killed at Cisco Monday evening. Mr. Kleiner has resided in Cisco for the last twenty years.

Alaska's Mineral Wealth.

Vast Riches in Territory Yet Unopened—Explorer Talks of Wonders That He Saw in the Interior of the Country.

(Special Correspondence.)

HANS HANSEN, a well-known resident of Seattle, Wash., has just returned to that city from an extensive exploration of the Mount St. Elias range, or Yakutat region of South Alaska, where he penetrated a region never before visited by a white man. Hansen began his exploring trip at Yakutat, a Swedish mission on the southern coast of Yakutat bay, on June 5, and for more than two months traversed the hitherto unexplored region in company with two Indian guides secured from the range tribe.



OLD GREEK CHURCH, (SITKA.)

While making his exploration he traveled 650 miles by canoe and afoot, and his discoveries have had the effect of blasting most of the popular, but vague ideas regarding the region. He says: "I first conceived the idea of exploring the Mount St. Elias range region when traveling by steamer along the coast. It was then an unknown region. Previous to the last trip I had made two journeys from Yakutat bay to Dry bay, but both times I followed the ocean beach all the way. Last spring I resolved to penetrate the region. I hired two guides, James Ned and Theodore M. Halbo, and procured provisions for two months. We plunged along the interior and in the journey to Dry bay crossed the Ancew, Cee Tuck, Ancew, Dangerous, Halbo, Ackway and Twin rivers.

"We remained at Dry bay a week inspecting the lakes and rivers, watching the salmon migration, and visiting the spawning grounds. We then started for the Ackway mountains. We went first to the Twin river glacier in crossing Ackway mountain. The weather was dry and exceedingly hot. From the mountain we viewed the ocean, Mount Fairweather and Mount St. Elias, and the grandeur of the scenery of this region is unequalled anywhere. The mountains are majestic and beautiful. On June 28 we camped at the western falls of the Itallo river, and next day cut a trail across the first mountain range. We were now in a strange valley, near an unnamed mountain.

"We crossed the Alek river basin, about Disenchantment bay, which is easily reached. The largest ocean steamer could proceed to the head of the bay. The scenery is noble. There are floating icebergs and the Mount Hubbard glacier extends a mile and a half out into the bay.

"Proceeding from the head of the bay we followed the old bed of the fourth glacier for six miles, and went then to the wild but bare Ancew hills. From here the view is all encompassing. With the ocean and Disenchantment bay in one part of the picture, Yakutat bay and the great Malaspina glacier, the Cee Tuck and Ancew lakes fill in another part. From here can be seen the forests and the grass lands and every stream flowing to the ocean between Yakutat and the Ackway basin. In the distance loom up in splendor Mount St. Elias, Mount Fairweather and Mount Logan. It reminds one of Muir glacier and the Ice straits, and again of the emerald fields of the moderate climes.

"The Disenchantment bay district is wonderful. I found there marvelous deposits of marble and iron in sufficient quantities to supply the world for ages. In the first range there is some coal and iron, but in the second and third ranges there is a mineral wealth that some day will startle the world.

CUSTOM HOUSE AND BARONOFF CASTLE.

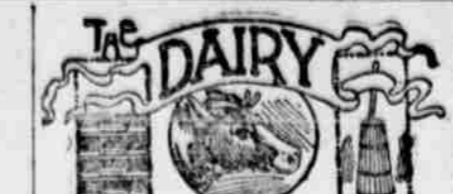
(SITKA.)

The older Indians at Yakutat told me there had once been a lake six miles long in this basin, but that since September, 1899, when a severe earthquake occurred, the lake had been dry. The bed of the lake, the Indians said, was a gold pit containing both black and ruby sand. To my disappointment the lake was there when I reached the place. From my examination of the body of water I am now satisfied that the earthquake had little to do with the conditions.

"The glacier which lies in the valley acts as a dam. When a slide takes place the crevices in the ice disappear and the water fills the lake. When the summer sun melts the glacier pack the water seeps away through the crevices and the lake becomes dry during an occasional year.

"Next day we explored the mile-long lake at the headwaters of the Itallo river and the day after that we traversed the river course twenty-two miles to the Pacific ocean. Two miles below the lake we discovered a waterfall ten feet high. The lake is a spawning ground for salmon and the fish have to pass this waterfall. In the basin below the falls there were countless millions of salmon. They were piled up so that at times many of them were out of the water. This funny mass extended from shore to shore and more than 20 feet down stream. Out of the mass the fish were constantly leaping at the falls, but the water was so low that they fell back into the basin. When the water is high and the basin is not congested with the salmon, they take the fall at a leap.

"A Mirage. This was among the questions submitted by the civil service examiner: "What is a mirage?" And this was the answer given by the applicant for a position: "A mirage is the act of getting stuck in the mud."—Chicago Tribune.



Need of Improvement in Dairy Methods.

From Farmers' Review: In no other article of human food is so much milk consumed as in dairy products. When milk or cream is ordered even at our best hotels and restaurants, dirt is frequently found at the bottom if it is allowed to stand a short time. This is not appetizing, to say the least, and is driving people who like milk to using something in its stead. This greatly reduces the consumption of milk and at present Americans do not consume more than one-third as much milk per capita as is used in some European countries. Many persons use as little milk as possible because of the ravages of germs which it is produced and the fear that it may contain disease germs. As dairy products are usually consumed in the raw state, there is, of course, more danger on this account, but when in proper condition they are both healthful and economical and would be consumed in much larger quantities if people could always obtain them clean and of good quality.

Simply because we are accustomed to doing a thing in a slipshod way is no reason for its continuance. We are living in an age of the most rapid change and improvement and the sharpest competition. The public is becoming more intelligent and is demanding better food products year after year, and unless the dairymen fall into line and march with the procession by producing clean milk and dairy products their consumption will certainly decrease. People will not continue to drink milk in which a sediment is found and to eat poor butter and cheese. It is then to the interest of the dairymen themselves as well as the general public that attention be given to the production of milk, butter and cheese that are clean and attractive in appearance as well as of superior quality.

In dairying as in all other occupations there is room at the top and it is in the better class of dairying that the profits lie, for this is as yet a field almost wholly unoccupied.—W. J. Fraser, University of Illinois.

Gain in Feeding Silage.

There are about 3,488 hills in an acre of corn. Valuing the corn at \$10 to \$12 an acre, you will find feeding six hills a day, it will cost you 2 1/2 cents a day to feed a cow or a horse. The cow or horse is doing its own grinding and shucking the feed, costing you 2 cents per day per animal. We remember one year after our cows had gone through a terrible drought, they caught the pink-eye from a neighbor's cattle, which he had bought at the stock yards. They fell off in flesh and milk. Front had killed our field corn, and we were at a loss to know what to do. This was the latter part of October, and we began to feed ensilage and from that day we increased our milk, the cows gained in flesh, the hair looked silky and glossy and the milk was of a rich June color.—L. A. Speils.

Uncleanly Handling of Milk.

Mr. McNutt said: The farmer sells his milk for 2 cents a quart, the baby who drinks it pays 8. Two cents for production, 6 cents for distribution. There is something wrong about that. I found out the trouble one morning when in New York. At 4 o'clock a milkman came along, climbed stairs and left a pint of milk. His wagon rattled away a quarter of a mile and delivered another pint. That morning over fifteen milk peddlers came up those same stairs to deliver milk. We have learned how to distribute our letters, but if we had the same system of distribution in the milk service that we have in the milk business every letter would cost 25 cents postage.—Benton Harbor, Mich., News.

Silage Facts.

Bulletin 92, N. H. Experiment Station.—Our results and those of other stations invariably agree that the best silage is obtained from corn that has nearly reached maturity, with ears fully formed and well filled. At this stage of growth, also, a corn plant has reached its maximum of food production. Varieties of corn should be selected which yield the largest crops at this stage, rather than those which produce large plants, but are yet immature at cutting time. This practice is already followed by many farmers, but should be by all. For New Hampshire, a standard variety is the Leaming dent corn, while in those portions of the state with too short a season for that variety to reach a proper stage, the Sanford silt corn can be advantageously used.

The sugar in the green fodder is practically all destroyed in the silo, and since it is most abundant in the corn plant in the early stages of ear development, it is an additional argument for postponing cutting until the grain is full size and the sugars change largely to starch. The amount of seed per acre affects the yield of green fodder, and also its composition. A medium stand is essential for the best results in both quantity and quality. The practice of using a half bushel of seed per acre is good. In a favorable season, with plenty of fertilizer, more seed could be profitably used, but the tendency to inferiority in quality, especially in decreasing the protein and increasing the sugar and fiber, renders it, as a rule, inadvisable.

Method of Catching Trout.

The mountaineers of Georgia catch trout with a sledge-hammer. Their practice is to thump a rock, under which a trout seeks refuge, with a hammer, and the concussion renders the fish senseless.

The greatest of unconscious humorists is the man who takes himself seriously. We are all, more or less, unconscious humorists.

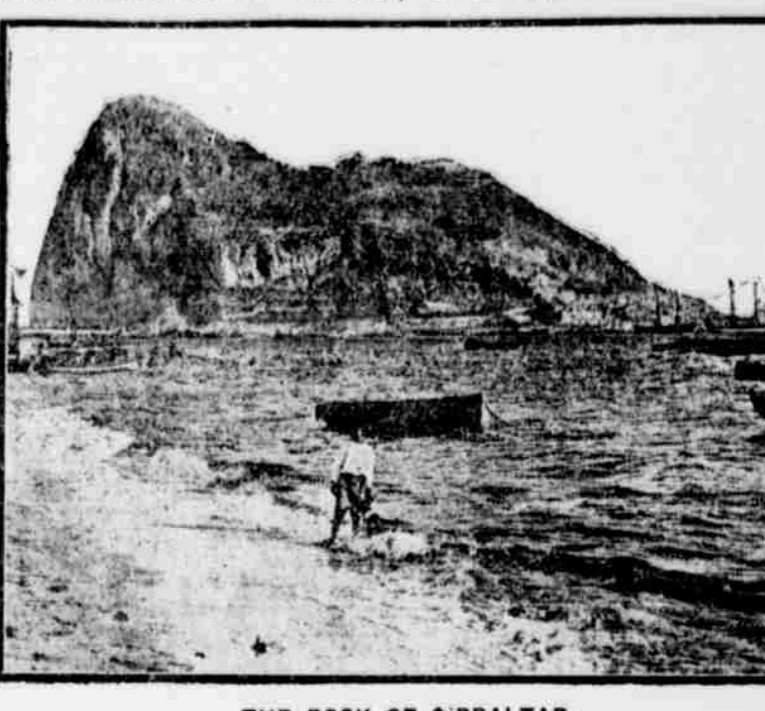
There is no doubt about life being one long, sweet song, but not all of us are good singers.

How to Attack Gibraltar.

Frenchman Shows That English Stronghold Is Not Impregnable—Attacking Power Must Be Mistress of the Seas.

(Special Correspondence.)

PROPOSED to recount, as briefly as possible, what we think in France about Gibraltar. As for knowing how Gibraltar is armed or defended there are almost as many opinions as there are Frenchmen to express them.



THE ROCK OF GIBRALTAR.

"Gibraltar is impregnable," says the timid. "Blow upon it," answers the bold, "and all Englishmen will fall off it and be drowned." The prudent listens in silence; they do not care to compromise themselves any further than to mutter under their breath a vague: "Who knows?"

It may be without interest to relate what is the hypothesis of the attack and capture of Gibraltar most in favor in the French army, but before speaking about this I wanted, first of all, to discover what was the precise opinion of the headquarters staff on the point.

Some time ago I wrote to several of the most important of our generals and admirals among others: Gen. Lewal and Philibert and Admirals Brown de Colstoun, Barrera and Dupont. Their opinion is unanimous: Gibraltar is no longer impregnable!

Here is what Admiral Dupont, an officer whose scientific knowledge is beyond call, says: "The town and port of Gibraltar (including both the military and commercial ports) occupy the center of a vast circle of Spanish positions at distances varying from about five to seven miles. If these positions were furnished with suitable artillery, the town and port of Gibraltar would be absolutely untenable, and there would be no alternative but evacuation. The batteries of the place could only reply to the convergent and efficacious fire of the enemy by a divergent and therefore inefficient fire."

If the average cost of every shot fired be put down at £20, and it be supposed that a maximum of 30,000 in all be fired, the total comes to £600,000. We are ready to admit that, including the extraordinary expenditure incurred by the blockading Gibraltar, the entire cost of capturing Gibraltar would, in round figures, amount to a little over £1,000,000.

As the stocks of provisions, the docks, the port, the coal and the works of every description represent at the very lowest estimation £40,000,000, it is clear we should not be making a bad bargain.

Burchard's Church a Residence.

The famous Burchard alliteration, "Rum, Romanism and rebellion," is recalled by the transformation of the church in New York over which he presided into a residence. An artist and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Tonetti, have bought the place, and will have it fitted up for a studio, a residence and a stable. For a long time the old-fashioned red brick church has been on the market, but found no purchasers. Mr. and Mrs. Tonetti, both having ample means, looking around for a place of residence, hit upon the disused church and bought it. It will be remodelled.

Automatic Awakeners.

In great metropolitan hotels where hundreds of guests have to be called at any hour of the night to make trains, etc., the work of calling each one just at the proper time is quite a responsibility. An automatic call system has just been put into a New York hotel. A clock in the office is so arranged that it can be set to ring a call at any specified time in any room; and it does not go to sleep or forget, as call-boys sometimes do.

ONE OF THE WATER BATTERIES.

"There is no such a thing," says Gen. Philibert, a French writer on military matters in the very first rank, "there is no such a thing as an impregnable position. Every position, no matter how strong it may be, must succumb to a siege, if the assailant only possesses sufficient means at his disposal and conducts the operations with energy."

"What is necessary to take Gibraltar," says Admiral Barrera, "is the simultaneous operation of forces both on land and sea; the assailing force must be the mistress of the sea."

Now let us imagine that Spain and an ally, who can bring to the partnership all that Spain lacks, hold the sea from the Columns of Hercules as far as Cape Cerberus in conjunction with Ceuta, now a formidable rallying point. Gibraltar is blockaded. The east side of the rock, which the cannon of the besiegers can scarcely attain from the land side except by an indirect fire, is constantly kept under surveillance by the blockading vessels. The eastern side, it is true, communicates with the quays and batteries of the western and northern sides by the tunnel that traverses the rock. But what does this matter? All around the bay of Algeiras, from the Sierra Carbonera to Cape Carrero, 200 guns are simultaneously throwing their projectiles into the town, the port and the batteries of Gibraltar. Nothing, relatively, is easier than to bring, either by land or sea, the 200 large guns necessary to form the batteries on the littoral. From the rock these batteries will be visible. From the peninsula of Al-

LITTLE MEN and Little WOMEN

The Boy That You Used to Be.
Would you know him again to-day,
If he somehow should come to you,
If he halted you on the way,
Would your memory serve you true?
With the air of the old boy-days,
With the smile that was glad and free,
Would you know, if he met your gaze—
Just the boy that you used to be?

Woe! The boy that you used to be,
Ere you wrinkled with care and fret!
What a wonder if you could see
That boy! Isn't he living yet?
Does he never come back in dreams,
Faded of memory's witchery?
Bright and fair in its rosy gleams—
Just the boy that you used to be?

Do you never hold speech with him
In that past with its afterglow?
See his figure, though blurred and dim?
Ask him why did he ever go?
Do you never see hand-in-hand
Wander back, till again you see
All the charm of the old boy-land,
With the boy that you used to be?

Does he know you, when oft he comes
Where you're dreaming your dreams alone?
Is the melody that he hums
Dut the one that to song has grown?
Frenzied and wild, and white of soul—
Do you know such a one as he?
Then you're reaching the great goal—
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—W. D. Nesbit in Baltimore American.

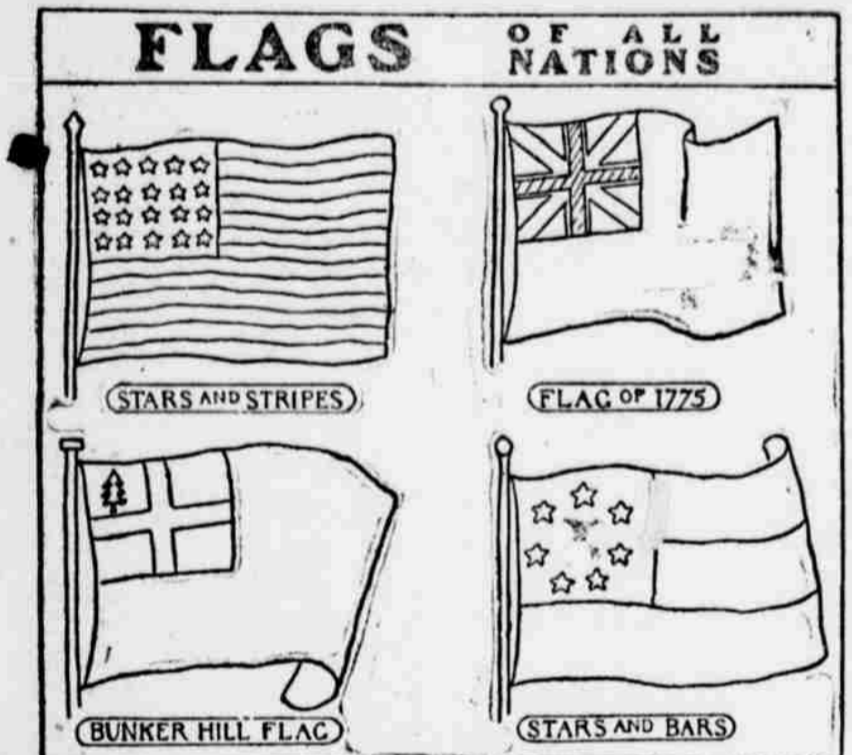
ork, and then put long chicken or other feathers in the other end, as shown in the picture. When the dart is thrown it will go straight, with the pointed nail first, and stick in an apple or a piece of wood or anything like that which it hits. Another way to use it is to tie a string around the center of the cork and swing the dart



around your hand. Be careful not to hit anybody with it, for it may hurt them very badly.

The Apple Tree's Story.
I see on people's tables a great many books with pictures in them about old gardens. Aunt Ellen's garden looks like the most beautiful one described in the books, but it has what none of the written-about ones

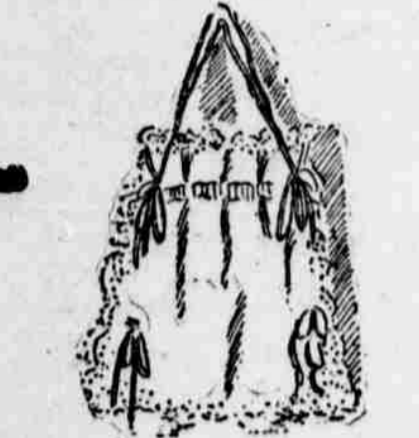
Handkerchief Bag.
Take two linen handkerchiefs, having an embroidered or fancy border.



Flags of All Nations.
The flags pictured above are all American.
The first, which we know well, is the flag of our country to-day. It was designed under the direction of Gen. Washington, and was made by Mrs. Betsy Ross. The thirteen stripes represent the thirteen original states, the stars represent the number of states now in the union. It is impossible, in so small a drawing, to put in the full number of stars.
How many should there be?
Paint the stripes alternately red and white, putting a red one at the top. The stars, as you all know, are white on a blue ground.
The next flag is one that was used in 1775, before the final break with England. The body of the flag is red, the field in the corner blue, with the double cross white. The single cross, the part which is shown by the oblique

lines, is red.
The flag below the Stars and Stripes is one of those carried at Bunker Hill. Before our flag was designed the different colonies used different flags, several of them showing the pine tree. This flag, like the flag of 1775, shows a strong likeness to the English flag. The ground is blue, the field in the corner white with a red cross, and a green pine tree.
The last banner is the one known as the "Stars and Bars," the flag of the Southern Confederacy. This flag was sufficiently like the flag of the union to cause a confusion at times of battle, so it was changed for the Southern Cross, which is the flag that we commonly see. The one before you was, however, the real flag of the South. The stripes are red and white, the white one being in the middle. The star are white on a blue ground.

Stitch a row of beading (about an inch and a half from edge) on one side of each handkerchief.
Baste the handkerchiefs together so as to form a bag. Run baby ribbon through beading, and draw the top together, keeping the bag style.
Make bows or rosettes of ribbon and



The Moose.
The moose or elk is the largest member of the deer family; it lives in Northern Europe and America. It is a good runner when the ground is solid and leads the hunter a long chase, but when the snow is deep it is easily secured because of its awkward gait when running. It is hunted on snow shoes in winter, and it feeds on the twigs of trees. The skin makes a very good leather, it is soft and thick. The moose can be trained to draw sledges and become a beast of burden, and is a good swimmer. The antlers of the moose are very heavy, but they serve as a kind of wings and help them along.

A Miraculous Apple.
You can divide an apple into several parts without cutting the rind. Pass a needle and thread under the rind of the apple, which is easily done by putting the needle in again each time at the same hole it came out of, and so passing on until you have gone around the apple. Then take both ends of the thread in your hands and pull; by this means the apple will be divided into two parts. In the same way you can divide it into as many parts as you please, the rind remaining entire.

A Good Dart.
To make the dart, stick a sharp horsehoe nail through a good-sized

JEST and JOLITY

Didn't Wait to Hear.

Hewitt—Gruett says that you are afraid of him.
Jewett—Afraid of him! Why, it was only yesterday that I called him everything I could think of.
Hewitt—What did he say?
Jewett—I came away from the telephone as soon as I had said all I had to say.

Saved.
He—Did you hear about that Minnesota man who committed suicide because he couldn't get married?
She—O, Mr. Biggles, would you do such a thing?
He—I don't know, I might if—
She—Perceive! Take me, I could not live with such a thing on my conscience.

Relief.
"Oh, John," exclaimed the proud mother, as her husband came wearily from the front steps, "baby is beginning to walk."
"Good!" ejaculated the midnight martyr. "Now he can do his own floor walking at night."

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Overefficiency.
"What's the matter, Jimmy? You look bothered."
"I am. I had a happy home until my wife joined one of those philanthropic clubs and promised to do some little thing every day to add to my happiness, and now she's got so many ideas I can't rest."

DECLINED.



Manager—You are to wear a diving suit and go under the water to help recover the wreck.
Mike—I throw up 'er job roight here, foor I won't work at any job where I can't spit on me hands.

Convinced.

"Do you read Dickens?"
"No," said Mrs. Cumrox, rather loftily.
"Perhaps you are one of those who do not regard him as representing the best literature?"
"I am. I have seen his books offered for sale as cheap as twenty-five cents a copy."

More to Come.
Beggar—Say, boss, gimme a couple of cents for a night's lodgin'.
Goodman—Surely you can't get a night's lodgin' for a couple of pennies?
Beggar—Well, gee whiz! you don't s'pose you're de on'y easy mark I'm goin' ter touch, do you?

A Cash Equivalent.
"I was thinking of having the ushers offer my picture for sale at, say, one dollar each," said the conceited actor.
"Why not sell them at their face value?" suggested Mr. Crittick. "Make it thirty cents."

Her Preference.
Mother—"If you are a good girl, Geraldine, I will consent that you have another piece of cake."
Geraldine—"I would prefer, maw, that you should make that indulgence dependent on the cake's being good."

Dinner Table Gallantry.
The Hostess—You are such an epitome of Mr. Stuffer, that I was almost afraid to ask you to dinner.
Stuffer—But the pleasure of your company more than compensates me.

His Motto.
"You were never compelled to ask for a vindication?"
"A vindication?" echoed Senator Sorghum scornfully. "I should say not. My motto is 'Don't get caught in the first place.'"

Outelassed.
"Were there any accidents in the football game?"
"Well, a mule in an adjoining field broke loose and mixed with the game and was pretty badly hurt."

POPULAR SCIENCE

Automatic Corn Husking Machine.
Years ago in the country districts considerable romance used to attach to the husking bees and dance at the wind-up, and many a man, and woman, too, recalls with pleasure the finding of the rear ear of corn, with the enjoyable privilege which it insured the lucky one. There is nothing equal to a mechanical device for taking the romance out of a situation, and now some cold-hearted inventor has spoiled



the husking bee by introducing a machine which will do as much work as a whole company of young people, and with considerable less noise, too. The necessity for this apparatus arises in the wholesale way in which corn is raised in the West, where farmers carry on their plans on such a large scale that machinery has come to be a positive necessity to manipulate the enormous quantities of grain which are produced every year. This machine, the idea of Leavitt R. Loomis of Humphreysville, N. Y., consists of a series of rollers set at an angle and rotated by a number of gear wheels meshing in a common driving wheel, which may be actuated by power or hand. The faces of the rollers are supplied at frequent intervals with shore spikes, which rip the husks off the ears of corn and drop them on an elevator beneath the rollers, while the ears of corn gradually work their way down the incline and drop into the basket at the lower end. It is obvious that the rotation of the ear on the rollers in its passage will present all sides to the action of the pins, thus removing at least a sufficient portion of the husks to make the ear pass readily through the machine which removes the kernels from the cob.

Atmospheric Electricity.
M. Homma of Tokio publishes a memoir on atmospheric electricity in which he announces the following deductions from experiment: First, the negative potential observed during strong winds is entirely due to the electrification of the dust of the atmosphere by friction against terrestrial objects; secondly, in the same way the high potential observed during fogs is due to the positive electrification of the particles of water which form the fog; thirdly, when a mass of cold air comes in contact with a mass of warm air, the former is electrified positively with respect to the second; fourthly, the high potentials observed at sunrise are probably due to the fact that the air-masses near the ground are at a lower temperature than those higher up; fifthly, when two air-masses of different temperature are suddenly mixed the electric field is much disturbed.

Newly Discovered.
Dr. Bauschinger of Heidelberg university, who gives special attention to the search for asteroids, thinks that very few brighter than the tenth magnitude remain to be discovered. The number of fainter ones, however, shows no sign of exhaustion. The records for 1901 show that 26 asteroids were discovered in that year, and it is worthy of note that all but one of them were found by the Heidelberg astronomer. That university has taken the lead in this department of astronomical work.

Lizard Resembling a Snake.
A case in the reptile house of the zoological gardens of London, which contains several curious sand skinks, has just become the home of a curious relative of these queer four-footed lizards. Living specimens of this species are rarely brought to the temperate zone. It is a native of Australia and Tasmania, and is called the limbless or scale-footed lizard (pygopus lepidopus). It is about twenty inches long, with shining scales of sober broken colors; but the under surface is pale, with a few dark dots and longitudinal bars near the head. The rudiments of the limbs are entirely hidden under the skin, so that this serpentiform lizard is as easily mistaken for a snake as its English cousin, the blindworm; but its mild expression and head is furnished with well formed eyelids, and the tongue is short and thick and capable of a very slight extension. The lizard owes its name to the fact that where the body merges into the tail is a pair of narrow scaly flaps, pressed tightly to its sides when the reptile is at rest, but used to propel it when in motion. These flaps cover rudimentary too bones.

The Control of Rain.
It is a matter of common knowledge that in hilly situations the rainfall is much above the average, and that a town may be so situated with regard to neighboring elevations that it will receive two or three times the amount of rain in a year that falls on a place only a few miles distant. A case is quoted in one of Professor Tyndall's lectures, where the rainfall of one Irish town amounts to fifty-nine inches, and of another to only twenty-one inches, the difference being due to the action of the Kerry Mountains in forcing the moist winds up suddenly to a higher level, where they meet with the cold necessary to precipitate their moisture as rain. An English scientist has suggested that the rainfall might be controlled artificially by the erection of immense walls, extending from some six or seven miles in length, and from three hundred to four hundred feet high. Such walls would act as a natural hill in diverting the path of the moisture-laden air, and the clouds would be forced to yield their treasures. The idea seems to be theoretically sound, but the practical difficulties of building a wall of such dimensions would be insuperable.

An Automatic Light-Ship.
Possibly in the future the automatic lightship will take the place of the old type of vessel, the new beacon riding at its moorings unattended. Such a ship had recently been established at the Outer Rock, Islay, on the west coast of Scotland. The new ship carries a light of 100,000 candle power for about twelve miles, and this lamp is fed with compressed gas carried in tanks in the hold of the vessel. The lamp will burn for many months without attention, and the gas supply is so arranged that on its way from the tank to the lamp it will actuate a lever which rings a powerful bell. Thus through the medium of two senses the mariner is warned from the vicinity of danger by automatic means.

Geographical Clock.
The combination in a timepiece of a fixed exterior dial having time subdivisions marked thereon, hour and minute hands movable over said dial, a central disk turnable in unison with said hour-hand, a polar map of one hemisphere upon said disk, and having substantially a triangular shape, radial projections upon the periphery of said disk, and segments of a polar

may of the other hemisphere upon these projections.
The clock is the invention of Henry Schumacher of San Francisco.

The Definition of White Light.
Herz Plank defines white light as follows: First, by the distribution of the energy in different regions of the spectrum; secondly, by the law that within each small spectral region within which the energy may be considered as uniformly distributed, the energies (squares of the amplitudes) and the phases of the simply periodic partial vibrations are distributed in an absolutely irregular fashion—"irregular" being taken in the sense in which it is used in the probability calculus. If we extend the second law to the entire spectrum the distribution of energy throughout the spectrum can be calculated, and the resultant energies agreed with the energies actually measured in experiments on normal white light.

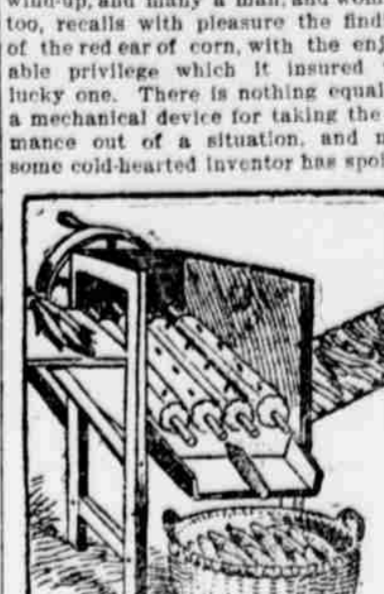
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Dry Air for Consumptives.
Victims of pulmonary maladies have heretofore been compelled to make inconvenient journeys to the higher altitudes in search of the pure rarefied air which is known to be so beneficial to them, but it has recently been discovered that the air of limestone caves has all the characteristics of that of the mountains. A sanitarium has been established at the Luray caverns, Va., from which air is drawn into each chamber that is occupied by a patient. The air is of a uniform temperature and is free from all germs and dust particles.

Invention of Value.
The ingenious apparatus of Mr. H. Galopin records continuously—at intervals of ten minutes or so—the flow of any fluid, such as air or water, and it may serve as a ship's log or for measuring the velocity of a stream of water. It depends upon the deflection of a pendulum by the moving liquid or gas. The deflection is shown upon a dial and the record is made by a suitable mechanism driven by clock-work.

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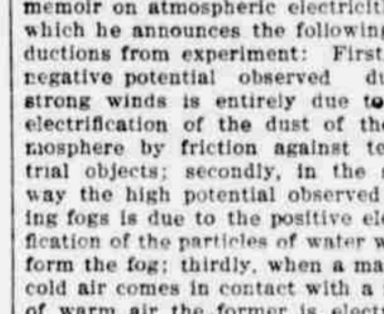
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Overefficiency.
"What's the matter, Jimmy? You look bothered."
"I am. I had a happy home until my wife joined one of those philanthropic clubs and promised to do some little thing every day to add to my happiness, and now she's got so many ideas I can't rest."

HASKELL, TEXAS.

Growing Relations With Our South American Neighbors.

Crazed With Suffering From Hunger and Cold Ten Men are Picked Up.

Friends of the Infant Republic Will Win the Tariff Contention.

City of Mexico: The superior board of health, with offices in this city, has sent a commission to study the mysterious disease which has so much alarmed the people of the Pacific port of Mazatlan.

Lizzie Veal, a white woman, was murdered in her home near Lamourie, La.

One of a family of girls renowned for their ready wit had occasion to cross Broadway with her brother, says the New York Times.

Charles M. Schwab is simply tired; tired spending money.

DAM THE FICKLE OLD RIO GRANDE

MR. ROOSEVELT IS THE ARBITOR

Arrangements are rapidly coming to a focus for a Peaceable Settlement of the Unfortunate Venezuela Mess.

Mrs. Grant Memorial Service.

The "war blockade" of the allies against Venezuela will become effective on Saturday.

Compulsory Attendance.

It is fortunate for royalty that anarchists are so frequently bad shots.

And to This End Congressmen Stephens and Hayden Call Upon the President and Go Over the Situation.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The chief of the Ordinance of the war department will recommend at an early day the expenditure of \$150,000 at the arsenal in San Antonio for the erection of warehouses and making it a large depot for supplies for the army.

Lanham's Appointments.

King Edward prorogued parliament.

New York financiers have made offers to the Mexican government of gold loans for public works.

Germany will not accept money compensation from Venezuela for diplomatic insults, and demands an apology.

France is making the French duel a felony. Ping-pong will surely come in as a misdemeanor.

Pennies long saved amount to dollars at last," said Franklin, and it is just as true to-day of cents.

A big sturgeon in the New York Aquarium is reported to have committed suicide. Sounds fishy.

The man who succeeds best is generally the one who has the talent to advertise himself most judiciously.

We probably have to do the things we ought to a great deal oftener than we dare to do the things we want to.

A large importing house has been closed by the government at Mexico City for violation of the stamp tax laws.

The senate passes the pension appropriation bill carrying \$139,847,000 and an urgent deficiency bill carrying \$1,148,400.

Sometimes, says the Homely One, I thank the Lord for that I am not good looking, for then I might also be a fool.

The football fatalities, appalling as they are, might have been worse. Several games were unavoidably postponed.

Chicago's gambling king is bankrupt. He admits, however, that other professional gamblers were the ones who got it.

Another diamond mine has been discovered in South Africa. Will some one please put an extra chain on the dogs of war?

Secretary Wilson agrees with Congressman Sladden that more money should be appropriated by congress to aid in the campaign against the boll weevil.

R. C. Wayne, a prominent Louisville business man, was found dead near a fence, while on the other side was a gun with one barrel empty. He carried \$349,000 life insurance.

The proposal by Venezuela to arbitrate the differences with the allies is hanging fire, as the powers desire a guarantee of the fulfillment of whatever award is made.

An Eastern paper wants to know "What co-education has done?" Well, from all accounts, it hasn't done a thing to Dr. Harper.

Trains that can run a hundred miles in a hundred minutes are almost as common now as men who can eat thirty ducks in thirty days.

Gen. Urbe-Urbe has been sentenced to death. The wonder is how did he manage to live so long with a name to mention which is to disturb the peace.

The Brooklyn genius, who has secured a patent for a nursing bottle holder for baby carriages, dreams of millions like Col. Sellers with his eye wadded.

Military honors were paid to the late Mrs. Julia Dent Grant. The funeral services were held at Washington Saturday and the committal to the Grant tomb at New York Sunday.

That society woman on the street car in Omaha who removed her petticoat to wrap around a shivering baby, was, to say the least, a gentleman of the Kentucky order.

D. K. Pearson, the Chicago millionaire and friend of the small college, has obligated himself to pay \$600,000 Jan. 1 to certain institutions if they meet certain conditions. It is said his object is to give away his last cent before he dies.

Millionaire Clark offered \$1,000,000 for his first grandson, and his son W. A. Clark, Jr., has won the prize. Has the car or King Humbert tried this plan yet?

The Scottish-American declares that the length of mourning for a mother-in-law is six months' crape and six months' black. What man would grudge the time?

Washington's theater managers have decided to stop wasting money. They have voted to abolish window lithographs and to advertise hereafter only in the newspapers.

Asia will probably derive more pecuniary benefit from the visit of President Schwab of the steel trust than America got from that of the Crown Prince of Siam.

Since President Eliot has made the amende honorable it seems to be up to Mr. Gompers to explain that his allusion to Judas Iscariot was meant in a Pickwickian sense.

"The greatest blessing in life, no doubt, is to give," says Dr. Lorenz. And yet young Mr. Vanderbilt complains that his father left him so much money that there is no mission in life for him.

Dried corn as an article of diet has caused the separation of a husband and wife in Ohio. But this is a mere patch on the trouble corn has caused throughout the world after it has soaked awhile.

The way to a masculine heart from time immemorial has been via the digestive apparatus, but it has remained for a Hoboken lady to love and marry a man because of the pies he manufactured.

A French army officer claims to have invented a gun that makes neither flash nor sound nor smoke. Now let us have one that makes no sound and we may listen for the coming of the millennium.

Gabrielle d'Annunzio, among other things, had seventy-two shirts and twenty-four dozen pairs of "quiet tinted" silk underwear. And yet they tell us it does not pay to write poetry!

John L. Sullivan is without his \$1,000,000. But the rich memories of the gorgeous time he had in blowing it in remain to cheer his declining years.

Expensive lingerie works not for modesty. When a girl is wearing the finest of silk stockings, every street crossing looks muddy to her.

No sane person will defend Anarchist Rubio's attempt to kill Leopold, king of the Belgians. Leopold is not of the type of man that needs killing. A sound kicking is about his size.

To acquire a habit is something like 500 times as hard as to do it. The habit of making little deposits in the savings bank is an instance.

The supply of colonels in Georgia is not likely to run short. The governor of that state has just made an even hundred for his personal staff.

Babies Worth \$11,000.

Heavy Loss at Springtown.

Nineteen Dead.

Two Men Succumb to Gas.

Blaze at San Augustine.

Large Land Lease.

The Federal government all Kaw Indians, who were on the citizenship rolls by Dec. 1, 1902, were entitled to an equal allotment of lands and monies belonging to the Kaw tribe.

Weatherford. Four large rock buildings were destroyed by fire Monday morning at Springtown.

Byron, Cal.: As a result of a rear end collision between the Stockton Flyer and the "Owl" train on the Southern Pacific railroad at Byron Springs Saturday night, sixteen persons were killed, three have since died and a score were injured severely.

Beaumont: Tilton Holt, aged 29 years, was asphyxiated while on a derrick over the Alamo Oil Company's well in the Hogg-Swayne tract at 7:30 Sunday morning when he was picked up by his brother, Homer Holt, several minutes later, he was dead.

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Food Scarce in Caracas.

Formal Declaration of War.

Cut Off Progress.

A Mexican Murdered.

Blaze at San Augustine.

Large Land Lease.

Truckers in Harrison.

Caracas: The blockade is proving prejudicial to American trade. Fifteen importing houses in Caracas have stopped placing orders in the United States. Boulton & Co. are the only importers of American flour who have declined to increase the price of this article. The people benefit by this firm's action. It is estimated that the food supply in Caracas will not last much longer than a fortnight.

Port of Spain, Trinidad: Official announcement is made here that Sir Courtney Knollys, the acting governor, will issue a special royal gazette containing a declaration of war against Venezuela. This act is one of formality, taken with the intention to legalize the proclamation of the blockade.

Granger: The construction crew of the Granger, Georgetown, Austin and San Antonio Railroad company has put in the spur and is connected with the main line of the Katy. Nearly a mile of track has been laid and the new road is now in a position to have all cars of material switched on to their own line.

Seago: A Mexican was killed Sunday night on Hawthorne's clearing. His body was buried in ashes and brush. Several other Mexicans have left camp. No arrests have been made.

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Mill and Elevator Burned.

Drowned White Going to Furgall.

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Granbury: The Hood County Milling company's mill and elevator burned to a total loss here on Sunday night. The estimated loss is from \$15,000 to \$20,000. A list of insurance companies can not be ascertained at this time.

Vidalia, I. T.: A young man named Ebbre, near Muskogee, I. T., learned of the death of his father and started to the funeral in a buggy. When on the road some distance he tried to ford a stream and was drowned. A diligent search is being made to recover the body, but up to this time it has not been found.

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New Seminary at Santone.

Ex-Governor Boynton Dead.

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Santonio: A contract was let by the Oblate Fathers Monday for the erection of a seminary building on Laurel heights, a northern suburb of the city, the contract price of which is \$75,000. The building is to be of brick, stone and terra cotta.

Griffin, Ga.: Ex-Gov. James Boynton died Monday morning. He was 78 years old and leaves a widow and one son. The funeral will be held Tuesday. James Boynton was governor of Georgia sixteen years ago, serving one term in that capacity.

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United States Commissioner T. N. Robnett sentenced a well-known negro attorney of Ardmore, I. T., to jail for six months and fined him \$100 for alleged bribery of a government witness in a murder case.

The oil industry is greatly revived at Corsicana since the recent heavy advances in the price of crude oil.

At a registered hereford sale at Ft. Worth Monday fifteen head were sold, the average price being \$303. The highest price paid was \$1410 by M. W. Hovenkamp of Fort Worth for Sleigh, a 3-year-old champion bull.

The record of marriage licenses issued from the county clerk's office in Ellis county in keeping with reports from other counties shows a decrease in number from last year. For this year up to date there were issued 674 licenses and last year up to this date there were issued 690, a decrease for this year of 16.

The Oklahoma City National bank, with a capital of \$1,000,000, has been organized with the following officers: B. A. Dunoon, president; T. A. Vaughn, vice president; W. Williams, cashier.

For the first forty-four weeks of this year the Pennsylvania Railroad company east of Pittsburgh moved \$1,893,845 tons of bituminous coal, compared with 27,258,408 tons in a like period of 1901, and 28,241,069 tons in 1900.

Tickets on sale Dec. 18, 17, 21, 22 and 24, limit to return 30 days from date of sale. Santa Fe Ticket Agents will tell you all about rates, routes and territory. Ask them.

Ferry's Seeds advertisement for January buying, featuring Montgomery Ward & Co. Chicago, "The House that Tells the Truth."

FRISCO SYSTEM Christmas Holiday Excursions advertisement, listing routes to Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Colorado.

Through Service Daily advertisement for THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RAILWAY SYSTEM, listing routes to St. Louis, Memphis, Shreveport, New Orleans, and El Paso.

Rock Island System HOLIDAY RATES advertisement, listing routes to Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, and Colorado.

Santa Fe advertisement for Christmas excursions, listing routes and rates.

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HORTICULTURE

Propagating from Bearing Trees. From Farmers' Review: The editor of the Review desires reasons why nurserymen should propagate only from bearing trees...

When a tree becomes unfruitful, its fruit producing or seed organism is weak in its buds, and the tree growing out of these buds will possess these weaknesses...

So long as the man who furnishes the big, smooth tree at the smallest price gets the order there is no inducement to make the change. The change, however, is coming, and in the not distant future every nurseryman will have to give evidence that his trees are not all wood...

Handling a Peach Crop. R. Morrill: I think nine-tenths of the peaches in our state and a good many from Illinois are picked either too soon or too late and not at the right time...

Do Many Trees Die at the Roots? In a discussion on hardy stocks at an Illinois convention, H. Augustine declared that few trees died at the roots...

Cheap Plants. From Farmers' Review: As a rule buy cheap and you get cheap. This same principle, I think, holds true in the nursery business...



AGRICULTURE

Permanent Pastures. On practically all American farms the permanent pasture is neglected. This is more true of the west even than of the east...

Teosinte. Bulletin 102 of the Kansas station says: This is a native of Mexico, and thought by many botanists to be the original of our Indian corn...

Red Polls. George M. Pommel: The Red Polled is one of the youngest of the breeds. It was not until the year 1846 that the union of the Norfolk and Suffolk breeders gave the breed its name...

With the increasing price for land it will pay to till much of the land that has hitherto lain waste on account of being too wet to work.



As their name indicates, cattle of this breed are without horns—no appearance of them being tolerated. In color they are a rich, deep red, with white allowed on the udder and underline...

Mauibeck, the Lion-Tamer.

By SEWARD W. HOPKINS. Author of "Jack Robbins of America," "In the China Sea," "The Queen of Hawaii," "On a False Charge," Etc. Copyright, 1904, by HENRY HOLT & CO.

CHAPTER XVI. I cannot, in sheer sympathy for the man, put all our conversation into this chapter. There was something about his calm bearing, his mute acceptance of his fate, that to me was sacred. His white hand scarcely trembled as he carried a match to his cigar, even after he must have been convinced that his race was run.

Just before he reached the ragged, white-washed fence that ran around the apple orchard, Danvers paused and drew from his pocket a small, oval-framed picture. For a second he smiled regretfully at the dainty, brune face that laughed up into his eyes. Then with sudden petulance he thrust the miniature into his breast and strode rapidly toward the small revolving gate, through that and on among the low-boughed autumn aspens.

Then no piquant face with bobbing curls rose to dim the brightness of his sweetheart's eyes; now no throbbing pulses hurried him on with outstretched arms as of old. "Poor little Dolly," he mused pityingly. "It is but the remnant of a heart that I bring back to you, but—"

Where the path branched, he stopped for a moment under a wide-spreading russet and pulling off his hat brushed back the tugging mop of brown hair that clung to his forehead. On the grass at his feet a few over-ripe apples gleamed gold in the dappled sunlight.

"Dolly!" he exclaimed and dropped his apple. "A quite unexpected pleasure," said she, smiling at him through the red-glancing leaves. "Won't you come up?" "I meant to surprise you," returned he, swinging himself to an opposite branch, "and I'm glad you call it a pleasure. It is my first vacation in a good many moons."

"When Graviscourt came to me in great alarm one day and said that a girl who closely resembled his brother's wife was an actress in Maligni's circus, and demanded to know more about the disposition I had made of Alice, I reassured him and said that the likeness was merely a coincidence, and so I firmly believed. I knew that my brother had claimed to have a daughter Nita, but I never saw her, and now understand why he so carefully kept her out of my way.

"Maligni had demanded one hundred thousand dollars for his silence, and Graviscourt promised it to him if he would kill the girl. This Maligni refused to do, saying he intended to marry her. Graviscourt insisted that I make good my former efforts, and also that I kill Maligni and obtain the proofs of our former guilt. I was so deep in the mire already that I assented.

that my brother said is true; all that Danbo said is true. "Charles Sigmotta" corrected Dolly, with an airy toss of her yellow curls. "You believe that?" "Really?" "Sometimes," she faltered. "You are different," said Danvers in a sulky voice, "from the girl I left behind."

He had hoped that she would rally him on his delinquencies—anything but this flippant unconcern. A new light glistened on the situation, and the girl in the picture dimmed suddenly as he looked at the living girl who had been the first to stir his heart. Dolly surprised his odd look and her cheeks pinkened. "What is it?" she asked, smiling. "I was just wondering," he replied, frowning.

"Well?" "Oh, if you had forgotten, that's all." "Forgotten—old friends? Certainly not. Do you think me a heartless ingrate?" she inquired, dimpling. After a second's silence she clasped her hands at the back of her head, laughing merrily in the old way she had that he remembered so well. Danvers grew hot and discomfited and hit his lip in quick vexation. Dolly pining for him and laying her heart and thoughts on the altar of his love, while another woman's face shined before him, was a very different matter from Dolly casting his advances and protestations back in his teeth in his frivolous style.

He had come home on his vacation with the express determination of acting the part of an honorable gentleman, he thought bitterly, and sacrificing his own dearest hopes to grim duty. In reality he had come to have the veil torn from his eyes, and to learn that life held but one possibility of happiness for him—Dolly! She loved him, of course, but with characteristic coquetry was determined to make him suffer a little before the final capitulation.

"Darling," he began eagerly, throwing aside all rein, his hands outstretched to hers. "You—" A step cracked on the dry twigs under a neighboring tree and Danvers muttered something ungraceful under his breath. "It's just Jack," explained Dolly with an inscrutable little smile. "Jack is my husband, you know."—Boston Globe.

THOUGHT IT WAS PIGS. Young Girl's Apt Description of Champion Snorer's Efforts. Mr. J. has a great and growing reputation for snoring—his intimate friends say he is in a class all by himself and cannot be matched. A few summers ago, while J. and his wife were on a driving trip, they stopped overnight at a hotel in Sullivan county, says the New York Tribune. The hotel was a frame building, the bedrooms were divided by thin board partitions, and the acoustical properties were so good that any sound much louder than a whisper in one room could be distinctly heard in the room adjoining.

Shortly after J. and his wife were shown to their room another party, consisting of a mother and two young daughters, arrived and were put in the room adjoining that of the J's. That night, J., being very tired, slept soundly and his wife suddenly awoke with a start. "The next morning, while they were seated at breakfast, the new arrivals on the night before were ushered into the dining room and were given seats at the same table, opposite J. and his wife. The younger daughter was of a very talkative disposition, and after giving her views on things in general suddenly broke out with: "Oh mamma! this place is just like the real country—every time I woke up last night I could hear the pigs."

J. and his wife resumed their driving trip immediately after breakfast. HIS CHANCE HAD GONE. Interruption Deprived Diner of Wished-for Delicacy. A certain woman in Paris gives periodical dinners, at which assemble most of the best-known wits and literati of the day. The rule of the mansion is that while one person discourses no interruption whatever can be permitted. It is said that M. Renan once attended one of these dinners, and being in excellent talk without a break during the whole repast. Toward the end of the dinner a guest was heard to commence a sentence, but he was instantly silenced by the hostess. After they had left the table, however, she at once informed the extinguished individual that, as Renan had now finished his conversation, she would gladly hear what he, the guest, had to say. The guest modestly declined; the hostess insisted. "I am certain it was something of consequence," she said. "Alas, Madame," he answered, "it was, indeed, but it is now too late! I should have liked a little more of that leech pudding."

Circumstantial Evidence. Laura—While Jack was here the other evening he made the statement that he would kiss me or die in the attempt. Belle—Yes? After a pause: "Well, did he kiss you?" Laura—You haven't read any account of Jack's death in the papers, have you? When George Got Gay. George III. had just been informed of the British loss at Trenton. "At any rate," he remarked, "that fellow Washington has ruined the American wheat crop." "How so, your majesty?" inquired an unwary courtier. "Because," snarled the savage monarch, "he made the Heastan fly."

ARBITRATION IS ON

Prospects Good for Amicable Settlement of Venezuelan Mess. OUR UNCLE SAMUEL AS ARBITER. The Balance Will Be Easy as Soon as Germany Comes "Off the High Horse," and Ends Her Grand Stand Play.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Hay has received partial responses from Great Britain, Germany and Italy respecting the proposal to arbitrate the Venezuelan difficulties. Great Britain is favorable to arbitration with proper safeguards; Germany accepts arbitration in principle, but finds a multitude of small adjustments to be made before entering into the agreement; Italy, as the junior partner of the allies, declares that she is favorable to arbitration, but will be bound probably by the action of the senior partners.

As far as England is concerned the safeguards are believed to relate to the question of guarantee, which is full of difficulties. Some consideration is given to the feasibility of an award assessed against Venezuela by responsible private agencies, but the United States government is determined not to allow itself to be drawn into the position of a guarantor. However, if private concerns can be induced to enter the field, the United States will do what it can to reduce their risks.

The German position presents the greatest difficulties, for not only does it involve a demand for apologies, which are extremely repugnant to Venezuela, but also presents so many points requiring adjustment that it is evident many days or perhaps weeks may elapse before the adjustment can be arranged. The danger of delay in the face of a blockade, which seriously cripples neutral commerce and invites hostile collisions with the Venezuelans, cannot be overestimated.

The Italian position is of course of less concern than that of the other allies. The Italian ambassador, in his intercourse with the state department, has been extremely moderate and considerate, giving Secretary Hay the impression that he is well disposed to second any effort of the United States. The French government has served notice that without abating her claims, the payment for which has been arranged, she also claims the right to have the claims of French citizens which have arisen since the adjustment above spoken of considered by the joint tribunal which will adjust the Venezuelan debts upon a basis of equality with those of other nations.

The official day closed without further developments respecting the Venezuelan complications. Dublin Moving Up. Dublin, Tex.: At a recent meeting of the city council it voted to issue bonds to the amount of \$4000 with which to build a city hall and fire station. Accordingly Mayor Spencer has ordered an election for this purpose to be held Jan. 10, 1905.

Railway Building. Austin: The construction of new railroad mileage continues in Texas at a most remarkable pace. There have been constructed during the five months ending Dec. 1 approximately 250 miles or more of new road, which is more than half of that built during the preceding twelve months ending June 30. The railroad commission is in receipt of sworn statements from which the above information is gathered. By next June it is probable over 300 more miles will be added.

Canal Treaty Postponed. Washington: Confirmations of the Panama treaty with Colombia has been again moved into the future and it is now said that no treaty can be executed before Christmas and probably not until the beginning of next year. Irrigation in Mexico. Laredo: A company, headed by Gov. Carranes of the State of Coahuila, has concluded arrangements for the inauguration of one of the greatest irrigation schemes ever projected in Mexico. The company has purchased a semi-arid body of land, comprising 34,000 acres, surrounding the mining region of Viesca, and proposes to put the entire tract under cultivation. Water for this purpose will be secured from natural springs.

The Official Vote.

Austin: The State Canvassing board consisting of the governor, attorney general and secretary of state, Friday completed the work of counting the votes cast for state officers, except for governor and lieutenant governor, which will be canvassed by the legislature. Summary of the vote is as follows: Attorney General—C. K. Bell 296,429, T. J. McMillins 15,279, W. P. McBride, 3,610, C. A. Boynton 138. Controller—R. M. Love 295,500, J. M. Pardue 12,329, R. O. Longworth 3,512, Collier Campbell 1. State Treasurer—John W. Robbins 275,267, Eugene Nolte 64,415, Buck Barry 12,461, M. T. Bruce 3,278. Commissioner of General Land Office—J. J. Terrell 288,677, S. P. Granbury 15,654, J. W. Kuykendall 4,598, G. A. McGregor 17. Superintendent Public Instruction—Arthur Lefevre 294,574, John Collier 16,583, J. E. Gibson 3,641. Railroad Commissioner—O. B. Colquhoun 298,945, E. P. Alsbury 4,587, E. G. Clear 4,231, J. E. Williams 138. Associate Justice Supreme Court—F. A. Williams 290,658, Ocle Spear 122. Judge Court of Criminal Appeals—W. E. Davidson 300,551, John James 4. Court of Civil Appeals, First District—C. C. Garrett 75,992, W. M. Key 24, Sam Streetman 21. Court of Civil Appeals, Second District—Ocle Spear 56,950, Sam Hunter 4. Streetman 51,759. (Two Judges)—W. M. Key 51,073, Sam Streetman 51,759. Court of Civil Appeals, Fourth District—W. S. Fly 55,651. Court of Civil Appeals, Fifth District—Howard Templeton 59,623, Anson Rainey 3,838, John Bookhout 2,341. Constitutional amendment—For 200,650, against 107,748.

John Harris Hanged. Paris: John Harris, colored, who was convicted in the district court of Lamar county October 27 of the murder of City Marshal Ben Hill of Blossom on October 18, was hanged between 12 and 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. Sheriffs Turbeville of Delta county, Loving of Hopkins, Deputy Sheriffs Anthony and Martin of Kaufman, City Marshal W. B. Douglass of Kaufman and a number of other officers were present. The prisoner slept soundly throughout last night and ate breakfast early, served from the jail kitchen. About 10 o'clock he was served with a meal from a restaurant. Just before he was to be led out he expressed a desire to have dinner if he wasn't to be hanged before 12, and another meal was brought to him from the restaurant, of which he partook heartily. His feat of eating three meals called forth the remark that he would not die indebted to his stomach. Before the cap was adjusted Harris faced east, and addressing a large crowd in Main street who were visible over the high plank wall, he shouted to them to take warning from his fate. He said that whisky and gambling had brought him there and that he hoped all boys, white and black, would shun those evils.

Chair Factory for Beaumont. Beaumont: X. A. D. Burrell, a North Carolina manufacturer, has advised the Beaumont Oil Exchange and board of trade of his intention to visit Beaumont in the month of January for the purpose of making arrangements for the establishment of a chair factory. Local capitalists have agreed to take one-half the stock. Orange: Mayor J. W. Link entertained the Orange Progressive League with a banquet at the Holland House Friday evening. Seventy-five sat down to an elegant menu, at the close of which was read a proposition from Houston parties for a cotton mill. A \$7500 subsidy was asked for, half of which was pledged by responsible parties within thirty minutes, and it is believed the remainder will be raised within less than ten days.

Cotton Belt Depot at Waco. Waco: The St. Louis Southwestern Railway company is about to build a passenger depot which will extend the entire length of the block on Franklin, between Third and Fourth streets. The building will be fireproof and of the latest improved depot architecture, and will cost about \$50,000. Laredo: Five Arabs were taken from the Mexican train Friday morning by United States quarantine officers and thoroughly fumigated before they were allowed to enter the country. Central Oil Tanks at Denison. Denison: Two carloads of material for the big fuel oil tanks, to be built in Denison by the Houston and Texas Central railway, have arrived and were sidetracked south of the freight depot. Work on the construction of the tanks will not commence until the oil tank at Ennis is completed. Telephone service has been established between Anderson and Huntsville, the line having been completed Wednesday afternoon. Waterworks for Lancaster. Lancaster: Bids have been advertised for, and it is expected that within a short time work will begin on the construction of a system of waterworks. R. L. Cureton, a butcher of Abilene was struck in the face with a meat cleaver. The wound is a very ugly one, and may prove quite serious.

Love's Tangled Paths.

Just before he reached the ragged, white-washed fence that ran around the apple orchard, Danvers paused and drew from his pocket a small, oval-framed picture. For a second he smiled regretfully at the dainty, brune face that laughed up into his eyes. Then with sudden petulance he thrust the miniature into his breast and strode rapidly toward the small revolving gate, through that and on among the low-boughed autumn aspens.

"I have listened to the statements of my brother, Antonio, and Luigi Dambro, and I confess that all that is in them concerning myself is absolutely true. "He at once plotted to get rid of the child, and my own financial necessities made me a willing accomplice, for the terms he offered were liberal. "The plan was this: I had a child who had died of smallpox—a child of poor Italian parents, who gladly consented when I offered to take her away and bury her without expense to them. I took this child to Graviscourt's house, and the real Alice Graviscourt away, first giving her a powerful drug, which I expected would kill her. Our reasons for making this substitution were that Graviscourt feared that some of the friends of his brother and his wife would demand to see the body, and if it were known that she died of smallpox, this curiosity would no doubt be stifled; and then again, it provided against a public funeral and viewing of the corpse. And the child substituted was so strongly marked by the foul disease that one look would convince the most curious, and satisfy all misgivings.

"But there was no trouble. The child was buried as Alice Graviscourt, and what followed with the real heiress is truthfully told in my brother's statement, though up to the advent of Maligni's circus both Graviscourt and I believed that Alice Graviscourt was at the bottom of the East river. "Graviscourt came to me in great alarm one day and said that a girl who closely resembled his brother's wife was an actress in Maligni's circus, and demanded to know more about the disposition I had made of Alice. I reassured him and said that the likeness was merely a coincidence, and so I firmly believed. I knew that my brother had claimed to have a daughter Nita, but I never saw her, and now understand why he so carefully kept her out of my way.

"When Graviscourt had gone, I got to thinking over the matter, and my curiosity was aroused, and I went to the circus to see Nita, my brother's child. I was stirred by the striking resemblance she bore to the wife of Charles Graviscourt, and sought Maligni to learn more of her. Maligni told me how Antonio had given her to him, and seemed to attach no importance to my visit. But it seems that he had neglected to read the contents of the red box, having no interest in it, until I aroused his curiosity. "The next day Graviscourt came again, and said that Maligni had visited him and claimed to have proofs that Nita Barliotti was his niece, even going so far as to tell of the box and its contents.

"Maligni had demanded one hundred thousand dollars for his silence, and Graviscourt promised it to him if he would kill the girl. This Maligni refused to do, saying he intended to marry her. Graviscourt insisted that I make good my former efforts, and also that I kill Maligni and obtain the proofs of our former guilt. I was so deep in the mire already that I assented. "Luigi Dambro has told in his statement how I employed him to do part of the work. I fired the shot at Maligni, which failed to kill him. "There is no doubt that the girl known as Nita Barliotti is Alice Graviscourt, and the real owner of Graviscourt's millions. "All that I have said is true; all

that my brother said is true; all that Danbo said is true. "Charles Sigmotta" corrected Dolly, with an airy toss of her yellow curls. "You believe that?" "Really?" "Sometimes," she faltered. "You are different," said Danvers in a sulky voice, "from the girl I left behind."

He had hoped that she would rally him on his delinquencies—anything but this flippant unconcern. A new light glistened on the situation, and the girl in the picture dimmed suddenly as he looked at the living girl who had been the first to stir his heart. Dolly surprised his odd look and her cheeks pinkened. "What is it?" she asked, smiling. "I was just wondering," he replied, frowning. "Well?" "Oh, if you had forgotten, that's all." "Forgotten—old friends? Certainly not. Do you think me a heartless ingrate?" she inquired, dimpling. After a second's silence she clasped her hands at the back of her head, laughing merrily in the old way she had that he remembered so well. Danvers grew hot and discomfited and hit his lip in quick vexation. Dolly pining for him and laying her heart and thoughts on the altar of his love, while another woman's face shined before him, was a very different matter from Dolly casting his advances and protestations back in his teeth in his frivolous style.

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LOCAL DOTS.

—Drop in at Baker's, hear a genuine phonograph and look at his nice line of holiday goods.
—Mr. Walter Smith has another son, born on Thursday.
—Mr. J. W. Collins returned Sunday night from a trip to Dallas.
—An extra choice and fresh line of candies, cakes and crackers at Williams' store.
—A. B. C. blocks at Baker's.
—Selecting a Christmas presents isn't difficult—not when you've seen other Christmas stocks and then see Baker's mammoth stock.
—Mrs. Foote, wife of Mr. J. F. Foote, the jeweler, arrived Saturday.
—A new son arrived at the home of Mr. Vernon Davis on Wednesday.
—Williams has just put in an excellent line of pants, suspenders, etc., to which he invites your attention, both as to quality and prices.
—You can always get vegetables and fruits at Williams' store when they are to be had in the market.
—All sorts of toys at Baker's.
—Judge T. D. Isbell returned this week from a horse trading expedition in Oklahoma Territory.
—Miss Dulin Fields went up to Monday Sunday to be in readiness to begin teaching her school Monday.
—Take notice—that T. G. Carney has the freshest, nicest and best lot of stuff to eat and wear to be found in the town—come alive!
—If you are interested about shoes, see the new line of gent's, ladies' and children's shoes just put in by R. P. Williams before you buy.
—Best line of cigars in town—K. Jones, south side.
—Mr. R. A. Jones, a prominent stockman of Stonewall, was over Thursday buying supplies and looking after other business.
—Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth bade her Haskell friends adieu Wednesday and left to join Mr. Bloodworth at Crowell.
—Messrs. F. G. Alexander and A. P. McLemore made a business trip to Stamford Tuesday.
—Mrs. F. R. Leonard, with her mother and little daughter, left for Abilene Wednesday.
—For every dollar's worth of goods you buy at Williams' store for cash and for every dollar you pay him on account, you get a chance to draw a very handsome \$10 parlor lamp.
—All kinds of nuts, candies and fruits at K. Jones',—south side.
—We are needing money and must make some collections at once, hence we ask all who owe us to call promptly and settle.
Neathery & Griffin.
—A rare opportunity to buy some real china is offered at Baker's.
—Mr. Brockman of Stephens county came up the first of the week to see his son off to Idaho.
—Mr. E. Bivins returned Wednesday from Houston, where he attended the Masonic grand lodge.
—Honest people all take notice that I will leave Haskell in 10 days; please pay up at once.
Dr. Coston.
—Baker and his clerks are glad to show you their goods. Don't fail to call on them.
—The season is rapidly approaching when the turkey will come in for a roasting and the lay of the hen will be appreciated above the lay of the poet.
—We hear that cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Walter Bowman and Miss Althea Coughran on the 24th of this month.
LOST—A small paper package addressed to Miss Lizzie Lee, Cisco, Texas, and containing a lace handkerchief and piece of linen. Finder will please leave it at the Free Press office.
—Mrs. J. W. Bell got home Friday of last week from Nacogdoches, where she has been visiting with relatives for several weeks.
—Messrs. Jerald Hills, Charlie Mayes and Thurmond Sherod came down Saturday evening from Monday and spent Sunday with Haskell friends.

—Dry goods, notions, clothing, hats, boots and shoes, ladies and gents furnishing goods, will be sold lower than ever at S. L. Robertson's.
—I will receive a car-load of corn at an early date. Persons wanting corn out of this shipment should put in their orders at once. Price will be close, to suit the times.
T. G. Carney.
—Messrs. G. W. Griffith and R. E. Debard are billed to leave on a trip to Arkansas today.
CHRISTMAS EATING.
For your Christmas turkeys, chickens, eggs, butter and fresh country hams go to T. G. Carney's.
—Dr. R. G. Litsay left yesterday for his "old Kentucky home" to spend the holidays with his parents and old time friends.
—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hills visited Haskell friends this week.
—Several couples of our society young folks spent a social hour or two with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones Tuesday night. Progressive games furnished the amusement of the evening.
—Messrs. Allen and John Taylor, stockmen of King county, were here this week buying ranch supplies. No use to go on to the railroad when you can get just as good goods just as cheaply in Haskell.
—I have another shipment of Louisiana molasses and sugars on the way from New Orleans. Will make you prices that nobody else can meet.
T. G. Carney.
—Mr. Lee Pierson who has been looking after his cattle near Amarillo, came home Tuesday. He was just from Kansas City, where he disposed of a shipment of cattle.
—Mr. W. N. Motes of Childress, who owns property here and is a stockholder in the Haskell national bank, was looking after business here this week.
—We have received from the First Nat'l bank of Albany a unique folder containing the bank's business card, a calendar for 1903, a paper of gold eyed needles and an arrangement of various sizes of darning needles on one side pointing down to several tersely stated reasons why it is to the recipient's interest to do business with that bank. It's a very "pointed" proposition they make.
—S. L. Robertson is receiving new goods and offering them at very low prices.
—Mr. T. S. Wright and family have moved to Jacksboro, where Mr. Wright has secured a job in a blacksmith shop at \$50 per month.
—Twenty-three different kinds of cakes, fresh from the Kansas City bakery—nicest thing in the market at Carney's.
—Mr. J. M. Drinkard of Floyd county, who once resided in this county, came in this week to look after some business matters he had here.
—Mrs. R. L. McKeenolds left on Wednesday morning on a visit to her mother at Merkel.
—Dr. Simons is rebuilding his sheds and wagon yard, destroyed by fire some time ago.
—The prohibition injunction and election contest case was set for trial Thursday, but was postponed until today on account of the failure of some of the lawyers to get here sooner.
—The Presbyterian ladies had a handsome display of their handiwork at their bazaar, including lace work, embroidery, crocheted and knitted articles, paintings, etc., and realized a neat sum for the mission cause.
—Z. B. Thomason & Son pay the biggest price for chickens, eggs, butter and hides.
—Mr. J. W. Wright returned Thursday from a visit in Jones county and brought the first news of the killing of Frank Palmer, a restaurant keeper at Stamford, on Wednesday night.
The man was found dead in his bed Thursday morning with a bullet hole through his head.
The report came up yesterday evening that Palmer's wife had been arrested on the charge of committing the crime and that an examining trial was in progress.
—Rev. E. A. Smith of Abilene, presiding elder of this district, preached to large congregations at the Methodist church Sunday night and Monday night. Quarterly conference of the church was held on Monday.
—The valley public school in the northeast part of the county opened last Monday with Mr. J. A. Smith as teacher.
—Z. B. Thomason & Son want your butter, eggs and hides. (4)

SPECIAL OFFER.
I am offering the following bargains in ladies underwear.
Fleece lined pants:
1 pair for 25 cents
2 pairs for 65 cents
3 pairs for \$1.00
These are splendid goods for winter.
S. L. Robertson.
—You can always get good apples, oranges, bananas and lemons at K. Jones', on south side.
—Mrs. C. A. Pinkerton and daughter arrived here Tuesday from Hamilton county and Mr. Pinkerton will follow in a few days with their household goods, etc., when they will settle on a farm on Wildhorse prairie. Mr. Pinkerton is a brother to Mr. J. F. Pinkerton of this place.
He Found a Cure.
R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c at J. B. Baker's."
—The people of Haskell regret losing from their midst Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brockman, who left on Tuesday accompanied by the former's sister, Miss May Brockman, for Whitebird, Idaho, where they will make their home. The best wishes of many friends go with them.
—Our old Haskell county citizen, Mr. E. A. Rose, who is now ranching in the Del Rio country, sends us a remittance which puts him ahead for another year's reading of the Free Press. He says they have had plenty of rain in that section this fall and everything still green, there not having been enough frost to kill vegetation.
He sends good wishes to all of his old Haskell friends.
Saved at Grave's Brink.
"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsome, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, waterbrash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at J. B. Baker's drug store.
The N. Y. Sun, the most strenuous of republican newspapers, is reported as saying of the late message to congress of the Strenuous One that it is "seven pounds lighter than a straw hat."—J. P. Morgan is said to be preparing to fight any anti-trust measure that may be proposed by the administration.—The Sun commented approvingly on a late speech of Governor Cleveland's.—The Sun is controlled by Morgan and his band of "plutes."—What does it all mean???

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL.
A Problem
A few days ago while looking over a Fort Worth paper, I saw this statement, viz: That out of an enrollment of 4146 pupils in their public schools, they had an average of 25.3 tardy per day during the last month. This caused me to look into the matter of tardiness in our school. Result—our enrollment 291, average number of cases of tardiness per day 21.7.
To illustrate still further, in Ft. Worth the number of cases of tardiness per day amounted to 6 per thousand pupils while in Haskell it was about 72 per thousand (or nearly as many out of 291 in Haskell as out of 4146 in Ft. Worth!)
The question puzzling me is how to account for this. Do our Fort Worth neighbors appreciate schools more than we? I think not. Do they put a higher estimate on promptness than we? I hope not. Have they a more efficient corps of teachers than we? We don't mean to be egotistical, but cannot admit that this will account for so wide a difference.
I hardly think we can agree upon the cause, but I am sure we will all agree that this state of affairs ought not to exist. In all the rooms of the school the work of the day is begun by singing, or reading some interesting story. This we deem as valuable as any exercise of the day. And the teachers of our school all join me in an earnest appeal to the patrons that they will see that their children are at school promptly at 8:45 a. m. and 1 p. m.
Yours for an improvement.
L. T. Litsay, Prin.

Parties owing accounts at the meat market must settle on the first of the month, otherwise we cannot continue their accounts.
Cunningham & Ellis.
A Million Voices.
Could hardly express the thanks of Homer Hall, of West Point, Ia. Listen why: A severe cold had settled on his lungs, causing a most obstinate cough. Several physicians said he had consumption, but could not help him. When all thought he was doomed he began to use Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption and writes—"it completely cured me and saved my life. I now weigh 27 lbs." It's positively guaranteed for coughs, colds and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at J. B. Baker's.
SIXTEEN DOLLARS FOR SEED.
We are still paying sixteen dollars a ton or 25 1/2 cts a bushel for seed at our gin. This is from seventy-five cents to one dollar and a half on the bale more than any other gin in the county is paying.
Earnest & Sanders.
Notice of Stockholder's Meeting
Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Haskell National Bank will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 1903, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., at the office of said bank in the town of Haskell, Texas, for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and for transacting such other business as may properly come before such meeting. G. R. Couch, Cashier, Haskell, Texas, Dec. 13, 1902.
—All kinds of nuts, apples, oranges, lemons, dates, cranberries and candies at T. G. Carney's.
PAY UP
I must insist now on my friends making early settlements of their accounts. My creditors are insisting on settlement of my obligations, hence I must ask, and shall expect, everyone owing me to come up promptly and settle. This will most certainly be best for you as well as myself. I will say to those who wish to pay with cotton that I will pay the highest price.
You should pay your merchant, as he has risked his means, strained his credit and made more sacrifices to accommodate you than anybody else would do. Now let's see who is who.
Yours truly
S. L. Robertson.
Human life seems to be rather slippery in Beaumont. Is this the result of so much oil there?
—T. G. Carney has the prettiest lamp ever seen in this town to give you as a ticket premium. It is a \$16 lamp—who will win it?
—Tea sets for the little girls at Baker's.
The EGGS
which some coffee roasters use to glaze their coffee with—would you eat that kind of eggs? Then why drink them?
Lion Coffee
has no coating of stonage eggs, glue, etc. It's coffee—pure, unadulterated, fresh, strong and of delightful flavor and aroma.
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and several other articles which I will sell you lower than you ever bought them before.
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HASKELL, TEXAS.

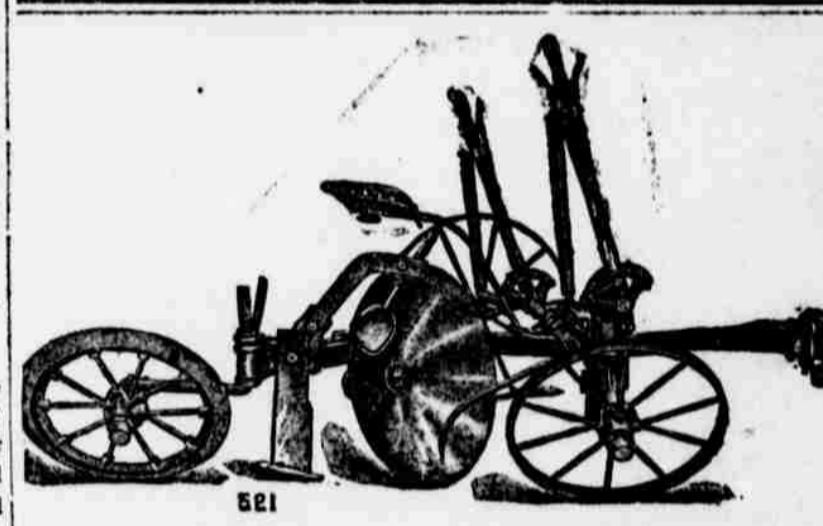
—Try K. Jones for the best cigar in town—south side.
—Fresh cranberries, nuts and candies for Christmas at Carney's.
—If you owe me, please shape matter to settle just as soon as possible.
S. L. Robertson.
—You can get all the ingredients for making your Christmas fruit cake and mince pies at T. G. Carney's.
—Sheriff Bell tells us that tax payments are coming in very slowly, collections amounting to only about \$1000 since he went into office.

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We are handling this plow this season. It has come to be an acknowledged fact that the Disc is superior to all other plows for breaking land and putting it in a good state of cultivation. Especially is this true in a dry season, and no farmer in this section should be without one.

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—We have employed Mr. A. P. McLemore as collector for our firm this fall. Having had to carry our business through two hard years in succession, we will need the assistance of all who owe us this fall and we ask that each one be prepared to do something for us when Mr. McLemore calls on you later on. On the response to this call we can judge how our efforts to help our customers is appreciated. Resp't.,
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—New crop Louisiana molasses at Carney's.

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Many soldiers in the last war wrote to say that for scratches, bruises, cuts, wounds, corns, sore feet and stiff joints, Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best in the world. Same for burns, scalds, boils, ulcers. Skin eruptions and piles. It cures or no pay. Only 25c at J. B. Baker's drug store.

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SANTA CLAUS IS COMING
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in a few days with a handsome and varied line of carefully selected Christmas Presents from the best stocks of holiday goods in Chicago and Kansas City. You are cordially invited to call and see what he has in store for you at the
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