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WAS TOO MUCH FOR PAPA.

Childish Questions Were Becoming Entirely Too Personal.

There is a member of the faculty of George Washington university, who, to use the words of a colleague, "is as rotund physically as he is profound metaphysically," says the Philadelphia Ledger.

One day the professor chanced to come upon his children, of which he has a number, all of whom were, to his astonishment, engaged in an earnest discussion of the meaning of the word "absolute."

"Dad," queried one of the youngsters, "can a man be absolutely good?"

"No."

"Dad," put in another youngster, "can a man be absolutely bad?"

"No."

"Papa," ventured the third child, a girl, "can a man be absolutely fat?"

Whereupon the father fled incontinently.

IN TOYDOM.



Billy Block—A Teddy bear! I'd here I've went and shot me last stone at a canary bird! Dnat the luck!

Thrift in the Family.

A little girl was playing with a girl friend of her own age on the porch of her home in West Philadelphia.

An elderly gentleman, her mother's father, and an elderly lady, her father's mother, were sitting on the porch talking pleasantly with each other. The little girl had often wished her grandparents were of the same name, like other children's grandparents.

Presently the little guest remarked: "What a nice grandmother and grandfather you have."

"Oh, yes," she said, with a sigh, "but they don't match."

Near Dead.

The ship doctor of an English liner notified the deathwatch steward, an Irishman, that a man had died in stateroom 45. The usual instructions to bury the body were given. Some hours later the doctor peeked into the room and found that the body was still there. He called the Irishman's attention to the matter, and the latter replied:

"I thought you said room 26. I went to that room and noticed wan of thim in a bunk. 'Are ye dead?' says I. 'No,' says he, 'but I'm pretty near dead.' So I buried him."—The Wasp.

WONDERED WHY Found the Answer Was "Coffee."

Many pale, sickly persons wonder for years why they have to suffer so, and eventually discover that the drug—caffeine—in coffee is the main cause of the trouble.

"I was always very fond of coffee and drank it every day. I never had much flesh and often wondered why I was always so pale, thin and weak. About five years ago my health completely broke down and I was confined to my bed. My stomach was in such condition that I could hardly take sufficient nourishment to sustain life.

"During this time I was drinking coffee, didn't think I could do without it.

"After awhile I came to the conclusion that coffee was hurting me, and decided to give it up and try Postum. I didn't like the taste of it at first, but when it was made right—boiled until dark and rich—I soon became very fond of it.

"In one week I began to feel better. I could eat more and sleep better. My sick headaches were less frequent, and within five months I looked and felt like a new being, headache spells entirely gone.

"My health continued to improve and today I am well and strong, weigh 148 lbs. I attribute my present health to the life-giving qualities of Postum."

"There's a Reason."

Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

King of Political Pests Is the "Four-Flusher"

By ERNEST MCGAFFEY

As a Rule His Good Thing Turns Out to Be a Pair of Deuces.

THE term "four-flushing," although of comparatively recent origin, merely means, in its last analysis, a pretense. It is a poker term, meaning in that game the practice of pretending that you have five cards of one suit when you only have four of one suit and one of another, and of trying to win with that kind of a hand, in hopes that the other players will believe that you have a genuine "flush," five cards in one suit. It is a favorite pastime in the great American game to bet high on a "four flush" to intimidate or "timify"

vote we can rake and scrape. There's lots of ugly talk about this thing in my neighborhood, and it's the same everywhere. Well, so long.

No one but a rank "four-flusher" makes these senseless "breaks," but the large cities simply swarm with rank "four-flushers."

A favorite scheme of the standard "four-flushers" in elections was to put up an "independent" "dummy" candidate. Sometimes two "dummy" candidates were put forward in the race. Suppose, for instance, that "A" and "B" are the regular candidates of the main parties. "B," we will say, is the

ties. Does this daunt the "four-flusher" who wishes a little advertising? Not a bit of it. He gets together his cohorts and besieges the political authorities demanding that they do those things which are under the law absolutely forbidden.

The authorities consult the law department, and the department gives an opinion, based on the soundest authority, that the proposition is untenable. Then the reforming "four-flusher" holds a few public meetings and adds some more "four-flushers" to the list. Speeches are made and the authorities are denounced, also the

His Ways, His Manners, His Methods, His Dress, and Fly-by-Night Election Schemes—Dead Politically To-day, He Resurrects Himself To-morrow in a New Ward, with a New Plan and Perhaps Affiliates with the Other Party—How He Takes Up Reform as an Asset and Meets Defeat, with Attendant Notoriety, Gracefully.



HE WAS ALWAYS GOING TO DO GREAT THINGS

HE WAS THE FELLOW WHO WOULD GET YOU IN A CORNER AND REASON WITH YOU

the others at the card table and thereby "rake down the pot." But it does not always work.

In politics I have seen enormous quantities of "four-flushing" indulged in; and in fact about two-fifths of all politics is "four-flushing."

In the various angles of the political game there may be counter "four-flushing" or practicing the art on both sides, or if there are four or five candidates in the field, there may be only one candidate who really stands any show of election, and a quartette of "four-flushers" gaily bringing up the rear. "A" also runs "have entered the race for various reasons. Some of them get a little notoriety, some of them to try their political strength, and others for the purpose of leading a forlorn hope against the probable winner.

I recollect particularly one of this kind. He was always going to do great things. And he would demonstrate by verbal mathematics just how it was a "cinch" that he had the ward tied up as tight as a snare drum. All suggestions that he might possibly be mistaken were either pooh-poohed away, or you were given to understand that you were "dead nutty." This gentleman would keep on swelling until the morning after election, and then he would disappear for a few days. When he reappeared, with his ward knocked "galley-west" in the election, and about 99 per cent. of his predictions gone wrong, he would still have that old "bluffy" walk on him, and would be gabbling triumphantly about some precinct that had gone his way, and explaining how they would have all went the same way if "Bill Botsford" or "Joe Sammons" or "Pete Highball" had "stuck." The only offensive thing about this lobbyist's attitude was that he assumed that some one was going to believe him. He was per se a "stiff," as such cattle are termed in politics, and a laughing-stock among seasoned politicians, but he went about imagining that he was a real factor in politics, when he could scarcely control his own vote.

"You know how that is, Mac," he would go on. "The people out there feel that way, and that's the way they feel all over the city. It's strange to me that some one hasn't pointed it out to the mayor. If something isn't done we'll lose out election day. Such a comparatively small thing, too. It don't make any difference to me personally, for I don't care. But I don't want to see our boys lose. Somebody ought to see his honor about it. I'm just telling you because you can see for yourself how it is. We need every

specimen, and a nifty proposition. A certain hotelkeeper had been selected as a candidate for aldermanic honors. At party headquarters, after his name had been offered and determined upon, a committee of "prominent citizens" was picked out to notify the gentleman of the honor which had been accorded him. Among others, this "hot sport" was chosen, as he was a very neat talker, and the chairmanship of the notifying committee was reserved to him, as the man who was best qualified to break the news to the hotelkeeper of his selection as the aldermanic standard-bearer.

At that time of the year, early spring, a number of these "prominent citizens" were wearing light overcoats, and our hero was nattily attired in one which buttoned high to his throat, with an immaculate silk muffler folded neatly above it.

As the committee entered the rotunda of the hotel it met the then city clerk, who, on invitation, accompanied them on their trip.

The Boniface was sent for, a private room opened and the gentleman with the dove-colored spring overcoat and silk muffler stepped from the group of "prominent citizens" and urged the acceptance by the tentative candidate of the honor vouchsafed him. It was a neat speech, and told of the "representative citizens" who were present, anxious to lend their prestige and solid business standing to his campaign, all "prominent business men," and all desirous of having the ward taken care of in the council by a man of their own stamp.

The hotelkeeper was very much gratified, accepted the honor in a few words and invited the committee to take dinner with him, it being just about six in the evening. All but the city clerk and the orator of the evening accepted the invitation with alacrity. The orator, however, pleaded an imperative engagement, and the city clerk had to catch a train. But as these two came out of the hotel the city clerk, who knew his companion as a sort of "fly-by-night" ward politician, said, "Why didn't you stay and take dinner with the committee, Dick? The old man will give the boys a fine feed in there."

To which the politician, with a perfectly nonchalant air, replied: "I'd have liked to, first rate; but I haven't got any shirt on," at the same time opening his spring overcoat and disclosing underneath his stylish muffler the unmistakable presence of a neat but not gaudy undershirt next to his manly chest.

The city clerk reached into his vest pocket and dislodged a two-dollar bill. This he handed to his friend. "You're a dandy representative citizen all right, Dick," he remarked, "and a first-class business man. Go and get you a shirt with that and then buy something to eat."

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stronger of the two. "A" finances the nomination of an "independent" candidate, or a Prohibition, Labor-Socialist, or any old candidate whom he may think will weaken "B's" chances. If "B" thinks the move will weaken him, he may up with an "independent" candidate of "A's" party stripe, and pay his expenses to cut into "A's" vote.

All this is "four-flushing" to make the voters believe there are four or five "Richmonds in the field" when, in fact, "A" and "B" are the only real figures in the contest, and the extra candidates are "fakes." And the beauty about it is that these "independent" or other campaigns are often waged valiantly and a tremendous amount of dust and excitement kicked up about them.

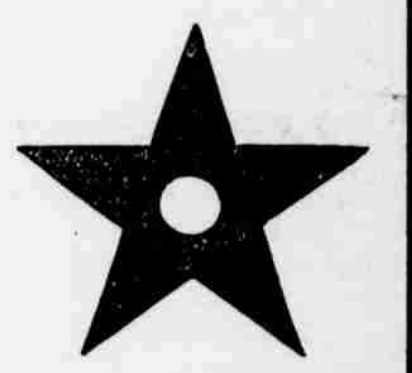
Reform is a prolific source of political "four-flushing." Take some business which offends certain of the more puritanically inclined citizens. This business may be regularly licensed and declared legal, and there may be constitutional grounds which, until a change in the constitution, would absolutely prevent interference in the business on the part of the authori-



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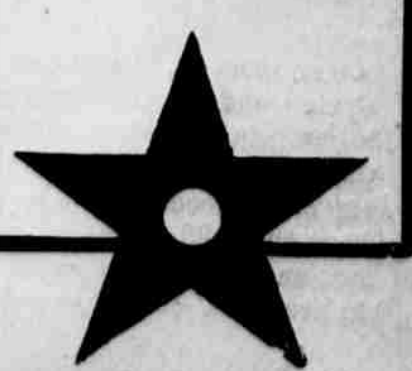
More chewers are learning every day that STAR, considered from the standpoint of true merit, has no competitor, and is the one best chew.

For a long time there was a prejudice (which probably still exists) among certain chewers against the use of what is generally termed "Navy Tobacco," because of the impression that all tobacco of that character is too sweet.

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THE BIG STORE

Locals and Personals.

Bargans in remnants at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. Ira Ellis has gone on business to Aspermont.

Summer dress goods at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. L. C. Lichenstein of Fort Worth was in our city Tuesday.

Mr. P. K. Crawford of Merkel was here Tuesday.

If your watch does not run let Gus Evans repair it, at French Bros.

Rev. I. N. Alvis was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. W. H. Scott and son Almer left Monday on a visit to the coast country.

Novelties in ladies' dress goods accessories at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mr. T. N. McDonnell of Bell county was looking over this country this week.

If you want a fine bird dog for the coming season see P. J. Johnson, Haskell, Tex. 304t

Mrs. T. D. Roberts of Weinert, spent several days in the city last week.

Last Monday being trades day at Haskell a large crowd was in town.

Our abstract books are complete and up-to-date. Get your abstracts from Sanders & Wilson.

Mrs. H. E. Fields left Tuesday for St. Louis to assist her brother Mr. C. M. Hunt in the selection of a stock of millinery for the new firm of Hunt, Hancock & Co. Subscribe for the FREE PRESS.

Mr. H. L. Sherrill of Temple was looking after his interests here this week.

The best line of spurs, bits, belts, purses, saddles and harness will be found at Evers' shop in Haskell. 23tf

Mr. Hugh Rogers of Fort Worth was here this week looking after cattle business.

Phone your wants to the Haskell Dairy. Phone No. 227, R. E. Debard, manager. (30 tf)

Miss Yates of Sherman, who has been visiting Mrs. S. W. Scott left for her home Tuesday.

Men's summer suits at reduced prices at Alexander Mercantile Co's.

Mrs. L. A. Bouldin and sons, J. R. and J. N. Bouldin, were in the city Tuesday.

Mr. R. L. Bowman and wife of Crosby county are visiting friends in Haskell this week.

Use Prats Lice Killer and save your poultry. For sale at the Haskell Racket Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Robinson of Teague, Texas, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Simmons.

See W. H. Parsons for all kinds of watch, jewelry and spectacle repairing. Office 'phone no. 298

Misses Mamie and Tishie Simmons have returned home from a visit to relatives at Tague.

The FREE PRES has several scholarships of the Tyler Commercial School to sell at a discount.

Miss Chloe Maloney has returned home to Goree after attending the Summer Normal at this place and visiting old friends.

Messrs M. H. Guinn and W. S. Fouts were in the city Thursday.

Mr. S. H. Wilkerson of Fort Worth was prospecting here Thursday.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones spent last week with their sons J. F. and J. L. Jones at Rule.

Baggage transferred to all parts of the city, ring No. 114 or Rupe & Pearsey.

Mrs. J. L. Jones and children of Rule spent several days this week with Haskell friends.

Gus Evans repairs watches, clocks jewelry etc. at French Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Talkington of Collin county are visiting. Mrs. Talkington's father, Mr. W. P. Foster of this city.

If you want a fancy California hand stamped belt, hat band or purse, see Evers' line at his harness shop in Haskell. 23tf

Mr. W. A. McMichael of Ringgold, La., is visiting friends in Haskell and thinks he would like to locate here.

Prats' Animal Regulator, Condition powders, Heave, Cough and cold cure and Poultry Regulator and Egg producer at the Haskell Racket Store.

Quite a number of Haskell people attended the Primitive Baptist association and the Christian camp meeting at Rule Sunday.

VENDORS LIEN NOTES; Can get you money on your land notes in 8 to 15 days; See us at once in State Bank. West Texas Development Co.

Miss Ella Logan of Graham is visiting Miss Pearl Grissom.

Mr. T. D. Whitford of Carney was in the county capital Tuesday.

I have plenty of fine cotton seed, cane seed, grain, hay and other feed stuff. Come and see me and be convinced as to quality and prices. G. J. Miller.

Mr. J. F. Vernon went on a business trip to Abilene Monday.

Miss Gillie Frost of Mineral Wells has returned home after a visit to her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Frost.

All Bell county people and people from every where else, with broken watches, bring them to Gus Evans for repair, at French Bros.

Miss Lucile Hughes, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Temple, returned home Monday morning.

Mr. J. W. Collins made a shipment of two cars of cattle to Fort Worth Tuesday.

RULE TRADING DAY. The business men of Rule have set apart the second Monday of each month to be known as Rule trading day. The second Monday in August will be the first day so observed. Everybody come to Rule. (30-3m)

Many of our people attended the B. Y. P. U. assembly at Stamford and report a great meeting and enjoyable time.

Mr. Grover Hammond, who lived in our community last year, was brought here Sunday for burial. He died of epilepsy.

Six hundred cords of dry wood for sale or trade at my farm three miles and a half north of Haskell. Will sell or trade any quantity and take hogs, cattle, colts, chickens, turkeys or any thing. J. C. Holt. 29tf.

Miss Eva Fields will leave tomorrow for St. Louis to purchase the fall stock of millinery for Messrs C. D. Grissom & Son.

Mr. T. E. Matthews left Tuesday for Monday and other points in the interest of the Fraternal Bankers.

Our auto makes six or eight trips daily between Haskell and Rule. Ernest, Boier an experienced chauffeur from Fort Worth, is our driver. J. L. Baldwin, propr.

Mr. J. McGuire, who is a railroad man of southern Mexico, is visiting his brother, Mr. G. B. McGuire of this place.

Notice—Lets meet Wednesday the 12th of August and bridge the mudhole west of town, near Dr. Pinkerton's residence. L. W. Mayfield.

Judge H. G. McConnell went to Fort Worth, Monday on professional business in the district court.

LAND OWNERS. We are in position to handle land to advantage and want to list your land for a lot of good purchasers we have coming from the black land districts. See us at State Bank. West Texas Development Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Parker of Fort Worth are visiting the family of Mr. W. L. Cason and their daughter, Miss Bessie Parker.

Money-Money: Great stacks full of it to loan on gilt-edge land security no delay, can get money in 10 to 15 days. Better see us at once and get those notes extended. Will also buy good land notes, West Texas Development Co.

Misses Minnael Davis, Ennie McKelvain, Eula Poole, Aunie Lyda Hughes, Emma and Mary Nicholson and Sibyl Collins returned Monday morning from Stamford, where they attended the B. Y. P. U. encampment.

It will positively take cash to get school books at Colliers.

PINKERTON JOTTINGS
To the FREE PRESS.

The best thing we have to report this week is the meeting now in progress conducted by Bro. Bevers, assisted by Rev. C. B. Meador. Bro. Meador is doing some very fine and very effective preaching, as shown by the attendance and by the conversions and reclamations.

Crops are fine and the people seem thankful to God for them. Surely "hog and hominy" are assured in the Pinkerton neighborhood.

Mr. J. F. Simpson is off to Walnut Springs this week to see his mother, who has been ill for some weeks.

Mrs. Doss is just back from a visit to relatives and friends in Bosque county.

Mrs. J. C. Draper has a sister visiting her this week, but we did not learn her name.

Messers Kates, Sharp, Miller and some others are off to see he plains country.

Messrs I. N. Alvis and Gilliam Ashley are just back from a visit to Lynn, Lubbock and other plains counties.

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THE VOTE FOR STATE AND DISTRICT OFFICERS.

This is to certify that the persons named below received the number of votes set opposite their several names for the offices specified next above their several names in the Democratic primary election held in Haskell County, Texas, on July 25, 1908, as ascertained and declared by the Democratic Executive Committee of said county upon estimating the returns of said election at its meeting held for that purpose Aug. 1st 1908, to wit

For Presidential Electors—

HARDY O'NEAL,	1725
JED C. ADAMS,	1725
N. P. DOAK,	1729
W. W. DIES,	1724
W. W. MOORE,	1730
R. S. FULTON,	1728
THOMAS D. ISBELL,	1729
J. W. WOODS,	1734
JOSEPH ADAMS,	1727
E. A. BERRY,	1727
G. L. HAUDUSEK,	1731
LEE J. ROUNTREE,	1729
S. P. YORK,	1730
W. H. HAWKINS,	1733
A. B. EDWARDS,	1727
L. L. SHIELD,	1730
EDGAR VON BOECKMANN,	1735
J. C. SON,	1737

For Governor—

THOMAS M. CAMPBELL,	1167
R. R. WILLIAMS,	602

For Lieutenant Governor—

A. B. DAVIDSON,	1196
C. W. GEERS,	414

For Attorney-General—

R. V. DAVIDSON,	943
R. M. WYNNE,	746

For Comptroller—

BOB BARKER,	422
J. R. BLADES,	83
GEORGE F. PARKER,	354
J. W. STEPHENS,	387
CHARLES B. WHITE,	166

For Commissioner of the General Land Office—

J. T. ROBISON,	910
THOMAS P. STONE,	682

For State Treasurer—

SAM SPARKS,	1678
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For Railroad Commissioner—

O. B. COLQUITT,	1158
THEODORE G. THOMAS,	436

For State Superintendent of Public Instruction—

J. M. ALDERDICE,	654
R. B. COUSINS,	995

For Commissioner of Agriculture—

R. T. MILLER,	1747
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For Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals—Full Term—One to be voted for—

W. L. DAVIDSON,	996
O. S. LATTIMORE,	679

For Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals—Unexpired Term—One to be voted for—

W. F. RAMSEY,	1745
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For Associate Justice of the Supreme Court—

F. A. WILLIAMS,	1740
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For Associate Justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, Second Supreme Judicial District of Texas.

OCIE SPEER	1752
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For Congressman 16th District

W. R. SMITH	899
J. F. CUNNINGHAM	829

For Associate Justice, Court of Civil Appeals, Second Supreme Judicial District of Texas, to fill out the unexpired term of I. W. Stephens resigned.

A. H. KIRBY	922
R. E. CARSWELL	197
IRBY DUNKLIN	512

For State Senator, 28th District

W. J. BRYAN	1109
R. C. CRANE	617

For Representative, 104th District

R. M. REED	894
D. J. BROOKRESON	896

For District Attorney, 39th District

JNO. D. HOPSON	1759
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For Submission 672

Against Submission 502

For Local Option 277

Against Local Option 144

C. D. Long, Chairman,
Dem. Ex. Com. Haskell Co.
Attest, J. E. Poole, Sec.

Bring your eggs and butter to the City Grocery.

Fresh apples at the City Grocery.

Mr. Ed King left Thursday on a business trip to San Marcos!

Mrs. C. E. Maedgen of Troy, Texas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. C. Ellis.

Mrs. Wm. Oglesby has some good rooms to rent. (31-4tp)

