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ATTRACTIVE New Spring Novelties

A special invitation is extended to all to visit this department and take a peep at the many new things we have to show in Neckwear, Frills and Fancy Pins.

NECKWEAR.--This line embraces many beautiful new designs in, the much talked of Coronation Collar, also a good number of fancy frills in Baby Irish, Bobonet, and some of them are combinations of lawn with lace edge, while a few have embroidered designs done in delicate colors.

BOWS.--We are showing a number of Monobows in delicate colors made of light weight but durable material, also some Maline bows in the new spring colors.

PINS.--The bar pin is very popular this season and our stock has been freshened with a large number of the new Sterling Silver bar pins, also a few in plain gold plated and many with enamel designs and beautiful settings.

F. G. Alexander & Sons

THE BIG STORE

DINNER PAILS INCREASING

The rattle of the Texas dinner pail is being heard around the world. Our oil refineries and packing house products are well known on both hemispheres, but the latest transaction of national significance was made by the Wichita Falls Motor Car Company with a concern in Colorado involving a sale of \$275,000 worth of automobiles and it is said to be the largest sale of the kind ever made west of the Mississippi river. The transaction places Wichita Falls in the first ranks as a manufacturing center and firmly establishes this youthful and vigorous industry on Texas soil.

The incident presents a lesson in progress which every city can profit by studying. It is our big manufacturing plants that reach out and draw money from other states and countries that we must depend upon to make Texas a great industrial center. The man with the dinner pail is as important to our civilization as the man with the hoe.

At the Christian Church

Services morning and night and special music at each service. Sunday morning Solo by Mrs. T. A. Pinkerton, "Rock of Ages" Sunday night, Duet by Miss Ella Day and Mrs. Jno. B. Baker, "The Lord is My Light." Everybody invited.

Let the Free Press do your job printing. We are prepared to please you.

TOO SLOW FOR TEXAS

Texas has been a puzzle to Uncle Sam ever since she was admitted to the Union and has caused his statisticians more trouble than all other states combined. We develop so rapidly that we outgrow our statistics while Uncle Sam is at work on the adding machine.

The Census Reports which are being made public from time to time read like ancient history.

While Uncle Sam was calculating the number of acres of land under cultivation, we turn over a million and a half acres of virgin soil; since the census was taken there have been a quarter of a million people born in Texas and 150,000 immigrants have settled in the State. By the time the census reports are printed and ready for distribution we will have to add a few ciphers to the right hand side of the figures in order to bring them up to date. Uncle Sam is too slow for Texas.

Another Recommendation.

To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I was associated with Will Marr for three years. I had my office in his drug store. I always found Mr. Marr to be a man, honest, upright and perfectly reliable in every respect. He is a competent and careful druggist, strictly moral and never substitutes.

Yours truly,
D. C. Carrington, M. D.

(Signed)
Marques, Texas, Jan. 20th 1912.

HASKELL'S PUBLIC LIBRARY

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In Haskell
To visit and improve your mind,
In Haskell
Help the ladies in their work,
Bend every energy like a stirk,
And never a duty shirk,
In Haskell

DEATH RATE DECREASING

A bulletin has been issued by the Census Bureau relative to death by suicide, and statistics on the subject show a lower rate in 1910 than 1909. The death rate per 100,000 of population was 16.0 for 1910 as compared with 16.5 for 1909, according to census bulletin No. 109 on mortality statistics for 1910, prepared under the supervision of Dr. Cressy L. Wilbur, chief statistician for vital statistics.

It is stated in the bulletin that although the death rates for suicide increased up to 1905, those since that time do not indicate increased precision in the manner reporting. The rate in 1906 was 13.8; in 1907, 15.7; in 1908, was 17.8.

Of the various means employed for purposes of suicide the most important, with the number of deaths for each, were: Fire-arms, 2,561; Poison, 2,456; and hanging or strangulation, 4,265. Others were: Asphyxia, 941; drowning, 516; cutting or piercing instruments, 544; jumping from high places, 13.7; crushing, 88, and other means, 61.

In the group made up of all the registrations states the number was 7,309, or 15.3 per 100,000 population, in 1910, as against 7,061, or 15.9, 1909. In the rural part of the registration states the number was 2,796, or 12.4 per 100,000 population, in 1910, as against 2,679, or 12.6, in 1909.

Patriot--I understand you are living abroad now. Americans not good enough for you, eh?

Expatriot--Oh, it isn't that; it is simply I prefer being at home with foreigners to staying at home with foreigners.--Judge

FARM LIFE AN IDEAL ONE

In days gone by farm life was considered a hard lot, and it was. But with modern machinery and the many conveniences that science and inventive genius have brought to us, life on the farm should be as comfortable as in town and much more independent. In olden times when any member of the family living in an obscure corner was taken sick, many miles were traveled before a physician could be gotten. If a visit was made, great inconveniences had to be endured to get there, such as rattling vehicles, bad roads, etc. And there were many other hindrances that made life unpleasant. But today the farmer can have his telephone, and when sickness comes into his family the doctor can be notified at once and the automobile will bring him immediately. With cheap machinery and modern appliances he can have water-works in his own home, saving many a step and hard pulls in drawing water. He can have better vehicles, because they are cheaper and are not torn up and used so badly because of bad roads. He can save many a weary step in cultivating his crop because of the riding plows, etc. If the same energetic efforts were put forth as by our forefathers, and the same economical methods used in caring for machinery and tools, and the same plans adopted for growing the things used on the farm, were made use of today, with the modern conveniences that science has given us, the glories of country life that have hitherto existed in song and story would at present be an attractive reality. Some farmers we are glad to say are enjoying these comforts and luxuries of life and there are many others who might.

Money to Loan

on land at 8 per cent and 9 per cent interest, also to buy Vendors Lien Notes. If you want a loan come and see us.

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THE SPLENDID RAIN

We are all rejoicing again,
Around Haskell
Because of the splendid rain,
Around Haskell
Prosperity is beginning to smile,
Things are looking worth while
And soon we all can be in style,
Around Haskell.

DIVERSIFICATION IDEA GROWING

Reports received by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association indicate that, although rather early for anything like an accurate estimate, there seemed in January to be a general tendency in the state towards diversification of farm products. Information assembled shows that there will likely be more acreage devoted to the growing of tomatoes, potatoes, cucumbers, strawberries and onions in 1912 than ever before in Texas.

Approximately 8,000 acres of land have been transplanted to onions, which is 1,000 acres more than was shown for January, 1911. The increase in acreage was in Dimit, Zavalla and La Salle counties.

Notwithstanding the general tendency to diversify, especially in the southern part of the state, it is estimated that 50,000 acres of new land will be planted in cotton this year in Nueces county, practically doubling the cotton acreage in that county.

Texas' Increase in Population

On the date of the battle of San Jacinto, April 21, 1836, the combined population of Texas, Indians included, was approximately 40,000. Of this number not more than 25,000 were whites.

By 1850 the population had increased nearly six-fold, or to 212,592. In 1860 it was 604,251, an increase for the decade of 184 per cent; in 1870 818,579, an increase of 35 per cent; in 1880, 1,591,749, or 94 per cent; in 1890 2,235,523, or 40 per cent; in 1900 3,048,710, or 36 per cent; in 1910 3,896,542, or 28 per cent.

A recent report of the United States Census shows that in Texas the negro race did not increase proportionally as much as the white and that the negro population of the entire state represented a smaller per centage in 1910 than in 1900.

Death From Ptomaine Poison.

Special to Reporter.

Leuders, Tex., Feb. 10.--A seven year old son of Mr. Mims, living north of here, died this afternoon of ptomaine poison, and another child ten years of age is very low from the same effects.

The two children ate a can of tomatoes together and became violently ill, and soon afterwards the youngest one succumbed to the poison.

Dr. Murray of Albany and Dr. Davis of Leuders were called in but to no avail as far as the younger child was concerned.

The ten year old child is still alive but in a precarious condition.

Take Notice.

The time has come that every body should save money. Then phone 239 for feed, wood and coal. Your money back if not satisfied. M. A. Clifton.

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TRESPASSING ON RAILROADS

The following editorial that appeared in the Fort Worth Record of February 6 offers food for reflection by the people of Texas.

A few days ago a citizen of Del Rio and his little boy were killed by a railroad train while they stood on a bridge looking at the water rushing over a dam below. They had been walking for pleasure and stopped on the bridge, which is not far from a curve. The noise of the rushing waters prevented them from hearing the train and the curve prevented the locomotive engineer from seeing them until it was too late.

The incident recalls a statement by Hon. Brown F. Lee of San Angelo, recently published in the Texas press. Mr. Lee cites figures showing that 130 out of 279 persons killed by Texas railroad trains last year were trespassers, and that 49,113 trespassers were killed in the United States, being 76 per cent of all killed in the operation of railroad trains during a 10-year period.

As he suggests, something ought to be done to stop the trespassing upon railroads. Human life is too valuable to be sacrificed by carelessness. Besides, there is an element of rank injustice in requiring a railway company to pay damages for injuries to persons who have no right to be upon its tracks.

The law wisely provides for the protection of railway employees and passengers by requiring elaborate and multiplied safety devices. It does so for the conservation of human life and for the preservation of the happiness of relatives and friends. It should, also, devise some method for at least minimizing deaths and injuries to trespassers.

A railroad track should not be used as a footpath or a promenade.

Railroad corporations manage to keep livestock off their right of way by fences and stock guards, but these do not deter human trespassers who move at will upon any railroad track that lies in the direction of their journey.

Crossing railroads upon the public highways, which is necessary, causes many deaths and injuries which it is impossible to prevent. But trespassing beyond the highway ought to be prohibited by law with penalties sufficient to restrain the person of average intelligence.

Sound public policy in the protection of human life and simple justice to the railway corporation call for some legislative effort to arrest the decade harvest of 49,113 trespassers upon railway tracks. That number of persons represents a small city and several million dollars a year in productive energy, not to mention the homes sorrowed, the women widowed and the children orphaned.

Willis A. Wallace of Stamford, Texas, who has been a Federal inspector in the work of tick eradication, has been appointed chief inspector for the Live-stock Sanitary Commission, vice, George L. Abbott, resigned. In the absence or Chairman Waddell, the chief inspector has charge of the office of the commission at Fort Worth.

Come to the Free Press for your warranty deeds. We have them with or without the vendor's lien clause.

NOTICE

TO MY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

On and after Feb. 1st, 1912, I will sell feed and coal for cash only. The driver will call at your office, place of business or residence with bill and change. Owing to my financial condition it is impossible to carry my business otherwise. I want to thank my many friends and customers for their past support, and trust the future will be most pleasant to us all. Hoping to continue to receive your valued orders I await them at the same old stand.

E. A. CHAMBERS

BALTIMORE IS COMING TO THE FRONT

The Baltimore Bargain House Completes Mammoth Structure



The New 12-story Baltimore Bargain House Building, Baltimore, Md.

The Baltimore Bargain House has just completed a 12-story building, which covers one-third of an immense city block, with an estimated floor space of 240,000 square feet.

The site is the corner of Baltimore and Liberty Streets and running back to Garrett Street.

This building, added to the adjoining buildings which the B. B. H. Salesrooms now occupy, extends over almost 85 per cent. of the entire block.

All combined the B. B. H. buildings cover almost three large city blocks. This includes the building mentioned above and their big Fayette Street building, their Clothing Factory, their Warehouse at Scott, Stockholm and Wicomico Streets (which in itself takes up an entire block), and other buildings about the city of Baltimore.

In 1911 the Sales of the B. B. H. amounted to \$12,345,789.55. This statement was sworn to before a Notary before being published.

This makes them the Fourth Largest Wholesale House in any one city doing business throughout the United States.

Taking into consideration that they have No Traveling Salesmen, they sell MORE Goods than any other Wholesale House in America, in any one city, without the aid of Drummers.

As before stated, the main business of the B. B. H. is located at the corner of Baltimore and Liberty Streets, running through to Fayette Street, which is considered the best location in Baltimore.

The special feature of their New Building is the improved mechanical devices for handling their immense volume of business, which they claim will reduce their expense of handling the business materially in comparison to what it costs their competitors today to handle their business with laborers.

They attribute the biggest part of their success in business to the fact that they have always handled their business more economically than any Other House and thereby they have been enabled to live up to their famous motto, "MORE GOODS FOR SAME MONEY—SAME GOODS FOR LESS MONEY."

The architecture of the building and the magnificence of its interior finish make it one of the handsomest Wholesale Houses in America.

We congratulate Baltimore and the Baltimore Bargain House upon its wonderful achievement. We look upon Baltimore as the chief Southern City and we are proud of her and anything she does in the way of expansion in the line of business.

From Nature's Garden

NATURE IS THE HOME OF EVERY INGREDIENT OF GRANDMA'S TEA

GRANDMA'S TEA is a Nature's Remedy; it acts mildly and surely, in harmony with nature.

GRANDMA'S TEA purifies the blood—pure blood means a rosy complexion. GRANDMA'S TEA cures constipation and all irregularities of the bowels. GRANDMA'S TEA is prescribed by doctors in every case where indigestion, weak stomach and a torpid liver are indicated.

AT ALL DRUGGISTS, 25c.

Broke Down

"It would be hard to tell," says Mrs. Tebe Talbott, of Lantz, W. Va., "how much I suffered from womanly troubles. I had pains all over, and got so weak, I could scarcely walk across the room. Thanks to taking Cardui I began to improve right off. Now I can do my housework, and am feeling very well."

TAKE CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Thousands of women have written, like Mrs. Talbott, to tell of the beneficial results they obtained, by taking this well-known woman's remedy. You must believe that Cardui will help you, because it has helped so many others.

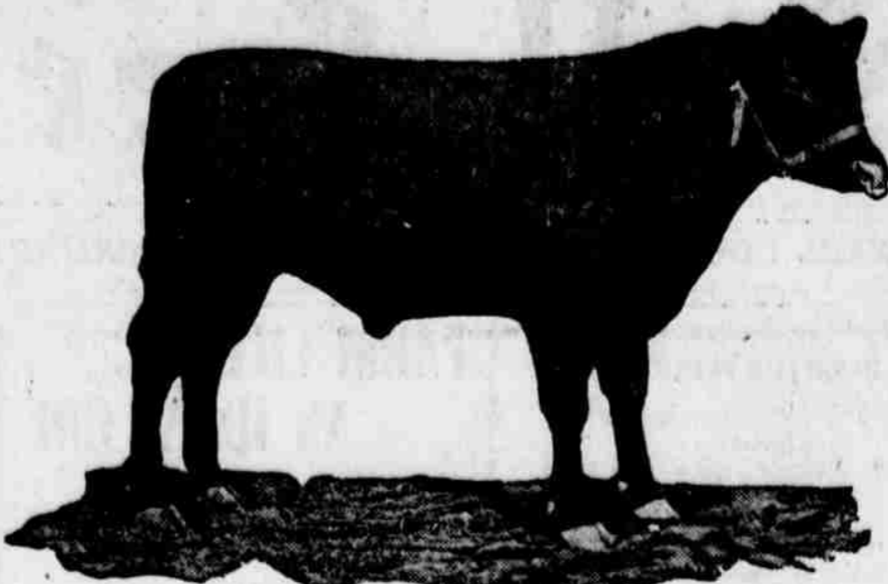
Composed of purely vegetable, medicinal ingredients, having a gentle, strengthening action on the system, Cardui is a reliable remedy for young and old, with absolutely no bad after-effects. Try it and you will find it of benefit, if you, for any reason, need a tonic.

At the nearest drug store. Drop in today.

For tea
you can't beat
LIPTON'S TEA

OVER 2 MILLION PACKAGES SOLD WEEKLY

OLD MILK COWS ARE PROFITABLE



A Red Polled Calf.

If a dairy cow has been rightly fed for all of her life she will be a good cow when she becomes old. A cow that has been overfed for years will become "burned out" by the time she is ten or twelve years old. The cow that has never been fed to bring her up to the highest capacity of milk-giving will have fixed habits of milk-giving at a low point, and will not be valuable as an old cow. She will, therefore, have to be disposed of to the butcher several years before she otherwise would have gone out of service as a milker.

There are multitudes of cows that, if fed on a properly balanced ration and a large amount of succulent feed the year round, would increase their capacity for milk giving. This is what develops the capacity of the cow. A great many cows are never fed with the idea of getting out of them the

greatest amount of milk possible each year, with due regard to the health of the animal. If this is done, the old cows will still be giving a large mess of rich milk.

Many old cows are still proving profitable because they have had the right kind of treatment. They are not overfed at one season of the year and underfed at another. They are not given green pasture at one time of year and forced to content themselves with dry forage for six months of the year.

The silo is the greatest help in the right feeding of cows, for it gives a food product that is easy on the digestive organs of the cows and gives succulent food the year around. The little wear on the vitality of the animal brings them to old age in good condition and with many years of usefulness before them.

MOLE KILLS MANY INSECTS

Little Mammals Have Remarkable Appetite, Consuming Weight of Its Body in Short Time.

Moles feed entirely on earthworms, burrowing grubs, and on insects, and have a remarkable appetite, together with love, passion and hatred in energy and voracity.

They are built particularly for their business—fore limbs and shoulders remarkably strong, full of muscle, and have a hand, spade-like, supplied with claws, making a capital digging machine.

In observing a mole when put on the ground after being caught it will immediately plunge its sharp snout in the earth and give two or three fearful strikes of fore-paws enough to bury most of his body—the hind feet



A Mole's Home.

give a comical kick in the air and the mole gets out of sight with a startling quickness and find him if you can.

The mole-hills which we see are not homes but composed of material which is worked over in forming temporary passages looking after prey.

A mole's only true home, fortress or kingdom, is located at a distance from the hunting-grounds with which communication is kept up.

A mole will consume the weight of its body in a remarkably short time. Snails and slugs it seizes from behind before they know a mole is after them. Another wonderful thing is how soon a mole will succumb without food, as a 12 hour's fast will result in death for the little animal and all of its family.

Therefore, the poor mole has to work hard most of its life for a living, and especially is this true in the winter.

GOOD HINTS ABOUT PLANTING

Soil Should Be Thoroughly Prepared and Nothing But Best Seeds Obtainable Used.

Let us thoroughly prepare the soil before planting. Plow and harrow until it is like an ash heap for three or four inches deep.

Plant the best seed that money can buy.

Do not plant the seed too deep. When planted too deep there is hardly strength enough in the little plant to reach the air and it often dies before it can draw support from the soil.

The crust on the soil shuts out the air so essential to germination and growth and should be broken every week and always after a rain.

While the plants are small, thoroughly work the spaces between the rows to a depth of at least four inches. This leaves a fine seed bed for the tender plant roots to occupy later when they are racing around to find food and water. All later cultivations should be shallow. Shallow cultivation keeps a dust mulch, checks the rising soil moisture and plant food just at the depth where there are the most rootlets to utilize them for plant food.

Shallow cultivation should be continued as late as practicable.

Leghorn Hens.

Leghorns are good foragers and great layers.

LOOK AFTER SMALL DETAILS

Practical Farmer Will Take Advantage of Bad Weather to Mend and Oil His Harness.

A practical farmer will look after the small details. He will take advantage of all bad weather when he cannot work out of doors, to mend and oil all of his harness and gear, see that the double and single-trees are all in good shape with clips all tight; see that his plows are all in good shape with sharp points and his harrows and cultivators ready for use. He will keep his stock all in good working order so they will be strong and ready to do a full day's work as soon as the weather will permit.

Then when the first good weather comes he can put in a whole day's work. The impracticable farmer will be getting ready and going to the field with his gear tied up with strings, his chains tied with wire, clips loose on single and double-trees and many times he will stop in the middle of the field and go to the house for strings to tie his gears or wire to tie his chains or nails to fasten clips.

The majority of such farmers talk about being "practical" farmers. They are anything but practical farmers. Such men are often down on their knees in the middle of the field with a piece of brick trying to rub off the rust from their plow, caused by leaving it out when it should have been put under a shed as soon as the last plowing was done. Everything goes wrong with these impracticable farmers and they wonder why they are not as prosperous as their practical farmer neighbor.

One of the most important and humane features for the practical farmer to look after is the care of the horses' shoulders. Galled or sore shoulders are caused by neglect. Early in the spring many of the horses' and mules' shoulders are tender, and after the day's work should be bathed in cold water. The next morning every particle of the accumulated sweat and dirt should be removed from the collars and backbands, and the collars should be beaten gently with a perfectly smooth round stick. They will keep the collars well up on the horse's neck and off the points of their shoulders, and the horses will have no sore necks. These are a few of the things that every practical farmer will do.

G. H. Alfred

Colony House System.

I think a colony house system is the only proper way of raising chickens, says a writer in an exchange. I made several, this last year, from piano boxes, and I believe they are the cheapest colony houses we can build. Put two piano boxes together, and you can build one for six dollars. If you can buy the piano boxes for two dollars apiece. Any farmer can build one in half a day and they make a good comfortable cheap colony house. In the mild weather in May and June, I believe a freese brooder could be used in these colony houses, but earlier in the season I do not think they are practical.

Sheep in Russia.

A general diminution is noticed in the flocks throughout the entire Russian empire and sheep breeding is on the decline. The principal causes are: insufficient pasture owing to the increasing prices of land, high rental value and a succession of droughts during the summer months in many parts of the country.

NOT ALTOGETHER HIS FAULT

Verdict Brought in by Jury Certainly Was Not Flattering to the Accused.

A Wheeling (W. Va.) lawyer says that he has heard many queer verdicts in his time, but the quaintest of these was that brought in not long ago by a jury of mountaineers in a sparsely settled part of that state.

This was the first case for the majority of the jury, and they sat for hours arguing and disputing over it in the bare little room at the rear of the court room. At last they straggled back to their places, and the foreman, a lean, gaunt fellow, with a superlative, solemn expression, voiced the general opinion:

"The jury don't think that he done it, for we allow he wa'n't there, but we think he would have done it if he'd had the chanst."—Harper's Magazine.

BABY'S HAIR ALL CAME OUT

"When my first baby was six months old he broke out on his head with little bumps. They would dry up and leave a scale. Then it would break out again and it spread all over his head. All the hair came out and his head was scaly all over. Then his face broke out all over in red bumps and it kept spreading until it was on his hands and arms. I bought several boxes of ointment, gave him blood medicine, and had two doctors to treat him, but he got worse all the time. He had it about six months when a friend told me about Cuticura. I sent and got a bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, a cake of Cuticura Soap and a box of Cuticura Ointment. In three days after using them he began to improve. He began to take long naps and to stop scratching his head. After taking two bottles of Resolvent, two boxes of Ointment and three cakes of Soap he was sound and well, and never had any breaking out of any kind. His hair came out in little curls all over his head. I don't think anything else would have cured him except Cuticura."

"I have bought Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Soap several times since to use for cuts and sores and have never known them to fail to cure what I put them on. Cuticura Soap is the best that I have ever used for toilet purposes." (Signed) Mrs. F. E. Harmon, R. F. D. 2, Atoka, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1910. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. L, Boston.

May Be Plans of Famous Ship.

Great interest has been aroused in Australia of the discovery of some old ships' plans, believed to be those of the barque Endeavor in which Captain Cook discovered Australia, which are now in the possession of the Australasian Pioneer's club. The plans have apparently been in Sydney for a long time. They belonged to Mr. Cummings, a blacksmith, who received them and other charts and diagrams from a Mr. Korff, a naval contractor, said to be descended from a shipwright who sailed with Captain Cook.

Cremation Among the Franks.

An interesting archaeological discovery was made lately near Brecht (Belgium), where the remains of what was evidently a Frankish cemetery have been found. The main interest in the discovery lies in the fact that clear traces are to be seen in the cemetery of cremated remains, as well as of bodies buried in the ordinary way, whereas hitherto it has always been believed that cremation was not practiced amongst the Franks.

The Meanest Man.

Knicker—Why has Smith set up a windmill?
Bocker—To drift the snow off his walk onto his neighbor's.

USE ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE
The Antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes for tired, aching feet. It takes the sting out of corns and bunions and makes walking a delight. Sold everywhere, 25c. Refuse substitutes. For FREE trial package, address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Perhaps fewer bachelors would make fools of themselves if they had wives to do it for them.

If you cannot afford 10c cigars, smoke LEWIS' Single Binder straight 50—made of extra quality tobacco.

Every smallest stroke of virtue or of vice leaves its never so little scar.—Professor James.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Use LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Dissolve in water. It is the only cure. B. V. BROW'S signature is on each box. 25c.

No, Alfonso, it isn't difficult for a woman to keep a secret—going.

A Poor Weak Woman

As she is termed, will endure bravely and patiently agonies which a strong man would give way under. The fact is women are more patient than they ought to be under such troubles.

Every woman ought to know that she may obtain the most experienced medical advice free of charge and in absolute confidence and privacy by writing to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y. Dr. Pierce has been chief consulting physician of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, of Buffalo, N. Y., for many years and has had a wider practical experience in the treatment of women's diseases than any other physician in this country. His medicines are world-famous for their astonishing efficacy.

The most perfect remedy ever devised for weak and delicate women is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG.

SICK WOMEN WELL.

The many and varied symptoms of woman's peculiar ailments are fully set forth in Plain English in the People's Medical Advice (1000 pages), a newly revised and up-to-date Edition of which, cloth-bound, will be mailed free on receipt of 51 one-cent stamps to pay cost of mailing only. Address as above.

BURN BUILDING TO KILL GERM

Only Way to Get Rid of Them, and Occasion Was Made a Good Object Lesson.

A ramshackle building in Winston-Salem was recently burned at the request of the local Anti-Tuberculosis league, because it was said to be alive with tuberculosis germs and could not be properly fumigated.

For days before the building was burned huge placards announcing the hour of destruction and giving reasons for the burning were hung about in prominent places. Among other things the placards said: "Within the past 15 months two men who sold fruit, etc., here have died of tuberculosis but unconsciously left millions of tuberculosis germs by careless spitting. The building is so open that it cannot be effectively fumigated. The only practical means of disinfecting is by fire."

At the appointed hour, while millions of tuberculosis germs were being burned, 5,000 pamphlets telling how to prevent consumption, were distributed to the crowd looking on.

AS TO HEROISM.



Bronson—A man is never a hero to his valet.

Woodson—No, but considering the chances I have learned to take without flinching, I ought to be one to my chauffeur.

Indian Sacred Buildings.

The rock-hewn temples of Elephanta, in Bombay harbor, which were visited recently by the king and queen numbered six, and four of them are nearly complete. They date from the eighth century A. D., or somewhat later. The Great Cave, 250 feet above high-water mark, belongs to a class of sacred buildings very common in India. It is a Siva temple, fully 130 feet long, the main body being a square of about 90 feet, hewn from the rock so as to present three open sides, and supported by six rows of stone columns.

No Credit Even for That.

"I am glad to say," remarked Mr. Seekton, "that I never spoke a hasty word to you."

"No, Leonidas," answered his wife rather gently. "I'm willing to give you credit for not hurrying about any thing."—Stray Stories.

A woman wants protection, but favors free speech.

IT ALWAYS DOES GOOD

No matter how long you have suffered from a weak stomach, inactive liver or constipated bowels you will find a fair trial of

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters

will result to your great benefit. It makes the appetite keen, assists digestion and improves your general health. A trial today will convince you.

GET HOSTETTER'S AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

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of this paper desiring to buy anything advertised in its columns should insist upon having what they ask for, refusing all substitutes or imitations.

DEFIANCE STARCH enables to work with and starches clothes alike.

Always Makes Good

CALUMET BAKING POWDER
NOT MADE BY THE TRUST
CALUMET BAKING POWDER CO. CHICAGO

You'll be delighted with the results of Calumet Baking Powder. No disappointments—no flat, heavy, soggy biscuits, cake, or pastry.

Just the lightest, daintiest, most uniformly raised and most delicious food you ever ate.

Received highest reward World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago, 1907.

Whittemore's Shoe Polishes
FINEST QUALITY LARGEST VARIETY

GILT EDGE the only ladies' shoe dressing that positively contains Oil, Black and Polishes ladies' and children's boots and shoes, shines without rubbing, 25c. "French Gloss," 10c. "A" is recommended for cleaning and polishing all kinds of rubber or tan shoes, 10c. "Handy" size 25c. "QUICK WHITE" (in liquid form with sponge) quickly cleans and whitens dirty canvas shoes, 10c. and 25c.

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Nine times in ten when the liver is right the stomach and bowels are right.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS gently but firmly compel a lazy liver to do its duty.

Cures Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache, and Distress After Eating.

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Mr. D. V. Elliott, Newark, N.C., writes: "Being a trapper I have experienced a great deal of pain from bruises and cold from exposure and have found your Mexican Mustang Liniment to be the very best remedy I have ever used for such ailments."

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PISO'S

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DEADLY SNAKE HAS STEAMER IN TERROR

German Ship's Crew Has Thrilling Encounter With Cobra Which Escaped From Crate.

ONE SAILOR IS BITTEN

Vessel Four Days Out From Calcutta When Poisonous Reptile Discovered on the Deck—Men Go to Fight, but Leave in Flight.

Boston.—In the long voyage from Calcutta to this port the crew of the German steamer Eatterturn have lived in hourly terror of death from a big cobra, whose sting is fatal. The deadly character of the reptile's bite was only too vividly proved on the fourth day out of the voyage, when the men of the forecastle and the officers heard a sudden sharp scream of agony. It came from a sailor who had been moving along the deck in the darkness. He was bitten on the leg and a few hours later died in convulsions, suffering most poignant agony. The man had only the merest glimpse of the snake as it squirmed out of sight and into hiding. It is believed the cobra is still alive, coiled and hiding somewhere among the jute bags in the steamer's hold.

But not a member of the nerve-racked crew can be secured to volunteer to seek out and kill the poisonous creature. They are held back by the horror of the remembrance of their comrade's cry the night he was bitten and the spectacle of his agonized death.

In closely boarded crates the Eatterturn took 124 snakes aboard at Calcutta on an assignment to a New York animal dealer. The cobra had a box to himself. The snakes were fed from time to time by dropping live rats into the crates, the rodents being caught by traps set in different sections of the ship. Such was the

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Regarding the wonderful curative merits of your Swamp-Root, I cannot say too much. After suffering severely for three years or more with severe pains caused by weak kidneys, I was finally induced to try Swamp-Root through a testimonial I read in one of the newspapers. I was in such a condition that I was obliged to arise from my bed six or eight times every night. I purchased a fifty-cent bottle and before it was used I felt so much relief that I purchased a one-dollar bottle and by the time this was taken the old pains had left my back and I could sleep the whole night through. I am a retired planter, 70 years of age, and owing to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, I am in the best of health and feel like a boy. I am always glad to recommend Swamp-Root to those who are in need of it.

Sincerely yours,
C. E. USSERY,
Bowersville, Ga.

Personally appeared before me, this 8th of September, 1909, C. E. USSERY, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

T. H. McLANE,
Notary Public.

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Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.

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The Romancer—When you have money, people will shake you by the hand—
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An Old Field Weed.
Many seeing that old field weed, the mullein stalk, never consider the good it is accomplishing in curing lung troubles. It presents in Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein the finest known remedy for coughs, croup, colds, consumption, Whooping Cough, etc.

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Trifle Wobbly.
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"Well," she said after a moment's reflection, "perhaps they'll stand a little inflation, Horace. They've always struck me as being a trifle wobbly."—Harper's Weekly.

Man of the Present.
"A man has to be up-to-date to do anything nowadays."

"Yes," replied Mr. Dustin Stax. "When I talk to an investigating committee I find it desirable not to dwell needlessly on the past."

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Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *W. D. Fletchler* in Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletchler's Castoria.

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Take the Old Standard GUNN'S TARTARIC... The formula is clearly printed on every bottle, showing it is simple, genuine and from in a tasteless form, and the only one for grown people and children. 50 cents.

Not Original.
Author—This story is the child of my brain.
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A curious drought survival by fishes is reported from France. The ditch or moat of Monaco, completely dried up last summer, although usually a canal three miles long and fifty feet wide, with five feet of water. All carp, perch and pike disappeared, leaving dry mud. A recent sudden rainfall, however, supplied a little water, and the fishes were actually seen rising—as lively as ever—from the mud in which they had buried themselves.

We are often admonished to "take the bull by the horns" but the trouble is to find a bull that stand for it.

Rheumatic Pains quickly relieved

Sloan's Liniment is good for pain of any sort. It penetrates, without rubbing, through the muscular tissue right to the bone—relieves the congestion and gives permanent as well as temporary relief.

Here's Proof.
A. W. LAY of Lafayette, Ala., writes:—"I had rheumatism for five years. I tried doctors and several different remedies but they did not help me. I obtained a bottle of Sloan's Liniment which did me so much good that I would not do without it for anything."
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SLOAN'S LINIMENT

is an excellent remedy for sprains, bruises, sore throat, asthma. No rubbing necessary—you can apply with a brush.

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"Bull" Durham—above all others—is Nature's own tobacco. It has all the natural flavor and mildness—all the sunshine and warmth of the wonderful Southern climate where it grows. No coloring, adulteration or dressing—nothing artificial at all—marks its goodness.

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outsells all other high-grade tobaccos put together. Each year it is smoked by more and more men. Some prefer it in cigarettes, others in pipes—but its natural flavor appeals to everyone, whatever his preferred method is. "Bull" Durham is sold in plain, homely, muslin bags. They're inexpensive, but what is saved on the sack is more than made up in the quality of the tobacco. To smoke "Bull" Durham, stamps you as a judge of good tobacco, and proves you do not want to spend your money for fancy packages or expensive wrapping. Try a sack of this famous old tobacco today. See why for 50 years it has been the favorite smoke of millions.

Forty "rollings" in each 5c muslin sack.

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Mrs. Benham—My new dress is a poem.
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HASKELL, TEXAS, Feb. 17, 1912.

West Texas will blossom like a
rose in the year of our Lord
1912. Watch the prediction.

Don't let up until that side-
walk to the depot is put down.
Haskell can't afford to be behind
other towns less in size and pre-
tention in such matters.

There is a charm in life for the
man who will rest contented in
touching the fresh-turned soil, in
making his way through the forest,
in following the plow in the
field, in gathering the cattle at
night or calling the hogs to feed.
The reward for the energetic and
faithful farmer and stockman is
sure.

With our mine interests, oil
and gas prospects bright, farms
pouring forth a stream of golden
wealth, factories turning out prod-
ucts from the raw materials and
other opportunities offering in-
viting fields of industry, Texas is
fast being settled up with a thrif-
ty citizenship. There is yet
room for others. Come to Texas.

The Abilene Reporter has re-
cently installed a fine Goss web
perfecting press and has chang-
ed the size of its paper to the reg-
ular size of the leading dailies of
the state. The Reporter is an
excellent paper and keeps on im-
proving as the days go by. The
only regret the Free Press has,
is, that we have never yet been
able to induce the management
to send us the daily instead of
the semi-weekly Reporter. We
would like to see what is happen-
ing around the busy and enter-
prising city of Abilene every day
instead of twice a week.

For the present high prices of
the necessities of life there must
be a cause. We do not deny that
in Texas the elements have been
partially the cause. But a lack
of intelligent care for diversified
farming has been the greater
cause. Too much dependence has
been put in cotton and not enough
attention given to what is needed
at home. This shortage in the
production of the necessities of life
not only effects what is termed

the business world, the factories
and the industrial interests, be-
cause of high prices, but it effects
the farm life as well. When
farmers have to pay cash for meat
flour, corn, potatoes, molasses and
many other things that might be
produced on the farm, the demand
is greater for these products as a
consequence and the price is nec-
essarily raised. Let's give more
attention to home necessities and
there will be better times for all.

History shows that Texas has
always been a great state not only
in area, but accomplishments in
varied ways. Present condi-
tions prove her equal to any state
in the union as far as develop-
ment has been made. The fu-
ture holds a brighter era than ever
before and she is destined to be
first in point of population, enter-
prise and energy, agricultural
pursuits, stock raising, lumber
interests, mineral and oil prod-
ucts, educational progress and
moral influence. Great is Texas.

The wheels of the factory turned
rapidly during the month of
January for Texas, and at each
revolution they have created new
wealth. The total wealth pro-
duced by the factory during the
month approximates \$11,220,000.
Of manufactured articles, lum-
ber takes the lead, notwithstanding
unfavorable weather condi-
tions during the month. The
reports received show that 41
manufacturing plants, valued at
\$3,120,000, are in course of con-
struction through the state.

The Hon. C. M. Cureton, of
Meridian, Bosque County is a
candidate for one of the places
as congressman at large. Mr.
Cureton is representative in the
state legislature from his dis-
trict and has made a most excel-
lent official. He is a splendid
fellow, conscientious and true to
a trust. He is deservedly popu-
lar in his district and will no
doubt make a strong race. He
stands right on all moral issues
and rendered his state distin-
guished service when such issues
were before the legislature the
past two sessions.

The Free Press again desires
to call the attention of the citi-
zens of Haskell to the public li-
brary. This is an institution of
our town that deserves the sup-
port and goodwill of every citi-
zen of the town. The good ladies
at the head of this library are
giving their time and talents to-
wards building up a means by
which our children may be
greatly benefited, and not only
our children but ourselves, in the
perusal of books worth our while.
We would urge everybody to
give the ladies who are so faith-
fully and energetically promot-
ing this enterprise every encour-
agement possible. In doing so
you, and not they, will receive
the greater benefit.

25 Per Cent To Two-Thirds Value Off ON Shoes

Our Special Price Shoe Counter
is demanding quite a lot of
attention from the public. We
will continue to place odds and
ends of our enormous Shoe
Stock on this counter. Mens,
Womens and Childrens Shoes
and Oxfords in all Leathers,
styles and qualities are found
on this counter. For real bar-
gains see this counter. You
can find a fit and a very large
assortment to select from

OUR

Big Spring Shipment

of Queen Quality Oxfords for
ladies and misses will be here
this week. This shipment is
comprised of all the latest
styles of modern footwear. You
will like them. Call at our store
and see them and the many
other beautiful things we are
receiving now.

Hardy Grissom

The Sneed Trial.

There is a murder trial going
on at Fort Worth, in which J. B.
Sneed, is being tried for the mur-
der of the father of the man who
ran away with his wife. After
the elopement of Mrs. Sneed
with Al Boyce in November,
leaving her husband and two lit-
tle girls, and a good home at Am-
arillo, Sneed employed detectives
and the couple in Winnipeg Can-
ada. He had them arrested
and brought his wife back to her
father's home in New Mexico.
After he had succeeded in bring-
ing his wife back, he learned
that A. G. Boyce, his supposed
friend, and the father of Al
Boyce, had known of the rela-
tions of his son and Mrs. Sneed,
and had assisted his son in the
affair, and had written a clandes-
tine letter to Mrs. Sneed, in
which he said "Lena if you will
stand hitched I will stand hitch-
ed." As a result of this Sneed
shot the elder Boyce to death in
a hotel in Fort Worth, and is now
being tried in that city for his
life.

While Sneed was in New York
chasing the couple, he wrote a
letter to a friend. This letter
shows Sneed to be a man of such
unselfish love and devotion for
his wife, that we desire to perpetu-
ate it in the files of The Free
Press. And we pause to pre-
dict, that the man who is capable
of such noble sentiment will
never be permitted to suffer a
penalty for protecting the honor

of his family. The noble men
and women of Texas will never
let him be branded as a felon.
He is one of God's noblemen.

THE SNEED-FUQUA LETTER
Here is the letter, which finally
was ruled to be admissible by
Judge Swayne. It was written
from the Herald Square hotel
in New York, and bears date of
November 23, 1911;

My Dear Mr. Fuqua: I have
been thinking every day I would
write you, but have felt too bad
and miserable to do anything, but
I want to thank you from the
bottom of my heart for what you
have done for me. I have
thought and thought and tried
to think and I don't see why God
wants me to suffer and suffer
and yet live. Of course I know
how the world will look at this,
but in looking back over our lives
I can call to mind ten thousand
times ten thousand things which
make me know she could not
have done this way. You know
how I love the little children and
how gladly I would give my life
for them, but she loved them
more than I, and I will always
know that had she been herself
she would have stood to be burn-
ed and tortured to death before
she would have heaped this ag-
ony and disgrace on their little
lives. And what can I tell them
about their mother whom they
cry for every day and have ever
since she went to the sanitarium?
I can't even tell them she is in
an unknown grave.

I know the world will say I am
a fool for coming up here, but I
wanted to get them in U. S. and
I am confident they are still here,
but I can come back from down
there if I can locate them; mean-
while have him shadowed. Will
leave tomorrow noon for Plano
for a few days, and will then
come up to see you.

I feel better today than have
been and hope to have strength
enough of mind to look at the
matter as I probably should. If
Lena was here and herself she
would sympathize with me and
help me as no one else could, in-
stead of killing me by degrees--
and would want me to live for the
children's sake, no matter how
hard life was, and this is what I
have made up my mind to try to do.
I am sure it will only be a matter of
time until she will be the most
miserable of human beings and
become more insane. Or should
she recover her mind by some
act of Providence, she would be
just as miserable and probably
destroy herself. And, of course,
I want to take care of her, and I
could not be true to myself with-
out doing all on earth I can to
find her.

You may think this is a crazy
letter, and it may be, but at the
same time I feel that you will
come nearer to understand the
motive which prompted it than
anyone else and that is the rea-
son I have written it. Hope to
see you soon. Affectionately,
Beal.

P. S.—Spend more time with
your family, for they are all you
have in the world.

When her child is in danger a
woman will risk her life to pro-
tect it. No great act of heroism
or risk of life is necessary to pro-
tect a child from croup. Give
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and
all danger is avoided. For sale by
all dealers.

Mrs. Keister Entertains.

Mrs. J. Kiester entertained at
her home, Tuesday morning
from 9 to 12 in honor of Mrs. W.
Doyle, Granbury, Mrs. D. Dellis,
Wichita Falls, and Mrs. Whit-
man, Roswell, N. M.

Eight tables of 42 played pro-
gressive made each guest forget
the musky atmosphere.

At the close of ten games,
light refreshment of jelled chick-
en, wafers, pickles and tea, of a
Russe, was served to the follow-
ing ladies: Mesdames Adams,
W. Alexander, H. Alexander,
Bell, Brooks, Cahill, Cummins,
Robertson, Shook, Cogdell, Kim-
brough, Hankerson, Williams,
Long, Neathery, Wilson, San-
ders, Montgomery, McGregor,
McConnell, Scott, Key, Bailly,
Getz, J. Fields, H. Fields, Doyle,
Dellis and Whitman.

Mrs. Long and Mrs. Robert-
son assisted Mrs. Kiester in
serving.

Mr and Mrs. Key held open
house in honor of the visiting
ladies in Haskell, Thursday
night.

Three tables of 500 and six of
42 gave much enjoyment to the

Dr. JOSEPH DALY ABILENE, TEXAS.

Practice limited to dis-
eases of the Eye, Ear,
Nose, Throat and fitting
glasses. If you have Eye
trouble call and see him.
He will tell you plain facts
and will not treat you if
your case is incurable.
Will be in Haskell

Tuesday, March 12th
Office West Dr. Kimbrough

to the guests.

During the games, cream
mints helped to remove the bad
taste of the loser. At the close,
dainty refreshments of chicken
salad, stuffed olives, pickles and
coffee was served by Mrs. Key,
assisted by Mesdames Scott,
Shook, Wilson, and Miss Lucile
Hughes.

The guest list included Mrs.
R. E. Doyle, Granbury, Texas.,
Mrs. D. Dellis, Wichita Falls,
Texas., Messrs and Mesdames
Earl Cogdell, W. Alexander,
Getz, Barnard, Hunt, McConnell,
Scott, Keister, Wilson, Sanders,
Montgomery, H. Alexander,
Bailey, Ellis, Posey, Rike, Sher-
rill, Shook, Miss Lucile Hughes,
Mr. Ousley and Roy English.

How to cure a cold is a question
in which many are interested just
now. Chamberlain's Cough Rem-
edy has won its great reputation
and immense sale by its remark-
able cure of colds. It can always
be depended upon. For sale by
all dealers.

The teacher was trying to get
the boy to say "dessert."

"What is it that comes at the
end of a banquet, Tommie?"
"Dyspepsia, ma'am."

A Texas Wonder.

The Texas Wonder cures kidney
and bladder trouble, removes grav-
el, cures diabetes, weak and lame
back, rheumatism, and all irregu-
larity of the kidneys and bladder
in both men and women, regulates
bladder troubles in children. If
not sold by your druggist, will be
sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00.
One small bottle is two months'
treatment and seldom fails to per-
fect a cure. Send for Texas testi-
monials: Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926
Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold
by all druggists.

"No Complimentary Tickets
are ever issued to the great
Theater of success."

Leap - Year - Ball

You are cordially invited to attend

A Real Leap Year Ball

to be given under the auspices of

The O. B. H. S. Lodge

of Haskell at their Hall Saturday
February 24, 1912. Ladies will
have to bring their husbands or
gentlemen friends. No man will
be admitted unless escorted by a
lady or vouched for by same

Fine Music Arranged

and Delicious Refreshments. Ad-
mission Ladies 75c. Gentlemen
in company of ladies FREE

Ball Opens At 8:00 P. M.

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We have moved to the C. D. Grissom & Son
building, where we are better prepared than
ever to serve you in

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We appreciate your liberal patronage in the
past, and promise to give you the best ser-
vice and best goods to be had in the future.

Haskell Co-Operative
Store

County News Items

Interesting Facts Gathered During the Week by Our Regular Correspondents.

Center Point Items

Dear Editor and Chatters.
As this place has not been represented for some time, we send a few items.

Rev. Addison, our Methodist pastor, preached to a small crowd last Sunday.

The school is still progressing nicely with Miss Wavie McGregor as teacher.

H. F. Harwell has been quite sick but is much better now.

D. M. Gross has been on the sick list for the past few days.

Mrs. Ashley of Pinkerton spent Saturday night with her grand daughter, Mrs. Frank McLennan.

Quite a crowd of young people took supper at Frank Seter's Sunday night.

The party at Mr. McLennan's Friday was not very well attended on account of the cold weather.

Most of our young people attended the singing at W. E. Johnson's Sunday night.

The Socialists have organized a local at this place which seems to be creating quite an interest.

George Adams attended singing at Joe Bailey last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. G. W. Haralson visited the school Friday afternoon.

Unknown

The Trials of A Traveler.

"I am a traveling salesman, writes E. E. Youngs, E. Berkshire, Vt., and was often troubled with constipation and indigestion till I began to use Dr. King's New Life Pills, which I have found an excellent remedy." For all stomach, liver or kidney troubles they are unequalled. Only 25 cents at Jas. R. Walton's.

Powell Items

Dear Editor, Owing to the smallness of our news territory, and also our extreme youth, we will not write every week. Your kind words about our first effort are appreciated.

The splendid rain Monday and Tuesday brought many smiles and lightened hearts.

On the first Sunday Bro. Roberts filled his regular appointment and preached a fine sermon on "The Race of Life." Our singing class went in a body to hear him preach at Ballew that afternoon.

J. Hemphill having passed the 68th mile post in life, his "good wife" gave him a turkey dinner on Feb. 5th. All joint in wishing many happy returns of the day.

Roberts is to be congratulated on securing the services of Claudis Walden as assistant teacher.

We have known Claudis a number of years and consider him not only an exemplary young man but a christian and bespeak a pleasant sojourn for him.

Mrs. Whitaker and family attended singing at Roberts Sunday night.

We noticed the smiling face of Prof. Clyde Foote of Whits Chapel in our midst last Sunday.

Mesdames Ousley and Nollness spent a very pleasant day with Mrs. Hemphill last week.

Miss Willie Rich arranged for a box supper for her scholars to get supplies, maps, globes, etc. Friday night being disagreeable many were kept away, still the best sum of \$10.83 was made. The boxes were the prettiest we ever saw. All had a fine time. Those present out of the community were: Harry King and Lon Baker of Cotton Wood, Bub Couch and Miss Vera Durr of Pleasant Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mapes, Miss Ivy Mapes of Roberts, Misses Pearl Lancaster, Novell Munn, Zula Glaze, Mrs. Steadman, Otto Rich and Edgar Roberts of Haskell.

Steve Nollner took in the sights in the city first Monday.

Sunday will be a day long remembered. Our singing class meets every Sunday evening.

We had three noted singers with us last Sunday, Prof's. J. N. Laney T. Cooner and Bud Warren, the latter an old friend, while the others soon made friends by their splendid singing. We also had the pleasure of having with us Prof's. Frank Haley of Roberts, C. W. Wilson of Ballew and Mr. Grumale of Kirkdale, each leading songs for us. The crowded house was first entertained by Powell Class singing, led by Fred Munn, Mary Steadman, organist. It is with pardonable pride that we boast of the splendid songs so well rendered. From then on the singing was general, except some

specials rendered by the visiting singers and composers of music, which were a treat. The object of their visit is to organize a singing school, which was easily done. The majority of our people will enter the two weeks school which begins Monday night, Feb. 19. This will be a night school, and right here let me say this will be an opportunity not soon to pass this way again. Mr. Cooner will conduct the school and from his singing and credentials we are assured of success.

Mr. Coming and daughters and Mr. Archer enjoyed Powell hospitality Sunday.

Tess and Ted

Sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

Rose Chapel

Dear Editor and Chats; how are you all enjoying this rainy weather.

Health in our community is good.

Miss Susie Bishop returned home from Robertson county Saturday night, accompanied by her sister Mrs. Minnie Bishop and children.

Robert Hass and sisters Misses Beulah and Alice visited their brother Mose Hays and wife Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Fuqua of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Johnson of Stamford are visiting T. J. Johnston and family.

Miss Irene Gordon spent Saturday night with Miss Susie Bishop. Claude Gordon visited Floyd Rose Sunday.

Miss Irene Gordon visited Miss Maude Arthur Sunday evening.

Julian and Osa Wheeler visited at Mr. Collins Sunday.

Miss Ellen Gordon visited Miss Lela Norman Wednesday of last week.

Prof. Burnisou visited a short while at Mr. Johnston's Saturday evening.

Misses Lelia and Pearl Harwell spent a short while Saturday evening with Miss Sallie Johnston.

Miss Lela Harwell spent Monday night with Mrs. D. Anderson.

School is progressing nicely, over forty enrolled.

We had a very good singing and Sunday School at Rose Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Gordon and children visited Mr. Bishop and family Sunday eve.

Misses Susie and Alice Bishop and Irene Gordon visited Mrs. Cora Hays Sunday.

Will Piland and family spent Sunday with his mother.

Well as news is scarce, I'll leave space for some one else that can do better.

Margueritte

How Cold Affects the Kidneys.

Avoid taking cold if your kidneys are sensitive. Cold congests the kidneys, throws too much work upon them, and weakens their action. Serious kidney trouble and even Bright's disease may result. Strengthen your kidneys, get rid of the pain and soreness, build them up by the timely use of Foley Kidney Pills. Tonic in action, quick in results. For sale by Robertson's Drug Store.

North East of Haskell

How was the rainy weather with you all? Wasn't it fine?

Haley Patton left Sunday night for Midland on business.

C. Sears, wife and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Mires and children Sunday.

Mrs. W. T. Boatwright and daughter Miss Lena Whatley visited Mrs. K. D. Webb and daughter Callie Saturday evening.

Joe Posey of Vontress visited Hawe and Odis Smithee Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Webb and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Whitaker and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fain Roberts are the proud parents of a new boy. Mother and babe doing fine.

Jesse Strain and Fred Barnett attended the box supper at Powell Friday night.

Mrs. Sears called on Mrs. Roberts and baby Monday.

Odis Smithee and sisters, Misses

Virgie and Flossie attended singing at Powell Sunday evening.

C. D. Webb visited Hesikiah Whitaker and Oliver Winters Sunday evening and attended singing at Powell.

Kellie, Ollie and Earl Sears visited Willie Mires Sunday.

Misses Myrtle and Zula Patton and Callie Webb and Edd. Patton and C. D. Webb attended the box supper Friday night all report a nice time.

William Boatright and Wiley Whatley visited K. D. Webb Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Patton and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Haley Patton Sunday.

Willie Barnett visited Roy Strain Sunday.

Miss Callie Webb visited Miss Ocie Smithee Sunday evening.

Calm Sears had business in town Monday.

Hawe Smithee visited Jesse Strain Sunday evening.

I'll ring off for this time hoping to see a long letter from Mocking Bird and other good writers.

Blue Bells

The Sound Sleep of Good Health Is not for those suffering from kidney ailments and irregularities. The prompt use of Foley Kidney Pills will dispel backache and rheumatism, heal and strengthen sore, weak and ailing kidneys, restore normal action, and with it health and strength. Mrs. M. F. Spalsbury, Sterling, Ill., says: "I suffered great pain in my back and kidneys, could not sleep at night, and could not raise my hands over my head. But two bottles of Foley Kidney Pills cured me." For sale by Robertson's Drug Store.

Kirkdale

Hello Editor and Chats. Wasn't the rain fine.

Health in this community is very good at this writing.

Jim Stodghill and family from Haskell have moved in our community, we're glad to have them with us.

Miss Bessie Leonard was in the city Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Kennedy visited her parents Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Hunt and daughter Miss Ruth visited Mrs. John Deismann Monday night.

Mr. Langford and family visited Mr. Kennedy and family Sunday.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely come out and take part with us.

Mr. Grimsley and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Haley attended the singing at Powell Sunday eve.

Mrs. Viola Stodghill called on Mrs. W. R. Hunt Saturday eve.

Calm Sears and family visited Gus Meyer and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stodghill and baby Raymond spent Sunday night with U. T. Stodghill and family.

Oscar and Andrew Leonard took dinner with Bryson Hunt Sunday.

As news is scarce will be going.

Vidette

First La Grippe, Then Bronchitis

That was the case with Mrs. W. S. Bailey, McCreary, Ky., "My wife was taken down with a severe attack of la grippe, which run into bronchitis. She coughed as tho' she had consumption and could not sleep at night. The first bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound gave her so much relief that she continued using it until she was permanently cured." Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

Roberts Locals.

Here we are again with a few items.

Health of the community is good at present.

A number of the people attended singing at Powell Sunday eve. Sure had some fine singing by Professors Warren, Laney, Cooner and Haley. They were with us at Roberts Sunday night, was very glad to have them and we hope this will not be their last visit. Prof. Cooner will begin a singing school at Powell the 13th.

The Literary Saturday night was well attended and enjoyed by all. Miss Ella Arend spent Saturday and Sunday with Misses Myrtle and Docia Wheatley.

Harry Conner of Ballew attended singing as Roberts Sunday night.

Truett Cobb, Willie Wallace, Fannie and Wyatt Williamson took dinner with Clarence and Frank Lewellen.

Ralph Conner and Miss Maud Roberts of Haskell attended the Literary Saturday night.

Edd Mapes and family spent Sunday with the formers parents.

Ell Sprabery took dinner with Orjen Via Sunday.

Leonard Fate and Richard Jiles took dinner with Tom Mapes Sunday.

B. B. King spent Sunday with

Snipe Mapes.

Miss Beulah Lewellen spent Monday night with Miss J. B. Wheatley.

Mrs. Alverine Merchant and little son Glenn spent Sunday with Prof. Gentry and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Atchison and daughters Misses Cortez and Flossy spent Sunday with grandmother and grandfather Atchison at town.

Prof. Laney took supper with S. C. Lewellen Sunday night.

Arlas and Artie Weaver and Ivy Lewellen spent Monday night with Mamie and Elbert Mapes.

Ervin and Dewey Yates spent Sunday in Haskell.

Mrs. A. F. Force, Mrs. Norton and Mrs. Claud Massie and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Donia Hargrove.

Our school is progressing nicely with Professors J. C. Gentry and Claudis Walden as teachers.

John McCullough and wife of Weiner spent Sunday with G. C. McCullough and family.

Professors Warren and Laney spent Sunday night with Cal Lewellen.

Four Tattling Jolly School Girls.

How Foolish

To suffer from Skin Diseases [Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, etc] when one 50c box of "Hunt's Cure" is positively guaranteed to cure or your money promptly refunded. Every retail druggist in the state stands behind this guarantee. Ask your druggist and see the guarantee with each box. You don't risk anything in giving it a trial.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

(REAL ESTATE)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, on the 15th day of September A. D. 1911, in the case of The Murray Company versus A. N. Deering, H. R. Standifer, A. M. Riley and J. D. Kendrick No. 5929, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 8th day of February A. D. 1912, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m., on the first Tuesday in March A. D. 1912, it being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door of Haskell County, in the town of Haskell, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which A. N. Deering, H. R. Standifer, A. M. Riley and J. D. Kendrick had on the 15th day of Sept. A. D. 1911, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following property, to-wit:

Situated in the County of Haskell and State of Texas, a part of the Rebecca E. Farrow survey, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the N. W. corner of lot 2, Block 72, of T. G. Carney's addition to the town of Carney; thence west along the north line of lots 3, 4, and 5 of Block 72, continuing west 150 feet further, making 300 feet in all to the railroad right of way; thence southwesterly following said railroad right of way to a point west of the south line of the north half of block 72; thence east 350 feet to the S. W. corner of lot 2 of block 72; thence north 140 feet to the place of beginning. Also Lots 3, 4 and 5 in block 72, as shown by a map or plat of T. G. Carney's Addition to the town of Carney, as shown by deed records of Haskell County, Texas, pages 265 to 267 inclusive. Also all land lying between lot 5 and the K. C. M. & O. Railway reservation, being 150 feet on the north and 175 feet on the south, and 140 feet on the east and west, together with all buildings and machinery thereon and which may hereafter be placed on said tracts and lots of land above described.

Said property being levied on as the property of A. N. Deering, H. R. Standifer, A. M. Riley and J. D. Kendrick to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$7205.67, in favor of The Murray Company and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this 8th day of February A. D. 1912. Sheriff Haskell County, Texas.

Poll Tax Receipts and Exemptions.

Below we give the number of poll tax receipts and exemption certificates issued by the Tax Collector of Haskell County.

NO.	NAME OF BOX.	POLLS.	EXEMPS.
1	Haskell,	210	3
2	Haskell,	191	19
3	Haskell,	109	3
4	Haskell,	121	6
5	Rule,	349	8
6	Rochester,	227	6
7	O'Brien,	150	3
8	Jud,	100	0
9	Chiff,	55	1
10	Weinert,	216	3
11	Brushy,	84	1
12	Cottonwood,	65	4
13	Jim Holz,	40	1
14	Howard,	80	4
15	Cobb,	15	1
16	McCannell,	31	4
17	Saunders,	174	3
18	Joe Ballew,	61	3
19	Willow Point,	20	0
Total		2,328	64

Lumbago, Rheumatism and Chillblains.

There is nothing that gives so quick benefit as Hunt's Lightning Oil. The very minute it is rubbed on the improvement is noticed. For over thirty years this Liniement has been acknowledged to be the best for these troubles. Every druggist will recommend it. Price 25c and 50 cents per bottle.

L. C. (Lou) Ellis

After careful consideration I have decided to make this race for District Clerk, subject to the action of the democratic primary in July.

I wish to state that in offering myself for this office, I feel like I am competent to fill the same and ask that you carefully consider my candidacy and give me your support.

Before the campaign is over, I hope to see and talk with each and every voter in the county.

L. C. Ellis

Magazine Club.

The magazine club has been fortunate in securing Miss McKelvain to act as librarian for the association recently formed. There are between four and five hundred books on the shelves now and several dozen new ones are expected this week. The largest donation received so far by the library is ten dollars cash from David B. Clarkson of Chicago, brother of Mrs. Dan Falkner of this city. The donation came as a pleasant surprise to the club and one which was appreciated greatly especially at this time when the work of the club is slow in showing results. The ladies of the club are soliciting members for the association and have not intentionally overlooked anyone. If you have not been asked to become a patron of the library will you not come and offer your name and support because of the interest you have in the town and your desire to help in all good work. Call at the library room in the McConnell building on Tuesday or Friday and Miss McKelvain will give you the membership card in return for the payment of the membership dues of one dollar which will insure you a year's use of the books.

Symphony Club Program

Feb. 21, 1912.
Miss Maxwell, hostess.
Miss Vera Neathery, Director.
Roll Call—Current Musical Events.

German Opera.
Round Table.
Synopsis of Opera—Tannhauser (Wagner)—Miss Lois McConnell.

Piano—Four hands—Pilgrims Chorus—Tannhauser (Wagner)—Mrs. Earl Cogdell, Miss McKelvain.

Sketch of Wagner—Mrs. Kiester.
Vocal Solo—Elizabeth's Prayer, Tannhauser (Wagner)—Mrs. Cahill.

Piano Solo—Siegmond's Love Song (Wagner) Die Walkure—Miss Ida Maxwell.

J. W. Tarbet

We are authorized to announce J. W. Tarbet as a candidate for re-election to the office of tax assessor of Haskell county, subject to the action of the democratic party.

In discussing the matter with Mr. Tarbet, he impressed us with the idea that he has tried to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and efficiently and he makes his appeal for re-election on his record of faithful and efficient service. In doing this he feels he can hopefully trust to the people to give him a fair and candid consideration. Mr. Tarbet has proved himself to be a worthy citizen during all the years he has lived in this county, and as an officer he has been faithful to the trust. He states that whatever the result may be he will never again seek a public office.

We feel justified in asking for Mr. Tarbet a fair consideration at the polls.

A. I. Crews

We are authorized to announce A. I. Crews as a candidate for the office of public weigher at Haskell, subject to the action of the democratic party.

Mr. Crews bears a good reputation as a citizen in this community, where he has lived for eight or ten years. He is honest, capable and fittingly qualified for the office to which he aspires.

In presenting his name to the public we wish to commend him to the careful consideration of the farmers and business men.

Pneumonia and Pleurisy.

For over thirty years Hunt's Lightning Oil has been acknowledged to be a very quick relief when rubbed well on the chest. Many hundred letters testify to the benefit it has given others. Why not try it? All druggists, 25c and 50c bottles.

Box Supper.

On Saturday night before the 4th Sunday in February there will be a box supper at Ketrion Chapel, maximum price of boxes will be 50 cts.

Proceeds will go to Women's Missionary Society.

E. R. Wallace of El Paso, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the district west of Ft. Worth, of B. P. O. E. Elks, paid the Elks Lodge of this place an official visit on Feb. 9th. He expressed pleasure at the progress the lodge had made and complimented the lodge very highly. He said he had only one criticism to offer, and that was "the lodge had no memorial tablets" and that the lodge should feel thankful that it had none, as there had not been a death among the members since the lodge had organized three years ago, and none had been called to the Great Beyond.

A FIT OF PESSIMISM

By WILLARD BLAKEMAN

Myra Coolidge was the daughter of my employer and was my fiancee. I had been with John Coolidge from boyhood and at the time of my engagement was expecting soon to become a junior partner. Indeed, I had done a great deal to build up the business, and since Mr. Coolidge was getting old I was gradually assuming more and more responsibility in its management. As the day of my nuptials with Miss Coolidge approached I began to dread some misfortune that would mar our happiness. Expecting to step into a partnership in a fine business and be married at the same time to a girl I loved devotedly, I naturally considered myself on the pinnacle of happiness. I could go no higher and at any change must go lower.

One afternoon when we closed the office we had quite a large sum of money in the safe. I went to bed that night thinking in this wise:

Suppose the safe should be robbed and that money taken. Mr. Coolidge would be ruined, I would be thrown out of employment and my splendid business prospects blighted. My wedding would likely be deferred and possibly never take place. I would lose heart and commence a descent which would probably land me in the poorhouse.

This is the opposite of "counting one's chickens before they are hatched." Lying awake in a dark room one is apt to be stricken with pessimism, and I wrought myself up to such a pitch of foreboding that I became impressed with the feeling that the safe would surely be robbed that night. I could not be satisfied till I had got out of bed, dressed myself and started for the office.

When I arrived I opened the door with a key I always carried, entered, turned on a light and saw that all was the same as I had left it in the afternoon. I had nothing to do with the finances of the concern and did not know the combination or I would have opened it to see that the money was still there. It was a rare piece of luck that I did not. There was a lounge in the office, and I felt so uneasy that, disliking to go back to bed, I turned out the light, threw myself down and soon fell asleep.

I was awakened by a familiar sound—the turning of the combination knob to open the safe! Great heavens! My forebodings had come to pass. I was not armed and dare not confront the robber. I lay perfectly still, wondering what I had better do when the person manipulating the safe lock flashed an electric hand lamp on the knob and began again to turn it. Surely a robber would not be opening the safe by the combination. Some one who knew it was there. Who could it be, and what could he be doing there at that time of night? His identity was soon established by his turning the light upon his own face. He was Smithson, the cashier.

My first impulse was to say: "Hello, Smithson! What are you doing?" But I repressed it. I would see for myself what he was doing. But unfortunately at the moment I was seized with a desire to sneeze, and sneeze I did. Smithson immediately switched on the electric light.

"What are you doing here?" he exclaimed on seeing me.

"What are you doing here?" "I got worried about the large amount of money we have here and couldn't sleep. I had to get up and come here to see that it was all right."

"Just my case. I preferred not to go



A POINTER

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HASKELL, TEXAS, Feb. 17, 1912.

LOCAL NOTES

I have several good farms to rent. J. D. Kinnison.

For cheap bananas phone L. M. Garrett.

J. T. Ellis is again with Sherrill Bros. & Co.

Mrs. E. J. Hunt is visiting in Dallas this week.

Mr. J. L. Jones of Rule was in the city Saturday.

Genuine Rowden cotton seed for sale by M. A. Clifton.

W. H. Day of Rochester, spent several days in Haskell this week.

Abe Greer and Maurice Durst, of Rochester, were here on business Thursday.

Avoid Sickness

It shows more practical sense to take medicine to prevent sickness than to take it to get well after becoming sick. You save in three ways—a doctor bill, a smaller medicine bill and a good deal of suffering.

Another Thing

be sure to get pure drugs. We handle only the best drugs, and all prescriptions are given the most painstaking care. We carry a full line of toilet articles, cigars, etc. in connection with our splendid drugs and medicines. We are here to please you, and will appreciate your business

West Side Pharmacy
J. R. Walton, Prop.

Miss Frankie Terrell left Tuesday night for Fort Worth, where she has accepted a position with a business firm.

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

Hon. Bruce W. Bryant made a professional visit to Benjamin Monday where he is interested in some legal business.

Jack Simmons has sold his livery business to Mr. Weaver and Mr. Weaver has sold his transfer business to Mr. Simmons.

Mr. Hardy Grissom left Saturday night for the eastern market to purchase a stock of dry goods for his house in this city.

For Sale—Three Registered Berkshire pigs. Address, Weinert Texas, Route No. 2, Ferris ranch. By Tom McLendon.

Round trip tickets only to hotels will be honored in the future.

Jack Simmons.
The Transfer Man.

Mrs. D. Dellis of Wichita Falls has returned home from her visit to Mrs. Keister and friends accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Keister.

John L. Jackson left Wednesday night for the eastern market to purchase a spring stock of dry goods for the I. P. Carr Dry Goods Co.

We have closed several deals this week to beautify Haskell homes with cement sidewalks. McKelvain Trading Co., Phone No. 65.

Wanted—A young man desires farm work by the month with a good family. Notify E. N. Sowell, Haskell, Texas care J. F. Culp. 6-2t-pd

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hunt and Miss Julia Winn are in St. Louis purchasing the spring stock of dry goods and millinery for C. M. Hunt.

Jake Hollingsworth, Supt. of the Knox City public schools, was in the city yesterday in the interest of a summer normal to be held in Knox City.

McKelvain Trading Co. want to build your sidewalks. We have well curbing. Trade for any old thing. We keep a little silver for trade. Phone No. 65.

Rcy. J. T. Nicholson of Hamlin was in the city this week. Rev. Nicholson is the father of Mesdames T. E. Bowman and B. M. Whitaker of this City.

Mrs. F. G. Alexander is in Dallas where she will spend some time visiting her daughter, Miss Frankie, who is attending The Ursuline Academy in that city.

Notice to Stockmen—If you are going to run a cut of your stallion in your advertising this spring, had you not best come and let us order you a cut for your horse?

Wake up and come to M. A. Clifton's to get first class flour, fuel, wood and coal. Then if you are not satisfied phone 239 and your money back. M. A. Clifton.

The next time you need coffee think of Chase & Sanborns High Grade coffee in air tight cans. We are sole agents for it in Haskell. F. G. Alexander & Son.

Mrs. Kerr of New Mexico and Mrs. Thompson of Anson, who have been visiting the family of J. E. Ellis, of Haskell, left for their respective homes Thursday night.

F. T. Read of San Angelo, who had been visiting his brother, J. J. Read of this city, left Tuesday for his home. These brothers had not met before in twenty-nine years.

Mrs. Arrington and two sons of Alvord, and Mrs. G. E. Smith of Dallas, relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Killingsworth, were visiting in this city, having arrived last week.

McKelvain Trading Co. wants your turkeys, chickens and eggs. Will buy a bunch of thin cattle; always in the market for fat hogs and cattle. Palace Meat Market, Phone No. 65.

Mr. F. G. Alexander and Mrs. Henry Alexander left Tuesday night for the St. Louis market to purchase a spring stock of millinery and dry goods for F. G. Alexander and son.

Notice.

All parties knowing themselves indebted to Lloyd & Co. please call in at West Side Pharmacy and make settlement at once either by note or money.

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Jack Simmons.
The Transfer Man.

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

McKelvain Trading Co. make a speciality of turkeys, chickens and eggs. We exchange silver for same. Palace Meat Market phone No. 65.

Mr. R. V. Robertson has a letter from Mrs. Robertson, who is visiting in California, stating that the flowers are all in bloom and that they are having fresh vegetables from the garden.

Mrs. W. K. Whitman of Roswell N. M. arrived here several days ago and is visiting her father, W. F. Rupe and other relatives in this city. Her husband proceeded her and is still in the city.

Editor J. D. Hall of the Rule Review came over to Haskell Wednesday to meet the mother and sister of Mrs. Hall, Mesdames Slaughter and Bowers of Howe, Texas, who are visiting in Rule.

Mrs. John Carothers has returned from an extended visit to her father's home at Waco. She was accompanied on her return by her sister, Miss Emma Crunk, who will visit with her sister for some time.

When the rain came, Lee Pierson had 300 acres of oats sown that was ready for the rain and he will sow 200 acres more. J. F. Pinkerton has 500 acres in oats and will put 600 acres in corn and 500 acres in other crops.

For Rent—Good farm, located between Haskell and Rule on the main road, 160 acres in cultivation, 30 in pasture, fine well of lasting water, 6 room house. Address W. D. Arden, Ennis, Texas.

John Hinton arrived here Monday night from Oklahoma, en route to the home of his brother Will Hinton, near Jud in this county. About two months ago a tree fell on him, that necessitated the amputation of his right arm and left leg.

Judge Smith received a telegram Thursday morning announcing the death of his father-in-law, E. E. Graves at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at his home in Belton. Mrs. Smith had previously gone to Belton and was at the bedside of her father when he died.

If you have trouble with your eyes and you are not seeing as well as you used to, consult us; we guarantee you good service and the best glasses.

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Jack Simmons.
The Transfer Man.

This is campaign year and you should take the Free Press and keep up with county affairs. Subscribe now. Only \$1.00 per annum.

Suppose the coming season is a good one for oats and you do not have any sown and it turns out that it is not a good year for some other forage crops, then you will have missed it because you do not diversify. Mr. Farmer do not let a chance slip by to make any crop that will grow on your farm.

J. M. Blakemore, who has moved to the Chitwood place thirteen miles east of town, was in the city Monday and Tuesday. In answer to our inquiry he stated there would be a light sowing of oats, but that many farmers were sowing a few acres. He stated farming was getting under good headway, but that cotton acreage would be reduced.

We are requested to announce, that there will be a mass meeting of the citizens of the Howard community, in this county, the night of February, 22nd, the object of which will be to arrange for the erection of a gin in that settlement. Every farmer and citizen interested in the movement, is urged to be present and participate in the plans for this undertaking.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Scott left Thursday night to attend Mardi Gras at New Orleans. They will spend a week or ten days with a friend, Henry W. Robertson, a prominent lawyer of that city. The cow men will remember Mr. Robertson, as having spent a month visiting Mr. Scott and accompanying him on the cow work in the open range in the summer of 1885. Mr. Robertson was a mere boy then but now has become a distinguished lawyer. He made an address before the Louisiana Bar Association at their last meeting in that state.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Subject to the action of the Democratic primary in July, 1912.

For Representative of the 102nd Legislative District:

R. B. HUMPHREYS, (Re-election)

For County Judge:

A. J. SMITH, (Re-election).

For County Attorney:

GAYLORD KLINE,
F. L. DAUGHERTY,
OSCAR MARTIN.

For Sheriff:

W. D. FALKNER, (Re-Election.)

For District Clerk:

L. C. ELLIS.

For County Clerk:

JOHN L. ROBERTSON.

For Tax Assessor:

R. H. SPROWLS,
J. W. TARBET, [Re-Election.]

For Tax Collector:

J. E. WALLING. [Re-Election.]

For Public Weigher:

A. T. CREWS,
C. H. RUSSELL, (Re-Election.)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1:

R. C. WHITMIRE, (Re-Election.)

For Commissioner Precinct No. 3:

J. B. DAVIS.

For Justice of the Peace of Pre. No. 1:

J. S. POST. [Re-Election.]

For Constable Precinct No. 1:

A. G. (Cap) LAMBERT,
[Re-Election.]

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Election April 2nd, 1912.

For City Marshal:

ED THORNTON,
J. W. FRENCH, (Re-Election.)
J. E. STENSON.

The Free Press received a letter from Mr. Will Dunwoody, our efficient foreman who unfortunately got his hand caught in the power press a few weeks ago and badly hurt, which states that he is getting along fairly well. There were a few bones in the hand crushed which were taken out a few days ago. This has no doubt kept the hand from healing as rapidly as it might have otherwise. We are sincerely glad to learn that Mr. Dunwoody's hand is improving, even though slowly, and hope he will soon be able to resume his old place with the Free Press.

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An Afternoon With Mrs. Getz
Despite the disagreeable weather, fourteen ladies eagerly responded to the following invitation.

"Will you join the Art Class Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. A. M. Getz."—knowing, full well, something out of the ordinary and a good time awaited them.

Miss McConnell, in her most gracious manner, greeted each guest and directed them to the studio door where they were met by the artistic hostess. Crayons and drawing paper were provided and, to test the imagination and talent of her pupils, simple subjects were assigned to each with instructions to portray their conception of the character or object. Following the modern method of teaching art the class proved itself so apt that the judges found it difficult to decide between the three best drawings: "Mary and Her Little Lamb," by Mrs. Henry Alexander, "The Old Oken Bucket," by Mrs. Will Whitman, and

"Maud Muller," by Mrs. Doyle. The cut, however, decided in favor of Mrs. Doyle whose efforts were awarded by a handsome art slate. Encouraged by the rapid progress of her class, Mrs. Getz then asked each to draw a portrait of her sweetheart. Strange to relate, each one endeavored to portray her absent husband and while some looked like somebody else's husband and some like no husband at all, all had some familiar feature, recognizable at sight. Mrs. Whitman again proved her artistic temperament and marked ability, and now a life size portrait of Mr. Whitman adorns the studio with its face turned toward the wall. Thus ended the art lesson.

A delicious two course luncheon was served and the game of "42" furnished amusement until six o'clock. Mrs. Getz has long since proven herself an artist in devising original ways of entertaining her friends, and when so ably assisted as by Miss McConnell the afternoon of pleasure and amusement will long be remembered by

Mesdames: Earl Cogdell, Scott Key, Fred Sanders, Henry Alexander, H. G. McConnell, C. D. Long, H. R. Wilson, J. U. Fields, Will Whitman, Will McGregor, Dellis of Wichita Falls, Doyle of Granbury.

N. B.—Husbands of the above ladies who desire to frame their portraits may have same by calling at the Getz Studio any time between meals.

Foley Kidney Pills will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble not beyond the reach of medicine. No medicine can do more. Sold by Robertson's Drug Store.

J. E. Walling

We are authorized to announce J. E. Walling for re-election to the office of Tax Collector, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Mr. Walling has only served the county one term, and conscious of the fact that he has to the best of his ability, discharged the duties of the office, he again presents himself to the people for their endorsement. In performing the duties of Tax Collector, the collector acts in a ministerial capacity. The tax rolls are made made by the assessor, as the commissioners court may approve and each man's dues are fixed, all the collector has to do is to collect the sums the rolls show to be due, keep a record of the same and pay the money over to the treasurer and take a receipt.

The collector can neither lower or increase a citizen's taxes. The duties of a collector is purely clerical and fixed by law. Mr. Walling has performed the duties as the law requires and conscious of the fact that he has faithfully and to the best of his ability discharged these duties. We join him in asking the people to consider the same when they cast their ballot to fill this important office.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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J. E. Steenson
J. E. Steenson authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for City Marshal.

Mr. Steenson has lived here for many years and bears a splendid reputation as a man and citizen. If the people elect him to this important office, we feel sure he will conscientiously and faithfully discharge the duties of the same, for these reasons we respectfully commend him to the suffragans of the city.

Indian Killed on Track
Near Rochelle Ill., an Indian went to sleep on a railroad track and was killed by a fast express. He paid for his carelessness with his life. Often its that way when people neglect coughs and colds. Don't risk your life when prompt use of Dr. King's New Discovery will cure them and so prevent a dangerous throat or lung trouble. "It completely cured me, in a short time, of a terrible cough that followed a severe attack of Grip," writes J. R. Watts, Floydada, Texas, "and I regained 15 pounds in weight that I had lost." Quick, safe, reliable and guaranteed. 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Jas. R. Walton's.

Notice of First Meeting of Creditors.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, AT ABILENE.
In the matter of } No. 291
Steven Clark King } In Bankruptcy.
Office of Referee.
Abilene, Texas, Feb. 9th 1912.
To the creditors of Steven Clark King in the county of Haskell and district aforesaid, a bankrupt. Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of Feb. A. D. 1912 the said Steven Clark King was duly adjudged bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in Abilene, in Taylor County, Texas on the 24th day of Feb. A. D. 1912 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. K. K. Legett, Referee in Bankruptcy.

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Drummer—See here: I want an investigation at once? Someone went through my grip, ransacked my books and turned my clothes inside out last night. It's a plain case of robbery!

Hotel Clerk—Robbery nothing! The boys just wanted to find out if you had a membership card in the Anti-Tipping League—Judge.

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Died.

Little Harold, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Killingsworth, died at the home of his parents in this city, February, 10th A. D. 1912, after a long illness, and was buried in Willow cemetery, Sunday, Feb. 11, 1912. Harold was born April, 21st. 1911.

The funeral services was held at the Methodist church and was attended by a large number of neighbors and friends of the family.

The Free Press joins the many friends of the family in sympathy for their sad bereavement.

Are Ever at War

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A genial looking gentleman wanted an empty bottle in which to mix a solution, and went to a drug store to purchase one. Selecting one that answered his purpose, he asked the clerk how much it would cost. "Well," was the reply, "if you want the empty bottle it will be a nickel, but if you want anything in it you can have it for nothing." "Well, that's fair," said the customer, "put in a cork."

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PASSING OF THE PIGTAIL

Although the queue, less reverently known as pigtail, is most commonly associated in the public mind of today with the people of China, and although that fashion of wearing the hair has probably been attributed by the thoughtless in many instances to what most of us were taught by our school geographies to regard as the half-civilized condition of the Chinese, it is a fact well worth noting that the Chinese are by no means the only nation on earth to have shown respect and partiality to the queue. The recent edict sanctioning the abolition of the pigtail in China reminds the London Chronicle that it is not so very long ago since the pigtail disappeared not merely from the British army and navy, but even from every-day civilian life in England. Waist-long pigtails were the fashionable wear in England about 1740, and before that the bag wig had been adorned with a pigtail looped up in a black silk flag. As late as 1858 an old gentleman was seen in Cheapside with his gray hair tied behind in a short queue, and it appears that even today may be found in England a relic of the pigtail; for, according to the Chronicle, three pieces of black velvet on the dress tunics of officers in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers are the remains of the ribbon with which the queue was tied.

Another young Englishman has dashed into New York to spend 24 hours there "seeing America." What an interesting report he will have to make of the great Missouri and Mississippi valleys! What accurate descriptions he can give of the Southland with its wonderful work of unfolding resources going on! What graphic accounts of the prodigious west, this vast theater of imperial progress, he will make! If he could run into some well-informed Yankee on Broadway he might get a second-hand statement of what America is, but he can never find out simply by standing and viewing what he finds in New York, says the Omaha Bee. He cannot even see all of that city, and very little of the elements and resources that make it. Americans are proud of their metropolises, second city in the world in size and first in many other respects, but they would never go there to get the broadest view of continental America. They might go there for their ideas of American provincialism. Our young guest from abroad stands only before a great window that looks out upon America, not before the mirror that adequately reflects it. Of course, it could not be otherwise.

In the Chicago public library during the year 3,340,000 books have been called for, more than two-thirds of them for home use. Before deciding just how literary Chicago is, however, it will be necessary to know how many of the 3,340,000 books were histories and biographies and other serious works and how many of them were ephemeral "best sellers."

The board of education in Los Angeles has barred boxing for the high school girls for fear their beauty and their prospects may both be marred. It is very likely that the reason given for the prohibition will cause its unquestioning acceptance by the fair subjects of the ukase.

A New York jury awarded a lawyer six cents damages and Justice Goff set the verdict aside with the observation that a lawyer's reputation must be worth more than that. Nevertheless the justice must admit that it depends on the lawyer, just as in any other case it must depend on the man. Membership in any profession or employment in any occupation does not constitute a certificate of character.

The coloring of merschaum pipes can now be done by a machine that never burns the pipe, but in spite of this great modern improvement there will undoubtedly be men who will go right on trying to color their merschaum pipes themselves, and not infrequently spoiling them in the process, in the same old-fashioned way.

The Western Union's new office building in New York is to be only 26 stories high, and the New York papers are asking, "Why this moderation?"

An eastern couple kept the fact of their marriage a secret for fifty years. They had no fancy, evidently, for tin, glass or silver.

In asking that tips be abolished the waiters want it understood that they want something equally good as a substitute.

A St. Louis wife, twelve years of age, has asked for her first divorce. Evidently she is out for a record.



IDEAS FOR HOME BUILDERS
BY **W.M.A. RADFORD**

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 178 West Jackson boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

A good lesson in home building may be learned from the large operators who make a business of building up whole streets in the suburbs with houses of medium size for the purpose of selling the improved property at a profit, besides increasing the valuation of the remaining vacant property in the neighborhood. These real estate operators have found that it pays them best to give a great deal of attention to the design of their houses. Of course every house must be substantially built and arranged for practical convenience and utility; but this is not enough. Such houses must be attractive also. Each must have a distinctive, individual appearance.

This matter of distinctive appearance is especially important where a large number of new houses are being put up at the same time in the same neighborhood; for nothing looks quite so cheap and uninviting as a whole line of new houses all packed in close together and all of the same monotonous appearance.

While the average home builder does not have this exact problem to contend with, still he should take warning from such examples and guard against conditions that may amount to practically the same thing. If he builds a house of commonplace appearance, one that looks just like a hundred others which have been built, or may be built in the future, in the neighborhood, he will find that there is nothing to distinguish his house from the rest. It will depreciate the value on that account, for the prospective customer these days invariably wants a house that he can take pride in.

And in addition to the increased value of such a house at times of sale there is also a more important phase of the question. A house of attractive

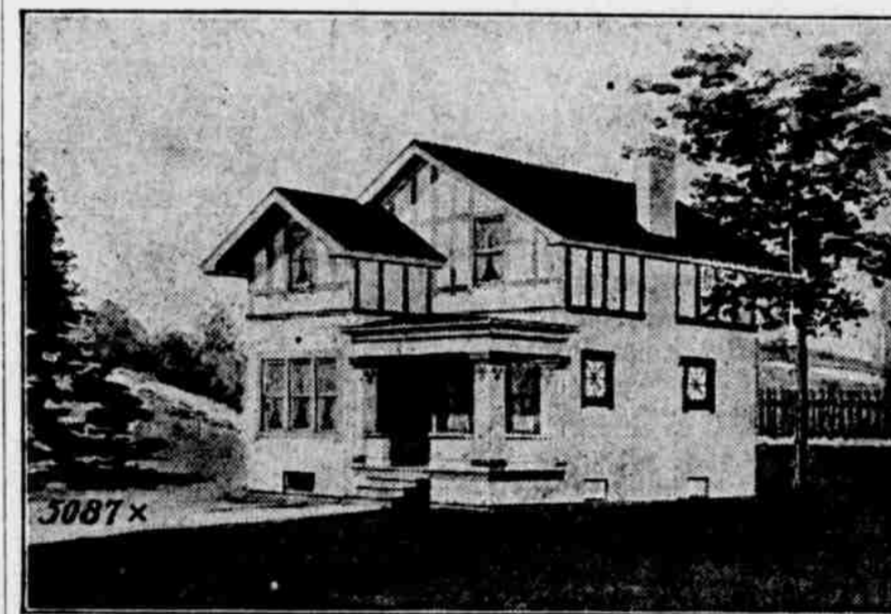
way so that the building as a whole is a success. A house should also be economically constructed. It is a mistake to think that just because a building has an artistic outward appearance it must necessarily have cost extra. At the same time the experienced architect is planning for a striking exterior and convenient interior arrangements he will also see to it that the design is made to be as economical as possible when it comes to be built. For instance, in a two-story house, the story height will be such that 18-foot studding can be used in the side walls and the bearing partitions which sustain



Second Floor Plan.

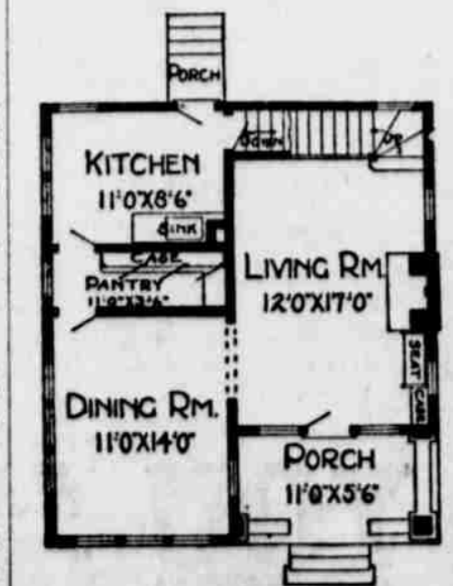
tain the floor joists will be so placed that floor joists in even length of feet can be used without waste. With too many builders who may be called on to draw up plans, these items which mean a substantial saving in the cost are frequently overlooked. In order to get a ceiling a few inches higher than the standard height when using 18-foot studding, they find it necessary to use 20-foot studding and have to cut off the ends, which means a waste of material as well as a waste of labor which might have been saved by a little forethought.

It is always economical in the use of materials and is also good construction to have the partitions and



five individual appearance makes a better home than one of plain and characterless design. The children take more pleasure in such a home, to take care of it and keep it up; and so the home means more to them; and its influence will remain with them.

But what is the secret of good design? An experienced architect who has made a study of home building will produce work with seemingly very little effort which stands out unique from all other designs and is at the same time in perfect proportion and possessing the essential features of comfort and convenience. Under



First Floor Plan.

a master hand the everyday materials seem to be given a new meaning and the commonplace elements, or parts of the building, are arranged in proportion in new and striking effects. It is not so much that the skilled architect uses different materials or more expensive materials than the ordinary carpenter-architect would select, but he proportions them in a different

girders in the basement exactly under the bearing partitions of the first story; and where possible the bearing partitions on the second floor should line up exactly with those of the first story. There is nothing like having a good backbone in a house in the way of bearing partitions by having them lined up straight from foundation to roof.

The accompanying design serves as a good illustration of these principles. Although an extremely sensible and convenient house, its exterior appearance is distinctive and artistic. It couldn't be called fussy, yet there is enough of ornamentation to escape monotony. The proportions are good and the material used—cement plaster on metal lath—is the most popular at the present time for high-grade residence work.

The interior is arranged very simply, the idea being for the maximum of roomy conveniences. There is a very large living room of the kind so popular in modern houses. The dining room is of good size and is very conveniently placed with reference to the kitchen, having a butler's pantry between. An open stairway along the back of the living room leads to the second floor. There are found two very large bedrooms, a liberal supply of clothes closets and a bathroom.

This house, having a width of 26 feet and a length of 28 feet, is estimated to cost \$3,000, using a good grade of hardwood flooring and finish and with the modern conveniences of plumbing, electric wiring, etc.

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"But think of our population?" "I am thinking of our people and aiming for their peace of mind. Our censored press can always assure them that the war is a success and they'll never be able to understand enough about the tariff to know the differ-

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The KITCHEN CABINET

TO THE attentive eye each moment of the year has its own beauty, and in the same field it beholds every hour a picture which was never seen before, and which shall never be seen again.

PAPER BAG COOKERY.

One must to keep up with the times, have some experience in cooking in paper bags. It is quick, satisfactory and economical and the ideal way of cooking meats, as the flavor is all in the meat, not passed off in the oven or air. It prevents waste, as the meat weighs as much when it is taken from the oven as it did when put in.

One of the beauties of this system is that the food cannot be looked at, and the only care is to keep the oven at a good temperature for the dish baking. Care should be taken in opening the oven if a gas flame is used, for a sudden draught from a window or door may ignite the bag. When such accident occurs, turn off the gas, remove the bag and place it inside of another. If left a few minutes to make up the loss of time, everything will be right.

There are any number of points in favor of paper bag cookery; no dishes to wash after roasting a fowl or cooking a stew, a perfectly clean, sanitary bag, free from microbes, to use, no odor from the cooking and no oven to watch.

Paper bags made for the purpose are on the market; the ordinary bag is not satisfactory as it is not strong enough and it leaves an undesirable flavor in the substance cooked in it.

These bags may be purchased of any merchant, or he will be glad to keep them as they are becoming more and more popular as they are known. Directions for using come in each package. Care should be taken in placing meat with sharp skewers or bones that will pierce the bag.

The bag should not be moved when put into the oven, as the heat makes it very tender. When ready to take out, place a pan under it and draw out gently on to it or the platter on which it is to be served. Open the bag and remove the contents. One mistake which is made by many is that of putting the filled bag into a pan. It should be placed directly on the iron rack, so that the heat has free access to every part of it. If the bag bursts, slide it into another, keeping a pan on the bottom of the oven to catch all the gravy that escapes.

WOULDST thou know thyself, observe the actions of others. Wouldst thou know other men, look thou within thine own heart. The proper study of mankind is man. —Schiller.

THE VALUE OF DATES AS FOOD.

If children could be given dates, raisins and figs for sweets more often than candy, they would be much better in disposition and health.

Hutchenson says that a half pound of dates and a pint of milk makes a meal sufficiently nourishing for a person engaged in sedentary labor. As a confection there is nothing more delicious than dates stuffed with nuts of any kind. A few dates added to the apple salad improves it very much.

A date put into a small ball of doughnut dough and fried is a pleasant change from the everyday doughnuts.

Dates added to the breakfast cereal is not new, but it is a decided improvement on the plain cereal.

The Arab can walk long distances and display the most wonderful endurance with a handful of dates and a piece of black bread for food.

For cake filling dates are exceptionally good. Take a half pound of dates, remove the stones and cut fine with a knife; add a third of a cup of boiling water and sugar to sweeten to taste, a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Cook in a double boiler until a smooth paste. Spread on layer cake and frost with orange icing.

A few dates put into coring apples and baked makes a common dish a creation. Lemon jelly molded, with dates and served on lettuce as a salad is a new and delightful combination for a salad.

Dates are added to cakes for the fruit, to bread of all kinds, and a pie made of dates is hard to equal.

A plain baking powder biscuit dough rolled rather thin and spread with butter, and a generous layer of chopped dates mixed with nuts, then rolled and baked will be either a hot cake to serve for tea or with a sauce. Will make a toothsome dessert.

ENDED THE SPELLING LESSON

Bobby's Education, Under Aunt's Tutelage, Afterward Proceeded Under Different Lines.

Miss Thompson, whose form nature has endowed with all-too-ample curves, was giving her little nephew a lesson in spelling the other day. He had spelt b-e, be, and b-e, be, and now she was trying to get him to tell her what m-e, spell.

"Listen, Bobby," she said earnestly. Then closing her lips she pronounced the sound of a long m, and opening them, the sound of a long e.

"What does that spell?" "Bobby looked at her and shook his head. Again she tried, and this time, while pronouncing the sounds, she vigorously tapped her own round chest with her plump forefinger.

"Mum, ee. What letters am I saying and what do they spell?" she asked, still vigorously tapping her chest.

"I don't know what the letters are," replied Bobby, watching the plump forefinger, "but I guess they spell Fat."

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Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows that every day is doomsday.—Emerson.

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We are our best when we try to be it not for ourselves alone, but for our brethren.—Phillip Brooks.

Mrs. Whallow's Soothing Syrup for Children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures whooping cough, croup, sore throat, etc. 25c a bottle.

If there is a skeleton in your closet, lock the door and lose the key.

THESE SIX LETTERS
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MY LADY OF THE NORTH

The Love Story of A Gray Jacket

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SYNOPSIS.

The story opens in a Confederate tent at a critical stage of the Civil War. Gen. Lee imparts to Capt. Wayne an important message to Longstreet. Accompanied by Sgt. Craig, an old army scout, Wayne starts on his mission. The two, after a wild ride, get within the lines of the enemy. In the darkness, Wayne is taken for a Federal officer who came to keep an appointment, and a young lady on horseback is given in his charge. She is a northern girl and attempts to escape but falls. One of the horses succumbs and Craig goes through with the dispatches, while Wayne and My Lady of the North are left alone. They seek shelter in a hut and entering it in the dark a huge mastiff attacks Wayne. The girl shoots the brute just in time.

CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

"The great ugly brute!" she exclaimed, looking at the form in the centre of the floor.

"He was certainly heavy enough to have been a bear," I replied, clenching my teeth in pain, "and sufficiently savage."

I viewed her now for the first time clearly, and the memory will remain with me till I die. How distinctly that entire picture stands forth with the mist of all these years between! The low-ceiled room, devoid of all furniture save of the rudest and most primitive kind; the bare logs forming the walls, unrelieved in their rough ugliness, except as here and there sundry unshapely garments dangled from wooden pegs; the rough deal table, with a few cheap dishes piled upon one end of it; the dead dog lying across the earthen floor; and over all the leap of ruddy flame as the newly kindled fire gathered way, leaving weird shadows here and there, yet steadily forcing them back, and flooding the whole interior with a cheerily glow.

She had flung aside the blue and yellow cloak which, during the long hours of our night ride had so completely shrouded her, and stood before me dressed in some soft clinging stuff of a delicate brown color, so cut and fashioned as to most become her rounded, graceful form.

CHAPTER VII.

A Disciple of Sir Walter

Even as I gazed upon her, my admiration deeper than my pain, the arch expression of her face changed; there came a sudden rush of pity, of anxiety into those clear, challenging eyes, and with one quick step she drew nearer and bent above me.

"Oh, Captain Wayne," she cried, her warm, womanly heart conquering all prejudice, "you are badly hurt and bleeding. Why did you not tell me? Please let me aid you."

"I fear I must," I replied grimly. "I would gladly spare you, for indeed I do not believe my injury sufficiently serious to cause alarm, but I find I have only one arm I can use at present, the brute got his teeth into the other."

"Oh, believe me, I can do it." She spoke bravely, a sturdy ring of confidence in the voice, although at the thought her face paled. "I have been in the hospitals at Baltimore, and taken care of wounded soldiers. If there was only some water here!"

She glanced about, dreading the possibility of having to go forth into the night alone in search of a spring or well.

"I think you will find a well on the beach yonder," I said, for from where I leaned against the wall I could see out into the shed. "It was doubtless left for the dog to drink from."

She came back with it, tearing down a cloth from off a peg in the wall as she passed, and then, "caring a resolute air of authority, knelt beside me, and with rapid fingers, flung back my jacket, unfastening the rough army shirt, and laid bare, so far as was possible, the lacerated shoulder.

"Forgive me," she said anxiously, "but I fear I can never dress it in this way. We must remove your jacket and cut away the sleeve of your shirt."

At last the disagreeable task was accomplished, the wounded shoulder completely bared. Her face was deathly white now, and she shielded her eyes with her hand.

"Oh, what a horrible wound!" she exclaimed, almost sobbing. "How that great brute must have hurt you!"

"The wound is not so serious as it appears," I replied reassuringly, and glad myself to feel that I spoke the truth, "but I confess the pain is intense, and makes me feel somewhat faint. It was not so much the mere bite of the dog, but unfortunately he got his teeth into an old wound and tore it open."

"An old wound?"

"Yes; I received a Minie ball there at Gettysburg, and although the bullet was extracted, the wound never properly healed."

She performed her disagreeable task with all the tenderness of a sympathetic woman, and as she worked swiftly and deftly, made no attempt to conceal the tears clinging to her long lashes. Suddenly the deep, jagged gash was bathed out, and then as carefully bound up with the softest cloths she could find at hand. The relief was great, and I felt, as I moved the shoulder, that saving

the soreness it would probably not greatly bother me.

"Now you must lie back and rest," she said commandingly, as I attempted to thank her.

"As your nurse I command absolute quiet," striving to speak gallily. "See, the daylight is already here, and I mean to discover if this lone cabin contains anything which human beings can eat; I confess that I am nearly famished."

"A most excellent symptom, and I imagine your quest will not be wholly vain. To my eye that greatly resembles a slab of bacon hanging beside the chimney."

"Indeed it," she exclaimed, "and I feel as a shipwrecked seaman must on first beholding land."

However my naturally energetic spirit revolted at inactivity, for the time being my faintness precluded any thought of doing other than obeying her orders, and I lay there silent, propped up against the logs, my eager eyes following her rapid, graceful movements with a constantly increasing interest. As she worked, the reflection of the red flames became mingled with the gray dawn, until the bare and cheerless interior grew more and more visible. Her search was far from unsuccessful, while her resourcefulness astonished me, old campaigner as I was; for it was scarcely more than full daylight before she had me at the table, and I was doing full justice to such coarse food as the larder furnished.

The eating helped me greatly; but for some time so busy were we that neither of us spoke. On my own part I experienced a strange hesitancy in addressing her upon terms of equality. Ordinarily not easily embarrassed in

visited him, and I felt it my duty as a loyal woman to aid the poor fellows.

I remained silent, striving vainly to frame some innocent question which should solve for me the problem of who and what she was. Suddenly she spoke softly:

"Captain Wayne, I feel I owe you an apology for my unwarranted and unladylike conduct last night. I am very sure now that you are a gentleman, and will appreciate how bitterly I was tried, how deeply I have ever since regretted it."

It hurt her pride to say even this much, as I could tell by her downcast eyes and heaving bosom, and I hastened to relieve her embarrassment.

"You have nothing whatever to ask forgiveness for," I said earnestly. "Rather such a request should come from me. I only trust, Miss Brennan, that you will excuse my part in this extremely unfortunate affair."

She sat looking down upon her plate, her fingers nervously crumbling a bit of corn bread.

"You do not even know who I am," she said slowly. "I am not Miss, but Mrs. Brennan."

I felt as if a dash of cold water had been suddenly thrown in my face.

"Indeed?" I stammered, scarcely knowing what I said. "You appear so young a girl that I never once thought of you as being a married woman."

"I was married very early; indeed, before I was seventeen. My husband—"

What she was about to add I could not conjecture, for a quick change in the expression of her face startled me.

"What is it?" I questioned, half rising to my feet, and glancing over my

Walter knew what he was writing 'bout. Stop that blame you'll, you Roderick, or I'll take 't'other end o' this gun ter ye."

He relouped his efforts for peace, finally driving the rebellious beasts back into one corner, where they sat upon their haunches and eyed us wistfully.

"Two dogs of black Saint Hubert's breed, unmatched for courage, breath, and speed," he exclaimed, wiping the perspiration from his face with the back of one hand and staring at us, "specially the breath."

He was a fierce-looking little fellow, scarcely more than a half-grown boy in size, with round, red face full of strange wrinkles, and head as oddly peak-shaped as I ever looked upon. It went up exactly like the apex of a pear, while the upper portion was utterly bald. He formed a most remarkable contrast to the tall, rawboned, angular female who loomed up like a small mountain just behind him.

"I reckon as how you uns hed quite a bit of a scrap afore ye laid that thar dog out, stranger," he said, a half-angry tone lurking in his deep voice. "The fleetest hound in all the North, an' I'm durned if I jist likes ther way you uns makes yerselves etum in this yere cabin."

"Shet up, Jed Bungay," cut in his better-half, sharply, and as she spoke she caught the little man unceremoniously by one arm, and thrusting him roughly to one side strode heavily forward until she paused in the centre of the room facing us with her arms akimbo.

"Now I'd jist like ter know," she said savagely, "who you uns be, a breakin' into a house, and a killin' a dog, an' a eatin' up everything we uns got without so much as a sayin' 'by yer leave' or nuthin'. I reckon as how you uns don't take this yere cabin fer no tavern?"

"Madam, I said with a low bow, "it is misfortune, not desire, which has caused us to trespass upon your hospitality. We will very gladly pay you liberally for any damage done. I am an officer in the Confederate service, and the breaking down of our horses compelled us to take refuge here in order that this lady might not be exposed to danger from roving gangs of guerrillas. The dog attacked us in the dark, and we killed him in order to save our lives."

"The deep-mouthed bloodhound's heavy bay resounded upon the rocky way," ejaculated Bungay with dancing eyes.

"Drat yer potry, Jed Bungay! ye dew make me tired fer suah." She turned back to us, and from her first words it was plain; evident she had been impressed with but one sentence of my labored explanation.

"Did you uns say as how ye'd pay fe whut ye et an' fer ther truck ye busted?" she asked doubtfully.

"Certainly, madam, and I took some money from my pocket as evidence of good faith. 'What would you consider due you?'"

The grim, set face relaxed slightly, while she permitted her husband to edge his way a little more into the foreground.

"Wal, stranger, I sorter reckon as how 'bout four bits 'll squar things—dorgs is mighty durn cheap hereabout enyhow. Give me ther four bits, mister, an' I reckon as how it 'll be all right."

I glanced at Mrs. Brennan, and the amused twinkle in her eyes led me to say heartily, "We had not entirely completed our meal, but imagined we saw ghosts."

"Ghosts!" He glanced around apprehensively. "On Heaven and on thy lady call, and enter the enchanted hall!" Was ther ghost ye saw over 'n'ar? And he pointed toward the wall opposite.

I nodded.

"Then I sorter reckon as how Marlar and me was them ghosts," he continued, grinning. "We sorter reckoned as how we wanted ter see who was yere afore we come in. I'll listen to my fancy hears the clang of swords, the crash of spears. These yere is tough times, stranger, in these parts, an' a man whut has ter perfect a lovely female hes got ter keep his eye skinned."

Maria sniffed contemptuously.

"Ye're no great shakes at a perfectin' o' me, Jed Bungay. Now you sit down thar an' begin ter fill up. I reckon as how ther Cap an' his gal will kinder jine with us fer manners."

She seated Jed with such extreme vigor that I looked for the chair to collapse beneath him as he came down, but the little man, not in the least daunted, picked up his knife and fork with a sigh of relief.

"O woman! in our hours of ease uncertain, coy, and hard to please," he murmured. "Come, sit down, stranger; 'sit down an' share a scoldier's couch, a soldier's fare.' Not as I'm a sojer," he hastened to explain, "but that's how it is in ther book. Say, old woman, kint ye kinder sker up some coffee fer us un—leastwise whut us Confeds call coffee?"

Without much difficulty I induced Mrs. Brennan to draw her chair once more to the table, and I sat down beside her.

"You are Confederate, then?" I asked, curious to know upon which side his sympathies were enlisted in the struggle.

He glanced warily at my gray jacket, then his shrewd, shifty eyes wandered to the blue and yellow cavalry cloak lying on the floor.

"Wal, I jist don't know, Cap," he said cautiously, continuing to eat as he talked. "as I'm much o' anything in this yere row. First ther durned gray-backs ther come sroopin' up yere, an' run off all my hogs; then ther blame blue-bellies come 'long an' cut down every lick o' my corn fodder, so ther I'll be cussed if I ain't 'bout ready ter fight either side. Anyhow I ain't did no fightin' jit worth talkin' 'bout, fer Marlar is pow'ful feared I'd get hurt."

Maria regarded him scornfully.

"Hiding out, I suppose?"

"Wal, 't ain't very healthful fer us ter be stayin' et hum much o' ther time, long with that thar Red Lowrie, an' Jim Hale, an' the rest o' that cattle 'round yere."

"Guerrillas pretty thick now in the mountains?"

"Wal, I dunno; I heerd as they was doin' somethin' down by ther brick church, but thar's no great shakes o' 'em jist 'round yere. I reckon as how ther Bungay 'nough ter keep 'way from Jed Bungay—I'd pitch 'em 'far as ever peasant pitched a bar."

"You he--- no fear of them, then?"

"Whut, me?" The little man sat bolt upright, and glared 'ercely across the table as though he would resent an insult. "I jist tell ye, Cap, I reckon thar ain't no guerrilla a gots' ter poke his nose 'round yere 'less he's a lookin' fer sudden death; thar's mighty few o' 'em ain't heerd o' Jed Bungay—Whut in thunder's ther matter with yer gal?"

He stopped suddenly, and stared at her; but before I could turn about in my chair one of the great dogs began to growl savagely, and Maria sprang forward and cuffed the surly brute into rebellious silence.

"It's hosses," she said harshly.

"Likely as not it's Red's gang. Now, Jed Bungay, yere's two lovely females fer ye ter perfect."

As I hastily sprang to my feet I caught a fleeting glimpse out of the partially opened door. Down the steep of the hill road there was slowly moving toward us on foot a small party of perhaps a dozen men, so variously clothed as to make it evident they were irregulars. Just ahead of them, but on horseback, two others were even then turning into the narrow path that led to the house, attracted probably by the smoke which streamed from the chimney-top.

CHAPTER VIII.

Mrs. Bungay Defends Her Hearthstone.

A hand pressing hard upon my arm brought back my scattered senses with a rush. It was Mrs. Brennan who stood there, her face whitened by anxiety, her eyes peering anxiously through the opening of the door.

"Surely those men are not soldiers, Captain Wayne!" she exclaimed.

"They wear uniforms of both armies."

"No doubt they are guerrillas," I answered, drawing her back from where she might be seen in their approach. "We must find hiding if possible, for you shall never fall into such hands Bungay!"

I turned toward where the little giant had been sitting, but he was not to be seen. However, the sound of my voice aroused Maria to a full sense of our danger, nor was she a woman to hesitate in such emergency. With a single stride she crossed the narrow room, caught the white-faced here by the collar of his shirt, dragged him ignominiously forth from beneath the table where he had sought refuge, shook him as he would shake a toy dog, until his teeth rattled, and then flung him out of the door leading into the back shed. It was done so expeditiously that I could only gasp.

"Now inter ther hole with ye, Jed Bungay—yere an' yer dorgs," she panted furiously. "An' you uns folles him. I reckon I'm able ter handle ther lot out thar, even if it should be Red Lowrie and his gang."

Catching his arm hold of Mrs. Brennan's hand I sprang down the single step and closed the door tight behind us. Jed had scrambled to his feet and rubbing himself vigorously with one hand, utilized the other to drag outward a rough cupboard, which appeared to be a portion of the house itself. As it swung open there was revealed behind it a fair-sized opening extending into the face of the hill. It was a most ingenious arrangement, doubtless, finding frequent use in those troublesome times. Its presence partially explained how Jed had thus far escaped the conscription officer. Into this hole we entered one at a time, and when the heavy cupboard had been silently drawn back into place, found ourselves enveloped in such total darkness as to make any movement a dangerous operation. I felt the clasp of my companion's hand tighten, and knew that her whole form was trembling from intense anxiety.



"It's Hosses," She Said Harshly.

feminine society, I felt in this instance a definite barrier between us, which prevented my feeling at ease. Now and then as we sat opposite each other, eating amid a silence most unpleasant, I would catch her eyes glancing across at me, but they were lowered instantly whenever I ventured to meet them. Finally I broke the stillness with a commonplace remark:

"I presume your people will be greatly worried by this time over your mysterious disappearance."

A flush swept her throat and cheeks, but she did not lift her eyes from the plate. "Yes," she answered slowly, "Frank is doubtless searching for me long before this."

"Frank?" I asked, feeling glad of this opportunity to learn more of her relationships. "You forget, possibly, that your friends are strange to me. You refer to the gentleman who expected to meet you on the road?"

"To Major Brennan, yes."

There was nothing about the tone of her reply that invited me to press the inquiry further. One thing, however, was reasonably certain,—the man she called "Frank" could not be her father. I longed to ask if he was a brother, but the restraint of her whole manner repelled the suggestion.

"Did I understand that you have nursed in the Federal hospitals at Baltimore?" I questioned, more to continue the conversation than from any deep interest.

"Merely as a volunteer, and when the regular nurses were especially busy. Major Brennan was stationed there for some time when I first

shoulder toward the wall where her eyes were riveted.

"Something resembling a hand pushed aside the coat hanging yonder," she explained in low trembling tone, "and I thought I saw a face."

Believing it to be merely her overwrought nerves which were at fault, I sought to soothe her. "It was probably no more than a shadow," I said, crossing to her side of the table, to enable her better to feel the influence of my presence. "Let us be content to sit here by the door, for we should be taking too great a risk of discovery if we ventured into the open."

I had barely spoken these words and placed my fingers on her hand to lead her forward when the small door which opened into the shed was thrown back noisily, and two great shaggy dogs, the evident mates of the dead brute at our feet, leaped fiercely in. She shrank toward me with a sob of terror; but even as I drew a revolver from my belt, a man and a woman appeared almost simultaneously in that same opening.

"Down, Douglas! down, Roderick! Hal! There lies Red Murdoch, stark and stiff!—down, you brutes; you'll be dead yourselves sometime."

The man strode forward as he spoke, clubbing the frenzied brutes with the stock of the long rifle he carried.

"Yelled on the view the opening pack," he quoted, as he distributed his blows impartially to right and left; "rock, gien, and caven' paid them back." Then ther be Scott's words, stranger, an' I reckon as how o' Sir



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"I don't know about that. He's just joined a brass band."

Real Woman-Hater.
A will of a confirmed woman-hater, writes Virgil M. Harris in "Ancient Curios and Famous Wills," is that of a rich old bachelor who had endured much from attempts made by his family to put him under the yoke of matrimony, and who wrote: "I beg that my executors will see that I am buried where there is no woman interred, either to the right or to the left of me. Should this not be practicable in the ordinary course of things, I direct that they purchase three graves, and bury me in the middle one of the three, leaving the two others unoccupied."

See Riches in Swamps.
The Russian department of agriculture has founded at the Riga Polytechnic a school for specialists in swamp cultivation. The North Pechora expedition worked many years with great success in the deserted region of the northern swamps, and proved that the swamps of the Archangel province are full of wealth, and that millions of peasants, devoured by poverty and hunger in their native places, can find food and shelter in the swampy regions after their cultivation. With small expense the swamps can be turned into land covered with rich grass.

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"My friends greeted me with 'How bad you look! What a terrible color!' and this was not very comforting."

"The doctors and patent medicines did me absolutely no good. I was thoroughly discouraged."

"Then I gave up coffee and commenced Postum. At first I didn't like it, but after a few trials and following the directions exactly, it was grand. It was refreshing and satisfying. In a couple of weeks I noticed a great change."

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HASKELL COUNTY EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

T. C. WILLIAMS, Editor.

The teachers, trustees and patrons are to be commended for the high class of work which is being done at present and for the good school spirit which exists in and among the schools of the county. One thing to be regretted, however, is the fact that some children attend school one week and stay out the next. This is often unintentional neglect on the part of someone. If a child failed to attend regular for the short school term that we have it need not be expected to be promoted with the class. In many cases this is the direct cause of the child losing interest and becoming discouraged in school work.

Uniform examinations will be given throughout the county at the close of the next month, February the 23, for the purpose of unifying the schools of the county. If a child moved from one district to another during the school it should not have to change books.

The following schools have been visited since Christmas: Ballew, Jud, Vernon, Fairview, Whitman, Pinkerton, Lake Creek Pleasant Valley, Twiner, Center Point, Lone Star, Post, Sayles, McConnell, Ward, Gaunt, Corinth, Weaver, Rose, Cook Springs, Willow Point, Roberts, Dennis, Meyers, Bailey, Tonk Creek and Powell.

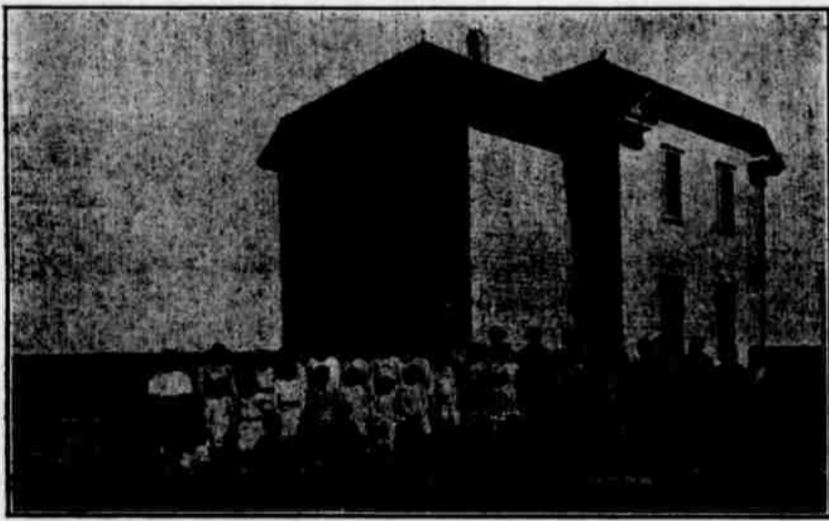
After a careful examination of each grade in each and every school it was found that more

attention is being given to the primary and intermediate grades than heretofore and that the teachers were complying and conforming to the Course of Study in so far as it is practicable and possible without doing violence to the child.

Any patron who is interested in having a good school should visit the school as often as possible and see and know what is being done in the school room. A friendly visit from a patron to the school helps the teacher and pupils. The school, like the grocery store, is a business that will remain with us and for us. Every school house should be a social center. The young people of a community have much to do with the success of a school and with the molding and shaping of the society of the community. The teacher and the young people of a community should unite forces and influences to better conditions and offer the best possible advantages for educational and society.

In this issue is given a cut of a school house built by subscription. The people of Brushy district decided to have a new school house. That was all it took to get it.

I should like to call the readers attention to the kind of school houses as they appear. Three in the county have been built on the modern-up-to-date plans. See if you can locate them.



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"Don't jump!" he yelled above the roar. "You'll be killed!"

"What!" the Irishman retorted. "Do ye think I'll be fool enough to jump when I'm makin' money as fast as I am now?"

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In the dusky twilight His Majesty sat at his front door fanning himself when a stranger approached as though in a hurry.

"Can I get accommodation here?" he inquired briskly.

Satan peered at the visitor for a moment.

"Aren't you Colonel Boosvelt?" he inquired.

"Of course."

"Well, you can't be accommodated here," exclaimed His Satanic Nibs, jumping up and slamming the door. I've got things running in fairly good shape, considering the crowd on hand, but if you got in you'd be introducing some new order or other and I'd never have another minute's peace again. Beat it, Colonel." And Satan waved his hand outward toward the eternal elsewhere.—Judge.

A Warning Against Wet Feet.

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By F. A. MITCHEL

Ethan Pinckney, a patient in hospital, had been operated on, a bit of bone having been removed that pressed upon his brain. He had enlisted for the Spanish war at sixteen. A shot had grazed his head, and six or seven years afterward he began to lose the sight of his right eye. Trepanning was recommended.

A few days later Mr. Peter Pinckney, the patient's father, called on Professor Gaugier of the Institute For Original Research and said:

"Professor, I wish to state a case to you. My son having been trepanned and the surgeon having removed a small lump on the brain, the patient on recovery has changed toward a young lady to whom he was betrothed. On going into the hospital he bid her good-by with every evidence of affection. When she called to see him after the operation he treated her no more affectionately than any other girl. Do you think this change was brought about by the operation?"

"I certainly do. Our experiments in this institution on monkeys have told us that the phrenology practiced some years ago had a grain of truth in it. There are tiny lumps in the brain which are the seat of animal faculties. We are not permitted to practice vivisection on human beings, but have been able to destroy in monkeys a predisposition to certain peculiarities by removing corresponding lumps in the brain. I can cite a case where two monkeys had a great affection for each other. I removed a tiny protuberance from the brain of one of them, and after that he would have nothing to do with the other, repelling her whenever she approached him. I do not doubt that the lump in your son's brain which stood for his love for this particular young lady was taken out when he was trepanned."

"We are all much troubled about the matter," pursued the father. "We were pleased with the match. The young lady is a lovely girl, and she is heartbroken over her lover's change. Does science admit of any restoration of my son's previous condition toward her?"

"Not directly. I have a theory of my own, however, that might, if put in practice, bring about a new condition that would be practically the same as before."

"I would like to hear it." "The brain is responsive to impressions from without. The little lump removed from your son's head was produced by his mind dwelling on the lady with whom he had fallen in love. I would advise you to throw him and her together, excluding any other woman. His thoughts, prevented from falling upon any one but this particular lady, will be focused on her. Were she a person not capable of producing the required impression I do not maintain that he would love her; but, since she had produced the impression once, she will, I believe, produce it again."

"And another love lump will grow in the same place?"

"I believe so. Nevertheless there is one thing that may stand in the way—memory. I think that his remembrance of her may interfere with a new passion. It is very easy for a man to be won away from a girl he has known long and loved by a new personality."

"We all feel the force of that."

"There is also a tiny lump of memory for his betrothed in his brain. If it were removed he would start fresh with her, and she would have a great advantage."

"Doctor, you speak words of wisdom. I shall tell my son that the operation has not been satisfactory and must be repeated. Then the lump of memory for his betrothed may be cut out."

Some time after this consultation Professor Gaugier was called to the reception room of the institute to receive a lady who had called upon him.

"What can I do for you, madam?" he asked.

"Nothing. You've done it already. I've come to thank you."

"For what?"

"Do you remember a gentleman calling upon you to ask how the love of his son for his fiancée could be restored?"

"I think I remember such a case."

"The gist of your recommendation was that the bump of memory for his betrothed should be taken out so that she might have a chance as a new girl."

"I remember that."

"Well, your advice was acted upon and worked to a charm."

"Ah, I see! You were all made very happy, I suppose?"

"Yes, but that's not the especial matter I have to thank you for."

"Indeed?"

"No. It is for the suggestion it bore in my own case. My husband was falling into the toils of a designing woman. I got out a de lunatico in quirendo or something of the sort and had him shut up. Then I paid a surgeon to put him under an anesthetic, and when he came to himself his bump of memory for me had been taken out. I straightway took him off where he could see no one but me, and within a week he proposed to me. To please him we were married, and he is now the most devoted lover in the world."

"I trust he may remain so, madam."

"Not he. But when he lies off again he'll have to submit to another trepanning."

THE SLEEP-WALKERS

By M. QUAD

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The village of Greenberg numbered among its inhabitants one Joseph Taylor and his wife. Time was when Joseph was a hardworking man and he and his wife were respected by all. They had broken his leg, and the accident made a great change in him. People didn't sympathize with him as he felt they should, and some said he had been very careless, and before the leg was mended he was feeling a martyr. He was also down on the world in general and the people of Greenberg in particular. What completely finished him was the fact that he was dunned for two or three debts he owed.

"Susan, just think of it!" he exclaimed. "I take a job of fixing over Elder Courtwright's barn cheaper than anybody else. I had to use old boards to make a scaffold. I hadn't more'n got up on that scaffold when the durned thing came down with a kerwosh."

"She did, Joe; she did."

"And I broke my leg."

"Broke it like a stick."

"And I suffered for two months, and nobody, cayed a cent. They went right on and had a camp meeting and a circus same as if I hadn't been hurt."

"That's what they did, Joe."

"And now just because I can limp about ag'in they dun me for old debts."

"Pears that way."

"But I have it. They shan't keep me down. I'm going to make a living right here in this town, and I hain't going to work for it either."

A few days after the above conversation Mr. Taylor announced to certain idlers of his acquaintance that he had become a sleepwalker. That broken leg had brought it about. On two different nights he had left his bed and gone prowling about and was so fast asleep that he would hardly credit his wife's statement that he had entered the garden of Elder Bliss and picked and brought home a basket of vegetables. There was the plunder, however, to prove that he had walked.

It was soon known all over the village that Joe Taylor walked in his sleep and that it would be dangerous for anybody to suddenly wake him up. That broken leg had left him with a weak heart, and a rude awakening might finish him. In his nightly wanderings Mrs. Taylor followed him about, but was careful not even to whisper to him. She returned home with him, saw him back to his bed and then let him wake up naturally.

For a time the village was rather proud of its novelty. It could boast of the only somnambulist for fifty miles around. Various people interviewed Joe as to how he felt when asleep, what he thought when he woke up, if he had any perception at all when slumbering around, and the local weekly paper wrote him up to the extent of a column. However, as time passed the novelty of the thing wore off, and, too, the sleepwalker became bolder. There wasn't a field or garden or smokehouse he didn't plunder. He entered cellars, and he stripped clotheslines. Sometimes he was seen at his work and sometimes not. His wife was always with him, and when caught red handed it was for her to say:

"Hush, hush! You know how he is. A sudden shock may mean death."

That went for a time, but one night when he was caught with fifty pounds of pork on his shoulder he was arrested and taken to the village lockup. When arraigned before a justice of the peace a point of law came up. A sleepwalker was a person acting unconsciously. He knew not what he did. There was no criminal intent, and therefore there was no crime.

This decision settled matters as far as the law was concerned, but there were certain citizens that believed they had another remedy. No one now believed that Joe Taylor was a sleepwalker. That excuse was played out. In deciding for Joe the court had decided for others. If it was no crime for him to sleepwalk then it wasn't for any citizen of the village. One evening fourteen men, all sleepwalkers, called at the Taylor house. Their eyes stared. Their lips were tightly drawn. They shook their heads as if their dreams were bad. There was a fifteenth who was wide awake. He explained to Joe and his wife that sleepwalking had become catching and that whatever the fourteen somnambulists did they could not be held responsible for.

"But what are they going to do?" was asked.

The question was answered by Joe and his wife being picked up like bags of oats and carried to the mill pond. Not a word from one of the fourteen. Some sighed and moaned in their sleep, but no talking.

"All have weak hearts and must not be awakened too suddenly," whispered the fifteenth.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were lifted up and swung into the water. They were hauled out and swung in again. They were toyed with until they choked and gasped and coughed and strangled and were half drowned. Then the fourteen silently disappeared, and the fifteenth whispered:

"You'll get this every time there is any further sleepwalking. It's a sure cure."

And so it was. Next morning Joe Taylor limped to work, and thence on to the day of his death a brass band might have played in his bedroom without awakening him for a midnight saunter.