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Christian (Campbellite) Every 3rd Sunday and Saturday before, Pastor.
Methodist (M. E. Church S.) Every Sunday and Sunday night, Rev. J. N. Snow, Pastor.
Presbyterian, Every 1st Sunday, Rev. Jas. McCollough, Pastor.
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Christian Sunday School every Sunday, W. R. Standifer, Superintendent.
Baptist Sunday School every Sunday, D. W. Courtwright, Superintendent.
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Haskell Chapter No. 151
Royal Arch Masons meet on the first Tuesday in each month, A. C. Foster, High Priest, J. L. Jones, Sec'y.

DELUDED SUB-TREASURYITES.

They Are Buying Crocker's Credit in the Hops of an Early Advance From Uncle Sam.

BONHAM, TEX., Nov. 19.—It looks like the sub-treasuryites down in this county have nothing to do but meet and resolve, and denounce some one or some body, or indorse "Boss Reed," Frank Taylor, the republican president of their county Alliance, or spend their time in appealing to the government for aid, which all sane men know is a vain process. The government is to be supported by the people who claim citizenship under it, therefore it is not the province of this government to support its subjects. A prosperous farmer living a few miles from here came into our office to-day, and in the course of conversation he told me that he had a surplus of fine bacon, considerable more than he needed for home consumption, that he tried to sell it to his neighbors, most of whom are sub-treasuryites, but all in vain; try as hard as he could, they would not buy a pound of it, although it is nicer than northern bacon, consequently he was compelled to haul it here and sell to a prominent grocer. Soon after he saw several of his sub-treasuryites in the same grocer's store; buying the same bacon, paying three or four cents more than he first offered it to them for, though buying it on a credit, that seems to be the policy, and pay for it when the government sends down money and distributes it among them, thus making times easier. You may think this overdrawn, but it is absolutely a fact. There are many sub-treasuryites who are so blind that they believe that the time shortly will come when this government will do this thing, but like "the forty acres and a mule" promise just after the war, it will never come. Now here are some more resolutions fresh from the secret political third party den from away over in the brush southeast of here. It is prominent only in the small number gathered together.

Be it resolved by Spring Hill Alliance, No. 4433, that we heartily indorse the action of Bro. F. K. Taylor, president of the Fannin county Alliance, in refusing Bro. Bragg the privilege of the floor of the county Alliance on October 1st, 1891.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be sent the Review for publication, and that the other papers will please copy.

G. W. SMITH, President
W. C. HULSEY, Secretary

A Quercus Discovery.
Before Watts, discoverer of the present mode of making shot, had his notable dream, induced by over indulgence in stimulants, the manufacture in question was a slow, laborious and consequently costly process. Great bars of lead had to be pounded into sheets of a thickness nearly equal to the diameter of the shot desired. These sheets had then to be cut into little cubes, placed in a revolving barrel and there rolled round until, by constant friction, the edges wore off from the little cubes and they became spheroids.

Watts had often wracked his brain trying to discover some better and less costly scheme, but in vain. Finally, after spending an evening with some boon companions at the alehouse, he went home, went to bed, and soon fell a sleep. His slumber, however, was disturbed by unwelcome dreams, in one of which he was out again with "the boys," and as they were stumbling home it began to rain shot—beautiful globules of bright shining lead—in such numbers that he and his companions had to seek shelter.

In the morning Watts remembered his curious dream, and it intruded itself on his mind all day. H.

THE MESSIAH.
Some of the Indian Tribes Got Tired Waiting and Send a Delegation to Inter view Him—
GUTHRIE, OKLA., Nov. 21.—When the Messiah craze started among the Indians about a year ago, the small tribes in the Wichita reservation became very zealous converts, and at once organized a grand preparatory dance, which they kept up steadily for eleven months. The Savior did not appear, however, and about a month ago a number of the Indians became dissenters and withdrew from the dance. This threatened to cause serious trouble at first, but a compromise was effected and the matter agreed upon to settle the whole matter. A committee was to be sent to interview the coming Messiah.

About \$1000 was collected, and Ni-as-tah, chief of the Wichitas, Laurie Tatum, a Waco; Jack Harry, a Delaware, and Squirrel and Billie Wilson, Caddos, departed for Walker's Lake, Nev., to decide the mooted question.

From other sources it is learned that the Wichita and Caddo tribes have been called to meet in solemn council now in a few days to hear the formal report of the delegates and to agree upon a tribal decision in reference to the Messiah.

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FELL THIRTY FEET.
A Man Stunned, and His Horse Ground into Mince Meat by a Train.
BONHAM, TEX., Nov. 19.—At 6:30 last night persons living near the high bridge on the Santa Fe railway at the north end of the yards were startled at hearing a man's voice and the sounds of a horse's hoofs on top of the bridge. Fazy ran out of their houses just as a man came tumbling down, a distance of something over thirty feet. He fell all in a heap. They thought him dead, but that providence which watches over drunken men and children was in his favor. He was only badly stunned. In a few minutes he got up and begged that some one would get his horse. Just then the headlight of the south-bound passenger came in sight. A futile attempt was made to flag the train. It struck the horse, grinding him into mince meat and scattering the fragments all the way to the depot. The man refused to give his name, and it was so dark none could tell whether he was white or black.

CATTLE QUARANTINE LINE.
The Change Regarded as an Embargo on Texas Cattle.
SAN ANTONIO, TEX., Nov. 12.—J. L. Brush, secretary of the Colorado Cattle Board, is here on a visit and will attend a meeting to be held at Colorado City Dec. 1st, in reference to the change of the cattle quarantine line, and he says that in that meeting the line will be changed from its present boundary to the line defined by the government and passing through the Panhandle, and favoring northern Texas to the exclusion of all the cattle of Texas below it. Brush says that the northern line selected by Jerry Rusk, which is the Panhandle boundary, will be selected on account of the prevalence of Texas fever among cattle from below the line. Local cattle men say that this is a move against Texas cattle generally by the competitors in other states northwest of Texas, and if the Panhandle cow men go into it, it will be treachery to the balance of the state. The local cow men say they have enough to contend with in the drought prevalent in West Texas without having an embargo placed on their cattle.

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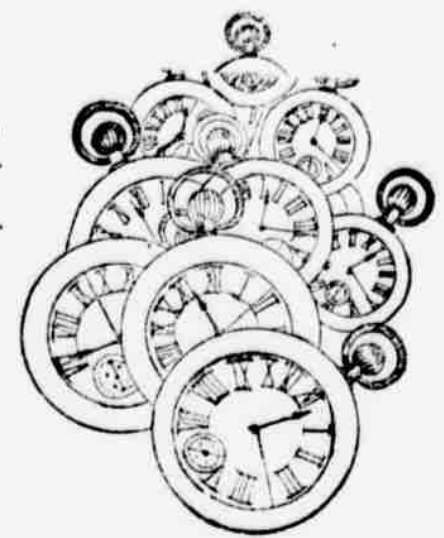
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Folger, chief of the bureau of ordi-

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Haskell, Texas.

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—Fresh oysters at the Lindell hotel.

—Stop at the Palace Hotel at Abilene Texas.

—The Haskell Grocery Co. sells for cash. Buy from them and save money.

—Col. J. H. Caudle favored us with a visit Wednesday.

—Buy your Groceries from the Haskell Grocery Co.

—J. E. Glover will have the nicest line of Holiday Goods in Haskell.

—McElree's WINE OF CARDUI for Weak Nerves.

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—When you go to Albany, be sure to stop at the City Hotel, situated in business center of town two hundred yards southwest from R. R. Depot.

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—Mr. Becknell has moved into the new hotel and has it thoroughly fitted up.

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Try BLACK-DRAUGHT tea for Dyspepsia.

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—Dr. Kline of Anson will be here and do your Dental work Dec. 7th.

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—Leave your orders and make all inquiry concerning the Seymour back line at the postoffice.

RUPE & SPRINGER.

—All jury scrip up to registered No. 294 and under will be payed on presentation.

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—Bass Bros. is the place to buy Holiday goods.

—Messrs. S. H. Johnson and J. C. Baldwin have returned from a visit to Waco.

—Arbuckle coffee 25 cts, Haskell Grocery Co

—Perse Lindsey, Lee Kirby and W. S. Napier went to Tom Carney's and from there, in company with Mr. Carney, proceeded to the Brazos, where they killed 21 turkeys and abundance of smaller birds. They also shot several fish.

—Everybody come out to-night and witness the performance of the "Black Dozen" at opera house.

—We desire through the columns of the FREE PRESS to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for their kindness shown us during the recent great loss we have just sustained in the death of our little Nollie, and it is our sincere hope that in your trouble, which must necessarily come during this life, you may each be comforted with some pathizing friends.

J. L. Jones and Wife.

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J. W. BECKNELL.

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ED. FREE PRESS:—Several day

back a Mr. Bogart and Col. J. S. Napier arrived at my ranch, and on not finding me at home, waited several hours for my return, and very willingly, without insisting decided to stay for the night, after my telling them that I could show them all the turkeys they wished to see, and if they could not kill them loose would tie one for them. So the following day we started for the Brazos and arrived there just in time to see and hear about one hundred turkeys fly up to roost. I could see quite an unnecessary amount of excitement on the part of the two and deadly turkey killers. So the first turkey we came to Col. Napier began: boys, let me shoot it! boys, let me shoot it! and I very willingly consented, because he was scaring all the turkeys out of the roost, and was so excited and praying so loud—as is his usual prayers. So through fear of manslaughter, we submitted to his prayer three or four times, when I could see Mr. Bogart beginning to get wreckless as well as blind, walking over trees, into hollows, mud, water etc., shooting wrecklessly all the while, but nothing falling. So to relieve him of his bad marksmanship, I left them as soon as possible with several turkeys that I had killed, and placed one on a limb in a nice opening, fixed several twigs so it would not fall, and took Mr. Bogart; showed it to him and told him to shoot it, which he did, and firmly believes as yet he killed a fine turkey, and claimed to kill that one out of the fifteen. There were fifteen turkeys killed. I killed eight besides the one Mr. Bogart killed for me. Col. Napier killed the rest, except the dead one he found. I notice they did not speak of the deer I killed, because they did not see it, for I hung it up in a tree and went back the next day and got it, therefore enjoyed it all alone. Then we came to the quail ground, and agreed that the one who killed the least number of quails should treat. Mr. J. M. Bogart killed three, Col. J. S. Napier seven, and I the balance of the fifty. As we separated Col. Napier said: "Well

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THOS. G. CARNEY.

Tacitus Topics.

TACITUS, TEX., NOV. 25, 1891.

Mr. Editor FREE PRESS, Haskell, Tex.

Dear Sir:—Believing it might be interesting to some of the readers of your valuable paper to see some items from this part of the county, I thought I would send you a few.

First, I will state that we have lost a valuable citizen from our community, Mr. F. P. Parker, who sold his farm to Mr. D. G. Hisey. Mr. Parker started, on the 17th inst., to some part of the Panhandle. It is a sad thing to part from good neighbors. Mr. Hisey has moved into his new home. Messrs. Thomas and Jno. Easterland have just returned home from a visit down east and have been visiting our school to-day. Mr. Willie Jeter, in company with Messrs. R. L. Livengood and Thos. and Jno. Easterland, while returning to-day from a visit to our school, got badly hurt. He and Thos. Easterland were riding tolerably fast, and when their horses made a short turn to go onto the bridge over Paint Creek; Willie's horse fell, throwing him onto the bridge and bruising him up considerably, though it is believed that his injuries are not serious. My father and Mr. Jeters have dug a well in Paint Creek and have found water, and they think the well will furnish plenty of water for three or four families. Mr. Jeter has been watering all his stock out of it, also, Mr. E. D. Jefferson, Mr. W. M. Glass and Parson Hughes.

Parson James preached for us last Sunday. He preached us a good sermon. His text was from 53 chapter of Isaiah. I enjoyed hearing him preach very much. We did not get o the school house in time to have Sunday school before the hour for preaching.

Literary Saturday night was a success to the FREE PRESS, I am Yours truly,

SCHOOL BOY.

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HASKELL county is situated in the southern part of the Panhandle on the line of the one hundredth Meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is 30 miles square and contains 576,000 acres of land. It was created in 1858 from a part of Tarrant and Milam counties, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Tennesseean, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1835.

It remained unsettled until 1874 when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed and in 1882 the county could boast of 15 or 20 inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of 57 electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses, as the natural grasses furnish food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousand tons of Buffalo bones and shipping them east to be made into fertilizers used in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful. The acreage in farms has increased to at least 30,000.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The county is an undulating plain with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream the salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the Brazos and rivers but with rivers, breaks, rocks and poor land combined, their area in Haskell county would not exceed 10,000 acres that would not be fine agricultural land.

WATER.

It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never failing springs of purest water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Paint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county.

The north half is traversed from Northwest to Northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same.

Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

SOIL.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drinks in the rainfall and in dry seasons absorbs moisture from the atmosphere and for the like reason the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the

lakings of the soil, and the germination of miasma. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enables vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mesquit grubs, and stumps which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plows and the land being level or generally rolling and easy worked, the use of labor-saving implements are profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over an 100 acres in grain and cotton.

PRODUCTS.

Indian corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durum corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Also sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the south. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melon growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairies, sustaining large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Colorado grass grows to great perfection and the hay made from this grass form a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture, in keeping stock over winter.

YIELD AND PRICE OF FARM PRODUCTS.

The average yield of Indian corn per acre is about 30 bushels and the price varies from 50c to 1.25 per bushel, wheat yields from 18 to 35 bushels—averaging 25 bushels per acre, and sold in the home market for 90 cents to \$1.00 per bushel; oats yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre, and usually sell at 25 cents per bushel; cotton yields a half to three quarters of a bale per acre. Other crops make good yields and command corresponding prices. Home made pork is usually worth 6 to 8 cents per pound, fresh beef 4 to 6 cents; home made butter, sweet and delicious, usually sells at 25 cents per pound, chickens 15 to 25 cents each, and eggs 10 to 25 cents per dozen.

SHIPPING POINT.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 60 miles south, in Taylor county, on the Texas and Pacific railroad, Albany on the Texas Central 45 miles from Haskell on the southeast, and Seymour on the Wichita Valley road 45 miles northeast.

RAILROADS.

There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will extend in a short time from Albany and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed.

The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from that city to this section of the state where they control nearly all the land and one of the principal members owns 150,000 acres in this and Knox county, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Haskell is 60 miles south of the T. & P. R. R. and 95 miles south of the Ft. W. & D. R. R. and is situated on the direct line of the cattle trail over which the Rock Island, and G. C. & S. F. propose to extend their lines.

PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any country in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5,500 per capita, our commissioners court have wisely executed a lease for 10 years of our 4 leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which added to the amount received from the state gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year.

MAIL FACILITIES.

There is a daily mail services from Haskell to Abilene via Anson and a weekly mail north to Benjamin and a daily mail to Seymour, also a tri-weekly express line to Albany, these all carry express and passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell,

and have preaching on Sundays also preaching at other points in the county.

HASKELL.

The town of Haskell is the county seat, and is situated one and one-half mile south of the center of Haskell county, on a beautiful tableland, and is seven years old and has a population of 642. Has as good water as can be found anywhere, which is secured at a depth of 18 to 22 feet. Also has two never failing springs of pure water in the edge of town. The town of Haskell with her natural advantages, of location, climate, good water and fertility of soil is destined in the near future to be the queen city of Northwest Texas, and railroad connection for Haskell is all that is needed to accomplish these.

ADVANTAGES AND RESOURCES.

In the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a home, and assist to commence business in life, but can not do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine we are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that we are loaded with dynamite and shooting irons, that our conversation are collections of cuss words and Mulhattan mixtures, but rather that we are a people reared among the same surroundings that we have received the benefit of the same advantage that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same christian instructions you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

We have a country endowed by nature with all the conditions of soil, prairie and valley adapting it to the production of all the grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables of the temperate zone. We have a climate which is a happy medium between the extreme cold and extreme heat, a climate which will preserve the strong and robust and strengthen the sickly and weak. We have a country well adapted to stock raising of all kinds. We have a country where no malarial sickness ever comes. We have a country of the best lands in Northwest Texas. We have an abundance of mesquite, elm and hackberry timber for firewood and fencing. We have the most substantial inland business town in the northwest. We have the greatest abundance of the purest water. We have a class of citizens as honest and industrious, as law abiding, patriotic and religious as can be found anywhere in the United States. We have plenty of room and invite you and all who contemplate a change to come, all who want good and cheap lands. We have them, and want you for neighbors and friends.

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WHAT will Fort Worth do for a boom now, that Col. Malone has severed his connection with the Gazette?

The Dallas News is one of the most inconsistent journals published. An anti Commission and Alien Land Law man could lead that journal into the ranks of the sub-treasury advocates.

Says the Seymour Monitor: We are getting even with the farmers now. For a time whence the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, farmers have known how to be conducted. Now every newspaper man in the country is telling the farmer how to farm.

NEARLY every week the supreme court affirms a case of murder with the death penalty. The murderers or Texas are going fast. One was hanged Friday at Abilene. He asked Gov. Hogg to respite him for 30 days, that he might have time to finish writing the history of his life, but the Governor told him that there was enough of that kind of literature already in circulation.

The news papers began war on the crime of murder about two years ago and there has been more legal executions of murder this year than ever before in the history of Texas.

If the ministry would join the press in a crusade against sin and crime, man as well as God would be served. We need more real workers in the pulpit.

EX-COUNTRY Judge Sanders and Mr. Winn of Haskell, have been appointed by Judge Cochran as examining board for this county. They will act in place of finance committee, all of whom were discharged last Saturday evening except Prof. Prent. They entered upon the discharge of their duties Tuesday and in all probability will report about Monday. It is believed and hoped by all that they will be able to straighten out everything thereby satisfying an anxious public.—Rayner Lasso.

SIXTY odd indictments for theft of cattle is no bad record, and the Lasso is here to tell all who violate the laws you had better steer clear of. Stowell's Grand Juries and uncle Dick, for he will stick you sure. Every good citizen should see that the laws are enforced and that all evildoers is brought to justice, this wholesale stealing of any and everybody's cattle should be stopped, and the only way to do it is to uphold the strong arm of the law.—Rayner Lasso.

SINCE it has become so fashionable to preach nice flowery sermons, one never hears the crimes denounced by the bible touched upon by the ministry. We mention this with regard to the ministry and only hope to call their attention to what we deem an oversight of duty. Sam Jones made his reputation and rose from obscurity by the faithful performance of duty. We have seen some young ministers try to copy after him who made a failure. Had they properly studied his system of sermons they could have pursued his subjects with an individuality that would have brought them fame in this life and great reward in the next.

Opening Letters by Law.

"I noticed a short time ago," said a Washington official, "that some objection was made by a Mr. Pell, of the San Domingo Share Line road, to the opening of a private letter by the chief of the secret service bureau. It is not generally known that the rules of the postoffice department empower inspectors to open suspicious letters at discretion. The public appear to be very much astonished at this proceeding mentioned, but I assure you that it is carried to a greater extent than even those who know all about it suppose. In fact, under the rules of the postoffice de-

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partment almost any private letter can be opened and read. This will surprise some people, I presume, but it is nevertheless true, and a reference to the private instructions to postoffice inspectors, which are in printed form, will convince anybody of it. Whether such secret privileges are to be used or not, it is difficult to find out. It is a good deal like arresting a man on suspicion. As a matter of fact, therefore, you will see the United States mails are no more sacred than the mails in Russia or any other country so far as government espionage is concerned.—New York Herald.

A POISONOUS THIMBLE.

Among the numberless cases of blood poisoning through the skin, one which was lately recorded is worth noting on account of its evident simplicity and the ease of its prevention. In the case referred to the sufferer was a seamstress, and the mischief resulted from her using a dirty metal thimble marked with verdigris, a little of which appears to have entered a scratch on the thumb-finger. We can well believe that this accident was not the first of its kind. Verdigris, it is true, is a mere metallic irritant, and not comparable in virulence to most living germs of disease. It is quite enough, notwithstanding, to excite local inflammation, which friction, contact with dyed cloth material, or the entrance of dirt of any form would quickly convert it into a dangerous and general disorder. There is no excuse for women who trust their fingers in these cheap and worse than useless thimbles. Steel thimbles are much safer, and cost very little. Any other variety also in common use is enclosed within, and is, it possible, freer from objection. Let us not forget to add a caution that cuts or scratches on the hand should not be neglected by sewing women so long as dyes continue to be used in cloth manufacture.—LANCET.

Two Heals for a Wife

H. C. Matheson is an English engineer who has been in the employ of the Chinese government for our years. "Some months ago," said he "there was a great deal of trouble between them natives of Formosa and the Chinese. The former are savage fellows and object to the encroachments of the latter. There was, and is yet, for that matter an unwritten law among the natives of Formosa, which forbids any young man to marry until he has cut off the heads of two Chinese, and a little anxiety to plunge into matrimony causes a reduction in the Chinese population." This was one cause of the trouble.—SAN FRANCISCO CALL.

Snakes in West Virginia.

It is evident that West Virginia does not intend to be relegated to the background while the narration of snake stories goes on, and she relates through the medium of a dispatch the following bouncer: While two men named McCray and Duers were felling timber near Cleveland, Webster county, they cut down a large linn tree, which was literally alive with snakes of a variety never seen in this vicinity before. They were brown in color, large in size—having yellow jaws, from which they continuously emitted a slimy matter—and they were exceedingly vicious, attacking the men as soon as the tree fell. After killing a large number, McCray and Duers were obliged to retreat. Securing assistance, they returned to the spot and a slaughter took place, not less than 500 snakes being killed. Investigation was then made and from 1,500 to 2,000 eggs were found in various parts of the tree.—En.

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