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The Bank of Cross Plains

(UN-INCORPORATED)

Responsibility \$1,000,000

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

If a man treats his bank square he will have a friend who will stay with him. If you are not now doing business with some bank you should be. A great many people would be surprised to find out how liberal their bank could treat them.

If you sell a bale of cotton, a load of seed or any other commodity you have it will be to your interest to take the proceeds thereof to your local bank and make a deposit of it, take a check book and pay your obligations by check. Never think for a moment that you are imposing upon the bank, they will appreciate it.

This bank will handle your check regardless as to who it is on. Bring us your cotton check.

The Bank of Cross Plains



CORNER OF MAIN and EIGHTH, (See article at bottom of page.)

JOE SAPPINGTON BUYS A SAFETY RAZOR

About every three years I am struck with an economical spell. These spells have on several occasions coused me to dash my pipe into the fire, and for a brief season quit chewing tobacco, drinking coffee and all kinds of malt and vinuous spirits. They do not come as often now, nor last as long as they used to when I was a younger man and full of vim. The severest attack of economy that ever struck me was ten years ago and lasted thirty minutes by the clock. My wife timed it. I refer to the time I bought a safety razor in order to shave myself, thereby saving a \$20 barber bill every year that I lived.

The purchasing of that razor was the result of a calculation I made on the cost of shaving in a barber shop for a period of forty years, and compounding the interest semi-annually. No one who has ever made such a calculation can have the least idea how staggering the figures are. It took me all one Sunday to figure it out on the side of our barn but it was time well spent as I found out that if I saved twenty dollars a year and put it out at ten per cent interest and compounded it every six months that at the expiration of forty years I would have the snug sum of \$713,465.19. Of course I may have made a slight miscalculation and probably got a few thousand dollars more than I was entitled to, but what if I did, I would still be a rich man. As soon as I got through with the calculation, I went to my wife and looked her sternly in the eye and said to her in a firm tone of voice. "Wife, I have been shaved by my last barber! I find that by shaying myself and having you to cut my hair, that I will have saved in the next forty years \$713,465.10. The money that I have already spent with the barber of this town, if it had been put out at compound interest would today amount to several thousand dollars, and when I think what a fool I have been, it makes me sick. From this hour to the day of my

death I'll shave myself and you will cut my hair."

To my surprise, she did not partake of my enthusiasm and remarked as she turned away; "I suppose your shaving yourself will turn out like your quitting tobacco and will last about two days, and as to your hair, I never expect to cut it again. I cut it once because you couldn't get a barber in town to cut it on a credit, and after I had done my best on it you repaid my kindness by remarking that you could have done a better job on your own head with a pruning hook in the dark." I tried to control my temper, but when she said that I yelled out; "Alright Madam, if I make a fortune by frugal economy, as I am almost sure to, I'll not have you to thank for it. As to my hair, I would prefer having it chewed off by a calf rather than have you cut it again."

I was now more determined than ever to buy a safety razor and begin shaving myself. I made up my mind not to say a word to my wife about the money I had hoarded up by shaving myself until it amounted to \$100,000, and then I was going to quietly deposit it in her lap and before she had time to recover the shock, I would fold my arms and address her to-wit: "Madam do you remember a calculation I made on the cost of shaving or a peaceful Sunday about nine years ago, and how lightly you treated the matter? The \$100,000 laying there in your lap is the ripened fruit of that calculation. But I forgive you for those hasty words and want you to enjoy this money as though it belonged to you." I was then to march out to slow music.

Luckily for me we had a Ward

and Seerbeck catalogue that advertised the invincible safety razor, which came highly recommended. The advertisement said the "Invincible" did its work so perfectly that one could shave with impunity on horseback, or out on the billowy ocean during a storm,—in fact just any old place where he had room to stand up or sit down was all that was necessary to the man owning an Invincible; was but 98 cents with a dozen blades that were guaranteed to shave you for a whole year. Suffice it to say I bought a post office money order for 98 cents the next morning and sent it to Ward and Seerbeck for an Invincible razor.

It was ten days before it came and I had become restless and impatient. My whiskers were almost an inch long when the razor arrived and I could hardly wait to begin operation on them. Dear reader, these dots represent the thirty minutes that I wrestled with that razor. But in that brief period, battles have been lost, and won, and nations blotted from the face of the earth. Who, to have gazed upon the innocent looking little safty rozor, would have thought it capable of making a maniac out of the strongest minded man ever raised on Cave Creek in the short space of thirty minutes. Just how well that razor shaved is best described by a letter I wrote to Ward and Seerbeck, ten days after receiving it. The letter follows:

Ward and Seerbeck, Chicago, Ill.—Gentlemen: I received your Invincible safety razor some time ago, but on account of the loss of blood I sustained while shaving with it a few minutes after its arrival, am just now able to sit up and write you this epistle.

I am certainly proud you named this razor "Invincible" as I have never seen anything quite so invincible as it is. I can vouch for it being fond of whiskers, for it positively proceeded to chew on mine long after I had turned it loose.

It is not only an invincible little cuss, but it is indestructible as well, as I failed to disfigure in the least, notwithstanding I threw it with all my might against a hard unyielding stone wall three times in rapid succession, besides jumping on it with both feet and stamping it. The Invincible is a plucky little devil and will fight to the last ditch. It tried to bite me while I was stamping on it. The Invincible really does more than you claim for it in your advertisement. It will not only fight your whiskers, but will bite the goosebumps off your face and if properly handled, can be made to peel a potato or pick a chicken.

My object in ordering the "Invincible" was to accumulate a stupendous fortune within the next forty year by shaving myself; but the one attempt I made to shave with your razor caused me to change all my financial plans. I found a calculation that I made a few days ago, that if a fellow would put the money out at ten per cent interest that he spends in shaving for forty years and compounds the interest every six months that he will have saved up within that time the snug sum of \$713,465.10. But after allowing your safety razor to chew on my whiskers for a few moments, I decided to not make a fortune by the whisker route. Really what is the use of accumulating a great fortune and leaving it all for your children to scrap over?

I see you advertise a back scratcher in your catalogue, valued at two-bits. How will you swap for the Invincible? I'll swap even and pay the return postage on the razor.

Kindly advise me by return mail whether or not this trade will suit you.

Yours for trade,
JOE SAPPINGTON.

Before closing, I desire to thank my wife, for her promptness in taking our children to a place of safty while the shaving was going on and keeping them away until I calmed down. My heart also goes out to kind neighbors who have so kindly consented to not prosecute me for disturbing the peace by the loud and vociferous swearing that I indulged in while dragging the Invincible thru my tangled whiskers.

Remember Jan. 15 is Trade Day

LOUIS ADDINGTON IS ARRESTED

Louis Addington came into town Friday evening driving 2 two year old steers and offered same for sale. Boy McGowan bought the cattle, giving Addington a check on the First National Bank for thirty dollars.

Sheriff Rains, always being on the alert for just such fellows, had suspicions that "all was not well" and consequently shadowed Addington through the whole transaction.

When Addington had made his sale, received his check in payment, arrived at the First National Bank to cash the same, Felix was "Johnnie at the rat hole" waiting for Addington to come out. As soon as Addington had indorsed the check, passed the same to Ass't Cashier Hinds and secured his thirty dollars Sheriff Rains stepped up and placed him under arrest. Addington confessed to taking the cattle out of Ben Sigal's pasture and turned the money over to Sheriff Rains, he placing Addington in the county jail. This is a very important arrest as Addington was just fixing to take the train and had he accomplished his purpose would have probably cost the county several hundred dollars to effect his capture, as it was, the County is several hundred dollars better off by having a sheriff who keeps his eye open, not only for cattle thieves, but all offenders of the law.

The cattle belongs to Uncle Bill Kennard.—Baird Bulletin.

THE RACKET STORE'S

Broad low price method of selling goods is especially appreciated just now by economical Cash buyers.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation and thanks for the very satisfactory business which we have enjoyed the past twelve months. We have endeavored to serve the public acceptably, giving full value for every dollar spent in our store and striving to make our store one

of quality in reality as well as in name. That we have in a measure succeeded is evidenced by constantly increasing business which we are receiving. We cordially invite you to visit our store on main street, next to Farmer's National Bank, often during the year 1912. We will always extend you a hearty welcome and take pleasure in showing you what we consider one of the most complete and best selected stock of merchandise in West Texas. You are always welcome.

Cross Plains Merc. Co.

BACHELOR'S CLUB

Cross Plains Texas,
Jan. 1, 1912.

Whereas a Controversy is now pending between the Old Bachelor's and Old Maid's Club of Cross Plains Tex. It becomes necessary that an agreement be made among ourselves, in order to preserve peace, having good will and friendship with all.

We the under signed do on this the 1st. day of Jan. A. D. 1912, agree and bind ourselves to the following:

Any member of this club making a date in any way, with any member of the Old Maid's Club during this year shall have severed all connections with Club forever, and shall be assessed with the the greatest penalty of the order. Viz: Shall be placed in Bachelor's prison in Hong Kong for a term of 25 yrs., mustach clipped, head shaved and when freedom shall have been given a ring will be put in the nose to brand them forever as a traitor member of said Old Bachelor's Club.

Any member who refuses to the company of any member of the Old Maid's Club when offered the company of same shall be subject to penalty which shall be assessed by Club at their regular meeting.

Each member shall this day turn out a full set of Vandyke by which the Old Maid's Club may recognize those who have the honor of belonging to said Club.

Any member failing to convey with this shall be assessed with penalty at regular meeting of Club.

J. A. Hollars, Walton Reader, Joe Shackelford, Sam Carson, Gray Powell, Taylor Bond, C. C. Neeb, Eldun Boydston, Parker Bond, Clint Rutherford, John Carter, C. L. Baum.

Early in the year the welkin will begin to ring from every school house, from every picnic ground, from every place where there can be gathered two or more, for the great noise makers will be abroad urging their claims upon the voters of the great state.

There will be Sunday School at the Presbyterian church every day at 10 o'clock. We are invited, especially on the 1st of January, and to be able to attend.

MANY CHANGES DURING 1911

This is our Second New Year in Cross Plains. Last year at this time the railroad had just been completed. We had no depot and all the business was down in the old town. Main street was a country lane, and what is now the corner of Main and 8th. was only a neglected fence corner on the road to Rising Star. Non a lot had been sold; not a brick had been placed. Just think of the changes. Think of the wonderful growth. In less than twelve months a wilderness has been changed into an up-to-date little city, modern in every respect. The end is not yet. 1912 will witness wonderful progress in Cross Plains. We will be on the dot Jan. 1st. 1913, and to be able to tell of greater changes than ever before.

Ladies' 15c hosiery.....11c
 25c Iron-Clad hosiery.....20c
 35c Iron-Clad hosiery.....23c
 Men's hosiery at same prices. We have a good stock of hosiery which we can recommend to give satisfaction.

SKIRTS

We handle the best fitting skirts to be had. Take notice of these prices.
 \$5.00 skirts.....\$3.85
 \$10.00 skirts.....\$7.50
 \$7.50 skirts.....\$5.85
 \$12.50 skirts.....\$10.00

A few skirts, one of a kind, at one-half price.

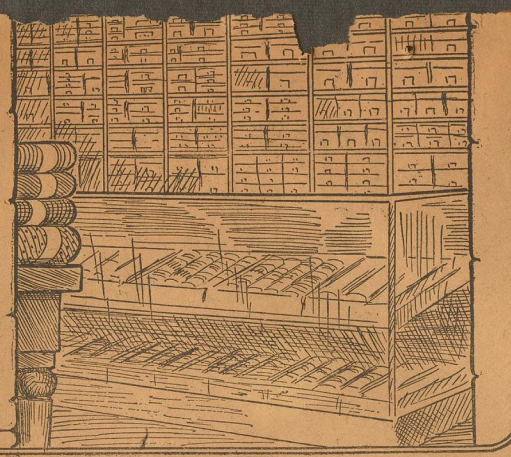
SILKS

Fifty pieces of silk, regular 50c to \$1.75 the yard goods.
 Sale price per yard 35c to \$1.10
 If interested in Silks investigate this department.



ADV. DEPT.
 H.L. CO.
 DALLAS.

Davis-Garner & Co.
CROSS PLAINS



the house at 1-2
 the regular price

LADIES SUITS

We have about 50 ladies' suits including Stienfeld & Co. and other well known makes. During this sale we will sell any ladies' suit in the house at following prices

Ladies \$10.00 Suits.....	\$6.89
" 12.50 Suits.....	7.85
" 15.00 Suits.....	8.99
" 16.50 Suits.....	9.55
" 20.00 Suits.....	12.85
" 25.00 Suits.....	14.75
" 5.00 Cloaks.....	3.50
" 7.50 Cloaks.....	4.85
" 10.00 Cloaks.....	6.59
" 12.50 Cloaks.....	8.39
" 16.50 Cloaks.....	11.85

Everything will be Sold Exactly as Advertised. This Sale is for Cash Only. Nothing Charged



STAR BRAND
 SHOES
 ARE
 BETTER

SHOES

We sustain the reputation the country over, of selling the most dependable shoes in all this section. We have the exclusive agency for such lines as Hanans, Robert, Johnson & Rand, Pilgrams, etc. Boys, Misses' and children's shoes reduced on same basis as the prices quoted below.

\$3.50 Pilgrams.....	\$3.10
\$4.00 ".....	\$3.55
\$4.00 Patriot.....	\$3.55
\$4.50 ".....	\$3.75
\$5.00 R. J. & R.....	\$3.95
\$6.50 Hanan.....	\$4.85
\$7.00 ".....	\$5.65
\$4.00 Ladies Society Star.....	\$3.10
\$3.50 ".....	\$2.95
\$3.00 " Patten Leather Shoes.....	\$2.35
\$1.75 " Kid Shoes.....	\$1.30
\$2.50 Special lot mens shoes.....	\$1.98

MENS SHIRTS

\$1.50 Shirts.....\$1.21	\$1.25 Shirts.....\$1.05
\$1.00 ".....83c	75c ".....55c
65c ".....48c	50c ".....41c

Sweaters and Over-shirts will go at sale prices.

MEN'S CLOTHING



We have always enjoyed the reputation of carrying one of the most complete, and up to date stocks of Men's Clothing to be found anywhere, including Sonneborn Specials and other well known brands. We have bought too heavily and as we try to never carry goods from one season to another we had rather take our loss now than pay interest and have old stock. Note the special prices quoted here and come in and let us fit you. We know that our clothing will please.

\$10.00 Suits and Overcoats.....	\$6.49
12.50 Suits and Overcoats.....	\$8.48
15.00 Suits and Overcoats.....	\$9.63
18.00 Suits and Overcoats.....	\$12.99
20.00 Suits and Overcoats.....	\$13.45
25.00 Suits and Overcoats.....	\$16.30
1.50 Boys Suits, Sale price.....	\$1.10
2.00 Boys Suits, Sale price.....	\$1.35
2.50 Boys Suits, Sale price.....	\$1.69
3.50 Boys Suits, Sale price.....	\$2.78
5.00 Boys Suits, Sale price.....	\$3.45
6.00 Boys Suits, Sale price.....	\$4.45
1.50 Mens Pants.....	\$1.20
1.75 Mens Pants.....	
2.00 Mens Pants.....	
2.50 Mens Pants now.....	\$1.89
3.50 Mens Pants now.....	\$2.78

Everything in good clothing at corresponding prices. A few dollars will do wonders at this cash sale.

NOTIONS

Pearl Buttons, per dozen.....	3 1/2c
Best Brass Pins, paper.....	3 1/2c
Best Needles, paper.....	2 1/2c
Boss Ball thread, per box.....	20c
One lot 5c Laces.....	3 1/2c
8 1/2c laces per yard.....	6 1/2c
10c laces, per yard.....	7 1/2c
One lot 5c embroidery, yard.....	3 1/2c
8 1/2c embroidery, per yard.....	5c
12 1/2c embroidery, per yard.....	9c
25c embroidery, per yard.....	18c
Arrow Brand Collars.....	11c
50c Corsets.....	39c
\$1.00 Corsets.....	85c
\$1.50 Corsets.....	\$1.25
5c Handkerchiefs.....	3 1/2c
10c Handkerchiefs.....	7c
50c Ties.....	40c
25c Ties.....	19c
35c Ties.....	23c

Everything in notions reduced Embroideries at Sale Prices

STAPLES

We have a large and complete line of staples from the best mills in America. standard cloths, such as Peperell, Lonsdale, hope, all included in this sale.
 All outings.....8c
 Hope 4-4 bleaching per yard...8c
 Lonsdale 4-4 bleaching per yard.8c

STAPLES

Wearwell, yd.....	8c
Virginia plaids.....	4 1/2c
Silver king plaid 8 1/2c grade.....	6c
Best feather tick per yard.....	14 1/2c
Mattress tick.....	8c
Best oil cloth.....	15c
50c table linen.....	40c
60c table linen.....	45c
75c table linen.....	59c
\$1.00 table linen.....	82c
\$1.50 table linen.....	\$1.20

Large stock napkins included in this sale.
 All underwear and men's shirts included in this sale.

Dress Goods

Our stock of Gingham, Percales, and Wash Goods is almost complete and at present prices we advise our customers to supply their needs. We quote only a few prices. You will remember, however, that nothing will be reserved, but the price on everything will be greatly reduced.
 36-in. dress gingham 12 1/2c quality 9 1/2c
 A. F. C. Gingham, the best...9 1/2c
 Johnson Percales per yard.....8c
 Wide vicunas 12 1/2c grade.....8c
 10c sateens per yard.....7 1/2c
 60c wool dress good 54-in. wide 45c
 \$1.00 and \$1.25 grade broadcloth 75
 All wool dress goods at correspondingly low prices.

HATS

\$6.50 Jno. B. Stetson Hat.....	\$5.45
\$5.00 " " " ".....	\$3.98
\$4.00 Stern & Bern Hats.....	\$2.98
\$3.50 " " " ".....	\$2.79
\$3.00 " " " ".....	\$2.43
\$2.50 " " " ".....	\$1.89
\$2.00 " " " ".....	\$1.43
\$1.75 " " " ".....	\$1.28
\$1.50 " " " ".....	\$1.15

GOOD, LARGE BLANKETS

25 pairs 1 1/2 blankets at pair...\$1.10
 25 " " " ".....\$1.45
 We have a good stock of \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 and \$6.00 blankets at greatly reduced prices. Comfortables at sale prices.

TRUNKS & SUIT CASES

\$15.00 Trunk.....	\$11.85
\$12.50 ".....	9.90
10.00 ".....	7.85

Suit Cases and Bags at sale prices.

The Store will be Closed All Day Thursday, Marking Down Prices.

NOTICE

Everything in our store is marked in plain figures and one price; you know the price, you can see the saving. Don't miss this sale.

DON'T FORGET the DATE, JAN. 5th. to 15th.

DONT FORGET the PLACE

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DAVIS-GARNER & CO.

"Remember, With Us Quality is The Thing."

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

A Dollar is Worth What It Will Buy. This Sale Will Make Your Money and Cotton
 Worth One and One-Half Times as Much. Our Great

STOCK-TAKING SALE

Opens Friday, January 5th. Closes Monday, January 15th.

9 Days Only

A PERSONAL WORD

WE take pride in our long and successful career. Twenty-one years ago the original firm of Davis-Garner & Company was founded in Cisco. It was begun in a modest way. But with the fixed policy to give 100 cents worth of merchandise in exchange for every dollar. And from that time until now this policy has been lived up to. The business has grown, new partners have come into it, and because of the development of surrounding country have opened up new stores. We take especial pride in the store at Cross Plains, as today this store is regarded as one of the most progressive and one of the best appointed in all the section. We have built our immense business on the confidence of our friends, whom we have never knowingly disappointed and whom we have served through all these years with good goods and honest values.

Our Entire Stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Ladies' and Men's Furnishing Goods, the Largest in the County, is now thrown on the market at most attractive prizes. Read this advertisement carefully and come to this Unusual Sale. Our reputation for Honest Merchandise, Square and Fair Treatment is behind every price quoted and every statement made. When we put on a sale it means Bargains Opportunities. The price on absolutely everything has been cut and cut deep.

It All Goes at Sale Prices. And it's All New

9 Days Only

A PERSONAL WORD

ON account of the short crop, which has caused a falling off from our Fall business, we find that we have entirely too large a stock of goods on hand. Perhaps in our desire to serve our patrons with every possible need we bought too heavily. Be that as it may, the fact that confronts us is that we have too many goods. We have determined, therefore, upon this sale. Every article in our house is included. Odd lots and broken assortments will be sacrificed to meet the purpose in view. Lines bought for the present season's selling will be marked so as to insure their quick moving. In a word, this is to be a great merchandise moving event. Our word can be taken for it that this sale will mean wonderful money-saving opportunities. We extend you a cordial invitation to attend.

EXTRA SPECIAL

Best grade calicos during this sale, per yard **3¹/₂**

In order that every one may have a chance at this, the quantity for each customer will be limited.

HOSIERY

There is no better wearing hosiery for the price than Iron Clad—every pair guaranteed.

Children's 10c hose 7¹/₂
 Ladies' 10c hose 7¹/₂
 Children's 15c



EXTRA SPECIAL

We have about 60 Ladies' Hats, this season's styles. We are very anxious to sell hem. \$3 hats **\$1.50**

Any Ladies hat at One half regular price.

Any Ladies' Hat in



New Year Resolution

We have resolved to continue to make low prices on our stock of merchandise for spot cash.

We have the goods with quality, see us and get the price.

CARTER & KENADY, General Merchants



A Dollar Saved
IS TWO DOLLARS BETTER THAN
A Dollar Spent

Now is the time to save. Procrastination is the thief of time. It may be the thief of your comfort in future pays if you delay opening an account with the Farmer's Nat'l Bank. A checking account with your home bank shows a good business principle. The Farmer's National Bank will appreciate your account and will make banking easy and pleasant for you.

Farmers National Bank of Cross Plains

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

T. E. Powell, Pres., S. L. Driskill, Vice Pres., S. F. Bond, Cashier,
J. A. Barr, Vice President, Taylor Bond, Ass't. Cashier.
R. P. Odom C. E. Barr, T. B. Vestal.

LOCALS

News of the week told quick

Miss Jessie Adams left Wednesday for Lubbock to visit her brother.

J. H. Causey was in town first of the week, and he and ye editor discussed the issues of the day, over a couple of foaming glasses at McCords.

J. H. Phillips the pioneer peanut grower, was in town this week on business.

The Price is cut DEEP on Men's and Boy's Suits, Ladies coats and suits.

Cross Plains Merc. Co.

Mrs. D. I. Hill was sick last week, but is better at present.

Lets make 1912 the Banner Business year in Cross Plains. Our merchants certainly did their part the past year, and as a result Cross Plains has the name of being the best trading point in the country.

The Price is cut DEEP on Men's and Boy's Suits, Ladies coats and suits.

Cross Plains Merc. Co.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Pope were in from Dressy Wednesday shopping.

Bottles wanted at Dr. Tyson's.

A. W. Booth was in this week and renewed his subscription to the Review and Dallas News under our offer of \$1.75 for both papers. Let us take your subscription and save you a quarter.

Two carloads of feed received at B. L. Boydston's this week.

Mrs. J. E. Link of Chicago is visiting her friend Kirkland near Caddo Peak.

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Cross Plains Merc. Co.

Mrs. Lane of Cleburne is visiting her panents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Garrett.

A residence for sale, or trade for land. See Dr. Tyson.

It is now down to business—preparation for another year's work while planning decide upon putting out trees at once. It is better to plant them. The fine rains have made it possible for the planting to be successful and there should be no delay.

Tom Harris was in town on business this week.

W. R. C.

Mrs. John Westerman was hostess to her club Wednesday afternoon.

Progressive 'Rook' formed the diversion of the afternoon. Three tables of players participated. High score was made by Mrs. C. T. Carter. A fitting close was the serving of delicious refreshments consisting of strawberries, cream and cake.

Those present besides the members were Mesdames Bond, Rumph, Jones and Misses Robason and Davis.

Dr. Mannering was in Baird Sunday.

Remember you can get that cigar at McCords.

SEE OUR WINDOW

For special bargains in glassware. The Racket Store.

Mr. Coleman has made considerable change in the Tone this week. He closed up the front, and put in a glass door and a couple of display cases. Also gave the whole front a nice coat of paint.

Dave Stephens went to Eastland this week to attend court.

The Review force has been hitting the ball this week. We have had an unusual rush of stationery printing' and besides this we turned out 3000 Big Posters for Davis-Garner & Co. Their Big Stock-Taking Sale started Friday and will continue nine days only. They have some wonderful bargains and it will pay you to investigate.

Carload of White Crest flour at B. L. Boydston's.

BARGAINS

A lot of new bargains in 5 and 10c goods well worth your while to look them over. The Racket Store.

Dr. Blosser's Catarrh remedy at McCords.

Paul Bennett was here from Cottonwood Tuesday.

Mrs. J. Lee Jones was in Rising Star Thursday visiting relatives.

Dave Dudley of Hope Arkansas is visiting his brother-in-law A. L. Graham.

S. L. Teague was out in the country Thursday.

The Price is cut DEEP on Men's and Boy's suits, Ladies coats and suits.

Cross Plains Merc. Co.

J. R. Davis was down from Cottonwood Wednesday.

W. H. Clements was down from Putnam this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford came in this week and Mr. Crawford is back at his place at Davis-Garner & Co.

WANTED

To buy Second hand Goods See Albert Adkisson at The Racket Store.

The ad of The Bank of Cross Plains should have been changed teis week. Mr. Hart the Cashier turned in the copy for a change, but it was so late we begged off. Hart is a pretty accomadating sort of a fellow anyway.

Bibles and Testoments at McCords.

GO TO

Frank Carpenter's Barber Shop

For First class Barber work. Hot and Cold Baths, etc. The Very Best Laundry.

Cross Plains, Texas,

THE VOTING CONTEST

Miss Lean Hargrove won the cut glass water set for the most votes up to Dec 24. Miss Josie Goodman won the locket and chain for the greatest gain between Nov. 24 and Dec. 24.

Ladies List

Leean Hargrove.....	13230
Madie Harlow.....	2757
Miss Josie Goodman.....	3731
" Bessie Haley.....	682
" Abbie Ferguson.....	559
" Mabel Hall.....	595
" Era Davis.....	1350
" Gussie Odom.....	2012
" Etta Breeding.....	1226
" Elsie Cochran.....	2919
" Cora Baum.....	555
Nina McDougal.....	642
Vivian Nordyke.....	722
" Ethel King.....	507
" Beulah Irvin.....	529
" Fannie Armstrong.....	517
Ruby Gilbert.....	502
Ada Williams.....	508
Beulah McDonnough.....	501

Organizations

Burkett Public School.....	13230
Dressy Methodist Church.....	4731
Dressy Public School.....	2400
Cottonwood Public School.....	1238
Caddo Peak School.....	1273
Crosscut I. O. O. F.....	1814
Burnt Branch Public School.....	528
Burkett Baptist Church.....	600
Crosscut Methodist Church.....	641
Pioneer Public School.....	507
Liberty Public School.....	556
Belle Plaine Public School.....	500
Board Flat School.....	826
Crosscut School.....	594

Carload of wire and nails received this week at Boydston's.

Miss Esther McCord returned Thursday night from Gorman where she has been teaching elocution.

NOTICE

Because of recent court decisions and the ruling of the Comptroller of the Currency of the United States, and the Commissioner of Banking of the State of Texas, the undersigned banks of Cross Plains Texas, will not allow any overdrafts in any form after February 1st, 1912.

This is for the purpose of notifying our customers in order that they may govern their future business accordingly.

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White Crest flour at Boydston's

What about your poll tax? Have you paid it? A few days more and you will be numbered with those who are worthless at the voting box next spring.

Post Cards at McCords. W. E. Melton was in Dublin this week on business.

The small child of Mr. DeBusk was buried at Dressy Friday.

IF

You have any Secondhand goods to sell. See Albert Adkisson at The Racket Store.

Just arrived, car of Poultry wire, hog wire, etc at B. L. Boydston's.

A. H. McCord came in this week from Stonewall county. He said he could tell some terrible tales about New Mexico and West Texas, but he won't for a while yet.

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Regular Price, new, \$300.00 This Piano is in absolutely perfect condition and will last a lifetime. Dont let this bargain get by you. Guaranteed for ten years from date of sale.

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A little bell under the edge of the counter rang sharply 12 times as the clerk measured off a dozen yards of lace for a waiting customer.

"People think they're getting full length when they hear the bell ring for each yard," the clerk explained. "There's nothing like it for making a grouchy customer feel satisfied. They don't seem to realize that everything's measured after us, and that we get called down for even an inch short measure just as much as for giving an inch over, for it means that we haven't been careful, and that's the thing it's hard to be when we're in a hurry and people are waiting. But this little bell arrangement at the end of our yard measure on the edge of the counter seems to please everybody, and most every customer who hears it for the first time asks if it isn't something new."—New York Sun.

LARGE PROFITS IN WHALING

Scotch, Norwegian and German Companies Have Been Reaping Enormous Dividends of Late.

The dividend of 34½ per cent. just declared by the whaler Balaena of Dundee has attracted attention to the handsome profits at present being realized from the industry, which a few years ago was believed to be on the point of extinction. Last year the dozen or so of whalers which prosecute the fishing from Dundee had the most successful season experienced for two decades, and reports just to hand indicate that the Norwegian companies are also enjoying a high degree of prosperity. Norwegian whaling companies are also reaping enormous dividends in southwest African waters, and a German company has just been formed with a capital of £50,000 (\$243,325) to participate in the industry there.—Consular and Trade Reports.

ECCENTRIC ENGLAND.

There are one or two place names in England which for eccentricity it would be hard to beat, even in Canada. Cornwall boasts of a village called Drunkards All and of a tithing called London Apprentice. The name of another Cornish village—Grumbia—sounds worse when spoken than it looks in print. The same may be said of the neighboring village of St. Eval, which is always pronounced "San-deval." Bishop Philpotts asked a candidate for ordination where he came from. "St. Eval," was the reply. "Dear me!" remarked the bishop, "I know that Cornishmen venerate St. Tudy, St. Cuby, St. Uny and other saints unknown to the calendar, but I was not aware they had canonized—him!"—London Chronicle.

WEIRD SIGHT.

Weird, indeed, was the sight which met the eyes of the crew of the Swedish steamer Carl XV., when passing lately through the Aalard sea (in the Baltic). They spied a small boat tossing at random over the waves unguided, and as the steamer approached it it was found that its only occupants were three dead men. The boat was from the wreck of a steamer supposed to have been a British vessel which foundered in the recent gales. The three unknown sailors had died of cold and starvation. They were buried at sea by the Swedish crew.

FREAK OF THE STORM.

A very strange incident occurred at Vauvert, France, during a recent storm. A man, eighty years of age, was caught up by a whirlwind and hurled over a rayrick. He came down in safety on the other side, but as his friends were congratulating him on his escape the old man was killed by lightning, which spared the other men who were standing round him.

THE MEANING.

"Every little movement has a meaning all its own."
"And sometimes when you move it means that you can't pay your rent."
—Judge.

PREFERABLE.

Agent—Don't you want to own a home of your own?
Knicker—No. I'd rather own the home of somebody else.—Harpo's Bazar.

THE BEST WAY



The Stout Party—The real secret of success is to find out what the public wants.

The Thin Party—And give it to it?

The Stout Party—No. Corner it.

LINGUISTIC CABBIERS.

One or two Paris cabmen and chauffeurs have, at the initiative of a couple of enterprising comrades, been devoting some of their leisure to the study of foreign languages, for the convenience of fares who are not proficient in French, and this with such effect that five of them lately received rewards at the Sorbonne. One cabman who was thus distinguished a few days ago affixed to his vehicle an enamel plate, on which are to be seen the words: "The driver speaks English," and his example is soon to be followed by others among his brethren of the whip.

A RUN OF BRASS KETTLES.

A fakir has been in Danville several days. He is telling the colored population that the proper way to cure rheumatism is to boil a piece of brass kettle in vinegar and drink the concentrated preparation. Mr. William Silliman has been swamped with colored citizens seeking to purchase parts of brass kettles. The fakir told them that no kind of brass except a piece from an old brass kettle would do.—Danville (Ky.) Advocate.

THEIR OWN PECULIAR SPELLING.

There are some publications which pride themselves on the peculiarity of their spelling. The Revue des Deux-Mondes still clings to the orthography current at the time of its foundation, over a century ago. In its pages "savants" always figure as "savans," and "documents" as "documens." The Times, too, invariably spells "connexion" thus and the Edinburg Review insists on slipping a superfluous "e" into "development."—London Chronicle.

CLIMBING.

Blobbs—That girl has been remarkably successful.

Slobbs—Yes; she used to work in a nail factory, and now she's a manicure.

NOT EXPERT.

Master of House (to applicant)—Can you open a beer bottle neatly?

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

The largest turkey raised in Texas last year weighed 47 pounds was shipped to Boston.

A good acre, well cultivated and kept busy, with no part of it lying idle at any time in the growing season, can be made to produce a year's food supply for several families.

During December there went forward from Texas points more than 100 cars of mistletoe, 50 car of hollyberry and evergreen leaves, over 500,000 turkeys and equally as many ducks, geese and chickens to help brighten the Christmas tables of the East and North. About 100,000 cedar Christmas trees were also shipped.

The Federal Agricultural Department has just issued a comparative statement of the yearly value per acre of ten leading crops combined from 1866 to 1910 inclusive and the high water mark is reached in 1909 when the farm value of the crops is quoted at \$16.42 per acre, the lowest quotation in the table is 7.94 in scarcely more than a decade the value per acre of farm produce has more than doubled.

According to the figures alleged to be given out by Billy Sunday the popular and thrifty evangelist, there is a wide difference in the money cost of converting souls in the various cities of the country. It cost to save a soul \$620 in Indianapolis, \$545 in New York, \$450 in Boston, \$395 in Chicago, \$78 in New Orleans and \$73 in Atlanta. The computation was apparently made on the basis of expenses incurred in conducting a revival, the total in dollars being divided by the number of those who avow conversion.

The New York Sun declares that it would be unfair to draw deductions from this statement; for instance, that Indianapolis is a wickeder city than New York, or Chicago more virtuous than Boston.

Mrs. Olaf Gylleck, in a petition for separate maintenance filed in an Elgin court, told of some of the ways in which her husband encouraged her to practice economy. She says he is worth \$6000, and has an interest in a creamery near Clinton; Iowa. She says he:

Made wife support household.
Left 10 cents for household expenses while, he was away. Returned in three days and swore at her for spending it

Bought her stocking six sizes too large because he could get them at a bargain.

Charged her 35 cents a dozen for eggs from her own hens. While eggs were selling for 12 cents in the store.

Wouldn't let her visit a dentist. Made her wear hideous hats which he bought at bargain sales. Barred women friends.

"He would buy anything in the world he could get at a bargain, and make me wear it," she exclaimed. "My stockings were always too large or too small, and I haven't had a pair of shoes that fit since I married him.

"He made me raise chickens, then compelled me to pay him triple prices for the eggs. When my teeth were nearly aching my head off he wouldn't let me go to a dentist. If he caught me entering a woman friend he made a scene.

"He left me 10 cents to run the house for three days while he went on a trip. When he returned he charged me for being reckless. I'd have to be careful of the house."

hold and then took it away from me."—Chicago Tribune.

It's funny at what trivial causes a woman will fall out with husband is 'nt it?

Jack Smith, who lives two miles north of town in what is believed to be a rich gas and oil district, says his belief that oil and gas will be eventually discovered has been considerably strengthened by an occurrence which took place in his field a few days ago. He had employed a number of men to work in the field and while there they heard a great noise like escaping steam from an engine, and turning in the direction of the sound saw clouds of dirt and dust being blown high into the air. They did not know but that it might be a small earthquake and left their work and went in search of Mr. Smith, who was near the house. To him they described the sight and from the indications found Mr. Smith is of the opinion that the occurrence was nothing more or less than a gas eruption thru a crack in the earth. He has noticed during overflow times that the water continually bubbled in that vicinity, and is sure that it is caused by escaping gas. —Brownwood Bulletin

A MAIL ORDER DEAL

A few weeks ago a gentleman, who had been ordering quite a lot of merchandise from Montgomery Ward & Co., went into one of the local stores to buy a shirt. The merchant showed him a good quality shirt for 45c, two for 90c, but the patron of M. W. & Co., said nit.

"Good gracious said the customer I can get that same shirt from Montgomery Ward for 35c each." "That's less than it cost me," said the merchant, "but I'll sell it on the same terms as the mail order house."

"Alright," said the customer, "just charge it to my account." "Not on your life," the dealer replied. "No charged accounts. You can't do business with the mail-order house that way. Fork over the cash."

The customer complied. "Now two cents postage and five cents for money-order."

"What—" "Certainly, you have to send a letter and a money-order to a mail-order house, you know."

The customer, inwardly raving, kept to his agreement and paid the nickel.

"Now twenty five cents expressage."

"Well I'll be—" he said, but paid it, saying, "Now hand me those shirts and I'll take them home and be rid of this foolery."

"Hand them to you? Where do you think you are? You're in Cross Plains and I'm in Chicago, and you'll have to wait two weeks for those shirts."

Whereupon the dealer threw them upon top of the shelving and put the money in his cash drawer.

"That makes \$1.00," he said. "It has cost you ten cents more and it takes you two weeks longer to get it than if you had paid my price in the first place."

And in two weeks the gentleman came in and got his shirts, paying 10 cents more the mail order way than if he had paid the dealers price.

Four carloads in 2 weeks, 2 cars feed one car of flour and one car wire received at Boydston's.

Fine chocolates and all kinds of candy at McCords.

NOTICE

Beginning January 1st, 1912 our places of business will be closed promptly at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

V. V. Hart, Cashier, Bank of Cross Plains.
S. F. Bond, Cashier, Farmers National Bank.



RETREATING TO LITTLE ROCK

Details of Battle of Saline River Described by Old Veteran, Who Was Participant.

To be a gunsmith and the proprietor of a shooting gallery seems to be natural for a veteran of the civil war. In tinkering with the mechanism of rifles and revolvers and in smelling the smoke of cartridges John D. Credlebaugh keeps a familiarity with his youth. In the war he was a soldier of the 40th Iowa infantry regiment. Afterward he became a sharpshooter with Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill and other persons of similar profession. He retains the appearance of the frontiersman. He confesses to the age of 65, though a casual guesser would not approach that figure by twenty years. One of the stories that he tells in his home and place of business in Chicago is of the battle of Saline river, Arkansas, April 30, 1864, and is as follows:

"Gen. Steele's expedition was retreating before the advance of the confederate army that had whipped Gen. Banks. We had done our part in occupying the Arkansas country down to Camden, but the Red river expedition in northern Louisiana was broken up by Price and Kirby Smith before we could join Gen. Banks at Shreveport. The confederate army drove us out of our position and back toward Little Rock.

"We had been on the march several days from Camden when the enemy caught up with us near the Saline river, which we had to cross. The crossing was going to be difficult because it was in the spring and the river was flooded. Our crossing, the only one near the place we had come to, was in a sharp bend of the river, which we were approaching from the concave side. We came down the road that led to the ferry, and at a cross road a rebel battery opened fire on us. Beyond, between us and the river, there was a rise of ground and most of the army kept on and passed this rise, leaving the rear guard to hold back the attack. The 40th Iowa regiment was in the rear guard and we helped prevent the advance of the enemy. We fought until nightfall.

"When the day's fighting was over we withdrew behind the rise of ground. The slope went down to the bottom land of the river and it was all wet. I went to sleep sitting against a tree trunk and in the morning I awoke in cold water up to my breast. It was still early in the year, the morning of April 30. All the bottom had been flooded in the night and the army had to go through the water to the ponton bridge that was laid across the channel of the river.

"While the crossing was going on the rear guard had more fighting to do. We went back to the rise of ground and took our position there, not going down to the crossroads. The river bent behind us and came around to the left and right in a big bow, so that our line could extend from water to water and prevent the rebels from getting to the ferry. We fought from daylight until noon. By that time the rebels were lying five and six deep in three lines on the slope of the hill.

"There was one battery that we couldn't take for a long time, though



"We Fought Until Nightfall."

we charged it repeatedly. At last we were successful and the guns were ours. I went to the caissons and in one of them I found a big piece of corn pone and I divided it. That was the sweetest bread I ever tasted. It made the best meal I had had in two months. It was the first food I had had in four days.

"Finally the enemy retired. They had not sent their full strength against us, anyway. Everybody got across the bridge, and then the pontoons were destroyed. We had refugees with us, and I remember that some women in a house near the river waded through the water to cross over with the army. There were many wagons we could not take along, and so the spokes were knocked out of the wheels.

BURIED TREASURE IN GARDEN

Coins, Chains and Bracelets Dating From Tenth Century Are Found in Denmark.

The largest find of treasure trove that has ever been discovered in Denmark has just come to light at Tersley.

Two boys were digging in the garden of a resident named Otto Hansen when they struck a pile of silver three feet below the surface. Investigation disclosed the presence of a heap of coins, besides necklets, chains and bracelets, some inlaid with gold and mostly dating from the end of the tenth century.

Most of the coins are Arabic, but some are Anglo-Saxon, and one bears the name of Athelstane, the early Saxon king of England. Several of the ornaments are finely ornamented, but the gem of them all is a twisted neck chain from which are suspended two toilet requisites—one a small dagger-like article and the other an ear-spoon.

Museums are competing for the relics and experts are waxing eloquent over the ornamentation and variety of the articles. Altogether there are nearly 600 separate pieces, weighing about 16 pounds.

WHEN PEOPLE WERE DIRTY

Two Hundred Years Ago the French Were Warned Against Washing With Water.

The British Medical Journal asserts that a century back we were a dirty people. We can hardly have been worse than the French. In 1713 Jean Baptiste de la Salle published "Les Regles de la Bienveillance et de la Civilité chretiennes," a manual for the guidance of youth which has run into over 50 editions, and is still in print. We are told that "for the sake of cleanliness it is well to rub the face every morning with a white towel in order to remove the dirt. It is not advisable to wash with water, for this exposes the face to the chills of winter and the heats of summer." This precept continued to appear in the manual until the edition of 1782. A similar work, "La Civilité Nouvelle," published in 1667, warns children that "to wash the face in water injures the eyesight, brings on toothaches and colds, and engenders pallor."—London Chronicle.

GREAT SALT LAKE.

The great salt lake of Obdorsk, Siberia, is 9 miles wide and 17 miles long, yet except in a few places it is solidly roofed with a deposit of salt, which is becoming thicker and thicker each year. About the middle of the last century salt crystals first began to gather upon the surface of the water. Year by year, owing to the evaporation of the water, the crystals became more numerous and then caked together until this great roof was formed. Many springs surround this lake. After many years the springs will probably become choked with their own deposits, and then the whole will become covered with earth, so that a great salt mine will be formed, a treasure for the Siberians hundreds of years to come.

COMPANIONABLE LONELINESS.

There is a loneliness in the highlands that is not loneliness. Fishing by little blue lochs hid far up among the hills, drifting with the wind, swelling your "lug" sail among the islands, groping your way beneath the rowans and the dwarf oaks up a narrow glen, where the burn leaps blithely down from rock to rock among the fern and moss, sitting still of an evening on the hillside watching the wonderful changing colors of the sunset and the gloaming, you are never lonely.—London News.

DESIRABLE ADDITION.

"We give trading stamps with these bathing suits," said the saleslady.

"Well, I should say you ought to," returned Mrs. Shyley. "Mercy me! I should never think of appearing in a suit like that without something else on, even if it were nothing more than a stamp."—Harper's Weekly.

NO CHANCE.

"I understand that young fellow has \$1,000 saved up."

"Maybe we could interest him in our scheme."

"I fear not. He is already interested in a scheme. He's going to get married."

Legal Matchmaking

By M. BIBBELL

Surely this was a visitor from fairyland, thought John Hartman, as a vision in blue floated toward him through the dusk of the dimly-lighted room; but his fancy was quickly dispelled, for the vision stopped before him and exclaimed in tones of equal surprise and disappointment, "Why, where is Uncle William—I thought you were he!" The young man sprang to his feet. "I am the humble substitute for your uncle. As he was leaving the office a telegram came calling him away. He had just time to tell me of his engagement with you, ask if I could take his place, and then rush for his train. So I am entirely at your disposal if you will accept my services."

After an instant's hesitation the blue fairy gave him a smile and said graciously, "It was kind of you to come, and I shall be glad not to lose the dance. It is my first really and truly grown-up affair. I think you must be John Hartman—uncle has told us of his new law partner."

Delighted at her acceptance of his attendance, he assured her of his identity, and then Fay Darlington retired to don her wrappings.

To John Hartman's surprise, he found his pulse throbbing in a manner entirely new to it, while he eagerly watched the door for her return. He had given no thought to love; since early manhood his desire had been to rise high in the legal profession, and to that ambition all his time was devoted. But he had forgotten his past struggle, his present success and even Bess, alas, as he awaited the coming of his vision in blue, and when Fay appeared he felt as if he should enjoy gazing at her forever.

"Now I am ready," she said. William Darlington's carriage awaited them at the curb. Fay Darlington thoroughly enjoyed the dance and the many attentions which were showered upon her, and at its close was escorted back to her home flushed and happy. She thanked her escort for taking her uncle's place and giving her so much pleasure, and when the heavy door closed behind her John Hartman felt as if he had lost something precious.

Next morning at the office William Darlington asked, "How did Fay enjoy the dance, and what did she think of the change in escorts?"

He expressed great satisfaction when John explained how well everything had gone, and thanked that young man heartily for his services. "By the way," he added, "if your sister and yourself have no previous engagement, we might make a party of four to visit the horse show tomorrow night, Fay and I go every year."

John Hartman hastened to assure Mr. Darlington that the following evening was free.

William Darlington was a man in the early forties, fine looking and bachelor. His affection had all been lavished on the daughter of his only brother; and as this brother had died while Fay was still a baby, she had received almost a father's care from her Uncle William.

Since John Hartman became William Darlington's junior partner that gentleman had made the acquaintance of John's sister, Elizabeth, a handsome and energetic person two years younger than her brother; and since meeting Miss Hartman he had acquired the habit of calling often in the evening to talk over some legal matter with John.

John and Elizabeth Hartman were alone in the world. For ten years Bess had been his housekeeper, and the brother and sister had fully decided that they should never marry, but remain all in all to each other.

After a few evening visits William Darlington awoke to the fact that he was in love with Elizabeth Hartman.

He sought Elizabeth when sure of finding her alone, and quickly began all efforts to win her affections apparently unavailing.

"I cannot leave John. He would be utterly lost without me, and we have promised to stay together always," she told him, in answer to all his pleadings.

After several rebuffs her lawyer lover put his legal faculties to work, and evolved the brilliant scheme of placing brother John in the way of falling in love himself.

The party of four attended the horse show the next evening, and John had no eyes for the show itself, but kept them religiously fastened on the dainty figure at his side. Fay Darlington was only eighteen, a mere child in some respects, and yet with all the pretty wisdom and gentle dignity of maturity caught from her elders.

The senior partner beheld John's evident absorption in his niece with much complacency, and smiled as he congratulated himself on the success of his plotting. Elizabeth Hartman, seated beside him, observed that smile, and glanced at the two who had called it forth. A light seemed to break upon her, for she turned again to him and remarked in a low tone, "I believe you are a deliberate schemer."

"All is fair in love and war," He quoted the saying unabashed, then, "Now do you think that John will be utterly lost without you?" He looked teasingly at her, but all thought of humor vanished as he saw her eyes fill with tears.

"Forgive me," he whispered. "I am only trying to secure John's happiness as well as my own."

"And mine does not matter?" she questioned.

Next morning Darlington felt decidedly blue; for once in his life he feared that he had made a mistake and caused the woman he loved sorrow. He decided to know the worst, and early as possible called to see Elizabeth.

"Tell me, have I made a mess of it?" he asked, advancing to meet her as she entered the room. "You know



"I Am the Humble Substitute."

how much I love you, Elizabeth, and that your happiness is my first thought. I hoped I was working in the right way to give it to you."

Elizabeth smiled. "Perhaps you were," she said. Then, as he made a quick step toward her, she laughingly held up her hands and retreated. "But I shall not tell you until I know how John's affair of the heart is coming out."

That evening, noticing an unusual silence on her brother's part, Elizabeth said to him, "What makes you so quiet, dear; one might fancy you were in love this last day or two, you spend so much time in dreamland."

"What put that idea into your head, Bess?" "It was not hard to guess your complaint at the horse show last night. I am sure you could not have told whether horses or cabbages were on exhibition from anything you saw of it," answered Elizabeth.

"What should you say if your guess was correct, little sister?"

"Why, John, I should say, May good luck attend your wooing."

As this was the last answer John expected he was astonished as well as delighted, and looked at her closely. "Bess, has some one reached your heart at last? I do not know any other explanation for that wish." Elizabeth blushed, but made no other answer, and none was needed. "Now who—" began John, and then the truth came to him. "How stupid I have been—I might have known that I was not the attraction that brought William Darlington here so often."

The following June there was a double wedding.

WEIRD SPORT.

"This new motor car shriek of yours works well?"

"I should say so," said the boy chauffeur. "It'll scare a pedestrian so that he will jump clear from the curbstone right in front of the machine."