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SAVE AND BECOME INDEPENDENT

So long as you look after the little things, the big things will care for themselves. Life is made up of details, and the details of labor of any kind are the dimes and dollars. The way to get power out of steam is to accumulate a head of water—and in order to accumulate the power possibilities of industry, start a bank account with us and accumulate the dollars.

All the great fortunes of the world depend upon the dollar, and every time you save a dollar you can assure yourself just that much comfort in the future.

Farmers National Bank



OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

"A Bank of Personal Service"

TWO GOOD MEN ANNOUNCE FOR COUNTY OFFICES

W. E. Melton and H. C. McGowan of Baird were among the prominent visitors in Cross Plains the first of this week. Mr. McGowan is a brother of Will McGowan, the general manager of the Boydston store here.

Mr. Melton, Gene, as he is popularly known among his many old time friends in this part of the drillings, called at the Review office and placed his announcement with us as a candidate for the office of County Judge. We also have a request from Sheriff Corn to make known his announcement for reelection. Both these parties are true and tried officials in Callahan county and we deem their qualifications are too well known to need any comment at the hands of the Review. Both have served the people faithfully as county officials, Mr. Melton having filled the offices for two terms each as County Treasurer and County Tax Collector, and Sheriff Corn is now completing a second, and so far as we have learned, an entirely satisfactory term in that office. Mr. Melton, before his entrance into

official life, was four years engaged in the mercantile business in Cross Plains and his friends here are numbered by his acquaintances.

Another announcement for county office, which was placed with us last week, is that of Clyde White, who is a candidate for County Tax Collector. From a casual inquiry we learn that Mr. White is a deserving young man and thoroughly qualified to fill this office. We believe the office of tax collector is of vast importance to the people, and great concern is centered around the manner in which it is conducted. We commend Mr. White's claims to the careful consideration of the voters.

An Appeal To You.

To every mother, every school girl and all others interested in the up-building of our school:

Won't you help make our Bazaar a success by contributing some article of your own make suitable for a Christmas gift? The dates are Dec. 16, 17, and 19. Leave article at First Guaranty State Bank.

Mrs. M. E. Wakefield,
Pres. Parent Teachers Assn

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TIME IS Here

We have on display our complete line of Christmas goods for every one. We have gifts for the old folks as well as the young, and will give you a few hints for the young ladies and gentlemen.

Gifts For the Ladies

Wrist Watches
Ivory Sets
Toilet Sets
Perfume
Pearl Necklace
Manicure Sets, Etc.

Gifts For the Gentlemen

Fountain Pens
Cigarette Cases
Cigars
Belt Buckles
Watches
Etc.

Read This, Little Girls and Boys!

We are Santa Claus' partner, and we are sending him around with his pack full of toys for sweet little girls and good little boys.

When you think of buying your Christmas Goods—think of The Cozy Drug Store.

The Cozy Drug Store, Inc.

"Watch Us Grow"

Next Door to Postoffice.

Cross Plains

WELL ON PARKER TRACT MAY BE NEXT COMPLETED

The usual activities, with the developments of each week adding new excitement to the Cross Plains oil field, has been noticeable since our last report. Loads of rig timbers and drilling equipments from the Hilburn and other near-by fields have been passing through the town daily enroute to the proven territory of the south-east field. Drilling in good shape is in progress on about a dozen of the new wells, and all the others are experiencing only a temporary shut-down on account of minor troubles. The three big producers recently completed are still holding up to expectations. The Pennant Oil & Gas Co.'s well on the Parker tract, which is drilling Wednesday morning at a depth nearing the pay sand, will probably be the next completion. Work is still in progress on the Adams well near Burket at a depth of 3475 feet.

An approximative drilling report of the field is given as follows:

Atwood, drilling at 2800 feet.
Harlow, drilling at 1800.
Bryson, drilling at 1400.
Washington & Oregon, Webb, drilling at 1260.
Scott, drilling at 850.
Famby, drilling at 665.
Gooch No. 1, the discovery well of the south-east field, which has

WM. J. EVANS ANNOUNCES FOR CO. TAX ASSESSOR

Wm. J. Evans of Cottonwood was in Cross Plains Wednesday morning of this week, and placed with The Review his announcement as a candidate for the office of Tax Assessor of Callahan county. Mr. Evans is a graduate of Tyler Commercial College, is a fine young man and thoroughly qualified for the duties of the assessor's office. He was born in Callahan county 27 years ago, where he has lived the greater part of his life. He was a member of Co. L., 144 Inf., 36th Div., and served over-seas eleven months. He is an industrious and deserving young man and is caring for his mother, two sisters and a brother, who are depending upon him for support. We believe a favorable consideration of his candidacy by the voters will not be misplaced, and we wish him every success.

I will buy furs in Cross Plains every Saturday during the remainder of this season. G. W. Lee.

been on the pump for a number of months, was shot Monday evening and it is believed its production will be improved when the bridge is cleared out. About six new rigs are building and new locations are being made daily.

We'll Save You Money On Your Cash Purchases For X-mas

During this time of general depression in lines of farm products you will want to get all you can for the money you spend.

By selling STRICTLY FOR CASH we feel we can accomplish much for you along this line.

We carry a complete line of groceries and a splendid assortment of ladies and childrens ready-to-wear.

Fresh vegetables every Friday and Saturday.

W. E. BUTLER

SLAUGHTER KILLED BY CONVICT WHOM HE RELEASED

Splashed with blood, the top of his head blown off by two bullets from a 45-caliber Colt automatic revolver, the body of Tom Slaughter, notorious desperado, who led six negro murders and a white convict from the state prison at Little Rock Thursday night of last week, was found in the woods, twelve miles from Benton by searchers shortly before noon Saturday.

Slaughter's body lay as if in sleep. He had not stirred when the bullets from a pistol in the hand of J. C. Howard, forger and fellow convict, put an end to his career as a bad man. Howard, who now avers that he joined Slaughter in his break for freedom with the purpose of "getting him," had shot him as he lay in sleep.

Slaughter's body was discovered in the spot described by Howard shortly before noon by G. A. Fowler of Benton. Two bullets in the brain and one in the breast had killed Slaughter instantly. Almost his whole head had been blown off. A bullet wound in his left hand was thought to have been received in an encounter with a posse Friday.

Although the searchers, sixty strong, started out early in the morn-

ing, their progress was delayed by the thick underbrush and difficult country. The place where the body was found is a mile from the nearest dwelling, and fully two miles from a road.

Slaughter, who had been sentenced to death in the electric chair, the date of the electrocution being Dec. 15, for the murder of Deputy Sheriff R. Brown near Hot Springs, made his sensational escape from the Arkansas penitentiary Thursday night of last week. It is believed by authorities that his escape had been well planned by outside confederates. An automatic revolver had been smuggled into his cell, and feigning sickness during the night, he succeeded in getting the guard to open his cell door. Then the daring antics of a Rube Burrows or Jesse James characterized the remainder of his escape from the prison. He locked up the entire guard and officials who were on the premises and escaped in the warden's car. He offered freedom to all the criminal population of the penitentiary, but only seven convicts followed him. Slaughter, although a young man, was classed as one of the most daring desperadoes in the country.

Glass, putty, building paper and tacks. Get ready for cold weather, Shackelford's Lumber Store.

RIG TIMBERS

Oak and Pine
Cants, Nails
Babbit

Let us give you a turn-key job on your next derrick.

JOE H. SHACKELFORD'S

Lumber, Paint and Hardware Store

The Home of Sherwin-Williams Paints

CROSS PLAINS

TEXAS

CHILD STARVES TO DEATH IN WOODS

Death from hunger and exhaustion in a woods was the result of little Martha McLeod's attempt to follow her older brother when he went hunting from their home near Florene Texas, Thursday of last week.

Unable longer to retain her feet she fell to the ground and when discovered by neighbors who had been frantically searching for her for almost two days, was dead.

The two children were home alone, when the boy decided to go hunting. He did not know his sister had followed him, until he returned and discovered that she was missing.

Neighbors were notified and searching parties combed the surrounding woods and fields for more than twenty-four hours before they found the little one. She was lying on the ground, where she had dropped, thoroughly exhausted. There were mute evidences that she had struggled desperately to regain her feet in another effort to find her brother or get her bearings and return home.

STORES ALL DRESSED UP FOR CHRISTMAS

All the stores in Cross Plains have put on their Christmas attire and many of the valuable pre-holiday offerings they are making are quite generally reflected in the columns of the Review. Many beautiful as well as useful articles for gift purposes are to be seen in the show windows and cases. On the counters and otherwise artistically displayed. The Boydston store is conducting a big clean up sale that is attracting unusual interest, and many of the other stores are offering exceptional Christmas bargains. Read all the advertisements in the Review. They will be a great help in making your purchases. Cross Plains prices on anything you need cannot be discounted at Brownwood or any of the other surrounding towns.

Mrs. A. W. Orrell, who was carried to the sanitarium at Waco last week, was operated upon last Monday morning and reports state that she is recovering nicely.

THRIFT

Thrift consists not solely in saving, but in spending wisely, and the man who invests with prudence and judgment is more thrifty than the hoarders.

The miser with all his millions hid away in some remote place can never be called a thrifty man.

To be thrifty requires good judgment and good management, which mean safe investments, and at any time we can be of service to you in your investments, it will be our pleasure to give both our time and experience, for our service is at your command.

"A Guaranty Fund Bank"

The First Guaranty State Bank

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

M. E. Wakefield, Pres.

C. C. Neeb, Cashier

Three Trial Bottles of Perfume for Your Own Test



Before Christmas try this fascinating method of determining the real value of different perfumes.

Let us send you three miniature vials of perfume with instructions for duplicating the famous international perfume test. You can then choose for yourself the special perfume which will surround you with that individual atmosphere of fragrance that so delightfully portrays your personality.

This famous test was conducted by two prominent New York men, assisted by a jury of 103 women—famous actresses—college girls—society women—all fastidious about their perfume. It not only demonstrated beyond a question of a doubt how the individual can safely select her personal perfume, but it developed some surprising facts about the real preference of these fastidious women. Every girl should read this interesting story; it is told in a little folder packed in each test equipment package.

Three trial size vials of wonderful fragrance—a package of perfume stencils—full instructions for use and the story of the famous test—all packed to reach you safely—for a two cent stamp and your address. Send today to Perfume Test Bldg., COLGATE & Co., P. O. Box 645, City Hall Station, New York City.

There's heart's delight in COLGATE Perfumes

Muriel's Birthday.

The first two or three meant nothing in her young life. Then she began to observe them. Then she began to celebrate them. Then she not only celebrated them, but advertised them. Then she decided that it would be wiser just to observe them. Then she began to wish that she hadn't observed them. Then she ignored them. Then finally she denied them. However, there are always a few kind friends to remind her of them, and to keep the score for her.

Judgment Verified.

"He looks like a fool." "But, papa, he has asked me to marry him." "Has he? Well, don't ever tell me I can't size up people."—Boston Transcript.

In making improvements, get an estimate of the cost and then add from 10 to 25 per cent.

Always Plenty of Stretch
—no rubber to rot
in Nu-Way and EXCELLO SUSPENSERS
Guaranteed One Year—Price 75¢
Ask your dealer for Nu-Way or Excello
Guaranteed Suspensives, Garters and Hose Supporters
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CALOMEL GOOD BUT NEXT DOSE MAY SALIVATE

It Is Mercury, Quicksilver, Shocks Liver and Attacks Your Bones.

Calomel salivation is horrible. It swells the tongue, loosens the teeth and starts rheumatism. There's no reason why a person should take sickening, salivating calomel when a few cents buys a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone—a perfect substitute for calomel. It is a pleasant vegetable liquid which will start your liver just as surely as calomel, but it doesn't make you sick and can not salivate. Calomel is a dangerous drug; besides, it may make you feel weak, sick and nauseated tomorrow. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone instead and you will wake up feeling great. No salts necessary. Your druggist says if you don't find Dodson's Liver Tone acts better than treacherous calomel your money is waiting for you.—Advertisement.

This Crow Worth a Fortune.
Ten thousand dollars is said to have been refused by the owner of a trained crow which is now engaged in doing some stage stunts in this country.

MOTHER!

Your Child's Bowels Need "California Fig Syrup"



Hurry Mother! A teaspoonful of "California Fig Syrup" now will thoroughly clean the little bowels and in a few hours you have a well, playful child again. Even a cross, feverish, constipated child loves its "fruity" taste, and mothers can rest easy because it never fails to work all the sour bile and poisons right out of the stomach and bowels without griping or upsetting the child. Tell your druggist you want only the genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother, you must say "California." Refuse any imitation. Advertisement.

No Impediments.

Nobody knew how old he was, but it was common knowledge that he had received the old-age pension ever since its inception. Yesterday, however, he looked as young as ever, and possibly happier than fifty years ago. "I'm a-going to be married," was his comment. "And what's more, I'm a-going to be married with the full consent of all the children on both sides."—London Chronicle.

DANDERINE

Stops Hair Coming Out; Thickens, Beautifies.



35 cents buys a bottle of "Danderine" at any drug store. After one application you can not find a particle of dandruff or a falling hair. Besides, every hair shows new life, vigor, brightness, more color and abundance.—Advertisement.

Lived in Different Worlds.
Marks—"So they separated on account of incompatibility." Parks—"Yes, he talked golf and she talked bridge."

The man who travels over the road behind you is in a position to sidestep your missteps.

MURINE
Night and Morning, Have Strong, Healthy Eyes. If they Tingle, Itch, Smart or Burn, if Sore, Irritated, Inflamed or Granulated, use Murine often. Soothes, Refreshes. Safe for Infant or Adult. At all Druggists. Write for Free Eye Book. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago

STATE NEWS

Geological surveys of three Pecos River reclamation projects are to be made by N. H. Darton of the United States Geological Survey.

Men and teams in numbers are arriving and work on the Bankhead National Highway through Howard County is to be started at once.

Quail are plentiful in East Texas, but farmers have posted their places so extensively this season that it is difficult to find hunting grounds.

The greatest Texas unemployment is among unskilled workers, however, skilled mechanics in the building trades are more generally employed.

Mrs. T. J. Bridges, who lives south of Weatherford, brought in a load of turkeys recently, and one gobbler weighed 33 pounds, for which she received \$9.80.

Permission for a parade of unemployed in Dallas, requested last week of city authorities was declined by Mayor Sawnie Aldredge and Chief of Police Elmo Strait.

The Rev. J. L. Finnell, pastor of the First Christian Church at Paris, surprised and delighted the church board when he voluntarily reduced his own salary \$600 a year.

Two hundred fan-tail and common pigeons at Forest Park zoo, Dallas, will be sold as a result of evidence that germs are being transmitted to animals in the zoo by the birds.

The public school building at Maloney burned last week. The fire is believed to have been due to a defective flue. The building, which was valued at about \$3,000, was insured for \$1200.

Dr. J. H. Ray, practicing physician of Denton and former County Health Officer, has been accepted by the board of foreign missions of the Methodist Church for medical missionary work and will be sent to Old Mexico.

More than 400 fowls were on exhibit at Amarillo last week at the opening of the Panhandle-Plains Tri-State Poultry Show. These birds represented the pedigreed flocks of the Panhandle and parts of Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The citizens of Hutchinson County in the North Plains have presented a proposition to the North Texas & Santa Fe Railway, which now operates between Shattuck, Okla., and Spearman, Texas, to extend this line from Spearman westward through Hutchinson County.

Excellent results have been achieved during the tour of Mexico by the train of pure-bred live stock sent to the Republic following the Texas State Fair, according to Robert C. Lowry, who has returned to Dallas after accompanying the train over most of the route.

Last week, while F. P. Whipple, Deputy Revenue Collector, and Dave Alliston were en route to Marshall from Longview in a coupe the car caught fire about three miles out of Longview and was destroyed. While they were fighting the fire a stranger drove up and jumped out to assist them. When he went to crank his car it ran over him and broke two of his ribs.

Hamilton County has been released from glanders quarantine by Dr. W. R. McQuiston, acting State Veterinarian. Dr. McQuiston announced that the quarantine is lifted following reports that all animals found to have glanders in a recent test have been slaughtered and their carcasses burned.

A program of education involving a number of constructive features to be placed before the Masons of Texas, covering the field of blue lodge activities from the study clubs in the subordinate lodges to the Masonic home and school at Fort Worth, was submitted to the Texas Grand Lodge in its 68th annual session by Andrew L. Randall, most worshipful grand master.

A County Judge may with consent of the Commissioners' Court employ a stenographer under the statute authorizing employment of assistants, according to an opinion given by the Attorney General's Department.

Scores of farmers in wagons, buggies and automobiles are bringing in seed cotton in 30 and 40-pound sacks and selling it to the gins. It represents "sorapped" cotton, to obtain a sackful of which 20 or 30 acres may have been picked over.

The Baptist Missionary Association of Texas will spend the months of December, January and February in an effort to interest every Baptist Church in Texas in an enlistment campaign.

A formal injunction restraining striking packing house workers from picketing the plant of Armour & Co. at Fort Worth, was issued by Judge Bruce Young in the Forty-Eighth District Court last week, upon petition of the packing house company.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 18

PAUL'S LAST WORDS.

LESSON TEXT—II Tim. 4:6-18.
GOLDEN TEXT—I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.—II Tim. 4:7.
REFERENCE MATERIAL—Rom. 8:37-39; I Cor. 15:57; Rev. 3:21.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Last Words From Paul.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Close of a Victorious Life.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Paul's Final Triumph.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Lessons for Today From the Life of Paul.

I. Paul's View of Death (v. 6).
Set forth in two metaphors:
1. An Offering (v. 6). "I am ready to be offered." This specifically meant a drink offering—a libation. The shedding of his blood was to be an offering poured out upon the sacred altar as an act of worship. Death can only be an offering to God when the life has been wholly yielded to the doing of God's will. This was preeminently true of Paul, for he could say, "For to me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21).

2. A Departure (v. 6). "The time of my departure is at hand." The same idea is expressed in Philippians 1:23. "Departure" is a nautical term which signifies the loosing of a ship from its moorings, in order to enter upon its voyage. It is not the end of the voyage, but its beginning.

II. Paul's Backward Glance at Life (v. 7).
This backward look is presented in three figures:

1. "I have fought a good fight." The figure here is that of a soldier. The Christian life is a warfare of difficulties, conflicts, dangers and temptations. As a soldier, the Christian must fight and overcome all these.

2. "I have finished my course." The figure is that of an athlete who sets out to win a race. The Christian life is a race to be run; we must not only begin the race, but persistently run to the end.

3. "I have kept the faith." The figure is that of a husbandman to whom had been entrusted a treasure. This treasure was the Christian faith. He was conscious of having been faithful to the trust committed. He had many temptations to give it up, but to the end maintained his fidelity of his vow to Christ.

III. Paul's Forward Look to the Future (v. 8).

This is a beautiful picture of calm confidence at the end of a period of faithful service. Though knowing that death was awaiting him, there was no dark cloud before him, because the glory of a completed task rested upon him.

1. He saw before him a life with God. Fellowship with God is a prize greatly to be desired.

2. A prize laid up—A crown of righteousness. This award will be given at the coming of the Lord to all who love His appearing.

IV. Paul's Associates (vv. 9-12).

1. Demas, the renegade (v. 10). Demas has become immortalized as one who was religious, but because of the attractions of the world he went after it. The love of the world caused him to turn his back upon principle, friendship, honor and duty.

2. Luke, the faithful (v. 11). Perhaps he was the best fitted of all to minister unto Paul. Luke was faithful whether in shipwreck, imprisonment, journeying by land and sea.

3. Mark, the restored runaway (v. 11). Mark had gone back, but he was restored. Though we have failed, we can redeem ourselves and become trustworthy.

V. Personal Matters (vv. 13-18).

1. Bring the cloak, books and parchments (v. 13). In the jail the cloak would be needed for his comfort. The books and parchments would be needed for his study and writing.

2. Alexander, the coppersmith (v. 14, 15). We have no way of determining when this deed was committed. It was given as a warning to Timothy.

3. Defended by the Lord though for saken by men (vv. 16-18). Paul in his last trying hours was much like his Lord—left alone. He says, "All men forsook me." It was said of Christ, "They all forsook Him and fled." Paul manifests a like spirit, "I pray God that it might not be laid to their charge." Christ said, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Though it was wrong for them to leave Him alone, He not only forgave them, but prayed that the Lord might forgive them. Paul had so completely lived for Christ, and his fellowship with Him was so complete, that he was alone in this dreadful hour.

Finding Joy.

There are souls in the world who have the gift of finding joy everywhere, and leaving it behind them when they go. Their influence is an inevitable gladdening of the heart. They give light without meaning to shine. Their bright hearts have a great work to do for God.—Frederic W. Faber.

Delight in God's Word.
All noble art is the expression of man's delight in God's work; not in his own.—Ruskin

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Send your shoes to us, and we will repair them, using the best material, and do you good honest work. Return them promptly, and let you pay for them on delivery. Our prices are reasonable, and we will do our best to please you. Address: **BEEMAN SHOE CO., Inc., Dallas, Tex.**



"Miss Lily White will please stand up!"
But Phoebe upward wriggled:
"I'm Lily White—with Faultless Starch."
And all the Pupils giggled.



Appropriate.
"This old grouch can't find anything to suit him." "Show him the crab apples," directed the grocer.

There is nothing more satisfactory after a day of hard work than a line full of snowy white clothes. For such results use Red Cross Ball Blue.—Advertisement.

SURGICAL WORK IN MID-AIR
French Authorities Equip Airplanes With Every Appliance Necessary for Any Operation.

The French authorities have found airplanes so useful for transport and other services in their colonial territories that they intend to introduce large multi-engined airplanes, which will be assigned, with a pilot and a small staff of mechanics, to surgeons who have large territories to cover. The cabins will be equipped as operating theaters possessing every life-saving device that modern surgery can suggest. The surgeon, with his assistant acting as anesthetist, will be able to perform major as well as minor operations just as readily in remote areas as if he had his patient in a well-equipped hospital. It will be possible, should a patient in transit develop any suddenly adverse symptoms, to perform a delicate operation in mid-air.

Reverse English.
Edith—Gladys and Harold have broken off.
Grace—Yes, I heard they had denounced their engagement.

The man that borrows trouble surely has to pay compound interest.
If porous plasters are not beneficial they are at least hole-some.

Bayonets think, said Kossuth. And they also make whole nations blink.

When a Federal Bureau reminds you that children should not drink coffee or tea—why not think of your own health?

The Federal Bureau of Education includes in its rules to promote health among the Nation's school children, the warning that children should not drink coffee or tea.

The reason is well known. Coffee and tea contain drugs which stimulate and often over-excite the nerves, and so upset health.

The harm is by no means confined to children, as any doctor can tell you.

If health is valuable to childhood, it is valuable always. If harm to health should be avoided until bodies grow up, is it worth taking a chance with health when bodies have grown up?

You can have that delicious and satisfying cereal beverage, Postum, with any meal, and be safe—you, and the children, too. There's charm without harm in Postum.

Postum comes in two forms: Instant Postum (in tins) made instantly in the cup by the addition of boiling water. Postum Cereal (in packages of larger bulk, for those who prefer to make the drink while the meal is being prepared) made by boiling for 20 minutes. Sold by all grocers.

The road to health is a good road for anybody to follow

The Green Pea Pirates

By PETER B. KYNE

Author of "WEBSTER—MAN'S MAN," "THE VALLEY OF THE GIANTS," Etc.

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HORRID WAR.

Synopsis.—Captain Phineas P. Scraggs has grown up around the docks of San Francisco, and from mess boy on a river steamer, risen to the ownership of the steamer Maggie. Since each annual inspection promised to be the last of the old weatherbeaten vessel, Scraggs naturally has some difficulty in securing a crew. When the story opens, Adelbert P. Gibney, likable, but erratic, a man whom nobody but Scraggs would hire, is the skipper, Neils Halvorsen, a solemn Swede, constitutes the fore-castle hands, and Bart McGuffey, a wastrel of the Gibney type, reigns in the engine room. With this motley crew and his ancient vessel, Captain Scraggs is engaged in freighting garden truck from Halfmoon bay to San Francisco. The inevitable happens; the Maggie goes ashore in a fog, a passing vessel hailing the wreck, Mr. Gibney gets word to a towing company in San Francisco that the ship ashore is the Yankee Prince, with promise of a rich salvage. Two tugs succeed in pulling the Maggie into deep water, and she slips her tow lines and gets away in the fog. Furious at the deception practiced on them, Captains Hicks and Flaherty, commanding the two tugboats, ascertain the identity of the "Yankee Prince" and, fearing ridicule should the facts become known along the water front, determine on personal vengeance. Their hostile visit to the Maggie results in Captain Scraggs promising to get a new boiler and make needed repairs to the steamer. Scraggs refuses to fulfill his promises and Gibney and McGuffey "strike." With marvelous luck, Scraggs ships a fresh crew. At the end of a few days of wild conviviality Gibney and McGuffey are stranded and seek their old positions on the Maggie. They are hostilely received, but remain. On their way to San Francisco they sight a derelict and Gibney and McGuffey swim to it. The derelict proves to be the Chesapeake, richly laden, its entire crew stricken with scurvy. Scraggs attempts to tow her in, but the Maggie is unequal to the task and Gibney and McGuffey, alone, sail the ship to San Francisco, their salvage money amounting to \$1,000 apiece. His crew having deserted him, Captain Scraggs induces them to return. At an "old harbor" sale the three purchase two mysterious boxes which they believe to contain smuggled "Oriental goods." They find, instead, two dead Chinamen. Scraggs seeks to "double cross" his two associates, but Mr. Gibney outwits him and makes a satisfactory financial settlement with the Chinese company to whom the bodies have been consigned, leaving Scraggs out in the cold. Gibney presents McGuffey's action in lending money to Scraggs without consulting him, and after a terrific wordy combat the three separate, McGuffey becoming assistant engineer on an oil tanker, Gibney disappearing, and Scraggs, forced to lay up the Maggie, takes a subordinate position on a ferry steamer. Senor Lopez, Mexican revolutionist, makes Scraggs a generous offer for transportation of munitions to Lower California. Scraggs accepts, and the old Maggie is once more put into commission. Arriving at his destination, Scraggs finds his old companion, Mr. Gibney, is the consinee. Time having softened animosities, the reunion is joyful.

CHAPTER IX—Continued.

"Why?" demanded Captain Scraggs, instantly on the defensive.

"Not that I'm holdin' any grudge agin you, Scraggs," said Mr. Gibney affably, "but I wouldn't a-had you no more now than I would when we was runnin' in the green-pea trade. It's because you ain't got no imagination, and the Maggie ain't big enough for my purpose. Havin' the Maggie sort of puts a crimp in my plans."

"Rot," snapped Captain Scraggs. "I've had the Maggie overhauled and shipped a new wheel, and she's a mighty smart little boat, I'll tell you. I'll land them arms in Descanso bay all right."

"I know you will," said Mr. Gibney sadly. "That's just what hurts. You see, Scraggs, I never intended 'em for Descanso bay in the first place. There's a nice healthy little revolution fomentin' down in the United States of Colombia, with Adelbert P. Gibney playin' both ends to the middle. And there's a dog-hole down on the Gold coast where I intended to land this cargo, but now that Scab Johnny's gone to work and sent me a bay scow instead of a sea-goin' steamer, I'm in the nine-hole instead of dog-hole. I can never get as far as the Gold coast with the Maggie. She can't carry coal enough to last her."

"But I thought these guns and things was for the Mexicans," quavered Captain Scraggs. "Scab Johnny and Lopez told me they was."

Mr. Gibney groaned and hid his face in his hands. "Scraggs," he said sadly. "It's a cinch you ain't used the past four years to stimulate that imagination of yours. Of course they was purchased for the Mexicans, but what was to prevent me from lettin' the Mexicans pay for them, help out on the charter of the boat, and then have me divert the cargo to the United States of Colombia, where I can sell 'em at a clear profit, the cost bein' nothin' to speak of? Now you got to come buttin' in with the Maggie, and what happens? Why, I got to be honest, of course. I got to make good on my bluff, and what's in it for me?"

Nothin' but glory. Can you hock a chunk of glory for ham and eggs, Phineas Scraggs? Not on your life. If it hadn't been for you buttin' in with your blasted, rotten hulk of a fresh-water skiff, I'd—"

Mr. Gibney paused ominously and savagely bit the end of his cigar. As for Captain Scraggs, every drop of blood in his body was boiling in defense of the ship he loved.

"You're a pirate," he shrieked.

"And you're just as big a lornet as you ever was," replied Mr. Gibney. "Always buzzin' around where you ain't wanted. But still, what's the use of hawlin' over spilt milk? We'll drop into San Diego for a couple of hours and take on coal, and about sunset we'll pull out and make the run down to Descanso bay in the dark. We might as well forget the past and put this thing through as per program. Only I saw visions of a schooner all my own, Scraggsy, an'—well, what's the use? What's the use? Scraggsy, you're a natural-born war-pilot. Always buttin' in, buttin' in, fit for nothin' but the green-pea trade. However, I guess I can turn in to my old berth and get some sleep. But the old girl under a slow bell and save your coal. We'll have to fool away four or five hours in San Diego anyhow and there ain't no sense in crowdin' the old hulk."

"Gib," said Captain Scraggs, "was that really your fit-to-steel the cargo, double-cross the insurrecto junta, and sell out to a furrin' country?"

"Of course it was," said Mr. Gibney pettishly. "They all do such things in the banana republics. Why should I be an exception? There's half a dozen different gangs fightin' each other and the government in Mexico, and if I don't deliver these arms, just see all the lives I'll be savin'. And after I got the cargo to Colombia and sold it, I could have peached on the rebels there, and got a reward for it, and saved a lot more lives, and come away rich and respected."

"By the Lord Harry," said Captain Scraggs, "but you've got an imagination, Gib. I'll swear to that. Gib, I take off my hat to you. You're all right and shipshape and no loose ends bobbin' around you. Don't tell me th' scheme's got 't fall through, Gib. Great snakes, don't tell me that. Ain't there some way o' gettin' around it? There must be. Why, Gib, my dear boy, I never heard of such a grand lay in my life. It's a absolute winner. Don't give up, Gib. Oil up your imagination and find a way out. Let's get together, Gib, and make a little money. Dang it all, Gib, I been lonesome ever since I seen you last."

"Well," replied Mr. Gibney, "I'll turn in and try to scheme a way out, but I don't hold out no hope. Not a ray of it. I'm afraid, Scraggsy, we've got to be honest."

Saying which, Mr. Gibney hopped up into his berth, stretched his huge legs, and fell asleep with his clothes on. Captain Scraggs looked him over with the closest approach to affection that had ever lightened his cold gray eye, and sighing heavily, presently went on deck. As he passed up the companion-way, the first mate heard him murmur:

"Gib's a fine lad. I'll be darned if he ain't."

At six o'clock next morning the Maggie was rounding Point Loma, heading in for San Diego bay, and Captain Scraggs went below and awakened Mr. Gibney.

"What's for breakfast, Scraggsy, old kid?" asked Mr. Gibney.

"Fried eggs," said Captain Scraggs, remembering Mr. Gibney's partiality for that form of nutriment in the vanished days of the green-pea trade.

"Ham an' fried eggs an' a sizzlin' pot o' coffee. Thought a way out o' our mess, Gib?"

"Not yet," replied Mr. Gibney as he rolled out of bed, "but eggs is always stimulat'in', and I don't give up hope on a full stomach."

An hour later they were tied up with the coal bunkers, and at Mr. Gibney's suggestion some twenty tons of sacked coal were piled on top of the fore-castle head and on the main deck for'd, in case of emergency. They lay in the harbor all day until about four o'clock, when Mr. Gibney, by virtue of his authority as supercargo, ordered the lines cast off and the Maggie steamed out of the harbor. Off Point Loma they veered to the south, leaving the Coronado Islands on the starboard quarter, ten miles to the west. Mr. Gibney was below with Captain Scraggs, battling with the problem that confronted them, when the mate stuck his head down the companion-way to report a large power schooner coming out from the lee of the Coronados and standing off on a course calculated to intercept the Maggie in an hour or two.

Captain Scraggs and Mr. Gibney sprang up on the bridge at once, the latter with Scraggs' long glass up to his eye.

"She was hoove to under the lee of the island, and the minute we came out of the harbor and turned south she come nosin' after us," said the mate.

"Hum," muttered Mr. Gibney. "Gasoline schooner. Two masts and bald-headed. About a hundred and twenty-

ton, I should say, and showin' a pretty pair of heels. There's somethin' up for'd—yes—let me see—ye-es, there's two more—holy savior! It's a gunboat! One of those doggone gas-ol' coast patrol boats, and there's the federal flag flyin' at the fore."

"Let's put back to San Diego bay," quavered Captain Scraggs. "I'll be darned if I relish the idee o' losin' the Maggie."

"Too late," said the philosophical Gibney. "We're in Mexican waters now, and she can cut us off from the bay. The only thing we can do is to run for it and try to lose her after dark. Tell the engineer to crowd her to the limit. There ain't much wind to speak of, so I guess we can manage to hold our own for a while. Nevertheless, I've got a hunch that we'll be overhauled. Of course, you ain't got no papers to show, Scraggs, and they'll search the cargo, and confiscate us, and shoot the whole bloomin' crowd of us. I bet a dollar to a doughnut that fellow Lopez sold us out, after the fashion of the country. I can't help thinkin' that that gunboat was there just a-waitin' for us to show up."

For several minutes Mr. Gibney continued to study the gunboat until there could no longer be any doubt that she intended to overhaul them. He made out that she had a long gun for'd, with a battery of two one-pounders on top or her house and something on her port quarter that looked like a Maxim rapid-fire gun. About twenty men, dressed in white cloth, could be seen on her decks.

Presently Mr. Gibney was interrupted by Captain Scraggs pulling at his sleeve.

"You was a gunner once, wasn't you, Gib?" said Captain Scraggs in a trembling voice.

"You bet I was," replied Mr. Gibney. "My shootin' won the trophy three times in succession when I was on the old Kearsarge. If I had one good gun and a half-decent crew, I'd knock that gunboat silly before she knew what had hit her."

"Gib, I've got an idee," said Captain Scraggs.

"Out with it," said Mr. Gibney cheerfully.

"There was four little cannon lowered into the hold the last thing before we put on the main hatch, and the ammunition to load 'em with is stowed in the after hold and very easy to get at."

Mr. Gibney turned a beaming face to the skipper, reached out his arms, and folded Captain Scraggs in an embrace that would have done credit to a grizzly bear. There were genuine tears of admiration in his eyes and in his voice when he could master his emotions sufficiently to speak.

"Scraggsy, old tarpot, you've been a long time comin' through on the imagination, but you're sure arrived with all sail set. I always thought you had about as much nerve as an oyster, but I take it all back. We'll get out them two little jackass guns and fight a naval battle, and if I don't sink that Mexican gunboat, and save the Mag-



"I'd Sooner Die Fightin' Than Let Them Stand Me Up Agin a Wall in Ensenada."

gie, feed me to the sharks, for I won't be worthy of the blood that's in me. Pipe all hands and lift off that main hatch. Reeve a block and tackle through that cargo gaff and stand by to heave out the guns."

But Captain Scraggs had repented of his rash suggestion almost the moment he made it. Only the dire necessity of desperate measures to save the Maggie had prompted him to put the idea into Mr. Gibney's head, and when he saw the avidity with which the latter set to work clearing for action, his terror knew no bounds.

"Oh, Gib," he wailed, "I'm afraid we better not try to lick that gunboat after all. They might sink us with all hands."

"Rats!" said Mr. Gibney, as he

leaped into the hold. "Bear a light here until I can root out the wheels of these guns. Here they are, labeled 'cream separator.' Stand by with that sling to—"

"But, Gib, my dear boy," protested Captain Scraggs, "this is insanity!"

"I know it," said Mr. Gibney calmly. "Scraggsy, you're perfectly right. But I'd sooner die fightin' than let them stand me up agin a wall in Ensenada. We're filibusters, Scraggsy, and we're caught with the goods. I, for one, am goin' down with the steamer Maggie, but I'm goin' down fightin' like a bear."

"Maybe—maybe we can outrun her, Gib," half sobbed Captain Scraggs.

"No hope," replied Mr. Gibney. "Fight and die is the last resort. She's eight miles astern and gainin' every minute, and when she's within two miles she'll open fire. Of course, we won't be hit unless they've got a Yankee gunner aboard."

"Let's run up the Stars and Stripes and dare 'em to fire on us," said Captain Scraggs.

"No," said Mr. Gibney firmly, "my old man died for the flag an' I've sailed under it too long to hide behind it when I'm in Dutch. We'll fight. If you was ever navigatin' officer on a Colombian gunboat, Scraggs, you'd realize what it means to run from a Mexican."

Captain Scraggs said nothing further. Perhaps he was a little ashamed of himself in the face of Mr. Gibney's simple faith in his own ability; perhaps in his veins, all unknown, there flowed a taint of the heroic blood of some forgotten sea-dog. Be that as it may, something did dwell in his breast when Mr. Gibney spoke of the flag and his scornful to hide behind it, and Scraggs' snaggle teeth came together with a snap.

"All right, Gib, my boy," he said solemnly, "I'm with you. Mrs. Scraggs has slipped her cable and there ain't nobody to mourn for me. But if we can't fight under the Stars and Stripes, by the tail of the Great Sacred Bull, we'll have a flag of our own," and leaving Mr. Gibney and the crew to get the guns on deck, Captain Scraggs ran below. He appeared on deck presently with a long blue burgee on which was emblazoned in white letters the single word Maggie. It was his own houseflag, and with trembling hands he ran it to the fore and cast its wrinkled folds to the breeze of heaven.

"Good old dishcloth!" shrieked Mr. Gibney. "She never comes down."

"D—d if she does," said Captain Scraggs profanely.

While all this was going on, a deckhand had reeved a block and tackle through the end of the cargo gaff and passed it to the winch. The two guns came out of the hold in jig-time, and while Scraggs and one deckhand opened the after hold and got out ammunition for the guns, Mr. Gibney, assisted by the other deckhand, proceeded to put one of the guns together. He was shrewd enough to realize that he would have to do practically all of the work of serving the gun himself, in view of which condition one gun would have to defend the Maggie. He had never seen a mountain gun before, but he did not find it difficult to put the simple mechanism together.

"Now, then, Scraggsy," he announced cheerfully when the gun was finally assembled on the carriage, "set a sizeable timber an' spike it to the center of the deck. I'll run the trail spade up against that cleat an' that'll keep the recoil from lettin' the gun go backward, clean through the opposite rail and overhead. Gimme a coupler gallons of distillate an' some waste, somebody. This cosmoline's got to come out of the tube an' out o' the breech mechanism before we commence shootin'."

The enemy had approached within three miles by the time the piece was ready for action. Under Mr. Gibney's instructions Captain Scraggs held the fuse setter in case it should be necessary to adjust with shrapnel. Mr. Gibney inserted his sights and took a preliminary squirt. "A little different from gun-pointin' in the navy, but about the same principle," he declared. "In the army I believe they call this kind o' shootin' direct fire, because you sight direct on the target." He scratched his ingenious head and examined the ammunition. "Not a high explosive shell in the lot," he mourned. "I'll have to use percussion fire to get the range; then I'll drop back a little an' spray her with shrapnel. Seems a pity to smash up a fine schooner like that one with percussion fire. I'd rather tickle 'em up a bit with shrapnel an' scare 'em into runnin' away."

He got out the lanyard, slipped a cartridge in the breech, paused, and scratched his head again. His calm deliberation was driving Scraggs crazy. He reminded Mr. Gibney with some asperity that they were not attending a strawberry festival and for the love of heaven to get busy.

"I'm estimatin' the range, you snipe," Gibney retorted. "Looks to be about three miles to me. A little long, maybe, for this gun, but—there's nothin' like tryin', and he sighted carefully. "Fire," he bawled as the Mag-

gie rested an instant in the trough of the sea—and a deckhand jerked the lanyard. Instantly Mr. Gibney clapped the long glass to his eye.

"Good direction—over," he murmured. "I'll lay on her waterline next time." He jerked open the breech, ejected the cartridge case, and rammed another cartridge home. This shot struck the water directly under the schooner's bow and threw water over her forecastle head. Mr. Gibney smiled, spat overboard, and winked confidently at Captain Scraggs. "Like spearin' fish in a bath tub," he declared. He bent over the fuse setter. "Corrector three zero," he intoned, "four eight hundred." He thrust a cartridge in the fuse setter, twisted it, slammed it in the gun, and fired again. "Over," he growled.

Something whined over the Maggie and threw up a waterspout half a mile beyond her.

"Dubs," jeered Mr. Gibney, and sighted again. This time his shrapnel burst neatly on the schooner. Almost simultaneously a shell from the schooner dropped into the sacked coal on the fore-castle head of the Maggie and enveloped her in a black pall of smoke and coal dust. Captain Scraggs screamed.

"It for rat," the philosophical Gibney reminded him. "We can't expect to get away with everything, Scraggsy, old kiddo." The words were scarcely out of his mouth before the Maggie's mainmast and about ten feet of her ancient railing were trailing along-side. Mr. Gibney whistled softly



"My Maggie's Tail Is Shot Away."

through his teeth and successfully sprayed the Mexican again. "It breaks my heart to ruin that craft's canvas," he declared, and let her have it once more.

"My Maggie's tail is shot away," Captain Scraggs wailed, "an' I only rebuilt it a week ago." Three more shots from the long gun missed them, but the fourth carried away the cabin, leaving the wreck of the pilot house, with the helmsman unscathed, sticking up like a sore thumb.

"Turn her around and head straight for them," the gallant Gibney roared. "She's a smaller target comin' bows on. We're broadside to her now."

"Gib, will you ever sink that Greaser?" Captain Scraggs sobbed hysterically.

"Don't want to sink her," the supercargo retorted. "She's a nice little schooner. I'd rather capture her. Maybe we can use her in our business, Scraggsy," and he continued to shower the enemy with high bursting shrapnel. When the two vessels were less than two miles apart the one-pounders came into action. It was pretty shooting and the wicked little shells ripped through the old Maggie like buckshot through a roll of butter. Mr. Gibney slid flat on the deck beside his gun and Captain Scraggs sprawled beside him.

"A feller," Mr. Gibney announced, "has got to take a beatin' while lookin' for an openin' to put over the knock-out blow. If the old Maggie holds together till we're within a cable length o' that schooner an' we ain't all killed by that time, I bet I'll make them skunks sing soft an' low."

"How?" Captain Scraggs chattered. "With muzzle bursts," Mr. Gibney replied. "I'll set my fuse at zero, an' at point-blank range I'll just rake everything off that schooner's decks. Guess I'll get half a dozen cartridges set an' ready for the big scene. Up with you, Admiral Scraggs, an' hold the fuse setter steady."

"I'm agin war," Scraggs quavered. "Gib, it's sure h—ll."

"Rats! It's invigoratin', Scraggsy. There ain't nothin' wrong with war, Scraggsy, unless you happen to get killed. Then it's like cholera. You can cure every case except the first one."

They had come inside the minimum range of the Mexican's long gun now, so that only the one-pounders continued to peck at the Maggie. Evidently the Mexican was as eager to get to close quarters as Mr. Gibney, for he held steadily on his course.

"Well, it's time to put over the big stuff," Mr. Gibney remarked presently. "Here's hopin' they don't pot me with rifle fire while I'm extendin' my compliments."

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The act in question was passed by the thirty-second Legislature. This act was repealed when the code of civil procedure was revised in 1911.

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District School Board, District No. 30.

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Extra drawers and undershirts, per garment 68c, or dr's and shirt --- \$1.35

One group of Ladies Shoes, while they last ----- \$1.50

One group of mens work shoes, special ----- \$2.45

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SHIRT SPECIALS

One group of mens dress shirts with and without collars, during these few days ----- 95c

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One group of mens dress hats, while they last ----- \$1.95

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Extra heavy corduroy blanket lined coats, special ----- \$4.95

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10 lb green Velva Syrup ----- 75c

Koo Koo Syrup ----- 60c

Penick Syrup ----- 60c

Bro Br Rabbit Syrup ----- 65c

Penford Syrup ----- 40c

100 lb pure cane sugar ----- \$6.00

20 " " " " ----- 1.00

10 " " " " ----- 50c

White Swan corn 2 for ----- 35c

2 lb can salmon ----- 10c

80c K. C. baking powder ----- 60c

35c Calumet baking powder ----- 25c

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The holiday goods you want are in stock at our store. Our line is complete and **PRICES ARE THE LOWEST.**

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OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

I have purchased the Sanitary Bakery equipment from W. M. Harris, and am now prepared to furnish my patrons with high class bread and pastries of all kinds.

In taking over the equipment I feel that it is only fair to you to pladge myself to furnish only the best of everything in the line. By doing this I feel confident that every citizen will realize the cost of my products and give me an undivided support.

I have employed Mr. Myer to take charge of the baking department. He comes recommended as being a man of much experience and ability.

Just remember, if it's in a
bakery, I HAVE IT.

ORR BAKERY

W. H. ORR, Prop.

Want to sell it? Then Advertise It

Come! Come! Come!

Sale Starts Friday, Dec. 9, At The Model Store
In Third Annual Sale

On Dec. 10th, three years ago, we bought out the Model Store in Cross Plains—with just a hand full of merchandise. Today our store is filled up with good clean merchandise from one end to the other, and to show our appreciation for the good patronage the people of Cross Plains and surrounding territory have given us we are going to put our entire stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Sweaters, Underwear, Gloves, Hosiery, Shirts and many other articles which go to make up our complete stock at greatly reduced prices. During this sale we will offer bargains galore, but owing to the lack of space we can only quote a few of the many bargains:

Ladies slipover sweaters, all wool, all colors, priced while they last.....\$2 79
Childrens all wool sweaters, while they last..... 1 89
Mens flannel kahaki shirts, regular price 1.50, sale price.....95c
Mens dress shirts, regular 1.50, sale price 95c
Mens silk and crepe de chine shirts, regular 7.00, sale price..... 4.75 and 5 75
Boys dress shirts, regular price 1 35, sale price..... 89c
Boys silk shirts, regular 3 50, sale price 2 69
Boys flannel shirts..... 95c
Boys school caps, fur in band, worth 1.00, sale price..... 69c
Boys dress suits, regular price 7 85, sale price..... 5.95
Boys corduroy suits, sizes up to 15, regular price 8 50, on sale, just think about it,.. 5.95

Boys overall, good grade, sizes up to 10, only..... 69c
Mens overalls, good grade.....95c
Mens kahaki pants, heavy grade..... 1.79
Mens corduroy pants..... 2.75
Mens and ladies hose, all colors, pair.....10c
Ladies black and brown silk hose, regular 1.00, sale price..... 69c
Mens silk hose, regular 85c, sale price.....59c
Ladies black and brown merdORIZED silk hose regular price 50c, sale price..... 32c
Sheeting, per yard.....59c
Outting, best grade..... 17 1-2c

All gingham at a reduced price.

Our well known brands of work and dress shoes, such as W. L. Douglass and Red Goose for men, women and children at big reductions.

We will sell our well known John C. Roberts dress bootees, here they go at.... \$11.95

This sale will continue until Dec. 24th. This will give everybody a chance to get the advantage of this sale.

THE MODEL STORE

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

When you think of stoves, think of Boyles.

Mrs. Wilson, at C. P. Furniture Store, is continually increasing her stock of Aluminum, Granite and Enamel Ware, and her prices are the lowest. A visit will be appreciated.

For Sale—Tyler Commercial College Scholarship, on terms. L. P. Henalee.

County Clerk Grady Respass and County Attorney Green were among the visitors in Cross Plains from the county sea, last Saturday.

An improvement is reported in the condition of the little son of Tom Bryant, who was carried to Dallas for treatment by a specialist last week. Mr. Bryant returned to Cross Plains Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Westerman, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gwin and little daughter, have returned from a three weeks hunting and pleasure trip which they spent in the southern part of the state, appropriating a few days of the time visiting various points in Old Mexico. They report having enjoyed the trip immensely and little Madge has entirely recovered from the attack of diphtheria, from which she was convalescing at the time the trip was started.

Class Meeting

The Joe Fielder class of the Baptist church of Cross Plains met at the home of Mrs. Joe Shackelford on Monday, Dec. 12th, to discuss the class affairs. All the members of the class were present and social meetings for the next month were planned. Watch for the Joe Fielder class on Saturday afternoon at four o'clock.

Class Reporter.

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Married.

At the Methodist parsonage in Cross Plains, Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, Dec. 11, Mr. Finis Erwin and Miss Eunice Armstrong were united in marriage by Rev. R. O. Bailey. A company of friends who came with the young couple, as well as a number of others, witnessed the beautiful ceremony. The bride and groom are of the Sabanno and Liberty communities. We, with a host of friends, bid them a happy and prosperous journey over life's seas.

HICKORY TREES IN OKLA. BEAR PECANS

It is reported from Hugo, Okla. that the hickory tree, long considered a pest by the farmers of that section, has proven to be a veritable gold mine in the hands of Frank Marena, farmer of Bennington, small town west of of that city.

Marena has succeeded in grafting onto 400 native Lickory trees on his farm a species of soft shelled pecan and the trees are now bearing profusely. Marena is having no trouble in disposing of the product, as the nuts are said to be much larger and of a finer flavor than either the native nut or the paper shelled variety.

He first obtained the idea for his experiment from horticulturalists of the Okla. A. & M. College, he says.

Marena has also produced a superior variety of Japanese persimmon by the grafting of the Japanese persimmon onto the hardy native persimmon.

He believes that the results of his experiments will prove profitable to the farmers of that section who have previously depended almost exclusively on cotton for a money crop

BROTHER OF MISS EFFIE TERRY DIES AT SANSABA

Corban Terry, brother of Miss Effie Terry, who has been employed with the First Guaranty State Bank in Cross Plains the past two years, died of cancer of the stomach at their home in Sansaba last Saturday morning. Miss Terry was notified and left Friday afternoon for Sansaba, accompanied to Brownwood by Miss Vernie Crabb and Mr. Bill Forbes. Miss Terry has a host of friends in Cross Plains who extend sympathy to the family in their sad bereavment.

HOG DRESSES 550 LBS.; 25 LBS. LARD

W. R. Wright, living a few miles south of Cross Plains, last week butchered the champion meat hog of the season, which he raised at his home. The hog was of the pure bred Duroc stock and dressed 550 pounds of meat and 25 pounds of lard.

ANOTHER WELL COMPLETED CALLAHAN SNALLOW FIELD

According to last week's reports, Homer Peoples has completed another shallow well in the north Callahan county shallow sand belt. The new producer is peeples No. 2, on the Hughes tract, which has an initial production of fifteen barrels.

The No. 15 Neuman of the Peoples interests, which drilled in ten days ago with an initial flow of sixty barrels, has been put on the pump and is now producing forty-eight barrels a day.

Lost—From my place, two miles south of Cross Plains, one black horse mule, 15 hands, small scar under one eye. Will appreciate any information leading to recovery. R. L. Kellar.

Wm. Moore is now manager of the W. R. Pickering lumber yard in Cross Plains, succeeding W. B. Baldwin, who recently resigned.

NOTICE

The time has come when I must do one of two things—due to the expense of running an office such as I have been doing, with the best equipment and best materials that money will buy, I am forced to raise the price of dental work or go on strictly cash basis. Due to the fact money is scarce and at best dentistry is high, on and after Jan. 1st, I will do a cash business.

This applies to one and all alike, and by so doing I will be able to make prices which will be very reasonable.

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

SUFFERED ALL A WOMAN COULD

Mrs. Meyer Finally Found Relief and Health in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Orange, Cal.—"I always feel very grateful to you, as some twenty years ago three doctors said I had to have a serious operation. I had a tumor, and ulcers which would gather and break. I had displacement so badly that I could hardly sit down at times, and it seemed as if I suffered everything that a woman could suffer. Then some one advised me to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I took it until I was cured and saved from the operation. I have told women of your wonderful medicine times without number, and I am willing that you should use these facts and my name if you like. I also used your Compound during the Change, and I can do all my own work but the heavy part, and can walk miles every day as I help my husband in the office. —Mrs. J. H. Meyer, 412 South Orange St., Orange, California.

Cuticura Soap Complexions Are Healthy

Not Vain. "How long have you been indisposed, my poor fellow?" asked a kind-hearted visitor at a local hospital of a big negro who was strapped up in bed with an injured back.

"Dis ain't no pose 'tall, miss," answered the patient in tones of disgust. "Dis am merely de careless manner in which dem forgetful doctors went away and lef' me yestiddy."

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For burns, cuts, sprains and all skin irritations. Relieves dryness of scalp.

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ECZEMA Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDY (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fails in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter, or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at once. Sold by all reliable druggists. A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas.

MUST HELP WORLD United States Cannot Stand Aloof, Says President.

Message to Congress Tells of Hope in Conference—Outlines Changes Needed in Tariff and Other Laws—Urges Federal Aid for Farmers.

Washington.—Stressing the great and far-reaching contribution which the American people must be prepared to make toward the economic and financial rehabilitation of the world still staggering under the disordered conditions bequeathed by war, President Harding voiced a solemn warning in his message to Congress, Tuesday, that "no permanent readjustments can be effected without consideration of our inescapable relationship to world affairs in finance and trade."

"We should be unworthy of our best traditions if we were unmindful of social, moral and political conditions which are not of direct concern to us, but which do appeal to the human sympathies and the very becoming interest of the people best with national sympathies," the President said. The President emphasized that "in the main the contribution of this republic to the world must come through the initiative of the executive branch of the government, but the best intentions and most carefully considered purposes would fail utterly if the solicitation and co-operation of congress were not cheerfully accorded."

Foreign Delegates There. Standing on the simple platform before the speaker's desk in the house chamber, the President addressed himself to a joint session of congress and what was unquestionably the greatest and most representative gathering of the chosen spokesmen of the civilized peoples of the world ever held in the peaceful history of the American people.

The delegates of the foreign nations participating in the disarmament conference, the brilliantly uniformed members of the diplomatic corps were assembled with the members of the senate and the house, the President's cabinet and the United States Supreme court, at the head of the chamber, the administration desired congress to carry out during the coming months of the present session.

Chief Points of Message. The high spots of the President's message were:

- 1. The imperative need of "elastic and flexible" tariff legislation which would enable the President, through the federal tariff commission, to meet effectively the changing trade and industrial conditions, not only in this country, but abroad.
2. The urgent necessity of a "general policy of transportation of distributed industry and of highway construction to encourage the spread of our population and to restore the proper balance between city and country."

Merchant Marine Expansion. The expressed opposition of the administration to the abrogation of certain commercial treaties proposed by the Jones merchant marine act, on the grounds that to denounce them would involve us in a chaos of trade relationships and add indelibly to the confusion of the already disordered commercial world.

To Encourage Farmers. Systematic encouragement of agriculture by the development of adequate distribution and marketing facilities for agricultural products and the adoption of "co-operative marketing programs" for that purpose.

The early termination of a "great volume of uneconomic and wasteful transportation" and a revision of "the existing scheme of adjusting freight rates" with adequate legislation to meet the serious railroad problem, so vitally affecting the welfare of the American people.

When discussing the proposed tariff legislation the President said concerning a much debated feature: "There is a manifest difference of opinion about the American valuation. Many nations have adopted delivery valuation as the basis for collecting duties; that is, they take the cost of the imports delivered at the port of entry as the basis for levying duty. It is no radical departure, in view of the varying conditions and the disordered state of money values, to provide for American valuation, but there cannot be ignored the danger of such a valuation brought to the level of our own production costs, making our tariffs prohibitive."

Finishing Stairs. Wooden stairs, even if they are not of very good wood, can be very effectively treated with a reliable floor stain after they have been well rubbed down with sandpaper to make the surface perfectly smooth. The stain can then be applied evenly with a brush, care being taken to follow the grain of the wood. After two or three applications, allowing a few days' interval between each, they will resemble the best of polished oak and be most effective. They can be kept in

"If our tariffs are to be made equitable, and not unnecessarily burden our imports and hinder our trade abroad, frequent adjustments will be necessary for years to come. Knowing the impossibility of modification by act of congress for any one or a score of lines without involving a long array of schedules, I think we shall go a long way toward stabilization if there is recognition of the tariff commission's fitness to recommend urgent changes by proclamation."

Needs of Agriculture. Concerning the needs of American farmers the President had this to say: "Something more than tariff protection is required by American agriculture. To the farm has come the earlier and the heavier burdens of readjustment. There is actual depression in our agricultural industry, while agricultural prosperity is absolutely essential to the general prosperity of the country."

"Congress has sought in very earnestly to provide relief. It has promptly given such temporary relief as has been possible, but the call is insistent for the permanent solution. It is inevitable that the actual depression in our agricultural industry, while agricultural prosperity is absolutely essential to the general prosperity of the country."

Co-operation Advocated. "In the main, the remedy lies in distribution and marketing. Every proper encouragement should be given to the co-operative marketing programs. These have proven very helpful to the co-operating communities in Europe. In Russia the co-operative community has become the recognized bulwark of law and order, and saved individualism from engulfment in social paralysis. Ultimately they will be accredited with the salvation of the Russian state."

Plea for Aid to Russia. Mr. Harding's plea for help for starving Russians was as follows: "While we are thinking of promoting the fortunes of our own people, I am sure there is room in the patriotic thought of America for fellow human beings who are suffering and dying of starvation in Russia. A severe drought in the valley of the Volga has plunged 15,000,000 people into grievous famine. Our voluntary agencies are exerting themselves to the utmost to save the lives of children in this area, but it is now evident that unless relief is afforded, the loss of life will extend into the millions. Americans cannot be deaf to such a call as that."

United States Will Help World. At the outset, the President discussed world conditions, saying "A world restoration program" would have to be worked out "by the nations more directly concerned." The United States will help, he added, unselfishly because there is competition in the consciousness of assisting, selflessly because the commerce and international exchanges in trade, which marked our high tide of fortunate advancement, are possible only if the nations of all continents are restored to stable order and normal relationship.

Setting a Broken Nose. When the nose is broken it must be set promptly or it will heal rapidly in a disfiguring position, writes Doctor Jacques of Paris in Paris Medical. If it be left until the day following the injury it will have swollen so much and secreted so much that the bones can be set only under cocaine. If it be left for two days or more it is not only painful but difficult to set.

Famous American Oaks. Besides the South Carolina oak three other famous oaks have been named for the Hall of Fame. One is in New Jersey, one in New Orleans and the third in Massachusetts. The last named is known as the Indian War oak. It is in Grafton, Mass., a place which figured prominently during the early wars against the Indians.

DARING JAIL BREAK BY CONDEMNED BANDIT

THRILLING EXPLOIT IN CHICAGO SUNDAY WHEN GUNMEN OVERPOWER GUARDS

DRIVE AWAY IN AUTOMOBILE

Chief of Police Tells Pursuers to Shoot to Kill and to Aim Straight

Chicago, Ill.—Tommy O'Connor, two-gun man, sentenced to be hanged next Thursday for murder, and two notorious criminals escaped Sunday from the county jail, fighting their way past half a dozen guards, most of whom were beaten into unconsciousness by the desperadoes in their dash for liberty.

Starting in the fourth-floor "bull-pen," where the prisoners were exercising the break for freedom led down five floors, through the basement into the jail yard and over a twelve-foot wall to a street, where an automobile was confiscated and the driver, with a pistol poked into his side, was told to "drive like hell."

A few minutes later the machine crashed into a telephone pole, but bandits continued their flight, O'Connor commanding another car and when last seen the murderer, who has been characterized by the police as Chicago's most desperate gunman, was headed toward the south side underworld, armed for battle.

The escape, carried out in broad daylight, was the most sensational in this part of the country in many years and was carefully planned in advance. Several jailers refused to heed the threat of O'Connor's pistol and risked their lives in trying to obstruct his dash for liberty.

The two men who escaped with O'Connor were Edward Darrow, charged with a \$60,000 robbery and James LaPorte, alleged to have been implicated in a \$30,000 robbery. O'Connor had been in trouble with the police on many occasions, but his apparent immunity from conviction earned him the title of "Lucky Tommy."

Chief of Police Fitzmorris has given these instructions: "The only way to get rid of murderers like O'Connor is to put them in the morgue. Shoot to kill and aim straight."

MOB LYNCHES NEGRO WHO SHOT MACLINS

Fort Worth, Texas.—Fred Rouse, negro packing house employe who shot and wounded Tom and Tracy Macklin during a disturbance growing out of the packing house strike here, was hanged by a mob shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday night. His body was riddled with bullets.

Rouse was taken from the City-County Hospital about 11 o'clock by a party of 30 unmasked men and in less than half an hour his body was found hanging to a tree on Samuels avenue about a mile north of Fort Worth. It was the same tree to which Tom Vickery, slayer of Officer Jeff Couch, was hanged about a year ago and the rope was suspended from the same limb.

When the crowd went to the hospital they demanded that the negro be turned over to them. Miss Pritchard, Dr. W. F. Keys, interne, and Miss Essee Slaton, nurse, replied that they could not have him. The spokesman for the party declared that they came to get him and would do what was necessary in order to do so.

Miss Slaton, when the mob threatened violence, told them that only two might enter the ward, as she did not want her other patients disturbed. Two men then went to the ward. The negro offered resistance and was given a blow on the head, after which he was carried out and placed in an automobile, which whisked him away to the scene of the lynching.

DALLAS FILM EXCHANGES CHECK UP FIRE LOSSES

Dallas.—Following the spectacular fire which gutted five two-story buildings on Commerce street, between St. Paul and Harwood, Saturday night, managers of the film exchanges involved and officials of the fire department were unable late Sunday to give more than an estimated total property damage of around \$1,000,000. Managers of the exchanges said that owing to a number of films being on the road, and all records pertaining to them destroyed in the fire, no definite figures could be given.

The damage suffered by the Western Auto Supply Company store, was estimated Sunday night by P. R. Richardson, manager, at approximately \$100,000. The stock is insured through the home office, he said, and while it is known to have been adequately covered, the total amount has not been learned.

Must Pay Poll-Tax or Resign. Houston, Texas.—City employes must pay their poll taxes if they wish to remain in the employment of the city, according to an order issued by Mayor Holcombe.

14,000 Tons Sulphur Handled. Texas City, Texas.—The port of Texas City handled 14,000 tons of sulphur during the month of November, according to an announcement by E. C. Bulon, traffic manager, Texas City Terminal Railway.

CASCARETS 10¢

For Constipated Bowels, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Bilious Liver

The nicest cathartic-laxative in the world to physic your liver and bowels when you have Dizzy Headache, Colds, Biliousness, Indigestion, or Upset, Acid Stomach is candy-like "Cascarets." One or two tonight will empty your

bowels completely by morning, and you will feel splendid. "They work while you sleep." Cascarets never stir you up or gripe like Salts, Pills, Calomel, or Oil and they cost only ten cents a box. Children love Cascarets too.

There's the Rub. After imposing sentence in a certain case tried in a Denver court, His Honor thus addressed the convicted man: "When your ten years' imprisonment is over you will have the opportunity to retire to the society of your fellow men. You will doubtless have work offered you."

The Cuticura Toilet Trio. Having cleared your skin keep it clear by making Cuticura your every-day toilet preparations. The soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal, the Talcum to powder and perfume. No toilet table is complete without them. 25c everywhere.—Advertisement.

Very True. Hughes—"What an odious animal Jones is!" Curson—"Oh, the one who butts in is apt to be a goat."

It is an idle whimsy, but how many of his namesakes have read the poetry of Homer?

Correctly Answered. "A fool can ask more questions than a wise man can answer. Isn't that so?" "I cannot answer you."

If you do an unsatisfactory job, do it over—but don't overdo it.

When a man is unable to bear misfortune he is indeed unfortunate.

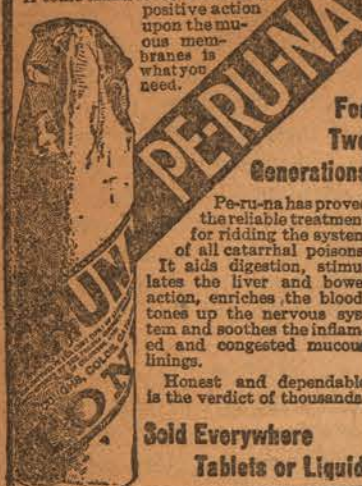
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It is dangerous to let them run. A tonic laxative of direct and positive action upon the mucous membranes is what you need.



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For Two Generations
Per-na has proved the reliable treatment for ridding the system of all catarrhal poisons. It aids digestion, stimulates the liver and bowel action, enriches the blood, tones up the nervous system and soothes the inflamed and congested mucous linings.

Honest and dependable is the verdict of thousands.

Sold Everywhere
Tablets or Liquid

Privately Conducted.
Professor—"What is a good conductor of electricity?" Student—"Telephone poles."—Science and Invention.

WOMEN NEED SWAMP-ROOT

Thousands of women have kidney and bladder trouble and never suspect it. Women's complaints often prove to be nothing else but kidney trouble, or the result of kidney or bladder disease. If the kidneys are not in a healthy condition, they may cause the other organs to become diseased. Pain in the back, headache, loss of ambition, nervousness, are often times symptoms of kidney trouble. Don't delay starting treatment. Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a physician's prescription, obtained at any drug store, may be just the remedy needed to overcome such conditions. Get a medium or large size bottle immediately from any drug store. However, if you wish first to test this great preparation send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. When writing be sure and mention this paper.—Advertisement.

Heard in a Hall.
"What is there on your hat that makes you so proud of it?" "The eyes of all the other women."

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"Pape's Cold Compound" is Quickest Relief Known

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks any cold right up. The very first dose opens clogged nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness. "Pape's Cold Compound" costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, tastes nice, contains no quinine—Insist upon Pape's!—Advertisement.

Value of New York Parks.
Public park lands owned by New York city are appraised at \$489,989,000 as follows: Central, \$236,500,000; City Hall park, \$31,198,000; Battery park, \$16,527,500; Bryant, \$22,553,000; Riverside park, \$15,152,000; Manhattan square, \$11,275,000; Van Cortlandt park, \$13,250,000; Bronx park, \$8,611,500; Pelham Bay park, \$5,775,000; Prospect park, Brooklyn, \$33,650,000.

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"Pape's Diapepsin" has proven itself the surest relief for Indigestion, Gases, Flatulence, Heartburn, Sourness, Fermentation or Stomach Distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief and shortly the stomach is corrected so you can eat favorite foods without fear. Large size costs only few cents at drug store. Millions helped annually.—Advertisement.

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Home-Made Toys

ANYONE who has priced toys will realize that a very great saving is possible in making toys at home. For instance, from scraps that have accumulated one can make animal toys, as rabbits, dogs, cats, bears, elephants, as well as many of the character dolls that will prove to be a perfect delight to small children.

Patterns can easily be procured for making animal and doll toys from any place where patterns are sold. One clever mother went even farther by making "bunny," "cat" and "bow-wow" slippers for the youngsters that are a never ending source of pleasure. She outlined the face of a bunny, cat, or dog in black; made ears and fastened them on with buttonhole stitch, and used tiny shoe buttons for the eyes. The scraps she used in making the slippers and many of the animal toys were largely from odds and ends that are usually thrown away in making over garments.

A grandmother is making use of old black and white silk stockings by making them up into character dolls. The eyes, nose and mouth are embroidered, a gay calico dress is made, a white apron, and a red cape. This makes a typical mammy that will prove a great favorite with the children. Another idea, which she carries out is to make the body half white and half black. That is, put a white dolly on one end and a black one on the other. Arrange the clothes in the middle of the body and make them suited to each character. As a suggestion, make a Dinah for the black part, so that when the black head is up the doll will be a pickaninny, and so that when the white head is exposed it will be a white dolly. A black stocking may be unraveled to furnish kinky hair.



One can also make small dolls out of odd scraps of ribbons, volles and silk combined with clothes pins. Paint the faces on the head of the clothes pin with ink or water color.

Rag dolls are perhaps the most beloved by small children. Any little girl would love to have a "Raggedy Ann," for her very own. "Raggedy" is manufactured from unbleached muslin, stuffed with cotton; her features, hair and shoes painted on with water colors. She is especially proud of her feet, because they so closely resemble Charlie Chaplin's. Her eyes may look large and glaring, but even if they are two large shoe buttons, they are always full of love for her small owner. In making "Raggedy" be sure to stuff her neck, hands and feet full of cotton, so that she will not become limp and discouraged looking.

It is also possible to make a doll house and doll furniture that will be a delight to little girls. Get a box of suitable size and put partitions in it. Two rooms above and two below is the ideal arrangement. Scraps of wall paper can be used for covering the walls and small rugs can be made for the floors. These may be knit or crocheted out of rags, torn fine. The outside of the house can be painted some soft color. It should have three coats of paint to look well. The first coat should be a priming coat. For this use the same paint and color as for the final coats, only thin it down with turpentine; three pints to one gallon of paint is the proper proportions. After this has dried shellac all knots and sap spots. Then give it a coat of paint. If this looks well, another coat will not be necessary. If enamel is used for the work, apply a coat of flat paint first.

One can also use plain wall paper on the outside instead of paint, using narrow strips of a harmonizing color for the trimming. Often samples of wall paper can be used to advantage in the decoration of the interior and exterior of a doll house.

Doll furniture may be made from the thin boards that come in boxes. After it is made, enamel it to make it more attractive. Remember that one must always apply flat paint before the enamel. One mother who made her little girl a lot of doll furniture used odds and ends of gay cretonne instead of paint for covering it. Small cushions may be made of cretonne to fit in the little chairs or settees. One mother made a little sun parlor in the house and placed a tiny, swinging seat in it.

Compo board can also be used in making doll houses. It is light and one can easily use wall paper on both the inside and outside. Doll furniture may also be produced from it. Fathers will find it possible to make toy wagons, sleds and airplanes that will give a great deal of delight to the little boys. A grocery store can be made from a box that will prove to be a never failing source of pleasure, for all children love to play at "keeping store" and selling things.

Many things can thus be fashioned which will be durable, washable, unbreakable and will all make Christmas presents for the children that will delight them fully as much as the store toys.—M. Palmer in Successful Farming.

Hangers for Towels.
Nails driven through corks make good hangers for dish towels—hangers that will not tear or rust the cloth.

You're So Good, Santa Dear



CANDY MADE AT HOME ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

HOW TO PREPARE SWEETMEATS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Box of Dainties Sure to Make One of the Most Appreciated Yuletide Presents.

A BOX of home-made candies is a welcome gift much appreciated at Christmas. There is an art in preparing such a box for one's friends and the end gained is worth the trouble.

Candy boxes of any desired size can be purchased at a box factory, or boxes covered with the art crepe paper, sold at so reasonable prices nowadays, make attractive receptacles. A bolt of crimson baby ribbon, a few sprigs of holly and several sheets of white tissue paper will enable a dainty package to be sent from one's home.

In packing the candies it is wise to cut paraffin paper and stiff bristol boards to fit the boxes in layers. A sheet of paper, then the layer of board will keep the softer candies, such as chocolate cream, from crushing.

Uncooked candies are never palatable, and no amount of flavoring will mask a raw taste. On this account take the trouble to prepare fondant, which is the basis of all fine cream candies. It is not at all difficult to make if the instructions are correctly carried out.

A week before Christmas prepare the fondant, which can be placed in a jar; cover with a damp cloth and keep in a cool place until two days before Christmas, when it should be made up into the various confections. This time will allow the chocolate, used in dipping, to become firm.

Colorings for tinting can also be purchased at the druggists, and always state that they are to be used to color food to insure getting the vegetable coloring.

Red will produce any shade of pink, rose or scarlet according to the amount used. Violet will produce any shade from pale lavender to deep blue; pistachio or spinach will give green; egg yolk can be used for the yellows and a few drops of strong coffee will give a mode shade and chocolate will give the browns.

The following table may be a guide in flavorings: White—vanilla or almond; pink—strawberry, raspberry, rose; green—pistachio or almond; pale yellow—lemon; deep yellow—orange; mode—maple or coffee; brown—vanilla.—Elizabeth W. Morrison in the Housekeeper.

Who's Dolly Is You?



FIRST CELEBRATION WAS HELD IN THE YEAR 98.

Forty Years Later Before It Was Officially Adopted as Christian Festival.

CHRISTMAS was first celebrated in the year 98, observes a writer, but it was 40 years later before it was officially adopted as a Christian festival; nor was it until about the Fifth century that the day of its celebration became permanently fixed on December 25. Up to that time it had been irregularly observed at various times of the year—in December, in April and in May, but most frequently in January.

In Rome the Saturnalia, or feast of Saturn, fell at about the same time as our Christmas, and it marked the greatest festival of the Roman year. The city abandoned itself to gayety. Universal mirth was the order of the day; friends feasted friends, and foes were reconciled. All social distinctions were laid aside. Work was stopped, and no war was ever entered upon at that time.

One by one other legends and customs have been disproved and overturned, yet none has dared attack the legends and the customs sacred to Christmas. It remains with us, and will always remain. Christmas marks the winter solstice. The days begin to lengthen, and the sun no longer journeys away from the earth, but enters upon its return. It is a promise of renewed light and warmth, of the approach of summer, and men hailed these signs with every expression of gladness.

When Christianity spread abroad, men adapted the old customs of their ancestors to the new order of things.

The word Yuletide, used to give a picturesque, oldtime flavor to the Christmas idea, comes from Yule, an old name for Christmas. The term springs from an English word used to designate the two months of December and January, one of which was called the "former Yule," the other the "after Yule." There is a legend which relates that it was the custom years ago for every Saxon household to burn the Yule log on Christmas eve. This was a great gnarled root or tree trunk, cut the day before Christmas and brought into the hall on Christmas eve with great ceremony and accompanied by music. Each member of the household would sing a Yule song, standing on the center of the log.

In Germany and other European countries it was believed by the children that the Christmas tree glittering with candles and brightness, and the gifts found beneath the tree, were the work of jolly old St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, as we know him. This kindly saint was no legendary character. He lived about 300 A. D., and was a noted bishop of Asia Minor. He was looked upon as a patron saint of generosity because of his liberality. The idea of St. Nicholas traveling in a sleigh drawn by reindeer originated in the cold northern countries. The reindeer were the swiftest animals known, and they must needs fly like the wind to carry St. Nick the rounds of the world in one night.

Almost as important as the gift giving and gift receiving on Christmas day is the feast of dainties spread on that occasion. But even the Christmas dinner has its origin in the dim, distant past. Feasts were always the accompaniment of any festival. In Egypt, at the winter solstice, every family killed and ate a goose as a religious observance. We preserve the custom of eating fowl on Christmas, but the toothsome turkey has more generally supplanted the goose.

Cold Chicken Cutlets.
Cold boiled chicken may be mixed with crumbs, egg and cream until of a consistency to shape into cutlets. Dip these in hot fat. Serve with cream sauce or tomato sauce.

Large Can, 12 Ounces

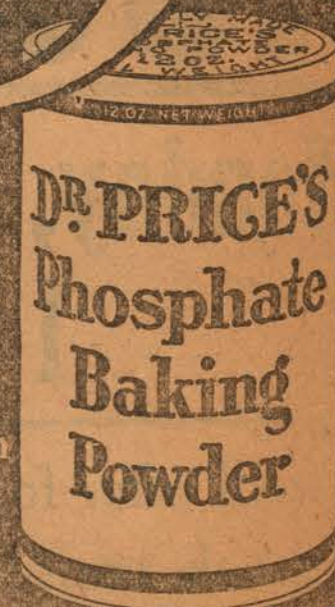
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Seemed to Need Them.
An absent-minded professor invited a number of learned Scotsmen to visit some interesting ruins in his neighborhood, and to do honor to his guests he donned Highland dress for the occasion.

There was to be a luncheon in a large marquee on the lawn, and when the master of the house appeared in all the glory of the kilt, the astonishment of Jane, the housemaid, was great.

Thinking her master was in one of his vacant moods, she rushed upstairs, and in a few minutes appeared on the lawn with a pair of the professor's best trousers.

She brushed as she said, pointing to the bare knees of the astonished Scot: "Please, sir, you've forgotten these."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

Unique Specimen.
"I once knew an eccentric man," stated old Festus Pester, "who when he had gotten the desired number on his telephone did not demand fiercely, 'Whizz ziss?' Instead he invariably said civilly, 'This is John J. Poppendick, wishing to speak to Mr. Buck-over.' His funeral was the largest ever held in the neighborhood where he had resided, and thereat strong men broke down and wept like children, being convinced that they would never again see his like."—Judge.

After Five Years of H. C. L.
North—I used to be poor, but proud, West—Yes?
North—I am no longer proud.

What Kind of a Day Do You Wish Yourself?

Suppose you could make a wish at the breakfast table and finally have the wish come true. Would you say,

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FRENCH COURT DEFINES LAW

Important Decision as to the Responsibility for Debt is Laid Down by High Tribunal.

Before the tribunal de premier instance, Paris, a most remarkable trial took place on July 2, 1839, to determine whether the children of a debtor may be detained by the creditor as a pledge of the debt.

A Mr. and Mrs. Blank, with five children and domestic servants, lived for a time in a large hotel in Paris; and as they could not pay their account they removed to a smaller establishment, the owner of which consented to make himself responsible for the debt to the other house. After the family had remained with this kind-hearted boniface for a time, both Blank and his wife disappeared and never returned, but sent letters which contained nothing but excuses. The hotel manager supported the five children until the bill ran up to 20,000 francs, and refused to deliver up the children until the debt was paid.

The president of the tribunal praised the hotel keeper, but decided that the law of France would not permit the detention of the children. They were given up, irrespective of the payment of the debt, which was left to be enforced by other tribunals.—Chicago Journal.

THE INDIRECT CAUSE



Mr. Suitor—Why don't you like me, Bobby? I have never harmed you.

Bobby—Yes, you have. When you come to see sister, she puts the clock back an hour and it makes me late for school and I get the deuce!

GERMANS IN CHINA.

A new epoch in China's relations with foreigners is opened, according to Commercial Attache Arnold, at Peking, by the signing of the Sino-German trade agreement. By it German citizens will be brought under the jurisdiction of Chinese law and courts. It is expected that there will be a considerable influx of Germans into China, and with exchange conditions favoring German imports, much competition may come from that source. German trade marks in China revert to German interests. Negotiations are now under way for a similar treaty with the Far Eastern republic, which has its capital at Tchita, Siberia.

EXPLAINS IT.

"I see where a man who tried to hang a picture in his flat fell off a stepladder and broke three ribs."

"What's so remarkable about that?"

"Nothing, except that he happens to be a vaudeville performer whose specialty is standing on his head on the top rung of a ladder."

"Maybe his wife was telling him how to hang the picture."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

WHISPERING INK.

Mother—Archie, dear, have you been doing anything to this ink?

Archie—Yes, mammy, I put some water in it to make it write weak. I've been writing to daddy an' I wanted to whisper something to him.

PROBABLY ON STREET CORNER.

"How did Mr. Wapping react to the announcement that skirts would be shorter?"

"I understand he adopted a policy of watchful waiting."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

NOT DANGEROUS.

No matter what course they may have pursued in college, most of the sweet girl graduates are going to choose matrimony as a career.—Chicago Journal.

TENNIS Baffles CAMERA MAN

High Speed Displayed by the Players on the Courts a Cause of Worry to Photographers.

If there is any one thing that is worrying the makers of high-speed cameras it is lawn tennis as played by women. Shutters that have plenty of margin in getting instantaneous photographs of express trains, airplanes, racehorses, baseball players in action, humming birds and bucking bronchos just manage to squeeze by without a blur in recording the activities of women stars at tennis.

All this speed on the courts has come within the last 30 years. The tennis playing woman of the nineties, when there was more material in a tennis court than is now required for an entire costume, was never surprised by the camera in an ungraceful attitude.

At that time tennis was played by croquet graduates—at about the same speed. It was necessary to clutch the long skirt with one hand while playing—partly to keep skirt off the ground and also to prevent any undue and unbecoming swirling that might carry it more than a foot high.—New York Tribune.

AND THEY DIDN'T



Professor—If anything goes wrong in the course of this experiment we shall all go up in the air. Come nearer, that you may follow me better.

MERIDEN GREEN.

On the green at Meriden, Warwickshire, reputed to be the geographical center of England, stands the granite obelisk erected in honor of the cyclists of the World war. But is Meriden actually the center of England? Measure a straight line from the North Foreland to Holyhead, and another from the Lizard to the mouth of the Humber, and they will cross at Meriden—center No. 1. Draw other lines from Berwick to Southampton, St. David's Head to Lowestoft, Dover to Bangor, and they will cross exactly in a sturdy oak tree standing at Lillington, near Leamington—center No. 2. But there are others, Dunchurch, where "Wroth Silver" is collected every Martinmas morn; Warwick castle and Atherstone—a center. It will be noticed that all these places are in Warwickshire—Shakespeare land—and no one can doubt this is the center county of merrie England.—Christian Science Monitor.

RESTORING FRENCH CANALS.

Since the armistice, 1,017 kilometers of the 1,036 kilometers of canals in France destroyed during the war have been rebuilt, and of the 1,120 locks, culverts, etc., destroyed 890 have been rebuilt. It is proposed to electrify all French canals which carry more than 2,000,000 tons of freight annually, which will mean, it is estimated, a saving of about 1,500,000 tons of coal a year.

UGHT TO WORK BOTH WAYS.

"But you will have to be identified, madam, before we cash your check."

"I don't see why. I didn't have to be identified when I deposited the money here."—Boston Transcript.

HOPEFUL.

Director—Have you ever been in any amateur theatrical or taken lessons in acting?

Applicant—I'm sorry to say I haven't.

Director—Thank heavens! Then you are an immediate try-out.—Chicago Journal.