

# The Banner-Stockman.

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I wish you a Happy New Year and hope you will have many sunshiny days. If cloudy days come and you want a picture made remember that with me cloudy days are good.

H. MULKEY

FOR THE NEW YEAR



THE GLOBE  
E. Dubbs & Sons

We wish you happiness and prosperity. During the year we want to cultivate your acquaintance if you are not one of our regular customers. Call and see us

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"Jakey, Mikey and Ikey."

Clarendon will have the opportunity next Wednesday, Jan. 8th, of seeing one of the best musical comedy organizations touring the country. The favorite comedian, Allen Curtis, and his big company of 25 people presenting the funniest of all musical plays, "Jakey, Mikey and Ikey."

Both the press and public in all the large cities that this company has visited are a unit in pronouncing this to be the cup winner of the season.

Manager Simon Ehrlich of the Shreveport opera house says, "The Allen Curtis Company, in their production 'Jakey, Mikey and Ikey,' played a turn-away business at my theatre and gave my patrons better satisfaction than a good many two dollar shows."

Allen Curtis, the cleverest Hebrew comedian on the American stage, heads the list of entertainers and he is surrounded by the following well known musical comedy players: Arthur Clamage, late German comedian of "The Jolly Widow company," Ed Schooley, "The man with the green glowers," Bert Lindley, who carries the reputation of being one of the most original laugh creators in the business; Miss Margaret LaPons, prima donna, and Miss Winifred Greene, the winsome little soubrette, with a chorus of 15 pretty and shapely young women, gorgeously gowned, who are up to the minute in their work as singers and dancers.

Study Advertising.

Give some thought, to your next year's advertising. For the growth of your store will depend largely on the plans you adopt. You should—if you want to be successful—begin to be enthusiastic about the manner of advertising. Make it a study from the first to the end of the year. In the large cities, a man with a handsome salary spends all his time in the advertising department. Why do not the merchants of the smaller cities, whose business is just as important to them, spend a little thought on the subject themselves? It will pay.—Hereford Brand.

Denver Road Ballasting.

Despite any business depression that is supposed to exist, the Denver road has stopped none of its extensive ballasting work and the monthly pay roll to crews engaged in this work ranges between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Between 250 and 300 men are employed.

On the north end the scene of work extends south from Canadian river toward Amarillo. Gravel is being used in this work and forty two miles of track between Washburn and Clarendon has already been ballasted.—Ft. Worth Record.

Miss Emma Schafer will leave Sunday for her home at Hamilton, Missouri.

## DR. J. R. BRIGGS IS DEAD

Physician and Specialist of Statewide Prominence Dies at his Home in Dallas.

Dr. J. R. Briggs, founder and proprietor of the Briggs Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, and a specialist in lung troubles of wide note, died at his home in Oak Cliff last Saturday morning of heart trouble, superinduced by Bright's Disease. Dr. Briggs was well known in Clarendon, having several patients throughout this section, and being a son-in-law of the late Dr. Wm. H. Cooke. Concerning him the Dallas News says:

John Raleigh Briggs was born in Meggs County, Tennessee, in 1851. He received his elementary education in private schools of his native county. At the age of 20 he entered the Nashville Medical College, and was graduated from that institution at the age of 22, in 1873. The following year he came to Texas and located at Savoy, in Fannin County. Later he took a post-graduate course in the Missouri Medical College at St. Louis, with a view to preparing himself as a specialist in eye, ear nose and throat diseases.

He completed this course in 1880 and returned to Savoy. But in the course of the year he removed to Gainseville, and in a short time thereafter he went to Ft. Worth. Finally in 1882 he came to Dallas. With the exception of the time he has spent in taking special courses in various medical institutions and in this country and Europe, he continued in the practice in Dallas until the time of his death. A few years ago he visited medical colleges at Heidelberg, Paris, Berlin, and other places in Europe for the purpose of preparing himself for the treatment of tuberculosis, and as a result of this preparation his sanitarium in Oak Cliff was established. He was a prominent officer of the National Anti-Tuberculosis Congress.

Prior to his European trip Dr. Briggs served several terms as a member of the Dallas City Council. During two terms he was president of that body, and on numerous occasions he acted as Mayor Pro Tem.

He became a member of the Baptist Church about forty years ago. He was also a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He established the Texas Medical and Health Journal and was long the editor of it. In 1886 and again in 1888 he was awarded the prize of \$100 for the best original paper read before the Texas Medical Association.

In 1877 Dr. Briggs was married to Miss Annie Carson Cooke of Cleveland, Tenn., who survives him. Of the five children born of this union, one died in early infancy, and another, John Roy, Jr., in early manhood. Those surviving are Misses Raymond and Stella, and Willie, the latter the baby boy about ten years old. His surviving brothers are George and W. F. Briggs of Granite, Ok., J. E. and Samuel Briggs of Gainesville, Tex., E. Briggs of Paradise, Tex., and T. N. Briggs of Dallas. His one surviving sister is Miss Eliza Briggs of Gainesville.

Upon becoming aware that he had Bright's disease, Dr. Briggs sent for a German specialist, Dr. Von Riedel of Heidelberg, and associated him with him in his business.

It was said of Dr. Briggs that he did an unusually large charity practice, never turning away a patient on account of his or her inability to pay. Still he made a fortune out of his practice.

## DIRT BROKEN FOR BUILDING

Work has Actually Begun on the New College Building, Which Will be Pushed to Completion.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the presence of almost the entire citizenship of Clarendon the first piece of constructive work was done on the new \$50,000 college building. Every store in town was closed for the occasion, and the first dirt was turned with appropriate ceremonies, many notable local lights assisting in the exercises.

As the exercises occurred after the time of our rule regarding the receipt of news items we were unable to get the full proceedings of the occasion, but will give an exhaustive write-up of the affair in our issue of next week.

This marks the actual beginning of the work on the college building and we are assured that the work will be rushed as rapidly as possible. The building committee has decided not to have the work done by contract but will take charge of the work themselves. Mr. J. Davies, of Amarillo, has accepted the position of managing superintendent, and will have charge of the work upon the building, working under the direction of the building committee.

## The K. K. Open Session.

The "Krazy Klub" held its first open session Tuesday night, the ladies entertained their husbands at the residence of Mrs. Dr. T. E. Standifer. Invitations were issued to the husbands only, and they were unique, in that each one was differently worded, in catchy rhyme. For instance A. L. Journeay, was highly flattered to receive the following limerick:

I know a handsome gentleman—by name, A. L. Journeay,  
Who is said to always let his wife have things  
her own sweet way.  
She has joined the "Krazy Klub,"  
And unless he is a dub,  
He'll follow her on New Year's eve and be with us quite gay.

These invitations were inclosed in a peanut shell and sent by mail, the affair coming as a surprise to each and all the gentlemen. The entertainment opened with a peanut spearing contest. C. W. Bennett immediately evidenced his qualifications for crazy club membership by commencing to eat the nuts. When their purpose was finally explained to him he showed himself a true Georgia "goober grabber" by spearing more peanuts than anyone else and capturing the prize in the contest. The ladies' prize was won by Mrs. Standifer.

The evening was most pleasantly spent with this and other contests, music and conversation, and the gentlemen were abundantly shown that the K. K.'s were in the habit of having a good time and knew how to entertain. Along about the usual unearthly hour for such things an elegant luncheon was served, beginning with baked turkey with all the accompaniments, and ending with genuine old fashioned plum pudding. Shortly thereafter the old year died and the new year was welcomed in the usual manner. The guests departed at about 1:00 a. m., the gentlemen voting the K. K.'s a success, and all declaring Dr. and Mrs. Standifer to be entertainers par excellence.

Mrs. Susan A. Wilkins, mother of A. E. Want, died at the latter's home in Ft. Worth last Friday, age 84 years. Mrs. F. D. Martin, of this city, went down Saturday night to attend the funeral, she being a sister of Mrs. Want, and having always considered the deceased in the light of a very near and dear relative.

Go to Rathjen's and be well shod at 15 per cent off of regular prices during January.

## PROGRAM NOW IN SHAPE.

Outline of the Meeting of Panhandle Jubilee at Amarillo is Given Out.

The program for the series of Panhandle convention at Amarillo on Jan. 9, 10, and 11, has been put into shape. The principal meetings of the series will be held in the Deandi theater but committee meetings and sessions of separate bodies will be held in other places designated by the committees. The order beginning Thursday as follows:

THURSDAY, 10 A. M., JAN. 9  
Commercial clubs, real estate firms, land owners, medical associations, Palo Duro Park committee, will meet at the Deandi theater.  
Prayer by Rev. Jewell Howard.  
Address of welcome by H. B. Sanborn, chairman Chamber of Commerce.  
Response by Jasper N. Haney of Canyon City.  
Suga beet program, 2 p. m. to 2:40 p. m. Col. Harry T. Groom, chairman.  
Broom corn program, 2:40 to 3:40 p. m., W. B. Patterson, chairman.  
Corn culture program, 3:40 to 4:20 p. m., W. S. Roberts, chairman.  
Poultry producing program, 4:20 p. m., G. T. Allison, chairman.

FRIDAY, JAN. 10.  
Hog growing program, 10 a. m. to 11 a. m., L. B. Mitchell, chairman.  
Finishing young steers program, 11 a. m. to 12 m., Henry C. Harding, chairman.  
Dairying program, 2 p. m. to 2:40 p. m., G. C. Kilbourn, chairman.  
Truck garden program, 2:40 to 3:20 p. m., George Wicks, chairman.  
Alfalfa growing program, 3:20 p. m., R. B. Newcome, chairman.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11.  
Small grain program, 10 a. m. to 10:40 a. m., I. Carter, chairman.  
Sheep raising program, 10:40 to 11:20 a. m., L. C. Lee, chairman.  
Cotton growing program, 11:20 to 12 m., chairman to be supplied.  
2 p. m., organization of commercial clubs, real estate firms, land owners, and others interested in the advancement of the Panhandle country, into one organization.

We will have men of national reputation to address us on the advisability of such an organization.

Immigration program 8 p. m., P. L. Person, chairman.

J. H. AVERY,  
Chairman Program Committee.

## At the Guill Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Guill of the Guill Hotel, entertained at dinner a number of guests Christmas day. The dining room was artistically arranged and beautifully decorated for the occasion and the table fairly groaned beneath its weight of rich viands. Mrs. Guill fully sustained her reputation in the culinary art. Among those present were J. W. Kibler and family, Mrs. Cassie Gibson, Miss Allie Pierce, Messrs. T. Sugg, Cofield, Green, Wood, Marcell, McCleendon, Rowden and Wilson. The News family were the recipients of an invitation to this bounteous feast and regret that we were unable to accept.—McLean News.

## Trees That Talk.

If you are to plant peaches or pears; plums or persimmons; apricots, apples or cherries, or any kind of grapes or berries, or any sort of shrub or flower, then do not wait a single hour, but send your name on a postal card and get our catalogue—your reward. It's FREE. Do it now.

SNEED NURSERIES,  
Tyler, Texas.

The above Nurseries have been under the same management for 21 years and have always guaranteed everything true to name and in good condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, of Texhoma, formerly of Clarendon, had the misfortune to lose their little two-year-old son last week. We are not informed as to the cause of his death.

At the next Wednesday afternoon meeting of the Baptist Ladies Aid officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and a full attendance of the membership is therefore earnestly desired.



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RESOLVED  
THAT DURING THE LAST  
YEAR WE HAVE BUILT UP  
AN HONEST TRADE WITH  
HONEST PEOPLE BY SELLING  
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WE FEEL THAT WE CAN LOOK OUR PATRONS SQUARE IN THE FACE AND WISH THEM A HAPPY NEW YEAR, BECAUSE WITHIN OURSELVES WE ARE CONSCIOUS OF HAVING TREATED OUR PATRONS RIGHT IN THE PAST. OUR PATRONAGE PROVES THIS. IN THE YEAR TO COME WE CAN PROMISE TO DO NO MORE THAN IN THE YEARS THAT HAVE PASSED. WE NEED NOT, WE KNOW, EXTEND ANYTHING BUT THANKS TO OUR OLD PATRONS. WE KNOW THEY NEED NO INVITATION TO COME TO OUR STORE. TO THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET COME OUR WAY, TO THE STRANGER IN OUR TOWN, WE EXTEND, HOWEVER, AN INVITATION TO COME AND SEE US. RESPECTFULLY,

## The Martin-Bennett Company

### MAIL ORDER HOUSES

Sears, Roebuck & Co. Indicted,  
Charged With Using Mails  
to Defraud.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., the great Chicago mail order house, must stand trial in the Federal court at Des Moines, says the Leader of that city, on charges of using the United States Mail to defraud. An indictment containing three counts was returned against the firm by the Federal grand jury. The penalty upon conviction will be \$5000 on each count.

The indictment is based on three cases in which it is alleged that the company misrepresented articles for sale in its catalogues, which it sent out through the mails. Besides the catalogues, it is claimed that the concern uses letters, circulars, pamphlets, order blanks and letter heads to defraud its customers.

The first count charges that on June 13th the company devised a scheme to obtain money by false pretenses from Dr. C. F. Spring, Utica building, Des Moines. On that date a letter was mailed to him in which the following statements were made:

"All our paints contain white lead made in our own great paint factory under the supervision of paint experts. They have given universal satisfaction, and we place over them our most liberal guarantee, which you are doubtless familiar with."

As a matter of fact, so the indictment sets out, Sears, Roebuck & Co. did not manufacture paint in its own factory. Its paint was not of the highest grade and was not equal to any ready mixed paint on the market, regardless of price, as advertised in its catalogue. Furthermore, the paint did not contain white lead, so the indictment charges.

R. H. Miles, rural route No. 1.

Des Moines, is the victim named in the other two indictments. On May 25th Mr. Miles ordered a ring advertised in the Sears, Roebuck & Co. catalogue to contain four pearls and four sapphires. The ring that he received did not contain either sapphires or pearls and was materially inferior in quality to the one described in the catalogue.

On May 6th Mr. Miles ordered another ring advertised to contain twelve pearls and two rubies. The ring he received contained neither pearls nor rubies. Both the catalogue and the rings were sent through the mails, making the alleged misrepresentation a violation of the Federal statutes regarding the use of the mails.

W. J. Pilkington, editor of the Iowa Trade Journal, worked up the case against the Chicago firm. —Wichita Falls Times.

### New Court House for Dimmitt

In conversation with Mr. Woodlee of Dimmitt this morning, the Brand learns that the courthouse bond proposition carried by a large majority, the vote standing 88 to 22. The bond issue will be for \$28,000, but as the county has \$5,000.00 cash on hand, it is likely that a \$33,000 fire proof building will be erected, either of brick or concrete. The people of Castro are happy over the prospects of having a fine new temple of justice and as soon as the necessary contract can be drawn, the work will begin.—Hereford Brand.

Mrs. M. Sloan has returned from Amarillo where she has been nursing her daughter, Miss Bessie, who has been dangerously ill with typhoid fever. We are glad to learn that Miss Bessie has entirely recovered.

Ladies, it will pay you to buy some china, even if you don't need it. It will pay you to lay it away for several years at the price we are making. You ought to investigate. E. Dubbs & Sons. tf

### NEWS OF THE PANHANDLE

Items of Interest from Panhandle  
Towns as Gathered From Our  
Newsy Exchanges.

Hereford is discussing a canning factory.

On Christmas Day three prisoners made their escape from the Amarillo jail.

A prairie fire near Hereford one night recently did considerable damage to pasture grass.

Childless, having waterworks in sight, is now getting ready to fight fire, having purchased a good fire apparatus.

Shooting firecrackers caused trouble at Chillicothe Christmas Eve. A deputy city marshal shot and seriously wounded a new comer.

Three autos loaded with prospectors out of Hereford were lost in the snow storm on the prairies one night last week. After several hours wandering they finally found a ranch house and spent the night.

Two real estate automobiles had a head-on collision near Hereford one day recently. The damage amounted to about \$1000 to the machines, but none of the occupants were seriously injured—a regular Ft. Worth & Danger accident.

The plains section was visited by its third snow of the season last week. Cattlemen were all prepared for it and no damage has as yet been reported. Below the caprock no snow worth mentioning has fallen this winter.

Col. S. T. Howard, an old-time Panhandle citizen and a large land owner in the Hereford country, died last week at Medford, Oregon, where he was traveling for his health. A few years ago he was one of the moving spirits of Hereford.

### OILED ROADS.

How the Highways in Southern California Are Made Dustless.

Roads are now kept free from dust in southern California by the application of oil.

It has been found that to place roads in condition through the use of oil is cheaper than maintaining them in half condition during a single season by sprinkling with water. And when a road has once been put into condition with oil it requires but slight additional expenditure to keep it so.

One hundred barrels of oil per mile spread over an area eighteen feet in width will put a road in condition along the extent of the oiled surface and give an excellent roadway, adequate for ordinary traffic. The oil is put on in three applications—the first at the rate of sixty barrels per mile and the two subsequent treatments at the rate of twenty barrels per mile each.

Great care must be taken in delivering the oil. It should be hot when discharged and poured upon a hot surface, so that the work of the oil sprinkling is confined to the heat of the day.

The oil cannot be poured on indiscriminately, but must be drilled into the dust as wheat is drilled into land prepared to receive it. If it is not so applied, the oil will not saturate evenly the dust area, but will be in blotches, run together and so make a very imperfect surface.

In order to meet the requirements a machine has been devised. A big tank mounted on four wheels drags a sort of tender box, supported by two wheels, into which is run from the tank a supply of oil. This box has a furnace beneath it, which heats the oil, and at the end of it is a drag looking something like a hayrake.

A number of curved rods or fingers go out from the bottom, and these are drawn through the dust and along the road. They mark little furrows in the dust, and into these furrows, through a series of pipes, is discharged the oil. A second finger or sort of thumb arrangement fixed farther back turns the dust over the oiled furrow and the surface is then left to absorb, a process which requires about an hour to effect. A roller is then drawn over the oiled width and the first treatment is completed.

### HOW AUTOS DAMAGE ROADS.

Injury Already Done in Massachusetts Estimated at \$50,000.

"It is hard to say what will be the ultimate damage to the roads," said a member of the Massachusetts commission to a representative of the Boston Globe, "but it has recently been estimated by the board that \$50,000 damage has been done already by autos.

"This is small in proportion to the cost of the roads, but unless some new method of applying surface is adopted the damage is likely to be continuous—that is, repeated as fast as it is made good.

"There is something about the broad rubber tires of motor vehicles on wheels of small diameter peculiarly damaging to macadam roads. A vacuum is created by the tire which sucks the surface, or blunder, from the road, and it is blown away, leaving the stones exposed.

"The commission is experimenting with tar surfacing, which has been used in France successfully. Experiments have also been made by the park commissioners with an oil having an asphalt base. Something new must be adopted, and I have no doubt Massachusetts will not be behind in its adoption."

### Congressman Hobson's Campaign.

Captain Richmond P. Hobson, recently elected to congress from Alabama, has completed a very interesting trip through his district in the interest of forestry, drainage, road building and improved agriculture in general, says the Good Roads Magazine. Samuel Hill of Seattle, Wash., and Samuel C. Lancaster, consulting engineer of the office of public roads, and other experts of the United States department of agriculture accompanied Captain Hobson on this trip. It is believed that much good will result from his campaign and that as soon as the benefits resulting from it, both to the district and to the congressman, are made known other members of congress will inaugurate similar campaigns in their districts.

### The Future American Highway.

The "future American highway," according to an inventor whose pamphlet is reviewed in Engineering News, will be a paved roadway 120 feet in total width, divided by longitudinal curbs into eight separate roadways, four for passage in each direction. He provides two sixteen foot roadways for animal traction vehicles and a four foot walk at each side for the stray pedestrians who may still indulge in the antiquated method of locomotion that nature furnished. The rest of the width is devoted to automobile roads. As the cost of this remarkable highway would amount up to between \$100,000 and \$200,000 per mile, the inventor does well to call it a "highway of the future."

### To Build Automobile Roads in Nevada.

A good roads association is reported to have been formed in Nevada for the purpose of stimulating the building of roads exclusively for the use of automobiles in the southern part of the state, where automobiles are becoming the means of rapid transit across the deserts. It is proposed to build, among others, roads from Tonopah to Goldfield to connect the mining camps of Manhattan and Bullfrog and other smaller mining camps, later extending the roads to Waller Lake reservation and then north.

## The Only Exclusive Grocery Store in Clarendon

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## Smith & Thornton

The Cash Grocers

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### TUCKER'S BARBER SHOP

J. R. TUCKER, PROPRIETOR

Exclusive!

Exclusive!

### "Mr. Dooley"

F. P. Dunne, creator of the famous Mr. Dooley, the genial philosopher who puts so much wisdom and laughter into the world, writes exclusively for every number of

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Not a line of him can you find in any other magazine or newspaper. This extraordinary feature alone is worth the price of a year of The American Magazine—only \$1.00. The American Magazine also has the exclusive writings of Ida M. Tarbell, Ray Stannard Baker and Lincoln Steffens, and much of the best work of William Allen White. Great special features are coming from such writers as Upton Sinclair, author of "The Jungle," who will contribute a scathing novel on New York's "400"; David Grayson, Rudyard Kipling, Joseph

phine Daskam Bacon, Alice Heggan Rice, Ellis Parker Butler, O. Henry and many others. The American Magazine is still only a dollar a year. Other magazines are raising prices but it remains at \$1.00—for a while. You had better order at once before the price advances. Send a dollar bill or money-order or your check at our risk. Order now and you can have the great November and December numbers free. Ask for them. Address THE AMERICAN MAGAZINE, 339 Fifth Ave., New York City.

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# GREAT WHOLESALE COST SALE

AT EXACTLY 8 O'CLOCK Saturday morning, January 4th, we will throw open our doors and start the **Biggest Sale** ever pulled off in Clarendon. Never before in the history of this county have you had such an opportunity to buy goods at wholesale prices: Nothing held back or reserved in this great sale, but everything in the house goes. Just think of it for a minute *o o o*

## A \$30,000 STOCK OF UPTODATE MERCHANDISE

Clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, calicoes, ginghams, percales, silks, satins, domestics, canvass, corsets, collars, ties, cloaks, shawls, toques, suitings, linings, threads, hosiery, buttons, flannels, outings, skirts, slickers, raincoats, overcoats, duck coats, work shirts, suits (both men's and boys'), leggings, table linens, towels, gloves, combs, pins, needles, trunks, suit cases, stick pins, rings, underwear, comforts, blankets, notions of all kinds, and everything in the Grocery line *x x x x*

Herewith we give you our **COST MARK** so you can readily tell whether or not we are doing just exactly what we advertise to do.



Cut This Out or Copy it That You May See That WE ARE SELLING AT COST for 8 Days

This sale is inaugurated to raise money and to reduce our stock, which is too large. Here you have your chance to get your winter supply of Groceries and Clothing at **WHOLESALE PRICES**, and the winter months are in front of you yet.

We do not quote you a reduction on a few articles of shelf worn goods, at 20 or 25 per cent discount, but we throw our entire mammoth stock on sale at **EXACTLY COST** and furnish you with the cost mark to see that we are doing it. These prices are straight for cash. Nothing will be charged during this sale at the reduction price.

**REMEMBER THE TIME, SATURDAY, JANUARY 4TH**  
UP TO AND INCLUDING SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH

# CLARENDON MERCANTILE CO.

CLARENDON, TEXAS



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## F. W. & D. C. TIME TABLE

No. 2, southbound	7:55 a. m.
No. 8, southbound	8:13 p. m.
No. 1, northbound	9:17 p. m.
No. 7, northbound	10:04 a. m.

Clarendon, Tex., Jan. 3, '08

## THE COLLEGE BONUS.

The recent financial panic has retarded business development in nearly all directions, and it is therefore no surprise that the actual work of beginning the new College building has been delayed. However, dirt has been broken at last and things are beginning to take on a rosier hue. It is entirely in order just at this time for the Banner-Stockman to suggest that those who have obligated themselves to give certain amounts at stipulated times to the cause should make every effort possible to redeem their pledges. Conditions may not be so good with some of us just now as it was a year ago, or even six weeks ago, but the Greater College movement should not be hampered, and every man who has made a note to the fund should make every effort in his power to meet that note and thus do his utmost to give the building committee available funds at all times.

THE actual work of constructing the new Clarendon College building has commenced. Let every good citizen render the building committee all the aid possible.

To one seeing Childress from a passing train it looks very much like Editor Haskett had included all the dog kennels and chicken houses in his count of 900 residences for that town.

FOR goodness sake, don't be a knocker. If you have a grouchy nurse it to yourself, hide your hammer and let other people pursue the even tenor of their way without being bothered by listening to your tale of woe.

WHEN an editor goes to making claims for his town there is nothing like doing the thing up brown. The Plainview News man says: "Plainview is the best town west of the Mississippi river." In the language of the poet, "that's going some."

THE various merchants of the city report trade good during the holidays. In fact, nearly all were surprised to see it as good as it was, taking recent financial affairs into consideration. A bank failure always has a depressing effect on trade conditions, and naturally local merchants were anticipating a poor holiday trade, therefore the disappointment to them was of the most agreeable character.

We are informed by President Slover that the financial panic, which has affected every line of business in every section of the country, has as yet brought no ill effect to Clarendon College in point of attendance. In fact the second term opens with a larger attendance than was had the first, and more applications are in for quarters. This speaks well for the qualifications of the institution.

## Notice.

We wish to inform our patrons and friends that we have this week sold our stock of merchandise and fixtures to Mr. A. T. Culbertson, who has already taken charge. In retiring from the business we wish to thank you all for the liberal patronage and friendship you have given to us since we came among you. While we will not be actively engaged in business for a while, we hope to meet you again.

Respectfully,  
**W. H. THOMPSON.**

## B. Y. P. U. Program.

The program of the B. Y. P. U. for Sunday, January 5th, is given below:  
Subject—How finding Christ changes the life.  
Leader—Nellie Burdette.  
Scripture reading—Matt. 13:44-46.  
Song. Prayer.  
Change of occupation—Matt. 4:18-22—Mr. Joslin.  
Change of ideas greatness—Mark 10:35-45—Adrian Brown.  
Song.  
Scripture reading—Matt. 8:28-34—Pearl Brunley.  
Change of valuations—Matt. 13:44-46—Mr. Palmer.  
Scriptural reading—Matt. 22:15-22—Myrtle O'Neill.

Manager Provine of Damsite was in town Tuesday on business. In conversation with the Tribune-Chief he stated that his company has now 1,200 acres in alfalfa, which they cut five times last year and thinks this country wonderfully adapted to the growth of alfalfa, especially the subirrigated creek and river bottom lands. Mr. Provine also stated that they will put at least one thousand acres in corn next year, and cut out raising cotton altogether. "There is much more money in raising corn than cotton," Mr. Provine says.—Quannah Tribune-Chief.

## A Guaranteed Attraction.

The management of "Jakey, Mikey and Ikey," the attraction that will be at the opera house next Wednesday, January 8th, gives Manager Trent a positive guarantee that this is the best musical comedy organization that will appear at Clarendon this season. The company carries the reputation of giving better satisfaction than any organization touring this section and anyone attending the performance who does not agree with the above statement can have their money returned just as cheerfully as it is taken at the box office.

## Chamberlin's Cough Remedy a safe Medicine for Children.

In buying a cough medicine for children, never be afraid to buy Chamberlin's Cough Remedy. There is no danger from it and relief is always sure to follow. It is intended, especially for coughs, croup and whooping cough, and there is no better medicine in the world for these diseases. It is not only a certain cure for croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. Whooping cough is not dangerous when this remedy is given as directed. It contains no opium or other harmful drugs, and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by all druggists.

Some difference has arose between the commissioners court and Contractor Lovell, caused by the court house contract not being definite enough. In the matter of metal ceilings, the contract specified that they should cost \$7.50 per square, but failed to specify whether F. O. B. the cars or laid down at Quannah, each party, of course, claiming his own interpretation to be the right one.—Quannah Tribune-Chief.

## FROM THE ANTILLES.

### Chamberlin's Cough Remedy Benefits a City Councilman at Kingston, Jamaica.

Mr. W. O'Reilly Fogarty, who is a member of the City Council at Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies, writes as follows: "One bottle of Chamberlin's Cough Remedy had good effect on a cough that was giving me trouble and I think I should have been more quickly relieved if I had continued the remedy. That it was beneficial and quick in relieving me there is no doubt and it is my intention to obtain another bottle." For sale by all druggists.

## Market Report.

Clarendon business people are paying prices as indicated below for country produce. Report corrected each Thursday:	
Cotton, lb	around 11c
Corn in ear, bu	50c
Oats, bu	65c
Irish potatoes, bu	\$1.25
Sweet potatoes, bu	75c to 1.00
Cotton seed, ton	16.00
Kaffir heads, ton	9.00
Mazze heads, ton	10.00
Alfalfa hay, ton	\$12.50 to 15.00
Millet hay, ton	10.00
Prairie hay, ton	8.00
Butter, lb	25c
Eggs, doz	25c
Chickens, each	25c

—W. C. Cottrell, bricklayer and plasterer, Clarendon, Texas. tf

## Card of Thanks.

I take this method of thanking all my friends who so kindly assisted me in winning the diamond ring in the contest conducted by The Globe, assuring all that I very much appreciate their efforts in my behalf.

MISS MINNIE THORP.

## For Sale.

Capt. Nat P. Smith has placed on the market his entire land interests in the vicinity of Rowe and Hedley including townsite and homestead. One fourth cash, balance on easy terms.  
For particulars address or see  
THE DENVER LAND CO.,  
Rowe, Texas. His Agent.

## If Your Eyes Trouble You,

call on C. N. Bushnell, the graduate optician, at Dr. Stocking's drug store, Clarendon, Texas. Eyes tested free. Glasses scientifically fitted when needed. Satisfaction guaranteed.

## Sunday Drug Service.

Owing to the fact that people want medicine on Sunday the same as week days you will always find someone at our store to fill your prescriptions.  
FLEMING & BROMLEY.

## Why Suffer From Rheumatism?

Do you know that rheumatic pains can be relieved? If you doubt this just try one application of Chamberlin's Pain Balm. It will make rest and sleep possible, and that certainly means a great deal to any one afflicted with rheumatism. For sale by all druggists.

## Mules.

The Clarendon Livestock Company have mules to sell on time with acceptable notes.  
J. D. JEFFERIES,  
11-4t Manager.

## Life Insurance.

The American National Insurance Co., of Galveston, S. F. Snider, general agent, Amarillo, Texas. Agents wanted. tf

## Notice.

Dr. Albert J. Caldwell, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, New Carson Building, Amarillo, Texas.

## Drs. Hanna & Swearingin.

Practice limited to diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat. Bivins building, Amarillo, Texas. 6-tf

## For Sale.

Corn cobs at \$1 per load. Bright corn husks, shredded, at six bales for \$1. At Clarendon Mill and Elevator Co. tf

Prof. W. R. Silvey is off to Central Texas on a business trip, succeeding his attendance on the State Teachers' Association.

WANTED—Comforts to tack by ladies of the Christian church. Apply to Mrs. John Potts, Secretary.

LOST—Black hand bag on Clarendon and Lelia road between town and five mile post. Finder please leave at this office. tf

—Reliable footwear at 15 per cent discount is something you don't often get. Rathjen's Shoe Store offers this opportunity during this month only.

## \$25.00 Reward.

We will pay \$25 reward for the arrest and conviction of any party found guilty of breaking insulators, or in any manner destroying the property of this exchange. The Texas state law reads: "If any person shall break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace or in any other manner injure any telephone wires, parts, insulators or other appurtenance to any telephone line, or in any way willfully obstruct or interfere with the transmission of messages, he shall be punished by confinement in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years, or by a fine not less than \$100 nor more than \$2000." We have been subjected to much damage in this respect in the past and we positively will prosecute to the full extent of the law if we find the guilty parties.

CLARENDON TELEPHONE EXCHANGE,  
T. L. ENEDICT, Mgr.

## D. L. McClellan

The Old Reliable Land Man of Donley County.

Have been here longer, know the country better, can find better bargains and more of them than any other man in the county. Do a general commission, rental and collection business. Office upstairs over drug store.

—Read Rathjen's shoe ad.

—Typewriter supplies, this office.

Phone No. 2 when you have a news item.

—Try "Mother's Bread" at the Clarendon Bakery. tf

Do you need a typewriter ribbon? Get it of the Banner-Stockman.

C. E. Thornton and family spent Sunday visiting friends in Memphis.

—Special 15 per cent discount sale now on at Rathjen's Shoe Store. Save money while you can.

—Memorandum books, blotters, day books, cash books and ledgers of all kinds at Stocking's store. tf

O. N. Brown has been numbered among the sick the past week, having a light attack of fever.

Hardy Logan, of Ft. Worth, spent Christmas Day in Clarendon, the guest of Miss Minnie Thorp.

A nice rain fell here last night, and the prospects are good for heavier precipitation today.

—We have the nicest assortment of dress goods and silks ever shown in Clarendon. This is a strong statement but we can make it good. Come and see. The Martin-Bennett Company. tf

Another leap year has dawned. It behooves some old bachelors of our acquaintance to "look a leedle oud, already."

Mrs. R. C. Dyer returned to her home in Dallas Saturday night after a visit of several weeks with relatives in this city.

Mrs. D. H. Sweeney, of Silverton, spent the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. J. O. Whittington, of this city.

—"Iron Clad" Hosiery for school boys and girls will stand wear and tear. Costs you no more than the kind that don't wear. Ask for Iron Clad. The Martin-Bennett Company. tf

—\$10,000 stock of merchandise going at a sacrifice. My goods cost less than 50c on the dollar, so I can save you money and still make a profit. Yours for business, H. Williams.

Thompson's old stand, two doors from postoffice.

## HARD WORK TO RETAIN YOUTH.

One Man Declares He is Not Envious of His Friend's Success.

"The fabled secret of youth, the fountain of everlasting life and all the panaceas for growing old without looking old or feeling old are absurdities by the side of the process used by a professional man of my acquaintance," said a widely known lawyer of Philadelphia. "That man looks like a chap of 35, eats, drinks and enjoys himself like one, but I know he's past 60, and considerably past it at that. He hasn't a gray hair on his head, his eye is bright, his skin clear, his step elastic, and his voice strong. What's the secret? It has been an inflexible habit with him from early youth to retire at eight o'clock in the evening and sleep until seven in the morning. On rising he takes a cold bath, but many men do that. Oh, that's all easy, you say? It's not so easy, after all. Try it and stick to it, despite engagements at the theater, business affairs left over from the day and all the variety of things of that sort, and you'll find it about as hard a task as you can place before yourself. Of course, there have been a few breaks in his lifetime habit. But in the main he has adhered to it. Do I recommend it? Well, hardly. It's a life existence. I prefer this style of life, and am willing to die young accordingly."

## A Diamond in the Dark.

It is said that some diamonds will shine by their own light when placed in a dark room. Prof. Crookes, of London, says that when diamonds are placed in a vacuum and exposed to a current of electricity, they shine with different colored lights. He has seen them emit bright blue, pale blue, apricot, red, yellowish-green, pale green and orange rays. One beautiful green diamond in his possession, when phosphorescing in a good vacuum, gave almost as much light as a candle. The light was pale green.

## Too Much Tee.

He was a solicitor of more or less repute, and his Saturday afternoon's pursuit was golf and whisky and soda. On this particular Saturday, however, he had been detained in town. On reaching home he was met by his wife and little daughter. "No game to-day, my dear," he said to his wife, as he picked up his little girl and kissed her. Then his daughter sniffed the air and said, "Well, daddy, you do smell awfully of golf."—Tit-Bits.

# ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Fancies, Fallacies and Facts About the Solence.

## WHAT AN EXPERT HAS FOUND

Why New Jersey's Supervisor of Roads Prefers a Lighter Macadam to a Telford Road—How to Build a Good Stone Highway.

From the time of the prophet Isaiah to the present men have had their ideas of a perfect highway. The plans of road engineers have been criticised as newfangled, while they were only aiming at the road that Isaiah saw with prophetic eye when he cried: "Make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain." Thus the fancy that a straight road with easy grades is a new idea is swept away by the words of Isaiah uttered over 700 years before the Christian era, writes R. A. Meeker, state supervisor of roads, New Jersey, in the Good Roads Magazine.

Later Claudius Appian had his vision of a road that would perpetuate his name, and his dream has been realized. But beyond that he gave—what? The monument of a tyrant who compelled thousands to work for naught and a lasting example of how not to build a road. The Appian Way, famous in picture and story, is avoided over a greater portion of its length by every traveler who is in a hurry to reach his journey's end.

This old Roman's idea of a deep foundation has lived after him, but no experienced road-builder adopts it. The old Roman's fancy that it is necessary to build a deep foundation for a road crops out here and there, even at the present time, and is exploited as the best and, in fact, the only true way to build a road. It was not until road builders learned that thoroughly drained earth was the only sure foundation for any kind of road covering that a great advance was made in road construction.

That road improvement is an expensive luxury, something nice to have, but too costly for those who have to work for a living, is the fancy of some, but it is not borne out by experience. In New Jersey every dollar expended for road improvement has added tens and hundreds of dollars to our state's wealth.

The first roads I built were sixteen inches deep, composed of ten inches of telford bottom and six inches of compacted two and one-half inch and one and one-half inch crushed stone and finished with coarse stone screenings. That the foundation of this kind of road lasts is true, but the top wears off much more quickly, and when that is gone every driver avoids the telford road in good weather. I will remember the first sixteen inch telford I ever saw. It was in 1860 at my home city of Plainfield, N. J. We boys were discussing it very learnedly, as we thought. In fact, we were merely rehearsing what we had heard our elders say, when an old Scotchman passed by and, catching the drift of our remarks, said: "Boys, it is wrong. It is a' wrang. It is wrang in precept. Here ye hae the anveel, an' on it ye put the sma' stone. Along comes the horse and wagon. The horse's hoofs pound the sma' stone an' the wagon wheels grind it till, 'twixt the hammer and the anveel, the sma' stones are ground to powder." We laughed at the old Scot, but my experience has since taught me that he was right. Not only is a deep telford more expensive to build, but the road wears rough much sooner than a lighter macadam and is consequently much more expensive to maintain. It is also much harder on horses' feet, as it has no elasticity.

It has been argued that a deep telford road will not be heaved by frost. This is not so. I have seen fourteen inch telford turned upside down by frost so that the large bottom stones were on top of the road, while six inch macadam built over the same soil and same conditions of travel remained unmoved, the only other difference in construction being that underdrains were placed outside of the macadam, while none was used beside the telford.

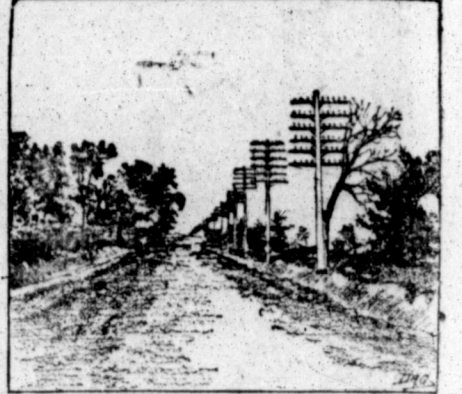
To build a good stone road, first grade your hill down to 5 per cent or less if possible; fill up your fats so you have a minimum grade of at least one-half per cent; second; by underdrains cut off all water that may threaten the road; third, give your road a crown of three-quarters inch per foot; fourth, cut out your subgrade, being careful to give it the same curvature as the finished road; fifth, roll the subgrade until it is hard and smooth, carefully removing any spongy or vegetable earth that the rolling may disclose; sixth, spread your bottom course evenly, then roll and add a little binder and continue the rolling until the stones cease to sink or creep in front of the roller; seventh, spread your second course and roll it, with the addition of binder and water, until the whole surface is hard and smooth, carefully filling with stone any depressions that may appear, then finish the whole with a course of three-fourths inch stone and screenings. This must be soaked with water and rolled until a wave of mud is formed in front of the roller, being particularly careful to commence the rolling at the sides and gradually work toward the center. By so doing you will preserve the crown of your road. If this work is well and thoroughly done, you will have a road that is smooth, hard and convenient for travel at all seasons of the year.

# BUILDING BETTER ROADS.

Construction of Highways Now Recognized Branch of Business.

Road building has now become a branch of business which is destined to play an important part in the future of highways of the United States, says the Architects and Builders' Journal. The construction will no longer be conducted by haphazard methods, hampered by incompetence and ignorance, but regulated by scientific principles, which apply to this as well as to other improvements.

The development of suburban sections in the neighborhood of large cities has had much to do in creating a demand for better roads, and the appearance of the automobile in increasing numbers has exerted an influence of far reaching importance in this connection. Men with an eye to possibilities have



IMPROVED NEW JERSEY ROAD.

studied conditions and concluded there should be money in road building besides an added convenience and pleasure to the public. In several cities corporations and companies have been formed and active operations have been started with gratifying results.

It has been demonstrated that good roads may be built under organized forces, with proper machinery and other requirements as cheaply as the poorly constructed under the unsatisfactory system of the past. The introduction of bitulithic and other modern paving materials has solved the problem of securing smooth and durable highways.

Beginning with suburban drives, this system of modern roadbeds will extend from town to town in thickly settled sections of the country, and the benefits from the same will be shared by the farmer as well as those who ride or drive for pleasure. Good roads are paying investments, a fact which the American people have been slow to grasp.

## DELAWARE EXPERIMENT.

Roadmaking in Which River Sand, Kaolin and Clay Were Used.

In his report of road improvement done in Delaware, State Highway Commissioner Francis A. Price describes a bit of experimental roadmaking in which river sand, kaolin and clay were used for surfacing, says the Good Roads Magazine. At the expense of the local taxpayers the foundation was graded by a scraper, to a slope one inch to the foot, from the center line to the side ditches, then rolled with a steam roller.

On this foundation four inches of sand were spread, then four inches of clay, which was covered by three inches of sand. These layers were thoroughly mixed by harrowing, then rolled down smooth and hard. On 100 feet of this road what is described as kaolin sand was spread, and on 300 feet sand from a stream near by was used. For labor and teams the county paid \$172.25 and for sand \$5.15. The entire cost of this bit of experimental road was at the rate of \$2,400 per mile. As a summer and a winter have passed since this road was so treated a fair idea of this treatment should soon be obtainable.

## Road Legislation in Arkansas.

The joint resolution No. 4, introduced in the general assembly of the state of Arkansas by Representative Hunt, was duly passed and was signed by the governor May 23, 1907. This resolution is considered the most important of the good roads measures passed by the assembly, says the Good Roads Magazine. It provides for a change in the constitution so as to allow cities of the first and second class to issue bonds for road building and for purposes of general improvement and counties for purposes of improving their highways. This measure, in order to make effective, must be carried into effect two years hence.

## Rural Delivery Notes

At the corner of Shelby and Cruff streets in Indianapolis, where the city's southern border runs, there is a big silver poplar tree that serves an even better purpose than that of being a good shade producer. It might be called a postoffice substation, for on its trunk there are just ten rural delivery mail boxes, and they serve to keep the neighborhood in touch with the outside world, says the Indianapolis News. The mail boxes are not of the fancy sort at all, but they serve the purpose.

Claiming the distinction of being the first man in the United States who ever carried a rural mail route, E. P. Wright, who resides on the Jackson pike in Franklin township, Ohio, is still employed in the mail service, carrying R. F. D. No. 3 from the South Columbus branch station, says the Columbus Dispatch. Hale and hearty at the age of threescore and ten, Mr. Wright makes his daily trips and has to his credit fifty-five years in Uncle Sam's service.

There are ten women carriers in the rural service in Missouri. Kansas has twelve, Oklahoma six, Texas six, and Arkansas three.

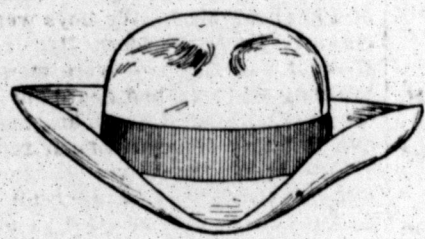




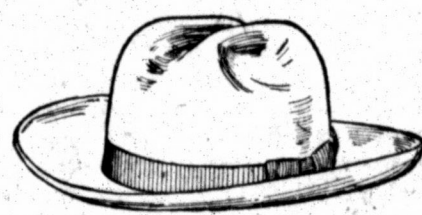
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Beginning Jan. 1st. We will sell our entire stock of Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Leggins, Gloves, Etc. Rubber Goods 10 per cent off. This is no closing out of shopworn stock but all uptodate goods, including all the latest styles and patterns. We bought heavy for this fall and winter and have a larger stock than we like to carry. Our room is small and we must make room for our spring stock. This sale is worth your consideration. Our goods are marked in plain figures and customers can figure their own bills. Read the following prices and then come and see the goods. This is your opportunity to secure the highest class merchandise at the lowest prices:



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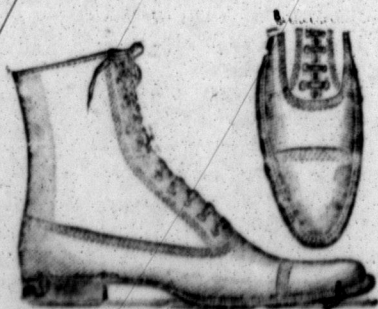
Cheaper shoes at same discount. All we can do now is to make these statements, but ask you to come and let us prove the truth of our assertions

## J. H. RATHJEN

THE LEADING BOOT AND SHOE MAN

CLARENDON,

TEXAS





# His Magnum Opus.

By LULU JOHNSON.

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Poindexter pulled the sheet of paper from the typewriter carriage and added it to the pile in the wire basket beside him. He caught up the last few pages and reread them with a glow of pride, for he knew that at last he had written a story of flash and blood instead of the mildly innocuous romances that had added to his bank account, but not to his fame.

Ever since that night six months before, when he had come back to the darkened home to find the note on the dresser of his room notifying him that Agnes had gone away with the man he had considered his best friend, he



AT LAST ONLY THE BLACKENED SHEETS REMAINED.

had worked with feverish energy upon the novel.

He had taken little Elsie and had crossed the continent with her that she should be far removed from all who might allude to her mother.

As they sat in the car, the child lost in wonder at the constantly shifting scene, he had planned the story, and once he had made his new home he had set to work.

All the bitterness of his heart he had written into the book. It was the plain tale of his own experience, told with the simple directness of one who feels deeply, except that into the last chapter he had written an ending such as he wished that she might suffer. Almost gloatingly he drew the picture of remorse and shame that followed the desertion, and now reading it over he shuddered at the evil picture his own fierce desire had conjured up.

For years he had sought a theme that should lead him to his great accomplishment. Agnes, too, had sought to help him, but their lines had fallen in the pleasant places, and he wrote things that were salable, but not great. Then she had left him for Tredgar, a man who had done things, and his inspiration had come. He knew that he had done well, that this book would bring him fame and opportunity, and he smiled as he gathered the sheets together and prepared them for mailing.

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"All done, dear," he said, with an affectionate pat on the package at his elbow. "I was so interested that I even forgot my little Elsie."

"And it's going to make you a great big man?" she demanded. "It's going to make you famous and happy, daddy?"

"Famous and happy," he repeated. "It's my great work, dear."

"I'm so glad," she whispered contentedly, patting the pale cheek, wasted to thinness by his sorrow and absorption in his work. "Some day when I get a big girl, a great big girl, I'll read it and tell all the other girls that my daddy wrote that great book, and they'll all be mad because their papas can't write books like my papa can."

Poindexter shivered and drew the little form closer to him. Not once in all these months had he thought of that result. He had worked steadily with one purpose—of holding this woman who had been his wife up to shame. He had given no thought to the child. Not once had he realized that there would come a day when she would read with understanding the story of her mother's disgrace. He had let her think that Agnes was dead. Simple statement sufficed the childish mind, but the day would come when perhaps the curtain might be drawn aside. Some old friend from the east might seek him out and unwittingly betray his secret to the girl, and she would read with horror the story

of her mother's fall painted in words of bitterness such as only wounded pride and dead love can conjure. She would see her mother's soul in all its nakedness, and his would be the hand that had thrown aside the garments of time and charity.

"Are you sleepy, daddy?" Poindexter roused himself.

"Not a bit," he declared. "What makes you think that, daughter?"

"You are so still," she explained. "and you don't talk."

"Daddy's a little tired," he explained.

"Shall I tell you a good night story?"

The child nodded her head contentedly, and Poindexter began a fantastic tale. He had a fertile fancy, and these good night stories were glorious moments in the child's life. There were times when she stole softly about the house lest she interrupt his writing, but when bedtime came and she lay curled up in his lap while his rich voice recited weird tales of giants and fairies and dragons she had him for her very own and was content with the sacrifice.

As they neared the climax his voice grew soft, and when at last the end came he waited for the usual applause of "That was lovely, daddy." Instead, soft lips brushed his cheek and the tired child sank off to sleep.

Tenderly he bore her to her bed and tucked her in as gently as a woman might have done. Reverently he pressed his lips against the rosy mouth and tipped from the room.

The library seemed cold and cheerless when he returned. The child's visit had but emphasized his loneliness, and he sat blankly at the table on which lay the package with its address but half completed.

He swung his chair about that he might not see it; but, though he had turned his back upon it, the script still danced before his mental vision. He could still see the uncompleted tail of the "y" he had been writing when Elsie had come in and the ink blotch in the corner where the pen had rolled against it. A dozen times he half turned to complete the address, and as often there came to his memory the words of his daughter.

Some day she would read the book with a clear vision, and perhaps she would understand. There is always some one to disillusion with awkward speech. Perhaps she might never know how true to life the story was. Then again some chance remark might bear in upon her the truth.

Agnes by her action had forfeited all right to his forbearance, but there was still his duty toward his child. It seemed like murder to destroy this masterpiece, and yet—

He went over every incident of his life since his marriage. She had married him, ambitious for his future, and he, utterly content, had been happy in his moderate success save for those moments when her wrings spurred his ambition. One purpose in writing this very book was to show her, when it was too late, that he could accomplish those successes for which she had longed; that he could write as brilliantly as the man for whom she had left him.

The east glowed with the first blush of the dawn when at last he rose from the chair and threw aside the curtains to let in the morning light and the fresh air.

Slowly he crossed the room to the empty fireplace and laid the package in the grate. A tiny tongue of flame crept along the wrapper, biting deeper as it grew. At last only the blackened sheets remained, and he turned away.

"For Elsie's sake," he whispered and added, with a sigh, "and for Agnes' too. God pity her." His magnum opus was found not in accomplishment, but in renunciation.

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"I'm so glad," she whispered contentedly, patting the pale cheek, wasted to thinness by his sorrow and absorption in his work. "Some day when I get a big girl, a great big girl, I'll read it and tell all the other girls that my daddy wrote that great book, and they'll all be mad because their papas can't write books like my papa can."

Poindexter shivered and drew the little form closer to him. Not once in all these months had he thought of that result. He had worked steadily with one purpose—of holding this woman who had been his wife up to shame. He had given no thought to the child. Not once had he realized that there would come a day when she would read with understanding the story of her mother's disgrace. He had let her think that Agnes was dead. Simple statement sufficed the childish mind, but the day would come when perhaps the curtain might be drawn aside. Some old friend from the east might seek him out and unwittingly betray his secret to the girl, and she would read with horror the story

# A Game That Two Can Play

By W. Crawford Sherlock.

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"You won't keep me waiting long, will you, Beatrice?" urged Fairchild. "Long engagements seldom terminate happily."

"Don't they?" inquired Miss Morrison provokingly. "I have never had any experience."

"Neither have I," returned Fairchild indignantly. "I speak from observation. Don't keep me in suspense, but name the day, won't you?"

"Why, Lawrence, we're just engaged!" opposed the girl coyly. "We shouldn't talk about marrying for a year at least."

"I'm going to Chicago next month," declared Fairchild emphatically, "and shall expect you to be all ready to marry me then."

"I'll never marry in Chicago," asserted Beatrice positively. "I just hate that town."

"Then why not marry me here?" pleaded her lover, taking her hand and gazing earnestly into her dark blue eyes. "You have no relatives to consult, nor have I. We can do as we please, and no one can object."

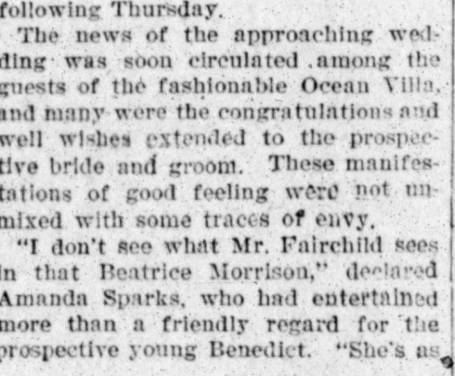
"Oh, that would be impossible! Why, I wouldn't have time to get ready."

"You don't need any more clothes if that is what you mean," argued Fairchild. "You had seven big saratogas with you when you came to Ocean Villa and have worn a different gown every time I have seen you, which has not been seldom, to say the least."

"I know, but"—Fairchild, however, would listen to no objections and pleaded so eloquently that Miss Morrison finally agreed to marry him the following Thursday.

The news of the approaching wedding was soon circulated among the guests of the fashionable Ocean Villa, and many were the congratulations and well wishes extended to the prospective bride and groom. These manifestations of good feeling were not unmingled with some traces of envy.

"I don't see what Mr. Fairchild sees in that Beatrice Morrison," declared Amanda Sparks, who had entertained more than a friendly regard for the prospective young Benedict. "She's as



"WHAT" SHOUTED FAIRCHILD, RISING IN HIS SURPRISE.

plain as a pipestem, and all her clothes don't give her the slightest style."

"It's her money he's after," asserted Leslie Warren, who had made diligent inquiries into Miss Morrison's financial standing. "Mrs. Rockingham says she's as rich as can be, owns all sorts of land and warehouses in Chicago."

"Mr. Fairchild is very wealthy," asserted Miss Sparks indignantly, "and does not need to marry for money. He occupies the best suit of rooms in the Ocean Villa, has his own automobile and spends his money just lavishly. He's not marrying for money, that's sure."

"Neither is Miss Morrison," retorted Warren. "She's not plain, but just the reverse in my opinion; much better looking for a woman than Fairchild is for a man."

Despite these and sundry other adverse criticisms, however, the course of true love ran smooth, and on the appointed day Lawrence Fairchild and Beatrice Morrison were married. A short trip to Niagara was planned, and then the bridal couple returned to Ocean Villa.

"Beatrice," said Fairchild the morning after their return to Ocean Villa. "I will have to ask you to loan me a thousand until I get my money. I'm a little short of ready money."

"A thousand, Lawrence?" exclaimed Miss Morrison in astonishment. "Why, I never had that much money in the world!"

"What?" shouted Fairchild, rising in his surprise and starting to blacken his eyes at his wife. "You never had a thousand dollars in your life? Why, I thought—"

"That I was wealthy, didn't you?" questioned Mrs. Fairchild slyly. "Well, you never made a greater mistake in your life, Lawrence. Then, with evidence of rapidly approaching

fears, she added, "You didn't marry me for my money, did you, Lawrence?"

"N-no, not exactly—that is—you know," stammered Fairchild, disconcerted by the news as well as by his wife's agitation. "I thought you were pretty well fixed, you know. Those seven saratoga trunks and all those fetching gowns you wore certainly indicated wealth."

"Those gowns were left to me when my Aunt Clara died," sobbed Mrs. Fairchild hysterically. "I made every one over myself and took the few hundred dollars she left me to come here for the summer. I was only a poor girl working in a Chicago department store before I married you. I never told you I was rich, and I'm sure you can't say I did."

"No, you never did, but I thought you were, all the same," returned Fairchild, who had pulled himself together by this time and was facing her with a grim smile upon his lips. "I guess it's about time for a perfect understanding. Beatrice, I'm as poor as Job's turkey, or poorer, if that was possible. All I have in this wide, wide world is a small clerkship in a Boston store."

"But the automobile and the money you spent like water?" gasped his wife, her tears subsiding as she gazed at him in utter bewilderment. "Everybody said you were immensely rich."

"That's what they said about you, my dear," returned Fairchild sentimentally. "As for my automobile, it was borrowed from a friend who went abroad for the summer, and as for the cash I have been wasting so extravagantly, it was the savings of years. I made up my mind to have one good time this summer and see how it felt to be rich, so I just came down here."

"With the purpose of marrying a rich girl, I suppose," interposed his wife, struggling to regain her composure.

"To be frank, that was my purpose," admitted Fairchild inconspicuously. "Didn't you come here with the design of making a good match?" Mrs. Fairchild nodded. "Well," continued her husband brightly, "we have both drawn a blank in the marriage lottery so far as money is concerned, haven't we? We are married, nevertheless, and money or no money, I love you, little woman. Let us be happy, anyway."

"Money isn't everything, Lawrence," whispered Mrs. Fairchild tenderly; "we've had our good time, and now we have each other."

An Inevitable.

When Alcibiades was told that his countrymen had passed sentence of death upon him for being at the head of a conspiracy to overthrow the religious and political constitution of Athens he said, "I will show them I still live." He obtained from Sparta assurance of personal safety and went thither. He delighted and charmed the Spartans, as he had the Athenians in his earlier years. He adopted their customs and dress and was the strictest Spartan of them all. He wore his hair short, bathed in the icy waters of the Eurotes and ate their black broth and barley bread. They believed that he had been misrepresented. In truth, as Plutarch said, "he changed color more quickly than a chameleon."

In Sparta he was grave, temperate and fond of physical exercise; in Ionia he was easy going, luxurious and merry; in Thrace he was drunken, in Thessaly he was devoted to horsemanship, and in the court of the Persian satraps he surpassed Tissaphernes himself in magnificence. As Sparta was to be the prize of the Athenian victory, he showed the people their danger, advising them to begin active operations against that city. No better advice could have been given them, and they profited by it.

Questioning Is Not Conversation.

The man who imagines that the art of conversation consists in asking questions spoils conversation as much as the man who never asks any. People of this description will interrupt a speaker as frequently as they do in the French chamber and run anxiously from subject to subject with their interrogatories, like a cackling hen that is going to lay an egg. Horace Walpole, when exiled at Houghton, bemoans the existence of such a pest in the person of an aunt. Writing to his friend Sir Horace Mann, he says: "I have an aunt here, a family piece of goods, an old remnant of inequitable hospitality and economy. She wore me so down by day and night with interrogations that I dreamed all night she was at my ear with a who's, why's, when's and what's till at last in my very sleep I cried out, 'For heaven's sake, madam, ask me no more questions!'"

Dr. Johnson's dislike of being questioned is well known, and he gives the classic refutation of the habit in his own inimitable style: "Mr. questioning is not the mode of conversation among gentlemen. It is assuming a superiority, and it is particularly wrong to question a man concerning himself."—*Chambers' Journal*.

Gooseberries on Trees.

Travelers in Burma see many strange things, and perhaps one of the strangest is the way in which some kinds of fruit grow. For instance, gooseberries that at home grow on small bushes in this part of the world grow on trees over twenty-five feet high. They are not a soft, pulpy fruit, but are as hard as walnuts. The real Burman grapes may grow on high trees and not on vines. They hang from the branches and look like clusters of nuts on a long stalk and are covered with a thick outer skin, which cannot be eaten. The exterior of monkey nuts is also peculiar and consists of a large, fleshy part of soft pulp, with its nut or kernel attached to the outside of the fruit at the end farthest from the stalk from which it hangs.—*London Standard*.

# Answering The Call.

By Dorothy Glenn.

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Forsythe scowled out into the black night. The southbound express was already overdue. As soon as the long train of coaches had thundered past he could close up and go home.

"Going home" meant a dash across the sodden field to where he had pitched his tent for the summer. Jack Bailey, the regular operator at Haddon Junction, owned a tiny house, one of the four that constituted the settlement about the place, but Howard Forsythe preferred the tent for the summer, and so the house was shut up.

Hard work had kept Howard Forsythe in bad health all winter, and the physician had advised camping. He had pleaded the necessity for earning sufficient money to enable him to complete his senior year at college, and so the doctor had suggested Haddon Junction. Bailey was to be married and was going out west on his honeymoon. He expected to be gone all summer and was glad to have a man to take his place who would be willing to give it up in the fall.

Matters were arranged between Bailey and the train dispatcher, and ever since the college year had closed Howard Forsythe had reported the trains on the main line and the little twenty-five mile spur that gave the junction its name.

There were dreary times between, and Howard spent a part of his leisure in talking to Lottie Bayliss, the agent up in Green River, the first stop on the branch line. Lottie was a cousin of Mrs. Fyee, who lived at the junction, and it was her custom to run down on her bicycle after her office was closed, as soon as the 6:37 had gone up.

She found the station more interesting than her cousin, and before the middle of August she was wearing the ring that Howard had ordered from town. They were not to be married

until Howard had graduated, but the thought was an incentive to the man, and the days sped all too rapidly until the inevitable lovers' quarrel.

That had occurred three days before and Lottie had not been down to the junction since. It was for that reason rather than because of the belated train that Howard scowled into the darkness as he looked down the track.

At last the headlight gleamed faintly through the deluge, growing brighter, until with a roar the train swept past. Howard reported the train to the dispatcher's office and prepared to close the station. He was just slipping into his raincoat when the instrument on the Hampton line began to click out his call, and without waiting for a reply went on.

"I am alone in the station and robbers are trying to blow open the safe. I am tied to a chair and cannot escape. Come to my assistance."

Howard groaned. It was eight miles to Green River, and through the pelting storm he could not make it in less than twenty minutes. Perhaps he would be too late.

He ran to the shed where the track bicycle was stored and ran it out upon the rails. There was no use to carry the raincoat. He threw it in the shed, making sure that his revolver was in his pocket, he stepped into the seat. It was up grade all the way to Green River, but the tracks were wet enough to hold the wheels, and Howard bent to his work. He had gained in health since he had come to the junction, and no freshman working to make the eight had ever bent his back to his work as did Howard Forsythe speeding to the rescue of the girl he loved.

He was drenched to the skin, and the driving rain nearly blinded him, but he fought his way between the teeth of the half gale that was blowing, and at last the lights of Green River came into sight and encouraged

him to make a final spurt. With a rush he drew into the station and sprang from the bicycle. The station was dark and apparently deserted.

As quietly as he could Howard crept about the platform, peering into the windows. He could see no sign of life, and at last he sought to force the doors in the belief that the robbery must have been accomplished. He was still working upon the lock when a heavy hand fell upon his shoulder.

"Got ye?" was the triumphant exclamation. "Stole a track velocipede, did yer? Got'n' to rob all the stations in the rain? Well, there's one constable that knows his duty."

"Are you the constable?" demanded Howard. The other flashed his star with a gesture of pride, and Howard went on:

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"But it is true," Forsythe persisted. "Force the door, and you will find her tied to a chair. There have been robbers here already."

The constable grinned. "You want to tell me that she's tied to a chair? I was over to Clem Bayliss' tonight. Jest came away from there. Lottie said good night to me. Come along now."

"Are you going to take me to the jail?" Forsythe demanded.

"That's what I be," was the answer in uncompromising tones.

"Will you stop at the Baylisses on the way there?" he begged. "It will only take a moment, and Miss Bayliss will identify me."

The constable paused uncertainly, but at last he decided to grant the request, and he led Howard up the trim walk through the Bayliss garden.

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Lottie came into the hall at that moment.

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"But you did," persisted Howard. "You telegraphed me that you were bound to a chair in the station and that robbers were preparing to blow open the safe. I would know your Morse anywhere any time."

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"And it's a sell?" he asked ruefully as he thought of the hard trip.

"How did you come up?" she asked. "On the track bicycle," he explained. "Through all this storm?"

Howard nodded. "You must have nearly killed yourself. Father will take you upstairs and give you some dry clothes."

"It would be no use," he reminded. "I've got to get back again. The limited goes through at 6 and must be reported."

"But you will take good care of yourself when you get back, won't you?" she pleaded.

Howard nodded. She followed him to the door.

"Howard," she called, as he was turning away. He came back up the steps.

"I'm going down to see Cousin Jane tomorrow afternoon," she said softly. "I'll tell you then how sorry I am that I was cross and hateful the other night."

There was a soft sound of meeting lips, and then Howard went down the walk. The rain still poured in sheets, but he did not notice it. In answering the call he had found not danger, but happiness, at the other end of the wire.

The Savage and the Bird Cage.

A gentleman who went out with Stanley to Africa took with him a number of bird cages in which he hoped to bring back some specimens of the rarer birds of the interior. Owing to the death of his carriers he was obliged to throw away the bird cages, with a number of other articles. These were seized by the natives in great glee, though they did not know what to do with them, but they eventually decided that the small circular cages were a kind of headgear, and knocking off the bottom, the chiefs strutted about in them with evident pride. One chief, thinking himself more wise than the others and having seen the white men eat at table out of dishes, thought they were receptacles for food and took his meals from one, ceremoniously opening and shutting the door between each mouthful.

Desiring and Attaining.

Between desire and attaining, all human life flows on throughout. The wish is, in its nature, pain; the attainment soon begets satiety, the end was only apparent; possession takes away the charm; the wish, the need, presents itself under a new form when it does not; then follow desolation, emptiness, ennui—against which the conflict is just as painful as against want. That wish and satisfaction should follow each other neither too quickly nor too slowly, reduces to the smallest amount the suffering which both occasion, and constitutes the happiest life.—Arthur Schopenhauer.

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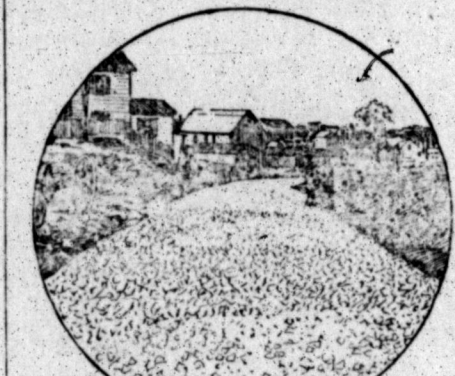
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Government Anxious to Help Any Community That Wishes to Improve Its Highways—How to Obtain Assistance of the Department.

The office of public roads of the department of agriculture is making its influence felt throughout the United States, and in no place is it more conspicuous than in the vicinity of Washington. The District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia each have something to show for the work that has been done in the way of road improvement, and, while comparatively little has been accomplished in comparison to the vast length of highways that need improvement, there is sufficient to form an interesting object lesson to guide local authorities in the extension of the good work which has been begun and in which instruction has been given by the agents of the government. The work of road improvement was begun by the government in compliance with a law directing the secretary of agriculture to furnish expert advice in road building. In their effort to comply with the law in an efficient manner the office of public roads has offered to local communities throughout the United States the services of its corps of highway engineers and experts, who are prepared to advise with persons in such communities as to the best methods of construction to be employed in any locality. Any community desirous of constructing an object lesson road will find the office of public roads ready to act as instructor in the good work, but the office has had to make plain to people in various sections that, while it will assist in such work, the community itself must take it up in a substantial manner. The office undertakes to provide both highway engineers and experts, who go over the ground and consider the questions of available materials for road construction as well as a plan for the road to be built. They prepare plans with proper grades and all details indicated and also in many

instances furnish machinery for the work. The people of the community to be benefited are expected to furnish common labor and teams and to have competent men on hand who are to be taught methods of road construction under the conditions that prevail in that community. After the piece of experimental road is built it is expected that the good work shall go on. One of the recent works begun by the office of public roads is the construction of a road from the station at Occoquan, Va., to the old town of Occoquan, a distance of two and a half miles. The road was a good sample of up hill and down dale, with mud almost any depth, until the experts in road building got hold of and improved it. In order to obtain the assistance of the department application must be made by the properly constituted local authorities who have legal control of the roads in their community. The assistance given is intended to be purely educational. The ability of the department to furnish machinery is a great help to many communities, as in that way the local authorities get a practical demonstration of just what they are expected to purchase for a continuance of the work. The department secured funds for the purchase of machinery, which it shifts from place to place as it is needed in its experimental work. The department has begun experimental roads in many parts of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian line to the gulf. Each section requires a somewhat different plan of improvement, and each time experts make plans for a community they add to their fund of information on the conditions affecting road building in various sections. It is expected that in the course of a few years the effect of this campaign for good roads will be seen very plainly throughout the United States. There are advocates of national aid for road building, and it is not unlikely that a strong effort will be made in the next congress to have an appropriation for this purpose. In many localities in which instruction in the building of good roads and education as to their desirability are most needed the people are unable to secure enough money to do their part toward the construction of the object lesson road. It is believed that if such communities were given one piece of road as an object lesson it would not be long before they would provide means for continuing the work on other roads. This is one of the arguments that will be used in favor of national aid, and there are a good many people who believe that congress will take up this work and put it through to a conclusion, so that a great impetus toward road construction will be had all over the United States.



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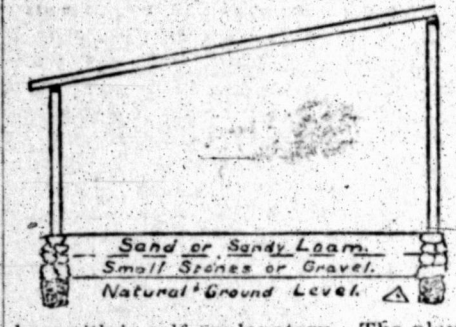
The following is taken from a publication of the United States department of agriculture known as bulletin No. 297 and entitled "Methods of Destroying Rats."

For poisoning rats in buildings and yards occupied by poultry the following method is recommended: Two wooden boxes should be used, one considerably larger than the other and each having two or more holes in the sides large enough to admit rats. The poisoned bait should be placed on the bottom and near the middle of the larger box, and the smaller box should then be inverted over it. Rats thus have free access to the bait, but fowls are excluded. Trapping, if persistently followed, is one of the most effective methods of destroying rats. The improved modern traps with a wire fall released by a baited trigger and driven by a coiled spring have marked advantages over the old forms, and many of them may be used at the same time. These traps, sometimes called guillotine traps, are of many designs, but the more simply constructed are to be preferred. Probably those made entirely of metal are best, as they are less likely to absorb and retain odors. Sturdy baits for guillotine traps are given and methods of baiting, and the bulletin gives the following:

By the persistent use of traps, occasional resort to poison, and the exercise of forethought in the construction of farm buildings so as to minimize the opportunities for harborage, farmers and others may prevent the greater part of the loss and annoyance they now experience from rat depredations. The same statement applies in great measure to city and village conditions; hence co-operation in the warfare on rats is particularly important and cannot be too strongly urged.

**A Tidy Sum From a Good Flock.**  
A correspondent sends the following account of the extra good returns received from a flock of 130 hens owned by Miss Marcella Warren of West Baldwin, Me.:  
During last year 1,490 5-6 dozen eggs were produced, which sold for \$384.87. The sales of poultry amounted to \$94.62, making the total receipts \$479.49. The feed bill was \$220.13, leaving \$259.36 net profit, or practically \$2 per hen. Miss Warren did all the work herself, hatching all chicks by hen power. The eggs are sent to Boston to a retail dealer. No breeding stock was sold nor eggs for extra prices. Dry feeding is practiced.

**A Plan to Secure Dryness.**  
There is no problem which is more annoying to the average poultryman than that of securing dryness in his henhouses. Without dryness it is almost a waste of time to attempt to raise chickens. The illustration given herewith is self explanatory. The plan followed has been used in many portions of the country with marked success, and as the extra work involved is really insignificant, it would be a good thing for the poultry industry of America if the arrangement were more generally adopted.



Sand or Sandy Layer. Small Spaces or Gravel. Natural Ground Level.

**"Cannibal" Chickens.**  
Some broods of chicks will form cannibal habits of picking one another in spite of almost anything one can do. When once the habit is formed it is very difficult to remedy. Divide the chicks into small flocks, not over twenty-five or thirty each, provide them with a litter of mow sweepings, cut clover or alfalfa to scratch in and see that they are plentifully supplied with granulated bone and beef scrap in addition to their grain food. Keep charcoal always before them.

**Chicks Dying in the Shell.**  
There are many causes of chicks dying in the shell, chief of them being poor condition of the breeding stock from which the eggs for hatching were taken. Breeding from overfat hens from birds that have been forced for heavy laying, or that are debilitated from any cause, is a common source of this trouble. Where humane breeding stock is used there will usually be a considerable percentage of chicks dead in the shell.

**Keep Pekin Ducks.**  
Every farmer who has a stream running through his farm should keep Pekin ducks. It pays well to keep them for the feathers alone. There is a good demand generally in one's own neighborhood for the feathers. Some duck raisers say that the duck does not require water to bathe in. This is true of the little ducks, but I would not deprive the old ducks of this pleasure, says Fannie Wood in Farm Journal.

**Blindness in Fowls.**  
The most common causes of blindness in fowls are conjunctivitis and keratitis, which generally develop from colds, and are associated with some what pronounced runny conditions. Blindness, though, doubtless does occur sometimes from other causes.

**STATE'S ROAD WORK.**

Connecticut Will Build Trunk Roads on a Uniform Plan.

Even a year ago the proposition to bond the state of Connecticut for \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 in order to build good roads would have been regarded as visionary. While the automobilists would have been glad of the roads which would result from such a course, it is doubtful if even they would have looked upon such a plan as other than a little too ambitious to go through, and the farmers wouldn't have considered it for a moment. Now the situation has so changed that the farmers are actually asking the committee to report a good sized bond issue to be available for improved roadways at about a million a year, writes a New Haven correspondent of the Boston Transcript.

Connecticut has done much toward acquiring good roads as a state, and yet it is the fact that the state has no system of good roads today worthy the name, and while there are stretches of road in different sections which have been well built and built to last in a general way the expenditure of money does not show.

The basis of the new plan which seems likely to receive the support of the general assembly consists in the state's taking over absolutely all trunk roads. The state will be entirely responsible for these roads, and with an appropriation of a million a year it won't be long before Connecticut will have a state wide network of first class roads. Certain concessions in the matter of choosing the road to be improved will be made to the local authorities, but it must be a trunk road.

The state will go into the roadmaking business on a large scale, will have its own trap rock quarries or take the entire output of private quarries, will have its own stone crushers and all the other necessities for successful roadmaking, will employ its own foremen and inspectors and will go at the whole business on a uniform plan. Not the least of the benefits of the scheme will be the fact that the towns will have their own road appropriations intact to spend on roads leading to the trunk lines improved by the state. It is proposed to bring the highway commissioner into even closer touch with the automobilists by giving him an auto in which to travel from town to town overseeing the road building. And, incidentally, all the taxes on autos coming to the state will be spent on good roads, in addition to the proceeds from the bond issue.

**Plan of Farmers to Build Roads.**  
A number of prominent farmers of Charlestown township, in Clark county, have originated a plan for the building of free gravel roads proposed in that township, says a Jeffersonville (Ind.) correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The bids submitted for the work were so high that the farmers decided to have the work done under their own supervision, thus being assured that it would be done satisfactorily, and save to themselves the profit that ordinarily goes to the contractor. Should this plan work out successfully, as it is believed it will, the residents of other townships in Clark county will adopt it. As far as is known at Jeffersonville, this will be the first time such a plan was ever tried in Indiana.

**Need of Better Country Roads.**  
At a meeting of the chamber of commerce, Jamestown, N. Y., Luis Jackson, industrial commissioner of the Erie railroad, recently spoke on the great physical improvements in every line of industry and referred particularly to the cost of hauling crops by teams from farms to railroad stations. Mr. Jackson gave facts and figures along this line secured from data published by the department of agriculture, by which he showed that the average cost of team haul on twenty-three different kinds of agricultural products was 11 cents per 100 pounds, and the average cost per ton mile 23 cents. These figures he thought emphasized the necessity for better roads.

**Rural Delivery Notes**

Rural Mail Carrier B. S. Johns of Lorain, O., carrier on route No. 1 west, has received a powerful motorcycle for use on his route, says the Columbus Dispatch. It is said that Johns is the first to use a motorcycle in the delivery of mail on country routes, and if the experiment proves a success, carriers all over Ohio may take up the idea, as it is much cheaper than to use a horse, after the first cost. Johns has some of the roughest roads in the Lorain section to cover and his route extends some twenty-five miles. In a test run he covered the territory and delivered his usual amount of mail matter in an hour's less time than formerly. He expects to cut this down a half hour more when he becomes thoroughly familiar with his machine.

The rural mail service has developed into a regular matrimonial bureau, according to a Washington dispatch to the St. Paul Pioneer Press. It is estimated that more than 100 rural carriers are married weekly, and in 90 per cent of the cases the contracting parties are brought together on the rural routes.

Boise, Ida., now claims the distinction of employing more women rural carriers than any other postoffice, three out of four routes from that city being served by women. Miss Mollie Stewart, who delivers route No. 2, is said to be the champion broncho rider of the northwest. The postmaster at Boise is enthusiastic over the work of the women carriers, who, he says, are very particular and faithful and popular with the patrons.

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The value of a man's home can't be determined in dollars and cents. It is really the only thing that is wholly one's own; debt may swallow up everything a man owns except his home. You cannot feel that sense of security that comes from living upon your own property, but you will always feel, so long as you rest, that you may at any time be compelled to move. A home really costs very little. Let us show you.  
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No matter what your needs in the lumber line I want an opportunity to supply same. Full stock of all kinds of Building Material, Paints, Oil, Glass and WALL PAPER. Best Paint Sold—"B. P. S." Absolutely the largest and best line of Wall Paper ever brought to Clarendon.  
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**Notice.**  
 An involuntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in the United States district court for the Northern District of Texas at Fort Worth, Texas, against the estate of W. Cooke, by his creditors. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to call at the Citizens Bank Clarendon, Texas, and

**Notice.**  
 After January 15th we will conduct our business upon a strictly cash basis. Absolutely nothing will be charged.  
**BUTLER & GOLDSTON.**  
 —Thirty days of shoe bargains at Rathjen's Shoe Store

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### Helps To See

Prof. Burt, the old reliable optician of 40 years experience, is with us for a time, and can be found at Mrs. Blake's boarding house. He carries his stock with him, no sending off for goods. All styles of makes and shapes of frames to suit the nose or face. New glasses set in old or new frames to suit the sight. He carries the largest stock of optical goods of any traveling man in Texas. All examinations free of charge. Call and see him and he will tell you just what to do.

Rev. Burroughs, of Mineral Wells, has been called to preach for the local Baptist church, and

Miss Leslie Antrobus is spending the holidays with friends at Claude. She will return tonight.

—Don't forget the big shoe sale at Rathjen's Shoe Store, and don't forget that you can save 15 per cent.

A Happy New Year to all our readers. May the year 1908 be one of prosperity and happiness to one and all.

The First National Bank building is in the hands of the painters and is being beautified by the addition of a new dress.

Miss Dent, formerly the popular central operator for the local telephone exchange, has returned from Greenville and is again at her post of duty.

A. J. Lester and Miss Shirley Maupin were married at Altus, Oklahoma, Sunday, December 29, and left immediately for Clarendon. Mr. Lester is a painter and decorator employed by Contractor Chisum.

Capt. R. S. Kimball asks us to announce that the old Confederate soldiers will have a meeting at the court house Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Several talks are scheduled and an interesting session of the camp is expected.

Today closes the five day session of the Donley County Teachers' Institute. The indisposition of the editor has prevented us from securing anything like a report of the meeting, but we are informed that a very successful and highly interesting institute is the result.

Regular services at the Presbyterian church next Sunday. At the morning hour Messrs. W. H. Craig, J. W. Morrison and W. M. Montgomery will be ordained and installed deacons, having been elected at church conference last Sunday.

Rev. W. L. Skinner, a former popular pastor, filled the pulpit at the Baptist church at both hours last Sunday. Rev. Skinner and wife were on their way to Stratford, where they are now located, and stopped over here to visit his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Taylor.

The Christmas dance at the opera house last Thursday night has been denominated as one of the most enjoyable affairs ever given in this city. Jesse G. Martin was the host of the occasion, and Misses Anderson and Herron the honorees. The attendance was large, the music good, and all conditions most favorable to a full enjoyment of a happy occasion.

### Write it 1908.

Miss Lila McClelland leaves tonight for Dallas where she will re-enter school.

Miss Edna Miller returned to Georgetown University Wednesday night.

—Your shoes will cost you 15 per cent less if bought at Rathjen's during the big sale.

Fulton Hardwick came up from Memphis Wednesday for a short visit with friends here.

The Misses Chamberlain will return to Dallas Sunday night for the purpose of resuming their school work.

—15 per cent is good interest on your money. Better save that much on your shoes by buying at Rathjen's.

We have 4 cars of Sunshine Maitland lump coal. It gives perfect satisfaction. None better. Kimberlin Lumber and Coal Co.

Smith & Thornton are congratulating themselves since the 1st on having plenty of room in their store. The stock of furnishings having been moved out gives them ample quarters now.

Good reports come from Mrs. George Bagby at the hospital in Oklahoma City. We are sorry to learn, however, that Mr. and Mrs. Bagby are contemplating leaving Clarendon in the near future.

Rathjen's Shoe Store has a page, calling attention to their 15 per cent reduction sale for the month of January. Rathjen's shoes are good shoes and his patrons will doubtless avail themselves of this opportunity to save money.

W. H. Thompson has sold his stock of goods to A. T. Culbertson who has assumed charge, moved over the Smith & Thornton stock, bought some time ago, and is ready for business with the William Bros. as manager for the present.

We call attention to the page ad of the Clarendon Mercantile Co., in this issue. They are putting on a clearing sale of eight days only, and publish their cost mark. The bargain hunters will find a feast spread for them at this sale.

The editor has only been on duty a couple of days this week, and doubtless many local items are again overlooked. Next week we trust that our physical disabilities may have been removed and that we can give you full time and a better paper.

Eckford Reeves returned from Dallas just before Christmas bearing with him a diploma from the Metropolitan Business College. Eckford made a splendid record in that institution, having completed the entire banking and business course since July 15.

District court will convene Monday. The principal attraction will be a couple of murder cases transferred here from Amarillo. One, the celebrated Dockray case, will bring a large number of witnesses to town and will be of much general interest.

Miss Mamie Richards, of Aledo, has arrived, to take the position of teacher of elocution at Clarendon College. Miss Richardson comes highly recommended, and any one contemplating taking the course should make the arrangements with her or with President Slover at once.

Mr. Jack Reid, son of J. L. Reid, of the Lelia Lake community, was married on the 19th of Dec. to Miss Effie Carruthers, of Strawn, Texas. News of the marriage was received here only this week and came as a surprise to the groom's family and friends. He and his bride are expected here on a visit soon.

The store of the Martin-Bennett Co. looks about fifty per cent better since the installation of a new skylight. The furnishing goods department on the second floor is particularly benefited by the change. The store is also brilliantly lighted now with a new outfit of gasoline lamps, and the firm has ceased to worry about the time of night "the lights come on."

## The Cash Store

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

We suggest that it is appropriate to bestow gifts on New Year's day. If for any reason your heart is heavy because you have done little to lift the burden of weaker shoulders. We remind you of the fact that there are many lives needing the sunshine and good cheer which you can so abundantly spare. Why not help somebody not so fortunate as you? (Now is the time.

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Long lengths and short prices.

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Prices cut down to suit you.

### RIBBON CANE SYRUP

We received yesterday a car load of pure home made ribbon cane syrup from the plantation in South East Texas. This syrup is guaranteed pure under the Pure Food Laws, and contains all the sugar in the cane. This syrup in barrels is 25 per cent cheaper than the same quality in buckets and you get more syrup for less money. Gallon ..... 40c

### MEATS

Dry salt sides lb ..... 9 1/4 c  
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About 3500 acres of the Bugbee lands, one to four miles west of Clarendon and south of the railroad. All level agricultural land, over 1000 acres in cultivation, houses, windmills, tanks, etc., on several tracts. For sale in tracts to suit purchasers. For price apply to J. B. McCLELLAND, 46-11 Agent.

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## Very Good, Thank You.

Our Holiday Trade was very good, indeed. We wish to extend our thanks to our patrons and wish them a Happy New Year. During 1908 our place will be better than ever.

## Clarendon Bakery and Cafe

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### For Sale.

One bay horse, 16 hands high, good buggy animal, safe and reliable, works any where; one 4-year old brown mare, will work any where; two good young milch cows, will be fresh soon; about 30 good thrifty shoats; one disc turning plow, been in use only one year in good repair; one lister, in good shape; other farming implements, and some household goods, including an organ and cook stove. For prices see Mrs. Kate Lochridge, Clarendon, or A. J. Newman at the Lochridge farm near Hedley. tf

—We now have a complete stock of the popular McCall patterns. Just such a stock as the large department stores in the cities carry. The Martin-Bennett Co. tf

Hugh Brown and children, of Clarendon, are the guests of his sister, Mrs. A. G. Guill.—McLean News.

—Call at the Cafe, "after the show." tf

Dr. Stocking reports a fine girl born to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Watson near Lelia Lake Tuesday.

—For bargains in real estate and city property see Kersey & Martin, Clarendon, Texas. tf

—Our new bread "Mothers Bread," is the best you ever ate; ask for it at the Clarendon Bakery.

John Young returned Monday morning to Amarillo after spending the holidays with relatives here.

—The Donley County State Bank invites your patronage. All the courtesies of a safe and conservative banking system at your disposal. Call and see us. tf

Miss Lindley Anderson and Miss Annie Herron left Saturday night for their home in Mississippi after spending the holidays with Mrs. F. D. Martin.

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