THE HANSFORD HEADLIGHT.

#### The First National Bank of Hansford, Texas

Official Statement (Condensed) to Comptroller of the Currency,

November 20, 1917

Resources

\$268, 761, 17

Liabilities

\$268, 761.17

The above statement is correct.

E. J. THAYER, Cashier, JAMES H. CATOR, Vice President.

Courtesy

Conservatism

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#### The Opinion of a Patriot

Austin, Texas, Dec. 11, 1917.

Mr. J. R. Collard, Hansford Taxas. wish I could send you as good a re-port from this section of the state. We have a drouth that seems to hang on like "grim death to a sick nigger" and it seems to be impossible to break and it seems to be impossible to break it for this section of the country. The cattlemen have had to move their stock from the west and I cannot see how the tenant farmers will be able to making people all the time and re-gardless of the butchery going on on J. H. Bu the other side of the water, there will Sikes made a business trip to Plembe many immigrants coming over to one on Wednesday. United States when the fracas ends. It is my earnest hope that the end will come soon and the German nation and her allies will be whipped off the face of the earth. I was in the civil war under General Robt. E. Lee and but for my age would be in this war against the Germans. As I can-mot go myself I have sent my only boy, and I hope that he will be an honor to his daddy and to the U. S., by fighting the Huns to the last ditch.

JOHN K DONNAN.

We are printing the above letter for the good there is in it, principally; to let his many friends throughout this varmints. section hear from this grand old patriotic gentleman again, who, too old a load of freight the first of the week to fight himself, has sent an only son Bill Barkley suffered a painful injury to the trenches in order "that gov-erument for the people, of the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth," and also to further emphasize a fact so often mentioned by the Headlight, that there will never be a more opportune time than the present affords to buy land in this amination country. We have had no drouth here as they have had in Travis county, but land can be bought much cheaper here than there. Travis is spending the week out at the L. D. one of the richest counties of the state Pierce home, seven miles southwest of and yet her farmers are in desperate Hansford. They took Count and the circumstances on account of the buggy along, which is seriously indrouth and what little was produced terfering with "Chunk's" on the farm was gobbled up by the affairs.

land owners, who, as a rule, live in the cities of Austin, Houston, San An tone and Galveston, and work not Dear Sir:—I am very glad to be tanant farmers would come out to the standard farmers would come churches are as good as Travis county affords and the conscienceless land lord is an unknown quantity. We

J. H. Buchanan and Walter C.

Hays Mercantt e Co.

nicely from a recent severe illness, a for the navy. fact her many friends are glad to

John L. Hays and family visited friends in Guymon, Texhoma and Stratford last Saturday and Sunday, Always glad to hear from and to returning to Hansford Monday morn-

> Walter C. Sikes, Joe Welch, J. H. Buchanan and J. D. Cotter wert out on a coyote chase Tuesday and succeeded in bringing down one of the

> While returning from Texhoma with when one wheel of the wagon passed over his foot.

> Milo Blodgett, Jim Butler, Rex Sanders and Ralph Blodgett went to Dalhart Wednesday on business. Ralph intends to have an X-ray examination made of his arm, which was injured recently in a motor cycle

Mrs. Sid Clark and son Harbert are

#### The Campaign Is Going Good In Hansford County McClellan, chairman of the

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS DRIVE

Red Cross Christmas campaign in Hansford county informs the Headight that he is well pleased with the progress of the work in Hansford county. Wednesday night the total enrollment in Hansford county had reached 450, and as our apportion nent was only 285, we have already lone more than was asked of us, and eports from the workers in the coun try indicate that our total enrollment will reach the 600 mark before the ampaign closes on Christmas Eve. The solicitors have worked and are till working hard and faithfully and will not let up until the campaign closes The little Red Cross buttons nave not yet arrived but Porter A. Whaley, district manager, wired from Amarillo Tuesday night that the factory was running day and night and would soon be able to fill all orders. The solicitors report that a majority of the people are ready and willing to oin the Red Cross A few have plaimed that they could not spare the that too large a per cent of the funds is used in the administration of the ganization or institution of any kind nat is so far-reaching in its endeavrs and is so ably and efficiently man-This is made possible from he fact that all of the executives who dminister its affairs as well as a unds collected, less about 1 1-4 per their final destination in the form of all be proud. And that this service, when rendered by one, may be known to be prouded by one, may be known.

ately by mail or express to Hon. under conditions this country never boys and happier for the soldiers of Home Guard for the nice program. Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant sec-retary of the pavy, care naval obser-vatory, Washington, D. C., who will acknowledge all glasses accepted by

has seen before; and, horeover to to probable that this year we shall not experience our most norrowful Christ-which is another way of saying: Let us make it the happiest Christmas.— With the probable that the chocol Guaranty State Bank. Potatoes, onions and cabbage, all the navy and return those not found the thought of the nation dwelling fresh and fine, and the price is lowest useful. Under the law the government largely on the infinite suffering is required to pay \$1 for each one ac- abroad, on the certainty that our own cepted. Tag each article with your flesh and blood will soon be enduring Mrs. J. H. Buchanan is recovering name and address. Help supply eyes its full share of that suffering, and on the absence from home of hundreds of

The Peace of the Heart

Peace is not something the pleasure of kings,

Peace is not something to sell or to buy;

Every anthem that gladdens the sky,

Centuries so it has lighted the world.

When we were weary, has given us calm;

Still it has lighted the pine and the palm.

Man on his earth can not dim it with wrong, Change it with all of his warrior's art-

Still we have Christmas-glorious Christmas, Christmas that brings us the peace of the heart.

Flags have been flaunted and flags have been

Sings of a peace that can never depart-

Peace of the Christmas-God-given Christmas-

Christmas that brings us the peace of the heart.

Sings of a peace that forever is ours,

Every carol that merrily sings,

furled.

# Christmas Greetings



To all our friends and patrons we extend hearty greetings, wishing you a Merry Christmas. May health, happiness and prosperity be yours

during 1918.

We thank you for your business and shall do our very best to merit your friendship and the business entrusted to our care during 1918. Our greatest pleasure is in giving you good service.

Let's make 1918 the banner business year for

Hansford county.

We are at your service—command us.

# Guaranty State Bank

No depositor in a State Bank in Texas has ever lost

thousands of dear ones, Christmas, 1917, will be a war Christmas. Into this somber outlook the Red Cross is seeking to bring something of cheer. 16 till Christmas Eve it is asking for these 10.000,000 to become "Red Cross najority of the employees and all of Christmas" recruits that they may workers are volunteers. In the ad-ninistration of its affairs all of the those of our allies are called upon to ent for administration, have reached bear. This cooperation of the Red Cross is real service of which we may if I had the money I would buy any good section of land offered at a reasonable price. The turn is bound to come for the better and when it does come land will jump. The Lord has stopped making land, but He is a business trip to Am. Kirby made section of the making people all the time.

Six hundred Red Cross members in flansford county is the goal; the slot display at his home a Red Cross service flag on which each new member to display at his home a Red Cross service flag on which each new member to display at his home a Red Cross service flag on which each new member to display at his home a Red Cross service flag on which each new member to display at his home a Red Cross service flag on which each cross service flag on which each cross service flag on which each new member to display at his home a Red Cross service flag on which each cross service flag on which each cross service flag on the flow of the stop of the

#### Made Few Purchases

Hansford county farmers and stockmen were put to considerable trouble and expense in bringing horses to Hansford last Saturday to be hur riedly given the 'once over' and turned down by the buyers for the army who were here that day. These men advertised that they would be in Hansford on the above-mentioned date for the purpose of buying horses but they bought only four head out of a bunch of perhaps 200. Hansford county horsemen could not be censured of bringing them to town, only to be

#### No More Soldier Letters

comply with the request.

#### Resolutions

By the Hansford County Teachers' Association, passed at the regular December, 1917, Session:

We, the teachers of the present ses-December 10-15, 1917, wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the friends and patrons who have extended to us their hearty cooperation.

adopt the following resolutions:

First, that we extend to the county superintendent our special thanks for his kind consideration in all matters. Second, to Mr. Grooms for his wal uable information concerning the literary organization.

Third, to Mr. Storrs for the organization of the Boy Scouts.

Fourth, to Miss Jones for the organization of the Camp Fire girls. Our sincerest appreciation to the swell into millions before Chrietmas, following persons for their interest each flag and each little cross bearing shown in our social welfare. First, testimony that some one's Christmas to the Hansford Epworth League for the social. Second, to the Hansford our allies. Let us all help to Third, the pleasant evening spent in make this a Red Cross Christmas— the home of Mrs. H. P. Balley which is another way of saying: Let Fourth, for the chocolates from the

> That we extend our heartiest appreciation to the patrons, friends, vist-

tors and all others for interest and courtesy shown us.

That a copy of these resolutions be published in the local paper.

Respectfully,

COMMITTER.

#### Motor Cycle Accident

Ralph Blodgett and Paddy Doyle happened to quite a serious accident last Monday morning while coming to town on a motor-cycle from their homes in the Blodgett community. the built-for-two pattern and while coming along at a little better than a for making the next buyer go out to the ranches to see the horses, (astead of bringing them to town, only to be or oringing them to town, only to be told that their stock is not wanted.

There is a surplus of good horses in a hole in the ground. Just what hap-There is a surplus of good horses in Hansford county and there is no reason why these buyers should not have found a fair-sized bunch of just what how to get to the Hazelwood home found a fair-sized ounce of just what is wanted by the government in the horse line.

where they phoned in for doctors and nurses. Ralph came out of the wreck with a broken arm and numerous bruises and Mr. Doyle was bruised No More Soldier Letters

The Headlight recently received instructions from the Division Publicity good old friend Doyle would permit officer to print no more letters from the soldier boys. All other papers motor cycle as to attempt to ride the bave received the same instructions. "critter," and since the accident we it is considered best by those higher up and the Headlight will willingly for a motor or any other kind of a color with the acceptance. cycle.

## **Largest and Best**

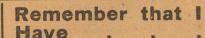
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## Farm and Ranch LANDS



In Hansford County Texas

I have for sale a large list of Farm and Ranch Lands in Hansford county, at prices that will meet the approval of the purchaser. See me at once if you want choice lands near Spearman.



-Douglas Malloch.

# Cheap Money to LOA



On Hansford County Real Estate. .

I have an unlimited amount of money to loan on Farm and Ranch Lands. Best terms and lowest rate of interest. See or write me if you need a loan. I will treat you right.

Information Gladly Furnished Phone or Write.

R. COLLARD

HANSFORD, TEXAS

## Practical **Christmas Gifts**

That is the kind to buy every year and especially during the war. We have taken great care in the selection of our Holiday Line this year and feel sure we have what you want. We mention just a few articles which will aid you in making a selection:

Dolls, Books, Hand Bags, Parisian Ivory, Toilet Sets, Cames, Banks, Soldier Kits, Candies, Victrolas, Post Card Albums

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PRACTICAL GIFTS FOR SOLDIER BOYS

Frank D. Hood Drug Co.

**Christmas Presents** That Will Please

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South Bend, Elgin, Waltham, Illinois, Ingersoll.

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For Every Purpose

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I have a splendid equipment and guarantee my work to be first-class in every particular. Vul-canizing is my specialty. My prices are reasonable and I respectfully solicit your business in this line.

Leave your tires which are in need of repair at the Close & Lyman Garage --- Kincheloe old stand

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#### Dry Goods and Shoes

Our Goods are up-to-date in every particular and the price is as low as you will find anywhere.

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E. R. Wilbanks & Son

WELL DRILLER

All work guaranteed. Give me the job when you want a well and I will give you entire satisfaction.

Hansford, - Texas

DR. JARVIS

DENTIST

#### Ochiltree and Hansford

At Ochiltree the weeks beginning with the First and Third Mondays of each month and at Hansford on Tuesday after the Second Monday of each month.

#### To Make a Merry Christmas

No \$2.00 that you can spend in Christmas-present giving will go further than a subscription for The Youth's Companion Look over your long list and see how few things on it are certain to be as eagerly treasured during every one of the 52 weeks of 1918. Acquaintance with it soon ripens into lasting friendship, for it has that rare and priceless quality among periodicals, character,—and the character of The Youth's Companion has made fast friends for it all round the world.

The Companion alone is \$2.00 but the publishers make an extraordinary double offer—The Youth's Companion and McCall's Magazine together for \$2.25

Our two-at-one-price offer includes:

1. The Youth's Companion—52 issues of 1918.

2. All the remaining issues of 1917.

3. The Companion Home Calendar for 1918.

4. McCall's Magazine—12 fashion numbers of 1918.

All for only \$2.25.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION

been sunk under the sea and at a later date had been raised and tilted over, so that the position of the trees was

so that the position of the trees was horizontal instead of vertical.

It is estimated the age of these trees is in the millions of years. The discovery was made at Mussel Rock, Cal.

Fashionable IIIs Disappear.
Some of the most fashionable London physicians have been badly hit by the war. This is mainly caused by the shrinkage in the number of imaginary ailments. Those people who used to swell the fashionable physicians' bank belong predigiously with the property of the property o used to swell the rashionable physicisms' bank balance prodigiously with their fancied maladies have now simply no time to imagine themselves ill, or rather the war has distracted their attention. One never seems to meet a hypochondriac or neurotic in these days. The war has also been these days. The war has also been the cause of the termination of many

Texas has ever lost a dollar.

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Stored at Guymon and can make you attractive prices on

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> Our Motto is: Good goods at the right Your Money's Worth or Your Money

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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION
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By virtue of a certain order of the District Court of Travia county, Texas, order and probate matter.

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Suites 3 and 4 First National Bank Building
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J. W. PAYNE
Attorney-at-Law
Will practice in all State Courts.
Office in Farmers and Stockmens State Bank
Ochiltree, Texas

Cabbage, enions and potatoes, and the price is right, at Hays Mercantile Company

Texas,

Texas







WILLIS BROOKS

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UR village paper had issued a very creditable Christmas edition. I was looking over the news section by the front window. My wife sat near, absorbed in the story part.

"What's that?" she asked, listening. She was always on the lookout for more eggs. What she heard certainly did sound like a hen announcing the arrival of one-twelfth of a dozen.

"That," I answered, "is Ezra Barnstable in a state of amusement."

We looked through the window, and,

We looked through the window, and, sure enough, here he came down the street, an expansive smile illuminat-

street, an expansive smile filuminating his monilike face.

"What on earth can the man be laughing so about all alone?" my wife wanted to know. She was that way—never content to let a man be happy unless she knew the reason why.

So I work to the door and sang out.

unless she knew the reason why.

So I went to the door and sang out to Ezra, "Isn't it kind of stingy to enjoy it all by yourself?"

When he had unwound the wool tippet from his neck and taken the rocking chair which the missis had set before the fireplace for him he leaned back and cut gashes in the atmosphere with another flourish of his sharp continuences. "I've heard of pnere with another flourish of his sharp cachinnations, "Tve heard o' Santa Claus playin' tricks before now," said he, "but I don't guess he ain't never played none no funnier than this.

"It was like this: Three, four days ago my boy Chet come home with a rabbit—one o' them big white critters with the pink eyes—that he'd swapped off one o' his mittens to the one arméd Mayhew boy fer. When he come in, luggin' the thing in his arms, his maast him whose it was, an' he said it was his'n an' its name was Jimmy an' Eddie Mayhew give it to him.

"Them Mayhew boys ain't givin' nothin' away fer nothin'," says she. 'What'd you give him fer it?

"Chet knowed he was cornered, so he owned up that he'd give Eddie one o' his wool mittens. 'I don't never wear but one much anyhow,' says he, 'an', besides, Eddie's a poor, one armed boy, an' his hand was cold, an' it was

boy, an' his hand was cold, an' it was comin' Chris'mus.

"I seen the look in his ma's eye, an'
I felt sorry fer Chet, so I says, 'Chet,'
says I, severe-like, 'you come to the
barn along of me,' like I was goin' to

"That satisfied his ma. So Chet an' me went to the barn an' made a box to keep the rabbit in. I knowed the thing 'd freeze to death if he kep' it anywheres but in the house, an' I knowed his ma wouldn't listen to his doin' that, so I puts him up to gittin' rid of it by invitin' his Cousin Artie

over fer Chris'mus an' givin' it to him fer a Chris'mus present.
"Artie, you know," Ezra explained,
"is my wife's brother's boy. You re-member my wife's brother, Dan Baker, over in Center township, the one that died an' left a widder with eight chil-

'Waal, when Chet told his ma what he was goin' to do she said he could keep the rabbit in the attic till Chris'mus an' not a minute longer. So he writ to Artie, an' this mornin' bright an' early here comes the hull family— Mis' Baker an' the hull eight childern.

"Chet, he hadn't even got up yet, but I rousted him out, an' when he come down he tolt Artie about the Jimmy rabbit he was goin' to give him. Then Mis' Baker chips in an' says she never Mis' Baker chips in an' says she never lows one o' her children to accept presents unless all the others gits the same thing. 'It makes the others jeal-ous,' says she, 'an' creates dissensions.'

"I seen trouble comin' to Chet in flocks an' herds an' I says to myself they's jest one way to settle this thing You know, if you give a rabbit a little cuff on the back of his neck he never knows what hit him. So I sneaks up to the attle, but ole Santa Claus had

Ezra rocked back and let out a few more staccato notes of merriment. "What had happened?" my wife

'Wait 'till I tell you," said Ezra. called Chet to come up quick, an' he come a-runnin'. 'Look here,' says I to him, 'you give the eight little ones to the children an' the old one to Mis' Baker. If you do it nice she can't refuse 'em, 'specially when the little reabits needs the services of Jimmy fer awhile yit.' So Chet he lugged the hull box o' rabbits downstairs an' made sech a elokent presentin' speech that the widder couldn't do nothin' but e widder couldn't do nothin' but ank him an' take the hull mess home

### Christmas Gifts

THE joy that's born of Christmas gifts is not within themselves or you or I could pick our joys from any merchant's shelves And you could buy more costly things than ever I could give,

And though no friend should come

your way contented you could live.

we.

Yet some poor trinket rich becomes and treasure to the end

Because it is the symbol of a true and loyal friend.

The thing is nothing as it lies upon a merchant's shelf,

And scarce a thought you'd give to it for what it is itself.

There may be thousands like it round about you everywhere,

But let a friend bring it to you and straightway it is rare.

For something of that friend into his simple gift is wrought

And it becomes a precious thing—a token of a thought.

We are a sentimental clan, we fight and strive for gold,
Yet treasures which we closest guard are never bought or sold;
The things we value most are not the gems our money buys.
But all those sweet and lovely things that memory hide we price.

that memory bids us prize.
The faded slippers of a babe not in
themselves are dear,
But in the thoughts they bring to us

But in the thoughts they bring to us of one no longer here.

And so it is with Christmas gifts, 'tis friends who make them rare,
The trifle that with love is rich has worth beyond compare;
The moment that it passes from some friendly hand to you
It has assumed a value that before it never knew.
And what was common in itself is now beyond all price

beyond all price

Because it represents to you some good
friend's sacrifice.

#### The Christmas Rose.

IT was in Ireland I heard the beautiful legend of the Christmas rose, says a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger. When the great night came and the dark skies were suddenly illuminated with the lights of heaven the shepherds, gathering together their offening went with baste to find him offering, went with haste to find him who had come to be the Light of the world. Great rough men, full of simple faith, they were, and each carried a little lamb in his arms to lay at the ceet of the Good Shepherd. But among them was one wee lad who had no

All his life long he had heard of the All his life long he had heard of the Messiah who was to come. The earth was full of rumors that the time was near at hand, and lying out on the hillside under the deep blue sky he had dreamed dreams of that day, picturing himself close to him in many roles. And now that the moment was come he raced along, his tiny legs finding it hard work to keep up with the swift, strong stride of the men.

So full of excitement was he that no

So full of excitement was he that no But as he came to the cave, saw the bright star shining above and heard the songs of the angels he noticed his empty hands.

How could he go into the presence of the newborn King when he had

of the newborn King when he had nothing to lay at his feet, he who would so willingly lay down his very life for him! He crept close to the opening, and, kneeling down in the cold white snow, he wept as though his little heart would break.

And, lo, the warm tears melted away the hard snow, and from beneath there sprang up the first Christmas rose, the fruit of a little boy's love for the Christ Child!

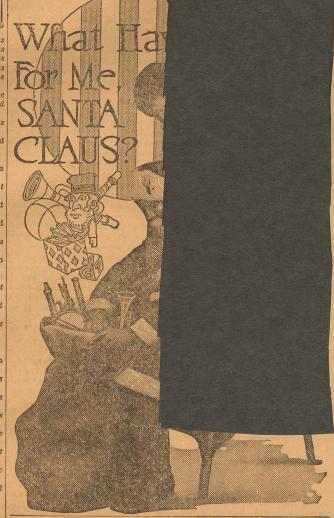
The Good Old Customs

endure, let us cling to the old cus-toms. Up with the holly, the box and the bay, set the plum pudding ablaze, light the Christmas tree, scatter greetings broadcast through the land, ring out wild bells to the wide sky and give ncouragement to the carol singers Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it makes us all kin and nore or less kind. It is a truly happy festival, the time when we best under ast, when the old grow young again. A happy Christmas, then, to all,

Christmas Carols at Nantucket,

chool children march through the old

All the ancient houses are illuminat ed with candles in the windows, ar the children always stop and serenae their favorites. It is very pretty to hear them, and they never forget to sing for what they call the "shut ins" get out and jain the festivities.



Christmas Greens,

A quaint old writer thus spiritualizes the practice of Christmas decorations. "So our churches and houses, decked "So our churches and houses, decked with bays and rosemary, holly and ivy and other plants which are always green, winter and summer, signify and put us in mind of his Delty—that the child that now is born was God and man, who should spring up like a tender plant, should always be green and fountshing, and, should live forever. flourishing and should live foreverChristmas Means Love.

Christmas Means Love.
We cannot picture it without seeing the spangled Christmas tree girt with the faces of gleeful youngsters, glad parents and happy bodles returned home from town or far metropolis. It sounds like bells and crackling logs and shouts of children. And even our old, round shouldered, sorrow ridden planet, with his eye knocked out on his cheek, pauses to smile from sea



"Mumr"
"Stop that noise with your Christmas drum! Do you want to deafen us?"
"Yes'm; then you won't mind the noise."—Life.

Risky.

"I'd like to give my wife fifty dollars for Christmas."

"Well, why not?"

"I ain't certain that I could coax it away from her again."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Sign of Age.
"Just when does a woman grow old?

"When she ceases to regard the hanging of the mistletoe as an event."—Buffalo Express.

All He Remembered.
The Preacher—And did you re-

member the poor on Christmas?

Little Albert—No. I didn't remember nothin' much, except about pa catchin' me with my

Up-to-Date Xmas Maxims Never look a Christmas gift in the price tag.

There is nothing so rare as a A ton of coal is rather to be

chosen than gaudy jewels.

Beware of mistletoe; it grows the border of matrimonial

Better broken toy drums than

Christmas spirit seldom intoxicates, but it generally bankrupts.
Christmas belles manage to ring in guite a few gifts.

Just now the most popular book seems to be the pocketbook. Never put a gift cigar in the

mouth.

Christmas gifts are somewhat like babies—you can't always get what you want, but wisely be contented with what came.—New

his cheek, pauses to smile from sea to sea, and love is everywhere rejuven-ated.—James Whitcomb Riley.

Good Old Soul.
"Why haven't you gone," they asked him,

asked him,
"To your snowy mountain
ranges?"
"I'm waiting," said Santa Claus,
"to make

The regular exchanges."

Christmas Anticipation

"I don't believe the approach of Christmas brings you a single joyous anticipation," said the sweet

young thing.
"Don't eh?" replied the savage
bachelor. "Listen to my secret.
That youngster on the third floor is sure to get a tin trumpet for a present."

"Then he will get careless and leave it on the hall floor. And then I shall step on it with both feet. Don't you call that a joyous anticipation?"

A Long List.

Parke—Have you decided what
to give your wife for Christmas?

Lane—Not yet. There are so
many things I can't afford.—

The Canny Scot at Yule. A commercial traveler had taken a large order in Scotland for a consignment of hardware

for a consignment of hardware and endeavored to press upon the canny Scottish manager who had given the order a Christmas gift of a box of Havana cigars. "Naw," he replied, "Don't try to bribe a man. I cudna tak them, and I am a member of the kirk." "But will you not accept them as a Christmas present?" "I cudna," said the Scot. "Well, then," said the traveler,

"Heal," said the Soot.
"Well, then," said the traveler,
"suppose I sell you the cigars for
a merely nominal sum—say, six-

'Weel, in that case," replied the meant, I think I'll be taking two boxes."

### The Spirit Of Giving

AT Christmastide, O be thou ten-

der, true;
Thy friends make glad and all
thy foes forgive;
With its sweet light begin to live

Ungrudgingly give, and giving, much Make thy glad life grow large, thy soul

Let there be one full day within the year When love shall open wide thy waiting

To lessen want and dry some bitter tear. Souls are there many, heavy laden,

sore,
And eyes that weep and hearts that often bleed.

And squalor knocking, tattered, at thy

door,
And cold and hunger crying in their

Give wisely, freely, of thy bounty give, And, most of all, do not forget, give

Since giving is the truest way to live, And richest treasure laying up above. Make glad thy home, let sunshine

reign within;
Bless every hearthstone with thy
largess fair; Share with pale want thine overflowing bin, By kindness save some brother from

despair. Be saviors, O my brothers, every one! Let the true Christ in your own soul tree.

be born;

Thus thou canst be God's well beloved

son make each dawn a joyous Ohristmas morn!
—Minneapolis Journal.

#### Test Your Gifts.

HRISTMAS gifts should be free from frippery, mere temporary worth, the solely worldly or material value. This is the first test-

The second, a Christmas gift should be in keeping with one's purse-unos-

A Christmas gift should display good carefulness

A Christmas gift should confer a real benefit—thoughtfulness.

benefit—thoughtfulness.

A Christmas gift should produce unfeigned pleasure—interest.

A Christmas gift should be something you would wish associated with thoughts of yourself—friendship.

A Christmas gift should, if possible, be something that can be shared with others—kindliness.

others-kindliness A Christmas gift should, as long as lasts, give as much delight as on

Christmas morning—quality.

A Christmas gift should be something you yourself would be glad to

possess-sincerity. A Christmas gift should be some-thing you have selected, not something

picked up by chance—heartiness.

A Christmas gift should be something you take pleasure in thinking of afterward as having been given by you to your friend—satisfaction.—Christian Horseld.

All the Year Round.
Christmas comes all the year, Christmas is giving.
Christmas is losing one's life and finding it again in the heart of another.
Wherever we find good will, humanity fellow feeling there we find a heart r, fellow feeling, there we find a heart elebrating Christmas. The most deli-te pleasures of Christmas spring from the gifts we make to others, from the happiness we can impart to others, from the abandonment of ourselves to another's joy.

The more utterly we lose ourselves the more we are keeping Christmas. The losing of our own life, to find it in another, is forever the Christmas token. It was of the wast to wait till a rescue party came out the control of the con this the herald angels sang.

It was this the good shepherds wor-And this is the best way of spending Christmas.

Origin of the Carol. Glory to God in the highest a arth peace, good will toward men.

Such was the first carol, sung by the holy angels amid the thrilling scene so vividly described by the evangelist. This song is happily used in the comnunion service as the opening of "Gloria In Excelsis Deo," The word carol seems to be derived from the Italian verb carolare—to sing—implying a joy song, an outburst of exuberance. In the time of Chaucer, who died in 1400, this word usually meant simultaneous dancing and singing Gradually its secular origin was be louded, and nowadays a carol general Scot, "since you press me, and, not liking tae refuse an offer need giving, though there were formerly not meant, I think I'll be taking two only Easter carols, but also winter and even summer carols.—Living Church. | sparks of light.



BY CHARLES S. PEASE

Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union OF course you want to know at once how a Christmas tree can be any more real than the one you had last year, so I shall explain that the tree Ralph and Rhoda had by accident one winter was rooted in the ground in the Lake Superior woods.

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First you must be told that the town children up there had the good times in both summer and winter, but the miners' boys and girls had the hard times all the year around, and that's the reason why mother said to Ralph and Rhoda the day before Christmas: "I don't see how you two are going to have a happy holiday when the children up at the mines do not expect to have any tree at all. How would you like to go up the mountain and take like to go up the mountain and take, them a lot of presents and things? You can get back before dark. I will telephone the mine captain that you are coming."

"Just the very thing," said the children. And every they went soon after.

dren. And away they went soon after with a sled loaded with everything you can think of for a jolly Christmas, just lots of gifts and royal trimmings for a

They were making good time along the mountain side when Rhoda stumbled over a root.

When she tried to stand up again her

When she tried to stand up again her ankle would not work.

Of course Rhoda would not hear of leaving the miners' children's "Christmas" in the snow and coasting back home. So Ralph went back to the Halfway store for some help, but the place was locked and barred. Before they decided on what to do next a flock of the mine children came racing down the road. It seemed as though the telephone message had emptied the settlement of youngsters.

nent of youngsters.

"We've come to help take the 'Christ

mas' up the mountain. It's a hard pull farther along," they explained.

When they found that Rhoda was hurt they wanted to take her home, but she wouldn't listen to a word of it. "Tm going right up to see that tree properly trimmed and hung with these things," announced that young lady and, being of the sturdy and determin-

and, being of the sturdy and determined kind, tried to forget the pain.

So the swiftest runners of the mine boys started back to get a sled to carry Rhoda to the summit.

Before the ambulance corps could re-

turn, down came one of those howling blizzards so dreaded in the rough northern country, and there was nothing for it but to retreat and take refuge in the Halfway store. This old log house proved a hard nut to crack, but Belph findly managed to get in house proved a hard nut to crack, but Ralph finally managed to get in through a rear window and soon had a roaring fire going in the big stove. The plucky lads got back from the mountain, and everybody thanked his lucky stars to be safe and warm. Outside the storm roared and the trees bent low in the gale. All the evening Rhoda stood the ache bravely and said it was nothing, but Mary Martha Murphy knew better. When all was quiet it was nothing, but Mary Martha Mur-phy knew better. When all was quiet she brought a pail of water so hot that Rhoda squealed when her nurse put the swollen ankle into it, and these two girls, one who had a lovely home and rich furs and many other fine things and the little poor girl with a

warm Irish heart, sat up till "all hours."

During the night the storm turned to rain and then it became cold, so very

for them with shovels and horses nowplows. And then a great thought ccurred to Rhoda.

A giant hemlock tree stood right in front of the store, in a place swept clear by the wind—that is, it had been hemleck before it became one dazzling emerald with pearly icicles hanging all over it.

When night came, clear and perfect-ly still and inky black, the rescue party found a celebration going on the like of which had never been known. The children had taken hundreds of miners' candles from the store and had wired them all over the hemlock. All the presents and the gilt ropes and the other ornaments had been about the branches, and the candles lighted.

Rhoda, half smothered in furs and tucked up on a high seat, was mistress of ceremonies, while a ring of sing dancing children circled arount tree, and in the background, the dense forest, shot back w



## PERUNA Best All Around Medicine I Hope Ever Made

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Mr. W. H. Edgar, 49 Cooper St., Atlanta, Georgia, writes:

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Five Generations in Wars.

Yive generations of one family have served in the United States wars, the chain being completed by the recent and Brookover, serve in the Civil war, but his two grandfathers, Bennett and Brookover, serve in the Civil war, but his great-grandfather, Daniel Bennett, was in the war of 1812, and his two great-great-grandfather, Asa Bennett, was in the war of 1812, and his two great-great-grandfathers, Bennett and Harris, were in the Revolutionary war. Although not in direct line of ancestry, young Bennett's uncle, Harry Brookover, represented the family in the Spanish-American war.

Identity Save the Cake.

Johnny had often seen the new food signs posted up everywhere, telling people not to waste food and use what is left. One day he was invited to a birthday party. In a short while the birthday cake was cut up and each child had a plece, and there was a big piece left. The maid was going to take this piece away when Johnny called to her and said, "I think I can use the piece that is left."

MITATION IS SINCEREST FLATTERY but like counterfeit money the imitation has not the worth of the original. Insist on "La Creole" Hair Dressing—lit's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00—Adv.

Would Scare Germans.

Among the funny ideas for ending the war is that of the Syracuse man who is making massive soldiers out of paper pulp to scare the Germans to death by the mere impression of num-

Persia has no distilleries, breweries

#### A GREAT DISCOVERY

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Youngest British Soldier.

The youngest British Soldier,
The youngest soldier at the front
and the youngest N. C. O. in the British army is a lad of eleven, who is attached to an A. S. C. unit. He was
specially enlisted to act as interpreter.
as he speaks English and French
fluently. He was made a sergeant and
is now regarded as a mescat.



'Anuric is the best remedy I can get for kidney and bladder troubles. It seems to do the work when other medicines fail. tainly are a Godsend to humanity. I have tried other kidney medicines, These tablets cerde the work like.

but none seem to do the work like Anuric."—CECIL H. BAKER, 1121 E. Douglas St.

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KANSAS FOLKS TESTIFY

Wichita, Kans .- "Anuric is the best

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Wakeeney, Kans.—"I feel it my duty to let others know that Anuric is a wonderful medicine. I had backache all the time for years, When I got up off a chair I would have to walk all humped up, but, thanks to Anuric I don't have backache any more."—MRS.

Carter's Little Liver Pills You Cannot be Constipated CARTERS and Happy

A Remedy That Makes Life Worth Living freut Good

A BSENCE of Iron in the Blood is the reason for many colorless faces but

CARTER'S IRON PILLS

Ancient Cathedral Is Saved.

An ancient cathedral in Havana, Cuba, in which the ashes of Christopher Columbus once rested has escaped threatened sale and destruction. The proposed sale of the historic Columbus Cathedral by the ecclesiastical subspirite and its consequent destruct authorities, and its consequent destruc-tion, aroused such opposition that the edifice, which was built in 1704, and to statue of Cupid will be sent to Rome. which in the next year the ashes of Christopher Columbus were removed from Santo Domingo, will probably soon pass into the ownership of the Cuban government. Though the ashes of Columbus were removed by the Spanish officials at the evacuation in 1900, the crypt where they had reposed is still to be seen by visitors.

Statue of Cupid will be sent to Rome.

Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY is her hair. If yours is streaked with ugly, grizzly, gray hairs, use "La Oreole" Hair Dressing and change it in the natural way. Price \$1.00.—Adv. with

Girls as Bell Ringers.

Bell ringing is being done by girls in the little village of Longstock, Ireland, as the young men who used to perform this duty have joined the yours who was always looking for a fight? Did he enlist?"

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"No, and when the draft came he was always looking for a fight? Did he enlist?" army. The chiming is excellently and regularly performed by three or four girls, trained by a local lady, and week-day and Sunday the bells send out their cheery message over the countryside. This may not be essential war-work, observes a correspondent, but it is one of immense value to the morale of the neighborhood, and a work which would be left undone. a work which would be left undone.
like so many other "odd jobs" of wartime, but for the good offices of the women at home.

Proof Positive. "Is that purse of yours real alligator

"Is it? Just listen to it snap."

Girls nowadays have caught the mil itary spirit. It's mighty hard to find one that is afraid of powder.

Long answers turneth away listen-

When Your Eyes Need Care fry Murine Eye Remedy s or mail. Write for Free Eye Book. Cupid Statue of Marble.

Cupid, fashioned in marble in a statue which has been described as a perfect masterpiece, has just been un-earthed at Cyrene, in Libya. Other im-portant archeological discoveries made in the same region during Italian occu-

roubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, gives nature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. Sold in all civilized countries.

"The gardener is a natural grafter,

but he has one big advantage over the other kinds." "What is that?"

"Whatever he puts over on the pub-lic, he can get them to swallow it."

To Drive Out Malaria

Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 60 cents.

Right the First Time.
Teacher—Now, there, what are you

How Much She Knew. Bilson—This is a tobacco plant.

Mrs. Bilson—Is it, dear? But I don't see any cigars on it.



T WILL take not fewer than 15,000,-000 members of the American Red Cross to take care of the sick and wounded soldiers, look after their families, and relieve the sufferings of the women and children and old

of the women and children and old men of war-trodden lands. Fifteen million members! That means 10,000,000 new members, and the Red Cross has set out to get them before the sun sets on Christmas day.

They are to be known as Christmas members, these 10,000,000 new ones, and it is in the Christmas spirit that they are to be recruited—the spirit of unselfishness, of caring for the afflicted, of alleviating suffering.

While it is getting these new members, the 5,000,000 who now wear the Red Cross emblem are giving all the Christmas cheer they can to the boys in khakit. They need it. Tens of thousands of them, and it may be hundreds of thousands, are now in France with Pershing, facing the terrible Germans across the desolate waste of No Man's Land. Millions more are to go after them, and other and still other millions until the foe which claims the world for Germany is willing to go home and behave are a civilized metion.

other and still other millions until the foe which claims the world for Germany is willing to go home and behave as a civilized nation.

They will have a cheery Christmas this year. Every man in France will have a little packet from "home," with the love and good wishes of the American people—and that means a lot to the voung fellow who perhaps never before spent Christmas away from his home folks. It will put consist into him for the task ahead.

The men on this side, waiting in the training camps for their turn to go across, will also have

The men on this side, waiting in the training camps for their turn to go across, will also have as merry a Christmas as the Red Cross can provide. Christmas trees, with gifts of some kind, pearing a world of cheer and hope from the great heart of the American people, will greet every man in uniform, wherever he may be.

This Christmas will be a merry one for the whole of the army and navy. The boys have not been long away from home, they have had almost none of the hardships of war, and they come to the feast with light hearts.

War has taken almost no toll from them thus far. Belgium and France, Serbia and Roumania, Great Britain and her colonies, Russia and Italy, have borne the brunt of frightfulness and our boys have been spared. So it will be a merry Christmas for them.

Next year it will be different. The pinch of privation will be felt in the land—voluntary, to a great extent, but it will be felt. There will be less to eat and less to wear, and millions to be fed and clothed who no longer produce, and all the nation will save all it can to give to those who are fighting, and to those defenseless ones on the other side who have nothing.

And there will be gaps in the ranks, and there will be full hospitals. There is where the Red Cross comes in—wherever there is disaster. The hospital buildings, the equipment, the surgical supplies, the surgeons and nurses and orderlies, the

Cross comes in—wherever there is disaster. The hospital buildings, the equipment, the surgical supplies, the surgeons and nurses and orderlies, the ambulances and the drivers and the stretcher shoulders of the Red Cross. It will carry it, because it has the backing of the American people; and in the meantime it must carry the load of the nations which have already suffered more than three years of frightfulness.

Here are some of the things the American Red Cross is right now doing in France; where it has spent \$10,000,000. These extracts were taken from a report by the Paris headquarters to Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council, which raised a fund of \$100,000,000 for needy sick and wounded French soldiers and their families.

"Our hospital distributing service sends supplies to 3,423 French military hospitals, and is laying in a large stock for future needs.

"Our surgical dressings service supplies 2,000 French hospitals, and is preparing immense supplies for our own armles.

pital at a point where several hundred children that at a point where several namered charles are been gathered to keep them from danger of and shell fire. At another point we have stablished a medical center and a traveling discensary to accommodate 1,200 children. We are making arrangements on a large scale

help refugee families through the winter with to help rerugee families through the winter with clothing, beds, shelter, and for this work the en-tire devastated portion of France has been divided to districts with a resident Red Cross dele-gate in each. Warehouses have been established at four points to which are shipped food, clothing,

pedding, beds, household utensils and agricultural We have a large central warehouse in Paris and distribution warehouses at important points from the Swiss border to the sea. Two hundred tons of supplies are arriving in Paris daily, and

125 tons are shipped to branch warehouses

123 tons are shipped to branch warehouses."
From other authorities word has come that the Germans are driving back into France, through Switzerland, the ragged, sick, hungry and home-less women and children of the conquered districts of France at the rate of 30,000 a month. Held in capitivity for more than three years, they are now driven forth even from the ruins in which. now driven forth even from the ruins in which

really worth while by answering generously the appeal of the Red Cross Society. Read this stirring article by Charles Lee Bryson they have existed, so that the Germans may no longer be responsible for their starving

Needs You

LP! The Red Cross

And above all things have fervent charity among your-

selves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." -- I

Agonized Europe cries for your aid. Make Christmas

The Red Cross would not be true to itself or to the people who have founded it and are supporting it, if it did not do everything it could to comfort and help these sorely-tried ones. The relief of human suffering is its sole object, and it has never withheld the head, when there were supplied to be a complete is its sole object, and it has never winned its hand when there was anguish to be soothed. But in this case there is another object to be attained—call it selfish if you will. In backing up France, and making her people stronger to endure, the Red Cross is saving the lives of Americans can soldiers. This was admirably expressed in the

can soldiers. This was admirably expressed in the great Chicago Red Cross conference by Henry P. Davison. chairman of the Red Cross war council. "You may ask how all this work among the French people is of any help to our boys—how it is saving their lives," said Mr. Davison. "Til tell you: We ask General Pershing what he wants, and he says, 'I don't want anything, for our boys, but for God's sake buck up the French. Give them courage. Hearten them. They have been fighting for three years, and if you want to do anything for me and our boys, make the people understand that we are here, and are going to take our places in the line as soon as we can get ready."

Then Mr. Davison went on to show the strain under which the French have lived for more than three years, with the German terror holding much

under which the French have lived for more than three years, with the German terror holding much of their land and hammering night and day at their lines to break through and take Paris.

"And if that French line should break," he said, "you know what that means. There's pobody but those boys of Pershing's to stop the Germans, and, ready or not, they'll have to fill the gap. If we can help the French line to hold, we save our own boys until they are all ready to take their part."

Mr. Davison pictured the weary French soldier coming out of the trenches for a ten-day rest. He is tired half to death, covered with dirt and vermin, his clothing worn. Does he go home? He has no home, perhaps. His wife and children were swept away before the German tide. His home is gone. He says, "I can live in hell in the trenches, but I don't see why, my family should be in hell too."

But now the American Red Cross is in France, It meets the soldier when he comes from the trenches, takes him to a house prepared with your money, and he is made comfortable. He is given a bath, his clothing is cleaned and sterilized, his hair cut, his whiskers trimmed, and he sleens for Mr. Davison pictured the weary French soldier

a bath, his clothing is cleaned and sterilized, his hair cut, his whiskers trimmed, and he sleeps for an hour—maybe ten hours.

Then he is taken to his family, if the Red Cross has been able to find his family. He finds his wife and babes, or his old mother, in a house or a shelter of some kind supplied and furnished by the Red Cross.

'the Red Cross.

When the days of his leave are up, that soldier goes back to the trenches a new man. He knows now that America, with her millions and millions of fighting men, and her billions and billions of money, and the tender care of her Red Cross, are behind him. And he goes back into the war with a new determination, and says, "so long as I live, I will fight"

And so long as he holds that line, he is taking the place of some American boy who is not yet trained to take the trenches. That line must be made to hold for months yet, for General Pershing has said that if he can help it, his boys shall not go into the hard fighting before February.

go into the hard fighting before February.

When they do go in, then will come the real test of the American Red Cross—then will be the days of harvest, of which today is the day of sowing. For when the wounded begin to stream from the evacuation hospitals back to the bases, the warehouses of bandages and pads and gauze and splints and hospital garments and surgical supplies will melt away like mist before the sun. And in that day, if the Red Cross have not a membership of something near the desired 15,000,000, trained to make and ship all these supplies in a great, never-faltering stream, the American soldier will be ashamed of the land for which he is fighting, and many will lose limb or life which could have been saved.

These are not the opinions of a novice—they

have been saved.

These are not the opinions of a novice—they are the convictions of men who are now at the front in France and Belgium, and who see, every day, the horrors of war which it is the work of the Red Cross to mitigate. It is only a few weeks since Maj. Grayson M. P. Murphy, an officer of the regular army of wide experience and great ability, now Red Cross commissioner for France, cabled his convictions on this subject. And what he said was, in substance, that unless the Red can'ted ms convertions on this subject. And what he said was, in substance, that unless the Red Cross immediately sent a vast supply of all manner of hospital supplies, the American army would stand in danger of disaster and disgrace. He used those words—"disaster and disgrace."

Few who have not been through a modern military hospital can conceive what an enormous

tary hospital can conceive what an enormous amount of supplies it requires. French surgeons report that it often requires an entire box of 7,000 gauze dressings for a single patient. There has been such a scarcity of dressings in France that they have been driven to use these dressings over and over, trying to boil and clean and sterilize

and over, trying to boil and clean and sterilize them as well as they can, instead of throwing them away and putting on fresh ones.

There has, at times, been such a dearth that wounded soldiers have had their bleeding wounds stanched with old newspapers, with the result that they have always been infected, and gangrene and lockjaw have claimed many a poor fellow who could have been saved. could have been saved.

Terrible as it is to think of, they have at times

been driven to operate in France without chloro-form or ether—none was to be had.

These, no doubt, are the things which Major Murphy had in mind when he said that disaster and disgrace awaited America less the supply of surgical necessities is hastened. Even if the lads who are about to go into the

fighting line were not our own American boys, the Red Cross would be bound to do all it could for them. But they are our own. We do not fully realize it yet, but we will later on. From every city, every village, every farming community, from almost every family in the whole land, one or more boys will help fill the lines in France—and it is for them, for your friends and mine, for your relatives and mine, that the Red Cross is working. It is going to take men and women by the million, working all their spare time, and a good deal of time which they do not now think they can spare. And it is going to take hundreds of millions of dollars—all we can spare, and maybe all we have, whether or not we think we can spare it. Belgium is crushed, Serbia is obliterated, Roumania is little more than a memory, Russia is im-

we have, whether or not we think we can spare it. Belgium is crushed, Serbia is obliterated, Roumania is little more than a memory, Russia is impotent, Italy is bearing a heavy cross, France is immortal in spirit but growing thin. There are left chiefly the British ilon, and the American eagle, and the English-speaking boys who bear them aloft. If they fall, civilization is dead.

There is no longer any question that civilization is fighting for its very life. Germany has set out to force the whole world te live under the German imperialistic pian. Presides, Wilson, in his now-famous Buffalo speech, said.

"It is amazing to me that ans," group of people should suppose that any reforms planned in the interest of the people can live in the presence of Germany strong enough to undermine or over-throw them by intrigue of force. . . . Any man who supposes that the free industry and enterprise of the world can continue if the Pan-German plan is achieved and German power fastened upon the world, is as fatuous as the dreamers of Russia."

There never has been any question that the American soldier will fight to death, if need be, when once he begins the job. It is the task of the American Red Cross to so supply and fortify those boys that just as few of them as possible may be sacrificed.

That is what the Red Cross has in mind when it comes to your house, or your office, or your kitchen door, or wherever you may be found, and asks you to be one of the 15,000,000 Red Cross members to stand back of those boys in khaki. This is not to be a money campaign. Money is the least important matter of this moment. What is wanted is members. The Red Cross wants these 15,000,000 men, women and children banded together in chapters, organized into committees, and trained to the minute to do whatever is needed for the boys in France and for their families at home, and for those suffering ones who have lost everything but bare life.

If the call is for warm clothing, it wants these

thing but bare life.

If the call is for warm clothing, it wants these 15,000,000 trained to make and turn out the kind of garments needed so that they may go by trainload and shipload at once. If it is for knitted goods—there has already been a call for \$,000,000 knitted articles and it is almost or quite filled by now—these 15,000,000 must be organized to get yarn and knit, or get others to knit, and deliver the goods at once. And if it is for bandages and gauze dressings and other things for the wounded, as assuredly it will be many a time, there must be a trained Red Cross membership to get them made and in the hospitals in time to save life.

God help the American army in that day if the people have not been quick to unite with the Red Cross and supply the things the wounded boys must have. And God pity you and me in the days when the boys come back from over there—such of them as come home—and listen to the excuses we will try to make if we fail to keep them supplied with everything they need in their fight for us.

for us.

There will be another call for money before long. When the country gave \$100,000,000 to the Red Cross war council last summer, the great men at the head of it estimated that, by careful spending, they could make it last six months. The next call probably will be for a larger sum, maybe as much as a quarter of a million dollars. If so, the American people must give it. Every cent goes for relief work. In what he termed his "public accounting," Henry P. Davison, chalrman of the Red Cross war council, said in a recent speech that of every dollar given the Red Cross for relief work, about \$1.02 is spent for relief. What he meant is that not one cent goes for overhead expense, which is cared for in another way, but that the whole fund, together with about 2 per cent interest which it accumulated while in bank, cent interest which it accumulated while in bank, goes for relief.

All that will come later, when the Red Cross needs more money to carry on its work of mercy. What it needs now is members-10,000,000 add-What it needs now is members—10,000,000 audied to the 5,000,000 it now has. Every member should be at least of the class called "Magazine Members." It costs \$2 a year, and entitles the members to the really wonderful Red Cross Magazine every month, filled with news and colored pletures of what the great order is doing all over the earth.

If you are a member, renew; if not, become one when the Red Cross committee comes. It is merely trying to get you to help win your war, and care for the unlucky—who may be some of your

#### HAD LITTLE DESIRE TO ROAM

The Americans have contributed largely to the European spirit of patronage. Each year, in hordes, they traveled to Europe, breathless with riosity and with haste, curious of dress and earing (to European eyes) and nasal as to speech, with reverence and familiarity amazing contending. "Why do the Americans love so to tear over the world?" I once heard an old French lady ask, It was incomprehensive to her, this mania for leaving home. Her desire of happiness was to stay forever in one place,—Exchange.

## ONLY THREE DAYS

Sensible Gifts go Better than Ever Before. If you have any Gifts to buy for men or boys this is the place to come. These same men, and possibly the boys, have been buying things here all the year long. Our name on the label will mean to them something of RELIABILITY The Gift will be of the sort that they would buy for themselves.

Sensible gifts have always been in good taste. This year they will be right in line with the spirit of the times. This Christmas will have a little more flavor of the conservative and practical.

If, when making the purchase, you'll say that it is for a Christmas Girt, we will be glad to ut it up ready for mailing. Bring the name card with you and we'll wrap that inside.

### We Wish You a Merry Christmas



Wearing apparel makes serviceable Gifts for Men and Boys.

Our Christmas display of Men's and Boy's "Wear Things" is now complete and you will be more than certain of pleasing their fancy with a gift chosen from among these moderately priced articles.

### Practical Christmas Gifts

Suggestions for Your Consideration

Suit, Overcoat, Mackinaw, Fur and Wool Caps, Hat, Suit Case, Traveling Bag, Shoes, Ties, Bath Robes, House Slippers, Shirts, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves.

If you don't know the sort of things men and boys really like at Yuletide ask us We'll not only 'tip you off' to some original ideas in giving gifts to men and boys, but we'll show you the very things to give.

See Us in Qur New Lacation
Third Door East of First National

# Briggs & BRUGGS

The House of Kuppenheimer

Second Door East of Maus Drug Store

TEXHOMA

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Best Christmas Present

## Winter Wearing Apparel



Heavy Underwear, Wool Shirts, Sheep Skin Coats, Mackinaws, Winter Caps, Blankets---everything you need this cold weather, and

#### GROCERIES

The best of everything to eat at the lowest possible price. Call and see us.

P. M. Maize & Co.

Hey!



Bill is on his way Garage --- the Kincheloe old stand --- to have some repair work done.

We are prepared to do any kind of repair work on your auto and will do it right. We have the equipment and understand the business.

Blacksmithing, Horseshoeing and Repairing Farm Machinery also receive our prompt and careful attention. Bring us your work in this line.

We handle GASOLINE, OILS and GREASES

### Close & Lyman GARAGE

Blachsmithing H orseshoeing Hansford,

dances and who is going to see the girl he left behind. And if you hap-pen to be the girl he left behind it is doubly important that you write. He wants to know it if some piker who failed to hear the call for volunteers or has succeeded in getting past the draft, is now trying to take his girl Hang the hooks in the slacker and stick to your soldier hoy. He has shown the world that he is made of the proper stuff, while the other fellow has shown just the opposite. By all means write to the soldier boys.

For the assistance and information of the soldier boys who will have to register under the new Selective Service Regulations, the following information is given:
Under the new Selective Service law

each person who has heretofore regis-tered, will have to be re-examined and re-classified, and will have to fill out and return the questionnaire. The exemption board at Hansford begin the work of mailing out the question-naires on Thursday. They will mail seven per cent, or eleven each day until all or mailed. Each registrant must fill out and return this question naire within seven days from the date it was mailed. Failure to return the questionnaire within seven days is a m s emeanor, punishable by fine or imprisonment far one year and may result in the loss of valuable rights and in imm-diate induction into mili tary service. The entry of the notice on the docket of the local board and the mailing of the questionnaire constitute legal notice whether you receive your copy of the questionnaire at all or not. Therefore you should keep yourself posted as to when the board mails out the questionnaire and if you do not get your mail promptly ou should investigate. In order to assist the registrants in properly filling out the questionnairs and to furnisu any other information needed, the Governor has appointed an Advisory county and has empowered the chair-man of each board to appoint others to help The members of the Advisory Board for Hansford county are as Board for Hanstord county are as follows: C. D. Works, chairman; J. C. Hancock, F. L. Carson, J. H. Buchanan, A. F. Barkley. If any of you need help in connection with your registering, you should apply to will assist you so far as they can in filling out the questionnaire and any

other information you need.
Respectfully submitted,
THE ADVISORY BOARD.

The Hansford Headlight Misses Bessie and Reba Barkley on Saturday, December 15, and all report an enjoyable time Dainty refreshments were served. Those pres ORAN KELLY . EDITOR-MANAGER

\$1.50 Per Year in Advance .

Company of the company

#### Wilmeth's Big Sale

Col. C. K. Wilmeth, the auctioneer has leased his big farm two miles south of Guymon and announces that The best Christman present you can on Friday, December 28, he will have send your friend in the army is a long a big auction sale of live swock, farm letter. Sit down and write him everything you know of the happenings of beef will be killed and barbecued and the community and what is taking the Col. invites his friends from far place around home. Uncle Sam will and near to come and spend the day see that he is well clothed and fed, at his home. This will be one of the but cannot furnish the news from big sales of the year.

back home. The home folks must do that. Tell him about the parties and Join the Red Cross.

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

#### The First National Bank of Hansford.

at Hansford, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on November 20, 1917:

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts
Total loans
Overdrafts, unsecured . 1,287 65 Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged, 3 1-2 per cent and 4
Liberty Loan Bonds, unpledged, 3 1-2 per cent and 4
per cent
per cent Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of sub-
scription
scription 900 00 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank
Cash in vault and net amounts due from National Banks 75,021.98
Checks on banks located outside of city or town as re-
porting bank and other cash items 442.50
TOTAL
LIABILITIES
Capital stock paid in
Supplier fund
Surplus fund   5,000 00   Undivided profits   10 504 60   6,868 55   6,868 55
Undivided profits
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid 3,036 00 6,868 55
Amount reserved for all interest accrued 100 00
Individual deposits subject to check
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other
I than for money porrowed)
Cashier's checks outstanding
than for money borrowed)
Cashier's checks outstanding
Other demand deposits
Other demand deposits 6,359 84

I, E. J. Thayer, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. J. THAYER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this lat day of December, 1917.

[SEAL]

A F. BARKLLY, Notary Public. Correct\_Attest:

JAMES H. CATOR, FRED W. BRANDT, F L. CARSON, Directors

## Get the "Tailor Made" Habit

It's an easy habit to get, but an awful hard one to break.

But, then, once you get it you'll never want to break it-it's too pleasant.

I want to take your order for a suit. I will guarantee you a suit in keeping with your standing in life, and that will be "dressy" until worn out.

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We handle the best grades of everything in our line.

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Write Fire, Lightning, Tornado, Windstorm and Hail INSURANCE

Hansford, Texas.

## Farm implements

We carry a full line of

HARDWARE and FURNITURE

Wagons, Harness, Windmills, Well Supplies, Stoves, Wire, Etc.

Farming Implements of all Kind

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### AUTOMOBILE DEALER WANTED

Cannon Ball Motor Co., Texico, New Mex.

Wants to contract with reliable party to sell Automobiles, Farm Tractors and Trucks. No experience necessary. Strong new company with \$10,000.600 capital. Get in on the ground floor of this giant Western Company and go the way of suc-

### C. A. Roberson Brokerage Company

Organizing Representative

TEXICO,

NEW MEXICO

Until further notice the eye, ear and nose specialist We are endeavoring to send the will be at the Trans-Canadian Headlight to every Hansford county Sanitarium, Dalhart, every boy who is now in the army. If you

A calf strayed from the Tom Hobbs ranch. Branded WC on left side. Notify Hale Drug Company or Tom

Join the Red Cross

Notice, Soldier Boy

other Friday. Next date do not get the paper it is because we do not know your address. No in case your address changes

Better lay in a supply of onions, spuds and cabbage. Hays Mercantile

o depositor in a state b

Join the Red Cross this week. Help Our Boys

# Christmas

## Hardware Store

mas buyers. They must be seen to be appreciated.

MOTHER can find here something for any

FATHER doesn't need to go any farther for

THE CHILDREN can find just what Moth-

FRIENDS will be delighted to receive gifts from our store, they are so appropriate.

It matters not who they are for, you will find here a gift that any one will appreciate.

Cut away, this Christmas, from the old custom of giving useless, frivolous gew-gaws for Christmas gifts.

Give something SUBSTANTIAL and that will be of SERVICE.

GIVE FURNITURE—sets or single pieces. A car

SHELF HARDWARE AND FURNITURE First Door West of Langford Hotel

Briggs & Briggs Old Stand

TEXHOMA, OKLA.

## The First Christmas Day; Told For Little Children

er."

And suddenly the angel joined by a multitude of the heavenly host singing praises to God. This was their song:

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth Peace, good will toward men.

#### Wildwood Christmas Tree

## The Big Dry Goods Store at

Ability To Give Gifts

Economy In Buying

fast finding out that this store is the ECONOMY CENTER.

we can make it very much to your interest to trade with us.

TRAVELING BAGS, ETC.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING,

will supply you at ECONOMY PRICES.

And economical buyers thruout this entire community are

Handling as we do everything for the home and the person,

When you begin to reckon up the wants of the family, consider all the lines, then come to the ECONOMY STORE and we

And when you finish filling your own needs, you'll find you

have some money left for gifts—and these, too, we want to sell you.

Visit Our Bargain Basement---Large Line of Xmas Goods On Display Dutchess Trousers—10c a Button; \$1.00 a Rip

The Home of Hart, Schaffner & Marx Clothing

**Arrow Brand Shirts and Collars** 

Florsheim Shoes; Burrby's Gloves—Full Welted Seams

Iron-Clad Hosiery for Men, Women and Children-None Better **Gossard Corsets** 

SHOES, HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS,

Camonflage

A new word has been foisted upon use the devil masquer and the correspondents cabled the use of the put over the put of put of put over the put over

# Timely Warning

We are giving timely warning to every man, woman and child in this community that we have provided for the holiday trade one of the most complete stocks ever brought to this town of

## Everything for the Home, the Farm, and for Your Personal Wants

When you think of Christmas presents, think of us—we have 'em. When you think of supplies of any kind for the home, think of us—we have 'em. When you think of Clothing, or any other personal need, think

Christmas Candies and Nuts

So Here We Are, With a Line of

#### Dry Goods, Clothing and Men's and Women's Furnishings

that will make even the old residents sit up and take notice. Here you will find Suits for the men and Suits for the boys, Suits for the women and Suits for the girls. Shoes for every member of the family; Shoes for every occasion, or Shoes for any occasion. And for making up clothing, our line of Dry Goods and Dress Goods will be equal to any demand.

J. G. McLARTY GUYMON THE OLD RELIABLE GROCER OK

**OKLAHOMA** 

# For Early Buyers

Ladies, don't forget that the kiddies will have to be gotten ready for the holidays. Clothes are to be made as well as presents bought.

For early buyers we have a stock of

# Goods

that will delight the heart of the thrifty housewife. Here you will find your every want anticipated and provided

But don't fear that because we offer these goods early in the season, the price will be higher than later. They are all marked at the price they will sell at, NOW and AFTER THE HOLIDAY TRADE IS OVER. In fact we have one price for all and at all times.

List your wants and bring them to us.

We specialize on Hamilton Brown's line of Shoes. Have them for all members of the family; stylish and up to date at very reasonable prices. We want to shoe

You must know that this Dry Goods store is in Texhoma, Texas, on the Texas Side.

# Mallett Mercantile Company

TEXAS SIDE

ch worried about the dangerous king fellows, and it struck me that dog would be highly appropriate a gift. I wired to a triend in New rk, and the day before Christmas as biggest Siberian hound I ever saw is waiting at the little station for e. Booth was tickled to death, and managed to chain that dog just side the main gate near the lodge, dd then we shook hands. It was an wrul big dog, bigger than a 'little nkey that arrived on the next train that gozart as a present to Booth's an a little nkey that arrived on the next train that I could coax it away from her again."—Louisside the main gate near the lodge, dd then we shook hands. It was an wrul big dog, bigger than a 'little nkey that arrived on the next train that I could coax it away from her again."—Louisside the main gate of Age

"Just when does a woman grow old?"

"When she ceases to regard the hanging of the mistletoe as an event."—Buffalo Express.

# We'll Clothe You

Santa Claus came to town the other day hunting for a suitable place to establish his headquarters in the Clothing line. We had no trouble convincing the old gentleman that this store was just the very place he needed.

During the holiday trading season we are making special reductions in price on

> LADIES' COATS BOYS' SUITS AND PANTS MEN'S OVERCOATS

and other articles too numerous to mention.

# Latham Dry Goods Co.

A Good Place to Trade GUYMON - - - - OKLAHOMA

as powerful factor for good. Great a powerful factor for good. Great aracters step from the spiritualize nosphere; majestic deeds of chart leave their blessing and example by the factor of gift bestowal or solely size of thoughtfulness. Its signiful mersed in kindness. Conduct it apted to what is highest and best effect of today is a sublime issue, digited sacrifice. The Good Book says not there were sheperds watching a keeping the night watches over the conduction of the sublime issue, the must give. The gift need not be metary. Giving is without limitan—if a singer, give to others

## A Merry Christmas

We extend our greetings and good wishes to all our customers; and to all men and women of Hansford county, whether they buy anything here or

We wish you all a Merry Christmas; we hope the day will be wholly happy; that you'll get what you want, or want what you get.

S. D. SAFRANKO, Prop.

**House That Holds Prices Down** 

# The Quality Store

# Get Ready for the Holidays

For early buyers. Get busy and buy your DRY GOODS and CLOTHING for yourselves and don't forget the kiddies. Buy useful presents for your families Christmas this year.

Good dependable quality at moderate prices.

We want you to visit our large complete stock of

#### DRY GOODS, FURNISHINGS AND SHOES

We are ready for the Christmas trade. You will have the Christmas spirit just as soon as you enter the door.

**Buy Early and Get Your Choice** 



GUYMON

We Wish Our Friends and Customers

# -Merry Christmas

Buy the "Fixin's" for Your

at Our Store in HANSFORD

EVER HAVE we been so well prepared to take care of our Christmas trade as we are this year. We have purchased an immense stock of Fruits, Candies, Nuts, Etc., and the goods are here NOW-on display and safely put away in our basement, where they will not freeze. You can not afford to send a wagon to the railroad for this stuff, when you can get it here at home at the same or a better price. We can save you money on your Holiday Purchases. Come in and see.

# Fresh Candy and Nuts

Over a ton of fine Christmas Candy, fresh from the Factory, and the largest stock and best assortment of Nuts ever brought to Hansford. We make special prices on orders for Christmas Entertainments.

You will be agreeably surprised when you see our stock of fresh Fruits. We

have an exceptionally large stock of Fruit on hand and it is in excellent condition. Stock consists of

Apples, Oranges, Grapes, Bananas Cocoanuts, Etc.

We Have What You Want in Groceries

# The Judgment In Gifts

Don't let the Christmas spirit warp your judgment in Gift Giving. Don't fritter your money away on useless gew-gaws that will do the recipients no good.

### Buy Useful, Sensible and Practical Gifts

Our large stock of general merchandise contains many articles of value to every member of the family. You can find a suitable present for Father, Mother, Sister, Brother, Sweetheart or Friend and when they are received they will be appreciated.

Make Our Store Your Headquarters when in Hansford.

# JNO.L.HAYS

MERCANTILE COMPANY.

Texas Mansford,

# QUICK MONEY

I have \$1,000 or more that I will loan on un-patented School Land, to right party.

## Do You Need More Money In Your Business



The addition of a little capital to your working fund often produces greatly increased dividends from your total investment.

My Company is prepared to lend money in any sum for the development of all legitimate commercial enterprises and for farm purposes. Approved security of course is required, in compliance with law and sound business principles.

Put your obligations a few years ahead while you have an opportunity. Get long time money and buy more cattle; the cattle will pay the interest and finally pay the principal.

If you are expecting to borrow money on your real estate, our terms of payment and rates of interest will meet with your approval. I invite a confidential interview with you.

> Drop me a Postal Card and I will call on you.

## W. S. McNabb

FARM LOANS ..

Offices in **Guaranty State Bank Building**  Hansford, Texas

#### Our Volunteers

DeWitt Cheek Walter Winters Oscar Sizemore John Pollock R. T. Bucy Max Luckey Robert Balentine Tom Burges Hamner Reynolds Sul Spivey Harry Wilcox

#### In the Selective Draft

In the Selective Dra Perren Allison Lyon Jesse Ervin Hays Jimmie Matney Jack Grace Johnson William Sylvester Frizzell Eber Adam Hogle Willie Ernest Spencer Gordon Alexander Prevo Wilburn L. Shelton

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Close visited Cuymon Monday.

No depositor in a state bank in Texas has ever lost a dollar.

Miss Carrie E. Owens of the Hansord school, is spending the holidays with relatives in Clarendon.

Mr and Mrs. Frank Andrews and daughter, Miss Lora, are spending the holidays with relatives in Kansas

Mesdames Caldwell and Neshitt and Guymon Tuesday, on a visit to old

Francis and Miss Opal Compton, of the Medlin community, were shopping in Hansford Wednesday.

We are informed by B. V. Andrews with the Guaranty State Bank, hav ing resigned as active vice president.

S. J. Lilly, who has spent the past six months in Tueumcari, Abbott and other New Mexico towns, will arrive in Hansford Monday and spend the holidays with his family.

#### Cleaning : Pressing Tailoring

Hats Cleaned and Blocked

"BOB" --- The Tailor At the Barber Shop-Hansford



The Old Reliable



## Star Mercantile Co.

Everything in the Grocery line at right prices. We appreciate your business

GUYMON. .

OKLAHOMA.

## Trees and Plants

¶ YOU will want YOUR Nursury Stock to be good clean, healthy stock in varieties that will

.. FRUIT ..

**Q** OUR stock is young and free of disease and will fruit when others fail.

Ask for Catalogue.

## Hereford Nursery Co.

27 Years of Knowing How HEREFORD, TEXAS

CHAPTER XX-Continued.

Presently she came. A buffet of wind struck her as she closed the door behind her, and whipped her unbuttoned ulster about; but she did not cower under it, nor turn away—stood there, finely erect, confronting it. There was something alert about her se—he couldn't see her face distinct—that suggested she was expecting nebody. And then, not aloud, but

"Roddy," she said.

He tried to speak her name, but his dry throat denied it utterance. He began suddenly to tremble. He came forward out of the shadow and she can him and came to meet him and saw him and came to meet him, and

He managed at last to speak, and,

as he did so, reached out and took her by the shoulders. "Come home," he said. "You must come home." At that she stepped back and shook her head. But he had discovered, while his hands held her, that she was trembling too.

was trembling too.

The stage door opened again to emit
a group of three of the "ponies."

They stared curiously at Dane and
the big man who stood there with her,

then scurried away down the alley.
"We can't talk here," he said. "We must go somewhere.'

She nodded assent, and they moved She nodded assent, and they moved off side by side after the three little girls, but slower. In an accumulation of shadows, half way down the alley, as gripped her arm tight and they both stood still. The next moment, and without a word, they moved on again.

Finally—"Are you all right Roddy? And the babies?" she managed to say. "It's a good many days since I've

"It's a good many days since I've heard from Portia." And then, suddenly: "Was it because anything had with a sudden frantic terror in her

denly: "Was it because anything had gone wrong that you came?"
"I didn't know you were here until I saw you on the stage," he said.
This was all, in words, that passed until he looked about him in a sort of dazed bewilderment when she stopped, at last, at the stoop before her door.

"However, where I live," the said.

"Here's where I live," she said.
"Where you live!" he echoed

"Ever since I went away—to Calirnia. I've been right here—where I fornia. Twe been right here—where I could almost see the smcke of your chimneys. Twe a queer little room—I only pay three dollars a week for it—but—it's big enough to be alone in."
"Rose . . ." he said, hoarsely.

A drunken man came lurching pittably down the street. She shrank into the angle of the steps, and Rodney followed her, found her with his hands, and heard her voice speaking breath-

and heard her voice speaking breath-lessly, in gasps. He hardly knew what-she was saying.

"It's been wonderful we haven't talked; we'll do that some other time, somewhere where we can . . . But tonight, walking along Tomorrow

like that, just as . . . Tomor I shall think it was all a dream."

"Rose . . ."

The only sound that came in answer was a long, tremulously indrawn breath. But presently her hand took the one of his that had been clutching her shoulder and led him up the ste She opened the door with a latchk and then, behind her, he made his way up two flights of narrow stairs, whose faint creak made all the sound there was. In the black little corridor at the top she unlocked another door.

"Wait till I light the gas," she

She turned and looked into his face, her eyes searching it as his were searching hers, luminously and with a swiftly kindling fire. Her lips parted a little, trembling. There was a sort of bloom on her skin that became more visible as the blood, wave on wave, came flushing in behind it.

As for Rodney, he was the same man who, an hour ago, in the theater, had raged and writhed under what he felt to be an invasion of his proorland. The tardy winter morning, looking through her grimy window, found her sitting there, just as she'd been when he closed the door.

CHAPTER XXI.

Two days later Rodney walked in on Frederica at the predict as all, holding out a hand to him, but not riches. She turned and looked into his face,

felt to be an invasion of his propri-

He wouldn't have defined it that way, to be sure, in a talk with Barry Lake; would have denied, with the best of them, that a husband had any proprietary rights in his wife. the intolerable sense of having the intolerable sense of having be-come an object of derision or contemptuous pity, of being disgraced and of her being degraded, couldn't derive from anything else but just

"Have you anything here," he asked her dully, "besides what will go in that trunk?"

the surliness of his tone, an the words themselves,

"No," she said, puzzled. "Of course not."

noon, told her of the attitude of his friends, how they'd all known about friends, how they'd all known about it—undoubtedly had come to see for themselves, and, out of pity or contempt, hadn't told him. He told her how he'd felt, sitting there in the theater. He accused her as his wrath hurned brighter, of having selected the thing to do that would hurt him worst, of having borne a grudge against him and avenged it. It was the ignoblest moment of his

It was the ignoblest moment of his life, and he knew it. The accusations he was making against her were nothing to those that were storing up in his mind against himself.

He didn't look at her as he talked,

and she didn't interrupt; said no word of denial or defense. The big outburst spent itself. He lapsed into an uneasy silence, got himself together again, and went on trying to restate his grievance—this time more reasonably, retracting a little. But under her continued silence he grew weakly irritated again.

When at last she snoke he turned

saw him and came to meet him, and spoke his name again.

"I saw you when you went out," she his eyes toward her and saw a sort of said. "I was afraid you mightn't wait. I hurried as fast as I could. he had never seen in it before. Her intonation was monotonous, her voice scarcely audible.

scarcely audible.

"I guess I understand," she said. "I don't know whether I wish I were dead or not. If I'd died when the babies were born.

But I'm glad I came away when I did. And I'm glad," she gave a faint shudder there at the alternative, "I'm glad I've got a job and that I can pay back that hundred dollars I owe you. I've had it quite a while. But I've kept it, hoping you might find out where I was and come to me, as you did, and that we might have a chance to talk. I thought I'd have a chance to talk. I thought I'd tell you how I'd earned it, and that you'd be a little—proud with me about it, proud that I could pay it

back so soon."

She smiled a little over that, a smile he had to turn away from. "I suppose I'll be glad, some day, that it all happened; that I met you and loved you and had the babies, even though it's all had to end," she shuddered again, "like this."

It wasn't till he tried to speak that



Presently She Came.

eyes, she begged him not to-begged him to go away, if he had any mercy for her at all, quickly and without a word. In a sort of daze he obeyed

The tardy winter morning, looking

Frederica's Paradox.

Two days later Rodney walked in you?"

on Frederica at breakfast, alone.
"Hello!" Frederica said, holding out a hand to him, but not rising.

"Well, sit down, anyway," said Frederica. She reached out a cool, soft hand and laid it on one of Rodney's which rested limply on the table.

There was rather a long silence—ten seconds, perhaps. Then:

"Oh, it's wicked!" she cried. the most abominably selfish thing I ever heard of!"

ever heard of!"

"Pull up, Freddy!" he said. Rather gently, though, for him. "There's no good going on like that. And besides . . . You were saying Harriet would do anything in the world for me. Well, there's something you can do. You're the 'only person J. know who can"

the only person I know who can."

Her answer was to come around behind his chair, put her cheek down beside his, and reach for his hands.

"Let's get away from this miserable breakfast table," she said. "Come up to where I live where we can be safe. to where I live, where we can be safe by ourselves; then tell me about

In front of her boudoir fire, looking down on her as she sat in her flowered wing chair, an enormously dis-tended rug-covered pillow beside her knees waiting for him to drop down on when he felt like it, he began rather cautiously to tell her what he

"I'll tell you the reason why I've come to you," he began, "and then you'll see. Do you remember nearly two years ago, the night I got wet coming here to dinner—the night you were going to marry me off to Her-mione Woodruff? We had a long talk going mone woodrun? We nad a long talk afterward, and you said, speaking of the chances people took getting married, that it wasn't me you worried about, but the girl, whoever she might be rule praying me."

be, who married me."

The little gesture she made admitted the recollection, but denied its relevancy. She'd have said something to that effect, but he prevented her.

"No," he insisted, "it wasn't just talk. There was something in it. Af-

"No," he insisted, "it wasn't talk. There was something in it. talk. There was something in it. Afterward, when we were engaged, two or three times, you gave me tips about things. And since we've been married... Well, somehow, I've had the feeling that you were on her side;

that you saw things her way—things that I didn't see."
"Little things," she protested; "little tiny things that couldn't possibly matter—things that any woman would be on another woman's side, as you sav. about."

But she contradicted this statement at once. "Oh, I did love her!" she said flercely. "Not just because she loved you, but because I thought she was altered the contradiction. I wouldn't believe the together adorable. I couldn't help it. And of course that's what makes me so perfectly furious now—that she should have done a thing like this to

you."
"All right," he said. "Never mind" "All right," he said. "Never mind about that. This is what I want you to do. I want you to go to see her, and I want you to ask her, in the first place, to try to forgive me."
"What for?" Frederica demanded.
"I want you to tell her," he went on, "that it's impossible that she should be more hereifed et the thirs I did then."

more horrified at the thing I did, than I am myself. I want you to ask her, whatever she thinks my deserts are, to do just one thing for me, and that is to let me take her out of that perfectly hideous place. I don't ask anything else but that. She can make any terms she likes. She can live where or how she likes. Only—not like that. Maybe it's a deserved punishment, but I can't stand it!"

There was the crystallization of what little thinking he had managed to do in the two purgatorial days he'd spent in a down-state hotel—in the intervals of fighting off the memory of the dull, frozen agony he'd seen in Rose's face as he left her.

Frederica, naturally, was mystified. "That's absurd, of course, Roddy," she said gently. "You haven't done anything to Rose to be forgiven for."

"You'll just have to take my word for it," he said shortly. "I'm not exaggerating."

"But, Roddy!" she persisted. "You must be sensible. Oh, it's no wonder! You're all worn out. You look as if you hadn't slept for nights. What if you were angry and lost your temper and hurt her feelings? Heavens! Weren't you entitled to, after what she'd done? And when she'd left you to find it out like that?"

"I tell you, you don't know the first thing about it."

free hand. If you'll let me ten and thing, what I think of what she's done and the way she's done t—not letting you a chance. But stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done to come back. But stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the whole of the way she's done and the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done and the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the way she's done the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the stiffer and from the way she's done and the stiffer and finally congealed into a stiffer and from the stiffer and the stiffer and the stiffer and the stiffer and stiffer and the stiffer and the stiffer and the stiffer and the s know-not giving you a chance.

Again all she could do was to ask him, with a bewildered stammer, what he meant.

"Because," she added, "I can't go home yet. I've—only started."

"Started!" he echoed. "Do you think I'm going to let this beastly farce go any further?"

And with that he told her what had happened in his office that afternoon, told her of the attitude of his "Oh," it's wicked!" she gried. "The commendation of a country client, and there she was on the stage."

"Oh!" cried Frederica—a muffled, barely audible cry of passionate sympathy. Then: "You've seen her off the stage—talked with her?"

"I didn't ask her to explain," said Rodney. "I asked her to come home and she wouldn't."

"You know it isn't," Frederica muttered rebelliously.

Harriet seated herself delicately and deliberately in one of the curving ends."

deliberately in one of the curving ends of a little Victorian sofa, and stretched

her slim legs out in front of her.

"Certainly I don't care whose fault it is," she said. "You never get anywhere by trying to decide a question like that. What I'm interested in is what can be done about it. It's not a very nice situation. Nobody likes it— at least I should think Rose would be pretty sick of it by now. She may have been crazy for a stage career, but she's probably seen that the chorus of a third-rate musical comedy won't take her anywhere. The thing's simply a mess, and the only thing to do is to clear it up as quickly and as decently as we can-and it can be cleared up if we go at it right. Of course the thing to do is to get her out of that horrible place as soon as we can. And I suppose the best way of doing it will be to get her into something else—take her down to New York and work her into a small part in some good com-pany. Almost anything, if it came to that, so long as it wasn't music. Oh, and have her use her own name, and let us make as much of it as we can. Face it out. Pretend we like it. I don't say it's ideal, but it's better than this.

"Her own name?" he echoed blank-Ther own name; he echoed bank-ity, "Do you mean she made one up?" Harriet nodded. "Constance men-tioned it," she said, "but that was be-fore I knew what she was talking about. And of course I couldn't go back and ask. Daphne something, I think. It sounded exactly like a chorus name, anyhow." And then: "Well, how about it? Will you play the

"Oh, yes," he said, with a doculty that surprised Frederica. "Til play to It comes to exactly the same thing, what we both want done, and our reaons for doing it are important to no-ody but ourselves."

She turned to Frederica. "You, too, reddy?" she asked. "Will you give our moral principles a vacation and Freddy?" she asked take Rod's message to Rose, even though you may think it's Quixotic nonsense?"
"I'll see Rose myself," said Rodney

quietly.

He was standing near the foot of the stairs when she came down, with a raincoat on and a newspaper twisted up in his hand, and at sight of her, he ook off his soft, wet hat, and crushed t up along with the newspaper. He hoved over toward her, but stopped moved over toward her, two or three feet away. "It's very good of you to come," he said, his voice lacking a little of the ridiculous of his words, not much. "Is stiffness of his words, not much. "Is there some place where we can talk a little more—privately than here? I shan't keep you long

"There's a room here somewhere," she said.

The room she led him to was an appropriately preposterous setting for the altogether preposterous talk that ensued between them. It had a mosaic floor with a red plush carpet on it, two stained-glass windows in yellow and green, flanking an oak mantel which green, manking an oak manter which framed an enormous expanse of mottled purple tile, with a diminutive gaslog in the middle. A glassy-looking oak table occupied most of the room, and the chairs that were crowded in around it were upholstered in highly polished office educad heave hide with polished coffee-colored horse-hide, with

very ornate nails.

"It's dreadfully hot in here," Rose said. "You'd better take off your coat." She squeezed in between the table and one of the chairs and seated herself.

Rodney threw down his wet hat, his newspaper, and then his raincoat, on the table, and slid into a chair oppo-

"I want to tell you first," Rodney said, and his manner was that of a schoolboy reciting to his teacher an apology which has been rehearsed at home under the sanction of paternal authority—"I want to tell you how deeply sorry I am for . . ." He had his newspaper in his hands

magain and was twisting it up. His eyes didn't once seck her face. But they might have done so in perfect safety, because her own were fixed on his hands and the newspaper they crum-

meek like this!

His reply was barely audible: "I might better have done it."

Frederica sprang to her feet. "Well, the reliable of the repeating what he'd said already in still more inadequate words. He was In the security of his averted gaze in time."

"Don't ring," he said quickly. "Tve had all I want. My train got in an hour ago and I had a try at the station restaurant."

might better have done it."

Frederica sprang to her feet. "Well, then, I'll tell you!" she said. "I won't go to her. I'll go if you'll give me a free hand. If you'll let me tell her what. And she was unable to say any
"You will let me go now, we want."

"You will let me go now, we want."

There was rather a long stlence—ten seconds, perhaps. Then:

"Harrier's back; she said. "She got in day before yesterday. Constance in day before yesterday.

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"All right," he said dully. "You're me for. That's for leaving you to find out—where I was, the way you did. Ittel longer. Frederica cried and to these telepathic short-cuts to take any note of this one. She'd seen that him at all. He seemed distressed at him there in the doorway; and something a little tenderer and gentler explained nothing, answered none of this one, told him that she did.

"Harrier's back; she said, "She got with a gasp: "I have something to ask you to—forgive me for. That's for leaving you to find ut—where I was, the way you did. You see, I thought at first that no one would know me, made up and all. And when I found out I would be recognizable, it was too late to stop—or at least it seemed so. Besides, I thought there the opening night, and saw he recognized me, and—I thought he'd left tell you. And then I kept seeing other to the rain. He'd left tell you. And then I kept seeing other ter, when, after a premonitory knock is more. That's for leaving you to find any way. You've done your best to, I have something to ask you to—forgive me for. That's for leaving you to find out—where I was, the way you did. You see, I thought at first that no one would know me, made up and all. And when I found out I would be recognizable, it was too late to stop—or at least it seemed so. Besides, I thought there the opening night, and saw he recognized me, and—I thought he'd left tell you. And then I kept seeing other benefits that no one would know me, made up and all. And would know me, made up and all. And see that."

She got hat in the for. That's for leaving you to find to ask you to—forgive me for. That's for leaving you to find to ask you to—forgive me for. That's fo "Then throw them into it quickly," he said, "and we'll lock the thing up. Do you owe any rent?"
"Ready!" she said. "What do you mean?"
"I mean you're going to get out of "The most of her caresses about this one, told him that she did. "She got one, told him that she did. "She got one, and—I thought he'd walking out into the rain. He'd left his newspaper. She took it, gripped and, she fancied, to him, for that matter, when, after a premonitory knock people out in front after that, people out in front after that, people we knew, who'd come to see for themselves, and I thought, of course, you have going to get out of the most of her caresses about this one, told him that she did. "Harrief's back," she said. "She got in day before yesterday. Constance said something to her about it, thinking she knew. They've thought all them.

The situation didn't need much ex-

this beastly place now—tonight. We're going home. We can leave an address for the trunk. If it never comes, so much the better."

Again all she could do was to ask him, with a bewildered stammer, what he meant.

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wouldn't let you."

Silence froze down upon them again.

again,
"I can't forgive myself," he said at
last, "I want to take back the things
I said that night—about being disgraced and all, I was angry over not
having known when the other people did. It wasn't your being on the stage We're not as bigoted as that.

"Tve come to ask a favor of you, though, and that is that you'll let me—let us all—help you. I can't—bear having you live like this, knocking about like this, where all sorts of things can happen to you. And going under an assumed name. I've no right to ask a favor, I know, but I do. I ask you to take your own name again—Rose Aldrich. And I want you to let us help you to get a better position than this, that is, if you haven' changed your mind about being on the "I've come to ask a favor of you changed your mind about being on the stage; a position that will have more hope and promise in it. I want you to feel that we're—with you."

"Who are 'we?'" She accompanied

that question with a straight look into

his eyes.
"Why," he said, "the only two people I've talked with about it—Frederica and Harriet. I thought you'd be glad to know that they felt as I did."

The first flash of real feeling she had shown, was the one that broke through on her repetition of the name "Harriet!"

"Yes," he said, and he had, for about ten seconds, the misguided sense of dialectical triumph. "I know a little how you feel toward her, and maybe she's justified it. But not in this case, Because it was Harriet who made me see that there wasn't anything—disgraceful about your going on the stage. It was her own idea that you ought to use your own name and give us a chance to help you. She'll be only too glad to help."

During the short while she let elapse before she spoke, his conviction-carrying power of this statement ebbed somewhat, though he hadn't seen yet what was wrong with it.

"Yes," she said at last, "I think I can see Harriet's view of it, 'As long as Rose had run away and joined a fifth-rate musical comedy in order to be on the stage, and as long as every-body knew it, the only thing to do was to get her into something respectable so that you could all pretend you liked it. It was all pretty shabby, of course, for the Aldriches, and, in a way, what you deserved for marrying a person like that. Still, that was no reason for the trutting, the best fees on it was not putting the best face on it you could. And that's why you came to find me!"
"No, it isn't," he said furiously. His

on it isn't," he said furiously. His elaborately assumed manner had broken down anyway. "I wanted you to know that I'd assent to anything, any all right. Or if you'd come home—to the babies. I wouldn't ask anything for myself. You could be as independent of me as you are here.

How have gone on elaborating this program further, but that the look of blank incredulity in her face stopped

"I say things wrong," he concluded with a sudden humility that quenched the spark of anger in her eyes. "I was a fool to quote Harriet, and." haven't done much better in speaking for myself. I can't make you see.

"Oh, I can see plainly enough, "On, I can see planny enough, Roddy," she said with a tired little grimace that was a sorry reminder of her old smile. "I guess I see too well. I'm sorry to have hurt you and made was released to the state of the same released. you miserable. I knew I was going to do that, of course, when I went away, but I hoped that, after a while, you'd come to see my side of it. You can't at all. You couldn't believe that I was happy, that I thought I was doing something worth doing; something that was making me more nearly a person you could respect and be friends with.

friends with.

"So I guess," she concluded after a silence, "that the only thing for you to do is to go home and forget about me as well as you can and be as little miserable about me as possible. I'll

pled.

He didn't presume to ask her forgiveness, he told her. He couldn't ex-

"You will let me go now, won't ou?" she asked. "This is—hard for go and beg her to forgive you, I blank silence.

Finally she said, with a gasp: "I sible, I guess, for you to see the thing



Hopeful.

Wifey-Don't you think my voice has improved?
Hubby—Yes, but it isn't cured.

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Overcoming a Difficulty.

Reference at a social affair was made to the ingenuity of school children in getting around difficult questions, when Representative Frank Lester Greene of Vermont recalled a fitting angelate.

ting anecdote.

One afternoon the teacher of a public school was instructing a juvenile class in geography, and after others had answered various questions, she turned to a small boy named Jimmy.

"James," said she, "describe to me

"James," said she, "describe to me the route you would take if you were going to Bermuda."
"Yes, ma'am," returned Jimmy, a little doubtfully. "I would go to New York and then—and then—"

"Yes, Jimmy," interposed the teacher. "What would you do then?"
"Why, I would get on a steamer," answered Jimmy, with a happy inspiration, "and leave the rest to the captain."

In Memory of the Titanic.
The Titanic disaster is being commemorated in Belfast by the erection of a memorial which will in all re spects be worthy of the city where the spects be worrny of the city where the ill-fated ship was built. It consists of a Titanic group in marble on a granite pedestal. The memorial will occupy a site on the carriage way opposite the city hall, facing the Royal Academical institution, and will bear the names of Ulster heroes who pershed with the great vessel. ished with the great vessel.

Better a budding genius than a



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To one and one-half cups of milk add one

cup of Grape-Nuts

and one level table-spoonful of sugar, boil six minutes, cool and serve with milk Add raisins if desired.

Get a package of Grapeom your grocer and try this pleasing recipe.



1—Approximate location of collision between the Mont Blanc, French munitions ship, and the Ioma, a Belgian relief steamer. The Mont Blanc blew up. 2—Richmond, the section of Halifax which was practically wiped out by the explosion and fire. The darkened districts covers more than two and one-half square miles. 3—Dartmouth, where there also was heavy destruction of life and property. 4—Rockingham, where there was some damage. 5 and 6—The two harbors of Halifax, in which many ships were damaged and members of their crews killed or injured.

newspaper offices, Royal Bank of Canada, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of British

North America and the Bank of Mon-

Other structures destroyed are Dal-

nousie college, two Roman Catholic convents, the Presbyterian Theological college, the government technical col-

lege, 42 churches and 80 factories, including iron foundries, breweries, distilleries and two sugar refineries.

FAMOUS FOR BEAUTY.

One of the oldest of Canadian cities,

One of the oldest of Canadian cities, Halifax also is one of the most picturesque. It has two principal beauty spots, Point Pleasant park and the Public Gardens. The first fles between the North Arm, a flord three miles long, and the harbor proper. The North Arm is the cruising basin for canoes and pleasure craft of small size.

Two hundred acres of land make

Two nundred acres of land make up Point Pleasant park, and the woods have been left in a wild state. The roads are splendid. They were built for military purposes. The park has a pair of magnificent iron gates given

to the city by Sir William Young, a former chief justice of the province. They are set at the head of Young avenue, one of the principal roads of

the park.

A msle from Young avenue gates are the Public Gardens, the most cultivated spot of Canada, and said to be its most beautiful garden. An area of 20 acres is thus given up for purpose of pleasure right in the heart of the city. When the land was originally taken up for park purposes it lay on the outskirts of the town, and was a hunting field. It is 'taid out in formal

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From the citadel a beautiful view f the entire city and harbor is given.

## **WORST DISASTER** IN MANY YEARS

Catastrophe at Halifax Appalling in the Loss of Life and Property.

BIG PART OF CITY IN RUINS

Fire Following Rain of Explosives Completes Destruction—Port and Harbor One of the Most Valued of British Naval Posts.

Outside the toll of life claimed on land and sea by the great war, the catastropae at Halifax is by far the

greatest disaster in many years.
Numerous explosions have occurred
in munition plants in this country and
Europe, but the Halifax disaster is the most tragic explosion, in the number of lives lost, in the last quarter cen-tury. Indeed, few catastrophes of any nature have probably exceeded it in the number of dead. the number of dead.
Pilot Frank Mackie of the Mont

Pilot Frank Mackie of the Mont Blanc declared that the collision re-sulted from a confusion of whistles sounded by the Ioma, causing a col-lision with the Mont Blanc, which ar-rived at a United States Atlantic port on November 9, laden with 3,000 tons of munitions for France. She was in bound from New York when she was rammed by the Belgian relief ship

Flames Caught Benzine.
The impact set fire to a deck load of benzine on the French ship and the flames quickly communicated with the munitions, resulting in a practical bombardment of the city.

The zone of destruction in Halifax

itself extended from the North street railway station as far north as Africville to Bedford basin and covered an area of about two square miles in the section known as Richmond. The buildings which were not demolished by the force of the terrific explosion ere destroyed by the fire which fol-

District Densely Populated.

The devestated district was the older part of Halifax and thickly populated. It contained, in addition to Citadel hill, many churches and schools, the railway station, government to be seen the well-notes to paragraph. ment dockyard, Wellington barracks, Admiralty House (the official resi-dence of the admiral in command of the North American British squadron), the military hospital, post office, provisional parliament building, city hall, the ordnance department, most o the department stores, all of the tele-graph and cable offices and a few ho-

The better residence district was almost unharmed. It lies southward from the Queens, and includes most of the churches, including St. Mary's Roman Catholic cathedral.

parliament buildings, post office, three which the natives of Halifax boasted. peake."

DESIGNATED BY INDIANS GREATEST OF HAVENS. Halifax Was a Settlement Before the Dominance of the White Men in America.

e site of Halifax had been oc-by an Indian settlement. The as called Chebucto ("greatest

pay. It was first used as a base of supplies by the French admiral, Duke d'Anville, in 1745, when he attempted to recapture Louisburg, taken from the French by a band of New England

est pride in their public buildings. In the point of age, Old Martello Tower, built during the earliest days of the city's history, is second only to St. Paul's church. It was used as an outpost when settlers were unable to leave the fortifications of the colony without taking charges of heavy scale.

without taking chances of being scaln

Other Noted Buildings. The Provincial Building, the Government House, the City Hall, the Domin-

on Building and the new Customs House were among the edifices of

The real story of Halifax, however, begins in 1749, when it was settled by Lord Edward Cornwallis and 2,576 English soldier-colonists. The city an Indian settlement. The called Chebucto ("greatest") by the Indians because Halifax. Cornwallis laid out the town in the somewhat rigid style that marks

Customer—What, you want 40 cents for a haircut like this? It's a

wanted a trimming.

Puts Runners on Auto When the snow is heavy, an Alaska man puts runners on the front wheels of his automobile, heavy chains on the back ones and encloses the engine with a special body and runs the machine as well as in summer.

HALIFAX EXPLOSION WORST EVER KNOWN.

The following big explosions have taken place in recent

THE HEADLIGHT, HANSFORD, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 1, 1911—Railroad FEBRUARY 1, 1911—Railroad station in New York; cars containing twenty tons of dynamite. Twenty-five killed, 125 injured; \$2,000,000 damage. MARCH 7, 1913—British freight-

er Alum Chine, in Baltimore harbor, carrying explosives. Forty killed; 300 injured; \$400,000 damage.

JULY 30, 1916-Black Tom Island, New Jersey; trains loaded with explosives; seven killed, \$10,000,000 damage.

JANUARY 13, 1917—Munitions

Foundry Company, of Kingsland, N. J. Seventeen killed;

\$2,000,000 damage, JANUARY 21, 1917—Munitions plant in London. Seventy killed; 277 injured; damage,

200,000 pounds.

APRIL 12, 1917—Eddystone Ammunition Corporation, Eddy-stone, Pa. Two hundred killed; \$1.000,000 damage.

Other buildings of prominence are the Dalhousie College, Provincial Museum, Academy of Music, Y. M. C. A. Build-ing, Odd Fellows' Temple and the three principal hotels, Halifax, Prince George and Queen's.

Among the famous edifices of the city is the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, said to be the oldest Protestant church built in North America. It was constructed in Boston in 1750, a year after the town was founded, and carried in schooners to Hallfax, where the parts were put together. The story is told that when Cornwallis wrote the Earl of Hallfax he wanted to build a church the earl replied by sending to Canada the architect who built St. Peter's in

church exactly after St. Peter's. When parts arrived the colonists often had to lay down their implements and take to their guns to drive off the Indians, who made frequent attacks upon the

St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church. which was built during the late years of the eighteenth century, was destroyed by fire in 1857, only to be re-

Cathedral Also Noted.

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One of the most beautiful buildings in the city is the St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral. With a tall white spire extending upward, it is visible for

Religion of all denominations seems to thrive in Nova Scotia, for in a recent census of religions only 543 persons were listed as belonging to no sect. At present there are 129,000 Roman Catholics, 106,000 Presbyterians, 83,000 Baptists, 66,000 Anglicans, 57,000 Methodists and a few thousand spread theorem to he deventists. Disciples and through the Acventists, Disciples and Jews. Of the latter there were 437.

Jews. Of the latter there were 437. Eighty years ago, when the province was small and practically uninhabited, the Presbyterians were the largest body, although there was a flourishing colony of Roman Catholics at Cape Breton. The Baptists then were an inconsiderable body of poor peasants with badly educated teachers and preachers. Today the Baptists stand third in the list of denominations.

One of World's Best Harbors. "Halifax has one of the finest har-bors in the world and is the chief form in the world and is the cher Canadian gateway for exports. It is the capital of Nova Scotia, with a population of 60,000. The city is three miles long and a mile wide; is built on the eastern slope of a small peninsula.

"It is a garrison city and has eleven forts and batteries, including the Citawalks.

Like Bit of London.

A dozen public buildings, each with a history, also tended to soften the lines of "the garrison city." Houses originally built of wood and stuceo and later of stone and brick and patterned after the English style, give the visitor the impression that Halifax is a corner of London itself, lifted and transplanted in Newa Scotia.

From the citadel a heartiful view del, once one of the strongest fortifica-

tions in America.

"The harbor is open all year. Its inner haven is Bedford Basin, 20 miles in circumference, in which the colli-sion and explosion occurred. I have seen as many as 140 ocean vessels in

the basin at once.

"Vast new wharves and railway terminals are being constructed by the government at a cost of \$50,000,000, but these are near the tip of the peninsula at the south, and evidently were not harmed." not harmed.

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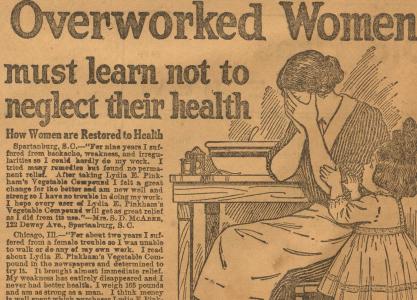




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