FIRST STEPS TAKEN.

TO CUBA.

Response in the art of Every True American.

There can be no doubt from what Uncle Sam has already so thoroughly performed in his work in his purpose.

"On to Cuba!" has been the warry of the people of the United States—the merchant, the farmer, the miner, the plowboy, the clerk, the soldier and the civilian-whatever it may have been in the more reserved and diplo- sonal bravery, the Spaniards and Department have not it matic phraselogy of the government.

wns or cities of Cuba. It will Nothing is lacking. We have the not be done except in such cases powers of curing and healing, and where it may be absolutely neces- every private has in his "kit" the

residences of foreigners to render ous matter. As an army their such a proceeding advisable. number is ridiculously small in Then many commercial interests comparison with the hosts we can large portion of Cardenas belongs of our steel, though in the comto Americans. There is, perhaps mission of such crimes as assassiunknown to some, an immense nations, poisoning wells and comamount valuable property, mil- municating contagiaus diseases lions in total, throughout Cuba by various means they are not possessions in the Western Hemi owned by native born American equaled. citizens.

in Cuba there is one who has ex- at the mercy of the invader. pended \$800,000 in plantations What follows after the con-

in Boston, Philadelplia, Chicago, be instituted under his orders. and elsewhere who have had for

of Port Antonio and even farth- a new start on the flag. er east at Matanzas or Cardenas, for a larger base of supplies and future are in reality more portent- and defensive. It process as an easier method of reaching ous and threatening to us as a lines such as the forgoi down to the gulf of Matamano, nation than this present conflict a matter of course all the on the southern coast, and creat- with a body of inefficient, vicious been done so far is purely ing a new original trocha that soldiery. Just what the effect of tive, but my informant g will make distinctively separate our noble work of liberation of above as the general out the two most populous provinces an oppressed people will be, how-gested. of Havana and Matanzas.

Mariel and port Cabanas are

places to the west, forming ideal landing stations, but Bahia Honwhich Has Found da, with its magnificent harbor is Preliminaries of an Anglothe best of all from the stand point of facility and comfort. Cavalry on shore and an occasional battery will be all that there is to resist the approach of the hated Gringo.

of castigation of a set of beings southest of Havana, on the south- authority in the State Departwhose principal military method ern shore, is the only place of ment that important prelimina has been to starve women and importance from a strategic view steps toward an Anglo-America children when not engaged in besides Santiago de Cuba, the alliance have been taken. H more despicable practices that the latter the strongest fortified port far these negotiations, if they come the strongest fortified port far these negotiations, if they come the strongest fortified port far these negotiations, if they come the strongest fortified port far these negotiations, if they come the strongest fortified port far these negotiations are the strongest fortified port far the strongest fortified port far the strongest fa cry of "On to Cuba!" has met on the island, 500 miles away, yet be called that, have proceed with real acquiescence from the nearly in the southest corner of ed, it is not easy to ascertain hearts of an enthusiastic people Cuba, that need any particular naturally strict secrecy is m who have so unitedly upheld him attention from our fleets. Between tained, but my information is the Spaniards and insurgents the preliminary suggest there will be more guerrilla war- have been made that steadily, as they did through two governments in some sl Mexico in 1847.

those Cubans forming the guarda had reference altogether to civiles in the ranks of the royal da. According to my au And the means are two-our army cannot compete for any ex- the features of the propose army and navy, our twin "dogs tended time, with the superior ance now being consider of war." The latter can continue drill, marksmanship, valor, these: to bombard and lay in ruins the strength, force and prestige of the Great Britian is to rec fortifications and defenses of the American soldiers. They have a the Monroe doctrine, to ports of entry, and under cover strong ally in their climate, but no increase of her te of that fire, though it is not always it cannot under the worst circumnecessary, armed bodies of men stances prove more disastrous to may be landed to combat with the us than it has to the peasant military force Spain has on the youths and citizen soldiery of Spain-in fact, less so, for our may land in sheltered medical commissariat is better far prepared to resist the attacks of ich an insidious foe as yellow

athorities to lay way the macopæia is at our disposal. ordinary means of prevention.

They contain too many non- The subjugation of the Spanish combatants, starving Cubans and force in Cuba is really not a seriaffecting us are involved. A send. It is not a foeman worthy

Among more than a hundred defenses at Havana, Matanzas, individuals in New York city Cardenas, Cienfuegos and Sanalone who have invested money tiago de Cuba places the island

and sugar houses, the latter now quest? The island would be in all the territory taken from Spain

If history bears any lesson to should be threatened. years large landed investments in us, it is that we must not expect The United States is to stand Cuba, which they will not be able gratitude, but rather a sullen ani- by Great Britain in her policy to reclaim until peace shall have mosity, from those whom we have China and the East and all the assisted in their hour of need, as British ports in the East are to b The demolition of the outside there seems to be an organic, in opened to the United States und defenses renders the military oc- herent antagonism between the the most favored national claus cupation of those towns and cities Anglo-Saxon and and the Latin The main features of an arl by the United States soldiers not races that neither time nor place tration treaty are to be incorp only feasible, but comparatively nor the the debt of gratitude will rated. It has been provided to easy. There will and can be only ever allay. Experience teaches all matters in dispute not invo one final result. If the Spaniards us also that if a government, a ing the Monroe doctrine or will centinue the struggle long country or a provience in our en- Nicaragua canal are to be enough, they will not only be vironment is too weak to with- mitted to a non-partisan comdecimated, but virtually extermi- stand the predatory attacks of a sion. The existing underst hostile nation without cause of ing between the two governments Our soldiers can be very effect- offense the condition can only be on the Great Lakes is to be ively landed at Guanabacoa, just remedied by taking that people gated and the United States east of Havana, or in the vicinity under our care and emblazoning be given the use of the We

But the complications of the The alliance is to be or ever, time alone can determine.

CHANNING A. BARTOW.

American Alliance Begun. School Lands. Other News.

The Washington correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says; Cienfuegos 100 miles to the have just learned from a high

The recent visits paid by Making due allowance for per- Julian Pauncefote to the



y you your adve papers as the is read regula body worth r

sphere and to indorse the America

Britian is to have the use of it in Post. time of war.

The United States is to have charge of a military governor. in the present war and Grea States in the possession if the on for the past two years caused earth in a single day.

canal in case of war.

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State Wins School Lands.

TURDAY, JUNE 4, 1898.

Righton the heels of the decision the State supreme court to the ct that the several hundred usand acres of unappropriated blie domain belonging to school nd and are not subject to pre-

land to the school fund.

in such

cord, that

by every

Mexican Cuttle.

aching.

Texas cattle.

Kiss-o-phone.

By Gov. Bob. Taylor.

Let us not forget that it is bet- of old ocean. nption for homestead, comes the ter for us, and better for the Six hundred years before Christ is, alleging that they were Newton's law of gravitation, baptism of light and glory 40.41 at ingfully issued, and won the would hold them together, and In a few more years we will civilization.

the tenderest chord that vi- of dreams. I think he will brates in the great heart of all construct an electric railway humankind when he gave to im- in the form of a huge y his sone of "Home,

VISIONS AND DREAMS. outstripping the wind.

A dreamer carried about in his From the Cave-man to the brain a great Leviathan. It was launched upon the billows, and like some collossal swan the palatial steamship now sweeps in majesty through the blue wastes

nnouncement that the supreme world, that we dream, and that some old Greek discovered elecurt of the United States has re- we tread the thorny paths, and tricity by rubbing a piece of amsed a writ of error in Galveston, climb the weary steeps, and leave ber, and unable to grasp the arrisburg and San Antonio Rail- our bloody tracts behind in the mystery, he called it soul. y company vs. State of Texas, pursuit of our dreams. For in His discovery slept for more than as returning 879.000 acres more their extravagant conceptions lie two thousand years until it the germs of human government, awoke in the dreams of Gal-The lands in controversy were and invention, and discovery; vani, and Volta, and Benjamin aimed by the Galveston, Harris- and from their mysterious vagar- Frankiin. In the morning of the rg and San Antonio railway as ies spring the motive power of nineteenth century the sculptor successor of the Buffalo Bayou the world's progress. Our civil- and scientist, Morse, saw in his zos and Coloradorailway com- ization is the evolution of dreams. dreams' phantom lightnings leap ny, whose charter provided for The rude tribes of primeval men across continents, and oceans, acquisition of certain tracks dwelt in caves until some unwash- and felt the pulse of thunder beat ler certain conditions, which ed savage dreamed that damp as it came bounding over threads e not literally complied with by caverns were not in accord with of iron that girdle the earth. In Galveston, Harrisburg and the principles of hygiene. It each throb he read a human Antonio, and while Governor dawned upon the his mighty in- thought. The electric telegraph erson was attorney general tellect that one flat stone would emerged from his brain, like rought suit for the cancella- lie on top of another, and that a Minerva from the brows of Jove, of certificates covering said little mud, aided by Sir Isaac and the world received a fresh

se in all the state courts. It that walls could be built in the step over the threshold of the is carried to the supreme court form of a quadrangle. Here was twentieth century. What greatthe United States by the dethus, from the magical dreams of unfold? It may be that another this unmausoleumed barbarian magician, greater even than Ediwas evolved the home, the best son, the "Wizzard of Menloe and sweetest evolution of man's Park," will rise up an coax the very laws of nature in to easy John Howard Payne touched compliance with hisunheardcall it the

will be made by which

tages where virtue resides in the the young man of the future may like perpetual summer.

of prongs to hitch to. It was all the same to Adam whether fendents and fought there by At- Cincinnatus dreamed of the burn-The destruction of the coast can construction of that doctrined torney General Crane, with the ished plowshare; genius wrought The United States is to build result that the state was again his dream into steel and now the earth like a hot knike plowing a field of Jersey butter, and the modern gang plow, bearing upon its wheels the gloved and umbrel-

> ducing the stock of cattle on ideas. It works its endless mira- healthy that, Mexican ranges to a point that cles through the brawny arm of has begun to arouse the appre- labor, and the deft fingers of hension of the Mexican govern- skill, and the world moves forward by its magic. Aladdin rub-This has gone to such an ex- bed his lamp and the shadowy tent that it has been reported that genii of fable preformed impossithe Mexican government is seri- ble wonders. The dreamer of toously considering the advisability day rubs his flingers through his of levying an export tax of \$15. hair and the genii of his intellect work miracles which eclipse the The result is that the ranges most extravagant fantasies of the

of Mexico have got to be restock- "Arabian Nights." ed, and the rancheros are becoming aroused to the important vapor throw open the lid of a tea- I think the end of time will be question of improving their grade. kettle, and lo! a steam engine near at hand. The opportunity thus afforded for came puffing from his brain. making a start in this matter And now many a huge monster could not be better, and pos- of Corliss, beautiful as a vision of ment as a wheeling planet, sends dinner for twelve. Common Mexican stock con- its thrill of life and power through Time works wonders. So stitute a constant manace and mammoth plant of humming ma- would men if they put in twentydrawback to the improvement of chinery. The firy courser of the four hours a day as Time does. steel-bound track shoots over hill The fool-killer is so far, behind and plain, like a mid-night me- in his work that he will never be THE RECORD only \$1.00 a year. teor through the fields of heaven, able to catch up again.

warmth and purity of vestal fires, stand at his "kiss-o-phone" in and where contentment dwells New York, and kiss his sweetheart in Chicago with all the de-The antediluvians plowed with lightful sensations of the "aforea forked stick, with one prong Liebig will reduce foods to their for the beam and the other for last analyses, and by an ultimate and his sleepy ox had no choice will enable the man of the future to carry a year's provisions in "Buck" was yoked to the beam dude will store his rations in the head of his cane, and the commissary department of a whole army will consist of a mule and the Nicaragua canal and Great and finally victorious.—Houston polished Oliver Chill slices the Britian is to have the use of it in Post.

a pair of saddlebags. A train load of cabbage will be transported in a sardine box, and a thousand fat Texas cattle in an oyster can. Power will be con-The heavey exportation of Mex- la'd leader of the Populist Party, to a quart cup. Wagons will roll There are many Americans also A provisional government would Britian is to protect the United ican cattle that has been going plows up the whole face of the by power in their axels, and the cushions of our buggies will cover by the unprecedented demand What a wonderful workshop is the force that propels them. The and high prices in this country, the brain of man! Its noisless armies of the future will fight and the requirements for the Cu- machinery cuts, and moulds, in with chain lightning, and battleban trade, have resulted in re- the imponderable material of field will become so hot and un-

"He who fights and runs away Will never fight another day

Some dreaming Icarus will perfect the flying machine, and upon the aluminium wings of the swift Pegassus of the air the lighthearted society girl will sail among the stars, and

"Behind some dark cloud, where no one's

Make love to the man in the moon." The rainbow will be converted into a Ferris wheel; all men will be bald headed; the women will A dreamer saw the imprisoned run the Government—and then

This and That.

Thirteen is an unlucky number sesses double interest for Texas Archimedes and smooth in move- to have at table-if there is only

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that expectation in the least, as stituents. I roved by her gallant manœuvers at Santiago, as in the following story which is told in a dispatch from Jamaica of an attempt by torpedo boats of Admiral Cer- 1898.—It is contended by Gen. vera's at Santiago to slip up on Miles and others that nothing of the position occupied by Commodore Schley's blockading will be gained by invading Cuba Spanish ship. vessels under cover of darkness until we can send at least 100,and blow them up. The torpedo 000 men. Because it will be use- and immediately became a boats were creeping along in the less to make an attack upon Ha- for all the American ships e shadow of the great forts and the vana with a land force much ed in the battle. She r overhanging mountains and were smaller than that. Although behind a protecting headlanwithin 500 yards of the battleship, nothing official has been or will was not seen again durin almost near enough to discharge be given out on this subject, there engagement. their torpedoes with disastrous is excellent authority for saying cifect, when an officer of the deck that it will require at least three on the Texas sighted them or four more weeks to equip sachusetts, by Capt. F. J through his night glasses. In an enough of the volumteers to make ginson, the Texas by Capt. instant the searchlight was up that number. thrown upon the sneaking little The Navy Department will Capt. William Folger, ke torpedo boats and the Texas was make a test this week of an au- their terrific fire against the peppering them with her rapid- tomatic one-pounder rifle, said Zocapa, and Punta Gorda fire guns in a way that sent them to be capable of firing 180 shots a for two hours, their projection flying out of reach with all possi- minute. Lie speed.

from destruction.

proud of their country. earry on a war with Spain and feed the balance of the world from her surplus products.

hung up in Congress by a contain nation of the powers of the sugar trust lobby, personal spite, and from her surplus products.

coast cities.

THE castles in Cuba and Porto Rico, must be some what like the mate that the present war will proverbial "castles in the air" cost \$300,000,000 if it be prose- drawn from the race for Attorne from the way they crumble when cuted one year. the guns of American battleships | Senator Gorman's statement in are trained upon them.

iards will stay whipped, at San- that President Cleveland did- probably be moved farther tiago, this time, and not come the resumption of 1875. Although the river. "bobbing up serenely", after Senator Gormon is a democrat, everybody thinks they are nearly he has enjoyed the confidence of It is not pleasant.

political pie very soon.

THE present war with Spain has done more to cement the North Granted to Texas Inventors this army of the United States. and South than any thing else week. Reported by C. A. Snow that could have happened and to- & Co., Patent Attorneys, Wash- President will make another ca day that grand old air, that has ington, D. C. so often stirred the young blood J. Booth Bellville, Well-strainring strains.

The Democratic primaries will be Dallas, Cotton elevator, cleaner 1, 1899. held in Bexar county to-day and and feeder. pledge myself to vote for the & Co., Washington, D. C.

party." That is all right as far as it goes but the question that Moro Casile Reduced A naturally arises is, which is the Democratic party.

any one, neither have we an ax to The American squadron, au grind, but we stop in the midst mented by the torpedo bo of the mad rush up-on the Span- Porter, the auxiliary cruisers ish forces long enough to re- Paul and the protected cru \$1.00 mark that Mr. C. B. Stone, of New Orleans, approached Beeville, candidate for congress enterance to the harbor at Sa from this district, is a gentleman, ago at about 12:30 p.m., and a business man, and we be- lowa leading. Inside the lieve he would represent us faith- ance to the harbor was see fully and conscientiously. It is of the warships of Cervera's Ir has been expected all along, true Mr. Stone is a banker, yet stripped for action. that the battleship Texas would he is a "free silver" Democrat As the American fleet do something to distinguish her- and no doubt would faithfully near the New Orleans was self and she has not disappointed work for the interests of his con- tatched and steamed forw

Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., May 30,

The vigilance of the Texas pro- well known. It is also well known harbor. bably saved not only that vessel that the sentiment of the country but several others of the fleet was overwhelming in favor of the annexation of Hawaii, even be- dust, the forms of Spanish fore it had been declared by the lerymen and infantrymen THE campaign liar, the snake administration to be a military fish liar have had necessity. Should the pressure ave all taken of Europe governments compet

political spleen, not even the GENERALNEWSII habitual tolerance of Americans It is really astonishing the way will prevent the political punish- Separated from the some of those Spanish editors ment of those responsible. Presihave been winning victories over dent McKinley has intimated very American fleets and bombarding plainly that unless Congress acts and starving out American sea- at once he intends to seize Havaii as a war measure.

Senator Teller said in a speech; two colliers. 'Those who ought to know esti-

a speech on the war revenue bill, The sanitary condition that unless that bill authorizes an Camp Alger is so bad that it in issue of bonds, the President will be changed. It is now no Ir is to be hoped that the Span- issue bonds under the same law Fall's Uhurch, Va., but all killed and their ships sunk. President McKinley and has been been sent to Santiago, and 10,0 called on for advice constantly more will follow in a few days since the war troubles began; Spain has again appealed THE way in which the negro consequently his statement is Austria to intercede with republicans have been treated in regarded as an official notification powers. She sees nothing regard to Federal patronage in that the administration intended defeat and bankruptcy as a terr Texas has caused much amaze- to issue bonds to raise the money ination of the present war. ment to the colored brother, and needed to carry on the war, whenhe threatens to rise up and throw ever, in its judgment, it might Hawaii has virtually declare off the "yoke of political bond- become necessary, regardless of herself our ally, and permits or age." Unless he gets a slice of the Senate on the war revenue vessels to coal in her harbo

List of Patents.

of the South, has become a na-er; T. W. Boynton, Duffan, tional air, and our boys are Kitchen-cabinet; J. I. Caruthers, The Secretary of war has sen marching to Cuba to its soul stir- Ingleside, Saw; F.J. Coins, Mar- to Congress a request for an apshall, Protector for stay bolts; propriation of \$53,879,858 for T. W. Sailing, Marshall, Draft- the equidment and maintainance The San Antonio Express says: beam for cars; J. W. Seifert, of the volunteer army until Jan'

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The latter replied to the

The Iowa directed by "Fighting Bob" Evans, the Pli ip and the New Orlea enormous size doing tremen That Americans are tolerant is damage to the defenses of

The masonry on Zocapa Morro was battered almost in

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New York another cruiser an

Hon. Mann Trice has with General, says it is evident the the people prefer his apponent.

Five thousand land troops ha

She welcomes our vessels with demonstrations.

Up to June 2, 124,000 men 1 been mustered into the volunt

There is a probability that th for 50,000 volunteers before very

one dollar, less than 2c a week.

Mining Story.

"Mining regions can turn up more peculiar facts and romances and superstitions than any other localities in the world, for the reason that all classes and conditions of men bump elbows with one another in a booming mining camp," said N. O. Hardesty, of Denver.

"Last summer there was a boom at Whisky Park, a mining district near 'olumbine, Col., and there was a rush of miners and prospectors to locate claims. During the excitement a man of the name of Martin pushed out several miles ahead of Whisky Park, and | a a a a a a a a a a while prospecting one day found a pile of rocks that attracted his attention on account of the peculiar way in which they had been arranged. The rocks bore the appearance of having been piled together by the hand of man. Martin started to investigate, and he removed but few rocks ntil he found an old shaft. This naft had been abandoned, and the op covered with this pile of rocks. was evident, from other reasons, at some man had covered the shaft, is the rocks bore pick marks. The nows of many winters had been meltin the mountains and washing

n debris, that had almost filled shaft to the surface. Further ingation proved that this old shaft been sunk on an extensive lead, that it had been filled and abaned after much money had bee in development work. Near also found a large pile of miniers, rotted down partly to a dust but still showing signs of haveen earefully stacked. It was ated that it would take at least rs for a pile of mining timbers in this way. Therefore the ion was drawn that this mine ot been worked for 30 years. the question arose: What was me of the mine? Whose propas it? Why was it abandoned? his old shaft lead to great

course, the accidental discovthe pile of rocks, the finding old shaft and the pile of mineveated much gossip the district. The old-, sifting around their night, revived the stor omstocker, and it is an

was called the 'erazy He was a believer in spir and as he had been an old that the spirits had informed that he would be the discovere mine far richer than that lode ind another 'Komstocker,' as he expressed it in his Ole Oleson dialect. he Swede had saved several hundred llars by hard work and economy, ng outfit and disappeared in the Touring April, ountains to the south. While he func. 1895...... and never been in that section, he declared that the spirits had given him secret information. All he would tell was that the spirits said he would find a rich gold mine far to the south of Rawlins, toward the Hahn's peak country, in Colorado, where gold had been newly discovered. The Swede dropped out of sight, and he was almost forgotten in the rush and change of the pioneer towns. "But the following spring, after

the Swede had been absent one year, ie came into Rawlins one day, and his pony was loaded down with bags of rich ore. He was extremely secretive, but dropped the remark that he had found his 'Komstocker,' as he called it. He sold his ore, bought new supplies and two more ponies. The word went round that the 'crazy Swede' had struck it rich, and there was much excitement among the miners. The Swede was watched, as the niners and prospectors intended to follow him when he left town; but he was shrewd enough to divine their ntentions, and he eluded his watchrs. Nobody could find his trail. The next fall a number of cowboys n a round-up near the present locaon of Dixon, Wyo., found the carsses of a saddle pony and two pack imals, and also found the saddles. ey were identified as the properof the Swede. The Swede was never n or heard of after he left Rawns the last time. It is supposed that was murdered. Years afterward old miners in that section stilthe story of the lost Komstock Now the story of the poor Swede vived since Martin's discovery.' Louis Globe-Democrat.

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can be known exactly, leaving shorter time and probabilities to figure against.

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The estimate is to be made upon the total United States Cotton Crop for 1897-98, the crop that has already been gathered and is now in the country as official figures of receipts will show it from Sept. 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1898. This is not the crop that is to be planted this spring, because the figures thereon will not be obtainable until Sept. 1, 1899. It is for the crop already in and marketed, official figures of which will be announced in September. As a guide for making your estimate we give official figures for each of the last ten crops. The conditions under which this last crop was grown and its probable output are elements for you to compute from and will aid in the correctness of your present estimate. The figures given by Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, are generally received

throughout the South as official, and we given an exact copy from their latest edition of "Cotton Movement and Fluctuations" as follows: Season Acres planted Bales in crop |
 1887-88
 . . . 18,961,897

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 . . . 19,362,073

 1889-90
 . . . 20,171,896
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 1889-90...
 20,171,896
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 1890-91...
 20,809,053
 8,652,597

 1891-92...
 20,714,937
 9,035,379
 1896-97 . . . 22,341,000

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11;52 a m	Lv	Eden	Ar	4;55 p m
12;08 p m	Lv	Pearsall	Ar	
12;27 p m	Lv	Derby	Ar	
12:43 p m	Lv	Dilley	Ar	4;00 p m
p m	Lv	Millett	Ar	3;47 p m
	V	COTULLA	Ar	3;25 p m
		Tuna		3;06 p m
p m	Lv	Twohig	Ar	2:57 p m
0 p m	Lv	BurroEncinal	Ar	2;38 p m
2;25 p m	Lv	Encinal	Ar	2;25 p m
2;45 p m	Lv	Cactus	Ar	2:05 p m
		Webb		
3:28 p m	Lv		Ar	1;24 p m
3:40 p m	LV	Sangnez.	Ar	1;14 p m
3;55 p m	LV	LAREDO	Ar	1;00 p m

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LOCAL & PERSONAL.

J. J Swan, of Marlin' was here this week.

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Studebaker wagon.

William Miller, of the Valenzuella ranch was here this week.

Call on S. A. Morgan for prices before buying elsewhere.

Manning Manny, candidate for district Judge, was in town Thursday,

Copying or typewriting, E. C.

district court adjourned.

For prices of ECLIPSE WIND MILLS call on Keck Bros.

Frank Nye and family moved to Laredo this week, and wil make that place their home.

If you want cookstove go to Keck Bros ..

J. A. Landrum has been sick the past week, but we are glad to prepared by. see him up and about again.

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Fletcher Massengale and sister Anna, of Kenedy, arrived here this week on a visit to friends and

E. C. Stevens, at S. T. Dowe's

residence, lately occupied by good time. Frank Nye.

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Messrs. F. Vandervoort, J. E. subscriber presents it to view boss barber is rather loquacious, and their way to San Antonio.

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Ice Cream every day at. SIMON COTULLA & Co.,

The Mexican show will give from Twohig. their last exhibition to night. Every body come.

Miss Mamie Campbell, of Carher way to San Antonio, Wednes day.

do, filled his appointment here last Sunday and returned home

Copying and typewriting done, E. C. Stevens, at S. T. Dowe's

S. A. Morgan.

X H. W. Earnest, of Millett, was here this week and left his name in our midst Sunday and man on our subscription books. He smiling faces were seen. said he had heard the RECORD very highly spoken of. Thanks.

"If at first you don't succeed,"

X Ed Reynolds has moved into John D. Harvey, of Laredo, one of Tom Miller's twin houses passed through here Wednesday health this week. on his way to Austin, where his Keck Bros. sell the old relible wife, who is visiting her parents, will join him in a pleasure trip to St. Louis, Chicago and othor

> For SALE; A good residence and drug-store Address. J. C. W. INGRAM,

Carrizo Springs, Texas.

The American Navy, Cuba and Hawaii,

ean Navy, Cuba and Hawaii has "Got a match, neighbor?" inquir ap Monday and returned after just been issued by the Historical the fresh young man as he put the la and Fine Art Co., of Philadelphia. finishing twist to his smok applying to Mr. Frank Boyd to greatly impress the cigarette smok

> DO YOU want to build up your system, get rid of that feel- I know eigarettes will kill me if I hardly worth living and once easy death. I know if I must smoke I hardly worth living and once should smoke cigars, but I don't like Shop on Front St., Cotulla, T ever? IF YOU DO take a bottle paresis now, and I'm due for-more, of Sarsaparilla and Red Clover I know you think, of all the disgust-

> > J. M. WILLIAMS,

L. Emmett Austin, Laredo, ties of the season was given at think at all before long. I know if you intervals. representing the Kansas City In- the residence of Mrs. Tarver's had a boy that sucked cigarettes you stallment Co., was here this week. last Friday night: Those present would lick him within an inch of his Subscribe for the Record, only 1.00 a year.

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Fletcher Massengale and sister nna, of Kenedy, arrived here

Subscribe for the Record, only iel, Itasca and Daisy Carr, Eva Stevens, Ruby Smith, Juanita Poole, Peachey Lacey, Lucy Manly, Susie Morgan, Minnie Something about what this something about what the source of Caire and Careful Attention Given to something about what the source of the sou Devereux, Annie Lestergette, coming to. And the freshyoung man worklin, - - - TEXAS
Annie Massengale and Julia Hall.
Ighted his cigarette with a grin.

Messers G. W. Henrichson, Peyton Kerr, Orin Buttler, Ed, I do typewriting and copying Sam, and Fletcher Massengale, Why the Barber Didn't Recognize His A. F. Warnock, Emmet Stevens, John Yowell, Clarence Manly, J. Hardin Gates and Wiley L. Manly, Daniel, Mug Tarver and Pease have moved into the Nye Simon Cotulla. All report a something out of the ordinary in ton-

The Old Silver Dollar.

old silver dollar, when some dear man-about-town was in one of the O'Meara and wife, of Carrizo the liberty head without nectie as he commenced to belabor the Chi-Springs, were here this week on or collar and all the strange cagoan with suds and razor, he also things that to us seen new; the began to ask questions.

"This is the first time you've ever Try a bottle of Half-Hour below it, stars and the words been in this town, ain't it?" inquired Headache cure only 25 cents. with the strange things they tell. "No," answered the drummer. "I The coin of my fathers! We are glad that we know it, for some shaved in this shop then, too." Barber Chiles, had the misfor- time or other, 'twill come in quiet "I don't remember your face, sir!" une to get his collar bone broken well—the spread eagle dollar, said the barber. by falling off a bluff, while attend- the star spangled dollar, the old There was a stampede out of that well.—Ex.

Millett Chaff.

Nard Williams, of Cibilo, was FRAZIER'S HACK LINE shaking hands with friends here one day this week.

Mrs. Jack Hill and Miss Rhodonald arrived here Thursday

Little Frankie Earnest, Laredo is spending a few day in Millett, this week.

D. W. McKey made a flying rizo Springs, passed through on trip to Cotulla and back on Mon-District Judge

> Geo. Lowry, of Dilley, came down on Tuesday and returned county Attorney the same day. He was here only surveyor.

Ed Whitley had the misfortune of getting his shoulder badly hurt one day this week. He is now walking about with his hand

Guess what young man called Oranges, Lemons, Bananas, on his best girl Sunday and went Apples, cheaper than the cheap- away with his horse rode down?

J. L. Rowland returned from Cotulla Tuesday.

C. C. Ellis, from Cibilo, wa

Mr. and Mrs. John Whitley, of Bigfoot, are spending this week with relatives here.

John Yowell came up from Cotulla, Thursday last.

Austin Ellis is here for hi

James Murray was in tow

FORESTALLED THE LECTURE.

Young Man Had Learned All About the Lvils of the Cigaratte.

The fresh young man with no r spect in his soul for gray hairs iyed whiskers swang himself on he car in the middle of a block of aning against the brake handle, p ceeded to roll a cigarette with great eftness, says the vastington Times. The fat man who despideethe wa A portfolio in 12 arts, sixteen youth on general principles lean

"Young man," began the fat man 308 SOLEDAD ST. SAN ANTONIO Specimen copies can be seen by after a brief, elderly pause, calculated

"Yes, I know all about-" interrupted the youth, "so you might as har ing of depression that makes life stick to 'em, but I den't care. It's an again feel as young and lively as the color of 'em. I've got a touch of ing things in the world, a cigarette is the worst.

"I know they undermine the consti-Cotulla, Texas tution and are wrecking the rising 125 W. Com. St., - San Antonio. generation. Now if Pre forgotten For the convenience of our anything you were going to say, help many patrons and friends in and One of the most dnjoyable par
me out. Come to think of it, I've get a match myself. If I keep on smoking through Cotulla, one or the other ing these thinks of the contract ing these things I won'to be able to of us will visit Cotulla at regular Particular attention given to mail orders.

HAD HEALED SINCE.

Customer's Face.

There is a certain barber shop in this city which always has in its window an attractive sign, promising sorial establishments. Sometimes the sign says "Whiskers Dyed Here," or "Hair Cut a la Stanley," "Eyebrow Made to Grow," and so on.

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ing their turn. - St. Louis Republic.

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week.

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try advertising in the Record.

Annie Massengale and Julia Hall.

ing a picnic at Frio Town last silver dollar that we all love so shop by those who sat on stools wait-

agent for La Salle Co., Texas.

CHAPTER XIV.

THE CITY OF THE HEART. While it was yet dark on the follow-ing morning we were awakened by the

and the Lady Maya.
"Eat," said the old man, pointing to food that was ready, "and let us be go-

Ten minutes later we were outside of

the house and on our way.

By degrees as the light grew we saw that the country at our feet was shaped like a bowl, whereof the mountain range upon which we stood formed the rim, and at the bottom of this bowl, fed by numborless streams that had their so trees among the surrounding snows, by the lake, the Holy Waters of this people. Of this, however, we could as yet see little, since the vast expanse beneath us lay hidden in volumes of mist hat moved and rolled like the face of

Never before had we looked upon Never before had we looked upon anything so strange as this dense garment of vapor while the light of heaven gathered upon its surface, tinging it with lines and patches of color. It seemed as though a map of the world was unrolled before us; continents, seas, islands, and cities formed themselves only to disappear in quick succession and assume new and endless shapes.

shapes.
"It is beautiful, is it not?" said Maya.
"But wait until the mist breaks. Look,

it were upon the face of the Holy Waters. It was far away, but now the night fog no longer thickened it, so lear was the atmosphere and so high were we above it that it seemed to be

It stood upon a heart-shaped island, and round about the shores of this island, stretching further than the eye

"There lies my country," said Maya, with a proud wave of her hand. "Does it please you, white man?"
"It pleases me so well, Maya," he answered, "that now less than ever ean I

"Because, though lakes and mountains and cities full of wealth are fine things, it is not to these but to the men and women among whom we live that we must look for happiness."

"Some people might think otherwise, Maya. They might say that happiness must be sought for in ourselves. At least I could be happy in such a land as this"

'You think so now," she answered, meaningly, "but when you have been awhile in the city yonder you will think

wealth more than any white woman, and you will be fond of me for

ters only, his gods and his country, and who will use me like a piece in a game if it suits his purpose; yes, and you, too. Our good days are done with, the evil

ones have to come, and after them-the night. Henceforward we shall find few opportunities of speaking even, for I shall be surrounded by officers and waiting ladies, who will watch my

every action and hear my every word, and my father will watch me also."

us down. We must go on now and meet our fate, whatever it may he. Only

swear to me by my gods or your own, or thatever you hold dear, that you will cleave to me till I am dead as I will cleave to you," and taking his hand in

hers she looked up appealingly into his

walking in front, lost in his own

"Come hither, daughter, and you, white man," he said in a stern voice.
"Listen, both of you. I am old, but my sight and hearing are still keen, though

of much that I saw and heard. Here in my own land it is otherwise. Learn,

white man, that the Lady of the Heart is set far above you, and there I think

she will remain. Do you understand

striving to control his anger, "but, chief, it is a pity that you did not see well to tell me this before. Had it not been for what we and one dead were

able to do to save you, to-day your bones would have been whitening in the forest. Why did you not tell me there that I was no fit company for round statch tere?"

"Because you were sent by the gods to do me service, and because there I

had need of you, white man," answered Zibalbay, quietly, "as maybe I shall have need of you again. Had it not been for that chance we should have

parted company on the further side of

At this moment Zibalbay, who was

him to lay down the rod of power. How should it please him, then, and those who follow him, to see a white stranger holding that daughter's hand and whis-

I made no answer, for at that moment we turned a corner and came face to face with the bearers of the litters whom Zibalbay had summoned to meet

to woice of Zibalbay calling us.

"Arise," he said; "it is time to start upon our road."

Dressing ourselves, we went into the common room, where we found Zibalbay and Maya, very fair for Indians, but the look upon their faces was different from any that I have seen among my people. It was have seen among my people. It was not stupid or brutal, or even empty, rather did it suggest great weariness.
Weariness was the master not of their

> was outworn.
> Summoning the captain of the bearers Zibalbay talked to him while his companions ate food that they had brought with them, and I noted that what he heard seemed to give him little

> tain, and in an hour we had left the re-gion of snow behind and entered the

At length, as the evening began to

At length, as the evening began to fall, we entered the village of corn growers, a half-ruined place, of which the houses were for the most part built of adobe or mud bricks and roofed with a concrete of white lime.

When Zibalbay descended from his litter all those present prostrated themselves and remained thus, till, followed by some of the head men, he had passed into a house, which was made ready for into a house, which was made ready for his use, leaving us without.

it is beginning."

As she spoke, of a sudden the sea of mist grew thin and opened in its center, and through the gap thus formed showed first the pyramids and temple tops and then the entire panorama of the city Heart of the World floating as it were upon the face of the Holy chocolate that was served to us in cups of hammered silver, the night had fallen completely. I asked Zibalbay if we should sleep there; to which he replied

of the moon, and were guided to a little harbor in the shore of the lake, where island, stretching further than the eye could reach, sparkled the blue waters of the holy lake.

"There lies my country," said Maya, with a proud wave of her hand. "Does it please you, white man?"

"It pleases me so well, Maya," he and started toward the Island of the Heart, which stood a distance of about of the heart, which stood a distance of about of the heart, which stood a distance of about of the heart, which stood a distance of about of the heart, which stood a distance of about of the heart, which stood a distance of about of the heart, which stood a distance of about of the heart of the

fifteen miles from the mainland.

The breeze was light; but after the and balmy and the scene so new and strange, that I for one did not regret our slow progress. Nobody spoke in

the boat, for all of us were lost in our own reflections, and the Indians were awed to silence by the presence of their lord, who alone seemed impatient, since from time to time he pulled his beard and muttered to himself.

Before us lay the fabled golden town we had so longed to see. Soon our feet would pass its white walls and our eyes behold its angient civilization.

As I spoke the wind turned a little, and a sound of singing floated down it that grew momentarily clearer as we approached the square. Another five minutes passed and we were entering it. It was a wide place, covering less than thirty acres of ground, a in its center rising 300 feet in the gleamed the pyramid of the Temple the Heart, crowned by the holy fire that flickered eternally upon its summit. In the onen space between the wills

flickered eternally upon its summit.

In the open space between the world of the inclosure of the pyramid a the great buildings that formed sides of the square, the inhabitants the city were gathered for their might feast. All were dressed in whrobes, while many wore glittering feather capes upon their shoulders, and were crowned with wreaths of flowers.

Some of them were dancing, some of Some of them were dancing, some of them singing, while others watched tricks of jugglers and buffoons. Is the most of their number were search to the most of their number was and welling love. bay meant when he said that his race smoking, and making love, and noticed that at these tables the o dren seemed the most honorable gue and that everybody petted them waited on their words. Nothing of be more beautiful or stranger to eyes than this innocent festival brated beneath the open sky and light

by the moon. Yet the sight of it not please Zibalbay. not please Zibalbay.

Along the sides of the square ran at avenue of trees bearing white flow ert with a heavy scent, and Zibalbay 100 tioned to us to follow him into the shadow. Many of the tables were placed just beyond the spread of the set trees, so that he was able to stop, from time to time, and, unseen himself, listen to the talk that was passing at the me. to the talk that was passing at the Presently he halted thus opposite table at which sat an oldish man a woman, young and pretty. What said interested him, and we who we close by his side understood it, for difference between the dialect of the said in the said interest of the said interest of the said interest of people and the Maya tongue is so s that even the senor had little diffi

'The feast is merry, to-night," 'Yes, husband," answered his panion, "and so it should be, se that yesterday the lord Tikal velected cacique by the Council of Heart, and to-day he was wedded the presence of the people to Nah the beautiful child of the lord Matter.

the beautiful child of the lord Matta"It was a fine sight," said the mi
"though for my part I think it early
proclaim him cacique. Zibalbay mig
yet come back and then—"
"Zivalbay will never come back, h
band, or the Lady Maya, either. Th
have perished in the wilderness la
ago. For her I am sorry, because s
was so lovely and different from oth
great ladies, but I do not grieve mu
for him, for he was a hard taskmas to us common people, also he stingy. Why, Tikal has given feasts during the last ten months

Zibalbay gave in as many years. over he has relaxed the laws so poor women may now wear orna like our betters." And she glan a gold bracelet upon her wrist.

Tikal is the wasp who eats.

"Mrs. Timkens," I said, knocking at the door of a little cabin among the low-lying hills of Kentucky, which they call the Knobs, "may I come in and rest a little?"

"('ome in and welcome, child," she said. "I was just a-wishin' for somebody to come and talk to me while I was a-doin' my mendin';" and she pened the door hospitably.

Inside was a long room, the walls filled in with chinks to keep out the cold wind, which they did not do. An open fire of chunks of wood burned in the great chimney, that scemed to take up almost half of the stood a Dutch oven, with coals on top and underneath; an iron pot was hanging off the fire by a crane; on one and dishes, and by the side of it sat an old blue-painted chest, the top of which was standing open.

anguage), a stone jar of lard, a paper of soda, a sunbonnet, a smaller "pus' of salt, a soiled apron, and a man's cans coat. In one corner of the room stood a great four-post bedstead, with a rising sun calico qu'il on it.

"I've been hickory nut hunting, Mrs. Timkens," I said; "and I got taken. tired, I was up so early. What time you get up in the morning?"

"Well, child, I most usual wakes up said long bout two o'clock; then I gits restless like, so I gits up, and knocks

me up a bit of somethin' to eat.' "Does Mr. Timkens get up as early

"Well, sometimes he do, and then ag'in he don't; of he takes a notion to ay, he lays, and then when he feels like a-gittin' up, he gits; and then I nocks him up somethin' to eat.'

"What do you have for breakfast?" asked, "do you make biscuit?"
"Make biscuit? well I should say I loes make biscuit!"

"('an you tell me how you make hem," I said.

"Get along with you, woman; what you think I'm made of if I couldn't ell you how I makes my biscuit?'

take?" I asked.
"Well, I'll just tell you. I've got a asser-no, it's not a whole sasser neither, it's broke. It's bout half a sasses; well I dips that into the 'pus of flour, and brings it up with as much as it'll hold; then I dips it ag'in, and

"How much soda do you put in?" Well. I puts nough to raise the seurt, but not too much, to make em spotted and saleratusy; cause I don't call them good biscuit.'

that's the flour.'

"And how much lard does it take?" "Why, I puts fat 'nough to make em short a-plenty, but not too short and pie-crusty

"And what about the milk?" "Why, in course I takes 'nough milk to mix it all up with; what'd you

just like to know?" "And how many biscuits does that

"That'll make four good fat biscuit,

with angelic figures and the ominous what I does have to have's my coffee, triplet of letters, "C. D. D.," which three times a day-a good, strong cup,

flesh, stretched the limbs, destroyed when she came back to her work her

and bodies of the people, while the "Land of Goshen!" she exclaimed turn of a spade in a palace garden in consternation; "whatever could

modern moon which no more looks "Here it is," I said, spying it, where Following the destiny of all such his "I declare it give me a turn," she

old age within the glass case of a mu- what a real good needle it is, none of seum, for councils come and councils your ornery needles what bends be-

fore you gits used to 'em. This needle made the first shirt that went on John Jack's back, and the first petticoat Ann 'Liza Louizy ever had; and I've been a-usin' it ever sence. I tell you I was all broke up when I lost it.

"How old is John Jack?" I asked. "John Jack, he's well up'ards of Shall I remember there, where angels wan- 30; I was just goin' on 'bout that shining across Thy fields, and singing needle when John Sam, he says to me,

"'Come now, ma, don't take on so;

sound of praise,
Will it be like this benediction lowly.
Breathed in the blessedness of rainy have to lump it.'

[Continued next week.]

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can be known exactly, leaving shorter time and probabilities to figure against.

In all three of the cases submitted it is distinctly understood that, should more than one correct or equally correct estimate be filed in the contest, the amount of the prizes so earned will be divided equally among the correct answers. The prizes are offered in cash, There is no "missing word" in this, no probability for some one to know absolutely the correct answer, but this is brain versus brain, skill versus skill, pencil versus pencil, figures versus figures. Every man is interested in the cotton crop, the amount of the crop varies the price and the price of cotton in our territory is the barometer of the people's

On Such a Vital Problem You Ought to Make Figures.

THE CONTEST CLOSES SEPT. 1st

The estimate is to be made upon the total United States Cotton Crop for 1897-98, the crop that has already been gathered and is now in the country as official figures of receipts will show it from Sept. 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1898 This is not the crop that is to be planted this spring, because the figures thereon will not be obtainable until Sept. 1, 1899. It is for the crop already in and marketed, official figures of which will be announced in September. As a guide for making your estimate we give official figures for each of the last ten crops. The conditions under which this last crop was grown and its probable output are elements for you to compute from and will aid in the correctness of your present estimate.

The figures given by Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, are generally received

throughout the South as official, and we given an exact copy from their latest edition of 'Cotton Movement and Fluctuations' as follows:

Acres planted Bales in crop || Season
 1887-88
 18,961,897
 7,046.833

 1888 89
 . . . 19,362,073
 6,938,290

 1889-90
 . . . 20,171,896
 7,311,322
 1892-93 . . . 18,067,924 1893-94 . . . 19,684,000 7,549,817 7,311,322 8,652,597 1891-92 . . . 20,714.937 9.035,379 1896 97 . . . 22,341,000 Their Estimate of the Acreage for the Crop of the Season of 1897-98 is 23,320,000 Acres.

Following Are the Conditions of the Contest: First—If the prizes offered under the EXACT est mate upon the number of bales, the prizes offered under the second proposition will go to the nearest estimate, but if the first prizes are given for the NEAR EST estimate, no one having a made correctly the exact figures, then the second prizes would come in for the second nearest estimate and the third prizes for the third nearest estimate. third nearest estimate.

someone should submit a correct estimate in one division of the time shown above and correct estimate in some later division, this last estimate would take rank only I prizes, because the first had been previously awarded to someone who named the condition received. among the second prizes, because the first had been previously awarded to someone who named the amount correctly in the former period.

The part of the condition precedent for sending an estimate at the Cotton Crop is that each and every estimate must be accompanied by a year's subscription to The Weekly Constitution. If sent through the paper publishing this advertisement in acceptance of our clubbing offer, the estimate of the cotton crop will be forwarded. This must be sent in the identical envelope that brings the money that pays for the subscription. You cannot subscribe now and send your estimate afterwards; no forgetting it or leaving it out by a cident or otherwise, or not knowing of this contest at the time you subscribe, or any other reason, will entitle one to send an estimate afterwards. The estimate must come with the subscription, or not at all. In sending your estimate by an agent of The Constitution, you make him your agent and not ours in forwarding your estimate, both as to the correctness of the figures as you intended them and the occupient of the forwarding of the estimate. Should a party send more than one estimate, he or she will be entitled to a share of the prize-fund under which it may secure a prize for each correct estimate sent. Persons may enter the contest as many times as they send subscriptions, and under the rules, the same person may receive a prize with each of the three propositions.

FOURTH—In making your answer, but state simply: "I estimate the number of bales of cotton will be ensured." Make your digues very plain. If you want to make cestimates later, or if your want to repeat the estimates on have mide, send other subscriptions.

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'In truth I wish we had!" exclaimed As I walked on side by side with Zibalbay I spoke to him, saying: "You use sharp words toward him who is my brother, chief, and therefore toward

"I speak as I must," he answered coldly. "Many troubles await me at the city. Did you not hear what that knave said last night, that Tikai, my nephew, whom I left in charge, rules in my stead? Well, this girl of mine, who is affianced to him, and through whom he hopes to govern in after years, may be the only bait that will tempt him from his place, for he looks upon

"You are very unjust the broke in, angrily; "It's shameful at you should speak to me thus for no sause."
"Perhaps I am unjust," she answered with a sob, "but there are so many troubles before us. First there is "Tikal—" 'What does Tikal want?" asked the that it will be so, but we seek different you desired children." ends, Ignatio," and he looked again at woman's face onew sad 'He wants to marry me, or to become

eacique of the city in my right, which is the same thing; at least he will not On we glided through the moonlight rive me up without a struggle. Then there is my father, who serves two mas-

"Now I begin to be sorry that I did not take your advice and stop on the further side of the mountain," answered the gate, and presently a man came lown the steps yawning, and inquired the senor. "Do you think we can escape there?"

"No, it is too late; they would track

the gates stand wide." Now when Zibalbay heard these words he cursed aloud in his anger, and thoughts, chanced to turn and see

captain of the boat spoke to him, say-

Then he hastened to open the gate as fast as his fear would let him.

"Pardon, father, pardon," he cried, prostrating himself, "but the lord Tikal, who rules in your place, has given it out that you were dead in the wilderness, and commanded that your paper should be specific to a proving the name should be spoken no more in the

Zibalbay swept by him without a word. When he had passed up the marble steps and through the waterway pierced in the thickness of the frown-

ing walls he halted, and addressing the captain of the boatmen, said:

"Let this man be scourged to-morrow at noon in the market place, that

On the further side of the wall ran a wide street, bordered by splendid houses built of white stone, which led to the central square of the city, a mile or more away. Up this street we walked swiftly in silence, and as we went I noticed that much of it was grass grown, and that many of the great houses seemed to be deserted: indeed, though light came from some of the latticed window places, I could see no sign of any human being.

"Here is the city," whispered the senor to me, "but where the people?"

"Doubtless they celebrate the wed-days?"

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"And the rain murmurs over gruss and hill?

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I reckon there's more whar that come from.'

"Thar may be more, John Sam,' I says, but they ain't got sot to me like this'n; and I wants my own needle.'

When all the heavenly courts are hushed and holy with thy deep peace which stills the sound of praise,

Will it be like this benediction lowly.

Breathed in the blessedness of palmy have to lump it.'

"Doubtless they celebrate the wedding feast in the great square," I answered. "Hork I hear them."

Breathed in the blessedness of radius feast in the great square," I —Mabel Earle, in Youth's Compania.

them? If anybody dwells out we useless wealth of yo der golden city shall be ours; and by its help I shall wreak the stored up vengeance of ages upon the oppressors of my race and build up a great Indian dominion stretching from sea to sea, whereof this city shall be the heart!" He heard and smiled answering: miled, answering:

"It may be so, for your sake I trust hat it will be so, but we seek different you desired children." Suddenly the just like to know?"

milk to mix it all up with; what'd you want with more milk than that, I'd you desired children." Suddenly the just like to know?"

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A Famous Inkstand.

no sound save the cry of the watchmen calling the hours as they kept their guard along the ancient walls, till at length we entered the shadow of the holy city, lying dark upon the waters, and the Indians getting out their paddles, for the wind no longer served us, rowed the canoe up a stone-embanked canal that led to a water gate.

Now we halted in front of the gate, where there was no ment to be seen. In ered. This curious bronze vase rests "Do you drink milk, Mrs. Timwhere there was no man to be seen. In an impatient voice Zibalbay bade the captain of the boat hail the guardian of captain of the boat hail the guardian of across, and is variously embellished "La, child, no: I ain't a calf; but I, the cacique," said Zibalbay. stands for Consiglio dei Diece-a le- too; and when it comes as how I ain't "Open."

"Indeed! That is strange," answered the man, "seeing that this night the cacique holds his marriage feast at the shudders of its own. Out of this bound to have it." palace yonder, and there is but one cacique of the people of the Heart.

"Get back to the mainland, wan
"Get back to the mainland, wanderers, and return in the daytime when walled up women alive, branded the Timkens got up to lay the brands; and with horrors unspeakable the minds needle was gone. Maya started as though with joy.

"I tell you that I am Zibalbay come home again, your lord and no other," he cried, "and you will be wise to do my bidding."

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The man stared and hesitated till the down on the tragedies of old Venice. "Fool, would you become food for the fishes? This is the lord Zibalbay returned from the dead."

"I declare it give me a turn," she said: "cause it's been lost for a time, less spend an honorable and admired old age within the glass case of a muty what a real good needle it is none of go, but instands, as we know, go on forever .- Chicago Daily News

Rainy Days.

Deat Lord, shall I remember, up in Heaven, And the warm summer rain is dashed and Across my bed of fern and mignonette?

ow at noon in the market place, that series of his market place, the his market place, the his market place, the his market place, that series of his market place, the his market place, the his mark

yonder,
And the rain murmurs over gruss and
hill?