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You Are Responsible for the Mosquitoes in Your House and Dooryard.

- 1—Mosquitoes breed only in water; usually fresh, standing water in artificial places.
- 2—Mosquitoes occur in the vicinity in which they breed. Invasions from long distance are exceptional.
- 3—The young mosquito or "wiggler" lives in water at least ten or twelve days.
- 4—Although the wigglers live in water, they must come frequently to the surface to breathe.
- 5—Coal oil on the surface of the water prevents the wigglers from breathing.
- 6—Destroy the breeding places and you will destroy the mosquitos.
- 7—Empty the water from all tubs, buckets, cans, flower pots, vases, once every forty-eight hours.
- 8—Fill or drain all pools, ditches and various excavations as postholes left unfilled, etc.
- 9—Change regularly every day all water needed in chicken coops, kennels, etc.
- 10—Treat with coal oil, all

standing water which can not be screened or drained (one ounce of oil covers fifteen square feet of surface). The oil does not affect the water for use if the water is drawn from below.

11—Put fine wire netting over cisterns, wells and tanks of water in every day use.

12—Places in which it is undesirable to place oil, such as watering troughs for stock, lily ponds, etc., can be kept free of the wigglers by putting in gold fish. The nymphs of dragon flies and tadpoles of frogs also feed on the wigglers.

13—Clean away all weeds, grass and bushes about ditches, ponds and other possible breeding places, since these afford a hiding place for the adult mosquitos.

14—Clean up vacant lots and back yards of all cans, tins, bottles and rubbish.

15—First do away with or treat all places where mosquitos are known to breed, and then begin work on places where they might breed.

16—As a citizen of your community you should feel a personal responsibility for the destruction of the mosquitos in

your district and seek to cooperate with your neighbors in the work of doing away with breeding places. Inspect and treat with coal oil, gutters, culverts, ditches, manholes, catching basins, etc., along the roadside. Manhole covers should be screened.

17—Where oil is applied to standing water it must be distributed evenly over the surface.

18—Houses should be cleaned of all winged mosquitos by the burning of insect powder or sulphur. The mosquitos will fall to the floor, and should be collected and burned.

19—Relief in any community or district depends entirely upon the co-operation of the members of the community.—Brownville Herald.

#### A Wonderful Egg.

M. Dunlap bought to the Sentinel office a wonderful egg. It was larger than a turkey egg, measuring 6 inches in diameter, and when broken contained the ordinary white of an egg with a shell on, inside of this inner egg was the usual white and yellow and it seemed to be a good forcible egg in all respects. It is shown to the family which hen does not guarantee any mors like it and can no doubt be bought for a little above the usual price on hens.—Sabnal Sentinel.

When a man and his wife start to go anywhere, says an exchange, he tells her to get out his good suit, fix the buttons in his shirt, get his cuffs, good shoes, tie his necktie, brush his hat, perfume his handkerchief and a few other little jobs. Then he puts on his hat and says, "Great Scott! Ain't you ready yet?"

#### A GREAT JOKE.

Gov. Lanham Spent Week Looking for Legislature But Didn't Find it.

An Austin special to the Galveston News has this bit of fun about the Texas legislature:

A somewhat amusing incident occurred this morning in the Governor's office. Several Senators visited the office in a body for the purpose of requesting the Chief Executive to submit some additional questions for legislation. They entered the private office of the Governor, and a conversation something like following took place:

Senator Faulk (the spokesman)—Good morning, Governor. We have called for the purpose of requesting you to submit to the Legislature a very important question for legislation.

The Governor—What Legislature do you mean?

Senator Faulk—Why the present Legislature.

The Governor—Have we got a Legislature?

Senator Faulk—Yes, Governor. We mean the present called session.

The Governor—There is no called session of the Legislature, for I have been trying to find it the past week. I have been unable to do so. My private secretary has been looking for it every day this week so as to deliver a message, but he informs me that so far he has been unable to find the Legislature. There must be a mistake somewhere.

This caused the delegation of Senators to break out into a laugh as they took a tumble to the situation and realized that the Governor had handed them a very delicate piece of sarcasm.

#### He Thought He Stopped The Paper.

An acquaintance met Hoace Greeley one day, and said: "Mr. Greeley, I've stopped your paper."

"Have you?" said the editor. "Well, that's too bad." And he went his way.

The next morning Mr. Greeley met his subscriber again, and said: "I thought you had stopped the 'Tribune.'"

"So I did."

"Then there must be some mistake," said Mr. Greeley, "for I just come from the office and the presses were running, the clerks were as busy as ever, the compositors were hard at work, and the business was going on the same as yesterday and the day before."

"Oh," ejaculated the subscriber, "I didn't mean that I had stopped the paper; I stopped only my copy of it, because didn't like your editorials."

"Pshaw!" retorted Mr. Greeley. "It wasn't worth taking up my time to tell me such a trifle as that. My dear sir, if you expect to control the utterance of the Tribune's by the purchase of one copy a day, or if you think to find any

newspaper or magazine worth reading that will never express convictions at right angles with your own, you are doomed to disappointment.

#### His Guess.

"Why" asked the lady lecturer—"why is it that so many of the married women are today unhappy? Why is it that they go through life with sad hearts, with wistful eyes and with the terrible conviction that there is no hope for them? Why is it, I asked? Why.

"Because," piped a little man who was sitting near the door, "so few of them have husbands who are strong enough to keep them out of boarding houses and other places where they'll have nothing to do but think of the mistakes they made in not marrying fellows who had more money."

In the riot that followed he managed to escape without having disclosed his identity.—Chicago Record-Herald.

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A VOICE FROM THE PULPIT.

Rev. Jacob D. Van Doren, of 57 Sixth street, Fond Du Lac, Wis., Presbyterian clergyman, says: "I had attacks of kidney disorders which kept me in the house for days at a time, unable to do anything. What I suffered can hardly be told. Complications set in, the particulars of which I will be pleased to give in a personal interview to any one who requires information. This I can conscientiously say, Doan's Kidney Pills caused a general improvement in my health. They brought great relief by lessening the pain and correcting the action of the kidney secretions." Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers. Price, 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

In England the sentence, "imprisonment for life," is imprisonment for the term of the natural life of the party so sentenced, but in many cases after a party has served twenty years in a penal institution efforts are made to secure a release.

ECZEMA FOR TWO YEARS.

Little Girl's Awful Suffering With Terrible Skin Molar—Sleepless Nights for Mother—Speedy Cure by Cuticura.

"My little girl had been suffering for two years from eczema, and during that time I could not get a night's sleep, as her ailment was very severe. I had tried so many remedies, deriving no benefit, I had given up all hope. But as a last resort I was persuaded to try Cuticura, and one box of the Ointment and two bottles of the Resolvent, together with the Soap, effected a permanent cure.—Mrs. I. B. Jones, Addington, Ind. T."

When the eyes tire at night, or are bloodshot in the morning, advice should be sought and the cause discovered. Bathing them night and morning with cold water is effective, if weakness be the only cause.

The Perfect Prescription.

A patient at a metropolitan hospital goes away best satisfied when he is given something to drink out of a bottle. The drinking, according to ancient ritual, must not be less than three times a day and the ceremony must have some reference to meals. The draught to be efficient should be cooled. It must have a marked odor, so that he may invite his friends to smell it. It should be toothsome to the taste, so that the taking of it may call for some heroism. Above all it needs to possess an evil-looking sediment which will require a formal shaking of the vial.—The Herald.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have much faith in its curative powers, and they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CLEMENT, 1000 Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Manipulation of the Fan.

It is one thing to own a fan and another to know how to use it. The smart girl has a fan for every house, but only the clever young woman understands the subtle art of handling it effectively. Spanish women can make a fan talk. They understand the meaning of a long, sweeping stroke, a delicate flutter and a sharp click. They know how to open a fan with a graceful flirt and to close it with a soft swish. In the days of our grandmothers young women studied very carefully the manipulation of the fan. It was taught in every boarding school and understood by every belle.

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The Oil we struck is the Oil that has stuck while others have passed away, simply because it cures your Pains, Aches, Burns, Bruises, Sprains, Cuts, and Burns quicker than any other known remedy. Hunt's Lightning Oil. It's fine for Chigger bites also.

Help thy brother's boat across, and thyself thou hast reached the shore.—Hindu Proverb.

Let Everybody Work And the world will be more happy and contented. Just consider how much pain and trouble results in your body when your liver or stomach stop working. Happily, you can soon set them to work again, cure your pains, and restore yourself to health and contentment, with Dr. Caldwell's (Lactative) Syrup Pepsin. Try it. Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Money back if it fails.

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A locomotive consumes forty-five gallons of water for every mile it runs.

Pink's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Escholtz, Vanburn, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

Learning is pleasurable, but doing is the height of enjoyment.—Novatia.

CHARM OF DOLLY MADISON.

Gave Mistress of White House Her Empire Over Hearts.

To define the charm of a charming woman is always difficult. Dolly Madison's features were not regular, nor was her figure perfect. She was not witty, nor was she wise, and she participated little, if at all, in her husband's intellectual life. Nevertheless she stands out as the greatest of all mistresses of the White House, and her popularity was unbounded. She ruled over her world in Washington with genial good nature and instinctive tact. Her nature was warm, affectionate and impressionable. She loved life and people and her world loved her. Her brilliant coloring, animated face and well-rounded figure went with a cordial manner and sympathy for those about her amounting to genius, and she was always ready to bubble into laughter.

Who could resist such a woman, the wife of a President? She was the center of observation at the inaugural ball, but she would have been the center of observation at any ball, even if she had not been the president's wife. She had, in fact, ruled as indisputably over the little boarding-house in Philadelphia kept by her mother, when she was the Widow Todd, as she did over the White House as Mrs. Madison.—Century Magazine.

Protesting Against Rate Reduction. Atlanta, Ga.—The recent proposition of J. Pope Brown, Chairman of the Georgia Railroad commission, to reduce the passenger rate in Georgia from three to two cents per mile was protested against by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, the Order of Railway Conductors, and unions of the blacksmiths, machinists and telegraphers, boiler-makers, railway trainmen, carpenters and joiners, clerks and car men. These organizations employed an attorney especially to represent them, who urged that such a reduction would work against the prosperity of the state and lead to a reduction in the number of railroad employees, as well as of their wages. The Travelers' Protective Association also protested that a reduction, as proposed, would result in fewer trains and poorer service.

The region between the Manchurian cities of Mukden and Simlinitin has for centuries been notorious for brigandage. The brigands, however, allow any one to travel in safety after paying a certain percentage on the goods carried, in advance.

Literary Notes.

AN ESTIMATE OF PLEHVE. From Melville E. Stone's "The Associated Press" in the May Century. Plehve was a strong, forceful, and, I believe, sincere man—one who felt that all the repressive measures he had adopted were necessary. He was not a reactionary in the fullest sense. He was a progressive man, but his methods were obviously wrong. He felt that "if the lines were loosed the horses would run away." I did not gain the impression that he was an intriguer or that he was sinister in his methods. He seemed direct, sincere, conscientious.

"The Twentieth Century Home" follows women along many and diverse lines of interest. The May issue has an interesting article on the Ladies' Four-in-Hand Driving Club of New York, with many striking pictures of prominent society women holding the ribbons. Another novel feature describes discus-throwing, a new form of physical exercise.

"Papa," said Billy, tearfully, after a playful romp with the good-natured but rather rough St. Bernard puppy, "I don't believe Bingo knows what kind of a dog he is. He plays as if he thought he was a little pig!"—Youth's Companion.

No man ever successfully posed as an optimist while he had the toothache.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

They are never alone that are accompanied by noble thoughts.—Sir Philip Sydney.

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New Zealand's frozen meat trade, with Great Britain now equals about 15,000 sheep a day.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY. Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South. Give them a call.

A French scientist predicts the loss of the nose, the nerve of which has already lost its former keenness of scent.

You may have a rubber conscience and still find it hard to erase your sins.

As a man is within so he judges what is without.—A Kempis.

Here's to a short wife and a merry one.

The average depth of the Atlantic is estimated to be about 16,000 feet.

HOTBEDS OF CONSUMPTION

Penal Institutions in Many States Proved to Be Breeding Places of Tuberculosis

It is the duty of the state to protect its citizens—even those condemned to pass a term of years in jail. The danger to the inmates of prisons, from pulmonary disease, has only lately been realized. A short time since a man who had served a sentence in the Ohio penitentiary, declared that to send him back meant death by tuberculosis. Inquiry was made. The head physician announced that the building was a hotbed of consumption. A prominent official stated that a ten years' sentence was equivalent to condemning a man to death—by pulmonary tuberculosis.

Dr. S. A. Knopf, the greatest American authority on tuberculosis, was invited to visit the penitentiary. Without hesitation he pronounced it the most unsanitary penal institution he had ever seen.

The output of many prisons is enough to convince of the truth of the above statements. The sallow complexions, weakened bodies, sunken chests of the ex-convicts, all are the stamp of murderous prison hygiene. All the rules for combating the great white plague are reversed. For sunlight, they are given darkness; for fresh air, a damp, musty atmosphere; for out-of-door life a weary in-door grind, a large part spent within the narrow confines of a single cell.

Is it not enough to take from a fellow being his liberty and appropriate the labor of his hands, without forcing him to live under such conditions? Dare the state continue to condemn any of its citizens to such a death? Shall the sentence in a public prison cease at its legal expiration, or shall the poor victim continue to suffer from its dire effects until he fills a consumptive's grave?

In this day of Anti-Tuberculosis agitation, it would seem that public institutions, whether asylums, schools, prisons or assembly halls should be the first to be brought under proper sanitary conditions. It is useless, hopeless to educate the masses in regard to the cure and prevention of tuberculosis and then maintain at public expense hotbeds for the development of consumptives to be finally turned loose in the community.

The Tonic Use of Water.

Cold water is the universal tonic. The best time for taking a cold bath for tonic effect is just after getting out of bed in the morning, when the body is warm. A cold bath should never be taken when one is chilled. One not accustomed to cold bathing should begin carefully with water not colder than 75 deg. F. The bath should be short, not to exceed a minute, and for feeble persons not more than fifteen or thirty seconds when applied to the whole surface. The bath should be immediately followed by rubbing and exercise for fifteen to thirty minutes. There should always be good reaction; that is, the whole surface, including the hands and feet, should quickly become warm. The bath should not be followed by languor, headache, lassitude or other indications of excessive reaction. When one experiences such symptoms, the indication is that the bath was too long or too cold or not followed by sufficient exercise. For feeble, young or elderly persons the water used should rarely be lower than 65 degrees to 75 degrees in winter. The bath should be taken in a suitably warmed room.

As We Live, We Are.

If we look down, then our shoulders stoop. If our thoughts look down, then our character bends. It is only when we hold our heads up that our body becomes erect. It is only when our thoughts go up that our life becomes erect.

Physiology in English Public Schools. Sixteen thousand English physicians have signed a petition requesting Parliament to inaugurate systematic instruction in the public schools of Great Britain in relation to the preservation of health, especially in relation to the evil effects of alcoholic drinks. It is hoped that this petition will be granted.

Slaughter of the Innocents. A study of statistics reveals the terrible fact that nearly one-half of all the human beings born into the world die before the age of five years. In the city of Stetten, Germany, nearly one-half—473 out of every thousand—die during the first year of their lives. In Ireland, Scotland, Norway and Sweden, where children are given better care, have more outdoor life, and more intelligent attention is given to feeding, the number of deaths is only one-fiftieth as many as in the city of Stetten, being ten per cent.

Physicians are coming to recognize that the use of cow's milk, which is infected with the germs of tuberculosis, is one of the most active of all the causes of death among young children. This should be remembered in the artificial feeding of infants. The milk should either be boiled or well scalded before being fed to the infant. This rule should be universally observed for adults as well as for children, and, if applied, will save thousands of lives annually.

A Safety Valve.

In the Ladies' Home Journal a writer tells of an interesting visit which he paid when a boy to the "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table." After breakfast Dr. Holmes took the

boy into a basement room, which was fitted up as a complete carpenter's shop, and gave him the following advice, which he considered would be of more value to him than anything he had ever written:

"You know I am a doctor, and this shop is my medicine. I believe that every man must have a hobby that is as different from his regular work as it is possible to be. It is not good for a man to work all the time at one thing. So this is my hobby. This is my change. I like to put away at these things. Every day I try to come down here for an hour or so. It rests me because it gives my mind a complete change. For, whether you believe it or not," he added, with his inimitable chuckle, "to make a poem and to make a chair are two very different things."

"Now, if you think you can learn something from me, learn that, and remember it when you are a man. Don't keep always at your business, whatever it may be. It makes no difference how much you like it. The more you like it, the more dangerous it is. When you grow up, you will understand what I mean by an 'outlet.' Every man must have an 'outlet'—a hobby—that is, in his life, and that is so different from his regular work that it will take his work into an entirely different direction. We doctors call it a 'safety valve,' and it is. I would much rather," he concluded the poet, "you would forget all that I have ever written than that you should forget what I tell you about having a safety valve."

For a Cold.

The daily cold bath is one of the most effective safeguards against taking cold. Of equal importance is abundance of fresh air in the sleeping apartment. Upon the first symptoms of "a cold" deep breathing exercises in the open air or in a well ventilated room should be taken at frequent intervals. In nearly all cases where this simple treatment is taken, there will be no further development of the cold, and the symptoms will disappear. A doctor connected with a large institution for children recently tried this method upon the inmates with surprising success.

"There is nothing," he writes, "more irritable than a cough. For a time I have been so fully assured of this that I determined, for one minute at least, to lessen the number of coughs heard in a certain ward of the hospital of the infants. By the promise of rewards and punishments, I succeeded in having the children simply hold their breath when tempted to cough, and in little while I was myself surprised to see how some of the children entirely recovered from the disease." "Let a person, when tempted to cough, draw a long breath and hold it until it warms and soothes every air-cell, and some benefit will soon be received from this process. The nitrogen which is thus refined acts as an anodyne to the mucous membrane, allaying the desire to cough, and giving the throat and lungs a chance to heal."

RECIPES.

Barley Soup.—Soak a cup of pearled barley over night and cook in plenty of water until well done, but not mushy. At proper periods add to it a tablespoonful of minced onion, sliced cabbage and okra, diced carrots and turnip, salt and enough tomatoes to give an appetizing flavor and color. A little seasoning may be required.

Noodles with Cranberries.—Beat well one egg, or more according to the need, incorporating with each a tablespoonful of cold water and a pinch of salt. Knead in flour sufficient to make a stiff dough. Roll as thin as this pasteboard. Let it dry on one side and then on the other, frequently turning it, but do not let it become dry enough to crack when rolled. Roll it very compactly, with a very sharp knife cut thin slices from the end until all is used. Let these dry thoroughly (they may be prepared several days before needed) and cook in boiling salted water about twenty minutes. Drain in a colander, and give a dash of cold water to prevent pastiness. Reheat, and serve with strained cranberry sauce as a dressing. Any other fruit may be used. Any of the various forms of macaroni may be substituted for the noodles.

Stuffed Potatoes.—Bake smooth potatoes until just done. Cut in halves lengthwise, remove the insides, being careful not to tear the skins. Mash, season, and return to the shells. Have ready some slightly salted, stiffly beaten egg to cover the top of each piece. Place on a tin in the oven to brown and warm.

Creamed Turnips.—Dice turnips and boil until tender, having salted them a while before draining. Somewhat more than cover them with rich milk. When boiling hot pour in slowly some braided flour, gently shaking the kettle to insure the even thickening of the dressing. Cook a few minutes and serve.

Lasse Bread.—Beat one egg into one cup of milk. Add salt and a spoonful of sugar. Dip into it slices of stale bread and brown them nicely on a well-oiled pancake griddle. Serve while hot.

Squash Custard.—Prepare squash the same as for pies. Bake in a shallow pudding dish without crust and serve cold.

The Memory of the Dead.

It is an exquisite and beautiful thing in nature, that when the heart is touched and softened by some tranquil happiness of affectionate feeling, the memory of the dead comes over it most powerfully and irresistibly. It would almost seem as if our better thoughts and sympathies were charms, in virtue of which the soul is enabled to hold some vague and mysterious intercourse with the spirits of those we dearly loved in life. Alas! how often and how long may those patient angels hover above us, watching for the spell which is so seldom muttered, and so soon forgotten.—Nicholas Nickleby.

A woman proceeds to monopolize the conversation, then wonders why a man has nothing to say.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3-4 pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again, because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

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Silence reigned inside the street car, but on the next corner a man stood hailing.—Baltimore American.

Many Children Are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, Break up Colds and Destroy Worms. At all Druggists. 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Some people who seem to be sincere are only accomplished actors.

A TRAINED NURSE

After Years of Experience, Advises Women in Regard to Their Health.

Mrs. Martha Pohlman of 55 Chester Avenue, Newark, N. J., who is a graduate nurse from the Blockley Training School, at Philadelphia, and for six years Chief Clinic Nurse at the Philadelphia Hospital, writes the letter printed below. She has the advantage of personal experience, besides her professional education, and what she has to say may be absolutely relied upon.

Many other women are afflicted as she was. They can regain health in the same way. It is prudent to heed such advice from such a source.

Mrs. Pohlman writes: "I am firmly persuaded, after eight years of experience with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that it is the safest and best medicine for any suffering woman to use."

"Immediately after my marriage I found that my health began to fail me. I became weak and pale, with severe bearing-down pains, fearful backaches and frequent dizzy spells. The doctors prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I would blot after eating and frequently become nauseated. I had an acrid discharge and pains down through my limbs so I could hardly walk. It was as bad a case of female trouble as I have ever known. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, however, cured me within four months. Since that time I have had occasion to recommend it to a number of patients suffering from all forms of female difficulties, and I find that while it is considered unprofessional to recommend a patent medicine, I can honestly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for I have found that it cures female ills, where all other medicine fails. It is a grand medicine for sick women."

Money cannot buy such testimony as this—merit alone can produce such results, and the ablest specialists now agree that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most universally successful remedy for all female diseases known to medicine.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or obversion of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.



Mrs. Martha Pohlman

No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles.

The needless suffering of women from diseases peculiar to their sex is terrible to see. The money which they pay to doctors who do not help them is an enormous waste. The pain is cured and the money is saved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Experience has proved this.

It is well for women who are ill to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. In her great experience, which covers many years, she has probably had to deal with dozens of cases just like yours. Her advice is free and confidential.

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"I advise all athletes who are about to go in training to try a bottle, for it certainly gets the system in good shape."  
Yours truly,  
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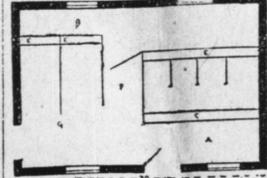
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The frame structure, 20x30 feet, with 12-foot posts, would hold more than twelve tons of hay. Time and labor for the stone wall would cost about \$104. The cost of the super-



Ground Floor Plan.

A—Cow stable with stalls 3 1/2 ft. wide. B—Feed alleys. C—Gutter behind cows. D—Horse stable with stalls 5 ft. wide. E—Mangers. F—Passage.

structure would depend upon the price of lumber and labor in the district.

## Pumping From a Stream.

To pump water an elevation of fifty feet by hand requires considerable exertion, although, of course, it can be done. With a two-inch cylinder it would require force of ten to fifteen pounds at the end of the pump handle to deliver water fifty feet high, and the 4-inch cylinder, with the same leverage, would require four times that force. Unless strong men, therefore, were to undertake this work, it does not seem to be practicable to install a hand pump. If a hand pump is installed, it should have a cylinder not larger than two inches, and in any event the force pump to raise the water this height should be furnished with an air chamber which will assist the working. A windmill would, of course, be an ideal means of pumping the water if a sufficient elevation can be given to it, so that it can catch the force of the wind. A situation for the windmill one-half way up the slope, which would be twenty-five feet lift below the piston and a 25-foot force action from the pump to the outlet, would be the best plan. With good plumbing, this is quite practicable, namely, to have 25 feet exhaust below the piston and such a situation for the windmill would probably give it sufficient exposure to make it practicable.

## Concrete or Stone for a Wall.

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## The Cost of a Barn.

What would be the cost of a cement wall under a barn 36x50 feet, 8 feet high? 2. What would be the approximate cost of a barn 36x50 feet, with 14 feet posts, with stalls for four horses, young cattle and cows? The basement would require 40 barrels of Portland cement, 46 yards of gravel, and 14 yards of stones for fillers. Five men would build the wall in three days. The superstructure would cost about five hundred dollars, according to the local price of lumber and labor.

## Hardened Cement, Etc.

1. How much cement would be required to floor a cattle stable 10x22 feet? 2. A quantity of cement that had lain in a shed became very hard, was it of any use for concrete work?

The floor in question would require four barrels of Portland cement, 3 1/2 cubic yards of clean gravel and one cubic yard of small stones. The cement was useless for concrete work, as it had absorbed moisture, causing it to set as it would do in a wall or floor. Cement should always be stored in a very dry place.

## Roofing and Siding for a House.

1. How would it answer to apply coal tar to a shingle roof to prevent leaking? 2. Would basswood do for the siding of a house, provided it is kept painted? 3. How long will shingles cease to color rain water?

1. For a shingle roof having a moderate fall a dressing of coal tar would answer well. 2. Basswood is not a suitable lumber for any outside work. 3. The water is usually not affected by the shingles after the cistern has been emptied twice after the roof was put on.

## MAN IN OLD AGE.

Deterioration in Mind and Spirit His Own Fault.

Every one, says Cervantes, is the son of his own works. Or, as he says in another place, every one is as God made him, and oftentimes a great deal worse. No better explanation could be found for the common fear of growing old. Our own premeditated works have robbed us of the joy that comes from the primitive emotions and from honest and disinterested meditation on the great facts of life. "My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky," says the poet. Most men can echo with him, "So was it when my life began"; but how few can honestly exclaim, "So is it now I am a man." And yet if mind and heart had been exercised aright, all would be able to make that assertion. There is nothing in nature to debar any man from making it.—Boston Post.

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Dr. R. V. Primmer, Buffalo, N. Y.:

Dear Sir—It gives me pleasure to send you this testimonial so that some other poor sufferer may be saved, as I was, by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I had a cough for years, expected a great deal and was slowly falling. Could eat three good meals a day but was losing flesh every day. Lost in weight from 150 pounds down to 128. My flesh got soft and I had no strength. Did not say anything to any one but made up my mind that the end was not far off if I did not get help soon.

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Geo. A. Thompson,  
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Dr. R. V. Primmer, Buffalo, N. Y.:  
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**LOCAL.**

Nice private parlors for ladies at Keys.

District court will convene Monday morning.

L. Henze, of Kickapoo, was in town Saturday.

Ice Cream and cakes at Patrick's Drug Store.

Jno Sheley, of Mud Creek, was in Brackett Monday.

T. B. Cockran, of Austin, was a Brackett visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Miller, of Nueces, was in town yesterday.

Remember the Bazaar tomorrow at Ross Hall. Don't fail to attend.

J. H. Stadler and Chares Hinds, of Silver Lake, were in town Wednesday.

Private Ice Cream Parlor at Patrick's Drug Store. The best Cream and Cake.

R. E. Cannon, of Standart, was in town attending Commissioners court this week.

Rev. Father Quinn, of Del Rio was in town Sunday and conducted services at the Catholic church.

Commissioner W. S. Hutchinson, of Tularosa, was in town to attend Commissioners court Monday.

Sheriff H. H. Levering returned Wednesday from a months outing on his ranch near Nueces.

J. F. McCormick, Commissioner, of Precinct No 4, was in town attending Commissioners court Monday.

The ladies Guild are making extensive preparations to please you tomorrow afternoon at Ross Hall. Be sure to attend.

Stadler & Dooley bought 40 head of one and two year old yearlings of L. Henze this week. \$11 and \$15 were paid.

M. P. Malone, of Brackett, sold 92 steers on the St. Louis market Tuesday, averaging 1020 pounds, for 3.75—Eagle Pass Guide.

O. W. Zuehl the accomodating and obliging station agent at Spofford was in Brackett Monday to attend the school board meeting.

F. L. Weaver, of Kinney county, arrived in Sonora this week and has been looking after the interests of the estate of the late Frank M. Sparks; Mr. Weaver is the uncle of Mrs. Sparks.—Sonora Sun.

Meals 25c at Keys.

Advertising is the life of trade.

Drink Peacock Dr. Pepper and Coco Colo at Keys.

Jas Murphy returned to Del Rio yesterday.

H. G. Martin, of Spofford, was in Brackett Saturday.

Joe Murphy, of Del Rio, is visiting relatives in Brackett.

Ice Cream and Cake at Ross Hall tomorrow afternoon.

Willis Randus, of Mud Creek, was in town for supplies Monday.

Sam Jeffries, of Mud Creek, was a county seat visitor Monday.

The big ony x fount is now in operation at Holmes' Drug Store.

W. L. Clamp is making some extensive improvements on his property this week.

W. L. Evans, of Eagle Pass was in Brackett several days this week on business.

There will be something sure to please you at the Bazaar tomorrow afternoon at Ross Hall.

Pat Sheedy and family of Del Rio, were visiting relatives in Brackett several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Keene departed Monday for Screvens Ga, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Seargeant were visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin near Spofford Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Veltmann returned Tuesday from a visit to Galveston. They report a pleasant trip.

J. H. Stadler sold five horses to Jim Clamp and four to Geo. Herzing this week. The terms were private.

Will Ryan, after a pleasant visit to friends and relatives in this city, returned to his home at Spofford Saturday—Del Rio Herald.

Jim Cornell arrived home Tuesday by way of Juno, from Fort Worth, San Antonio and Brackett, where he had been on business and pleasure.—Sonora News.

Miss Kathryn Wickham, of Brackett, Texas, has accepted a position in the mercantile branch of the M. C. & C. Co. Miss Wickham is a welcome addition to Esperanzas society.—Las Esperanzas Item in Eagle Pass Guide.

J. M. G. Baugh one of the pioneer stockmen of Sonora country died at El Paso, April 17, aged 66 years. He died from the effects of a surgical operation. The Standard regrets to hear of the old gentleman's death.—San Angelo Standard.

J. H. Stadler and J. A. Brooks two cattlemen of Silver Lake, Kinney county, came up Thursday prospecting for some yearlings. John McKee jr. conducted them out to his father's ranch where they will likely see some fair samples of good Edwards county yearlings. Rock Springs Rustler.

**TEACHERS SELECTED.**

**Board of Trustees Name Them At Its Meeting Last Monday Afternoon.**

The board of trustees of the Brackett School met Monday afternoon and selected the teachers for the public schools for next term.

The organization of the board for next year is R. C. Ballantyne President; Joe Veltmann, Secretary and O. W. Zuehl.

Prof. A. H. Steplens handed in his resignation to the board which was accepted. Mr. Stephens has made us an able and competent instructor and the patrons will regret very much to lose him.

Miss Agnes Windus who has taught successfully in the Brackett schools for the past six years did not apply for the position again and her vacancy was filled by her sister Miss Lucie Windus. Miss Agnes will be greatly missed next year, as she has taught so long in our schools and liked so well by her pupils.

The patrons of the school feel glad that Prof. Horn is re-elected Supt. of the schools as he is perhaps better qualified than any other person to carry on this work. As Supt. of the High School, Prof. Horn has made a record which justly entitles him to the position given him by the board of Trustees. Mr. Horn is a graduate of the University of Alabama and also of the Department of Pedagogy of the University of Texas and has taught in several Summer Normals in Texas.

Mrs. Bessie Severns and Miss Mittie Jones were re-elected, and the Assistant Principal will be decided in a few days.

The Brackett school is one of the best and most thorough schools in West Texas and this success is due to Supt. Horn and our efficient teachers.

**The Bazaar.**

The ladies Guild of the Episcopal church will give a Bazaar tomorrow afternoon and night at Ross Hall. Ice cream, cake and lemonade will be served also many useful articles will be sold at reasonable prices. The citizens of the town should turn out to help this worthy cause. Sale begins at 4 p. m.

**Rainfall in Brackett.**

The rainfall for this year 1905 according to information kindly furnished by Fort Clark is: January 1 inch. February 8 inches. March 4.70 inches. April 3.25 inches.

**Went A Fishing.**

Just as the sun was peeping above the horizon of the east Tuesday morning, a merry crowd could be seen making hasty preparations to spend a day or two on Mud Creek, at the hospitable home of Mr. W. A. Allen.

One of the party said they just had a delightful time, and the calf Mr. Allen killed was the finest they ever ate, but never said anything about the fish, but of course it is understood, (as the fish story goes.) They caught a fine string of fish and hooked the six pound trout.

The party feels indebted to Mr. Allen for the two days of outing which was the most pleasant they have spent.

The party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. Peace, Mr. and Mrs. Childs, Misses Thetis and Julia Whitehead, Mr. Stokes, of San Antonio, Mr. Whitehead and Mr. Oscar Whitehead.—Del Rio Herald.

**WILLIS GREGORY**

**An Interesting History of Old Sarge's Life. He Was a Slave.**

Willis Gregory, "Sarge," a negro that has been a conspicuous and peculiar figure on the streets of Brackett for nearly thirty years died here last Saturday.

Sarge came here in 1876 or '77 from Ft. Concho with a company of negroes to be stationed at Ft. Clark. Sarge and another Negro followed the company to do the laundry work and soon after coming here had a spell of brain fever in a little house back of where Dooley's barber shop now stands. He was poor, having come here without a dollar and the long spell of sickness left him almost helpless. After his recovery Messrs. Fritter, Holmes and Malone were cutting a ditch on their farm on the Rio Grande and Sarge went down to get employment, but after working awhile he threw down his tools and went into his tent and did not come out for meals. On being questioned by Mr. Fritter as to why he did not eat anything he said: "Mr. Fritter, I don't want to eat anything without working for it and as I can't work I'll do without." Finally he was prevailed upon to eat until he could become stronger and then pay it back in work, but after several days when he picked up the shovel and worked a short time he threw the tool down and left, nor has he ever since done any physical labor. For the last sixteen years he has been staying around the California Exchange Saloon, doing errands and light jobs, guarding the building at night. He always slept with a dangerous looking club by his side and no one ever dared to enter over him.

Sarge was indeed honest and Mr. Fritter says he was as thoroughly reliable as any man, white or black, he ever saw. It was a common thing for him to be left in charge of hundreds of dollars and he always remained true to his trust. It is also said that he could always tell when the proper change was given him when he was sent to get bills changed.

Sarge was an unusually large negro of rugged appearance. He always wore a ragged soldier coat and an old cap, going barefooted even in coldest winter with his trousers rolled high above his ankles. On one occasion Mr. Fritter and some others made up a purse and sent to San Antonio to have some shoes made for his large peculiar shaped feet. When they came Sarge put them on saying they felt good and thanked the men who gave them; but immediately he walked down to the bridge across the Las Moras pulled them off and threw them into the deepest place he could find and that is the last pair of shoes he ever had on. Many have been the attempts to get his photograph but no one could ever get it. He was always on the watch for the photographer and would run the instant the camera was turned on him. One photographer about ten years ago tried for several days to get a negative but failed. Hundreds of people would like to have his picture but he has passed beyond the reach of the camera now. Only ten days ago the writer went to photographer Keys and urged him by all means to get his picture as he might pass away at any time.

Mr. Fritter does not know how the name Sarge became given to Willis. He was never a soldier in the army and

it is probable that the name was applied for some little incident long since forgotten.

Sarge was a slave in his boyhood days in North Carolina and remembers hearing the cannon fire during the Civil War. Our old negro slaves like Sarge are quietly passing one by one across the river "and resting under the shade," and it is with regret that we see them leave. A few years ago a bill was introduced in Congress to pension all the negroes who were once held as slaves and it may be remarked that all southern people as well as southern newspapers favored the bill. The reason is to be found in the fact that nearly all the old slaves, like Sarge, are thoroughly honest and kind hearted and unwilling to eat anyone's bread unless they pay for it some way.

**Fifth Sunday Meeting.**

The fifth Sunday meeting of the Uvalde Baptist Association met with the Baptist Church at Del Rio, April 27-30. A program was prepared, and discussed to the delight of all present. The work is progressing nicely, signs of advancement are manifest on every hand. After the Sunday morning service an offering was made to the work which amounted to \$106.65. All present expenses were met; and a balance left on hand of \$18.50. Visitors present were as follows:

G. H. Wray, wife and son of Comstock, B. G. Holloway, Miss Irma Matthews, Miss Maud Racer, and Mrs. Jackson of Brackett, G. Stokes of Uvalde, L. P. Day of Sabinal, J. S. Nichols and wife of the Gospel wagon, Chas. Pledger and I Frank of Hondo.—Del Rio Mirror.

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San Antonio, Tex., April 15, 1905.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, for furnishing Forage and Bedding at Forts Bliss, Brown, Clark, McIntosh, Ringgold, and Sam Houston, Texas, Jackson Barracks, La., Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark. Forts Reno and Sill, Okla., will be received until 12 o'clock M. May 15, 1905, as follows: 1st, For quantities required for three months supply, deliveries to commence July 1, 1905, and, for quantities required for one year's supply, deliveries to commence July 1, 1905. Proposals will be received at the same time by Quartermasters at each post for furnishing Forage and Bedding required, for that post only. U. S. reserves right to reject or accept any or all bids or any part thereof. Information furnished on application here or to Quartermasters at various posts. Envelopes containing proposals should be marked "Proposals for Forage & Bedding at—" and addressed to respective Quartermasters, or to Robt. R. Stevens, C. Q. M.

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**PROPOSALS FOR TRANSPORTATION.**  
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### SCHOOL NOTES.

Tommie Therrel is in school after an absence of several days.

Charlotte Dudley has been absent the last two days on account of being sick.

Willie Sharp stood up the longest in a spelling match given in the second grade in Room No. 1.

Geo. Lindsley has been keeping up his school work at home and is taking the examination with his class.

Willie Sharp, Augrelino Zotez, and Marie Sanches were the leaders of the second and first grades last week.

Mable and Ellena Johnson from Cline are visiting Mattie and Eunice Perry and were visiting the school this week.

The examinatons will all be written, but parents and friends are invited to inspect the papers at the school building. They are also invited to visit the school during the progress of the examinations.

Julius Sauer after performing the deed of getting a six years first grade certificate ran into the stinging end of a bee and on last Tuesday he appeared at the school with his face and eyes swollen as if he had been the defeated fellow in a prize fight.

In the examination for

Teacher's Certificates last Friday and Saturday Sadie Racer got a four years first grade certificate and Julius Sauer got a first grade for six years. These two pupils have been in the Superintendent's room two years and have never had to be re-proved for any violation of the rules of the school. The above two pupils are members of the graduating class.

The following grades were made in the examination in Reading in the IV Grade: Hortense Sauer 99, Marion Lindsley 99, Albert McGovern 94, Roy Vincent 72, Arch Salmon 76, Fannie Bell Patrick 70, Amy Limes 90, Alice Sweeney 97, Susie Martines 71, Burtie Jones 76, Jose Gonzales 91, John Filippone 92, Emilio Gonzales 77, Martin Castro 98, Ygnacio Garcia 95, Aaron Salmon 96, Tillman Hunt 90, Susie Fritter 99, Florence Coleman 96 and Geo. Lindsley 95.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Kinney County, will Meet as a Board of Equalization on the Second Monday in June A. D. 1905, as provided by law, Art. 5120 R. S. at the Court House in the town of Brackett, at which time all parties interested may appear.

By Order of Court.  
O. F. Seargeant, Clerk  
County Court  
Kinney County, Texas.

### FROM THE POST

The Rev. Mr. Matthews was seen in the Post this week.

Concerts are being played daily Saturday and Sunday excepted at 8 p. m.

Capt. Cabell and Lieut. Richmond are out on Devil's River for a 10 days outing.

Q. M. Sgt. Keene and Pvt. Riggs went out Blantons ranch Sat. returning Monday morning.

G Battery and the Officers crossed bats Tuesday afternoon in a little practice game. Score 23 to 13 in favor of the Battery.

Sgt. Wendt troop F's catcher is in the Hospital suffering from the effects of a ball striking him in the shoulder Sunday while playing B troop.

Troops A, C, and D left Monday for a few days practice march. B did not go on account of their having had a march to San Antonio.

Sgt. Bell troop E was slightly injured Monday while out driving a pair of the "Burr" ponies in a Q. M. Buckboard. The king pin broke leaving Foxy dragging under the wagon.

The men taking the Sharpshooters course are practicing daily. We expect to have "sharpshooters, ball players, crap shooters and all players" in the 2nd squadron this season.

Private Holloway was badly injured Monday by falling off a horse. The horse was running with 2 men on him when he suddenly swerved to one side and the riders went straight ahead. The other man escaped with only slight scratches.

Sgt. Hess, band who was discharged last week and re-inlisted for the engineer corps band left Saturday for Washington D. C. The following men went with him to Spofford: Sergeants Hess (his brother) Habecost, Anderson, Corp. Gyet and Pvt. Wood.

Yesterday was Pay day in the Post.

Mr. James Murphy, of Del Rio was in the Post Tuesday and Wednesday with some nice vegetables.

Base ball season is open now. The first official game was played last Saturday between D and H. Score 15 to 4 in favor of H. E and A played a game Sunday morning. Score 35 to 15 in favor of E. F and B played a game Sunday afternoon score 15 to 4 in favor of F. Here after we will endeavor to give the exact scores from Tuesday to Tuesday of each week.

### Commissioners Court.

The regularly meeting of the county commissioners convened Monday, Judge E. A. Jones presiding. The body passed on a large number of bills which were checked up and paid.

The Treasurer's report was also acted on, which will be published in next week's issue.

### J. M. G. Baugh.

Died at the Sisters Hospital Hotel Dieu, El Paso, Texas, on Monday April 17, 1905. J. M. G. Baugh aged 66 years, two months and 19 days.

The News received the above information with sadness and extends its sympathy to the widow and children Mrs. T. C. Turney and Mark Baugh. Mr. Baugh had undergone an operation at El Paso and was not expected to live for the past two weeks.

Deceased had been a good citizen of the Sonora Country for many years and had only recently moved to Mesilla Park, N. M. Deceased was born in Georgia and when a young man moved to California, where he married, after which they settled in Callahan county before moving to the Sonora country. While in poor health for many years he always looked on the bright side of life—of which he was a close observer.—Devil's River News.

### Correspondence

#### MUD CREEK NEWS.

Too Late for Last Issue.

R. E. Cannon sold this week to W. A. Allen & Co, 175 steers to be delivered on June 1.

Herbst Bros. sold to parties in San Antonio 150 grown steers at \$28 to be delivered June 1.

T. B. Jones will begin in a few days to receive 1500 steers recently purchased in East Tex.

W. J. Moore, of Moulten, after several weeks rustivating on the W. A. Allen & Co's. ranch, has returned home.

The continual rains have greatly retarded farm work in this vicinity and as a consequence the weeds predominate in the fields.

R. E. Cannon has bought the entire stock of cattle belonging to C. W. Standart. By this purchase of these cattle Mr. Cannon comes into possession of all the leases controlled by C. W. Standart.

SLEEPY,

#### Nueces Newslets.

Jeff and James Hutchinson are repairing the Vick fence.

Cattle on the river are now in top condition, and the calf crop will be very heavy.

Miss Hettie Humphries, of Montell, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hutchinson.

Mr. Hutchinson our county

commissioner, has gone to Brackett to attend Commissioners Court.

Captain Lowe, U. S. A. retired has returned from his recent visit to Mexico, and is again located at the Tularosa ranch.

There has been no sales of cattle lately, those perhaps who have not yet sold their steer yearlings are holding them at \$12 per head.

Henry Salmon and Willis Cargile, while out hog hunting a few days ago came across a large panther in the Morin Canyon the dogs were to hot to run far, and the panther escaped, going in the direction of Lost Creek.

The last week has been cloudy with heavy mists during the nights, the crops are growing splendidly, and some of the corn is already beginning to tassel. Mr. Sam Hutchinson has about 4 or 5 acres of oats, now ready to cut, old farmers say, that this is the best crop of oats they ever saw, and the yield will be about 65 bushels to the acre.

DON CARLOS.

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# The Brackett News.

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## EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

A committee of San Sabans are at work to secure a railroad to that point. Tenders have been made to the Frisco.

Four thousand dollars worth of Salt Lake City bonds have mysteriously disappeared and city officials are making an effort to locate them.

The railroad commission has granted authority for the registration of \$100,000 bonds of the El Paso Union Depot Company.

Fred Bates and Will Simonds, negroes, aged ten and twelve, are in jail, at Sherman, charged with arson. The boys admit setting fire to a barn just to see the big blaze.

It is reported that a party living fifteen miles from Antlers, I. T., found \$800 in an old fashioned jar sticking out of the side of a bank where rains had washed the dirt away.

Thos. Wrong, at one time receiver of cordia, Kansas, and mayor of that city, cornia, Kansas, and mayor of that city, died of over-drinking in a prison cell at El Reno.

Sam Aspara was hanged at the parish prison, at New Orleans, Friday afternoon in the presence of the usual number of witnesses, for the murder of Antonio Luciano.

Permission has been granted to publish in St. Petersburg a Jewish paper, in the Hebrew language, to be called The Way. So far as known this is the first time a paper published in Hebrew.

While in the field burning brush with two other children, Virgie, the 9 year old daughter of S. A. Balls, living near Durant, I. T., had her dress catch on fire and was fatally burned.

The 13-year-old son of M. D. Butler, living three miles southeast of Comanche accidentally shot the 6-year-old son of Frank Mungy with a target rifle with fatal results.

L. H. Sutton, a retired contractor, of Kansas City, has been thrown from his buggy in a runaway and killed. Mr. Sutton had been in the building contracting business for nineteen years, and was wealthy.

Alfred Nobles, chief consulting engineer of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, now engaged in the engineering problems in building of tunnels in New York, has accepted Secretary Taff's invitation to become a member of the consulting board of engineers on the Panama canal.

The First National Bank of Tioga has received orders to begin business at once. The business will be opened in temporary quarters until the new building which is under construction is ready for occupancy.

There is an oil boom on now about four miles south from Shelbyville. A Mr. Boozer has discovered oil on a pond of water, and it is said there is so much gas that a stick may be run into the ground and being pulled out and a lighted match put to the hole the gas will burn.

Contest proceedings have been prepared by Judge John A. Talty, defeated Republican candidate for mayor, of St. Louis, against Mayor Rolla Wells, and will be filed in the circuit court. A list of 1,500 fraudulent voters is part of the instrument.

The international exhibition in celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Belgian Independence was opened at Leige, Thursday, in the presence of the diplomatic corps, the civil and military authorities and a number of visitors.

Sixteen men were killed and one will die as the result of an explosion at the Eleanor shaft near Big Run, Pa. Every man who was in the mine at the time the explosion except one is reported killed.

At Grand, Ok., the 13-months-old son of Charles McNeal died from falling from his bed to the floor.

William Tindall, aged 11, while hunting plover near Ceres, Ok., was killed by the accidental discharge of his shotgun.

The Honduras Lottery, which has been unlawfully plying its nefarious business in this country for several years, is now receiving a quietus through the United States Marshals and Postoffice Department.

The United States Supreme Court has decided that Orange County may proceed to count the vote on prohibition cast in that county on August 20, 1903, which has been held up by one subterfuge or another for nearly two years.

Joe Morris, who was to have celebrated his 101st birthday Tuesday, died Monday at his home in Belford, near Red Bank, N. J. On his 100th birthday Mr. Morris acted as best man at his grandson's wedding.

## PUZZLE PICTURE.



"Is that your cow, neighbor? Find the Neighbor."

## GOVERNMENT ON WEEVIL'S TRAIL.

### War Will Be Waged Along Same Lines as Heretofore--No Hope of Extermination.

Washington, May 6.—The bureau of entomology, department of agriculture, is preparing to wage war on the boll weevil this summer on a more extensive scale than ever before. From his headquarters in Dallas Mr. W. D. Hunter, the bureau's expert who is in charge of Texas, will direct the work against the pest all over the infested region, and it is to be hoped that greater headway will be made than during any season in the past. The entomologists have no hope of destroying the weevil, but by studying its habits and operations and by learning how the cultural methods adopted by the department may be used to the best advantage, they hope to reduce the damage done by it to a minimum.

Mr. Hunter will supervise operations on some twenty experiment farms during the summer. These farms, it should be understood, are entirely separate and distinct from the demonstration farms operated under the direction of the bureau of plant industry, of which Dr. S. A. Knapp is the direct representative in Texas. The contracts for the bureau of entomology's experiment farms have not been signed as yet, but the contracts have been sent to Texas and it is assumed that all of them will be passed on during the next few days.

The bureau of entomology has had

advice concerning the weevil-killing said to have been discovered on the plantation of J. T. Davis at Gurley, in Falls county. Hardly a day passes without something of the kind being brought to the attention of the bureau, but so far nothing has been found which makes the slightest headway against the pest. The entomologists are interested, of course, but they are by no means hopeful that the reported find in Falls county will be any more effective than have been dozens of other insects with which experiments have been made.

A complete report on the work done with the keleps, or Guatemalan ants, has been made by Dr. O. F. Cook, who discovered them last spring, and is now in the hands of the government printer. It will probably be issued and distributed during the next two weeks or so. As has already been stated in these dispatches, all the ants planted in Texas last year perished during the winter, but Dr. Cook has explanations for this fact, and is by no means discouraged. With several assistants he is now in the wilds of Guatemala, preparing to collect and bring in the largest possible number of the insects. At the same time, he is closely studying their habits in order that he may better know how to handle them after he gets them to this country.

### Japs Honor Departed Heroes.

Tokio: The enshrining ceremonies concluded yesterday, and the Crown Prince visited the Shokonsha Temple at 11 a. m. A group of distinguished statesmen and officers greeted the Prince, who entered the shrine, where he bowed himself in prayer and briefly addressed the spirits of the departed heroes.

Enormous crowds filled the temple and the surrounding grounds.

Detachments of soldiers continued their visits to the temple throughout the day.

### Murder Charged.

Livingston, Texas: Jack Wilkinson was jailed here yesterday evening, charged with murder, and has confessed killing his wife, who was found Thursday evening near his residence, shot through the head. She was thoroughly decomposed and is thought to have been killed Tuesday evening. He assigns as a reason for the killing that his wife threatened to penitentiary him. Constable McDonald of Leggett made the arrest yesterday morning.

### Big Dry Dock.

Orange, Texas: The officials of the Orange & Northwestern railroad are making an effort at the present to get up an excursion from Shreveport to Orange over the Texas and Fort Smith railway to see the large dry dock which is being constructed here. The dock is said to be the second largest dock of the kind in the world, and the people are quite sure of the fact that there will be a large excursion to see the sight.

### Franchise for Pipe Line.

Baton Rouge, La.: H. Eldridge, representing the Texas Fuel Company, appeared before the city council here, asking for a franchise to erect a large tank and pipe line system. The tank is to have a capacity of 20,000 barrels.

### Rangers at Hempstead.

Hempstead, Texas: There are two State Rangers still here and peace and quiet prevails and great hopes are entertained that no more trouble will occur.

### Looked at Onions.

Laredo, Texas: Baron Edmondo Mayor des Planches, royal ambassador from Italy to the United States, arrived here yesterday morning at six o'clock in a special train consisting of his private car and baggage car. After inspecting onion farms with a committee of business men and prominent citizens, he left at ten o'clock on his return to San Antonio and the remainder of his tour. Assistant general freight agent of the International & Great Northern Railway, Homer Eads, conducted the party.

### Protest to Holland.

St. Petersburg: The foreign office is closed and it is impossible at this hour to ascertain whether Russia will protest to the government of the Netherlands against the reported presence of Japanese warships in neutral waters of Dutch Borneo. The Admiralty had information to the effect that the Japanese cruisers were watching the Straits of Sunda, lying in wait for Admiral Nibogatoff, and it is possible that they made use of the waters of Dutch Borneo.

### Bigelow Stricken from List.

New York: The executive council of the American Bankers' Association, at a meeting here, has ordered the name of Frank G. Bigelow, the former president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee, who was once president of the association, to be erased from the list of ex-presidents.

### Gromoboi Leaves Vladivostok.

St. Petersburg: The Russian armored cruiser Gromoboi, it is announced, has left Vladivostok.

### Rate on Honey.

Austin, Texas: The railroad commission granted authority for the adoption of a class B rate with a maximum of 40 cents per 100 pounds for the transportation of honey in carloads, minimum weight 20,000 pounds per car.

### To Succeed Senator Platt.

Hartford, Conn.: On the thirty-seventh ballot Congressman Brandage secured the Republican nomination as United States Senator, to succeed the late O. H. Platt, by a vote of 120.

## DIVERSIFICATION SOMETHING TO SELL EVERY DAY.

SOUTHERN COTTON ASSOCIATION, E. S. PETERS, Vice-President, Calvert, Texas.

### ADVANTAGES TO A FARMER

Of Having Telephone Service With the Nearest Telephone Exchange.

Every farmer should, if possible, be connected with the place where he sells his products and buys his supplies. If that town be his county seat, so much the better, but it is not necessary that it should be so; for, if his necessities require, he can reach his courthouse by long distance connection from his market town and thus reach any official of the county with whom he may have business. For illustration, let us suppose that a number of farmers, living within eight or ten miles and in the same general direction from a town having a telephone exchange, club together and become connected by telephone with that exchange.

What are the advantages?

Every farmer having such connection, has almost every benefit to be derived from living in the town, minus city taxes.

He can keep posted on the markets and sell his products to the highest bidder before they are loaded into his wagon.

He can order his supplies, summon a physician, visit his acquaintances and keep himself informed of all important things that are happening in the world—financial, commercial, political or accidental.

His telephone is a fleet and tireless messenger; a faithful, uncompromising servant.

It works early and late, night and day, Sundays and rainy days.

### Nan Patterson's Chances.

Albany, N. Y.: District Attorney Jerome, who has been here since Wednesday afternoon looking after certain legislation, said last night that the vote of the jury in the case of Nan Patterson would determine to a large degree his decision whether to put her on trial again.

If the jury was preponderantly against her he might try her again; if the majority was in her favor he might consent to her release.

He said he was not yet informed as to how the jury stood. He would not comment upon the jury's disagreement, though it evidently did not surprise him greatly.

### Status of Chicago Strike.

Chicago, Ill.: Sheriff Barret steps into fray; begins swearing in 2,000 deputies to assist in quelling riots.

Prominent business men hasten to Springfield on a special train to urge Governor to send troops.

Mayor Dunne opposes Deputy Sheriffs and troops; says police can handle the situation.

All stores and express companies report increased business and more deliveries.

City in tumult entire day; professional sluggers assault women.

Fear of the government prevents spreading the strike to traction lines in hands of receivers.

### Killed by Mexican Lions.

El Paso, Texas: News reached El Paso yesterday afternoon that a boy had been killed by Mexican lions in the Casas Grandes (Mexico) region, and his mother, while attempting to protect the child, had been severely wounded by the fierce beasts. The scene of the raid by the animals is in the region which will be hunted over by the Greene party, which starts for there tomorrow night.

### Bill Blocker Drowned.

Bastrop, Texas: News reached this place yesterday of the drowning of Bill Blocker in Dry Creek, about eighteen miles west of Bastrop, yesterday. The recent heavy rains had swollen the stream and when Mr. Blocker attempted to cross on horseback he and horse were carried under by the current and drowned. Mr. Blocker was one of the most prominent cattlemen in this section.

### Ball Player Died of Injuries.

Waxahachie, Texas: Joe Burrows, a young man who was hurt in a game of baseball some days ago near Oxro, died yesterday morning as a result of the injuries received at his home in this place.

It seems that he was running and fell, sustaining the injuries, which proved fatal.

### Roof Fell on Onion Packers.

Laredo, Texas: While a lot of workmen were taking onion crates from a shed on Prof. Richardson's onion farm yesterday the roof fell and several were badly injured, while one of them had his hip broken.

### Cruiser Galveston Deserter Gave Up.

Fort Worth, Texas: Ed Williams, 22 years old, of Trinidad, Colo., who was one of the deserters from the Galveston about two weeks ago, surrendered to officers her last night.

It doesn't drink, smoke, chew nor steal chickens, and it won't savor unless unduly incited by the ungodly user.

When the town dealer in farm products finds out that you have a telephone, he will tell you what to bring in on Saturday or Monday to secure the most ready sale and cash price.

You will not have to take any chances of finding an overstocked market and being obliged to haul your products back home or give them away.

The doctors will inquire after the health of your children, instead of making a professional visit at \$2.00 per; the lawyers will give you legal advice; the politicians will seek your vote without staying to dinner or kissing the baby, and all at a time when you will not have to dress up and see company.

A telephone protects your family, your stock, yourself, for you can summon your neighbor, your physician, a veterinarian or an officer of the law.

A rural community, provided with telephone service, can be made almost as effective in social and business combinations as if its members were all living in one village.

Give that idea some thought and you will readily see its wide possibilities.

Now that the reduction of acreage has been successfully carried out, we must hold what cotton we have.

### Course of Russian Fleet.

Island of Penang, Straits of Malacca: The Russian warships sighted by the British steamer Selangor yesterday morning have been identified as the fourth division of the Russian Second Pacific Squadron, commanded by Rear Admiral Nebogatoff.

Malacca, Straits Settlement: A Russian division consisting of four battleships, an armored cruiser and a gunboat, accompanied by five colliers, is now passing Malacca, bound south.

Singapore: The Russian naval division passed Singapore in semi-darkness and haze at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Six warships and four colliers were sighted.

### Four-Cornered Duel.

Marshall, Texas: As a result of a fight two weeks ago William and Henry Morris engaged in a pistol duel at Harleton yesterday evening with Carson and William Baker, aged 21 and 18. William Morris was killed and William Baker is seriously wounded and may die.

The shooting occurred on a crowded street and commenced as soon as the men met. The elder Baker had been fined for a fist fight with Morris two weeks ago. Morris was acquitted at the same time. The Sheriff has gone to arrest the parties. The Morris are father and son.

### Criminal Assault Case.

Madisonville, Texas: The grand jury, which had adjourned for the term, was called in special session yesterday by Judge Boone to investigate a case of criminal assault alleged to have been committed in this county last Monday. The defendant was placed under bond and will likely be tried this term of court if an indictment is found.

### Bankers Indicted.

Guthrie, Ok.: The grand jury at Beaver City yesterday indicted A. L. McPherson, president, and Ed E. McPherson, cashier of the Bank of Beaver City, which failed several weeks ago. The first is charged on two counts with embezzlement, and the latter with making a false report of the bank's condition and embezzlement on two counts.

### Cut Below Shoulder Blade.

Brownsville, Texas: A difficulty occurred last night between Hilario Gonzales and Lucio Alvarado in which the former received a severe cut under the shoulder blade. The wound is an ugly one, but is not considered fatal.

### Colorado at a Stand.

Columbus, Texas: The Colorado is now on a stand at 33 feet, which is about 4 1/2 feet below the mark reached in 1899. The low lands are under water.

### Farm Sold for \$28,000.

Marlin, Texas: The Paul McCombs farm, comprising 1,300 acres and situated in the Brazos bottom near Marlin, was recently sold by Mr. McCombs to George R. Murrell, of Virginia, for a consideration of \$28,000.

### Wreck Just Now Cleared.

Hearne, Texas: The wrecking crew that has been here since Sunday clearing up the wreck of Saturday night, in which Engineer Canterbury and Brakeman Gordon lost their lives, finished the task yesterday afternoon.

## THE END OF THE GRIP

REACHED AFTER EIGHT YEARS OF COMPLICATED TROUBLES.

Deafness, Hissing Sounds in Head, Stomach Disorder, Palpitation of Heart and Debility Overcome at Last.

Mr. Newman certainly had a very tough time with the grip, and it is no wonder that he thinks that the remedy that cured him can't be beat. His case shows how profoundly grip poisons the system and how obstinately it resists all ordinary efforts to eradicate it.

Few cases can be worse than Mr. Newman's for he had head, heart and stomach troubles combined with great weakness. He recently said:

"The attack of grip which I had eight years ago left me in a very bad fix. I became nearly deaf and my head ached continually and was filled with hissing and roaring sounds. My heart fluttered and had regular running-away spells. My stomach was so sore that I could hardly bear a touch on that part of my body. I had a great deal of pain in the region of my liver and the doctor said that organ was enlarged. My kidneys ached so at times that I could hardly stand."

"Didn't you give up and go to bed?" he was asked.

"No, I simply wouldn't. My head and my back ached dreadfully, but I obstinately dragged myself about, kept growing worse and finally ran down to almost nothing."

"What did you do to get relief?"

"First I tried a doctor, but he did me no good. Then I took all kinds of advertised preparations but nothing proved helpful until I began to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. As soon as I got them I knew that I had at last hit the right remedy for my case. The very first box did more for me than anything else I had ever taken. They gave me relief right away and in three months they positively cured me. I think I was scarcely ever in better health in my life than I am at present."

Mr. William A. Newman is a well-known Camden county farmer, living at Sagrada, Missouri. His case was a severe test for any remedy, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills met every requirement. Other remedies merely drive the poison of the grip into hiding, but Dr. Williams' Pink Pills drive it out of the system. They are sold by every druggist.

The Russian telegraphic code system is the most elaborate and intricate in the world. It is made out by dozens of experts, each of whom works independently of the others, so that none of them has the remotest idea of what the final code is like.

Edwin Booth never acted in Washington after the assassination of President Lincoln by his brother, John Wilkes Booth. He acted in Baltimore, but never nearer to Washington than that city.

"Roaring forties" is a term used in nautical parlance, to denote a stormy region of the Atlantic, Pacific and Indian oceans, lying between 40 degrees and 50 degrees south latitudes. It is characterized by strong north-west winds.

Three-tenths of the earnings of a Belgian convict are given to him on the expiration of his sentence. Some prisoners thus save more money in 'all than they have ever been able to save out of it.

The love of money never yet lived in the same house with the love of man.

### A Great Discovery.

Clayton, Tex., May 1st.—(Special)—That a genuine cure for Diabetes has been discovered is the opinion of Mr. J. H. Bailey of this place. Speaking of the matter, Mr. Bailey says: "I believe Dodd's Kidney Pills is the best remedy for Diabetes and the only one that has ever been discovered that will cure Diabetes."

"I have a genuine case of Diabetes. I have taken seven boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and am still taking them. They have helped me so much that I am now up and able to work some. I believe that if I had conformed strictly to a Diabetes diet I would now have been completely cured."

Dodd's Kidney Pills have cured hundreds of cases of Diabetes and never once failed. It is an old saying that what will cure Diabetes will cure any form of Kidney Disease and that's just exactly what Dodd's Kidney Pills do. They cure all kidney diseases from Backache to Bright's Disease.

It's a poor religion that is always talking about a bigger church and never thinks of a better city.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Deference Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

There is practically no lovemaking in China. As a rule, the young man does not see his bride until she is his wife.

### "Nothing More Dangerous

Than a neglected cough," is what Dr. J. F. Hammond, professor in the Eclectic Medical College, says, "and as a preventive remedy and a curative agent, I cheerfully recommend Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen."

At druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

Thoroughness is the twin brother of honesty. When an employe gets the reputation of doing a thing not pretty nearly, but exactly right, it has more influence with his employer than brilliancy or talent.—Success Magazine.

Recently two French engineers succeeded in reaching the summit of the Four-clad Angelli, in Switzerland, an altitude of nearly 13,700 feet.

# DARKEST RUSSIA

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## CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

Paul Nazimoff said little. But it was evident that the story had made a deep impression upon him, and that his gratitude to Cobb was too great at the time to trust himself to its expression in words.

Cobb found himself the center of an admiring audience, and all the warmth of congratulation he received would have made any man feel proud to be the hero of the hour. He tried hard to put an end to the scene. It was becoming somewhat embarrassing to find himself the center of attention. In vain he protested that he had done no more for Alexis than any man would have done for another, under the circumstances.

"But you forget," urged one of the Russian naval officers present, "that your own life was to be spared. You were merely to be held for ransom. By this act you periled that life to save that of a stranger."

"Well," replied Cobb, with a smile, "we've all got to take chances in this world."

A score of interrogations as to why he was alone followed, and Cobb, in spite of his desire to let the matter drop, found it impossible to avoid an explanation.

Septimus Cobb was a Kentuckian by birth. From his earliest youth he had been of a roving, adventurous disposition. At the outbreak of the war he had raised a company of cavalry, and had won promotion until he was in command of a brigade. The close of the war found him with the possession of the title "General," a fund of splendid physical health, indomitable courage, restless energy, and an unsatisfied ambition. He was poor. He wanted wealth, and he went to California.

For years after he led the life of thousands of restless adventurers in the far West. Editor, miner, speculator—everything by turns. Two fortunes made—and lost. He came East, got into oil, made a third fortune—and lost that. It was while casting about for the easiest and quickest means of making a fourth fortune that, hearing of the marvelous development of Russian oil territory on the shores of the Black Sea, he determined to investigate its possibilities. A syndicate was formed, and Cobb, as its representative, with unlimited credit, and plenary powers, was sent to prospect the new oleaginous territory. After some years spent in the neighborhood of Baku, the center of the Russian oil country, stories began to reach Cobb of marvellously rich gold deposits in Turkestan. To think, with him was to act. It was necessary to keep his destination a secret, for, if the tales of the new El Dorado were true, he would be known in Europe and America as a certain that thousands would flock to the scene as it was that the diamond mines of Africa, and the gold discoveries of Australia, attracted adventurers from all parts of the world. Taking a small steamer, Cobb crossed the Caspian Sea, and guided by a rough map of the country, pushed into the interior. He had a march of weeks, perhaps months, ahead of him, but he was undaunted. His escort supposed him an American missionary, and he took no pains to undeceive them. It is true that his missionary labors produced no fruit, nor was the faith of his escort, whether Greek Church or Mohammedan, unsettled by his arguments. But he pushed on for a field that promised to reward his exertions, and had just begun operations when he was surprised, seized and overpowered by the roving Turcomans. He had really no fear of death, nor was he in much danger; but he was placed in confinement until his disposition could be determined upon by his captors and the amount of his



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ransom agreed to. Alexis told the rest of the story.

Cobb had explained much of his career as accounted for his presence, and when he concluded the avalanche of congratulations began once more, and was only stopped by the sound of music.

Everybody became silent and listened!

The air was strange to most of those present.

played in honor of the American guest. As the last notes died away, Paul Nazimoff taking one hand and Alexis the other, led Cobb in front of the assemblage and "Viva la America!" was given with hearty good will and enthusiasm.

Then the assemblage began to gather into knots and groups—but everywhere Cobb and Alexis and the adventure formed the subject of conversation. A score of invitations to the greatest houses in Russia had already been showered on General Cobb. He had accepted half a dozen—in particular, that had been pressed with great earnestness. That one came from the Baroness von Rhineberg.

"You are so grand, brave," said the baroness. "You will in St. Petersburg long stay?"

"Not very long, I am afraid," answered Cobb. "You see I am a bird of passage—always on the go."

"Always on ze go," repeated the baroness. "How is which?"

Cobb smiled. "How is which" struck him as a perfect gem.

"Always on the go," he explained, "means that I remain here a little time—then go somewhere else—then travel again—and so on."

"I am now understand," replied the baroness. There was the suggestion of a sigh as she spoke. It did not escape the notice of Cobb. "I would to be always on ze go, like sometimes myself, but I must be always on ze stay—I am alone," and the voice became softer as the baroness cast down her eyes.

Cobb was about to reply when Lord Fitzroyal, who had been an interested spectator, sauntered up. The baroness was betraying altogether too much interest in the stalwart American to please his lordship, who had been wavering for some time on the verge of a proposal.

"Well, baroness, our American friend seems to have covered himself with glory."

Cobb detected a covert sneer in the remark.

"Zat is so! He is a brave man, and a big man. Big men are brave, is it not?"

The baroness looked innocently enough at Lord Fitzroyal as she spoke, but her glance had first rested on the American. There could hardly have been a greater contrast. Cobb strong, straight, massive and magnificently proportioned; Fitzroyal thin, puny and narrow chested.

The shot told.

Fitzroyal looked annoyed.

He turned his attention to Cobb.

"Mr. Cobb seems quite at home in Russia," he said.

Cobb measured him with his eye.

"Yes," he drawled in reply. "Americans generally are more at home in Russia than Englishmen are. We never tried to kick them when they were down."

"Zat is good—zat is so—is it so not, Lord Fitzroyal?" exclaimed the baroness.

Before Fitzroyal could reply a hush fell on the assembly. From beyond the masses of tropical plants which masked the apartment where the orchestra was concealed came the exquisite strains of a Russian air, played on the violin by a master hand.

As the last notes died away the storm of applause broke out with spontaneous enthusiasm. "Bravo! encore!" came from all points of the room.

had the insolence to send me a reply begging to be excused!"

A chorus of laughter followed. The idea was too absurd. A dozen explanations were offered; the servant had not understood; the player did not know; the man was insane; and so on. It never occurred to any that a mere musician would send such a message to Count Nazimoff.

The servant entered again. This time he was in terror. The man fairly shook.

"Come here!" said Count Nazimoff. There was a painful silence in the great apartment.

The man approached. Again he whispered in a low voice and then stepped quickly back, as if fearful of a blow.

Paul Nazimoff looked up. His face was livid with rage. His eyes fairly blazed with anger. "What, dog of a serf! This message to me!" In spite of himself he fairly shouted the words.

The group of servants near the entrance were trembling now.

The guests were aghast at the terrible outburst of their host. But Nazimoff was beyond control. "Hana!ka!" he shouted to an upper servant, "follow Azof here! Stop! Bring your whip! Drag the player here by force—by force, do you hear!" and with a



terrible oath, which fortunately was lost in the confusion, Nazimoff, almost choking with rage, sank into his chair.

The silence was only broken when a moment later Count Nazimoff arose. "Your pardon, friends, your pardon."

His voice was hoarse. "But what think you of this last reply that yonder dog dared to send to me by my servant: 'I am neither the servant nor the serf of Count Nazimoff! I shall not play God save the Czar!' By Heaven! we shall see! I shall make the dog play here before you until you bid him go, and then he shall be flogged before he is flung from my doors."

"A hundred lashes at least," suggested the countess.

"With the double knout," added General Karsicheff.

The other guests said nothing. They waited, with bated breath and painful interest, the ending of the scene. Men stood with compressed lips; ladies sat in nervous apprehension; Paul Nazimoff walked up and down like an enraged lion.

There was a sound outside—a senfife. Some confusion. All eyes were directed toward the spot, and a moment later, with an astonishment none could repress, came the simultaneous exclamation:

"A woman!"

(To be continued.)

**CLOCK TAKES ONE DAY OFF.**

**It Will Not Run on the 13th of the Month for Obvious Reasons.**

"Speaking of the many curious things connected with the number 13 reminds me of a clock which has been in my family now for some time," said an observant man, "and the thing I have in mind has gone far toward making me believe that there is something in the claim that 13 is an unlucky number. The clock in question is of the cuckoo variety. Ordinarily it is one of the most reliable timepieces I have ever seen. It keeps perfect time and never fails to 'cuckoo' promptly on the hour, except in the case I have in mind.

"If the thing had not happened in such regular order I would have paid no attention to it. But it has been happening once every month regularly from the very time we introduced the aforesaid clock into the family circle. And it always happens on the 13th of the month. My clock lays off, if I may say it, once every month. It refuses to work on that day which is associated with unlucky things. Somehow it seems to know that 13 is an unlucky number. And it seems to think it applies as much to dates as to other events and things. I have never been able to understand just why the clock should stop on this day and up to this good hour I am unable to give anything like a reasonable explanation of it. I only know my cuckoo clock will not work on the 13th day of the month and no matter how well it is wound, or what the weather condition may be, when the unlucky day rolls around the clock simply stops. It is a curious thing, isn't it?"—*Orleans Times-Democrat.*

**Precaution.** Mr. Upson Downes (seated by a stranger in a railway carriage)—What time is it by your watch, if you please?

Stranger—I don't know.

Mr. Upson Downes—But you have just looked at it.

## ALL OVER TEXAS.

A case of smallpox was reported at Alford last week. County Health officer, Dr. J. F. Ford Jr., proceeded there and quarantined the case.

The Reliance mill of the Kirby Lumber Company, in Beaumont, started up again Wednesday after a shut-down of over eleven months.

The Farmers' Union Elevator Company of Iowa Park contemplates building a 30,000 bushel elevator. Specifications have been submitted.

The Legislature held no session Saturday, having adjourned Friday to allow an opportunity to go to San Antonio to attend the Battle of Flowers.

Louis Coleman, white, was arrested at Shreveport charged with kidnapping a four-year-old child at Marshall. He had the child with him when arrested.

Waples-Platter Grocery Company at Denison and several other points have bought land at Denison on which will be made a large line of grocers' specialties.

F. Y. Thompson, a switchman on the International & Great Northern at Austin, has received an appointment as passenger conductor on the Panama Railroad.

The official count of population of Enid, Ok., just finished under the direction of the county commissioners, shows that the city has a total population of 12,408.

W. W. Gunter, who lives near Young, Freestone County, says the Wortham Oil Company has erected a derrick and is placing machinery for the purpose of drilling for oil in that vicinity.

The Oil Mill Superintendents' Association will hold the twelfth annual convention at Memphis, Tenn., this year. This will be the largest attended and most important meeting the association ever held.

Chas. J. McKenna has been appointed auditor for Tarrant County under the new law creating that office in five of the largest counties in the State. His salary is fixed at \$200 a month.

The Cumberland Presbyterians of Itasca have raised \$6,000 with which they will commence at once the erection of a new church building. The building will be modern in its style of architecture.

A cyclone struck Guthrie, Tex., Monday, wrecking A. L. Duren's house and the court house, demolishing a vacant house of S. B. Burnett and destroyed a house and all the effects of Morgan Davis.

A company of McKinney capitalists will rebuild the Sanger elevator, recently burned at North Fort Worth. The capacity will be increased to 40,000 bushels, and the cost will be \$25,000.

The farmers' and Merchants' National Bank of Venus has been organized with a capitalization of \$25,000. President, B. C. Kelly; cashier, C. L. Barker; a new building will be erected for the use of the bank.

The sixth annual reunion of Stone-wall Jackson Camp, U. C. V., in connection with the cowboys' reunion and Randall County Fine Stock Show, will be held in Canyon City July 11 to 14. A large crowd is anticipated.

An election held in the Tloga Independent School District to determine whether or not a special tax of one-third of 1 per cent should be levied and collected for the purpose of maintaining the school carried by a majority.

Mrs. Sellers, wife of Rev. Isaac Sellers, pastor of the Avenue Baptist Church, at Palestine, died at the family home Tuesday night. The remains were carried to Comanche for interment.

At San Saba a stock company has been organized for the purpose of erecting and operating a cotton seed oil mill with sufficient capacity to handle the cotton seed of that and adjoining counties. The mill will be in operation for this season's products.

Congressman R. L. Henry has been appointed a delegate to the thirteenth conference of the Interparliamentary union, to be held in Brussels, Belgium at a date to be fixed hereafter. He has decided to accept.

Judge E. P. Hill is mentioned in connection with the race for Governor.

Fifty or sixty bales of cotton stored in the cotton yard at Copeland were burned and damaged by fire. Some of this cotton was owned by Taylor buyers and was covered by insurance.

Rumors are again floating around that Dallas will soon be made the headquarters for the Southwestern division of the United States army. At the present time the division headquarters are located at Oklahoma City.

Two of three steam shovels are already at work between Texarkana and Tyler, working toward Waco, on the Cotton Belt, and it is probable that several other shovels will be put to work, the intention being to bring the track right up to the best condition.

## GIANT TASK IN RAILROAD BUILDING

Two Carloads of Powder in a Single Blast—\$250,000 Paid for One Mile of Track—2,629 Men Employed on a Piece of Track Being Built for the Wabash System.

Cumberland, Md., May 2.—"Look out! Look out! It's going off!" was the wild cry heard a few days ago in Paw Paw, a small mountain encircled West Virginia town, on the new line of the Wabash, twenty miles east of Cumberland, when the ringing of bells and blowing of whistles gave the warning that in a few minutes the button would be pressed that would explode 8,000 pounds of giant powder in the rocky mountain side directly opposite and close to the town.

For three days the people of Paw Paw had watched men carrying can after can of powder into the tunnels dug into the face of rocks. As the number of cans disappearing in the mountain side increased the alarm of the people grew, and some in terror left the town, while those remaining filled their ears with cotton and waited for—they knew not what.

At last, when 325 cans of powder, 8,125 pounds, had been emptied in the arms extending right and left from the inner ends of the two 45-foot tunnels, wires laid and the tunnel closed, the electric button was pressed. There was a deep, rumbling report, the whole earth seemed to rock as though shaken by an earthquake and tons of rock plunged forward and toppled over into the canal and river.

**Carloads of Powder in One Blast.** Not a stone had been thrown a hundred feet toward the frenzied town, but 20,000 yards of rock had been torn from the mountain side and many precious days saved the contractors who are building the "link" connecting the Western Maryland railroad at Cherry Run with the West Virginia Central railroad at Cumberland, and thus bringing nearer realization George Gould's dream of making the Wabash railroad an ocean to ocean line.

It was only the proximity of this blast to a town that made it particularly prominent on this railroad construction that is requiring a blast for almost every foot of the roadbed, in fact it was a small one in comparison to some that have been fired. In one blast, in Sidling Hill mountain, the charge consisted of 1,400 cans of powder, just two carloads, and when it was put off rocks weighing half a ton were hurled through the air hundreds of yards, across the Potomac river and striking telegraph poles along the Baltimore & Ohio railroad broke them off close to the ground.

It is this necessity for almost continuous blasting that has done much toward making this sixty-five mile strip of railroad construction the most expensive of any built in recent years, with the single exception of the line over which the Wabash enters Pittsburg. The cost of building the first five miles from Cumberland averaged \$250,000 a mile and the average cost for the sixty-five miles is \$100,000 a mile. In building this connecting link, the Wabash has had to contend with an unusually large number of obstacles of a surprising variety, some placed in the way by nature, others by man.

**Tunneling Through Solid Rock.**

Until the advent of the Wabash it was supposed there was no feasible route through the narrow gaps in the mountains between Cumberland and Hancock, forty miles, save those followed by the Chesapeake and Ohio canal and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. It was this belief that has kept life in the old waterway, life sustained by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad company to bar out any possible rival. Some years ago the Hon. Henry G. Davis, then owner of the West Virginia Central railroad, had a route surveyed through the country followed by the Wabash, but it was given up as impracticable. As a result, it is not surprising that the construction of this road is proving one of the greatest undertakings of years, requiring application of almost every method known in railroad building and the ingenuity of contractors, who have built railroads in almost every state in the union, has been taxed to the utmost.

Upon forty miles of this line there are engaged to-day 2,629 men, 300 animals, nine locomotives and nine steam shovels. For eighteen months there has been no cessation of labor and it is hoped that in eight more the work will be completed.

**Obstacles to Be Met.**

An idea of the difficulties encountered can be formed from the fact that this line in forty miles crosses the Potomac river nine times, the Chesapeake & Ohio canal seven times, the Baltimore & Ohio railroad three times, passes through mountain ranges and spurs by five tunnels, varying in length from 700 feet to 4,400 feet, through ridges and hills by innumerable cuts, many of them over fifty feet deep through solid rock and some almost a mile in length, and that a great portion of the road is being cut out of the rocky sides of mountain ranges, directly above the canal. One of the most unusual difficulties in railroad construction, and yet the most troublesome on this line has been a disposition of the earth and rock removed in making the roadbed, a difficulty arising from the fact that the Wabash follows closely the canal route. While waiting for legal right to bridge the old waterway it was necessary to push the construc-

tion work and to do this the contractors employed some striking methods. At Welton tunnel, a mile south of Cumberland, a large wheel was placed on top of the mountain above the tunnel entrance, cables were run from this across the river and canal to the low land, where filling was necessary, and the rock from the tunnel was carried over in a large iron bucket suspended from the cables. The laborers' camp was located on top of the mountain and the men constructed a 150-foot ladder leading up the precipitous face of rocks from the mouth of the tunnel, and this ladder they ascended and descended many times a day.

In the construction of the Indigo tunnel, a method never before employed in the East, and rarely elsewhere, is being employed. This is the greatest tunnel on the line, being 4,400 feet in length. It passes through a Sidling Hill mountain range and makes the Wabash a straighter line and almost a mile in three shorter than the Baltimore & Ohio. It is being made by drilling the heading (the full width of the tunnel, twenty-four feet, and nine feet high) through from the bottom or at a grade level, and the rock will be blown down until the required height is reached. Old contractors, accustomed to driving the heading through from the top, shake their heads and pronounce this method a "costly experiment," but Mr. Arthur Bros. say the strata, Indigo shale, is just right at this tunnel for this method and are confident it will be a success. The heading is being driven from both ends at the same time and the men are within 100 feet of each other, nine feet a day being the progress made from each end. The men working from the eastern end have penetrated only eleven inches further than those coming from the western side.

**The "Stick Pile" Tunnel.** In order to cut a roadbed through the masses of rock that rise straight up from the bed of the canal it was necessary to wait until navigation closed for the year. In the meantime the holes for the blasts were all prepared and when the water was withdrawn, about a month later than ever before, thousands of pounds of powder and dynamite were exploded in these holes and the canal bed was filled with earth and rock for many miles which must be removed within the next two months.

The only place where the Wabash leaves the canal and river for any considerable distance is at Bayard, thirty-five miles east of Cumberland. After crossing the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the river and canal, at a dizzy height on a 1,370-foot bridge, five 150-foot channel spans with viaduct approach, it strikes boldly into the mountains. After running through tremendous cuts, over deep ravines and through the Stick Pile tunnel 1,600 feet in length, it emerges from its five-mile run through the heart of the mountain at Orleans, W. Va. This is considered one of the heaviest pieces of work on the line, but here as at many other places, a comparatively straight line is secured with moderate grades and with a saving of almost a mile over the Baltimore & Ohio route.

The first work was done on this connecting link on July 21, 1903, and the contract called for its completion in eighteen months. The delay and extra work occasioned by trouble with the canal rendered its completion within contract time an impossibility. Now, October 1, is the date set for the opening of the road, but it is claimed January 1, 1906, would be a nearer date.

From Cherry Run to Hancock, ten miles, the road is completed and trains are running on it. For ten miles east of Cumberland the roadbed is ready for the rails and the three bridges are in course of erection. At numerous other places there are four and five mile stretches completed, but there remains a great amount of difficult work to be done. It is only the fact that work is being rushed day and night, regardless of weather conditions and without regard to expense, that makes safe the prediction that not later than January 1, 1906, the Wabash will have this line open for traffic.

**Endurance of the Jap.**

In the orient there is a new art of war depending upon a new style of physique of a race which has never before been put to such work. The Jap is short, stocky and blessed with muscles big enough for a much taller man. He is consequently able to do more work than a European of equal weight. A rural letter-carrier thinks nothing of distances for which we demand horses and in exceptional cases the rickshaw man has been known to trot forty miles in a day dragging the passenger. The daily drills of the soldiers include athletic exercises too severe for the average European soldier, such as running up and down long flights of stairs. It is not surprising, then, that their troops should cover long distances, and the reports of four successive days of thirty-five, twenty-five, thirty and fifteen miles of marching are perfectly credible. They are reported to have marched forty-eight hours without food and with little rest, and then to have fought well, though captured men have dropped asleep instantly.—*American Medicine.*

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**Among Our Exchanges.**

An exchange says when our subscribers get hold of \$10 they go off and celebrate; but when we get that much money, they want us to enlarge the paper and give 'em a gold watch.

A young man took his best girl to church and stopping at the end of the back pews turned to the usher and said: "I guess we can squeeze in here." "Yes," said the usher with a smile, "I guess you can, but probably it would be better for all concerned to wait until you get home."

I have been wondering what the girl meant ever since the other evening when, coming home from the Marlowe, I heard a young man remark to the young lady, "Are you not chilly? I have your shawl on my arm," and she answered, "Yes, you may put it around me." Now, did she mean the show?—Gerald Sullivan.

Beauty in dress is a good thing, rail at it who may. But it is a lower beauty, for which a higher beauty should not be sacrificed. They love dress too much who give it their first thought, their best time, or all their money; who for it neglect the culture of the mind or heart, or the claims of others on their service; who care more for dress than for their character; who are troubled more by unfashionable garments than by a neglected duty.

Although it is a terrible misfortune to lose a home by fire, it is not nearly so bad as losing the happiness of home by the dissipation, unfaithfulness or disgrace of one of the members of the family. We think a home ought to be a type of heaven, a place of rest and happiness. The happiness of the world is shortlived and sorrows and disappointments come to us all, but if we do our best and trust in God we believe it will all result in good, and we will find more bright days than dark ones. The first essential element in a happy home is mutual love, but this will not last without kindness, patience

and forbearance. We think the next most important requisite is system and good housekeeping on the part of the wife and mother. We don't believe in a rigid system that sacrifices the comfort and freedom of the family, but we think a certain amount of it is necessary to the happiness of a family.—Exchange

Said the groceryman to the butcherman. "It is really a sin that you buy your salt on the wholesale plan and don't let me handle the tin." Then he hid him back to the grocery store and quickly an order sent, for a few choice hams for the family and a box of fish for Lent. Said the clothing man to the hardware man. "You certainly don't do right, when you order a suit from an eastern house with my big stock in sight." But the clothier wanted a new steel range and it came, as his neighbors know, in a box that he tried to hide in the barn, marked "Sears, Roebuck & Co." The business men then called a meeting to see where the trouble lay, and they all agreed 'twas the editor man and not the devil. Why don't he roost the department stores and peddling fakirs they said, and stand by those who patronize him and give him his daily bread? So they drew up a compact long and strong for the editor to pursue, and waited on him with an aspect grim, as he solemnly dug for news, but the editor laughed a big horse laugh, till the gang all took to the woods, for 'twas written on "axle grease letters heads" that came with a bill of goods.—Exchange.

A citizen of Salem, Mass., the witch town, brought suit for divorce, and according to a Boston paper, he proved the following allegations: "That his wife tore the sign from his store, put into his tea something that made him vomit, threw his clothes down stairs, filled his shoes with cold water, put swill in his overcoat pocket, threw water over him as he went down stairs, put pepper in his bed, made him sleep in an attic, kept in her bed an iron bar eight inches long and threatened him with it when he approached her, wouldn't do his washing, wouldn't mend his clothes, made him darn his socks and sew buttons on his clothes, made him darn his socks and sew buttons on his shirt, spat on his toast when he was getting his breakfast, rocked in a squeaky chair for hours at a time to annoy him, put grease on his Sunday clothes, wouldn't let him have a fire on the coldest nights, so that he often had to go bed at 7.00 o'clock p. m. keep warm, and finally, that she rubbed butcher knife over his neck once, and threatened to blow out his brains. The man should have the divorce, for it is evident even to the uninitiated that the woman was no gentleman!"

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