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Our Red Cross Per Cent 422.8.

ROBERTS COUNTY LEADS UNITED STATES IN THE CAMPAIGN

The recent big Red Cross Campaign was one of the most active campaigns ever staged in America. The leaders asked for ten million new members. That is not twenty five per cent of the people of the United States. But the quota for each county in this district was based on 25 per cent of the population joining. The 1910 Census was used to base the quota from. Our quota was 285, and we sent in 1205 members to the Christmas Campaign. Thus oversubscribing 422.8 per cent. Many of the Panhandle counties went 250 per cent, and every county in the Panhandle oversubscribed but two. We trust that these two will be given another week in which to redeem themselves. The Panhandle averaged 167 per cent of its quota.

This speaks volumns for the Panhandle, and also speaks volumns for Roberts County. It is reported that the Southwestern division of the campaign, comprising Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and New Mexico, leads the Union. Oklahoma and the Panhandle combined make a subdivision, and they are far in the lead of the division. The Panhandle lead Oklahoma by a big margin and Roberts county almost doubled anything in the Panhandle. Thus Roberts County is leading the United States in this campaign.

Congratulations have been pouring to Amarillo from all parts of the district, congratulating the district, and many of the managers ask if we were not enlisting Jack rabbits as members, swearing that the Panhandle did not have so many people. Nevertheless, a dollar each was sent in, and if a jack rabbit is willing to help the Red Cross, we say three cheers for a place that a rabbit can live in.

LIMITATION OF DIVERSIFICATION.

State Department of Agriculture, Austin, Texas:— This world war condition that we are engaged in is a problem not yet solved. Its continuation or date of termination is a guess with every one. What will be our economical condition in six months or a year from now, no one can tell. What will be the world condition when the war is over is conjecture. We should look as far forward as possible and take the most practical view of things we can figure out.

The farmer, merchant, banker, manufacturer, the industries and labor of all classes, will have the conditions to meet as they arise both before the war closes and after. While all should try to protect their business, they should realize the winning of the war is the fundamental factor of all business. That aside from caring for our business, those things that will aid in winning the war and keeping our business machinery in good shap to rebuild and replenish a depleted world should be considered. Naturally my thoughts along these lines are directed to the farm more than to other things. Not solely because I am more financially interested in Agricultural matters than in the other, but because Agriculture is the foundation of all. If it is guided wrong, the results will be adversely felt by all. If right, all will be benefitted and protected. The farms of the South have been permitted to wear, wash, and run down. Have been forced too near to a one-crop system because their main and dependable crop was sold far below a sustaining price. This condition has prevented diversification of crops

which is so necessary to the preservation of the soil.

My experience has been that I had about as soon let my land lay out, as to have it cultivated in a crop not suited to it or to the man cultivating it. There is hardly a farm in the older section or the South that has not got some portion (or all of it) that is not badly in need of renovation, and now seems to me to be a very opportune time from all angles to do so.

I noticed a few days ago, where Mr. B. K. Legett of Abilene advocated breaking up the land having Johnson grass on it, and letting the stock follow the plow. That they would eat the roots and do well on them. I wish to endorse his suggestion. I did it last year where I was trying to kill the grass. The stock soon learned to follow the plow and hunted for the roots, doing well on them. They will find enough of the roots where the grass is in patches, to aid materially in its extermination, while I am of the opinion it would be beneficial to a meadow. The feed from these roots can be made to help out the feed bill for all kinds of stock materially, where the farm is infested with the grass, thus turning a pest into profit. As freezing destroys the roots it should be grazed as plowed.

W. B. Yeary, Assistant to the Bureau of Markets.

DRIVE MANAGERS SAY NEWS-PAPERS WIN FOR CAUSE WEEKLIES AND SMALL DAILIES ENTITLED TO MUCH CREDIT FOR BIG START RECORDED.

That the co-operation of the weekly and smaller daily papers throughout the state has made possible the great success that attend the Christmas Red Cross membership drive is the unanimous opinion of the managers of the campaign.

For the last three weeks papers in all sections of the state have been devoting many columns, in some instances full pages, of their space, to reaching the attention of the public in behalf of the Red Cross membership campaign. Not all the papers are seen by the state managers of the drive, but many have been sent in, and they are, almost without exception, carrying full accounts of the preparations for the drive, of the merits of the cause, and editorial appeals for the people to give the cause unanimous support.

The opinion frequently is heard expressed that the newspapers of today does not exert the influence in its community that was the case a few years ago. The Red Cross Christmas membership campaign committee members are ready to dispute this opinion and point to the splendid results shown last week in support of their contention.

J. E. Philips, State Mgr.

H. HOOD ACCIDENTLY KILLED.

The sad news came to Miami this week of the death of an old time citizen of Roberts County. H. Hood who moved from Miami to Bay Side about three years ago, fell from a wagon load of baled hay, December 20th, and the wheel passed squarely over his body, killing him instantly. There was a man directing a head of him, and one immediately behind him, who rushed up as soon as possible, but he was dead before they could get to him.

The information also came that he had been troubled with heart failure, and in all probability, an attack struck him, causing him to fall from the wagon as the road was smooth where he fell off.

His remains were buried at Bay Side on December 21st.

Fred Webster came in yesterday and is visiting the Miami Websters.

Old Man Heare.

Austin Texas, Dec. 22, 1917.
Editor Miami Chief:

Dear Wag: Please tell the people that Old Man Heare has filed the charter of the Miami-Electra Oil and Gas Co., with the Secretary of State; also that a wire from Electra informs me that well No. 1 is down over 500 feet and still drilling nicely. Owing to La Grippe, neuralgia, toothache and a few minor complaints I have to lay off a few days for repairs.

Charlie came from Galveston yesterday to spend the Holidays with Clayton and Mrs. Heare. And they all are trying to cure my many ailments.

I gave my two college boys a one dollar bill yesterday to get me some eggs. The grocer delivered me ONE DOZEN POTATOES. Now I am peeved, and can readily understand why investigating committees are finding all sorts of "Mares Nests" at Austin. I leave this seat of learning (?) tomorrow for the Panhandle, where our people know eggs from potatoes and oranges from cabbage.

Wishing the best people on earth a sure enough good Xmas, I am still,
Old Man Heare.

DIVISION PUBLICITY OFFICE.

Experience of thousands of members of the National Army upon reporting for duty at Camp Travis has developed some "don'ts" that may be timely for the second contingent of men selected to serve their country, who will soon leave for training camps. The first one of those is an admonition against overloading with all kinds of personal effects. Some men have brought trunks, for which there is no room and no place. A suit case is the best thing in which to bring spare clothes and is a good thing to have here in which to keep clothes, whether you bring anything in it or not.

Don't overload with underwear, socks, shirts, etc. Uncle Sam issues underwear and socks and you must wear the kind issued, so that your other articles will have to be disposed of or returned to your home.

Don't wear your best clothes or even your good clothes to camp. It may be several days before your uniform can be issued to you and you will have fatigue duty to do in your good clothes. It is best to bring clothes you can give away to the Belgian Relief Society. Your civilian cannot be kept in camp and will have to be sold or sent to your home.

The same thing applies to your shoes. It is not bad however to have some light slippers or moccasins to slip on when you have taken off your marching shoes.

Three bath towels and as many face towels is more than enough. Don't bring a half dozen or more. They will be in your way. You will

be issued several towels by the Government.

Don't wear a good hat, or one that you want to keep.

It is well to bring your shaving and toilet articles. A soap box is almost necessary. An unbreakable mirror is desirable and will last a life time. Shoe brushes or rags will also be needed. A clothes brush would not be out of place, or a whisk broom. Get a "housewife" or some needles, Olive Drab thread and a few bachelors buttons for underwear, etc.

In bringing handkerchiefs the Olive Drab or bandana style give the best service, however a half dozen or more white handkerchiefs could be used.

One or two soft bosom shirts with cuffs attached can be used. They are worn with the uniform blouse together with a white standing collar or stock.

Bed clothes will not be needed. Blankets, bed sacks and quilts are issued by the Government. A small pillow can be purchased here at the camp exchange if desired.

The Government issues in addition to bedding summer and winter clothes overcoat, poncho or rain coat, sock, underwear, woolen shirts, hats, hat cord, belt, barrack bag or laundry bag, comb, brush, soap and towels shoes, one pair for dress and one pair for marching and drilling, gloves and leggings.

A mess kit is also issued which includes knives, forks and spoons, plates and drinking cup.

Practially everything desired can be purchased at slightly above cost price from Exchanges operated throughout the camp. The profits of these go to the funds of the various organizations in camp and are for their benefit entirely.

While armies are trained for destructive purposes, to be efficient as an agency of destruction, every army must have within itself powerful agencies of conservation. The medical corps of Camp Travis is right now engaged in just as hard a combat against disease spreading at that camp, as the soldiers themselves will engage in the future to spread the gospel of freedom.

Every known agency of science is being called into action to preserve and conserve the physical well being of the soldiers. Examinations by skilled physicians are a daily occurrence of whole commands. In order to fight respiratory diseases every throat in Camp Travis is to be sprayed with prophylactics with considerable frequency. In the army, as in civil life, disease, despite every precaution still finds lodgment. But no general in Europe is more alert to defeat his particular enemy, than is Col. Halloran, division surgeon of the 90th division, to prevent his particular enemy-sickness-obtaining a foothold in Camp Travis.

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armies raised by this country. They are being led by trained officers. Recently 48 new officers reached the camp, after completing three months of intensive training conducted to the 10th degree. Leon Springs sent 200 of these, Indianapolis camp sent 136 and Fort Niagara camp sent 250. In former days it was customary for each unit to enter the battle area with new officers. In this fight commercial practice, as it were, are followed. When the "stock" run low, instead of creating a new organization, the "stock" will be replenished, without substituting new and inexperienced leaders for those who have had experience. In no calling is the demands for efficiency as high as in the army and in no calling is the cost of failure so great. In the army, as in all walks of life there is no royal road to learning and those who have won commissions in the new army are men who have given proof of their capacity for leadership.

Private first class Alert P. Murry, Company "B", 315th Field Signal Battalion, Camp Travis, Texas has been promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

LOCKE BROS. ENTERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Locke Bros entertained their employees last evening at the Survant Hotel with a big supper. All employees and families were invited out, numbering between thirty and forty, and Mr and Mrs. Graham served a supper that would make anyone happy. There were so many in the bunch that we could not count them, but we know they were all happy to know that they were working for a firm that remembered them so well.

We were present and took a few dots on the game they played of eating. Among the most notable events of the supper were as follows: Logan Coffee was self appointed toastmaster, and his first request was, "The crowd will now talk, all in unison, while I eat." And he tried to make it stick. Clarence Lyons is the Chief mechanic, and naturally took the lead in everything that was passed around, doing more showing than telling, how to eat. The boys at the Garage call John Van the "Bumper" at the Garage. (The fellow who takes charge of a rough house) John appeared to think everything on the table was trying to pull a wild West stunt. Ernest Black, the co-workers acknowledge, can accomplish more in less time than any one on the works. He still has that reputation. Rufus Sewell, nic-named "Fatty"

and "Stubby" by the boys readily revealed why his manly form is so fat and short. He eats so much it holds him down, and he can't grow any taller. Herman Suttles, did not need to tell the crowd that his wife was away a few weeks and he was batching. A fellow who had ate anything in the past ten days would not have attempted a whole half of a supper for forty. There was only one part of the function unexplained, and that was why Joe Kubik acted so delicate about eating. A suggestion on this is that his wife is the largest, and knowing his wackness, (Not knowing when to stop eating) she prepared a good supper at 5 p. m. and made him eat a full days rations. So Joe did pretty nice. He ate just as much as any of the rest, but not any more. We could tell a few things on the ladies, but you know it is an unforgivable breach of etiquette. Anyhow we have heard several of the men say they had had nothing to eat since the supper.

The Survant Hotel has the reputation of being one of the best eating places in the Panhandle, and the people eating supper there last night are ready to state that it is the best in the state.



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—By Ebmund Vance Cooke.

THE NEW YEAR IS DRAWING.

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L. G. Waggoner, Editor and Owner. Miami Texas. Thursday December 27th, 1917.

Eari Gough, Publisher of the Hartford Brand sold his interest in the paper last week and entered the service of Uncle Sam.

Horse meat is now on sale in some of the meat markets of the United States. It is selling at about ten cents per pound less than beef.

The question is discussed daily by the people as to why Japan does not enter the war with some men in the field. There surely is some good reason for this.

Prohibition possibly gained the greatest victory it ever won in the United States when Congress passed the prohibition bill. The matter now rests with the states.

Start the New Year with a resolution to purchase Thrift Stamps. Get every member of your family to saving. The Thrift Stamps are a splendid lesson to begin learning to save on.

Millions of the American people have never appreciated the free country they have been living in. They have never stopped to think, until it began to show up that we were in danger of losing our freedom.

There is one great consolation about this war, and that is that America and her Allies are growing stronger all the time, while undoubtedly Germany is growing weaker.

There is now a question unanswered so far as we can let regarding the credits the war department allow for enlisted men from the various counties.

We can now more fully appreciate the "made in America" slogan.

Latest information on the income tax states that an income tax collector will be sent to practically every county seat town, and there remain a few days to help people make out their reports.

The United States Food Administration states that the people are not living up to their pledge card. Millions of people signed the card and only a few of them are living up to it.

Stomach Trouble and Constipation. Those who are afflicted with stomach trouble and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets."

Truly—What's the use of money, anyway, unless we win this war?

Keep Yourself Up to Scratch
Fortify Your System Before it is Weakened by Ills

Don't wait until you are actually sick to take a laxative, you know "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Central Drug Store

CORDELIA'S CASE

By DOROTHY DOUGLAS.

"It is a pity he isn't married," Doctor Fraser said as he tossed the letter he had received over to his wife.

"Oh, isn't that fine!" his wife cried joyfully. She knew just how desperately her husband needed a few weeks' change.

Cordelia Mayborn is the only girl round here—but she's always so contentedly healthy. She hasn't called in a doctor for ten years.

When she peered cautiously through the curtains upon hearing the small motor purring at the curb, Cordelia was looking like nothing so much as a glowing, fragrant, healthy rose when Doctor Nevin entered.

"Don't do that again," he commanded swiftly. Cordelia delighted at the lash in his eyes and the tightly closed jaw.

It was two days after this experience that the doctor, calling upon the next door neighbor of Cordelia, rubbed his eyes as if he were dreaming.

"Oh, I thought this was your day at the hospital!" She flashed a swift smile at him. The game was up she knew.

A slow smile dawned in his eyes, and he kept them steadily on Cordelia.

"In what way?" Cordelia's eyes were not without the fire of jealousy.

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Merry Christmas




BY WILLIS BROOKS

Christmas Riddance
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OUR village paper had issued a very creditable Christmas edition. I was looking over the news section by the front window. My wife sat near, absorbed in the story part. "What's that?" she asked, listening. She was always on the lookout for more eggs. What she heard certainly did sound like a hen announcing the arrival of one-twelfth of a dozen. "That," I answered, "is Ezra Barabable in a state of amusement."
We looked through the window, and sure enough, here he came down the street, an expansive smile illuminating his moonlike face.
"What on earth can the man be laughing so about all alone?" my wife wanted to know. She was that way—never content to let a man be happy unless she knew the reason why.
So I went to the door and sang out to Ezra, "Isn't it kind of stingy to enjoy it all by yourself?"
When he had unwound the wool tip-peg from his neck and taken the rocking chair which the missis had set before the fireplace for him he leaned back and cut gashes in the atmosphere with another flourish of his sharp exclamations. "I've heard o' Santa Claus playin' tricks before now," said he, "but I don't guess he ain't never played none no funnier than this."
"It was like this: Three, four days ago my boy Chet come home with a rabbit—one o' them big white critters with the pink eyes—that he'd swapped off one o' his mittens to the one armed Mayhew boy fer. When he come in, fuzzi'd the thing in his arms, his ma ast him whose it was, an' he said it was his'n an' its name was Jimmy an' Eddie Mayhew give it to him."
"Them Mayhew boys ain't givin' nothin' away fer nothin'," says she. "What'd you give him fer it?"
"Chet knowed he was cornered, so he owned up that he'd give Eddie one o' his wool mittens. 'I don't never wear but one much anyhow,' says he, 'an', besides, Eddie's a poor, one armed boy, an' his hand was cold, an' it was comin' Christmasus.'"
"I seen the look in his ma's eye, an' I felt sorry fer Chet, so I says, 'Chet,' says I, severe-like, 'you come to the barn along of me, I'll be goin' to lick him.'"
"That satisfied his ma. So Chet an' I went to the barn an' made a box to keep the rabbit in. I knowed the thing'd freeze to death if he kep' it anywhere but in the house, an' I knowed his ma wouldn't listen to his doin' that, so I puts him up to gittin' rid of it by invitin' his Cousin Artie over fer Christmas an' givin' it to him fer a Christmas present."
"Artie, you know," Ezra explained, "is my wife's brother's boy. You remember my wife's brother, Dan Baker, yer in Center township, the one that led an' left a widder with eight children?"
"Wal, when Chet told his ma what he was goin' to do she said he could keep the rabbit in the attic till Christmas an' not a minute longer. So he rit to Artie, an' this mornin' bright an' early here comes the hull family—Ezra, the kids an' the hull eight children. "Chet, he hadn't even got up yet, but rousted him out, an' when he come down he toll Artie about the Jimmy rabbit he was goin' to give him. Then Ezra Baker chips in an' says she never sows one o' her children to accept presents unless all the others gits the same thing. 'It makes the others jealous,' says she, 'an' creates dissensions.' "I seen trouble comin' to Chet in Ezra's first one way to settle this thing. You know, if you give a rabbit a little puff on the back of his neck he never paws what hit him. So I sneaks up to the attic, but ole Santa Claus had put there ahead o' me."
Ezra rocked back and let out a few staccato notes of meritment.
"What had happened?" my wife asked.
"Wait 'till I tell you," said Ezra, "I tolled Chet to come up quick, an' he come a-runnin'. 'Look here,' says I to him, 'you give the eight little ones to the children an' the old one to Miz' Baker. If you do it nice she can't fuse 'em, specially when the little bitts needs the services of Jimmy fer awhile yet.' So Chet he lugged the hull box o' rabbits downstairs an' made ez a eloquent presentin' speech that ez widder couldn't do nothin' but thank him an' take the hull mess home with her."

Christmas Gifts

THE joy that's born of Christmas gifts is not within themselves Or you or I could pick our joys from any merchant's shelves than ever I could give, And though no friend should come your way contented you could live. Yet some poor trinket rich becomes and treasure to the end Because it is the symbol of a true and loyal friend.

The thing is nothing as it lies upon a merchant's shelf, And scarce a thought you'd give to it for what it is itself. There may be thousands like it round about you everywhere, But let a friend bring it to you and straightway it is rare. For something of that friend into his simple gift is wrought And it becomes a precious thing—a token of a thought.

We are a sentimental clan, we fight and strive for gold, Yet treasures which we closest guard are never bought or sold; The things we value most are not the gems our money buys, But all those sweet and lovely things that memory bids us prize. The faded slippers of a babe not in themselves are dear, But in the thoughts they bring to us of one no longer here. And so it is with Christmas gifts, 'tis friends who make them rare, The trifle that with love is rich has worth beyond compare; The moment that it passes from some friendly hand to you It has assumed a value that before it never knew. And what was common in itself is now beyond all price Because it represents to you some good friend's sacrifice.

The Christmas Rose.

IT was in Ireland I heard the beautiful legend of the Christmas rose, says a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger. When the great night came and the dark skies were suddenly illuminated with the lights of heaven the shepherds, gathered together their offering, went with haste to find him who had come to be the Light of the world. Great rough men, full of simple faith, they were, and each carried a little lamb in his arms to lay at the feet of the Good Shepherd. But among them was one we had who had no gift.
All his life long he had heard of the Messiah who was to come. The earth was full of rumors that the time was near at hand, and lying out on the hillside under the deep blue sky he had dreamed dreams of that day, picturing himself close to him in many roles. And now that the moment was come he raced along, his tiny legs finding it hard work to keep up with the swift, strong stride of the men.
So full of excitement was he that no thought of self entered into his mind. But as he came to the cave, saw the bright star shining above and heard the songs of the angels he noticed his empty hands.
How could he go into the presence of the newborn King when he had nothing to lay at his feet, he who would so willingly lay down his very life for him! He crept close to the opening, and, kneeling down in the cold white snow, he wept as though his little heart would break.
And, lo, the warm tears melted away the hard snow, and from beneath there sprang up the first Christmas rose, the fruit of a little boy's love for the Christ Child!

The Good Old Customs.
By all means, so long as they will endure, let us cling to the old customs. Up with the holly, the box and the bay, set the plum pudding ablaze, light the Christmas tree, scatter greetings broadcast through the land, ring out wild bells to the wide sky and give encouragement to the carol singers. Christmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it makes us all kin and more or less kind. It is a truly happy festival, the time when we best understand what home means, the children's feast, when the old grow young again. A happy Christmas, then, to all.

Christmas Carols at Nantucket.
The custom of singing Christmas carols in the streets still obtains at Nantucket. Every Christmas eve the school children march through the old cobbled streets of the town and sing their songs.
All the ancient houses are illuminated with candles in the windows, and the children always stop and serenade their favorites. It is very pretty to hear them, and they never forget to sing for what they call the "shut ins"—the folks who are ill and unable to get out and join the festivities.

What Have You Got For Me, SANTA CLAUS?



Christmas Greens.

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

Christmas Means Love.

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

The Spirit Of Giving

AT Christmas tide, O be thou tender, true; Thy friends make glad and all thy foes forgive; With its sweet light begin to live anew. Ungrudgingly give, and giving, much receive.

Make thy glad life grow large, thy soul expand; Let there be one full day within the year When love shall open wide thy waiting hand To lessen want and dry some bitter tear.

Souls are there many, heavy laden, sore, And eyes that weep and hearts that often bleed. And aqualor knocking, tattered, at thy door, And cold and hunger crying in their need.

Give wisely, freely, of thy bounty give, And, most of all, do not forget, give love; Since giving is the truest way to live, And richest treasure laying up above.

Make glad thy home, let sunshine reign within; Bless every hearthstone with thy largest fair; Share with pale want thine overflowing bin, By kindness save some brother from despair.

Be saviors, O my brothers, every one! Let the true Christ in your own soul be born; Thus thou canst be God's well beloved son And make each dawn a joyous Christmas morn! —Minneapolis Journal.

A Really Truly Christmas Tree

BY CHARLES S. PEASE

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O f course you want to know at once how a Christmas tree can be any more real than the one you had last year, so I shall explain that the tree Ralph and Rhoda had by accident one winter was rooted in the ground in the Lake Superior woods.
First you must be told that the town children up there had the good times in both summer and winter, but the miners' boys and girls had the hard times all the year around, and that's the reason why mother said to Ralph and Rhoda the day before Christmas: "I don't see how you two are going to have a happy holiday when the children up at the mines do not expect to have any tree at all. How would you like to go up the mountain and take them a lot of presents and things? You can get back before dark. I will telephone the mine captain that you are coming."
"Just the very thing," said the children. And away they went soon after with a sled loaded with everything you can think of for a jolly Christmas, just lots of gifts and royal trimmings for a tree.
They were making good time along the mountain side when Rhoda stumbled over a root.
When she tried to stand up again her ankle would not work.
Of course Rhoda would not hear of leaving the miners' children's "Christmas" in the snow and coasting back home. So Ralph went back to the Halfway store for some help, but the place was locked and barred. Before they decided on what to do next a flock of the mine children came racing down the road. It seemed as though the telephone message had emptied the settlement of youngsters.
"We've come to help take the 'Christmas' up the mountain. It's a hard pull farther along," they explained.
When they found that Rhoda was hurt they wanted to take her home, but she wouldn't listen to a word of it. "I'm going right up to see that tree properly trimmed and hung with these things," announced that young lady and, being of the sturdy and determined kind, tried to forget the pain.
So the swiftest runners of the mine boys started back to get a sled to carry Rhoda to the summit.
Before the ambulance corps could return, down came one of those howling blizzards so dreaded in the rough northern country, and there was nothing for it but to retreat and take refuge in the Halfway store. This old log house proved a hard nut to crack, but Ralph finally managed to get in through a rear window and soon had a roaring fire going in the big stove. The plucky lads got back from the mountain, and everybody thanked his lucky stars to be safe and warm. Outside the storm roared and the trees bent low in the gale. All the evening Rhoda stood the ache bravely and said it was nothing, but Mary Martha Murphy knew better. When all was quiet she brought a pail of water so hot that Rhoda squealed when her nurse put the swollen ankle into it, and these two girls, one who had a lovely home and rich furs and many other fine things and the little poor girl with a warm Irish heart, sat up till "all hours."
During the night the storm turned to rain and then it became cold, so very cold that the forest was covered with an icy coat. In the morning the blizzard drifts were many feet deep.
So the only thing to be done was to wait till a rescue party came out for them with shovels and horses and snowplows. And then a great thought occurred to Rhoda.
A giant hemlock tree stood right in front of the store, in a place swept clear by the wind—that is, it had been a hemlock before it became one great, dazzling emerald with pearly icicles hanging all over it.
When night came, clear and perfectly still and inky black, the rescue party found a celebration going on the like of which had never been known. The children had taken hundreds of miners' candles from the store and had wired them all over the hemlock. All the presents and the gift ropes and the other ornaments had been hung about the branches, and the candles lighted.
Rhoda, half smothered in furs and tucked up on a high seat, was mistress of ceremonies, while a ring of singing, dancing children circled around the tree, and in the background, all about the dense forest, shot back millions of sparks of light.

Test Your Gifts.

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

The second, a Christmas gift should be in keeping with one's purse—unstentation.

A Christmas gift should display good taste—carefulness.

A Christmas gift should confer a real benefit—thoughtfulness.

A Christmas gift should produce unfeigned pleasure—interest.

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

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

A Christmas gift should, as long as it lasts, give as much delight as on Christmas morning—quality.

A Christmas gift should be something you yourself would be glad to possess—sincerity.

A Christmas gift should be something you have selected, not something picked up by chance—heartiness.

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

All the Year Round.
Christmas comes all the year. Christmas is giving.
Christmas is losing one's life and finding it again in the heart of another. Wherever we find good will, humanity, fellow feeling, there we find a heart celebrating Christmas. The most delicate pleasures of Christmas spring from the gifts we make to others, from the happiness we can impart to others, from the abandonment of ourselves to another's joy.
The more utterly we lose ourselves in the lives of others the more we are keeping Christmas. The losing of our own life, to find it in another, is forever the Christmas token. It was of this the herald angels sang.
It was this the good shepherds worshipped.
And this is the best way of spending Christmas.

Origin of the Carol.
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.
Such was the first carol, sung by the holy angels amid the thrilling scene so vividly described by the evangelist. This song is happily used in the communion service as the opening of "Gloria In Excelsis Deo." The word carol seems to be derived from the Italian verb carolare—to sing—implying a joy song, an outburst of exuberance. In the time of Chaucer, who died in 1400, this word usually meant simultaneous dancing and singing. Gradually its secular origin was beclouded, and nowadays a carol generally means a Christmas song of thanksgiving, though there were formerly not only Easter carols, but also winter and even summer carols.—Living Church.

Christmas FUN

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

Risky.
"I'd like to give my wife fifty dollars for Christmas."
"Well, why not?"
"I ain't certain that I could coax it away from her again."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Sign of Age.
"Just when does a woman grow old?"
"When she ceases to regard the hanging of the mistletoe as an event."—Buffalo Express.

All He Remembered.
The Preacher—And did you remember the poor on Christmas? Little Albert—No. I didn't remember nothin' much, except about pa catchin' me with my hand in the box where ma had the raisins hid.

Up-to-Date Xmas Maxims.
Never look a Christmas gift in the price tag.
There is nothing so rare as a present you wanted.
A ton of coal is rather to be chosen than gaudy jewels.
Beware of mistletoe; it grows on the border of matrimonial jungles.
Better broken toy drums than broken car drums.
Christmas spirit seldom intoxicates, but it generally bankrupts.
Christmas belles manage to ring in quite a few gifts.
Just now the most popular book seems to be the pocketbook.
Never put a gift cigar in the mouth.
Christmas gifts are somewhat like babies—you can't always get what you want, but wisely be contented with what comes.—New York American.

Good Old Soul.
"Why haven't you gone," they asked him,
"To your snowy mountain ranges?"
"I'm waiting," said Santa Claus, "to make
The regular exchanges."

Christmas Anticipation.
"I don't believe the approach of Christmas brings you a single joyous anticipation," said the sweet young thing.
"Don't eh?" replied the savage bachelor. "Listen to my secret. That youngster on the third floor is sure to get a tin trumpet for a present."
"Yes."
"Then he will get careless and leave it on the hall floor. And then I shall step on it with both feet. Don't you call that a joyous anticipation?"

A Long List.
Parke—Have you decided what to give your wife for Christmas? Lane—Not yet. There are so many things I can't afford.—Judge.

The Canny Scot at Yule.
A commercial traveler had taken a large order in Scotland for a consignment of hardware and endeavored to press upon the canny Scottish manager who had given the order a Christmas gift of a box of Havana cigars.
"Nav," he replied, "Don't try to bribe a man. I cudna tak them, and I am a member of the kirk."
"But will you not accept them as a Christmas present?"
"I cudna," said the Scot.
"Well, then," said the traveler, "suppose I sell you the cigars for a merely nominal sum—say, sixpence?"
"Weel, in that case," replied the Scot, "since you press me, and, not liking to refuse an offer well meant, I think I'll be taking two boxes."

Some Army Figures

On the last Saturday in November an event of great military importance occurred in Seattle. A ship was launched, a big 8,800 ton merchant ship of standardized steel construction, with a speed of 11 knots an hour. It was finished just seventy-eight days after the laying of the keel, and was the first ship to be completed on a contract let by the Government's Emergency Fleet Corporation.

It—or she—is only one of 45 vessels of exactly her size that are under contract. In comparison with the new U. S. S. Leviathan an 8800 ton ship is small, yet some 450 freight cars must be emptied into her before she is loaded, and 450 freight cars make a train about three miles and a half long.

In the preceding three weeks of November thirteen other new ships were completed for the Corporation. They ranged in size from 2,900 to 10,475 tons. They were a few of the ships being built in American yards on private account that were commandeered on August 4th for the government.

Altogether 426 ships have been commandeered in order that work on them might be hastened. Of these, thirty-three have been finished. They are full size ships averaging 7,800 tons.

Most of the commandeered ships are in an advanced stage of construction. Scarcely a day passes that does not see at least one of them added to the shipping resources of the Allies.

The first of the 375 wooden ships contracted for by the fleet corporation was only a few days behind the first of the steel ships in taking the water.

As soon as a ship is finished the fleet corporation turns it over to the parent organization, the Shipping Board. The fleet corporation is simply the construction agency of the Board. It does not build ships itself, but draws plans, lets contracts and watches and hastens construction. When it has done its work, the Board takes control of the completed ship. Many ships are turned over to the Navy or to Army. Other go to the Italian and the French government, to transport much needed munitions and supplies to their troops. Other ships are entrusted to private shipping companies, to be operated by them under an arrangement assuring excess profits to the Board.

The billion dollar steel trust is no longer the biggest business. The Shipping Board is bigger. Congress has authorized it to spend \$1,800,000,000. The Pennsylvania Railroad is worth less than half as much.

Besides the 426 ships it has commandeered, the Board is building, through its Fleet Corporation, 884 ships on its own contracts. Of these, 551 are of steel construction, 375 of wood, and 58 composite. In four months ending March 1, 1918, the Fleet Corporation expects to complete 1,000,000 tons of shipping ship that is as great a tonnage as the Hamburg American Line possessed the year before the war, and the Hamburg American Line was the wonder of the shipping world. The total program of the Corporation calls for 1409 ships, of a deadweight tonnage of 8,363,808, all to be completed by January 1st, 1919.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS. To The Sheriff or any Constable of Roberts County.

Greeting: Robert G. Wright, administrator of the estate of R. W. Wright, deceased, having filed in county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said R. W. Wright, deceased, together with an application to be dis-

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charged from said administration, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Roberts you give notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the January Term, 1918, when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the County Court of Roberts County. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office, in the City of Miami, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.

M. M. Craig, Jr. Clerk County Court of Roberts County. A true copy, I certify: O. B. Hardin, Sheriff Roberts County.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Roberts County.

Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon T. J. Reeves by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 31st Judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in the said 31st, Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 31st, Judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District of Roberts County, to be held at the Courthouse thereof in Miami, Roberts County, Texas, on the second Monday in February, 1918, the same being the 11th day of February, 1918, then and there answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of November, 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 538.

Wherein Thos. Cook is plaintiff and T. J. Reeves is defendant, said petition alleging: 1st: That heretofore to wit on the 1st day of October 1911 defendant made, executed and delivered to plaintiff his three several promissory vendors lei notes for the sum of \$600.00 each, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and due one year, eighteen months and two years after date respectively payable to the order of Thos. Cook, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date until paid and providing that all past due interest on each note shall bear interest from the maturity thereof until paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until paid and stipulating for 10 per cent on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorneys fees in case suit is brought on same or if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, whereby defendant became bound and liable to pay and promised to pay plaintiff the sum of money in said notes specified together with all interest and attorneys fees due thereon

according to the tenor and effect thereof.

2nd: That said notes were given for a part of the purchase money of the following described real estate and premises situated in the County of Roberts and State of Texas to wit: The south 1-2 of section No. 200, Block No. 42, Abstract No. 759 and containing 320 acres; that said property was heretofore to wit: on the 1st day of October 1911, conveyed by plaintiff to defendant by his deed of writing of that date in consideration among other things of the three notes herein described and that in said deed of conveyance a lien was reserved thereon to secure the payment of said notes; that each of said notes are due and unpaid and defendant though often requested has failed and refused to pay said notes, each or either of them, or any part thereof, but the same remains still due and unpaid. That said notes have been placed in the hands of Coffee and Holmes attorneys for collection and plaintiff has contracted to pay them the 10 per cent attorneys fees stipulated therein which amount is a reasonable compensation for their services.

3rd. Plaintiff says that before the last of said notes were due, to-wit: on or about the 20th day of July 1913 the foreclosure of his lien on the above described land and premises the said defendant removed from the State of Texas to the State of Oklahoma and from there to Canada and has at all times been since said notes became due without the limits of the State of Texas so that the statute of limitations has not run against said notes.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, that he have judgement for his debt, interest, attorneys fees and costs of suit and for and the same be decreed to be sold according to law, that the sheriff or other officer executing said order of sale shall place the purchaser of said property sold under order of sale in possession thereof within thirty days after the day of sale and for such other and further relief special and general in law and in equity that he may be justly entitled to.

Coffee and Holmes, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Herein fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the District Court, of Roberts County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the City of Miami, this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1917.

M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the District Court of Roberts County.

Issued this 30th day of November, A. D. 1917.

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Will Carter and family caught Saturday from Texas City where they have been the past few months.

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Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Roby left last week for Davidson Oklahoma for a few days visit.

C. B. and W. T. Hammond was in Miami last week looking after cattle and land interests.

Miss Lula Byrd went to Panhandle Friday to spend Xmas with her parents.

Miss Virgie Dyer came in Saturday from Pecos where she is teaching in the Public School. She will spend the Holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAfee who are living on the McAfee ranch in Gray County spent Christmas at the A. B. McAfee home in Miami.

Word was received from Bay Side this week that Fred Cook, preparing to go into training in one of the army cantonments, started to crank an automobile which back fired and broke his arm.

Mrs. Barcus received the sad news Saturday that one of her brothers died that day at Post City. She went down Saturday night.

Christmas day in Miami the Chief family enjoyed one of the finest days it has ever been our pleasure to spend. The day was spent with Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Newman at their most pleasant home. Mrs. Newman prepared a dinner second to none, with a big fat, well cooked turkey as the main decoration, surrounded with more palatable trimming than is usually placed on a graduating gown. The table was so well loaded, that the two families could not eat all at one meal, and under Hooverism our patriotic appetites naturally demanded that we stay for supper, which we did. The Chief family number the Newman family among their very best friends and we are indebted to them for a very happy Christmas.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Miami-Electra Oil Company was held yesterday afternoon. They voted to raise the Capital stock of the Company from \$30,000 to \$40,000 and now have \$10,000 additional stock for sale. About half of this has been sold. A report was read on the first well, stating that it was near 600 feet deep, and had had three showings for oil, and prospects were good that they would get paying sand at 700 feet. A drill will be started on their second lease this week, and they will soon have two tests made.

David Pulaski of Ochiltree was a visitor first of the week at the Pulaski home in Miami.

Henry Ball came in last night from Mineral Wells and is visiting Miami friends today.

Kivlehen and Pulaski have charge of the City Barber shop since Herbert Harrah left them.

Windom Allen left last night to report back to Camp Bowie. Windom intensely enjoyed the three days he visited with the Miami people, and needless to say, his friends enjoyed visiting with him.

W. S. Paris renewed for the Chief and Dallas News last week.

Prof. Lloyd Cole of the Miami Public school left last week for Oklahoma City where he underwent an operation for appendicitis first of this week. Mrs. W. A. Dyer will take his place in the Public School until he is able to return.

Miss Helen Baird came in Friday from Denton where she has been attending the C. I. A. She will remain home for the Holidays.

Misses Nina and Tinnie Severson are home from Lindsboro for the Holidays.

Teachers Institute of Roberts county are in session this week. They begin yesterday and will continue until next Monday.

The Miami Chapter, A. F. & A. M. held a big class meeting Friday of last week and initiated several new members. Several from Pampa were down.

Miss Zella George returned Saturday from Dallas where she has been in school.

Olliver Elliott and Emmett Gatlin came in Saturday from Roswell, N. M., where they have been attending the N. M. M. I. They will remain home for the Holidays.

J. W. Harrah has traded his Miami property for the Tolbert section of land in the Washita, and his son Herbert will move to it this week.

Jimmie Kivlehen came in last week from Austin where he is attending school.

John Wisley of Slaton spent Sunday with his mother near Mobeetie, and also visited at the Jim Johnston home in Miami.

Judge and Mrs. C. Coffee came in Saturday from Mineral Wells where they spent the past two months.

John Cousineau of Plainview, Fred Cousineau of Tatum and Dick Cousineau were here last week visiting their sister, Mrs. Jim Johnston. They returned home with her from the funeral services of their brother there last week.

Miss Ila Murph left Monday for Troupe where she will spend a week with relatives.

J. E. Martin came in Tuesday from Camp Bowie and will spend a few days with home folks and friends.

W. E. Lutz went to Ft. Worth first of the week where he will visit his mother a few days.

Miss Mattie Elliott is spending this week with homefolks at Mobeetie.

Adrian Tolbert is over this week from Moore County, visiting his brother Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. Weimer Tolbert of Ochiltree county have been visitors this week at the parental A. B. McAfee home.

Bob Higgins and family of Cheyenne Oklahoma are here this week visiting the Wells and Osborne families.

John H. Osborne of White Deer visited the Miami Osbornes Monday.

Miss Sadie Elliott of White Deer is visiting the Misses Websters this week.

Judge B. M. Baker of Canadian was in our city yesterday on business.

JUNIOR CLASS.

December 30th at 3: o'clock.

Song.

Roll call, Minutes, Business.

Subject, Chinas call.

Scripture reading, Acts 16: 7-15.

by leader, Clarence Huber.

Prayer.

Song.

God hears our calls Psa. 40: 1-4.

Harry Kelley.

Gods Leads Psa. 43: 3-5 Elvria Kinney.

God provides Psa. 78: 23-25.

Audrey Cooper.

God a shield Psa. 84: 9-12, Carry Alred.

Mission in Chien, Claudia Everly.

Song.

China republic or Empire, Ada Coffee.

Interior China, Beth Mathers.

Song.

Benediction.

CARD OF THANKS, TO Dr. and Mrs. Kelley, and the others good Miami people who sent the floral decorations and offered so much consolation, during our recent bereavement, we wish to extend special thanks. Your deeds of kindness will be long remembered.

Mrs. Jim Johnston and Brothers.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

Next Sunday being the fifth Sunday there will be preaching at the Presbyterian church and all are invited to attend. Especially is it urged that all members of the congregation attend as we are anxious to give you something of interest about our own work at large.

Chas. E. Pitts, Pastor.

COUNTYLINE COUNTS.

Mrs. McCauley spent a few days in McLean last week.

The Misses Christophers and the Messrs Russells took Xmas dinner with Mable Christopher.

Allison Hise and Miss Zoia Alexander were motoring in our neighborhood Sunday evening.

J. W. Moore spent Xmas with their son John.

Charley Thompson, formerly of Gordon Ranch left Saturday for Dallas to report for Naval training.

Grace and Marguerite Christopher called at the G. C. Springer home Xmas eveing.

Cleve Clowers of Ochiltree is visiting his sister at the Ernest Gordon home.

Misses Ima and Gladys Moore spent Sunday evening with Inas Russell.

G. C. Springer and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sunday Evening.

Misses Gertrude and Georgia Robertson spent Christmas with their Grandmother in Miami.

J. H. Mann is moving to Donley County this week.

Miss Texas Heare is spending Christmas at the parental Heare home.

Miss Dessie Moore is home from the North Plains this week.

W. A. Robertson and family spent Christmas in Amarillo.

Will and Frank Russell attended church at Laketon Sunday evening returning home the near way.

J. R. Cox and family spent Xmas at the parental Cox home in Clarendon.

Ike Heare was hunting Sauty in Miami Saturday.

GREETINGS

We wish all our customers all the greetings of the season. Wish to thank them for the splendid patronage given us the past. May the New Year bring you much happiness and prosperity.



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"CONTRABAND"

By RANDALL PARRISH

A War Sea Story Abounding in Adventure and High Romance

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CHAPTER XXII.—Continued.

I know not what time passed as I held her in my arms, and whispered these words repressed so long. Almost had I forgotten where we were, the nature of our surroundings, the fate which threatened us. I could remember only her, the velvety touch of her flesh, the welcoming light of love in her eyes. I know not what we talked about, conscious only of the joy of being alone together, with every barrier between us swept away forever. The sunshine poured in through the open port, touching her hair with threads of golden light, and leaving a bar of brilliance across the stateroom deck.

Yet I imagine the respite was not long. There came a sharp rap upon the wood of the door, bringing us instantly back to a realization of our position. Her arms released me, and I arose to my feet.

"What is wanted?"

"It's a few minutes till noon, sir," said a voice I failed to recognize. "And I'm to tell you to come on deck."

"Quite right, my man, I'll be there in a moment. Stand by to carry the instruments."

"Aye, aye, sir."

There was a certain cheerfulness and respect in the voice, which convinced me that the fellow was not among the ringleaders, but the hope of making him an adherent to our cause vanished when I opened the door, and recognized Dade. The man was too weak, too much of a jellyfish, to render his friendship of any particular value. Besides Dugan was also in the cabin, leaning idly against the stair-rail, but quite as evidently on guard. I nodded to him, but he only condescended to stare in return, and the look in his eyes convinced me that he had not yet forgiven the rough treatment accorded him a few hours before. The memory made me smile.

"I've seen you when you looked happier, Dugan," I said carelessly, "but I imagine you have nothing on Jim White."

"To h—l with yer," he growled savagely. "If I had my way ye'd have no tongue left to get smart with. Get along now after yer things."

Dade followed me into the captain's stateroom. He was obedient enough, but reluctant to talk, no doubt afraid of being overheard by Dugan.

The conspirators were grouped on the after deck waiting my arrival, and I followed Dade up the ladder, determined they should perceive no change in my demeanor, which might awaken suspicion. McCann's manner was far from cordial as I approached, but I thought it best to ignore his churlishness.

"You were long enough coming; perhaps you still think yourself in command?" he said savagely.

"That would indeed be a stretch of the imagination," I replied, holding my temper, and motioning Dade where to place the sextant. "However, I do not think I have wasted my time—it is still two minutes of twelve."

He growled something, but I busied myself with the observation, only anxious to make it accurate enough for my own use. Whatever figures I reported, it was absolutely necessary that I know myself the exact position of the ship. Nor did I dare to juggle them greatly in my report, for while McCann was far from being an expert navigator, he yet possessed a smattering of knowledge, which rendered him dangerous, and he was very sure to check up my figures with every care possible. However, I fooled him by a point or two, sufficient for my purpose, and wrote down the result on the back of an old envelope, while stowing away the correct figures in my own brain.

Although the air was balmy enough, the wind from the southwest almost directly in our teeth, yet there was a look of the north about both sea and sky, which would have convinced me that we were approaching higher latitudes without the aid of my observation. Without being able to explain the phenomenon the seaman instinctively recognizes northern waters. Now, as my eyes swept the wide circle of the horizon, vainly seeking the gleam of some distant sail, the heavy expanse of water, the overarching sky were almost alike in color—a cold, repellent blue, misting into gray afar off, as though particles of fog filled the atmosphere. Indeed it was this which interested me the most, this vague evidence of floating vapor, for I knew enough of these seas to suspect that this might prove the forerunner of storm, already preparing to sweep down upon us out of the more

northern mystery. Others must have noted the evidence also, for Liverpool crossed the deck to where I stood, leaving McCann with the chart in his hands.

"What do yer think o' that sorter mist out yonder?" he asked, indicating the distance by a sweep of the hands, and striving to make his gruff voice sound friendly.

"It may mean nothing," I answered civilly enough. "I have never sailed these waters, but my guess would be that there is a storm brewing to the north of us. What does the barometer say?"

"A slight drop in the last two hours; nothin' much yet, but it don't look good to me."

McCann joined us, the chart still half open.

"There seems to be plenty of harbors along this Newfoundland coast line," he said. "Do you know what they are like?"

"Only what the map says. The whole coast is rugged and rocky, dangerous for any vessel larger than a fishing schooner. There are government mail boats calling at those smaller towns during the summer months."

"How far are we to the north of St. John's?"

"Two hundred and fifty miles, approximately."

"Which makes us about due east of this White bay indicated here?"

"Yes; but there is not even the name of a town given; all that country is wilderness, I take it. Why do you ask? I thought you had decided on St. John's?"

"So we have," in no pleasant tone, and crumpling up the chart in both hands, "but I thought if there was a more quiet port to the north it might be safer. There are apt to be warships at St. John's. However, we will keep to that course." He turned to Liverpool.

"Where's White?"

"Forward somewhere."

"Have him come aft, and take the deck; it's time for dinner."

I shall never forget that meal—not the first, but the last time we were all together about the table in the after cabin. Not that anything occurred of special interest to this story, but I doubt if ever a stranger company, under stranger circumstances, was ever gathered together, even at sea. McCann rapped at Miss Carrington's door, and she received his invitation to join us with a graciousness of manner which must have surprised the man.

Liverpool, who sat at the lower end, his uncombed red thatch more conspicuous than ever, appeared decidedly ill at ease, but his presence failed to embarrass the rest of us, or interfere with the game. Dade, at McCann's orders, helped Phillip Bascom from his cabin, and found him a place at Miss Carrington's left, directly opposite the New Yorker, the two men greeting each other with a stiff bow. I had not seen Bascom for some days, and could not help being impressed with his appearance of illness, his face having a positively ghastly look. Yet he seemed equal to the occasion, entering into conversation with the lady, and even occasionally addressing a remark to McCann, who replied in assumed good humor. Wine was served, although previously I had no knowledge of any being on board, and the party developed into a rather pleasant occasion.

The great Bascom's bewilderment as he endeavored to join with them in the same spirit. To relieve his embarrassment, I managed to keep up a desultory conversation with him, although my thoughts were busy enough elsewhere, endeavoring to figure out the meaning of all this byplay. It was a decided relief when the party finally broke up, and McCann conducted the lady back to her stateroom, pausing for a final farewell at the door.

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Mrs. Lydia Shuster, 1838 Margaret St., Frankford, Pa., says: "A cold caught in my throat, and the pain in my back, joints and aches became swollen and painful and it felt as if needles were sticking into them. I finally had to give up and went from bad to worse. My kidneys didn't act right and the secretions were scanty and distressing. I had awful dizzy spells when everything before me turned black; one time I couldn't see for twenty minutes. As I could not see for so long, I became almost frantic and I was so nervous, I could stand the least noise. How I suffered! Often I didn't care whether I lived or died."

"I couldn't sleep on account of the terrible pains in my back and head. Nothing seemed to do me a bit of good until I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills; and I could soon see they were helping me; the backache stopped, my kidneys were regulated and I no longer had any dizzy spells or rheumatic pains. I still take Doan's occasionally and they keep my kidneys in good health."

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Senatorial Procedure.

"I am now beginning to understand about senatorial procedure."

"Huh?"

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but possessed by few—a beautiful head of hair. If yours is streaked with gray, or is thinning and stiff, you can restore it to its former beauty and luster by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing. Price \$1.00—Adv.

Extremes.

"What is to be done with all these hills on hand?"

"Why, foot 'em."

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The scene is a crowded bus. A soldier, back from the trenches, sitting a corner near the entrance, put his hand into his pocket for his fare, and pulls out a shilling and some coppers. The bus jolts violently, and to the soldier's dismay, the shilling slips from his fingers just as the lights go out, as they always do in London, in these days, when a bridge is being crossed. The passengers with one accord begin to grope for the soldier's shilling. "Fraid it rolled off, mate," says the conductor. Then lights go up again, and discover three passengers each holding out the shilling.—Christian Science Monitor.

The Soldier.

We have heard from one of our correspondents abroad—somewhere in darkest England, says an exchange. And he relates that an American soldier accompanied him to a shop in London, where he wished to purchase a book. And while the soldier was waiting, he, too, saw a book he thought he'd like, and asked the young woman its price.

"Three and six, sir," answered the shop assistant.

"Which is the three and which is the six?" asked the soldier.

"There aren't two sorts, sir—the book is three and six."

"Well, that makes nine," said the soldier. "Can't you add? I'll take it. Nine what—pennies or pottuns?"



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"There's a Reason"

CHAPTER XXIII.

The Depth of Despair.

McCann's manner changed instantly with the closing of the door, although he indulged in no remark, except to order Liverpool to take charge of the deck, and permit White to take his place at the table. He passed me by without a word or glance, and disappeared into his own stateroom, the farther one aft to starboard, I waited until Dade had assisted Bascom to retire, and then sought my own berth, and then thought my own berth. Bascom's appearance shocked me, and I felt there was a death look in his face, but our own perilous position kept my

Poultry and Cows.

Skim milk is an excellent poultry feed. As a matter of fact, poultry raising and dairying go together in many ways.

Expensive Habit.

It is expensive to let a cow fall in her milk because of the lack of proper feed.

Weight of Lambs.

At from 12 to 16 weeks of age early lambs should weigh about 60 pounds.

Side Dish for Pigs.

As soon as the pigs begin to eat from the trough, give them some skim-milk and cracked corn as a side dish.

Quick Cash Return.

Pork-growing gives a quick cash return, without robbing the farm of fertility.

Profitable Spring Pig.

As a growing proposition there is nothing more profitable than the spring pig.

Frost for Squashes.

Squash should not be frosted before going into storage. They should be carefully handled and placed on shelves in a dry room.

Attractive Packages Best.

Appetizing and attractive packages will the public appetite for pork-products.

Give Pig Natural Foods.

Feed the pig as a grass-eating animal, and give him his natural foods.

One Good Feed Daily.

To some extent hens may be forced to pick their own living, but this practice can be abused. Every farm flock of hens should have at least one good feeding a day.

Mistake Either Way.

It is a mistake to overfeed or under-feed.

Education of Cow.

Begin the education of the future cow by educating the dam.

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For Coughs and Colds in the Home. Recommend It to Our Neighbors.

Those who object to liquid medicines can procure Peruna Tablets.



Canadian Farmers Profit From Wheat



The war's devastation of European crops has caused an unusual demand for grain from the American Continent. The people of the world must be fed and wheat near \$2 a bushel offers great profits to the farmer. Canada's invitation is therefore especially attractive. She wants settlers to make money and happy, prosperous homes for themselves by helping her raise immense wheat crops.

Say "Nope" to your Grocerman



Just look how those old maids are almost dragging that young drummer into her hotel. "Yes—it's what might be called the 'Haul of the Ancients.'"

Red Cross Ball Blue

In the words of the immortal Josh Billings—"There ain't no such thing." There is positively nothing as good as or equal to RED CROSS BALL BLUE for producing clothes of such white purity as bring a blush to new fall snow.

Every Woman Wants Pastine

FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE Dissolved in water for douches stops pelvic catarrh, ulceration and inflammation. Recommended by Lydia E. Pinkham Med. Co. for ten years.

Kodaks DEVELOPING and PRINTING

The Luxurious One. "Does your husband complain of your economy?" "No," she replied, "the trouble and expense arise from the fact that we have to arrange extra meals for the children to keep the cook from leaving."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are best for liver, bowels and stomach.

Washington is urged to use auto rickshaws as extra police. New York street railways will be freed to put on more cars.

FARM ANIMALS

CHARCOAL OF MUCH BENEFIT

Digestive Apparatus of Hogs Kept in Good Running Order—Make Use of Corn Cobs.

Charcoal is good for hogs. It keeps their digestive apparatus in good running order. Corn cobs make good charcoal when properly charred. On nearly every farm most of the cobs are allowed to collect in around the feed lots until they become a nuisance.

Dig a pit about 10 feet long, 3 feet wide and 3 or 4 feet deep. A larger hole than this can be made, depending upon the amount of cobs to be burned. With some paper and cobs or kindling start a fire in the center of the pit and as it gets a good start add more cobs. Continue adding cobs until the pit is filled, then lay some old sheet-iron across the top and cover with earth to hold in the fire and smoke.

CARING FOR FARROWING SOW

Exercise Should Be Given and Corn Ration Decreased—Don't Feed Too Rich Ration.

Exercise the sow daily before farrowing. Decrease the corn ration and increase the tankage rather than the middlings. For 24 hours after farrowing do not feed the sow, or feed lightly. Water should be supplied. Care should be taken not to feed the sow too rich a ration. More milk can be available than the pigs can take, and milk fever may result.

BABY BEEF SIRE DESIRABLE

Farmer Cannot Afford to Use Any Other Kind in Strictly Beef-Producing Undertaking.

If you are engaged in beef production and raise your steers use a real "died in the wool" baby beef sire to make your business a profitable one. You cannot afford to use any other kind of sire in a strictly beef-producing undertaking.



Champion Shorthorn Steer.

only way to be certain of results. Buy from a reliable breeder, and if possible from a man you know. By all means be sure to buy from a man who maintains a disease-free herd.

MINERAL MATTER FOR SWINE

Mixture of Charcoal, Slaked Lime and Small Quantity of Salt is Desirable in Winter.

During the winter, when the ground is frozen, it is very desirable to provide mineral matter to hogs in the form of a mixture of charcoal, slaked lime and a small quantity of salt. This mixture can be placed in a box where the pigs can eat as much as they want.

WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY

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

HEAL ITCHING SKINS

Nothing better, quicker, safer, sweeter for skin troubles of young and old than itchy, burn, crust, scale, torture or disfigure. Once used always used because these super-creamy emollients tend to prevent little skin troubles becoming serious, if used daily.

WHENEVER YOU NEED A GENERAL TONIC

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 60 cents.

Not at Her Destination.

An old lady was going to Stamford, Conn., to visit a daughter, and took her seat in the cars for the first time in her life. During the ride the car in which she was seated was thrown down an embankment and demolished.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, that famous old remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Hathorn* in Use for Over 30 Years.

THIS IS THE AGE OF YOUTH.

You will look ten years younger if you darken your ugly, grizzly, gray hairs by using "La Creole" Hair Dressing.—Adv.

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REBUILT and REPAIRED Send in your old top. Prices gladly quoted. Vehicle Supply Co., Wichita, Kans. W. N. U., WICHITA, NO. 49-1917.

SELF DEFENSE

Defeat Backache and Kidney Trouble With Anuric Many people in this section have suffered from rheumatism and kidney trouble and have found that Anuric was the most successful remedy to overcome these painful and dangerous ailments.

OKLAHOMA NEWS

Anderson, Okla.—"I was down two months with rheumatism and general bad health caused I think by kidney trouble. I took a sample package of the Anuric Tablets and one full package, also two bottles of Dr. Pierce's 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and do not feel any rheumatism now. I find 'Anuric' will do all that is claimed for it."—A. B. BOLING.

Colorless or Pale Faces

usually indicate the absence of Iron in the blood, a condition which will be greatly helped by Carter's Iron Pills

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Backache of Women

How this Woman Suffered and Was Relieved.

Fort Fairfield, Maine.—"For many months I suffered from backache caused by female troubles so I was unable to do my house work. I took treatments for it but received no help whatever. Then some of my friends asked why I did not try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did so and my backache soon disappeared and I felt like a different woman, and now have a healthy little baby girl and do all my house work. I will always praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to women who suffer as I did."—Mrs. ALTON D. OAKES, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

The Best Remedy is

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Thousands of women have proved this

Why don't you try it?

LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. LYNN, MASS.

Henrietta, Okla., women are working in a coal mine.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 50c.

A Good Preliminary. "Goode tells me his daughter is going to marry a title." "Has he had it examined?"

A Russian Proverb. With God go over the sea; without him, not over the threshold.



PERSISTENT COUGHS

are dangerous. Relief is prompt from PISO'S Remedy for Coughs and Colds. Effective and safe for young and old. No opiates in

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J. V. COVEY & SONS.	<p>May the end of the New Year find the world at peace; Our family circles unbroken; Our boys at home, crowned with honor; The result of duty well done.</p> 	MIAMI PRODUCE CO.
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