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### HEAVY COAST STORM SWEEPS ATLANTIC

CHARLESTON AND SAVANNAH COMMITTEE GIVES THIS ADVICE ARE AMONG SUFFERERS.

Are Prone to the Ground. Telephone and Telegraph Lines Charleston, S. C., Aug. 29, Via Summerville, S. C .- Seven people known o be dead, many injured and property amage wrought of more than \$1,000,damage by the terrific storm which struck Charleston Sunday afternoon, isolating that city rom the rest of the world.

In addition, the Cassidy family, numbers unknown, caretakers of the Wahoo phosphate works, are missing, and are believed to have been drowned.

Great relief was felt when it was learned that people on Sullivan's Island were all safe, having been taken off by the ferry boat Lawrence, which tied up over night at the Mount Pleasant wharf.

The harbor is filled with wreckage of small boats, schooners and launches, many piers are washed away along the water front and in the city the streets are strewn with fallen trees, roofs, fences and other debris.

Among the principal buildings damaged are the custom house, postoffice, St. Michael's Church and the Wahoo fertilizer mills, which were practically ruined. The street car, electric, telephone and fire alarm systems are entirely out of commission.

At the height of the storm the wind whed a velocity of ninety-four miles hour, while the tide rose eight feet r more at the Battery, in front of

Augusta, Ga.: Beaufort and Port ul are entirely cut off from the the world by telegraph or train At 4:30 o'clock Monday con, according to information received here, the winds were still raging, and further damage may result if the wind continues high until ohe time comes in at midnight,

Passengers just arrived from Savannah say the damage from the storm great as was at first feard. If there has been any loss of life the city it has not been reported. ough the wreckage among houses ong the water front has been ex-Telephone and telegraph wires and poles are down all over the city, plate glass windows broken, and all business at a standstill.

The electric lighting plant and power house was seriously damaged, and death reported in July, of which 212 the city is in total darkness. No street car lines are in operation.

All trains running out of Savannah, according to the crews, are "feeling" their way along, on account of the leaning telegraph poles and uprooted

### FOR RURAL PARCELS POST

This Innovation Will Be Recommended by Department

Washington: In his annual report, will recommend the establishment of a parcels post service on rural mail routes: the crystallization into law of proposed increase in second-class mail rates, and the enactment of the proposed law providing for a radical change in the system of compensating Health Marine Service about fifty the railways for transporting the mails.

Mr. Hitchcock explained that it was his idea first to establish parcels posts in the rural routes, that the administrative details of the system might be worked out without disadvantage to the postal service generally, Gradually, he would extend the State is becoming alarming. parcels service to urban communities, so packages and parcels might be delivered locally by city carriers, Subsequently the service would be extended to include railway transporta-

### Birmingham Votes Wet.

Birmingham, Ala.: Jefferson County, of which Birmingham is the seat. Thursday voted to return to the legal are of liquor by licensed saloons by a majority which may go above 2,000. The issue, however, was really between saloons and dispensaries.

Vacation for Tired Beasts. Fort Worth: The Tarrant County Humane Association will discuss at its next meeting a proposition to lease a large pasture near the city where tired and overworked hourses may be given a two weeks' rest and vacation, nilar to the vacation which corporons and business houses give their yes each year,

### **HOLD FOR 13 CENTS** SAY COTTON MEN

TO FARMERS.

### SEVEN KNOWN TO BE DEAD THE WORLD'S SUPPLY IS LOW

Situation is Threatening in View of the Exhaustion of Old Cotton Held Over.

Washington, D. C.: "Hold cofton for 13c" is the advice to be formally given to farmers' organizations by a commission consisting of Senators son of Texas, representing a conference of Senators and Representatives from seven cotton growing States. A committee will urge the State banking associations to co-operate against "the bearish movement of the speculators."

Among the participants were Sen-ators Williams and Owens, Representatives Underwood and Heflin of Alabama, Brantley and Hughes of Georgia, Burleson and Beall of Texas, Garrett of Tennessee, Humphreys of Mississippi and Small of North Carolina. A number of them are large cotton planters. The committee issued a statement which reads:

"It seemed to be the epinion of all that there was a preconcerted effort being made, principally through the instrumentality of the speculative element of the New York Cotton Exchange, to break down the price of

"It was the opinion of all that the present statistical condition of cotton did not justify the lowness of present quotations and that the estimate of 15,000,000 bales was unjustified by any facts upon which a prediction could be sanely based; and that, moreover, even though a 15-000,000-bale crop was in sight, the world's supply probably would fall short of the world's demand for cotton to the extent of more than 1,000,000 bales because of the exhaustion of the present visible supply of carried-over

"In other words, that with a 15,000,-000-bale crop the world's crop for 1911 would sum up only 25,000,000 bales, with 140,000,000 of spindles creating an active demand for 26,000, 000 bales. This opinion was based upon the latest advices from Egypt, India, China and other cotton producing countries."

### Vital Statistics for July.

Austin: Report on vital statistics for July show that there were 2,150 were from epidemic diseases and 185 from consumption (a decrease of meeting, it is announced that the sec-89 from last month), with 20 from ond annual meeting of the Central other forms of tuberculosis; 125 West Texas Dry Farming Congress deaths from other diseases of the res- will be held at Abilene, Texas, Sept. piratory system, including pneumonia, 27 and 28, 1911. The general object There were 2,817 more births in the of this association of farmers and busi-State during July than deaths; a to- ness men is to study and ascertain. tal of 4,967 being reported, showing so far as may be done, the methods an increase over June of 666, while of soil preparation and culture and the the deaths show a decrease over June crops best suited to the soil, climate of 342. The blacks show 87 more more deaths than births. Among births | tions of the State. there were 14 sets of twins and two sets of triplets.

### Epidemic of Pellagra.

Corbin, Ky .: At a meeting called by Assistant Randolph M. Grimm, acting under orders of Surgeon General Wyman of the United States Public cases of pellagra, which is epidemic in this section were examined and a belief that the disease is contracted from eating diseased corn was advanced by many of the attending physicians. The Buffalo gnat was also ing of pellagra. The situation in the

Texas Dry Farming Congress. Uvalde: The third annual convention of the Texas Dry Farming Congress convened here Wednesday afternoon for a three days' session. The attendance was large, including several State officials and Director Youngblood of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College.

New Manufacturing Plant Starts. Dallas: The factory of the Dallas Coffin Company has begun operations. This new industry is located on South Lamar and Belleview and has a plant valued at over \$200,000. A large office building and sale-rooms five storformer quarters of the plant when operated as a jobbing house have been converted into a completely equipped manufacturing plant. The entire machinery of the plant is to be oper-

ated by individual electric motors.

### COL. WOLTERS IN CONTEMPT A NEW PRESIDENT Habeas Corpus Proceedings Only Stop Jailing.

sentatives Friday morning adjudged Hon. Jake Wolters, who was chairman of the anti-prohibition organization of Texas, guilty of contempt because he refused to answer certain questions propounded by the House investigating committee, Mr. Wolters immediately applied to Associate Justice Harper of the Court of Criminal Appeals, in chambers, for a writ of habeas corpus. This was granted, after Justice Harper had conferred with the other members of the court, Messrs. Davidson and Pendergast. The writ was made returnable to the court at the opening of its next term. Oct. 4, and for his appearance Mr. Wolters gave bond in the sum of \$500.

Austin: When the House of Repre-

It is understood that the three Jus-Williams of Mississippi and Owen of tices of the court concurred in the opin-Oklahoma and Representative Burle- ion that the granting of the writ did not supersede the order made by the House, and further, that Mr. Wolters is now within the jurisdiction of the court, and if the court should sustain the action of the House, the punishment prescribed will be executed, notwithstanding the Legislature may not be in session.

### DALLAS TOURISTS FREEZE.

Willis Skinner and Wife Freeze to Death on Pike's Peak.

Colorado Springs, Colo: W. A. Skinner, a well-known, old-time printer, and wife, of Dallas, Texas, who came here in July to spend the heated term, met with sudden death in a blinding storm of wind, rain, hail and snow on the summit of Pike's Peark Tuesday morning.

Their frozen bodies were found by mere chance under a deep snowdrift near the tracks of the cog railroad at a 12,500-foot altitude.

The Skinners started alone of their nine-mile climb from the Manitou depot to the summit, expecting, probably, to be joined by other tourists as is the usual experience in the resort season. Half-way up they were overtaken by the storm, but continued on their journey. At last, benumbed by cold and exhausted by their efforts at climbing, they sat down to rest. When found they were in each other's arms and had thus died, probably at the same hour.

Willis A. Skinner and wife, who were frozen to death in Colorado, had been residents of Dallas for about twenty-five years. They both worked as printers on The Dallas News and The Galveston News about fourteen years ago.

Central West Texas Dry Farming. Haskell: In accordance with the action of the Central West Texas Dry Farming Congress at its meeting in Haskell last October in accepting the invitation of the 25,000 Club and selecting Abilene for its next place of and seasonable conditions of our sec-

### A TRAGEDY AND A MYSTERY

Young Farmer Charged With Horrible Uxorcide.

Grand Prairie: Sunday afternoon J. M. Langston, wife and baby in arms started to a neighbor's house a little distance away and across the Trinity River, north of Grand Prairie. In crossinb the river the woman was drowned, as stated by Langston, by falling or slipping off the log they were crossing on. The baby was in the woman's arms, Lanston says, and he jumped in said to have been the cause of spread- and saved it, but by the time he had gotten it to shore the mother was drowned. Officers doubt the correctiess of Langston's statements, and he is in jail, pending a thorough investigation of all the circumstances leading up to the tragical occurrence.

The President's Proposed Tour.

Beverly, Mass.: Twenty-four States of the Union will be visited by President Taft on the swing around the circuit, according to a partially completed schedule. The president will start on Sept. 15, and with the exception of five States and Arizona and New Mexico, will pass through every commonwealth west of the Mississippi in addition to several in the East.

Frontenac Hotel, Thousand Islands, one of the finest in the country, burnles high has been completed, and the ed Wednesday night. The property was valued at \$500,000.

Work of demolishing Madison Square Garden, the historic exhibition building in New York, will commence early in February, 1912. A skyscraper office building will occupy the site.

### PORTUGAL'S CHOICE

SENHOR ARRIAGA IS MADE HEAD OF REPUBLIC.

### IS COMPROMISE CANDIDATE

Salary is \$20,000; One Term of Four Years Only is Determined Upon.

Lisbon, Portugal: The Constituent Assembly has elected Senhor Arriaga President of the Republic by 211 votes. Arriaga will assume the duties now resting upon Theophile Braga, who was made Provisional President when extra 100 miles which he claims for the Republic was proclaimed on Oct. 5, 1910, following the overthrow of King Emanuel.

Elections to the Constituent Assembly were held on May 28 and the Republican party obtained a large ma-

Bernad Machado, Provisional Minister of Foreign Affairs, received 86 votes for the Presidency. The term is four years and re-election is prohibited. The yearly salary is \$20,000 in addition to the \$6,000 for expenses. The Government does not allow any official residence.

tor of English to the late King Carlos chosen by the Assembly in an endeavor to conciliate all parties.

### MEXICAN CONDITION BETTER.

Border Restrictions Soon to be Entirely Removed.

Washington: Conditions in the north of Mexico along the Texas frontier are so improved that Gen. Joseph W. Duncan, commanding the Department of Texas, recommended the removal of all restrictions on American officers and enlisted men in regard to making short trips into the neighboring Republic. The orders have kept the American military absolutely on the northern side of the international line. Gen. Duncan's recommendation is now under consideration by the War Department with the probability that it will be approved.

The situation in the province of Morelos, Mexico, where the insurrectos under Gen Zapata refused recently to lay down their arms, also is improving, according to advices received by the State Department, American Charge d'Affaires de Ring at the City of Mexico reported that 600 Zapataists already have been mustered out and that no serious injury to American property during the Morelos trouble so far has been reported.

### COMPROMISE TEXT BOOK BILL

New Plan Is to Make the Committee of Eleven Members.

Austin: A textbook law which is said to be a surety increases the numher on the board to eleven members. nine to be appointed by the Governor and two ex-officio, the Governor and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The nine to be appointed by the Governor are to come from a list of thirty teachers to be nominated by the State Superintendent, the president of the university and the president of the Girl's Industrial College. The list must be sent to the Governor by August 1, 1912, and the Executive is required to announce the board by the 15th of that month, The text books must be selected not later than Nov. 1, 1912, and the contracts shall run ten years, with a provision for periodical revision in order that the books may be kept abreast of the

General Rudolph Gunner Dead. Dallas: Gen. Rudolph Emanuel Gunner, aged 78 years, at one time member of Maximilian's staff, Governor of the Royal Palace of Chapultepec and trusted friend of Maximilian, died Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock at his home, 1506 Fitzhugh street. He had been in declining health for many weeks. Gen. Gunner was born in Zicin, Austria, Dec. 15, 1833, the eldest G. A. Fritzer and weighed fifteen son of nineteen children. His father pounds at birth. It is Mrs. Fritzer's was a wealthy business man and was seventeenth child since her marriage twice elected mayor of the city in at the age of seventeen years. The which he resided, and was a member family lives in a four-room tenement of the Austrian Landtag, Gen. Gunner's history would read like a romance, the East Side. filled with tragedy and comedy; suc cess and failure; joy and sorrow. His had been all that comes of being a soldier, a diplomat and a scholar.

In some section in Alahama the cotton worm is doing much damage.

### Succinct Story of Atwood's Remarkable St. Louis to New York Aero Journey.

New York, N. Y .: Summary of the MACHINE SPUTTERS AND SMALL finish of Atwood's St. Louis-New York

Distance covered in air line, 1,265 miles

Total distance, including detours BIG FOREIGNER STARTS RUSH around New York and other places, 1,365 miles.

Started from St. Louis 8:05 a. m. Aug. 14. Finished at Governor's Island 2:38

p. m., Aug. 25. Flying time for entire trip, 28 hours,

31 minutes. Number of flights en route, 20. Average distance of each flight, 63

1-4 miles. Beats previous world's record by 101 miles, not crediting him with the

detours Friday's trip began at Nyack, N. Y., 25 miles north of Forty-Second street, New York, at 1:53 p. m., finished at Governor's Island at 2:38 p.

Sailing serenely over New York's myriad water craft, Harry N. Atwood, his seat and ran wildly for the small was the first man in history to travel 1,265 miles in a heavier than air ma-

At wood's safe landing on Governor's a fog which made him only dimly vis-President Arriaga was for years a ible to the million eyes that watched professor at Colmbra University and him, was a notable incident in the anfor a considerable period was instruc- nals of aeronautics. He not only broke the world's record, covereing 1,265 and the Duke of Oporto. He was miles in an air line, or perhaps 100 miles more with his detours, but he flew all the way in the same biplane and with no important mishaps.

### A NEW RACE IS DISCOVERED

Found in British Columbia in an Unexplored Section.

New York: A race of people who had never before beheld a white man or an Indian has been discovered in the Arctic regions of British Columbia by Vilhjmar Stefansson, leader of pedition, which left here in April, 1908, rushed unconsciously to hospitals. according to a letter received from him in Brooklyn.

the Dese River, Oct. 18, 1910," is the another the victims, many of them wofirst intelligence received from the men and small children, were carried party within a year. Stefansson says: to the sidewalk. All had been suffo-"We have discovered people in a region supposed to be uninhabited, and have lived a few months among people who have never seen a white man or an Indian (though they have heard of both). W have discovered Eskimo escaped in this way. (in speech and habits), who are Scandanavians in appearance).

"This find is the beginning of the solution of one or two problems: What became of of Franklin's men?

### DERAILMENT COSTS 37 LIVES Arrangements to Take Care of Dis-

Spreading Rails Hurl Coaches Down 40 Feet.

Manchester, N. H.: While speeding eastward, behind time, Lehigh Val- fected at Washington Saturday in a ley passenger train ran into a spread conference between representatives of rail on a trestle near here Friday and the Farmers' Union and the big fitwo day coaches from the middle sec- nancial interests of New York and tion of the train plunged downward Liverpool. Emmett Cabaniss, former forty feet, striking the east embank- State president of the union, and A. ment like a pair of projectiles.

least thirty-seven people are believed lanta with news of the financial arto have been killed and more than rangements. sixty injured. The injuries of several will die.

Crowded with passengers, many of whom were veterans and excursionists there sped eastward to make up time.

### Lemonaded the Fire Out.

lemonade was the only thing that sav- a pound." ed the Congregational Church in Eastford Village from destruction when an alcohol lamp exploded at a fair which the Ladies' Aid Society was holding there.

### Infant Has Good Start.

New York: The biggest boy born in the history of the Nerk maternity hospital is reported doing well. It was born Wednesday night to Mrs. on Rivington street in the heart of strict party vote, for there are many

Big Hotel for Fort Davis. San Antonio: C. E. Peebles of Fort Davis, says that construction of a 150for the hotel have been completed.

### WORLD'S LONGEST AIR TRIP PICTURE SHOW PANIC **BRINGS 26 DEATHS**

BOY YELLS "FIRE."

Simply an Insane Panic Yields an Awful Harvest of Death and Injury.

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania: Twentysix dead from suffocation, twenty-five seriously injured, thirty suffering from minor hurts. That is the amount of human toll exacted by an inexcusable panic at a moving picture show in the Canonsburg Opera House Saturday

The moving picture machine sputtered a bit. A small boy shouted "Fire."

Bolus Dubrowski, a foreign miner, a giant in proportions, jumped from exit. In a moment there was a fight ing, struggling mass after him. At the head of a narrow stairway which led to the street the foreigner tripped. Island after flying down from Nyack, As he rolled down the stairs he swept N. Y., above the Hudson River through others from their feet and soon there was an indescribable pile of humanity at the foot of the steps battling like mad. Men walked over them and fought for position of safety until overwhelmed by the weight of the mov-

ing mass behind. When the doorway had been filled up stil other people walked over the bodies of those who had gone down, and breaking the glass transom over the door crawled through and dropped into the street.

It was all ended in a few minutes. Volunteer firemen, several policemen and a few level-headed citizens untangled the human mass. The unhurt and those slightly injured were pulled from the top of the pile.

Next came the more seriously hurt and these were sent home or taken the American Museum scientific ex- to nearby houses, while a few were inen the rescuers came to the s'

lent forms of those who had reached His letter, dated at the "Mouth of the fatal stairway first. One after Manager Ferguson endeavored to

> frightened people to follow him, he led the way to the rear and fully 300 Of the twenty-six dead, thirteen

> stop the panic. Calling loudly to the

were children, seven of them pupils in the public schools.

### FOR HOLDING COTTON CROP

tressed Cotton.

Atlanta, Ga.: Arrangements for the financing of the cotton crop were per-C. Davis of Arkansas, National sec-In the awful plunge and crash at retary and treasurer, returned to At-

"We have arranged with certain fiare so serious that it is feared they nancial interests to take care of distressed cotton through the advancement of \$60,000,000, which wil be advanced to the farmers through South from the G. A. R. encampment at Roch- ern banks," said Mr. Cabaniss, "The ester, the train, made up of fourteen money will be loaned at 6 per cent cars, was forty minutes late when it interest, and the loans will be sereached Rochester Junction, and from cured by warehouse certificates, This arrangement will enable the Southern farmers to market their cotton intelligently, and we are confident that Middleton, Conn.: A boiler full of the crop will bring in at least 13c

### MAINE TO TAKE LIQUOR VOTE

Pioneer Prohibition State to Make a Test of Public Opinion.

Portland, Maine: The voters of Maine, Sept. 11, will determine whether or not the policy of Constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic shall

be retained. Although both sides are claiming victory, conservative people, regardless of their belief, admit there is a

decided doubt as to the outcome. The fight will not be settled by a prohibitionists among the Democrats and man antis in the Republican

Constitutional prohibition, in which Maine was a pioneer, was first adoptroom hotel at Fort Davis will begin ed in 1884. For seventeen years the t October 1, to cost \$125,000. Plans prohibitory law remained undisturbed by serious attack,

# WAGONS, WAGONS, WAGONS

We still have a few more of the Merkel Hardware Company's stock of wagons which we bought at a big discount and are selling at less than manufactuer's price as long as they last. When these wagons are all sold we will be compelled to advance our price to \$85.00 on a three inch wagon. First come, first served as long as they last at

# Anchor Hardware Company

### OUR CORRESPONDENCE

#### Noodle Dots.

Aug. 28-Everybody is rejoicing over the rain. It was all right We are in hopes that there was at White Church. enough to make young feed and Mrs. J. H. Ensminger was visiting start a top crop for our cotton.

ple thought.

It has begun to look pretty preaching at Nubia Sunday. much like we are going to have a gin at Noodle and we are going to be ready for it by the time nity spent Sunday on Castle Peak. it is finished.

Mr. Bankhead preached for us Sunday afternoon at the school house.

Ben Moore, our mail carrier, was out at preaching Sunday af-

Quite a crowd of our young people have been attending the

Methodist meeting at Bush. We had another good rain last Sunday night.

prayer meeting Sunday night. W. K. Horn was the leader and Lany White Sunday. Charlie Ely will lead the meeting E. E. Patterson was in Merkel last next Sunday night.

urday from Sweetwater.

White Dove.

### Butman Community.

August 29-We are having some disagreeable weather, but having plenty of rain. We can't say it don't rain in evening at the home of G.A. Watfords. westTexas for we have sure had plenty of rain for this time. This rain will be

is turning out better in our community than the people thought it would. J. A. Dulin Saturday afternoon. Dulin says he has got cotton that will make half bale to the acre. We are Sunday Jim Kay and family.

but we just needed more of it. with P. B. Franks and family Sunday I have something nice to say.

Mrs. Burrus Sunday.

Cotton is either making more tured home from a visit in Foard county Dorce Pannel and family have reor is opening faster than the peo- They report fine crops in Knox county. J. A. Neighbors and family attended

Mack Perkins was visiting in Church Sunday night. Some of the people of our com

Oscar Dulin was in our midst Sunday.

Ray Brown and Miss Ruth Pannel attended prayer meeting at WhiteChurch day night. Sunday night.

Wade Ensminger was the guest of Jorden White Sunday.

Lee White and Tom Price attended prayer meeting at White Church Sun-

Kiah Spears, Miley Burrus and Misses Willie and Addie Dulin were among the visitors to White Church Sunday night. Tom Price took supper with Lee White Sunday.

here was a large crowd at s. A. Dulin and family spent Sunday with Geo. Dariston and family.

Margie Butman was the guest of

Charlie Criswell returned Sat- J. E. Costephens and J. were working on Mulberry Saturday morning which the rain had washed out so badly that it could not be crossed until some work was done on it.

Mrs. Pannel and Mrs. Price took dinner at J. A. Dulins Saturday.

J. A. Dulin and wife spent Saturday Lee White went to Merkel Saturday. Lee and Melvin Dulin spent Saturday

a great benefit to the late feed. Cotton and Sunday with Joe Dulin.

Ruffus Pannel was the guest of Lee the 23rd a boy, also John Blackburn

E. E. Patterson and family spent afraid the rain will damage the cotton Well Dewdrops has got a bad cold

this week and I guess had better close sister Mrs. Walker Saturday and Sun-D. D. Coats and family took dinner Will come again some bright day when day.

### Dewdrops.

### Shiloh Clippings.

Aug. 29-Rain, rain just the kind we have needed to make a late feed crop. The cotton in the fields is some what damaged but I think there will be enough new cotten come on to make up for what is lost by the rain.

Rev. Moore preached at Shiloh Sunday. Quite a number was out and enjoyed the word of God delivered by Bro.

There was prayer meeting here Sun-

Hardy Rutlege has been very ill. The Misses Hale visited their sister Mrs. Wyley Roundtree at Noodle Sun-

Quite a number of Shiloh people are attending church at Trent this week. A man came near drowning onNoodle creek Saturday. He was going to Trent with a load of melons and not knowing

how swift the water was tried to ford the stream and his team washed about 80 yards over a wire fence, he cut them and the team but losing all the melons Mr. Hutchins was his name.

Margrette Dyess and Willie Barnes age. rried at the residence of Rev. Scott. We wish them a happy and prosperous life.

John Dyess and family of Stith at-Margrette Dyess.

Barney Statser of Trent visited at same. Shiloh Sunday.

Miss Mary Green is home from her visit with friends at Abilene. Happy Hoolagan.

### White Church Items.

aturday night.

his place Sunday night.

fr. Watfords Sunday.

Mrs. Noel and son Jack transacted balances of same. usiness in Merkel Saturday. L. H. Burrus, Claud and Raymond

Demere were in Merkel Saturday. Hardy Watford and sister Miss Theesa visited friends in Merkel Thursday and Friday.

Zelmer Snow and Joe Bickley transacted business in Merkel Saturday. Hardy Watford is sick this week. We are glad to say that MissMaryLee

Hicks who has been sick for the past week is able to be up again. Rufus Pannell visited Joe Dulin Sun-

Mrs. Freeman of Merkel visited Miss Theresa Watford the first of the week. I am sorry to say that I am still a Lost Chicken.

### Nubia News

Aug. 29-Another good rain fell here Sunday night and Monday. E. F. Stanley and wife visited Mrs. Deavenport Sunday.

H. H. Toombs and family visited A.

J. H. Tillinghast sisters are visiting him from Hamilton county.

L. Stanley Sunday.

Mrs. Brown Deavenport and baby and Fannie Blair visited Mrs. Hunter friends by millions as Bucklen's Arnica

and wife on the 29th a boy.

Fannie Blair visited Mrs. Deavenport Monday.

Miss Emma Clark of Blair visited her Lost Dog.

FOR SALE-My farm, 200 acres, 140 in cultivation 2 miles west of Merkel. See John Russell or write me. E. C. Yokley. Spring Hill, Tenn.

WANTED-Hands to cut two hundred cords of wood. Bryson & Jenkins, Dora, Texas.

FOR SALE-Poland China pigs, cheap if sold at once. H. M. Rainbolt.

### TO THE FARMERS.

Gentlemen-My cotton yard is convenient to town, just east of loose from the wagon saving himself the Story wagon yard. I have new scales, I will give correct weight and courteous treatment Sunday morning at 8 o'clock Miss and will appreciate your patron-G. R. Gazzaway, Bonded Weigher.

### Notice to Creditors.

I will leave my accounts with tended the wedding of his sister Miss the F. & M. National Bank for collection. Please call and settle Dr. S. L. Davis.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the schoolboard of the Independent School District of Merkel, Texas. will receive bids from any resi-Aug. 28-Our community was blessed dent citizen or domestic corporath another good rain Monday morning tion of the state of Texas, as the Kiah Spears visited at Mr. Watfords law provides, for custodian of the school funds of said district Dewitt Phillips and Miss Ludie Dulin for the current year beginning Butman attended prayer meeting at Sept 1, 1911. Said bids to be based on the rate of interest Pat Hutchins was in Merkel Tuesday. which such persons or corpora-Dent Cozart was a pleasant caller at lions so bidding shall pay for said funds based on the daily

Said bids may be filed with the secretary, Dr. J. H. Warnick, at any time before 12:00 noon of said date of Sept. 1, 1911. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

All persons desiring any further specific information relative to such treasurership, will confer with the said secretary or I. S. Allen, president of the board.

I. S. Allen, President. Attest: J. H. Warnick, Sec.

### Dead Letter List.

The following letters remain in the postoffice at Merkel, Texas, for the week ending Sept. 2, 1911

Ellion, W. M. Marlow, Miss Kellell, Mrs

Sykes, J. E. If not called for will be sent to dead letter office Sept. 16,1911.

### H. W. Derstine, P. M. Has Millions of Friends.

How would you like to number your Salve does? Its astounding cures in the J. S. Blair left Sunday for Moody past forty years made them. Its the and Lorena, where he will visit for best Salve in the world for sores, ulcers, eczema, burns' boils, scalds, cuts, corns, Ernest Moore and Montie and Beulah sore eyes, sprains, swellings, bruises, Whetsel attended prayer meeting here cold sores. Has no equal for piles. 25c at H. C. Burroughs,

J. T. WARREN, President

T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ED. S. HUGHES J. T. HOWARD



How about replacing that old stove? Do a little figuring

A good range costs less than ten cents a day for a year. One of ours will save this much on feul alone. If you had bought one a year ago it would have paid for itself before this. Besides, think of the satisfaction in using a stove you can depend upon. One that doesn't burn your baking and cooks perfectly. After a year when the stove has paid for itself think what it will save in the way of feul and food and the amount of satisfactionyou will get from its use year after year. Our stoves save you money and we save you money on stoves. Let us prove it while our prices are low

WEST TEXAS HARDWARE CO.

### Digestion and Assimilation.

It is not the quanity of food taken

### Good for Biliousness.

"I took two of Chamberlain's Stombut the amount digested and assimlat- ach and Liver Tablets last night, and I ed that gives strenth and vitality tothe system. Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets invigorate the stomach and liver and enkble them to perform their functions naturally. For sale by all dealers.

Chamberlain's Stomach and feel fifty per cent better than I have for weeks, says J.J. Firestone of Allegan, Mich. "They are certainly a fine arcicle for biliousness." For sale by all dealers. Samples free.



While ordering the daily groceries customers often send us a message like this: "You are always so prompt and understand my needs so well that it is a pleasure to deal with you."

A compliment-yes-but that's what they all say. We specialize not only in the quality of our goods but in the service we render you. Whether you order over the 'phone or call in at the store, you will find the same courteous attention and desire to please you-it's part of our business system just as much as is our prompt delivery and painstaking attention to your every order, no matter how small.

B. C. GAITHER @ SONS The Reliable Grocers

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FRIDAY, SEPT. 1, 1911

#### T. & P. TIME TABLE.

			EAST	BOUND		
Train	No.	8,	leaves	Merkel	 9:02	a.m.
Train	No.	4	**	**	12:04	p.m.
Train	No.	6	**	- 6.6	12:22	a. m.

WEST BOUND

Train No. 5, leaves Merkel 4:18 a.m. " \_\_ 4:41 p.m.
" \_\_ 6:01 p.m. \*\*

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Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Harber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

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Is your horse, mule or cow sick? If so we will give your money back for any case you fail to cure with any of Watson's celebrated line of Veterinary Remedies. Sold and guaranteed by Rust & McCauley Drug Co., Merkel, Texas. Manufactured only by

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The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularity of the kinneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder Coppell, who have been visiting troubles in children. If not sold her brother R. C. Young reby your druggist, will be sent by turned home Wednesday. mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment to her home in Abilene after a and seldom fails to perfect a cure. delightful visit with Merkel Send for Texas testimonials. Dr. friends. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. Duis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

### To The Public.

After a two months absence from the city, combining both business and a muchly enjoyed very latest style in footwear for vacation, I am again at my office school girls. Harkrider. over Hogue-Hamilton Dry Goods Company, ready for business, and shall be pleased to serve my old clientage as well as any new ones who may desire my services. W. T. Potter,

Attorney-at-law.



### The Southern National Bank

Opened for business Monday, July 10, 1911, succeeds the First National Bank of Merkel, Texas

ALL GOOD BUSINESS SOLICITED

JOHN SEARS, President C. L. BARKER, Active Vice Pres. T. J. COGGIN, Vice Pres.

J. E. FAUCETT, Crshier.

ler of Currency, Washington, D. C. July 7, 1911.

The Mail is the Paper the People Read MERKEL' in the town of Merkel, in the county of Taylor and state of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, Residence 2-7-6 required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to com-

mence the the business of Banking;
Now therefore, I, Thomas P. Kane,
Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the
Currency, do hereby certify that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF MERKEL" in the town of Merkel in the county of Taylor and state of Texas is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States. In testimony whereof wit-[SEAL] ness my hand and Seal of of-fice this Seventh day of July, 1911.

OFFICE OVER FIRST NATIONAL BANK Deputy and Acting Comptroller of the Currency.

> The First National Bank located at Merkel, in the state of Texas, is closing its affairs. All note holders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims for payment. J. E. Faucett, Cashier. July 10, 1911.

> The rain that began Sunday night and continued with short intervals till nearly 12 o'clock Monday is considered by the farmers to be the best season during the whole year and perhaps for a longer time. With the good rains last week which had already to a great extent put the grass and ops to growing and temperature all go to increase the benefits of the present rain. Farmers figure that several hundred bales of cotton will be put on the stalk already grown in the Merkel country, and that 'the feed stuff that is now planted and up will mature. The rain extended from Dallas to Midland east and west and from Whichita Falls to San Angelo north and south.

> We are showing the latest styles in fancy combs, barretts, belt pins, lace and bar pins.

W. L. Harkrider.

Rev. Alonzo Bickley pastor of the Methodist chuch at DeLeon visited his father, J S. Bickley of the Canyon last week. His wife and baby were with him.

We want your chickens, eggs and butter. Will pay you top of market at all times. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

The Baptist meeting will start Sunday Sept. 3, to be conducted by Rev. Clapp. Everybody invited to attend and take part in the services.

Bring us your chickens, eggs and butter we will pay you the highest market price. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Roberts of

Miss OllieKate Harris returned

Mrs. C. T. Harris of Mexia returned home Thursday accompanied by her daughter Mrs. J. D. Gaither and children.

Our "Jockey" Boots are the

Mrs. J.T. Warren is in Hawley visiting her brother Charley

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Calvert of Trent visited relatives in Merkel Tuesday and Wednesday.

W. L. Harkrider returned from Treasury Department of the Comptrol- St. Louis last Sunday and tells Margaret and son Hugh of Abi- stand the test with Light Crust. Whereas, by satisfactory evidence largest and most complete stock first of the week. presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK OF bought dry goods much cheaper her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Try one next time. Merkel Dry

Mrs. Tandy and daughter Miss

our reporter that he bought the lene visited friends in Merkel the It's the highest grade flour brought to Merkel. We and the mill stand behind every sack sold to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays. Goods and Grocery Co.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL Groene's Art Store. Open 8

> Miss Ruth Wheeler is visiting in Abilene this week.

Our new dress goods will be here this week. Harkrider.

Miss Annie T. Daniel visited Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Beall at Colorado City.

See the new fall Millinery at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Coats are the proud parents of a baby boy which arrived Monday.

Our fall stock is coming in daily by freight and express. W. L. Harkrider.

Mrs. Ida Ryan of Marshall is visiting her aunt Mrs. Alice Templeton.

Fresh bakers bread at all times at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

Mrs. Jeffie Hibbitts left Mon-

day for Uvalde where she will teach this next year. We claim to have the best and

cheapest ginghams. See them for-

school dresses. Harkrider. Miss Nora Martin is fast recovering from her confinement with

fever but is not yet able to be up. Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Eyans, Proprietors.

Born to Prof. and Mrs. B. D. Black on the 27th at their home in South Merkel a fine 9-pound

If you want the best flour buy Light Crust, the best flour milled in Texas. Merkel Dry Goode and Grocery Co.

Emzi Burroughs of Canyon City is visiting his brother H. C. Burroughs and looking after busi-

We want to show you our new styles in Walker-Over shoes. W. L. Harkrider.

Miss Ina Wheeler has been in Abilene this week attending the examination of teachers conducted by the county board.

I will open my kindergarten and primary school at my home September 11. Your patronage solicited. Duncan Browning.

After spending several days in Merkel visiting friends and prospecting Oscar Hafley returned to his home in Dublin Tuesday.

See those New Felt Hats at the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co. They are the newest nobbiest creations in Millinery.

Oran Edwards of near Midland is visiting his mother Mrs. West Edwards on Elm street.

Mrs. Vernon Sutphen and little son of Meridian and Mrs. Dale while E. L. Woodroof was gone their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C.

We sell you genuine Georgia Duck at the same prices you pay Mrs. Lou Hood of Dallas coun- for inferior goods, try ours, it's ty is visiting the family of H. C. better. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

# New Fall Clothing

It is with pride that we announce to the men and boys of Merkel that we are now ready to show them their new winter suits. We have, we believe, the largest, prettiest and best selected stock of clothing ever brought to Merkel. We can fit the fat man, we can fit the slim man or the medium sized man in most any style or priced suit that you could want. We can fit the big boy or the little boy in knickerbocker, straight pants or long pants suits and at moderate prices. We want every man and boy in Merkel and the Merkel country to give us a look on their clothing before buying as we are especially strong on these lines this season.

### Great Bargains in Boys School Suits

We have about 200 boys' suits, all straight pants, that are great for every day and school wear. We bought these suits at great sacrifice and will sell them at just one half their former prices. They are all marked in plain figures and we will sell them at just half their marked price.

\$7.50	Suits,	choice of	any	\$3.75
\$6.50	Suits,	choice of	any	3.25
\$5.00	Suits,	choice of	any	2.50
\$4.00	Suits,	choice of	any	2.00
\$3.50	Suits,	choice of	any	1.75
\$3.00	Suits,	choice of	any	1.50
\$2.50	Suits,	choice of	any	1.25
\$2.00	Suits,	choice of	arıy:	1.00

These suits are especially good for school wear. The coat alone is worth a great deal more than we ask for the whole suit. You can watch this store for the best prices to be made on Dry Goods and Groceries this fall.

### Merkel Dry Goods & Grocery Co.

Merkel Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Lawrence returned to his Burroughs.

Miss Massey of Waxahachie W. O. Boney and family after Woodroof Bros. and arrived in and with the family of his nephew their home at Bay City.

home in Fort Worth, the first of Try a pair of Cadet hose, fully the week after a brief stay in guaranteed at 25c a pair in mens, Merkel with the family of H. C. ladies, boys and childrens. W.L. Harkrider.

Miss Katherine Mathis has rehas accepted a position with the visiting for a few days with his turned from Waxahachie where enterprising dry goods firm of brother A. C. Boney and family she went to manage the store and children of Edna are visiting W. O. Boney have returned to to market. Miss Katherine has Provine in South Merkel. resumed her duties in the Merkel store with Woodroof Bros.

Burroughs for a few days.

#### TWO DEAD AND 500 INJURED

Speed Mania Costs Two Lives and Hundreds Injured.

Elgin National Trophy Race.

The Elgin National Trophy race, for stock cars of 600 cubic inches piston displacement and under. Distance, 305 miles, 204 feet.

Winner, Lon Zengel, in a Nation-Second, Harry F. Grant in an

Alco. Third, Hugh Hughes in a Mer-

Winner's time, 4:25:39.08, an average of 66.42 miles per hour. Second time, 4:41:58.72. Third time, 4:42:07.97.

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Elgin, Ill.: Two dead, four seriously injured and five hundred cut and bruised was the blood toll demanded before Len Zengel in a National car flashed across the finish line late this afternoon, a winner of the Elgin Nation trophy-the Western Vanderbilt.

Ralph Mulford, the winner of last year's race was forced out of the race by a broken wheel. Casting a tire on the danger hair pin turn, Dave Bucks' monster Pope-Hartford turned turtle, killing Bucks' mechanician, Sam Jacobs, and fatally injuring Buck, whose wife was within a few hundred yards of the scene of the accident and was one of the first at the side of her wounded husband. Buck died two hours later.

The start of the race was accompanied by a thrilling collapse in the grand stand, fifteen sections of which pollapsed, burrying 500 persons in the flimsy debris and severely injuring

While automobile ambulances were still collecting the more seriously injured, the cars were lined up again and sent away on their long grind.

### UNUSUAL FOOD SOURCES.

A \$50 Wager Won Under Unique Conditions.

Guthrie, Okla.: Samuel Johnson hald a wager recently with a neighbor, Joseph Thompson, that he could prepare a menu for an entire day from common plants and weeds. The wager was for \$50 and Johnson won Here was his menu:

Breakfast: A toddy for an eye-opmer, made from broomcorn whisky and sweetened to taste with beet supar; breakfast food of boiled Kaffin corn, alfalfa meal flap jacks and mile maize syrup.

Luncheon: Kaffir cornbread, boiled towposs, young rabbit fried in cotton lard, elderberry wine and an alfalfs

Alfalfa muffins, with peanut butter that was mixed with cot ton seed oil instead of olive oil; soy heans haked: various fruits from the farm orchards, wild grape juice.

Before going to bed Thompson placed the \$50 on the table. He acknowledged that he had been converted.

"In order, too, just to make the program good and strong for Mr. Thompson, I washed the dishes after each meal with soap made from the Yucca plant, whose flowering stalks are seen by the thousand over Oklahoma sand hills in the summer time, and I swept the floors with a broom made of the broomweed, with inside fillings of the August flower, another weed, and from Yucca fibers."

Father, Mother and Brother Murdered. Evansville, Ind .: Wm. Lee, aged 21, has confessed to the murder of his father, a brother and his mother, on last Wednesday night. Young Lee was to have married Thursday, and killed his family with an ax, for the purpose of obtaining money to set up and fostering the healing process. housekeeping. After murdering the three, he set the house on fire, ran out and raised the alarm. Suspicious conduct led to an investigation, incriminating discoveries and subsequent confession to one of the coldest blooded triple murders ever committed in the

Palo Pinto Votes Wet.

Mineral Wells: Palo Pinto County election Saturday resulted in an anti majority of 71 votes. The total vote: Pro 1,348, anti 1,419. The election was bitterly contested throughout. The coal mines opened at the south of the county greatly helped the anti vote and Mineral Wells reversed itself over the Statewide election vote.

Will Erect Large Hotel.

San Antonio: On property known as Brown Island, which he purchased at more than \$100,000, Lafayette Ward is having drilled an artesian well preparatory to the erection of a 500-room tourist hotel. The property is in the heart of the business district and takes in five acres.

Waco Monoplane to Try for Dallas.

Waco: Dr. A. S. Sontag and his son, Douglass Sontag, and Harry Peyton have completed a flying ship and will make a trial trip as soon as the engine reaches here from Eastern manufacturers. The ship is a monoplane and is constructed on standard lines. Dr. Sontag hopes to fly from Waco to Dallas during the Dallas Fair. Douglass Sontag and Harry Peyton will nage it in the trial trip from Waco



be added that the subject is a much ties of any farmer or other private citizen who is impelled to study it just as gardening may be made a suc cess by a man who makes no claims to being a fancy gardener. Indeed, the owner of any wooded land who desires to preserve the mature forest growth is all but compelled to delve into the lore on this subject if he does not want to employ a professional forester, and the farmer who wants to preserve the priceless heritage of the stately trees that surround and shade the ideally-placed farm house must do likewise.

One phase of tree doctoring that the layman can undertake almost as successfully as the professional is that embraced in preventive measures. With trees, as with all other growing things, the policy of the ounce of prevention is a wise one and moreover there are some wealthy men who own large estates in this country who employ tree doctors as the Chinese employ physicians-to keep them well rather than to cure them after sickness has set in. This "stitch in time" policy as applied to trees is particularly serviceable in the case of the insects, etc., which play such havoc with tree growth if left to carry on their depredations unmolested. It is always preferable and usually simpler to bar pests of this kind from the cherished trunk and branches than it is to banish them once they have gained a foothe

Speaking of this responsibility in tree doctoring directs attention to the exceedingly varied activities that are embraced in the ministering to our sylvan treasures. There are numerous different methods of circumventing the caterpillars and other objectionable invaders, and there are likewise any number of prescriptions that may be tried out if the pests have taken possession of trees ere the alarm is given. Prominent among these latter remedial measures are the various forms of tree spraying for which special apparatus is now provided and apropos of which extensive experiments have been carried on to determine the most effective formula to be introduced as spray. Another branch of tree surgery deals with the intelligent removal of dead or diseased limbs of trees and the repair of damage done by fire, lightning, high winds, etc. And finely we come to the true surgery which in the case of trees, as with people, involves the removal of portions of the vital tissue; the termination of decay or disease; and the substitution of other substances-in the case of trees, concrete being a favorite medium for closing wounds

It might be supposed by many readers that tree doctoring would be restricted largely to the country and suburban districts, but such is very far from being the case. Indeed, it would seem as though the residents of our towns and cities prize their trees more highly and are willing to do more to preserve them than are the farmer class-and, perhaps, this is natural considering that tall, stately trees are much rarer in cities than in the rural districts. At any rate most of our large cities now employ one or more tree doctors to look after the trees in their parks and the shade trees on streets and boulevards, whereas it is becoming almost imperative for a man who aspires to the position of head gardener on any large private estate to have enough knowledge of ailing or insect-infested trees to cope with the situation.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and the state governments in many of our leading states now maintain special departments that devote their attention to the problems presented in this field. In the case of Uncle Sam's Bureau of Entomology the activities are not confined to inducing good health in trees but extend to all sorts of investigations and experiments regarding injurious insects affecting field crops, fruits, small fruits and truck crops as well as the forests and forest products. This research institution has devoted much time and money to the introduction in the United States of beneficial insects-that is insects which prey upon those creatures that harm the trees-and is all the while carrying on tests and experiments with insecticides and insecticide machinery. Not the least important function of this government institution is the identification of insects for anybody who applies for such information. By this means a farmer or householder discovering an unknown bug on his trees may ascertain the record of the mysterious visitor together with hints as to how to get rid of him in case he is an undesirable.

Probably the most extensive and most costly project in tree doctoring in the history of the world is that which has been in progress for some years past in the state of Massachusetts. The object of this prolonged battle is to exterminate or hold in check the gypsy moth, which, with other kindred species, has threatened to destroy the trees throughout the Old Bay State, if not, indeed, throughout New England. In this fight millions of dollars have been expended, the experts employed by the state of Massachusetts working hand in hand with Uncle Sam's experts, headed by C. L. Marlatt, perhaps the greatest authority in the world. It is probably a trifle early to say that the fight has been won, but certain it is that much headway has been gained and doubtless the damage will be restricted to its

Tremendous sums are expended every year in spraying for orchard insects. It is estimated that not less than \$5,000,000 is thus expended each year in holding in check the codling moth and an equally large sum is devoted yearly to treatments against the San Jose scale. Nowhere

done so thoroughly as in the United States. The invention of special spraying apparatus began as early as the year 1880, and since that time each year has been the advent of new and improved apparatus. Some six or seven years ago the steam-powsprayer made its appearance and a little later there was evolved the gasoline outfit, which may be seen in operation today on so many farms and in many city parks. Where

in the world is

this doctoring

the poison charged liquid employed for spraying must be hauled some distance it is customary to resort to outfits of liberal tank capacity, and many of these range from 150 to 300 gallons. For spraying high trees it is necessary to use an elevated tower or platform built upon a wagon and with one man on the tower and two men on the ground spraying may be carried on with the greatest possible degree of efficiency. Of course, a good length of hose is essential-one-half inch being a popular size, and it should be capable of standing 200 pounds pressure per square inch.

INTELLIGENT PRUNING OF TREES

Trees in towns and cities are naturally much more liable to such injuries as will later require the practice of tree surgery than are those in the country districts. The piling of building material against trees, the attaching of guy wires and the grading of streets or roads are all causes productive of injuries. Overcrowding by other trees. horse bites and girdling by wire labels are other sources of trouble. One of the worst of all, however, is improper pruning or tree butchery. As a matter of fact, intelligent, systematic pruning

and tree surgery are very closely related. Pruning requires a previous intimate knowledge of the habits of growth of trees, whereas surgery on the other hand requires in addition a knowledge of the best methods for making cavities airtight and preventing decay. The principle is much the same as that employed by the dentists who fill cavities in the teeth of human beings, and this caring for the cavities in trees is the only means of preserving affected specimens and saving to this and future generations some of the noblest specimens of woodland growth. The favorite mixture for filling cavities is composed of one part Portland cement to three parts of clean, sharp sand. After all decayed or decaying matter has been removed from the cavity the whole cavity is filled with this thin mortar, and then, when this has had time to become stiff. but not hard, there is applied a surface coat made of one part sand and one part cement and the surface is so faced as to exclude all moisture from the opening of the cavity.

It should be noted in conclusion that Providence has provided us with the best tree doctor in the form of that familiar and unappreciated hird, the woodpecker. The woodpecker is easily the most useful of all the seven hundred varieties of birds to be found in the United States and it is largely because of his constant search for and warfare against the four hundred different varieties of insects that prey upon our trees. The woodpecker is not merely a tree doctor, but is actually a tree surgeon because his most energetic quest is for those insects that injure the tree internally and to which access can be gained only by means of the unique equipment with which nature has provided the woodpecker and from the employment of which he derives his name. As a rule the woodpecker makes only shallow holes so that his work may properly be dignified as tree surgery that leaves no scars, which is not the least of its advantages.

Sometimes (and if we may judge by some we meet on the street, we might say oftentimes) the skin is so coated with impurities in the shape of powwe would have smaller need for the coating.

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The Resort Prospectus. "Going to run daily excursions this year?"

"Oh, yes." "I notice you don't advertise a gorge any more.' "No; I made it a ravine instead

### TWO GOOD DINNER DISHES

Recipes for Lamb Chops With Stuffes Tomatoes and Stuffed Compote of Apples.

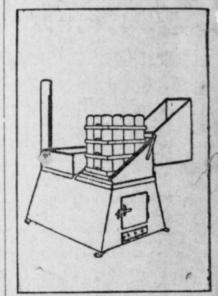
Lamb Chops With Stuffed Tomatoes, -Select nice loin chops about ong inch thick; remove all extra fat; season with salt and pepper; cover with fine, sifted bread crumbs; lay on a rack in a baking pan. For each chop take a firm but ripe tomato; cut a circle around the stem and removes scoop out a little of the inside; fill the cavity with fine bread crumbs seasoned with salt, pepper and a little melted butter, a few drops of lemon juice and a little minced parsley. If desired a little sugar may be dropped into the tomato before stuffing it. Cover with the circle cut off. Place a tomato on each chop and bake in a hot oven from 20 to 30 minutes. This is delicious served with creamed pota-

Stuffed Compote of Apples-Select large juicy apples of equal size (pippins are best), pare and core them, leaving the apple whole; lay them in a mixture of lemon juice and brandy until they have acquired the taste; then cook them three parts done in a syrup of sugar and water; drain carefully and bake a few minutes in a quick oven; when done but still hot, fill the centers with pineapple jam, with a few chopped almonds added; cover each apple with a jelly produced by boiling down the syrup in which the apples were first cooked, with a very little more brandy. This syrup will give the apples a beautiful glazed appearance. Arrange the apples on a dessert dish and serve with whipped cream poured around them, or form apples in shape of a dome and cover with a meringue of beaten whites of eggs, powdered sugar and vanilla, sticking over the top sweet almonds cut in lengths. Place in oven until meringue is a delicate brown.

### MAN INVENTS STEAM COOKER

Ingenious Little Stove That Is Do signed to Be Attached to Steam Pipes.

With coal and gas and even eleo tricity used for cooking, a Missouri man saw no reason why steam should not be turned to the same purpose. Accordingly he invented the steam cooker shown in the illustration. This little stove can be attached to a steam pipe in the house by connecting up pipes which run through the bottom or body member. The top of the lower section will thus be beated so that it can be used to fry on while the inside can be used as an oven. In addition to this there is a box-like compartment which rests on top of



Connects With Steam Pipe.

the lower chamber and which has a hinged cover which fits so closely as to make it steam-tight. This cover provides for the retention of heat in the compartment, the same as in an oven, and makes it especially useful for certain purposes, such as preserving and the like. Of course, the steam cooker is designed primarily for use In houses which are equipped with steam heat

Molded Rice.

Cook the rice until soft in plenty of salted water. If the water is all absorbed and each grain is separate and dry the dish will be more delicate, Let the rice partly cool; to one pint add half a cup of sugar, a saltspoon of cinnamon, the beaten whites of two eggs and a teaspoon of gelatine dissolved in one-third cup of hot water. Mix, pour in a wet mould and chill. Beat the white of one egg very tight, stir into it gradually half a cup of powdered sugar, the juice of a quartered lemon and one cup of chopped raspberries. A more delicate sauce is made by straining the berries through a sieve.

Lyonnaise Eggs.

Peel and chop fine 2 medium-sized white onlons, and cook them gently in one-quarter of a cup of butter until they begin to color. Stir in one tablespoon of flour, then add gradually one cup of hot milk, chicken or veal stock. and stir until smooth and thick. Season with pepper, salt and a speck of powdered mace; add six hard boiled eggs cut lengthwise into quarters, heat thoroughly, turn out carefully on squares of buttered toast, sprinkle with chopped parsley and serve at

Floor Cleaner.

Buy a common blackboard erase and fasten it firmly to an old broom handle. If the eraser is dipped into a little coal tar it will take up all and dust and polish the floor same time.

"Oh, wad some power the giftle give us To see ourselves as ithers see us

How surprised some of us would be if we did possess this gift, and how quickly we would hasten to make some changes!

Every person's skin is a law unto itself, and what is beneficial to one the face at night with hot water to remay not be so to another. You never move all dirt; then massage with good saw two persons who looked exactly cold cream. In the morning all that is alike, nor two persons who did things necessary is a quick rub with cold wain exactly the same manner. So it is ter. Do not be afraid to rub the face capable of performing its work, the with the skin, no person has a skin a little. The skin needs exercise as other organs must of necessity ferent treatment from one that is in- massaged. This increased circulation dened with an extra

be discovered by experiment. So if material. you find your complexion improving one else recommends a different treat-

ment. There are a few directions that will seldom disagree with any skin. Usually it will be found beneficial to bathe clined to be dry Exactly what agrees brings extra nourishment with it and posed of. Sometime

THE SKIN AND COMPLEXION with a given person's skin only can also tends to carry away more waste do this and the waste material is left

to accumulate in the skin. Pimples and black-heads show that under a given treatment, do not the waste material is not being carchange your methods because some ried away properly but is being left to clog the pores. Sometimes this ac- der, enamel and other preparations cumulation of waste material is due to that it finds it impossible to work at lack of cleanliness. The waste ma- all. If we would exercise the skin a terial is left on the skin and clogs the little more and coat it a little less, pores so they cannot perform their work. Sometimes the fault is due to poor circulation or to diseases of the excretory organs. If one organ is inthat is exactly like another's. How well as any other part of the body more than their share in trying to aid foolish it is, then, to expect the same treatment to agree with all skins! or rubbing the skin tends to draw a carrying off their share of the waste Certainly an oily skin requires difnount to be dis- Some people thought a gorge meant a t is unable to lot to eat."

Stayed Away.

A little boy, says Harper's Maga-sine, noticing the absence for several days of the little girl next to him in school, inquired of the teacher where she was.

"She was sick," replied the teacher,' and the Lord took her away." 'H'm!" said the boy; "I was sick all last week and he never came near

#### CHILD'S HEAD A MASS OF HUMOR

"I think the Cuticura remedies are the best remedies for eczema I have ever heard of. My mother had a child who had a rash on its head when it rash. He gave us medicine, but it did no good. In a few days the head was a solid mass, a running sore. It was had to hold him and watch him to keep him from scratching the sore. His suffering was dreadful. At last We got a dollar bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, a box of Cuticura Ointment, and a bar of Cuticura Soap. We gave the Resolvent as directed, washed the head with the Cuticura Soap, and applied the Cuticura Ointment. We had not used half before the child's head was clear and free from eczema, and It has never come back again. His head was healthy and he had a beautifui had of hair. I think the Cuticura Ointment very good for the hair. It makes the hair grow and prevents falling hair." (Signed) Mrs. Francis Lund, Plain City, Utah, Sept. 19, 1910.

Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 12 L, Boston.

If a man tells a woman she has a musical laugh she will fall for any old joke he may get off.

### DAUGHTER WAS CURED

### By Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



time. Lydia E. Pink-ham's Vegetable Compound was rec-ommended, and after taking three bottles she has regained her health, thanks to your medicine. I can recommend it for all female troubles."—Mrs. L. A. JORERAN, 1103 Rutland Street, Balti-

Hundreds of such letters from mothers expressing their gratitude for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-pound has accomplished for them have been received by the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Company, Lynn, Mass.

Young Girls, Heed This Advice. Girls who are troubled with painful or irregular periods, backache, headache, dragging-down sensations, fainting spells or indigestion, should take
immediate action and be restored to
health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Thousands have been
restored to health by its use.

Write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., for advice, free,

### Biliousness

quickly disappears after taking a few doses of Grand-ma's Tea. It is Nature's best remedy for all disorders of the stomach. If you are suffering from

### Indigestion

heartburn, sourness, gas on stomach, etc., take a cup of Grandma's Tea each night before retiring. In a few days you will feel like a new person. Grandma's Tea can be bought of any good druggist at 25 cents a package, and nothing else will so effectively liven up a

### Torpid Liver





ERAJ Miller, M.D. St. Louis, Ma.

### Our Lord Building a Church

By Amos R. Wells

T is not surprising that Jesus wished to know who men thought him to be. That is an important matter in anyone's life It

was real young. Doctor called it baby made a great difference to Napoleon whether men thought of him as first consul or an emperor. It made & great difference to Edison whether awful; the child cried continually. We men thought of him as a telegraph operator or as an inventor. It made a vast difference to Jesus whether men thought of him as the son of we remembered Cuticura Remedies. Joseph or the Son of God. It made a difference to him because it made an infinite difference to men.

Christ's church consists of all those that think him to be the Son of God. The Greek word for "church" Christ's means "the called-out." church consists of those that are called out from the persons that believe Jesus to be a sage, a prophet, a hero, a martyr; and the called-out persons believe him to be God.

Deed Is Christ's. It is Christ that calls out, that selects the stones for his church. He alone can tell whether the belief in him as God is merely an empty belief of the head, or a heart-and-life belief also. He alone can see through the stone, cut trimly, with skining, smooth surfaces, and discer the hidden fissure that will crack or the hidden pyrite that will stain.

And, of course, the first stone that Christ selected, the first church member that he called out, was the first man who sincerely and openly believed him to be God. That it was Peter need not surprise us, for that apostle's faults were all on the surface and could be trin med away. The inner part of him was all right, and it is the inner part of a stone rather than the outside that counts permanently in a building.

Was Peter surprised at this honor from his Lord? I think not: he would have been far more surprised if it had not been given, if after his whole-hearted adhesion he had not been built into the church of Christ, And indeed the whole Gospel story proves that he received no special honor, no more than John, no more than James, no more than Paul, no more than you or me if we make Peter's confession of Christ.

Ours Also the Authority.

But were not the keys of the kingdom of Heaven given to Peter? Were not his bindings and loosings to be ratified in Heaven? Yes, and all this authority is ours also, on the same terms. When stones are built into a church, the same key that admits to and called it Green the block of marble or lapis lazult Sickness, but she admits to the block of granite or grew worse all the limestone. Those that are one with Christ are one with his learning and authority and power. Not the humblest child of the church but may lift his head with the lordliest.

"The gates of Hades shall not prevall against it," said Christ; against the church; against you, if you are a stone built into the church. But was not Christ, the next minute, to say sternly to Peter, "Get thee behind me Satan?" Was not Peter, not many months thereafter, to deny Christ and go out weeping bitterly? Yes; but not into the outer darkness. The power of Hades may shake the church, but the mortar holds. No stone that has been built into the structure shall ever fall out.

Be Honest With God.

Do we long for strength with God? The only way to win it is to be honest with him. Tell the miserable weaknesses and ask him to root them out of our lives and give us power instead. Own up to him how foolish we are at best, and beg for the wisdom that maketh not ashamed. Whisper in his ear the poor, wretched mrstakes we have made, and pray for strength to keep in the old path through all the days to come. shall we rise to newness of life. So shall we grow braver and better. So shall we be blessed in our service for the master.-Edgar L. Vincent, in Christian Work and Evangelist.

Folly of Self-Pity. Anyone who is disposed to be a martyr can find stake and faggots awaiting him at every crossroad. Start out in the morning expecting to be abused, and you will have wounds and ill usage in plenty before the day is done. Self-pity is a magnet that always attracts hardships and troubles; it draws to itself all that is bitter, ankind and hard in life, and makes its possessor miserable because he expects to be. We find what we look for, and it is the doors at which we knock that are opened to us .- Herald and Presbyter.

What We Might Do.

We might see so much more beauty If we willed it. We might cause many unknown feelings to flower if we were not in such a hurry to feel strong ones. We miss in the swing of excitement many opportunities of giving sympathy in little things to those we love, which, if they had been used, would have added finer fancies, subtler and sweeter shades, to our power of feeling .- Stopford A. Brooks.

Many a man who prays that he may be a blessing to many, never does a thing to help answer his own

### MUNYON'S WORK TALK OF CITY

Big Success Shown by Numbers of Callers at Philadelphia Headquarters.

LOCAL MAN TELLS OF REMARKABLE RELIEF FROM RHEUMATISM IN YEAR'S TIME.

The apparent success with which Professor James M. Munyon, the world-famous health authority, has been meeting has started much discussion. Every street car brings dozens of callers to his Laboratories at 53d and Jefferson Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., and every mail brings thousands of letters from people inquiring about Munyon's Famous Health Cult. Professor Munyon's corps of expert physicians is kept busy seeing callers and answering the mail. Peculiar to say, these physicians prescribe no medicine at all for 50 per cent. of the callers and mail inquiries; health hints, health advice and rules for right living are given absolutely free. Medical advice and consultation absolutely free.

Munyon's followers seem to be enormous. Those who believe in his theories seem to think he possesses the most marvelous powers for the healing of all sorts of diseases. Munyon, himself, laughs at this. He says: "The hundreds of cures which you are hearing about every day in Philadelphia are not in any way due to my personal skill. It is my remedies, which represent the combined brains of the greatest medical specialists science has ever known, that are doing the work. I have paid thousands of dollars for a single formula and the exclusive right to manufacture it. I have paid thousands of the error of my various forms of treatment. This is why I get such remarkable results. I have simply bought the best products of the best brains in the world and placed this knowledge within the reach of the general public."

Among Munyon's callers yesterday were many who were enthusiastic in their praise of the man. One of these said: "For six years I suffered with rheumatism. My arms and legs were afflicted so badly that I could hardly work, and I could not raise my arms to my head. The pain was most severe in the back, however, and I was in perfect torture. I tried in many ways to get cured, or even to secure temporary relief, but nothing seemed to help me until I was persuaded by a friend to try Dr. Munyon's Uric Acid Course. It was the most

and does not take the Uric Acid Course is making a great mistake."

The continuous stream of callers and mail that comes to Professor James M. Munyon at his laboratories at 53d and Jefferson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., keeps Dr., Munyon and his enormous corps of expert physicians busy.

Write today to Professor James M. Munyon personally, Munyon's Laboratories, 53d and Jefferson Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Give full particulars in reference to your case. Your inquiry will be held strictly confidential and answered in a plain envelope. You will be given the best medical advice, and asked more questions. Remember there is no charge of any kind for consultation, or medical advice. The only charge Munyon makes is, when his physicians prescribe his remedies you pay the retail selling price. It is immaterial whether you buy from him or from the nearest druggist.

GOOD IDEA.



Reggy-I wish I knew what character to assume at the masquerade party tomorrow night.

Cholly-Put a display head on yourself and go as a society column.

Monotonous.

Madge-So the place you spent your vacation got to be awfully dull? Marjorie-Just dreadful, dear. Toward the end I had to get engaged again to a young man I was in love with early in the summer.

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The next time you feel that swallowing sensation gargle Hamlins Wizard Oil immediately with three parts water. It will save you days and perhaps weeks of misery from sore threat It isn't difficult to induce the other

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teething, softens the gums, reduces inflamma tion, aliays pain, cures wind colic, 25c a bottle Many a man doesn't realize that he married an angel until she begins to

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do the harp act.

A man has to have a strong pull to

equal that of a dull rasor.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE.

A PARADOX.

Manager-Has your new play plen-

Playwright-Sure. Why, eight peo-

Naughty, but Nice.

invited to a children's party. Her

blonde hair was perfectly straight, but

becomingly arranged, and she started

But on her return she was rather

"I had a nice time, but it would

sflent, and, on being questioned as to

have been nicer if my hair was kinky.

All the other girls' hair was kinky.

and I shan't go to another party un-

So the next week, when another in-

vitation came for the little girl, her

hair was curled and fluffed out in the

Then her mother led her to a mir-

ror, and said: "There, Edith, what do

Edith regarded herself soberly for

a moment, and then, turning slow-

ly around, she said: "It's vain, but I

Not Impressed. Mme Nordica at a garden party at

Deal Beach, said apropos of her re-

pressed by the armless and legless

fragments of antique sculpture treas-

ured in the museums of the old

"One day in the British museum a guide was recounting to a little knot

of tourists the glories of a battered

centaur, when a Chicago meat sales-

man broke the reverent hush with the

they feed a bloke like that on-ham

Mean Man.

"Why don't you speak to Mr. Mill-

"Aw, he wouldn't let me shoot him

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Examine carefully every bottle of

CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

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not get the advantage of me. I gave

"But which is really the better

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him a Roland for his Oliver."

in the leg," answered the Florodora

girl, "when he knew it would gimme

"'Excuse me, sir, but what would

"Many good people refuse to be im-

less my hair is fixed in kinks."

Edith, who is eight years old, was

ple are killed in the last two acts.

ty of life in it?

off in high feather.

her experience, said:

most approved style.

cent European tour:

you think of it?'

like it."

world.

question:

and eggs or hay?"

yuns any more?"

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some fine advertising."

Mrs. R. Crouse, Manchester, Iowa, nys: "For two years my back was weak. Rheumatic pains racked my lower limbs day and night. The pas-

sages of the kidney secretions were annoyingly irregular. When I started using but gently on Doan's Kidney Pills, these troubles soon lessened and the dull backache vanished. My kidneys now act normally and I give Doan's Kidney Pills credit for this wonderful change."

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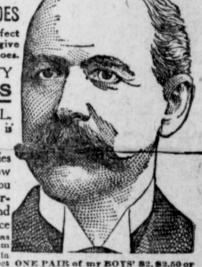
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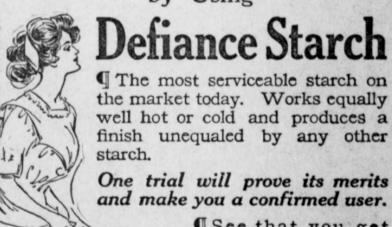
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### 100e School Days Bring Many Problems

You owe it to your children to see that they are well dressed and comfortable. How can it be done on the least money? Stockings have been the greatest trouble. You know the kind that look well until the first recess. If your boy is the right kind of boy, he plays so fast he forgets all about his stockings. To grow he must play that way. Give him the kind of stockings that take care of themselves-

Leap-frog, hop-scotch, foot ball, and many other games need have no terrors for the mother who has be get her son complete. Let him scuffle, slide, jump all over the play ground—no atrain, no holes, no ravel. These wonderful stockings are made from Wundervarn, dyed with Wunderdye. Wundervarns are spun from the largest and toughest cotton fibre known. They are twisted and combed until they have the strength of rope, with the "feel" of silk. Only double threads of Wundervarn—no single ones whatever—are used in complete. The heels, toes and knees are reinforced, and remember the strength of re-inforcing yarns does not depend on the thickness. That is one of the reasons why the heels and toes of minderloss are so soft and pliable and yet so strong. In the mother helps her children with their books when other mothers are slaving with the darning needles.

Our Entire Store Building is Filled to Overflowing with The Most Magnificent Fabrics and Values it has ever been our Pleasure to Place on Sale and we cordially invite each and every human being within the trade radius of Merkel to visit our store and permit us to show you through our entire stock and put you next to our LOW PRICES.

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You will always look well-dressed in "Superb" garments-and never feel that "the other fellow" appears to better advantage. The most up-to-date styles of the season have just arrived and we will be pleased to show you this high-class line.



Don't buy that winter suit until you inspect the "Superb" clothes. Any of our customers will tell you about the merits of these garments.



MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Misses Flay Gunn and Venona Hamblet entertained Thursday evening. Tables were arranged for progressive 42 and other Needlework and music featured in the games which were greatly enjoy- afternoon enjoyment. Miss Margaret Maggie Wheeler. Matt. 5:1-16 ed by those present. The invited Tandy of Abilene visited the club. The Warnick, Kittie Pipes, RuthMer- Brown, Fannie Burrough's, Pauline rit, Leno Largent, Fannie Bur- Johnson. Apricot sherbet and peaches 15-21-James West. Rev. 3:20roughs, Winnie Warren, Jessie were served. Sutphen, Irene Swann, Roxie Moon, Zora West, Edna Roberts of Weatherford, Clara, Margie few friends Wednesday afternoon and Murtice Saffle, Gene and Car- They played croquet. The girls present rol Rister, Maggie Roberts, Dethel Dorothy Lee Potter, Zora West, Mur-Jenkins, Virginia and Venona tice Saffle, Mary and Jackie Jennings. Hamblet, Flay, Mary and Amy All report a lovely time. Gunn, Annie Smith, Inice Moon, Elizabeth and LaVernalSwafford, Lurlyne Long, Clara Keeton, Faye Allen; Messrs. Carl Evans, Parker and Roscoe Sharp, Ottis and Lowe Barnett, Lytton Howard, Taylor Jennings, Sam Swann, Charley Logan, Forest Gaither, Will Joe Largent, Oscar Hasley of Dublin, Frank Smith, Frank Ferrier, Barney Garrett, Ben Merritt, Jesse Ferguson, Charley lege and Froi. J. F. the Christian College at Abilene have Jones, Dennis McDonald, Robert been invited to be present. Hicks, Tyre Sublett. Vocal selections were given by Misses Leno Largent, Zora West and leading part. Murtice Saffle. Miss Amy Gunn assisted in serving cream and ake to the guests.

Miss Zora West gave a 42 party in onor of Miss Roxie Moon Tuesday vening. Music added much to the leasures of the evening. At the conlusion of the games punch and cake were served to Misses Faye Allen, Murice and Clera Saffle, Jackie and Mary lennings, Dorothy Lee Potter, Roxie Moon and Zora West. Messrs. Emzy and H. C. Burroughs, Hugh Tandy of Abilene, Will Joe Largent, Herman Barnett, James and John West.

Miss Annie T. Daniel assisted by her mother Mrs. J. W. Daniel entertained a few friends informallyThursday after noon in honor of Miss Ollie Kate Harris of Abilene. Bridge proved to be very Subject, The harm of worldly much enjoyed by Misses Mabel Collins, life. Agnes Hall, Maude Martin; Mesdames C. C. Cheshire, L. D. Gaither, Lanier 12-17. Brown, Fred Bigham, Courtney Hunt, Mrs. J. N. Routh assisted by W. T. Berry, W. H. Dickson. lced watermelon was served.

Wednesday afternoon Miss Pauline Johnson hostess to the G.F.F.C. girls. guests were Misses Elma Shep- members present were Misses Inice pard, Isla McDonald, Geneva Moon, Clara Keeton, Faye Lowrey,

> Miss Jackie Jennings entertained a were Misses Roxie Moon, Faye Allen,

#### Program School Rally Sept. 15. Meeting called to order by chairman.

Quartette (Piano accompaniment) selected by Miss Laura Jennings. Address by County Supt. E.V. White. Instrumental solo-Miss Cleo Bowler. Address by school Supt. R. L. Krig-

Short talks by volunteers. Dr. J. D. Sandefer of Simmons Col-

Reading-Mrs. Sheppard.

There will be a social feature in which every one present can take a R. L. Kringbaum, J. H. Warnick, I. S. Allen.

### MUST WORK.

A man may guy, And a man may lie, And a man may puff and blow; But he can't get trade By sittin' in the shade. Waiting for business to grow.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Franklin are in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Winston of Roswell, N.M., is visiting her sister Mrs. P. Pettit. Co. and moved to Merkel.

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

Following is the program for next Sunday 7 p. m.

Scripture reading, I. John 2:

Leader, Miss Sadie Collins. Song.

Prayer. Instrumental duet-Misses Winnie Warren and Lena Rister.

Bible reading-Rom. 12:1-2--Floyd Dean. Acts 1:6-11-Britain Jobe. John 15:18-27-Geo. Musick. John 17:9-12-Etheridge Dockery. Rom. 14: 22-Ola Sharp.

Prayer.

Harm of a worldly christian life-Mr. Moore.

Song. Benediction.

### League Program.

Subject, The Supreme Motive Power. Leader, T. A. Johnson. Song No. 21, (New Book) Prayer.

Song. Scripture lesson, II Cor. v;i3-14, John

xiii;34, John iii;16. Address by leader. Song No. 168.

Paper, One thing needful-Frank

Peculiarities of this friendship-Miss Tennie Brown. Paper, Whither?-Leslie McNees.

Instrumental music-Miss Ruth Mims Roll call answered by scriptural verse Miscellaneous. Benediction.

### Notice to Boys.

We have the best and most upto-date line of knee pant Suits with peg top pants. Also fine line of extra peg top knee pants. W. L. Harkrider.

J. A. Hamner returned Wednesday from an extended visit with his children in south Texas.

G. B. Tittle has accepted a position with the Anchor Hardware

# TAKE The Woman's Tonic

### **Just Returned From Market**

Have been very busy all the week opening new goods. We have all the new things in Dress Goods in the new colors from 5c calico to all-wool goods at \$1.00 per yard. A nice line of up-to-date Skirts and new Shoes for the children, ladies and men. Also a nice line of swell Suits and Hats. We have not the time to tell or to price you in this issue but come in and let us show you these goods and price them to you.

J. P. Sharp

### Rural Carriers Association.

At Merkel, Sept. 4, 1911. Business session at city ha 10 a. m. All carriers especiall rged to be present at this sessio Regular session at tabernacl

2 p. m. Welcome address—MayorMin Response-Mr. Thomas, Tye. Address-Judge T. A. Bledso Rural service compared wit. other services-Arthur Slater

Good roads-A. B. Chamber Baird.

The patron as the carrier sees him-J.A. Brownlee, Cottonwood The carrier as the patron see him-Patrons on routes. Care of horse-Victor Harris,

Everybody invited to come and help us make this meeting a grand success. Especially do we urge the route patrons to be with us at the afternoon session and take part in the discussions.

Price Bankhead Victor Harris

# Our First Showing of New Fall Millinery FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SEPT. 1 & 2

THE new styles for fall are very pretty and becoming and a complete change from the past several seasons. The soft Felt hats in white and colors are the newest things for early wear. We have a large line of Felts ranging in prices from \$1.00, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$5.00. We will show next week a full line of Gold Medal and King Bee Tailored and Pattern Hats. These two lines of hats need no recommendation as every wearer of good hats knows the superiority of these brands over any other brand of Millinery. Be sure to see these new attractions.

### New Goods are Rapidly Coming In

Next week will find most every department in our store filled to overflowing with new goods. We promise the people of Merkel the largest and best selected stock of Dry Goods and Groceries ever brought to Merkel from which to make your fall purchases. A visit from you will convince you and will be appreciated by us. We will make it to your advantage to trade at our store.

### Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

A. S. Hardwick of Abilene was in Merkel Saturday on business. B. M. Black of Dora was the est of his son B.D. Black Wedlay.

2. Laura Roberts and little on of Nugent are visiting Mrs. J. G. Jackson.

See our first showing of New Fall Millinery at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Co.

T. S. Wiman of Stanton is visiting his father and relatives in

Mrs. Geo. Brown of Dickens county is visiting her father J. L. Banner.

Mrs. C. M. Largent, Miss Leno and Mrs. Rister were in Abilene Wednesday.

"I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success" writes Mrs. M. I. Basford, Poolesville, Md For sale by all dealer.

Miss Alice Mangum of Oklahoma City is visiting her uncle B. D. Black.

Tom Sears of Whitewright is visiting his brother John Sears of the Noodle community.

As usually treated, a sprained ankle and disable a man for three or four reeks but by applying Chamberlain's Liniment freely as soon as the injury is received, and observing the directions with each bottle, a cure can be affected in from two to four days. For sale by all dealers.

There will be preaching at the Methodist church Sunday at 11 a.m. No preaching at night on account of Baptist meeting.

Figure with the Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company on your dry goods and grocery bill and save money.

Charlie Lou the 3-year old ... ghter of C. W. Harris who has been dangerously ill since Sunday is reported better.

Diarrhoea is always more or less prevalent during September. Be prepared for it. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is prompt and effectual. It can always be depended uponed is pleasant to take. For sale by all takes

r; W. V. Cranford has traded be Wilder residence opposite c. M. Rusts and is a citizen whorhood row.

# TO THE TRADE

We have received for the buying public of Taylor county, a new line of unique, seasonable merchandise for the new season that will compare most favorably with any line shown in the largest city department store, and our facilities for taking care of your fall business will be the very possible to obtain.

Our buyers have just returned from a four weeks visit to the fashion center of the East and the fact that we buy for two stores, gives us unusual advantages of the markets best values and while we will offer nothing but the newest ideas and fads for the coming season, the prices obtained on them will convince the most skeptical that we lead in low prices as well as high quality.

Our Silks, Dress Goods and Trimming Department will be replete with the season's newest Weaves, Shades and Patterns, and at prices that will appeal to economical buyers.

We are adding to our Large Store, a swell up-to-now ladies' ready-to-wear department, a department of it's own, featuring the latest creations in ladies' one piece Dresses, Coat Suits, Skirts and in fact every item that go to make up a complete Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department.



### OUR MILLINERY DEPARTMENT

It is with great pleasure that we announce to the ladies of Merkel and the Merkel country that Miss May Massey of Waxahachie will have charge of our Millinery Department this season and you will always find her willing and ready to show you whether you want to buy or not. So come in and get acquainted with her and let her help you plan your winter hat.

## Woodroof Brothers

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

J. W. McCollum of Comanche county is visiting his brother-in-law J. L. Banner.

Mrs. Howard and Miss Cleo Bowler of Terrell are in town visiting Mrs. W. A. Scott.

Homer Easterwood who has been in Southern Texas for several months is at home.

For bowel complaint in chileren always give Chamberlains Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy and castor oil. It is certain to effect a cure and when reduced with water and sweetned is pleasant to take. No physician can prescribe a better remedy. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Hayes of California who has been visiting her sister Mrs. Fredericson returned home last Sunday.

Swellings of the flesh caused by inflammation, cold, fractures of the bone toothache, neuralgia or rheumatism can be relieved by applying Ballard's Snow Liniment. It should be well rubbed in over the part affected. Its great healing and penetrating power eases the pain, reduces swelling and restores natural conditions. Price 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by H.C. Burroughs.

Dr. J. M. Green, dentist of Houston will be in the dental office formerly occupied by Dr. McCauley over the F. & M. Bank for the next few weeks.

Mrs. Mary Smith of Coleman is visiting her son and daughter Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Black.

### Best Treatment for a Burn.

If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It allays the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the parts without leaving a scar. This salve is also unequaled for nhapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Arthur Rose has returned from an Abilene sanitarium and reports her health very much improved.

### Kills a Murderer.

A merciless murderer is appendicitis with many victims, but Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing constipation headache, billousness, chills, 25c at H.C.

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SYNOPSIS.

Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats when a messenger summons him to the embassy, where a beautiful young woman saks for a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne. Chief Campbell of the secret service, and Mr. Grimm, his head detective, are warned that a plot is brewing in Washington, and Grimm goes to the state ball for information. His attention is called to Miss Isabel Thorne, who with her companion, disappears. A shot is heard and Senor Alvarez of the Mexican legation, is found wounded. Grimm is assured Miss Thorne did it; he wisits her. demanding knowledge of the affair, and arrests Pietro Petrozinni. Miss Thorne visits an old bomb-maker, and they discuss a wonderful experiment. Fifty thousand dollars is stolen from the office of Senor Rodriguez, the minister from Venezuela, and while detectives are investigating the robbery Miss Thorne appears as a guest of the legation. Grimm accuses her of the theft; the money is restreed, but a new mystery occurs in the disappearance of Monsieur Boissegur the French ambassador. Elusive Miss Thorne reappears, bearing a letter which states that the ambassador has been kidnaped and demanding ransom. The ambassador returns and again strangely disappears. Later he is rescued from an old house in the suburbs.

CHAPTER XVI.

Letters From Jall.

For two weeks Signor Pietro Petrokinni, known to the Secret Service as an unaccredited agent of the Italian government, and the self-confessed assailant of Senor Alvarez of the Mexican legation, had been taking his ease in a cell. He had been formally arraigned and committed without bail to await the result of the bullet wound which had been inflicted upon the diplomatist from Mexico at the German Embassy Ball, and, since then, undisturbed and apparently careless of the outcome, he had spent his time in reading and smoking. He had answered questions with only a curt yes or no when he deigned to answer

counsel. Twice each day, morning and night, he had asked a question of the jailer who brought his simple meals.

them at all; and there had been no

callers or inquiries for him. He had

abruptly declined a suggestion of

"How is Senor Alvarez?" "He is still in a critical condition." The answer was always the same. Whereupon the secret agent would law. Arrange escape for one week return to his reading with not a from tonight; use any money neces-

shadow of uneasiness or concern on sary. Make careful arrangements for his face. Occasionally there came a courteous two nights after." little note from Miss Thorne, which he read without emotion, afterward casting them aside or tearing them up, bottle of ink, leaving it there. He

He never answered them. And then one day there came another note forth to dry it, and at last scrutinized which, for no apparent reason, seemed to stir him from his lethargy. Out from the high-up window of his cell. wardly it was like all the others, but when Senor Petrozinni scanned the leaving the sheet perfectly clean and sheet his eyes lighted strangely, and white except for the ink-written meshe stood staring down at it as though sage. This sheet he folded, placed in to hide a sudden change of expression | an envelope, and addressed. in his face. His gaze was concentrated on two small splotches of ink where, it seemed, the pen had the letter out to him. scratched as Miss Thorne had signed her name. The guard stood at the barred door

for a moment, then started to turn quire you to read the letters that go away. The prisoner stopped him with a quick gesture.

"Oh, Guard, may I have a glass of milk, please?" he asked. "No ice. I prefer it tepid." He thrust a small coin between the

bars; the guard accepted it and passed on. Then, still standing at the door, the prisoner read the note again: 'My Dear Friend:

"I understand, from an indirect source, that there has been a marked live which he sat on a rack to dry. At improvement in Senor Alvarez's condition, and I am hastening to send you at his desk studying, under a magnithe good news. There is every hope fying glass, a finished print of the that within a short while, if he con- negative. Word by word he was tinues to improve, we can arrange a bail bond, and you will be free until magnifying glass gave him and so, the time of trial, anyway.

"Might it not be well for you to consult an attorney at once? Drop me a line to let me know you received Sincerely,

"ISABEL THORNE." Finally the prisoner tossed the note on a tiny table in a corner of his icell, and resumed his reading. After a time the guard returned with the Africa. Its power of increase in every

"Would it be against the rules for

me to write an answer to this?" queried Signor Petrozinni, and he indicated the note. "Certainly not," was the reply.

"If I might trouble you, then, for pen and ink and paper?" suggested the signor and he smiled a little. "Be

lieve me, I would prefer to get them for myself." "I guess that's right," the guard

grinned good-naturedly. Again he went away and the priser sat thoughtfully sipping the milk. He took half of it, then lighted a cigarette, puffed it once or twice and permitted the light to die. After a little ron

guard's feet on the cement pavement, and the writing materials were thrust through the bars. "Thank you," said the prisoner.

The guard went on, with a nod, and

moment later the signor heard the

clangor of a steel door down the cor-

ridor as it was closed and locked.

He leaned forward in his chair with

time, then rose and noiselessly ap-

proached the cell door. Again he lis-

tened intently, after which he resumed

his seat. He tossed away the ciga-

rette he had and lighted a fresh one,

afterward holding the note over the

flame of the match. Here and there,

where the paper charred in the heat,

a letter or word stood out from the

bare whitness of the paper, and finally

the innocuous ink-written lines. The

little chance of Alvarez's recovery.

Shall I arrange escape for you, or have

ambassador intercede? Would advise

former, as the other might take

months, and meeting to sign treaty al-

liance would be dangerously delayed."

sputtering flame to ignite the paper,

dropped on the floor, burned out, and

he crushed the ashes under his heel.

"Many thanks for your courteous lit-

tle note. I am delighted to know of

the improvement in Senor Alvarez's

condition. I had hoped that my impul-

sive act in shooting him would not

end in a tragedy. Please keep me in-

formed of any further change in his

condition. As yet I do not see the

necessity of consulting an attorney,

but later I may be compelled to do so.

"Respectfully.

This done the secret agent carefully

cleaned the ink from the pen, wiping

it dry with his handkerchief, then

thrust it into the half empty glass of

milk. The fluid clung to the steel nib

thinly; he went on writing with ft,

tials to United States, which, when

presented, will make me responsible

only to the Italian government as spe-

The Prisoner Read It Greedily.

cial envoy, according to international

the test and signing of compact for

Again the prisoner cleaned the steel

nib, after which he put it back in the

waved the sheet of paper back and

it minutely, standing under the light

Letter by letter the milk evaporated,

Later the guard passed along the

corridor, and Signor Petrozinni thrust

please," he requested. "It isn't sealed.

I don't know if your prison rules re-

out. If so, read it, or have it read,

For answer the guard dampened the

flap of the envelope, sealed it, thrust

it into his pocket and passed on. The

secret agent sat down again, and

One hour later Mr. Grimm, accom-

panied by Johnson, came out of a

photographer's dark room in Pennsyl-

vania Avenue with a developed nega-

the end of another hour he was sitting

sipped his milk meditatively.

then seal it."

"Be good enough to post that,

"I am in no danger. I hold creden-

between the lines of ink:

"PIETRO PETROZINNI."

"Am privately informed there is

prisoner read it greedily:

Then he began to write:

'My Dear Miss Thorne:

there came again the clatter of the curiously enough, it came to pass that Miss Thern', and Chief Campbell of the Secret Service were reading the hidden, milk-written message at almost the identical moment.

"Johnson got Petrozinni's letter from the postman," Mr. Grimm was explaining. "I opened it, photographed it, sealed it again and remailed it. There was not more than half-closed eyes, listening for a long half an hour's delay; and Miss Thorne can not possibly know of it." He paused a moment. "It's an odd thing that writing such as that is absolutely invisible to the naked eye, and yet when photographed becomes deciperable in the negative."

"What do you make of it?" Mr. Campbell asked. The guileless blue eyes were alive with eagerness.

"Well, he's right, of course, about a message complete appeared between not being in danger," said Mr. Grimm. "If he came with credentials as special envoy this government must respect them, even if Senor Alvarez dies, and leave it to his own government to punish him. If we were officially aware that he has such credentials I doubt if we would have the right to keep him confined; we would merely have to hand him over to the Signor Petrozinni permitted the Italian embassy and demand his punishment. And, of course, all that and thoughtfully watched the blaze destroy it. The last tiny scrap makes him more dangerous than ever.

"Yes, I know that," said the chief a little impatiently. "But who is this man?

"Who is this man?" Mr. Grimm repeated as if surprised at the question. I was looking for Prince Benedetto d'Abruzzi, of Italy. I have found him.' Mr. Campbell's clock-like brain ticked over the situation in detail.

"It's like this," Mr. Grimm elucidated. "He has credentials which he knows will free him if he is forced to present them, but I imagine they were given him more for protection in an emergency like this than for introducing him to our government. As the matter stands he can't afford to discover himself by using those credentials, and yet, if the Latin compact is signed, he must be free. Remember, too, that he is accredited from three countries-Italy, France and Spain." He was silent for a moment. "Naturally his escape from prison would preserve his incognito, and at the same time permit him to sign the compact."

There was silence for a long time. "I believe the situation is without precedent," said Mr. Campbell slowly The special envoy of three great powers held for attempted-!"

"Officially we are not aware of his purpose, or his identity," Mr. Grimm reminded him. "If he escaped it would clarify the situation tremendously."

"If he escaped!" repeated Mr. Campbell musingly.

"But, of course, the compact would not be signed, at least in this country," Mr. Grimm went on tentatively. Mr. Campbell gazed straight into the

listless eyes of the young man for a minute or more and gradually full understanding came home to him. Finally he nodded his head.

"Use your own judgment, Mr, Grimm," he directed.

CHAPTER XVII.

A Call on the Warden

The restful silence of night lay over the great prison. Here and there in the grim corridors a guard dozed in the glare of an electric light; and in the office, too, a desk light glimmered where the warden sat at his desk, poring over a report. Once he glanced up at the clock-it was five minutes of eleven-and then he went on with his reading.

After a little the silence was broken by the whir of the clock and the first sharp stroke of the hour; and at just that moment the door from the street opened and a man entered. He was rather tall and slender, and a sinister black mask hid his face from the quickly raised eyes of the warden. For a bare fraction of a second the two men stared at each other, then, instinctively, the warden's right hand moved toward the open drawer of his desk where a revolver lay, and his left toward several electrically connected levers. The intruder noted both gestures, and, unarmed himself, stood silent. The warden was first to speak.

"Well, what is it?" "You have a prisoner here, Pietro Petrozinni," was the reply, in a pleasant voice. "I have come to demand his

release The warden's right hand was raised above the desk top, and the revolver

in it clicked warningly. 'You have come to demand his release, eh?" he queried. He still sat motionless, with his eyes fixed on the black mask. "How did you pass the writing on a slip of paper what his outside guard?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



Central African Tree.

A remarkable tree has been discovered about the region of Lake Chad, way is remarkable. In a few months an extensive tract of land, we read. became an inpenetrable forest. In one season it is said to grow to the height of from four to five meters; in other words, from 13 to over 16 feet.

Its foliage is said to resemble the mimosa and its branches are thorny. The wood can be cut into planks, and the natives work it up into canoes. The Tilho mission has utilized the wood for making tables and doors.

Old books of travel represent the Asigtics as putting the nests into soups and stews. This is entirely erous. The birds which make these

nests use, among other materials, long strands of tough, whitish seaweed, the strands forming the outer shell or basket of the nest, and by their stickiness assist in securing it

to the rock. By the time the birds have emigrated, these bits of seaweed are washed clean by rains and are dried in the sun. Then is when they are extracted by Chinese gatherers and made into parcels for sale.

They form strips about eight inches long, somewhat of the appearance of Iceland moss, light, shiny, translucent and of no positive taste.

Peace of Mind. A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh, but envy is the rottenness of the bones .- Proverbs of Solomon xiv:

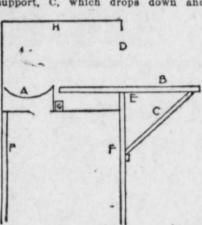


DANISH POULTRY TRAP NEST

System Commonly Used in Denmark to Improve Laying Qualities of Fowls Is Shown Herewith.

The trap nest most commonly used by Danish poultry keepers, who have adopted this system very largely for improving the laying qualities of their fowls, is shown in the illustration. The nest, which may be built in sets or even in two tiers, stands upon legs, F F, two feet from the ground. The nest, A, can be placed either at the back of the box, as shown in the cut, or at one side of the trap. If used as a single nest the top, H, may be hinged, so that the hen can be taken out that way.

When a hen wishes to enter she flies on to the lighting board, B, which is about three inches narrower than the entrance, leaving 11/2 inches clear space on each side. She walks along it to the rear, and in so doing tips the board which is hung on the pivot, E, down an inch or two to the stop, G. This raises the further end of the lighting board and releases the hinged support, C, which drops down and



A Simple Trap Nest.

raises the board, which swings into a perpendicular position and effectively closes the opening, D. These nests should be made 24 inches long and 15 inches square.

TUB FEED BOX FOR POULTRY

So Arranged That Twelve Hens Can Get Around Implement and Eat Without the Least Crowding.

Secure some empty butter tubs of



Finished Box

points as shown in the second illustration. Smooth the edges with a knife and it is ready for use. Twelve hens can get around one of these tubs and eat, without crowding. They are



handy to carry either empty or full. The fowls cannot roost on them, and consequently they are always clean, and when not in use they can be stacked up in a corner out of the way. Smaller tubs or pails can be used for chickens.

WASTED EGGS IN MINNESOTA

Farmer Loses on Average Two Out of Every Dozen That Hen Lays-Million Dollars Lost.

Two eggs out of every dozen laid by Minnesota hens may be said to drop through the holes in the farmer's basket before they reach the market. In other words, while the hen sees to it that every egg she lays is worth taking care of, the farmer takes proper care of only ten. The aggregate loss from this cause reaches over a million dollars annually. Nearly all those eggs may be saved by a better arrangement of poultry houses, a better system in collecting eggs and by co-operation in quick marketing. Several egg associations are showing us how to do it. and some day nearly all that million dollars will nestle in the farmer's pocket instead of going to waste.

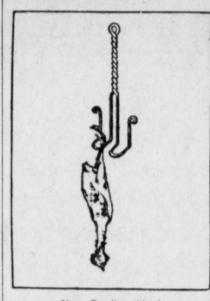
Care of Chicken Vard.

The poultry yard should be plowed or spaced up every two weeks or so. By exposing the under soil to the sun it keeps pure and the chicks enjoy it. Ever notice that immediately the chicken yard is spaded up the birds begin to make dust holes. How can they do this on hard ground?

NEW FORM OF POULTRY HOOK

Does Away With Necessity of Having Legs of Chickens Tied Together-Easily Holds Two Birds.

An improved form of poultry book has been invented by an Indiana man. Its advantage is that it does not necessitate the tying together of the fowls' legs nor the piercing of them by a pointed hook. Furthermore, more than one fowl can be hung on one hook. The device here shown consists of a shank with a forked end, each



New Poultry Hook.

member of the fork being formed with an open-sided loop and a bent member projecting upward parallel with the shank. A ring at the top of this hanger provides for the passage of a rope or thin rod on which it can be moved backward and forward to any point desired. To hang up a chicken on this hook one foot is passed through each of the open loops, which are just narrow enough to keep the chicken's feet from slipping through, and thus suspend it. If there are not enough hooks to go around so that there is one for each fowl, two birds can be strung up on a hanger as easily as one.

STORING EGGS ON THE FARM

New Yorker Discusses Question of Installing Storage Plant for Keeping Product.

"If there is money for the speculator in storing eggs, why isn't there money in it for the poultryman?" This is the way Charles T. Hatch, owner of the White Leghorn poultry farm at Waterville, N. Y., reasoned, with the result that he is making preparations to install his own cold storage plant. Recently he said to an editorial representative of the American Agriculturist, when visiting his farm:

"The crime of the egg business is the heaviest wood you can find, with the practice of selling old eggs as heavy oak or galvanized fron hoops. fresh gathered. I may send a crate Bore a number of holes in these, five of eggs to New York the day after inches from the bottom, and saw down they are gathered and get no more from the top to these holes, leaving for them than a neighbor who holds his eggs three weeks before shipping them. There should be a closer regulation of the sale of eggs. Recently in New York city I saw a sign in front of a grocery store offering 'fresh gathered' eggs at less than the wholesale market had been for weeks.

> "I have quoted an increase in the demand for sterile eggs for consumption. Fresh gathered eggs went into storage in New York during April at 24 cents per dozen. They will probably come out next December at 40 cents. I figure that it will cost me about \$1 a case to carry my eggs in cold storage from April until December or January. Having my own cooler I can be certain that the cases are turned daily, so that the yolk will not stick to the shell. Figuring the cost of operating the cooler and the interest on investment, I believe I will make good profit on storing 100 cases a month, which I gather on this farm during the spring laying season. By producing sterile eggs I will be able to build up an exclusive trade."



Keep the poultry yards cleaned up and allow nothing that has been left uneaten by the fowls to accumulate tions which act unantisfactorily. Thereand decompose.

in the big tree in the yard, let them.

We all have to scratch when a plainly printed on the front of every mortgage is on the place and the hen will do her share toward lifting it if you will let her scratch too.

The advantage of an early molt is to have hens all feathered out and strong and active before cold weather starts.

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"All alone?"

"Yes." "And did he make the sun and moon and stars and peoples?"

"Yes."

hang up.

"All alone?" "Yes, dear-he did it all by him-

The very little girl pondered a bit. Then: "Mother, doesn't God ever play with anybody?"

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