

The Hedley Informer

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HEDLEY, DONLEY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1914

DEATH OF MR. AND MRS. LUTTRELL SCALDED TO DEATH

One of the saddest accidents happened Tuesday morning at about 11 o'clock, when the little two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Luttrell was scalded resulting in the little one's death Wednesday evening after much suffering.

It seems that the child fell over into a vessel of hot water that clothes had been boiled and just taken out. Medical attention was given and all possible done to save the baby's life, but to no avail, for he who rules all things has called baby home to help in glorifying God. The Informer joins the friends of the bereaved ones in extending sympathy.

VEALE ANNOUNCES FOR OFFICE OF DISTRICT JUDGE

In our announcement column appears the name of Jno. W. Veale of Amarillo as a candidate for District Judge of the 47th District. Judge Veale is a native of Texas having been born in Hill county. He has resided in Amarillo twenty-two years. He is a splendid lawyer and a Christian gentleman, faithful to every trust committed to his keeping, of plain poise, and endowed with valuable executive ability. He says, if the people will him their choice for the office, the administration of its affairs will be conducted impartially, speedily and as economically as possible. Give his candidacy your careful consideration. Subject to the action of the Democratic primaries July 25.

MILLER WITHDRAWS

I regret to say that owing to purely business reasons I will be unable to make the race for District Attorney and I hereby announce my retirement from the race. I would be very glad to make the race because of the opportunity it would give me to meet my friends over the District but on account of unforeseen developments in a business way I find it to my best interest to

retire from the race. I wish to tender my thanks now to all my friends who offered me encouragement in the race. I trust that the future will bring me opportunities to repay to my friends the kindness they have shown me.

Sincerely,
E. T. Miller.

LELIA LAKE ITEMS BY CORRESPONDENT

The young folks enjoyed singing at J. S. Hall's Sunday night. Little Blanche Palmer entertained her little friends Saturday evening with a doll party, in honor of her 7th birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mace, a fine boy, Jan. — Mrs. L. L. Palmer's baby has been quite sick this week.

Our doctor has gone. He said it is distressingly healthy here.

A few more days of good weather and the new school building will be completed and the school moved into it.

W. E. Whitfield, T. E. Womack and E. W. Reynolds loaded out for Electra this week.

J. S. Hall and family visited at Naylor Sunday.

J. A. Germer made a trip to Clarendon Monday.

W. S. Nobles is having two new houses built south of town. Rev. Kennedy is building a residence this week.

Lelia Lake basket ball team played Clarendon team Saturday night. Clarendon won the game this time.

The small girls aged, 10 to 12, are going to play the Hedley little girls Saturday.

J. G. McDougal of Hedley was a business visitor here this week.

B. L. Knowles is moving to a place two miles north of town this week.

Wiley Guthrie has bought a new car about one and one-half feet wide.

Mesdames Bryant and Kendall of Hedley organized a Bible Study class here Friday, and every Wednesday evening will be their regular time of meeting. KAFFIRCORNER HAYMAKER.

TO RAISE MONEY TO FENCE ROWE CEMETERY

On Tuesday night February 17 the ladies of Hedley and community will serve pie, cake, hot coffee and hot chocolate in the basement of the Methodist church. This will be for the purpose of raising money to place a nice fence around Rowe Cemetery. Also Mr. Wimberly will give the proceeds of the Moving Picture Show that night. Everybody invited and urged to come and help in this good cause. And in that way show respect to the memory of those who have been called to cross over the River of Death, and where we will some day have to follow.

President of Association.

REVIVAL MEETING TO BEGIN

The Revival Meeting will begin at the Methodist Church next Sunday February 8. Rev. H. M. Long, pastor of the M. E. church at Clarendon, will do the preaching. This will serve as a cordial invitation to every body to attend these services. These services are to help the Christian to a better life, lead those who are in sin to the Lord. Let every one who loves God and His cause pray special prayers for the lost of the town.

Yours in the work,
G. H. Bryant, Pastor.

MYSTIC WEAVERS

The first meeting of the Mystic Weavers was held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Bain on January 29. A most delightful afternoon was spent in fancy work and games. Music was rendered by Mesdames Bain, Wimberly and Miss Bain.

Hints to the housewife were next enjoyed by the Club which will prove very helpful if applied.

A dainty repast was served consisting of hot chocolate, cake and fruit salad.

The Club closed at the usual hour to meet February 12 at the home of Mrs. T. T. Harrison.

BRITAIN MOVES TO DALLAS

Mrs. O. H. Britain and children left Saturday for Dallas, where their household effects have been shipped, as that will be their future home. Mr. Britain remains here for a few days to wind up his business affairs before locating in Dallas where, we understand, he has accepted a paying position. The Informer regrets the moving from Hedley of this splendid family, especially Mr. Britain who has always been an ardent supporter of the Informer, and always had his printing done at home. He has been a believer in Hedley and gave the Informer credit for any good it may have done in the up-building of Hedley. We extend best wishes for his future in his new home.

CICERO SMITH DEAD

Cicero Smith, president of the Cicero Smith Lumber Co., died at Mineral Wells Tuesday of pneumonia. The funeral was held Wednesday and through respect to deceased the company's yard here was closed all day.

OPEN LETTER FROM O. H. BRITAIN--RESIGNS AS TRUSTEE

COPY OF RESIGNATION
Hedley, Texas, Feb 3, 1914.
To the Hon. J. C. Kilbough, County Judge of Donley County:
I hereby tender my resignation as School Trustee of District No 5 at Hedley, to take effect immediately.

Yours truly,
O. H. BRITAIN.

To the Patrons of Hedley School:
In presenting my resignation as Trustee of Hedley School will say to you and the public in general, that I am taking this step only from the fact that I am leaving Hedley, and inasmuch as the school should have a full board of directors, especially when school is in session, I feel that my successor should be appointed without any unnecessary delay.

In leaving the Hedley school as a director as well as leaving Hedley as a citizen, is regretted quite a good deal on my part I have been connected with the school almost continuously ever since I came to Hedley. I have seen the school grow from three small wooden buildings to the present two story brick that is a credit to any city; and while we thought when the brick was built that it would be amply large for the next decade, yet if the scholastic population continues to increase, in two more years Hedley will have to provide more room than the present building. The phenomenal growth of Hedley and the great influx of people to the Garden Spot of Texas is going to tax the citizenship to provide school facilities for this rapid growing section.

I have become attached to our school and much interested in its success, for I have watched the progress of a great many pupils since I came here; pupils that were just beginning, and had the pleasure of seeing such wonderful progress with many of them that it leads me to believe there is material among our students, both boys and girls, who will make men and women who can successfully grapple with the great problems that continually confront the American people.

My stay with you has been very pleasant, with occasionally a small ripple on the placid waters, and if it should never be my lot to live among you again, I shall always look back upon the six years of my life that was spent in Hedley as very enjoyable ones. My fondest hopes are for Hedley's institutions, her churches, her schools, her business, her citizenship, and last but by no means least, the education of her boys and girls who are to constitute the citizenship of our country in the near future.

The man who accumulates millions has done great things, as some men term great; but the mother and father who have around their own fireside been instrumental in successfully bringing up their boys and girls mentally, physically and morally and thus preparing them to go out and fight life's battle alone, have accomplished eminently more than Rockefeller's millions could buy.

I hope that Hedley citizenship will not neglect the children. Let's not get "money mad", as a prominent writer expresses it, and give more attention to the environments of our business,

our fine cattle, hogs and horses, and then neglect the environments of our boys and girls. May such foundations for character be laid and such strides along intellectual lines be attained that our boys of today—the men of tomorrow—may play the leading role in governmental affairs of both State and Nation.

Yours truly,
O. H. BRITAIN.

LITTLE FOLKS MISSION

Song—A Little Bit of Sunshine Prayer.
Scripture Lesson.
Things that Count—Gordon Bain.
All Is Thine—Lois Masterson.
Help Your Brother—Marvin Battle.
A Useful Possession—Cloteal Moreman.
The Little I can Do—Machon Scates.
Hymn of the Home Land—Lewlis Lively.
Crowing—Lora Belle Bryant.
Each child bring offerings.
PRESS REPORTER.

YOUNG FOLKS MISSION

Sunday 8, 4 p. m.
Opening Song—God Will Take Care of You
Prayer.
Roll Call (Each answer with a verse of Scripture)
Minutes of last meeting.
Bible lesson—The Missionary.
Christ, His Mission Field—Mr Stanley.
Conquest of the Cross in China
Travis Lively.
b Korea—Grace Myers.
c Brazil—Frank Albright.
d Mexico—Jessie Alexander.
e Cuba—Oscar Alexander.
f Africa—Leah Dyer.
Song by Choir.
Query; If you were a Missionary, which of these countries would you prefer to serve? Why?
—Mittie Moore, Mrs. Blackman Ed Harris.
Opportunity—Mrs. Stanley.
Song.
Program Committee.

MOORE ANNOUNCES FOR WEIGHER'S OFFICE

In our announcement column this week appears the name of D. C. Moore, candidate for Public Weigher of Precinct No 8th subject to the Democratic primaries July 25.

Mr. Moore has been Weigher several months and has been appointed to fill the expired term of R. J. Moore and has filled the office to the satisfaction of the public. He is an efficient and accomplished man. He asks for the support of your hands, promptly service and the assistance of the duties of Weigher characterized his present position.

POOL MARRIES HIS GIRL--MOVES TO DALLAS

Mr. J. P. Pool went to Dallas first of the week and united in marriage with Minnie Barnard of that city Wednesday. They came to Hedley that night and arranged for a house in the Lewis, which Mr. Pool bought several weeks ago. The Informer joins their many friends in congratulations and best wishes.

GOOD GAME OF BASKETBALL HEDLEY VS. CLARENDON

Hedley Basket Ball team to Lelia Lake Wednesday and played the city team at that place. The game was fast and interesting, and resulted in a victory for Hedley 26 to 18, as follows:

Tyson, forward.....
Baker, center.....
Waidron, forward.....
Morrow and Adamson, did extra work.
This is the last of a set of games between these teams. Hedley won two of the games. The H. H. S. boys and teams will play the Lelia Lake school teams Saturday at Lake.

LOST—A music clamp for horn, between the stores and churches. Finder please return to Spurgeon Bishop.

THIS WANT-AD

Appeared in the Informer last week, and on Saturday morning Mr. Bishop received TWO, instead of one. Informer Want-Ads seldom fail to deliver the goods. Try one.

Don't Burn It

"I have money to burn" said old Si Chestnut, "but some way I can't stand the smell of the smoke." And Si was a pretty old man. Still, money actually does burn sometimes, literally—not figuratively. Hid in the stove and some chump starts a fire, hid away in the house that burns down. The only safe plan is to keep money in a reliable bank like ours.

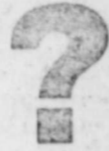
It's subject to check when you need it, but in the meantime it is safe from fire, burglary or accident.

We Want Your Business---
We Know We Can Please You

Capital and Surplus \$55,000.00

FIRST STATE BANK

OPINION GOOD OR BAD WHICH



Whose good opinion do you want?
If you are in business, you want the good opinion
of the people of your trade territory, either custom-
ers or possible customers.

The only way you can get that opinion is to get
acquainted with them, and a good way to get ac-
quainted is for the people to come to your place of
business; and now the question arises how to get
them there.

ADVERTISE.

In what way?

Here's the answer.

Advertise in the paper that the people of your
community read and like; the paper that they know
is their best friend, working for their best interests
week in and week out, as well as being an important
factor in the up-building of your town. **Mr. Busi-
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By R. E. WENDER, Indianapolis

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A. Johnson has an
candidacy for re-
election as the representative of
the 29th district in the upper
house. He has been successful in
putting through several good
laws, among the number was the
pool hall local option law. The

good old Democratic doctrine
will no doubt land him the second
term. He will make an active
campaign during the summer.
The Informer office has been
doing some good printing lately.
It is our desire to make the work
satisfactory. If it isn't we ask
you to not accept it, for we had
rather do the work over or lose
the job entirely than to have any
one not satisfied and probably
"beef" about it after the printing
has been used. We guarantee
our work and want our custom-
ers satisfied, and will make it
right if we are given the chance.
The coldest weather of the
winter is upon us, making us
wonder how to keep warm. Of
course, every cold spell is "the
coldest we ever had," but this is
plenty cold. The thermometer
registered about 6 above zero
this morning. In fact it is so
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come, it's needed to save fruit
and the paper can wait.

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lems. The convention, by unani-
mous vote, adopted the views
Peter Radford, which have
given wide publicity in the press
the legislative needs of the

Radford's Legislative Views Endorsed.
The platform given out by Mr. Radford declares marketing an helping the tenant farmers to be paramount issues in the present campaign. A strong appeal is made for a system of co-operative laws that will give the business of farming the same legal facilities that are now accorded commerce and industry; the anti-trust laws are commended and amendments strengthening them are requested; the improvement of railroads and increase of mileage is asked for; woman's suffrage is opposed. The most interesting declaration, from a political viewpoint, is the liquor plank, which emphatically declares that no liquor legislation of any character be enacted by the next Legislature. Compulsory education, good roads, care for our wards, consideration of our convicts, and a business government are demanded. The action of the convention is doubly significant in that it is the authoritative voice of agriculture, and it has spoken at the opening of the campaign. The session was a most harmonious and satisfactory one, and the organization will now take up the work of putting its legislative views into law.

Aid to Be Asked of Congress.
Desiring the enactment of immediate relief in the marketing of perishable truck, the convention voted in favor of requesting the United States Department of Agriculture to endeavor to secure such legislation from Congress as will enable it to establish and maintain inspectors of carlot shipments of perishables in every city in the United States, who shall examine and report by wire, upon arrival, the conditions, grade and market price of the same to every efficient co-operative distributing agency.

President Lewis was heartily commended by the convention for his wise and conservative handling of many problems which have beset the Union and for his success in his recent attempts to have the funds appropriated by the Thirty-third Legislature for increasing marketing facilities used for that purpose.

Texas University to Co-operate.
Mr. F. M. Bralley, in charge of the Extension Department of the University of Texas, addressed the gathering and gave his views on rural life problems, including land ownership, rural population, country homes, rural schools and kindred subjects.

He stated that the University of Texas expects to co-operate with the Farmers' Union of Texas in the matter of gathering statistics on farm products and its study of rural co-operation and farm finance. He laid stress upon the land ownership problem and quoted statistics to show that the tenant farmer is on the increase in Texas. He pointed out the need for better homes and better schools in the country and stated that this could only be brought about by a better system of farm finance and marketing of agricultural products, so that the producer would get what belongs to him in the way of proper remuneration for his efforts.

FARMERS HOLD MEETING

Legislation Needed by Farmers De-
clared to be the paramount
issue.

National Aid in Marketing Requested.
to Co-operate with State
University.

The called session of the Farmers' Union, held at Fort Worth, January 14th and 15th, was attended by over 600 delegates from local Unions all over the state. The convention was called to consider marketing problems and special attention was given warehouse legislation adapted to handling the cotton crop.

Farmers Want Warehouses.
Some of the features of the warehouse bill approved by the convention are these: It provides for voting bonds for building warehouses, a state warehouse commission to supervise the operation of the warehouse system; the sampling of cotton at gins and guaranteeing the quality as represented by sample; warehouse receipts on cotton will be guaranteed by the state, and many other provisions which facilitate the handling of this commodity. The proposed measure, when enacted into law, will enable the

Beautifully your home by putting out trees.

- Do you want to Buy a dog?
- Rent a house?
- Find a ring?
- Sell a boat?
- Trade horses?
- Hire a cook?
- Secure a position?

If your want is worth wanting, it is worth spending a few cents in these columns.

It's a question which is the worst condition—to want a thing and not have it, or to have a thing and not want it.
In either case the answer is—read and use the want ads.

Your Opportunity!

Collier's

The National Weekly



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Realizing the great demand for Collier's at the present time, we have made arrangements to offer it and our own publication each year for the price of 50¢ for the whole family. This is a limited offer and must be taken advantage of promptly.

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400 News Features
200 Short Stories
150 Short Novels
100 Illustrated Features
2 Complete Novels

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TIME TABLE

North bound	
No. 1	8:03 p. m.
No. 7	10:21 a. m.
South bound	
No. 2	9:15 a. m.
No. 8	8:35 p. m.



The American Boy and Informer \$1.65



POWER OF COMPETITION

Free Port and Independent Steamship Line Among Important Achievements of the Year.

ED. S. HUGHES.

COMPETITION is the most powerful factor in commerce and the most successful agency in empire building. Whenever it is stimulated prosperity abounds and when it is stifled progress is blighted. It is the only sovereign that sits upon a world throne and rules on land and sea. Proud vessels that majestically sail the deep and hurl defiance at governmental rate-makers will dip their flags at the appearance of this invisible monarch of the world's traffic.

The greatest event in the commercial life of the State during the past year was the establishment of an independent steamship line, managed by Texas merchants, plying between New York and Freeport, and the establishment of a free port where the commerce of nations can pass to and from this country without paying toll to private enterprise. Its effect upon commerce will be international and the lowering of rates has extended the trade territory of Texas jobbers hundreds of miles into the interior.

The Texas jobbers purchase from the Atlantic seaboard markets approximately \$250,000,000 of merchandise per annum and the larger volume moves via the steamship lines. An increase in freight rates not only serves to reduce the profits of the jobbers but contracts the trade territory of the Texas dealers. There is no event quite so certain—not excluding death and taxes—as an increase in freight rates when no independent steamship line is in the field and the new steamship company is rendering all the people of Texas an inestimable service by holding down the rates.

A free port injects into the marine affairs of Texas an element of competition much needed in water traffic. It is more than a business device to fight competitive ports—it is progress. The improvement of the harbor and port facilities at Freeport which can be completed to accommodate twenty-five-foot vessels at an estimated expenditure on the part of the Federal Government of \$500,000 will perpetuate competition in ports and competition in ocean traffic. No more profitable investment can be made and no greater aid rendered the public.

Fire Insurance

FOR THIS WORLD ONLY

J. C. Wells, Agt.

TEXAS RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION

424 Miles Built in 1913.

There were 424.1 miles of new railroad built in Texas during the calendar year 1913, and this new mileage was secured by raising bonuses of approximately one million dollars, according to data compiled by the Texas Business Men's Association. The new mileage was constructed at a cost of \$10,600,000 but it enhanced the value of contiguous property, according to customary estimates approximately \$27,000,000.

Railroads known as "independent" lines are credited with the greater part of the new trackage. The Santa Fe and the Southern Pacific are the only "system" companies that built new mileage. These two roads constructed 137.4 miles of the 1913 mileage and the "independents" built 287.4 miles.

The mileage constructed during the calendar year 1912 was 153.6 and 539.4 in 1911. Prior to 1911 no data have been kept of the construction by individual years.

The San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf leads in new mileage built during the year, having built 47.3 miles on the 114-mile San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf line. The Santa Fe followed with 39 miles of steel on the Lubbock-Farwell extension. Under the encouragement of heavy bonuses, the Orient was pushed 4.23 miles near the Mexican border and the trains are now operating as far west as Alpine. The Quanah, Arme and Pacific constructed 40 miles of new line early in the year, affording Motley County its first rail connection with the outside world. The Houston and Texas Central, one of the two "system" lines that built additional mileage in 1913, laid 47.3 miles of steel on two different projects. The Stone City-Giddings extension, which is 39.0 miles in length, was completed and all but a mile of steel laid on the Eureka-Stella cut-off.

The Jacksboro-Salesville extension of the Gulf, Texas and Western, which was started last year was completed and all the steel laid in 1913. Fredericksburg and Gillespie County, secured their first railroad when the 23.8 miles was built to the main line of the S. A. & A. P. The Paris and Mt. Pleasant Company completed its line, which was begun last year, between Bogota and Mount Pleasant. This road is 27 miles in length and the laying of 19 miles of steel in 1913 finished the project. Steel laying on the road between Bronson and Hemphill, a distance of 11 miles, was begun and completed in 1913. The citizens of Matador raised a hundred thousand dollars and are building a railroad to the main line of the Quanah, Arme and Pacific, which missed their town by 8 1/2 miles to the south when it built into Motley County last spring. Five miles of steel were laid in 1913, and the road is rapidly nearing completion. The laying of 4 miles of steel on the 18 mile line of the Artesian Belt between Christine and Crowther, and the building of a 3 mile tap by the Nacogdoches and Southern in Nacogdoches County, completes the roster of railway construction in Texas for the year.

Builders Trust to Future.
Practically all the roads built during 1913 have been into new and thinly settled territory and the builders have trusted to the future to provide tonnage to pay interest on bonds and dividends on the investment. The density of population in the counties along the route of the three longest lines built in 1913 averages 5 persons to each square mile of area, according to the latest Federal Census figures. This territory is only one-half as thickly populated as Africa.

The 1912 farm, mine and factory production in the counties traversed by the three roads had a value of less than \$7,000,000, which is \$28,500 of products to each mile of road built. For each mile of road in operation in the entire state there is an annual yield of \$53,000 of farm, mine and factory products.

Six Counties Get First Railroad.
The railroad made its initial appearance in Bailey, Gillespie, Hock-

ley, Lamb, Live Oak and Motley counties in 1913, and many residents of these counties heard for the first time the whistle of a locomotive. Texas still has 27 counties without a single mile of railroad and their combined area is 32,000 square miles, and is equivalent to the area of the State of Indiana. The counties in Texas without a mile of railroad on January 1st, 1914, are as follows:
Andrews, Bandera, Blanco, Borden, Briscoe, Cochran, Crane, Crockett, Edwards, Gaines, Glasscock, Hansford, Hutchinson, Kimble, King, Loving, Mason, Moore, Ochiltree, Schleicher, Somervell, Starr, Sutton, Terry, Throckmorton, Yoakum and Zapata.

There are 11 counties in the state which have less than 15 miles of railroads. They are as follows: Aransas, Brooks, Castro, Dickens, Franklin, Hockley, Lipscomb, Martin, Rockwall, Stephens and Sterling.

CHRISTMAS SURPRISE

By THOMAS L. MASSON.



"I don't agree with you," she said. "I think it would be much better for us to select ourselves the presents we want. If you like, you can come with me while I get mine."

"Nonsense! That won't do at all. It is absolutely necessary for us to carry out the element of surprise. There is some sneaking, contemptible trait in human nature which makes us want, once a year, to surprise others. That is the basis of all Christmas giving. It's a kind of impulsive, irresponsible attitude which impels us to buy something that we delude ourselves into believing the recipient is crazy for; while all the time we ought to know that it's probably the last thing on earth he or she wants. Would you rob us both of this splendid pleasure? Never! The only thing to do is to be natural. I therefore announce to you that I am going to surprise you with a present; and you must promise to do the same with me."

Mrs. Whittler considered.

"Well," she said at last, "I suppose that is really the best thing for us to do, and I hereby agree to do it."

When Christmas eve came, therefore—the time when the Whittlers were accustomed to "spring" their annual surprises—each of them bore that perfectly confident and identically joyful air which usually preceded the presentation of something we think the other person has been longing for.

Whittler advanced with a smile.

"My dear," he said, "I have the surprise of a lifetime for you."

"Oh, do tell me!" said Mrs. Whittler, with a hypocritical air of gaiety and anticipation, although inwardly she shrank from the ordeal. "I know it is something that I want!"

"What do you suppose it is?" her husband cheerfully inquired.

"Haven't the least idea."

"Well—it is—it is—guess!"

"Oh, I couldn't! Tell me, quick!"

"Well, it's absolutely nothing. Now, isn't that a surprise?"

Mrs. Whittler burst into tears.

"You horrid thing!" she exclaimed. "I shall never forgive you!"

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Maybe K... much of dogs go. But he was playmate—and has gone to Never Land. So a want ad will up every town and back home again.

But—

"Don't you know that value of the thing. I liked it; but the thought tried to please me everything. I didn't. Whittler, besides a remorse, sprang breathlessly. "I was only the plunk. She drew from a dressing-sack over her husband's arm. "I mean it," she asserted. "Absolutely." "And you won't give me any?" replied Whittler experimentally. "Positively. Now is it understood?" Whittler, who was just going out, shut the door, came back, and sat down in front of his wife.

"My dear girl," he said, "I am glad that you have brought this up, because we may as well settle it now as at any other time. You know that for years we have been doing this sort of thing every Christmas. About this time we both declare that we won't give each other anything; then, just before Christmas, we sneak out, and each of us buys the other a present. This year it will be the same. We will promise faithfully not to do it; but, just as sure as fate, we shall break our word."

"In view of this alarming fact, that we are apparently the slaves of a yearly habit, what have you to suggest?"

"Simply this—that we each of us agree now to buy the other a present."

"I know that you will get me something I don't want!"

"And I know that you will do the same; but isn't that what we have been doing all along?"

"Then I don't see that we have gained anything."

"Haven't we? Why not? Aren't we doing it openly? Think of the moral uplift!"

Mrs. Whittler shook her head.

"I don't agree with you," she said. "I think it would be much better for us to select ourselves the presents we want. If you like, you can come with me while I get mine."

"Nonsense! That won't do at all. It is absolutely necessary for us to carry out the element of surprise. There is some sneaking, contemptible trait in human nature which makes us want, once a year, to surprise others. That is the basis of all Christmas giving. It's a kind of impulsive, irresponsible attitude which impels us to buy something that we delude ourselves into believing the recipient is crazy for; while all the time we ought to know that it's probably the last thing on earth he or she wants. Would you rob us both of this splendid pleasure? Never! The only thing to do is to be natural. I therefore announce to you that I am going to surprise you with a present; and you must promise to do the same with me."

Mrs. Whittler considered.

"Well," she said at last, "I suppose that is really the best thing for us to do, and I hereby agree to do it."

When Christmas eve came, therefore—the time when the Whittlers were accustomed to "spring" their annual surprises—each of them bore that perfectly confident and identically joyful air which usually preceded the presentation of something we think the other person has been longing for.

Whittler advanced with a smile.

"My dear," he said, "I have the surprise of a lifetime for you."

"Oh, do tell me!" said Mrs. Whittler, with a hypocritical air of gaiety and anticipation, although inwardly she shrank from the ordeal. "I know it is something that I want!"

"What do you suppose it is?" her husband cheerfully inquired.

"Haven't the least idea."

"Well—it is—it is—guess!"

"Oh, I couldn't! Tell me, quick!"

"Well, it's absolutely nothing. Now, isn't that a surprise?"

Mrs. Whittler burst into tears.

"You horrid thing!" she exclaimed. "I shall never forgive you!"

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 The W. M. Auxiliary will meet at the church February 9. Bible lesson last nine chapters of Joshua. All ladies of the town and community are requested to meet with us in a prayer meeting in connection with the Auxiliary. Press Reporter.

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