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By Ellis Parker Butler,  
—in St. Nicholas

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A-smilin' an' a-griinnin' at every one he meet;  
My, oh! he was happy! Boy! but he was gay!  
Wishin' "Merry Christmas" an' "Happy New-Year's Day!"  
Wishin' that his wishes might every one come true—  
And—bless your dear heart, honey,—I wish the same to you!*

**Give the Home an Xmas Present**

Everyone receives gifts that please only the individual. Why not also give something to the home that would please all?

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Start enjoying more comfort and convenience this Christmas.

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It's difficult for youth to reckon with The generous joys that make the pulses throb. Some day they learn that Santa is a myth And that old father dear was on the job.

**TRIOCO**  
and  
**What It Means to YOU**

Surely you are not among those who simply say "FILL MY TANK WITH GAS"—it means more than that to you.

When you buy gasoline that has been shipped into the state you starve out a like amount of our local oil production, as the high freight rates make out of state shipments from New Mexico unprofitable.

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If you buy a home refined product, produced in New Mexico fields, you help to create a local market for our production, thus making it more inducive for local oil development and the more attractive the proposition is the greater efforts will be made to produce and the greater New Mexico we will have.

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Buick	\$400.00	Chevrolet Coupe	\$250.00

TERMS TO RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

## LOWREY-BAILEY AUTO COMPANY

### SOCIAL ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND AROUND ARTESIA

#### SUNSHINE CLASS PARTY

The Sunshine Class of the Methodist Sunday school, taught by Mrs. Higbee, held its monthly party at the home of Mrs. Fred Brainard last Thursday afternoon. Some thirty-five or forty members were present and spent the afternoon pleasantly with games and other amusements provided for their entertainment. The members learned the identity of their Sunshine friends for the past month and drew the names of the new friends, who will be a mystery until their names are disclosed next month, an arrangement which gives zest to membership in the class. Delicious refreshments were served.

#### PARENT-TEACHERS' MEETING

The evening meeting of the P. T. A., which was held at the Methodist church last Thursday was well attended, the response from the fathers and mothers of the school children, being quite gratifying. The program was a very pleasing one, the children of the second grades having a prominent part in it. Following the program wafers and cocoa were served in the Sunday school room by a committee of ladies consisting of Mesdames E. N. Bigler, J. J. Clarke, R. O. Cowan, E. B. Bullock, Feemter Wright and Snow and Miss Katherine Walterscheid.

The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. Walter Graham, who also made a little talk in presenting Prof. Reid, superintendent of schools, who addressed the meeting upon the subject of co-operation of parents and teachers. The program consisted of music by the High School Orchestra under the direction of Miss Raguse, "Cinderella's Visit" by children of the second grades, taught by Mrs. Howell Gage, the Misses Gladys Cowan and Nellie Gray, piano solo by Mrs. L. B. Jones and vocal music by Mesdames Gates, Corbin, Wheatley and Miss Harriet Rose.

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Rev. C. C. Higbee and the Misses Leona Allinger and Gladys Cowan expect to leave Monday to attend the Methodist Young People's Convention, which will be in session from December 31st to January 4th in Memphis, Tennessee. Miss Allinger is the representative of the Epworth League Association of the Pecos Valley, of which she is president, and Miss Cowan is the representative of the local church. The delegates from the different parts of the state are planning to meet in Clovis and make the trip together.

#### BIRTHDAY PARTY

Carrol Graham was fourteen years old Sunday and celebrated the happy occasion with a birthday dinner at which the tables were adorned with candles and Christmas decorations. The guests were Rev. Wolfe and Willard and Clifford Bradshaw.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

The Owens family are having a Christmas dinner today at the home of Grandma Rigdon. The children and grandchildren present are Mrs. Hartline, Clarke Wilde and family, Paul Wilde and family and Fletcher Owen and family.

#### METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS THURS.

The recently elected officers of the society were regularly installed in office at the meeting, which was held at the home of Mrs. E. B. Bullock last Thursday afternoon. The impressive installation service of the

### NORMAL UNIVERSITY PLAYERS HERE SATURDAY

The entertainment to be given Saturday night will indeed be a treat for Artesia. The troop is managed by Mr. Earl W. Scott, of the Normal University of Las Vegas. Several numbers will be given, among which are "The Finger of God," a one-act drama by Percival Wilde; "The Taming of the Shrew," acting edition by William Winter; "Doctor Doctor," a modern story of everyday life, by E. R. Williamson; A number of Harry Lauder specialties will also be given. These numbers will keep the audience laughing from start to finish.

This troop is sent out by the dramatic department of the Normal University. It consists of eight players, all talent of the school. They are playing all over the state and have achieved quite a reputation in those sections where they have already played.

The proceeds will be divided between the troop and the school's student activity fund. All Artesia people are urged to attend, and enjoy this entertainment.

### THE IMPROVEMENT



"Do you find that Jack is gaining much knowledge at college?"  
"I should say I do! He can hold his own now among the very best mah-jongg experts."

church was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Higbee. The meeting was a business and social one and during the social hour the hostess served a delicious salad course to the score of members present. In honor of the season the home was adorned with candles and other Christmas decorations.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eipper are entertaining at dinner today Grover Kinder and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bostaph and Mr. Arthur Kersey.

#### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gray are entertaining the Gray family at dinner today. The company includes C. Bert Smith and family, Frank Thomas and family, Will Gray and family, John Lanning and family and Ed Gray.

#### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

Mr. and Mrs. John Lanning entertained at a Christmas breakfast the guests being Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Lanning and C. Bert Smith and family and their house guests.

#### HIGH SCHOOL PLAY

"Adam and Eva," a light comedy was given by the Senior class in the high school auditorium last Tuesday evening. There was a good audience, which was well pleased with the efforts of the young people, and thoroughly enjoyed the wit and humor of the play. The play was given under the direction of Miss Dora Russell, teacher of English. The orchestra and Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Raguse, favored the audience with several numbers, which were well received.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags at The Advocate.

### XMAS MEDITATION

(Ruth Skeen)

Down the long twilight vista of the years streams once more the light of the star. Again emerges the dramatic figures of the nativity, patient Joseph and beautiful Mary, seeking shelter.

And again, as always, there is still no room at the inn.

Indeed, it has been conceded in this year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and twenty-five, that the inn is more crowded than ever.

It is a long journey through the dark, cold night back to that holy crib. We hate to leave our warm fires, our good food, our pleasant friends. Yet it may be, that if we go forth alone, under the chilly stars, we shall really find the path that leads to 'the place where the young child lies.'

All of the saints have been lovers of the Child. Thus says St. Augustine: "O, Holy Little One, may my heart be the cradle in which Thou dost find repose."

There is much that is occult in the teachings of Jesus. He chose symbols hoping, that like His mother, we would ponder them in our hearts. Thus He presents Himself subtly to us in the guise of an infant. For what is as appealing, as helpless, as lovely as a little child? At sight of one, the hardest heart is softened. In its presence, malice slumbers, envy is stilled, jealousy and greed cannot exist.

In choosing this symbol, Our Lord cast Himself into our arms, appealed to our generosity, touched our hearts. He made Himself weak and little in order to prove to us that above everything else He desired our love; in order to show us how to love Him with abandon and tenderness without self-consciousness and without awe.

Dear little Brother of mankind, divine playfellow, in order to please Thee who art cuddled against Mary's heart we must become little and simple like Thee. "Except ye become as a little child, ye cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven."

#### GIFTS FOR THE CHILD (Ruth Skeen)

What can I give Thee, Little One From the world's shelf of shop worn treasures take Thee down Since all the gifts of all the worlds are Thine? Thou art, indeed, the Giver and the Gift.

Heaven is Thy garden, the moon, Thy lantern  
The stars, Thy candles and the earth  
Thy golden, spinning ball.  
Take, then, this little hollow trinket, which my heart,  
Echoes, like some vibrating shell  
Thy precious name forevermore.      selah

#### ADVANCING IN AGE



He—Strangely enough, in the fall and not the spring my fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. Wonder why it's so?  
She (coolly)—"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love" I believe the line runs.

### COTTON ALREADY GINNED EXCEEDS LAST CROP BY MILLION BALES

Washington.—Cotton of this year's crop ginned prior to December 13 totalled 14,826,452 running bales, counting round as half bales and excluding linter, compared with 12,792,294 bales ginned to that date last year, the Census Bureau announced Monday.

Ginning by states include:  
Arizona 79,954.  
California 81,430.  
Missouri 226,247.  
New Mexico 57,598.  
Texas 3,870,656.  
Round bales included and counted as half bales numbered 306,557 compared with 293,918 last year and 232,542 in 1923.

#### A PLACE FOR JAZZ



Highbrow Musician—Of course, there's a place for jazz—  
Jazz Enthusiast—So delighted to hear you say so, Professor!  
H. M.—But I refrain from naming it in your presence, Madam.

### JONES PROPOSES AMENDMENT TO BONUS MEASURE

Santa Fe.—Senator A. A. Jones, New Mexico, has introduced a cash option amendment to the adjusted compensation law in the Senate, according to word received by Jesus M. Baca, state commander of the American Legion.

Speaking of the Legion's legislative program at this Congress, he said, its chief aims are amendments to the following sections of the adjusted compensation act:

Sec. 503—Penalty for unlawful loan, negotiation or illegal possession of adjusted service certificates.  
Sec. 601—Striking out dependency cause.

Sec. 602—Repealing this section which governs dependency provisions.  
Sec. 703—Penalty for forging or counterfeiting adjusted service certificates (new section).

Sec. 704—Provision for the issuance of duplicate certificates to replace lost, defaced or destroyed certificates (new section).

Sec. 705—Giving federal courts the right to determine the proper beneficiaries under certain circumstances (new section).

Sec. 201—No deduction of \$60 for men who died in the service.  
Sec. 202—Inclusion of provisional officers.

Sec. 302—Reversing the comptroller's decision that an application is void if the veteran dies before it is received.

### HITTING AVERAGE GOOD



"How are you and your hubby hitting it off?"  
"I'm hitting him for money all the time and he hasn't hit me yet."

#### A Pardonable Mistake

She—How do you like my new dress?  
He—Oh, is that the dress? I thought it was just a sample of goods you were getting for a dress.

Artesia Oil Field Maps, 25c—Advocate.

Sec. 308—Preventing deductions from adjusted service credits of sums due a veteran because of counterclaims by the government.

Sec. 301—Providing payment of adjusted service credit in a cash lump sum to veterans over 75 years of age.

## Season's Greetings

At this season of the year, we wish to extend to all, our sincere good wishes and to express our appreciation of the cordial support so generously extended.

We are entering the new year determined to leave nothing undone that will enable us to serve the public more economically and satisfactorily, and to this end all friendly criticism will be appreciated and considered.

On this joyous occasion, when peace and god will express the universal sentiment, please accept our sincere wish for a

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Friday, December 18th.  
 Harry H. Walker, Wichita, Kan.; G. J. Donnelly, Ft. Worth, Texas; A. J. O'Brien, Ft. Worth, Texas; Jo Jacobson, Amarillo, Texas; D. T. Dewell, City; J. H. Otstat, Roswell; H. J. Kemme, Denver, Colo.; W. S. Hill, Carlsbad; R. G. Morris, Cisco, Texas; M. C. Stewart, Carlsbad; T. A. Gray, Carlsbad; H. Ussery, Carlsbad; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Williams, Olds Motor Works; E. M. Elliott, Santa Fe; A. A. Ford; T. Boone, Roswell; E. Carter, Dallas, Texas; Miss O'Malley, Las Vegas; Harry Norris, Sistersville, W. Va.; Flora Miller, Roswell; S. K. Slaughter, Kaufman, Texas; Frank Mosser, City; C. F. Barrett, Manning Dome; M. T. Kirk, Bartlesville, Okla.; E. B. Crew, El Paso, Texas; Chas. Albert, Bristow, Okla.; Geo. McMassters, Bristow, Okla.; O. T. Cleve, Roswell.  
 Sunday, December 20.  
 W. T. Moore, El Paso, Texas; J. James, Clovis; Kittie L. Norris, Glasgow, Ky.; H. T. Norris, Glasgow, Ky.; B. B. Norris, Glasgow, Ky.; J. Miller Beard, Amarillo, Texas; A. C. McRae; S. C. Mat-

**NEW MEXICO GRANTS MINING CHARTERS**

Santa Fe, N. M.,—Charters have been granted the following concerns by the state corporation commission: Magdalena Mines & Royalties Co., Magdalena; authorized capital, \$100,000 of which \$8375 is paid in; incorporators, J. L. Henson and Roy Rupe of Fort Smith, Arkansas, N. L. Brown of Magdalena.  
 Oro Mining Co., Silver City; authorized capital, \$100,000 of which \$2000 is paid in; incorporators, Sam Agee, R. D. Haven, T. W. Holland, Frank Light, W. B. Walton of Silver City, J. A. Mims, of Hurley and J. M. Sully of Santa Rita.

**Advocate want ads set results.**

thews, Denver, Colo.; O. N. Thevett, Roswell; A. R. Howland; B. T. Wright, Lubbock, Texas; Merritt Hillhouse; Ed Carr, Turkey Track ranch; S. P. Selby, El Paso, Texas; H. M. Wilson, Pampa, Texas.  
 Tuesday, December 22.  
 W. H. Stenger, Amarillo, Texas; H. S. Ferbroche, Roswell; E. S. Hammett; S. M. Owens.

**LAKE ARTHUR ITEMS**

(Mrs. Alva Spence, Reporter)  
 R. F. Beasley and R. T. Spence were in Roswell shopping Friday.

A. V. Flowers returned this week from a business trip to San Angelo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Johnson and family motored to Roswell shopping Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Massie and family left this week overland for points in Oklahoma to spend the holidays.

Rev. Z. B. Moon, of Hope, delivered an excellent sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Campbell and family moved this week to Hagerman, where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. Redman Pate left this week for Cantiallo, Texas, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Barton.

On account of breakage in the machinery, the gin has been closed down for several days, but is going at full blast day and far into the night this week.

Wade Lane accompanied by Edgar Dunbar, left Monday morning overland for Barnhart, Texas, where they go to get Miss Maggie Lane and sister, Mrs. Moore, who will spend the holidays here with home folks.

Mrs. J. L. Nichols was very severely and painfully burned last week, by a bucket of honey that was sitting on the stove, exploding. Her face and hands were badly burned, though she is resting fairly well at the present writing.

A declamation contest will be held at the Methodist church, tonight (Wednesday), this will be given by the pupils of the high school and a full house is expected to hear the children render their declamations. A prize of five and three dollars will be awarded.

A message was received last week from E. L. Selby, of Las Cruces, stating that Edwin was operated on for appendicitis, at El Paso, the 8th inst, and was getting along nicely. We are sure his many friends here will be glad to know that the operation was successful, and that he is improving.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Boone was the scene of a gay little party last Thursday evening as

**Upon Christmas Day**

By WILLIAM LUFF, in The Christian

A STAR peeped forth upon Christmas Eve,  
 And told of that other Star:  
 Whose beams shine bright, through the world's dark night,  
 And scatter the shadows far.

A snowdrop bloomed upon Christmas Day,  
 And told of that spotless flower:  
 Whose perfums pure, should all frosts endure,  
 And brighten Earth's wintry hour.

The bells rang out upon Christmas Day,  
 And their message came a call  
 To worship the Son of the Highest One,  
 Who came with good will to all.

The holly berries on Christmas Day,  
 Blushed red in their fadeless green:  
 For their coral red, shewed the blood-drops shed,  
 As they shone the barbed leaves between.

A feast was spread upon Christmas Day,  
 And mirrored the feast He spread,  
 Who was born that He might our Banquet be,  
 The Trus and the Living Bread.

A son came home upon Christmas Day,  
 A son from a far off land:  
 And he told once more, of God's open door,  
 The kiss and the welcoming Hand.

A babe was born upon Christmas Day,  
 And the speechless infant told,  
 Of the manger Child, that in beauty smiled,  
 On that first glad day of old.

a farwell to Miss Beulah Archer, Mrs. Boone's sister, who will leave next week for her home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Four tables of progressive games were played until a late hour when delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Alma Lane, Effie Edington, Susanna Butler, Jewel Flowers, Mary Williamson, Ocie Spence, and the honoree, Miss Beulah Archer and Messrs. Baker Flowers, Jimmie McNatt, George Walton, Ray, French and Zee Pate, Wade Lane, Ray Moore and Edgar Dunbar.

This Happy Holiday Season affords us an opportunity to express our appreciation of the part you have had in the success we enjoy, and to extend hearty good wishes for a



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May the Christmas season, then, find you and yours in the best of health and spirits and may the New Year bring to you greater prosperity and successes. It is pleasing, indeed, to extend to you our sincerest wishes and warmest friendship.

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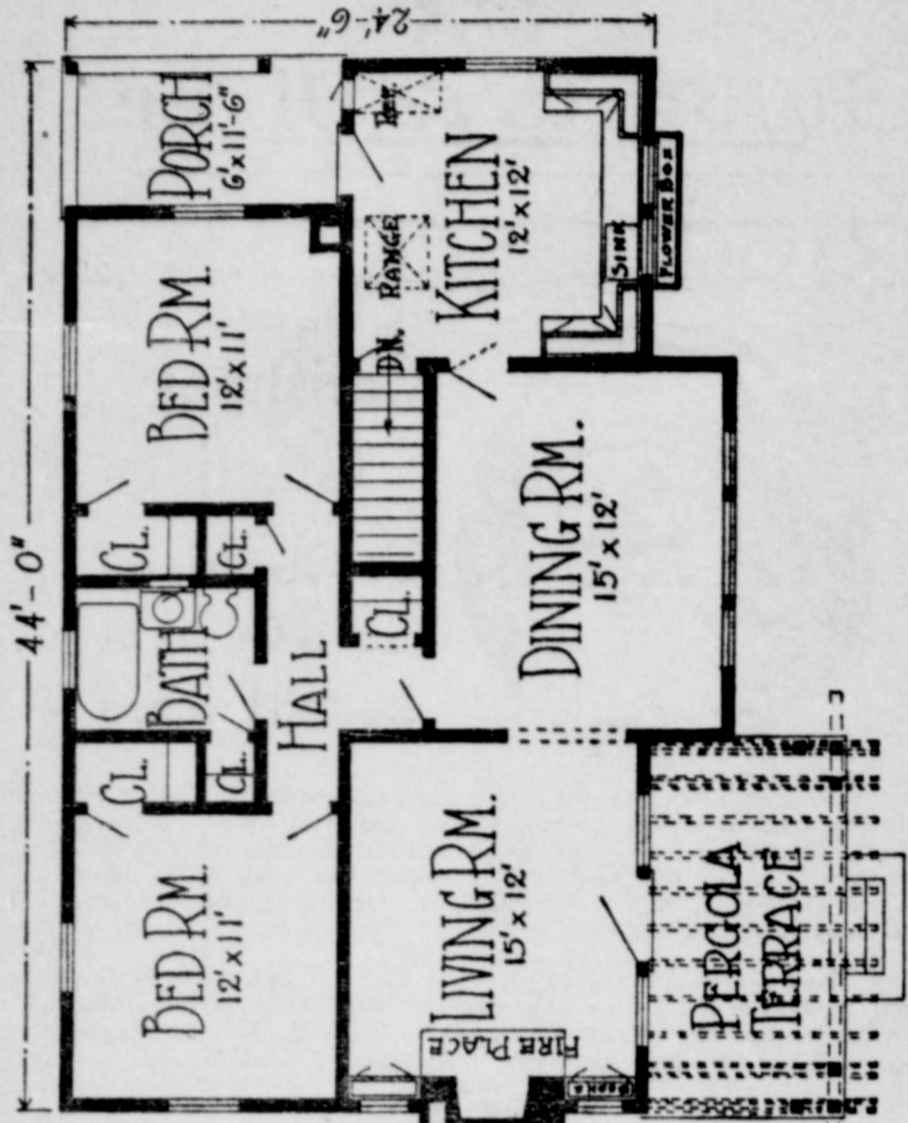
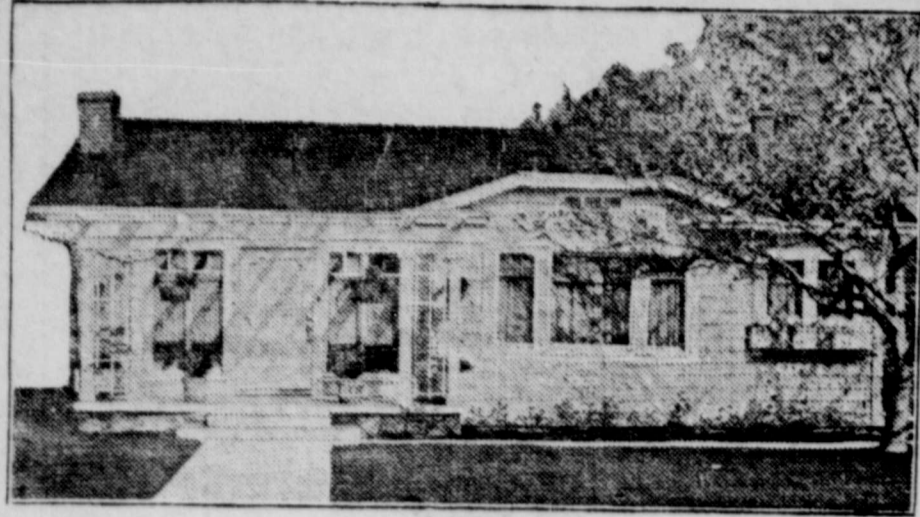
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There is no reason why the small, inexpensive home cannot be made just as attractive, just as beautiful as the larger and more pretentious residence. The whole thing is simply a question of design. Adaptation of the building to its site, proper selection and combination of materials, correct line in planning and artistic decoration, are what make beauty, not the lavish use of money. This truth is evidenced in the solid, simplicity of the early colonial homes many of which are still to be found in the Eastern states and are considered models of architectural design.

First remember that the house must fit its site and environment. A high narrow structure does not fit a site at the top of a hill with no surrounding buildings or trees. Neither is the flat-roofed, one-story Spanish design appropriate in the rugged New England environment. Strong colors for walls may be used on the house which is set in the shade of a mass of trees, but where the house is silhouetted against a light blue sky they are incongruous.

In planning the interior, consideration should be given to making it harmonize with the exterior style. For the small house a careful arrangement

of rooms is essential as by taking advantage of all available space it is possible to secure roomy accommodations in a comparatively small building. In this way the small house may actually serve the purpose of a much larger one, at a smaller cost.

All these points have been considered in designing the bungalow shown here. The result is a most attractive little home, thoroughly harmonized with its surroundings. It occupies a space of only 44 feet by 24 feet 6 inches but its five rooms are ample accommodation for a family of four. The walls are finished in wide clapboard, though shingles might be effectively applied in the same manner. The pergola terrace porch and window box add just the right touch of ornament to the front view while shrubbery is used to break the line at the ground level.

The entrance opens directly into the living room, which is made attractive by a large fireplace with built-in bookcases flanking it on each side. From the living room one passes into a dining room of the same size, which is well lighted by windows across most of one side. The dining room in turn opens into an ample kitchen, equipped with sink, built-in cupboards, range and an icebox which can be filled from the back porch without tracking up the kitchen floor. A stairway leads down to the basement.

Another door from the dining room connects with a hall off of which open two bedrooms and the bathroom. Each of these bedrooms is provided with a large closet and there are two more closets in the hall as well as one in the bathroom.

Six Puppies, Nellie's

Present for Her Mistress

THERE was to be no Christmas party for little Suzanne Hansen. The family was in dire financial difficulties and it was mutually agreed among them all that for this one Christmas there would be no exchange of gifts. Suzanne was disappointed that there would be no surprises, but she comforted herself with the thought that she would at least have Nellie, her faithful dog, to play with Christmas Day. Nellie had been given to her the Christmas before by her uncle and she had been Suzanne's constant companion up until about a month ago when the dog was sent away—"to the hospital," her mother had explained. Suzanne had been most unspeakably lonely all that month with no pal, and had been counting the days till Christmas when she was promised the dog would be hers again.

Christmas morning when the door-bell rang, Suzanne flew down the stairs to answer. There was an excited cry of joy. "Oh mummy, come down and see what's here." There in a basket brought by the boy from the dog hospital was Nellie with six little puppies just like her. Suzanne was in love with the pups.

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## MOTHER WAS WISE WOMAN

By HORATIO WINSLOW

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PURE chance brought Martin Cothran's feet to the ruts of the old Tyre road. Trout fishing up Dawson Hollow, he had lost his way and stumbled by devious trails down the other side of the divide. Now it was too late and too dark to beat it back to the boarding house. He was on the point of striking for the nearest dwelling when a stir of bushes caught his ear. Across the road, somebody was emerging from a thicket without the aid of a press agent. Suddenly Cothran forgot that he was on a vacation, to remember the snapshot taken after a certain arrest—before the prisoner's escape.

"That's the guy," he whispered to himself. "The fella that croaked Pig Ryan and made a getaway."  
Noiselessly he crept along behind till he was near enough to drop a hand on the fugitive's shoulder.

"Say, Kid," he said, "you certainly did for Pig Ryan, all right, all right."  
The boy turned a despairing face to the detective. "I knew they'd catch me sometime," he said hoarsely, "but I—I wanted to see my mother first."

"Can that mother stuff," roared Cothran with sudden indignation. "The boy's look was desperate. 'I'm telling you the truth. My mother lives there—where you see the light—and I'm the only one she has left. If she ever knew I'd—I'd attacked anybody or was in jail for murder—well, it would kill her.'"  
"Whatcha going to do about it?" The detective was waxing cynical. "Don't these hicks ever read a newspaper?"

"I lived in Newark; the New York police never found out my name. And I was going to tell her that I was leaving for South America. You see, if she ever found out what I'd done—"

The boy began to choke while Cothran covered up his personal emotions by growling furiously angry. "Whatta matter? Swallowed the cork? Stop gagging. I ain't going to crab your act with your mother. Only don't think you're going to get a chance to spring anything new on me, because you ain't. But if you act decent—"

The fugitive became almost happy. "You're the finest man that ever came from New York," he gulped.

They were at the gate now. The dog that barked behind the fence quieted at the boy's voice. Then the door opened, letting a stream of yellow lamplight wave out upon the grass. There, framed in the doorway, stood Mother.

There was no doubt as to her identity. True she was not much like Cothran's own mother, who had ended her troublous life after carrying him through typhoid, but she was Mother all the same. She was the incarnation of the word "mother"—loving—so ethereal that a good strong wind would blow her away. A gush of filial sentiment welled up in Cothran. She should never know the truth if he could help it—never. But he corrected this unmanly emotion by squeezing the boy's shoulder viciously as he said, "You tell your mother I'm Cothran, Martin Cothran, and don't try to play me for a simp, or I'll bore you, understand?"

The boy shook himself free from the detective's fingers to spring up the four steps crying, "Mother! Mother!"  
Within two minutes, the detective had been introduced, had vaguely explained, was given the liberty of the supper table. The first rush of welcome over, Mother surveyed the pair and then shook her head timidly.

"Ed, it seems like you're hiding something from me."  
"No, I ain't, am I, Martin? I got two days off and came up here because Martin is up here fishing and I wanted to see if you're as well as you say you are in your letters."

"My sleepin' ain't been so good lately. I had the new doctor from Tyre twice. But I'm making out." Mother's face grew worried again. "Ed, are you telling me the truth? You're the only one I got left, and if anything was to happen to you," she put her right hand to her mouth and drew back as though shrinking from a blow, "I don't know what I'd do."

"Mother," he stopped and turned his gaze down on the carpet, "Mother, Martin and me—we're goin' to South America."

"South America! What for?" There was terror in her voice. "Oh, big chances there." The boy nodded gravely, as though he had made a life-long study of the continent. "Big chances. With that five hundred of mine and Martin's thousand we can make it go."

To Cothran it seemed that her eyes searched down into the little ugly corners of his soul. It was the way his mother had looked at him. He wished he could throw up his job on the spot and—but that was out of the question. "What are you going to do down there?"

Ed was stammering and Cothran rushed blindly to the rescue. "We're going to raise guachos—big money in that."

"What are guachos?"  
"Well," Cothran spread his hands judiciously. "A guacho's about so big. Something like a pineapple. Grows on trees."

"How long you going to be gone?"  
"How long?" Ed had regained his self-control. "Oh, I dunno. Couple

of years, prob'ly. But maybe after twelve months or so, you could come down and visit us. Huh, Martin?"

"You bet." The detective swallowed a growing lump. He also swore to himself that never again if he could help it, would he butt into a case where white-haired mothers held the center of the stage. In fact, he almost reached a point where in the present instance he would—but Common Sense interrupted with its "Aw, now, be reasonable!" His trade was catching men, not letting 'em go. Anyhow, he'd keep Mother from ever getting "hep" to what happened to the kid.

But there is something about singing that breaks you all up inside, just as if a steam roller had gone down your gullet. Mother sat at the organ and played while all three sang.

By the time Mother kissed Ed, and led the two to the bedroom where they were to sleep, the lump in Cothran's throat had grown as big as a barrel. The door closed and then and there the detective began to do the most unprofessional thing. He started to explain to Ed the method which he should use in getting away and eluding any other pursuer. Martin Cothran had surrendered to Mother—foot, horse and artillery.

"Listen here—" he began. And then Ed, totally unaware of what was coming, spoiled it before it was under way.

Ed's punch was not a good punch, because the boy did not know how to use his fists. It was badly aimed and poorly propelled, but it grazed Cothran's chin and in one-half second changed him back again to the hard stuff. No more mush.

"You listen," he hissed. "A minute ago I was going to turn you loose and pretend I'd never seen you. Now—nothing doing."

The boy's face was streaky with tears. "Why don't you go ahead? You know I ain't any regular murderer. You know who Pig Ryan was. I found out myself—afterwards. Here was this money that I'd saved to put in a business and he got me drunk and took it away from me and when I asked half of it back—just half—he called his men to throw me out and well—I hit him with a chair like they said."

Cothran's face was a grim study. "I don't care what you did or what you didn't do. I've got you and I'm going to keep my hooks on you. What's more, I ain't going to risk getting the wabbles by seeing your mother again. There's a roof under this window. You leave a note explaining we got to catch a train and we'll skip before daylight. After this you won't get ten inches away from me. And if you try any funny wheezes, you'll get a wad of knuckles in your mush—believe me!"

The boy was sobbing silently on the bed as the boards of the hall floor creaked.

"Hello!" Cothran opened the door a crack.  
"It's only Mother," said the faded voice. "Ed, I've brought you some of your favorite doughnuts; and Mr. Cothran, I thought maybe you'd relish this glass of nice fresh milk. Do you like milk?"

"You bet," said Cothran, as he took in the tray.  
Sitting on the edge of the bed, he gulped down the milk and ate a doughnut. Then he stretched out beside his charge.

"Might as well be comfortable till we start," he said. "Only don't get funny." Then he added philosophically and altogether to himself, "Ain't it hell now, the things a fella has to do to earn a living? Ain't it hell?"

A noonday sun was beating on the rag carpet when Cothran opened his astounded eyes. Gently, but insistently, somebody was rap-tapping at the door. As he rose on one elbow to look about him, a fresh shock sent him bounding from the bed. Not only was it broad daylight, but Ed was gone. With a force that set the hinges creaking, he swung the door open, only to face Mother—fragile, black garbed, smiling.

"Now, Mr. Cothran," she said soothingly, "there ain't no use taking on. Two wrongs never made one right, and after hearing Ed's story, I made up my mind it wouldn't help nobody to have Ed put in prison for a thing like that. So I just gave him all the money I had and sent him packing. And I think—"

"You look here," thundered the big detective. "I want to know quick and plain what happened to me. Huh? What happened to me?"

"Now, Martin," she was very calm and motherly, "you musn't get excited. I knew something was wrong from the minute you talked about raising guachos—a guacho is a cowboy. I remember my geography if you don't. So I had a long talk with Ed—"

"But—" spluttered the chagrined detective.

"Of course, Martin, it wasn't exactly the right thing to do, but there didn't seem to be any other way so I put into your glass of milk one of the powders that the doctor's been giving me for sleeping."

Cothran gaped in amazement. "Huh? What's that? You! And do you know what Ed done? Did he tell you everything?"

The little woman smiled apologetically. "Of course he did. I felt pretty bad at first, but a mother learns to stand a lot of things. Ed always said I was a good mother and if I wasn't able to take care of my boy when he needed me, I wouldn't be much of a mother, would I?"

The detective sank down wearily on the bed, though his face, strange to say, wore a look of relief.  
"Well," he said at last, "I guess I got to hand it to you—Mother."

**MINING INTERESTS REVIVED**

Gold Dust, N. M.—Recent developments in both placer and hard rock mining properties in the Gold Dust mining district are fraught with considerable interest to the mining world and are attracting attention of big operators.

Southern New Mexico is witnessing the biggest mining boom it has seen since 1906. Several aggregations of eastern and Pacific coast capital have already become interested in this region.

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A number of deals have recently been made, involving considerable sums, and several pioneer prospectors in the Gold Dust territory have cleaned up goodly stakes.

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**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

**ISOLATED TRACT PUBLIC LAND SALE**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Las Cruces, N. M., Dec. 8, 1925.

NOTICE is hereby given that, as directed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under provisions of Sec. 2455, R. S., pursuant to the application of Atlas V. Flowers, Lake Arthur, N. M., Serial No. 029549, we will offer at public sale, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$2.50 per acre, at 10 o'clock A. M., on the 30th day of January 1926, next, at this office, the following tract of land:

SW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 12, T. 15-S., R. 26-E., N. M. P. Meridian.  
The sale will not be kept open, but will be declared closed when those present at the hour named have ceased bidding. The person making the highest bid will be required to immediately pay to the Receiver the amount thereof.

Any person claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

K. D. STOEES, Register.  
12-24-25

**DEFUNCT ROSWELL BANK PAYS DIVIDEND**

An order was signed by Judge C. R. Brice Monday morning authorizing the payment of a ten per cent dividend by the First State Bank and Trust Co., of Roswell. The dividend which amounts to \$58,000 is the fourth dividend paid since the bank was closed.

WANTED—Clean cotton rags at The Advocate.

**COTTONWOOD ITEMS**

Noah Buck and family are spending Christmas in the mountains.

Miss Lillian Evens and Mr. Edd Wells motored to Lake Arthur, Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Adkins was a week-end guest of Miss Margaret Bixler.

Mrs. Houston Felton, who has been low with pneumonia, is convalescing.

Guy McCowan, of Snyder, Texas, has recently been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adkins.

Mr. Bartlett and family and Mr. Rogers and family were visitors at Carlsbad, Sunday.

Messrs. Oscar and Clarence Pearson were business visitors in Roswell Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Bartlett were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Hill, Sunday.

The Watson family, of Cottonwood are spending Christmas day with Mrs. Delbert Carson of Dexter.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Funkhouser of Las Cruces, announce the birth of a son, Kenneth Watts Funkhouser, Jr.

Albert Walton left Friday for White mountains, where he will be detained for several days on business.

Walter Bradley was a business visitor in Roswell last Saturday and came home driving a new Ford car.

Will Walker and family have been at Hope the past week with Mrs. Walker's father, who is not expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobo are moving in to the Harvey Reading house. Mr. Bobo has rented this place for the coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dougherty and the Misses Hattie and Anna Sanders were business visitors in Roswell Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinch and Mr. and Mrs. John Bartlett from Marlo, Oklahoma are visiting Messrs. Bartlett's, Eaker's and Hill.

Miss Lillian Evans and Miss Lenora Bradley, Upper Cottonwood school teachers, were business visitors in Artesia Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Henderson and family left Monday for Del Rio, Texas, where they are spending the Christmas vacation with relatives.

Grandma Bradley went to Carlsbad Monday on her last trip to Dr. Pate and Culpepper, who have successfully treated her for cancer.

On account of the postponement of the community Christmas tree as planned, Santa will visit the children in their home or the home of relatives.

Mrs. Roy Vermillion went to Malaga, Tuesday and returned Wednesday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Franks and children, who will spend a few days here.

Miss Alyce Norris, who has been attending the Silver City Normal school is home for Christmas week. Miss Norris motored through with several of her Carlsbad friends.

Jack Terry and James Norris motored through from Norman, Oklahoma to spend the holidays with home folks. The boys are students of the Oklahoma University this winter.

As there are several families of Cottonwood children who attend school at Lake Arthur, quite a number of the Cottonwood folks will attend the Christmas program given at Lake Arthur.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Brundemier, of Colorado Springs, announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Louise, born the 28th day of November, 1925. Mrs. Brundemier was formerly Miss Lora Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Reading, who have been living at their ranch on Upper Cottonwood, have moved to Santa Rosa, where Mr. Reading's parents live. They also have a ranch and other property there.

Miss Dorothy Nelson and Miss Viola Pearson arrived Saturday from Rock Island, Illinois, where Miss Pearson has been attending the Augustine Theological Seminary. They will remain for the Christmas holidays.

A large number of Cottonwood people motored to Dayton Sunday 20th. The party included the Misses Amanda Lungren, Alma Pearson, Dorothy Nelson, Switzer and Messrs. Clarence Pearson, Harry Fairbanks and Oscar Pearson.

Miss Elizabeth Adkins of Kress, Texas is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Wallas and brother, Joe Adkins. Mr. Adkins, Mrs. Wallas and family accompanied by Miss Adkins, are motoring to Weed for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Blair spent

Sunday with friends and relatives on Cottonwood. Clarke Blair, of Artesia accompanied them. They were en route to Kingman, Arizona by way of Hatch, N. M. They expect to make it through to Kingman in time for Christmas dinner with their father and mother.

Mrs. Clarence Pearson will have a six o'clock dinner for her neices, nephews and children. The children and young folks to be present are: Misses Viola, Alma and Mae Pearson, Baby Peggy Nelson and Messrs. Ralph Pearson, Harry Nelson and Harvey Nelson. The older relatives also plan to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Funk and family, accompanied by Mr. Izzy Funk, left Friday for Corpus Christi, Texas. They are expecting to spend a merry Christmas with Mrs. Funk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan. They are having a Christmas celebration and family reunion combined.

Miss Dorothy Nelson and Miss Viola Pearson were the guests of honor at a dinner party given by Mrs. Clarence Pearson Sunday. The beautiful and well appointed home of Mrs. Pearson was adorned in holiday decorations, suitable to the Christmas season. The center piece was most appropriate, consisting of an angel food cake, frosted white with a stick of candy in the center and on top of this was an American flag, a reindeer and little man covered with snow, which represented the north pole. The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fairbanks, of Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bartlett, of Artesia, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bartlett and children, of Artesia, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Nelson and children, Mrs. Matilda Larsen, the Misses Ruth McFadden, Ethel Olsen, Switzer and the hostesses, Misses Viola Pearson and Dorothy Nelson and Messrs. Lawrence Fairbanks and Cabelle of Roswell, Guy Stevenson, Artesia, Wes Fairbanks, Roswell, Harry Bartlett, Artesia, Joe Duncan and Ralph Pearson.

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