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Haskell, Haskell County, Texas, Saturday, Dec. 2, 1893.

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Directory.

OFFICERS 39th JUDICIAL DISTRICT.
District Judge, Hon. C. P. Woodruff.
District Attorney, W. W. Beall.

COUNTY OFFICIALS.
County Judge, P. D. Sanders.
County Attorney, F. P. Morgan.
County Clerk, J. L. Jones.
Sheriff and Tax Collector, W. B. Anthony.
County Treasurer, Jasper Hill Holton.
Tax Assessor, H. S. Post.
County Surveyor, J. A. Fisher.

COMMISSIONERS.
Precinct No. 1, J. S. Rike.
Precinct No. 2, B. H. Owsley.
Precinct No. 3, C. W. Lucas.
Precinct No. 4, J. D. Adams.

PRECINCT OFFICERS.
J. P. Frost, No. 1, J. S. Rike.
Assessable Prec. No. 1, T. D. Sager.

CHURCHES.
Episcopal (Missionary) Every 1st and 3rd Sunday.
Rev. W. G. Caperton, Pastor.
Presbyterian (Cambertown) Every 2nd Sunday and Wednesday night.
No Pastor.
Christian (Campbellite) Every 2nd Sunday and Saturday before.
No Pastor.
Presbyterian, Every 2nd and 4th Sunday.
Rev. W. H. McCullough, Pastor.

Methodist (M. E. Church S.) Every Sunday and Sunday night.
W. D. Bass, D. D. Pastor.
C. I. meeting every Wednesday night.

School every Sunday at 10 a. m.
F. J. Sanders, Superintendent.
Christian Sunday School every Sunday.
W. E. Standefer, Superintendent.
Baptist Sunday School every Sunday.
D. W. Courtwright, Superintendent.
Presbyterian Sunday School every Sunday.
H. E. Sherrill, Superintendent.

Haskell Lodge No. 501, A. F. & A. M., meet Saturday on or before each full moon.
G. H. Couch, W. M.
J. W. Evans, Sec'y.
Haskell Chapter No. 181.
Royal Arch Meets on the first Tuesday in each month.
A. C. Foster, High Priest.
J. W. Evans, Sec'y.

Professional Cards.

J. E. LINDSEY, M. D.
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON.
Haskell, Tex.
2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000-1001-1002-1003-1004-1005-1006-1007-1008-1009-1010-1011-1012-1013-1014-1015-1016-1017-1018-1019-1020-1021-1022-1023-1024-1025-1026-1027-1028-1029-1030-1031-1032-1033-1034-1035-1036-1037-1038-1039-1040-1041-1042-1043-1044-1045-1046-1047-1048-1049-1050-1051-1052-1053-1054-1055-1056-1057-1058-1059-1060-1061-1062-1063-1064-1065-1066-1067-1068-1069-1070-1071-1072-1073-1074-1075-1076-1077-1078-1079-1080-1081-1082-1083-1084-1085-1086-1087-1088-1089-1090-1091-1092-1093-1094-1095-1096-1097-1098-1099-1100-1101-1102-1103-1104-1105-1106-1107-1108-1109-1110-1111-1112-1113-1114-1115-1116-1117-1118-1119-1120-1121-1122-1123-1124-1125-1126-1127-1128-1129-1130-1131-1132-1133-1134-1135-1136-1137-1138-1139-1140-1141-1142-1143-1144-1145-1146-1147-1148-1149-1150-1151-1152-1153-1154-1155-1156-1157-1158-1159-1160-1161-1162-1163-1164-1165-1166-1167-1168-1169-1170-1171-1172-1173-1174-1175-1176-1177-1178-1179-1180-1181-1182-1183-1184-1185-1186-1187-1188-1189-1190-1191-1192-1193-1194-1195-1196-1197-1198-1199-1200-1201-1202-1203-1204-1205-1206-1207-1208-1209-1210-1211-1212-1213-1214-1215-1216-1217-1218-1219-1220-1221-1222-1223-1224-1225-1226-1227-1228-1229-1230-1231-1232-1233-1234-1235-1236-1237-1238-1239-1240-1241-1242-1243-1244-1245-1246-1247-1248-1249-1250-1251-1252-1253-1254-1255-1256-1257-1258-1259-1260-1261-1262-1263-1264-1265-1266-1267-1268-1269-1270-1271-1272-1273-1274-1275-1276-1277-1278-1279-1280-1281-1282-1283-1284-1285-1286-1287-1288-1289-1290-1291-1292-1293-1294-1295-1296-1297-1298-1299-1300-1301-1302-1303-1304-1305-1306-1307-1308-1309-1310-1311-1312-1313-1314-1315-1316-1317-1318-1319-1320-1321-1322-1323-1324-1325-1326-1327-1328-1329-1330-1331-1332-1333-1334-1335-1336-1337-1338-1339-1340-1341-1342-1343-1344-1345-1346-1347-1348-1349-1350-1351-1352-1353-1354-1355-1356-1357-1358-1359-1360-1361-1362-1363-1364-1365-1366-1367-1368-1369-1370-1371-1372-1373-1374-1375-1376-1377-1378-1379-1380-1381-1382-1383-1384-1385-1386-1387-1388-1389-1390-1391-1392-1393-1394-1395-1396-1397-1398-1399-1400-1401-1402-1403-1404-1405-1406-1407-1408-1409-1410-1411-1412-1413-1414-1415-1416-1417-1418-1419-1420-1421-1422-1423-1424-1425-1426-1427-1428-1429-1430-1431-1432-1433-1434-1435-1436-1437-1438-1439-1440-1441-1442-1443-1444-1445-1446-1447-1448-1449-1450-1451-1452-1453-1454-1455-1456-1457-1458-1459-1460-1461-1462-1463-1464-1465-1466-1467-1468-1469-1470-1471-1472-1473-1474-1475-1476-1477-1478-1479-1480-1481-1482-1483-1484-1485-1486-1487-1488-1489-1490-1491-1492-1493-1494-1495-1496-1497-1498-1499-1500-1501-1502-1503-1504-1505-1506-1507-1508-1509-1510-1511-1512-1513-1514-1515-1516-1517-1518-1519-1520-1521-1522-1523-1524-1525-1526-1527-1528-1529-1530-1531-1532-1533-1534-1535-1536-1537-1538-1539-1540-1541-1542-1543-1544-1545-1546-1547-1548-1549-1550-1551-1552-1553-1554-1555-1556-1557-1558-1559-1560-1561-1562-1563-1564-1565-1566-1567-1568-1569-1570-1571-1572-1573-1574-1575-1576-1577-1578-1579-1580-1581-1582-1583-1584-1585-1586-1587-1588-1589-1590-1591-1592-1593-1594-1595-1596-1597-1598-1599-1600-1601-1602-1603-1604-1605-1606-1607-1608-1609-1610-1611-1612-1613-1614-1615-1616-1617-1618-1619-1620-1621-1622-1623-1624-1625-1626-1627-1628-1629-1630-1631-1632-1633-1634-1635-1636-1637-1638-1639-1640-1641-1642-1643-1644-1645-1646-1647-1648-1649-1650-1651-1652-1653-1654-1655-1656-1657-1658-1659-1660-1661-1662-1663-1664-1665-1666-1667-1668-1669-1670-1671-1672-1673-1674-1675-1676-1677-1678-1679-1680-1681-1682-1683-1684-1685-1686-1687-1688-1689-1690-1691-1692-1693-1694-1695-1696-1697-1698-1699-1700-1701-1702-1703-1704-1705-1706-1707-1708-1709-1710-1711-1712-1713-1714-1715-1716-1717-1718-1719-1720-1721-1722-1723-1724-1725-1726-1727-1728-1729-1730-1731-1732-1733-1734-1735-1736-1737-1738-1739-1740-1741-1742-1743-1744-1745-1746-1747-1748-1749-1750-1751-1752-1753-1754-1755-1756-1757-1758-1759-1760-1761-1762-1763-1764-1765-1766-1767-1768-1769-1770-1771-1772-1773-1774-1775-1776-1777-1778-1779-1780-1781-1782-1783-1784-1785-1786-1787-1788-1789-1790-1791-1792-1793-1794-1795-1796-1797-1798-1799-1800-1801-1802-1803-1804-1805-1806-1807-1808-1809-1810-1811-1812-1813-1814-1815-1816-1817-1818-1819-1820-1821-1822-1823-1824-1825-1826-1827-1828-1829-1830-1831-1832-1833-1834-1835-1836-1837-1838-1839-1840-1841-1842-1843-1844-1845-1846-1847-1848-1849-1850-1851-1852-1853-1854-1855-1856-1857-1858-1859-1860-1861-1862-1863-1864-1865-1866-1867-1868-1869-1870-1871-1872-1873-1874-1875-1876-1877-1878-1879-1880-1881-1882-1883-1884-1885-1886-1887-1888-1889-1890-1891-1892-1893-1894-1895-1896-1897-1898-1899-1900-1901-1902-1903-1904-1905-1906-1907-1908-1909-1910-1911-1912-1913-1914-1915-1916-1917-1918-1919-1920-1921-1922-1923-1924-1925-1926-1927-1928-1929-1930-1931-1932-1933-1934-1935-1936-1937-1938-1939-1940-1941-1942-1943-1944-1945-1946-1947-1948-1949-1950-1951-1952-1953-1954-1955-1956-1957-1958-1959-1960-1961-1962-1963-1964-1965-1966-1967-1968-1969-1970-1971-1972-1973-1974-1975-1976-1977-1978-1979-1980-1981-1982-1983-1984-1985-1986-1987-1988-1989-1990-1991-1992-1993-1994-1995-1996-1997-1998-1999-2000-2001-2002-2003-2004-2005-2006-2007-2008-2009-2010-2011-2012-2013-2014-2015-2016-2017-2018-2019-2020-2021-2022-2023-2024-2025-2026-2027-2028-2029-2030-2031-2032-2033-2034-2035-2036-2037-2038-2039-2040-2041-2042-2043-2044-2045-2046-2047-2048-2049-2050-2051-2052-2053-2054-2055-2056-2057-2058-2059-2060-2061-2062-2063-2064-2065-2066-2067-2068-2069-2070-2071-2072-2073-2074-2075-2076-2077-2078-2079-2080-2081-2082-2083-2084-2085-2086-2087-2088-2089-2090-2091-2092-2093-2094-2095-2096-2097-2098-2099-2100-2101-2102-2103-2104-2105-2106-2107-2108-2109-2110-2111-2112-2113-2114-2115-2116-2117-2118-2119-2120-2121-2122-2123-2124-2125-2126-2127-2128-2129-2130-2131-2132-2133-2134-2135-2136-2137-2138-2139-2140-2141-2142-2143-2144-2145-2146-2147-2148-2149-2150-2151-2152-2153-2154-2155-2156-2157-2158-2159-2160-2161-2162-2163-2164-2165-2166-2167-2168-2169-2170-2171-2172-2173-2174-2175-2176-2177-2178-2179-2180-2181-2182-2183-2184-2185-2186-2187-2188-2189-2190-2191-2192-2193-2194-2195-2196-2197-2198-2199-2200-2201-2202-2203-2204-2205-2206-2207-2208-2209-2210-2211-2212-2213-2214-2215-2216-2217-2218-2219-2220-2221-2222-2223-2224-2225-2226-2227-2228-2229-2230-2231-2232-2233-2234-2235-2236-2237-2238-2239-2240-2241-2242-2243-2244-2245-2246-2247-2248-2249-2250-2251-2252-2253-2254-2255-2256-2257-2258-2259-2260-2261-2262-2263-2264-2265-2266-2267-2268-2269-2270-2271-2272-2273-2274-2275-2276-2277-2278-2279-2280-2281-2282-2283-2284-2285-2286-2287-2288-2289-2290-2291-2292-2293-2294-2295-2296-2297-2298-2299-2300-2301-2302-2303-2304-2305-2306-2307-2308-2309-2310-2311-2312-2313-2314-2315-2316-2317-2318-2319-2320-2321-2322-2323-2324-2325-2326-2327-2328-2329-2330-2331-2332-2333-2334-2335-2336-2337-2338-2339-2340-2341-2342-2343-2344-2345-2346-2347-2348-2349-2350-2351-2352-2353-2354-2355-2356-2357-2358-2359-2360-2361-2362-2363-2364-2365-2366-2367-2368-2369-2370-2371-2372-2373-2374-2375-2376-2377-2378-2379-2380-2381-2382-2383-2384-2385-2386-2387-2388-2389-2390-2391-2392-2393-2394-2395-2396-2397-2398-2399-2400-2401-2402-2403-2404-2405-2406-2407-2408-2409-2410-2411-2412-2413-2414-2415-2416-2417-2418-2419-2420-2421-2422-2423-2424-2425-2426-2427-2428-2429-2430-2431-2432-2433-2434-2435-2436-2437-2438-2439-2440-2441-2442-2443-2444-2445-2446-2447-2448-2449-2450-2451-2452-2453-2454-2455-2456-2457-2458-2459-2460-2461-2462-2463-2464-2465-2466-2467-2468

CHAMBERLAIN. - TEXAS. The question whether a sober Chairman or a drunken American can best uphold the dignity of the United States at Amoy is a delicate one now before the administration.

GRAND WIDOW KILLS HIS WIFE AND HER Family and Then Suicide. TWO LITTLE BOYS TORTURED AT THE STAKE.

FRANCE will be compelled to pay the piper to the tune of a round billion francs next year just to keep up his army and enjoy the privilege of making faces safely at the Germans.

SETHOU, Ind., Nov. 27.—As a result of the terrible tragedy growing out of a family feud five people died last night in the country, seven miles east of the city.

It reports to be true a large number of the United States naval officers have joined the fleet President Peixoto of Brazil is fitting out in New York to do battle with his rebellious navy, which being the case Mr. Cleveland will probably have a number of vacancies to fill and promotions to announce in our own service before long.

WOODWARD, O. T., Nov. 24.—Word reached here yesterday afternoon by courier that a company of United States troops has started from Fort Simathy to head off a band of Indians who are making for Cheyenne, forty-five miles west of here, to wreak vengeance on one Tom O'Hara for killing one of their tribe.

THE full bench of the Boston supreme court has decided that a man is justified in preventing a dog fight, and that if in doing such a thing he gets bitten the owner of the dog must pay damages.

WOODWARD, O. T., Nov. 27.—A shocking piece of cruelty was enacted Friday at Otesgo, down the river a few miles from this city.

THE Yale catalogue of fifty years ago gave the necessary annual expenses of a student at \$150 to \$200, according to his tastes and habits.

WOODWARD, O. T., Nov. 27.—A shocking piece of cruelty was enacted Friday at Otesgo, down the river a few miles from this city.

AMATEUR skirt dancing has been ousted in Australia by the skipping parties, which are all the craze just now in fashionable circles.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., Nov. 27.—A riot occurred at Beaufort, S. C., growing out of the seizure of a barrel of beer by two state dispensary constables.

WHETHER folding beds are inherently dangerous or not, the fate of Daisy Berg is a warning that they should be carefully handled.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 24.—Edson Moore & Co.'s drygoods establishment burned yesterday afternoon. Two men were killed and one fatally injured.

AN unexpected item of news which has just transpired will delight the heart of every philatelist.

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 21.—In a fight near Madisonville, Ky., between Jack O'Brien, his father and a man named Brooks, the latter was badly cut.

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CONROTT and Mitchell are said to be looking for each other. As each prize into every corner where he expects the other not to be, there is cheerful prospect that the pair may come together.

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ONE Coghlan knowing himself guilty of a reprehensible and despicable act, points for precedent to the prince of Wales.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 25.—At the afternoon session of the Knights of Labor balloting for the new general executive board commenced.

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MR. MORGAN'S REPORT.

Good Condition of the United States Treasury Given to the Public. SEPTEMBER 30 THERE WAS \$49,346,260.

HE SUICIDES AT LAST.

William G. Parrish, Charged With the Murder of Young H. Langdon, ENDS HIS LIFE IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—United States Treasurer Morgan has submitted his annual report. It shows the ordinary revenues for the fiscal year 1893 to be \$850,819,628, or \$30,881,844 over the year before.

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TEXAS CONDENSATIONS.

United and Carefully Arranged from the Latest Bulletin of the State.

A SUMMARY OF RECENT OCCURRENCES.

Appointments, Deaths, Births, Improvements, and Items of General Interest Recorded Respectfully and Entertainingly.

The Nichols-Bass shooting scrape at Auburn, Ellis county, turns out to be a slight matter. Sheriff Morehead and the county attorney went to the scene of the trouble a few days since and found Bass carrying two fish wounds that will not prove serious. They made a careful examination of the facts and County Attorney Fears' conclusion is that the shooting was done in self-defense, hence he directed the sheriff to turn Nichols loose.

At Lampasas a woman left her 6-months-old girl baby on a seat on a westbound Santa Fe train asking a gentleman to look after it a minute as she wanted to leave the train to speak to her husband. She did not return. The train pulled out. At Brownwood someone wanted the baby, but the gentleman replied: "I would not take \$1000 for her." It is very pretty and has an abundance of nice clothes.

A few days since at Corpus Christi a Mr. and Mrs. E. O. R. Fischer (the same they gave) left a month old girl baby with an old lady, for six weeks, paying her \$30 to take care of it for that time, stating that Mrs. F. was in such delicate health that she must go to Dallas for treatment and could not worry with the baby. They took a northbound train and have not been heard from since.

Recently a little child of a farmer named Sanders, who lives near San Angelo, threw a stick of dynamite in a stove; an explosion followed and all the occupants of the room were more or less injured. One child had two fingers and a thumb blown off and another had its leg badly lacerated. The damage to the house and furniture was considerable.

Wyndham Robertson has had an examining trial before the United States commissioner at Dallas on the charge of taking out of the postoffice a registered letter without the consent of the person for whom it was intended. He was bound over in \$800 for his appearance at the next term of the federal court. He gave bond and was released.

The record was broken on the disposition of a divorce suit at Paris recently. Thirty minutes before final adjournment of court Emily Jones filed suit for divorce from Silas Jones. Fifteen minutes later the divorce was granted, and in less than fifteen minutes more she was married to Blake Hooks and went her way rejoicing.

Recently at Newlin, Hall county, a hog visited W. P. Dial's horse lot and attacked his stallion. A terrible battle followed, lasting half an hour. The hog was finally knocked down, but not until he had cut the horse in a number of places. One cut on the breast severed a blood vessel and the horse came near bleeding to death.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Paines, who live near Martinsville, Nacogdoches county, are the parents of a little 3-year-old child which was born without eyes. It is otherwise perfect and can walk on crutches, but lies down and rolls to any point to which it is called.

Mr. J. B. Martin, a drummer, says he found the following over the delivery window of a Texas postoffice: "When you kum for your male have pashum. Know shooting around the Post Office duren business Ours by order of the post master his aim and seal chickens bot on kommission."

It is said that the state will soon acquire a tract of its land formerly used as a coal camp at Whitehead, in Cherokee county, and will farm it with a convict force under R. H. Henggan. It is said that Col. Travlers' large farm near Alto has been rented for the same purpose.

The little son of Richard Pool was cutting wood a few days ago at Forney when the ax flew off the handle, striking his little sister, who was standing near, on the head, cutting a deep gash in her forehead. The wound is very serious, but probably not fatal.

Charles Demick, a colored man at San Antonio, had a quarrel with his wife recently and, drawing a razor, slashed her in the side of the neck and face, inflicting fatal wounds. After committing the deed Demick cut his own throat, severing the jugular vein.

At McKinney a few nights ago a row occurred at a negro dance, and two shots were fired. John Johnson was arrested charged with assault to kill. Buckner Johnson, Guy Thomas and Turner Washington were arrested charged with carrying pistols.

John R. Johnston surrendered himself to the chief of police at Galveston, recently, saying that he desired to go back to Dawson, Ga., and stand trial for the murder of Jim Wall, on new year's night, 1889. The officers in Georgia have been notified.

A poor demented man, whose name is unknown, was taken charge of by the authorities at Dallas recently. He was attired only in pants and shoes. He said he was sent by God to inspire the wicked people of Dallas with the spirit of righteousness.

Two brothers, Charles and Paul Alterman, were out hunting near Dallas a few days since and near the waterworks, about two miles above the city, they found the remains of an infant in a box. Nothing remained but dust and bones.

At Argyle, Denton county, a few days since, a 17-year-old boy named Clay Leary narrowly escaped death by being struck by a freight train when trying to cross the railroad. He was picked up insensible. The wagon was demolished.

A negro woman at Georgetown tried to buy strychnine at two drug stores, and on being asked what she wanted with it said she wanted to kill herself. On being refused she burst into tears. She declares she will suicide.

DOMESTIC CONFUSION.

The Loving Spooners Have a Bit of a Bit About a Reception.

She had thrown herself on the couch and had shed great, salt tears on the handsome cushion she owned. In this condition her dearest friend had found her when she ran in to ask her opinion concerning the intentions of a certain young man.

"Why, Laura, what is it?" she cried. "Has a burglar taken all your wedding presents, or has George been trying to make you understand base-ball?"

"Neither. He has called me 'Mrs. Spooner' this morning."

"Well, but that is your name."

"So it is, but—well, I'll just tell you all about it, and then you will never, never be foolish enough to marry."

"Mercy. Perhaps you'd better not tell me, then."

"Oh, yes, I must tell somebody. Besides, as my cook is your house maid's sister, you'll be sure to hear of it anyhow."

"Well, dear, tell me if it is any relief. I once trumped George's ace when we were playing partners at euchre, and I know he has a temper."

"Well, it began yesterday morning when I found the invitations to the Van Sunbloss reception in George's waste-basket."

"In the waste-basket?"

"Yes; after I had been wondering why I didn't come. I wanted especially to go because George's married sister was dying and was not asked—there's nothing like teaching your husband's relatives their places at once, my dear. Well, when I found the invitations I knew that George had hidden them, for I heard him giggling the evening before and telling that horrid Teddy that it was too hot to wear a dress coat."

"You didn't think Teddy was horrid before you were married. But what excuse did George make for putting the invitations in the waste-basket?"

"But he used to come to see me then, not my husband. Oh, George said he thought they were circulars."

"Hump!"

"Of course I said we must go, and he had to agree, though I could see he was furious. Well, he spoiled three ties in dressing, and complained bitterly just because my pink tea gown was hanging over his dress coat."

"What did you say?"

"Oh, I just called in pleasantly that as it was raining the dampness would take the wrinkles out of it."

"How lovely in you not to be angry."

"Oh, yes; I seldom lose my temper with him. It makes him angrier if I am amiable. But he was so mean that he wouldn't button my gloves and I had to do it myself, when there were thirty-two buttons on them."

"You mean 'Why he used—'"

"Yes, indeed, he used to do it if there were only four. But I got even."

"How? Do tell me."

"Oh, I told him his ears were awfully red and there was a smudge on his tie. Then I sighed and said I hoped Ralph would be there—he was always so well dressed. That made him mad, and he turned the gas jet on the window curtain and burned a great hole. I got angry then and said I wouldn't go."

"It served him just right, he—"

"Oh, but he said that was just what he wanted, then I felt it due to my own self-respect to go."

"Of course, it would never—"

"Well, we sat down with our backs to each other to wait for the carriage. After half an hour he jumped up exclaiming, 'Good gracious! I forgot to order one!'"

"What a shame!"

"Wasn't it? We have no telephone and he had to walk five blocks to get a carriage. While he was gone I decided to arrange my hair in another style, so I wasn't ready when he came, and it was awfully late when we got started."

"But your troubles were over then?"

"Well, not exactly, for you see I had made a mistake in the date, and the reception was not to be had until this evening."

"Old Hundred."

"'Old Hundred' has been variously ascribed to Dr. Martin Luther, Dr. John Dowland and William Franck. Dr. Lowell Mason wrote quite a treatise on the old tune in 1853, saying emphatically that it was written by Guillaume (William) Franck (1543). But later musical historians and antiquarians, who have investigated more closely, say it was composed by Louis Bourgeois born about 1500 and died about 1573—some say in the massacre of St. Bartholomew of France, 1551-'52.

A Dangerous Witness.

"You can take the witness," said the prosecuting attorney in a trial before a Texas court to the defendant's lawyer. The witness happened to be a good-looking girl.

"Judge," exclaimed a young man in the back part of the room, standing up on a seat with one hand under his coattail, "don't let him take her! That witness has been engaged to me for more'n three years, and if he takes her that is gon't be no trouble right here."—Texas Siftings.

A Model Servant Girl.

"Mrs. Jones is one of the happiest women of my acquaintance."

"Has a kind husband I suppose?"

"Yes, she has a kind husband, but it is not that fact that makes her happy all the time."

"No?"

"No, she has a servant girl who lets her do as she likes."

A Happy Thought.

Father, to the 7-year-old miss beside him, cutting the whip sharply through the air—See Mary how I make the horse go faster without striking him at all. Mary, in an eager tone of happy discovery—Papa why don't you speak to children that way?—Life.

Keep in the Furrows.

A British farmer on board a steamer, suffering a good deal from the rolling, said to his friend: "This cap'n don't understand his business. Why don't he keep in the furrows?"

A GENERAL BRIEVARY.

Interesting News from All Over the World Selected from Various Sources.

A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW,

Embracing Serious and Sensational Happenings, and Current News Covering Every Topic of Interest to All Readers.

The officers of the Illinois Central railway and the American Express company have given each of the crew that was on train No. 3 on the night of September 20, when an attempt was made to rob the express car and the robbers were driven off by the crew, \$300 of stock in the road and a solid gold medal of Maltese cross pattern on a solid gold bar. Above the medal proper is engraved "For valor."

On the face side is inscribed: "From the Illinois Central Railroad and American Express Companies." The reverse side is: "For defending train No. 3 on the night of September 20, 1895, at Centralia, Ill., against train robbers."

Near Centralia, Ill., twelve years ago a father and son, two farmers, disappeared and have never been heard from. A few days since a farmer who now owns the farm they lived on, concluded to drain off a pond on the premises. At the bottom of this pond by two stumps appeared to be a grave at each stump. Examination proved it to be two skeletons weighted down with stones, the feet tied to stumps and the heads to the stumps respectively. It is a mystery, and while an investigation is going on, there is no clue.

Charlie Willis 12 years old, was accidentally shot and killed at Springfield, Ill., recently while being initiated into a secret society composed of youngsters whose ages run from 12 to 15 years. The society is called the "Seven Secret Silent Shades." The boys' minds had evidently become inflamed by blood and thunder literature. They had a cave in the outskirts of the city, the walls of which were hung with pistols, old muskets, a few swords and other warlike arrangements.

As the Rio Grande and Western train pulled into Ogden, Utah, recently, Express Messenger Sayers failed to open his car. The door was forced and the messenger was found on the floor dead with a bullet through his heart and a pistol under him. It is supposed that he was locking the safe when the pistol was accidentally discharged. His books and money are intact and there is no suspicion of foul play.

During a recent storm in the English channel a schooner stranded at Withersness. It is supposed that the crew all perished. The Glasgow river steamer Garry was wrecked at Dunbar. Five officers and sixteen seamen perished. At Yarmouth the damage done the fishing boats already amounts to over \$100,000. Many fishermen have been drowned.

A tidy little sum has been paid out by the government in premiums to the builders of naval vessels during the present year. By exceeding the speed required the Bancroft netted her contractors \$45,000, the Detroit \$150,000, the New York \$200,000 and the Machias \$45,000, a total of \$440,000. This amount is likely to be increased.

Recently two men working in a quarry near Spokane, Wash., on the Spokane river about forty feet above the water, slipped, and falling in were swept down the stream and over the falls into the "Devil's Cauldron," from which nobody has ever been recovered. Neither one was married.

W. A. Mackey, a well-to-do farmer near Orrville, O., was shot and killed by a tramp recently. It is believed that he was hired to kill him, as he was a most important witness in a divorce case. No attempt at robbery was made by the assassin, who escaped.

The steamer Laura Blanks, plying on the Ochusiter river between Monroe and Harris, sank half mile below Columbia, La., in eight feet of water recently. She struck a snag. Her cargo of 300 bales of cotton floated down the river. The boat was a total loss.

At Beauford, S. C., there are 30,000 people, mainly colored, destitute of food and clothing, 30,000 men, women and children to be fed by charity for six months to come. That is a plain statement of the conditions now existing on the sea islands.

Attorney-General Maloney, of Illinois, has rendered an opinion that mine owners or operators must provide a manager for each mine. Heretofore it was still in the custom for companies owning several shafts to have a single manager.

J. A. Jenkins was found unconscious on his wife's grave in a cemetery near Nashville, Tenn., recently, and died shortly afterwards. An empty vial of morphine that lay by him told the cause of his death. His wife died about a month ago.

Dr. A. R. Booth has returned to his home at Shreveport, La., from Brunswick, Ga., where he rendered fever service to more than 200 yellow fever patients, besides being active in providing and soliciting help for the poor.

Two negro murderers and robbers, Mansfield Washington and Dave Johnson, have been arrested and are in jail at Baton Rouge, La. Washington has confessed to their having murdered and robbed two white men.

The railway and express office at Marshville, La., on the New Orleans Pacific road was robbed of over \$1300 and the night agent, W. J. Dickson, relieved of \$200 a few days since. The burglars escaped with their booty.

At night recently Deputy Sheriff George Davidson was shot and killed while reading a house of ill fame at Trout Creek, Mich. Alax Reno, who was the place, the supposed murderer, has been arrested and jailed.

At Springer, Mo., recently Walter and Jasper Cross, two boys were playing with a gun heavily charged with powder, but no shot. The gun went off and the explosion of powder blew the top of Walter's head off.

EVANS IN REAL LIFE.

Charles Roade's Famous Humanitarian Discoveries in Jail.

Very few people may be aware that the celebrated novel, "If's Never too Late to Mend," was founded on the cruelities practiced in the Birmingham, England, jail in the years 1852 and 1853. Indeed, the original of the character of Evans, the humanitarian, still lives, and, in fact, is now in the service of the prison authorities. He is Mr. William Brown, the chief warder of the Wilson Green jail, Birmingham, and many times he has been offered a large remuneration to appear on the stage to play the part of himself in adaptations of Roade's brilliant novel.

His story indeed is sensational, one, and forms a wonderful chapter of prison life in the "fifties," and also contrasts in a striking manner the treatment of prisoners now adopted.

In 1852 Lieutenant Austin was appointed governor of Wilson Green prison. He had formerly been in the navy, and in that service had forced himself to the conclusion that discipline in severe punishment, and considered that a breach of prison discipline was a crime almost greater than that for which the prisoner entered the jail. He pinned his faith to constant threats of punishment, and an almost perpetual use of those barbarous tortures, the cellar, strait-jacket, dark cells and crank labor.

Among the labor boys had to perform was turning of a crank handle with a ten-pound pressure upon it for 10,000 revolutions between sunset and sunrise. So many revolutions had to be before breakfast, so many before dinner, so many before supper. If the required number was not completed before breakfast, no breakfast; if not completed before dinner, no dinner; if not completed before supper, no supper, so that a weakly man or boy would go a whole day without food, and would think himself lucky if at 10 o'clock he got eight ounces of brown bread and a pint of water.

During the whole of the time these abnormal cruelties were being practiced the chaplain and Mr. Brown were doing their utmost to relax the terrible prison discipline adopted by the harsh governor. They worked together with a will, and many, many times have prisoners fallen on their knees in thankfulness for timely succor which had been rendered them.

At length, at the demand of the inhabitants of Birmingham, a royal commission of inquiry was held to inquire into the truth of these allegations. The whole of them were found to be true. Several shocking cases were made public, and altogether the commission sat thirteen days and sixty-four witnesses were examined.

One particularly pitiable case was that of a boy named Edward Andrews, about whom, in the name of Joseph Roade, gives a true and heartrending account. Mr. Brown has a vivid recollection of this poor boy. He was sent to jail for three months for stealing four pounds of beef. He was very weak indeed, but was, notwithstanding, put to the crank. Very often he was unable to perform his task in consequence of sheer inability, and he was ordered by the governor to be fed on bread and water only.

One day the chaplain, Mr. Sherwin, was attracted by a boy's cell by the cry of "Murder!" He found the boy crying piteously, and he said he was being starved. He was in the strait-jacket at the time, and the chaplain tried to insert one of his fingers between the collar and the boy's neck, but failed. Mr. Brown happened to be passing at the time, and he slackened the straps on his own responsibility, and greatly relieved the little sufferer.

Several times after this the boy was attracted by order of Austin, and on many occasions buckets of water were thrown over him. Austin Brown found the boy strapped to the wall, and on being released he fell to the ground insensible. On April 27 he put an end to his sufferings by committing suicide in his cell.

It came rather high.

The colored man was before a Kentucky judge for the statutory offense of stealing chickens.

"Not guilty," pleaded the prisoner.

"This makes the third time you have been here, doesn't it?" said his honor.

"Yes, boss."

"Well, what are you here for again?"

"Dis fer de same ting, boss."

"I believe I let you off the last time, didn't I?"

"Yes, boss. Thank you."

"Well, this time I'll fine you \$10 and costs."

The prisoner gasped.

"Fo' de Lawd, boss," he exclaimed, "ain't dat a heap to pay for one lean ole hen?"—Detroit Free Press.

Ups Trees.

The fiction of the deadly ups trees of Java has only this basis of fact to rest upon. The tree exudes a poisonous juice that the natives use to mix with other ingredients to coat their arrows; it also grows only in the low-lying Java valley, where deadly carbonic gas more or less always escapes from the crevices of the volcanic rocks. This is history made.

The Rise of Artillery.

Until the time of Charles XII of Sweden, artillery was not considered a part of the army; the men serving it were not soldiers, but regarded as mechanics; the officers had no rank. Charles XII. gave artillery officers a rank and regularly organized the artillery into companies.

In His Dreams.

Conductor, giving him a shake-tickets!

Sleeping Suburbanite, pushing his head away—No, you don't, Maria! If you want that baby walked with you you can walk with him yourself. I'm going to get some sleep to-night, by jooks, if I miss fifty trains!

Small Larger than the United States.

Not including Alaska Brazil is larger in extent than the United States. It possesses within its limits an area of 3,367,984 square miles, with a total population of 12,387,375.

"IFS" OF THE BIBLE.

DR. TALMAGE PREACHES FROM BOOK OF EXODUS.

"If Thou Wilt Forgive Thine Sin— and If Not, Blot Me. I Pray Thee, Out of Thy Book"—Exodus 32:32—A Beautiful Discourse.

BROOKLYN, Nov. 19.—In the Tabernacle, this morning, Rev. Dr. Talmage delivered one of his most unique and useful sermons from a text never before preached from. Subject: The "If's" of the Bible. The text chosen was: Exodus 32:32, "If thou wilt forgive thine sin— and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book."

There is in our English language a small conjunction, which I propose, by God's help, to haul out of its present insignificance and set upon the throne where it belongs, and that is the conjunction "If." This made of only two letters it is the pivot on which everything turns. All time and all eternity are at its disposal. We stir it in our utterance, we ignore it in our appreciation, and none of us recognize it as the most tremendous word in all the vocabulary outside of those words which describe deity. If? Why that word we take as a tramp among words now appearing here, now appearing there, but having no value of its own, when it really has a million-sidedness of worlds, and in its train walk all planetary, stellar, lunar, solar destinies. If the boat of leaves, made water-tight, in which infant Moses sailed the Nile, had sunk, who would have led Israel out of Egypt? If the Red sea had not parted for the escape of one host, and then come together for the submergence of another host, would the book of Exodus ever have been written? If the ship on which Columbus sailed for America had gone down in an Atlantic cyclone, how much longer would it have taken for the discovery of this continent? If Grouchy had come up with reinforcements in time to give the French the victory at Waterloo, what would have been the fate of Europe? If the Spanish armada had not been wrecked off the coast, how different would have been many chapters in English history. If the battle of Hastings, or the battle of Pultova, or the battle of Valmy, or the battle of Mataras, or the battle of Arbelia, or the battle of Chalons, each one of which turned the world's destiny, had been decided the other way, if Shakespeare had never been born for the drama, or Handel had never been born for music, or Titian had never been born for painting, or Thorwaldsen had never been born for sculpture, or Edmund Burke had never been born for eloquence, or Socrates had never been born for philosophy, or Blackstone had never been born for the law, or Copernicus had never been born for astronomy, or Luther had never been born for the reformation! Oh, that conjunction "If!" How much has depended on it. The height of it, the depth of it, the length of it, the breadth of it, the immensity of it, the infinity of it, who can measure? It would swap anything but Omnipotence. But I must confine myself to-day to the "If's" of the Bible, and in so doing I shall speak of the "If" of overpowering earnestness, the "If" of incredulity, the "If" of threat, the "If" of argument, the "If" of eternal significance, or so many of these "If's" as I can compass in the time that may be reasonably allotted to pulpit discourse.

First, the "If" of overpowering earnestness. My text gives it. The Israelites have been chopping an idol, notwithstanding all that God had done for them, and now Moses offers the most vehement prayer of all history, and it turns upon an "If," "If thou wilt forgive thine sins— and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book." Oh, what an overwhelming "If!" It was as much as to say, "If thou wilt not pardon them do not pardon me; if thou wilt not bring them to the promised land let me never see the promised land; if they must perish let me perish with them; if that book which has recorded their doom record my doom; if they are shut out of heaven let me be shut out of heaven; if they go down into darkness, let me go down into darkness." What vengeance and holy recklessness of prayer! Yet there are those here who, I have no doubt, have in their all-absorbing desire to have others saved, risked the same prayer, for it is a risk. You must not make it, unless you are willing to balance your eternal salvation on such an "If." Yet there have been cases where a mother has been so anxious for the recovery of a wayward son that her prayer has swung and trembled and poised on an "If" like that of the text. "If not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book. Write his name in the Lamb's book of life, or turn to the page where my name was written ten or twenty or forty or sixty years ago, and with the black ink of everlasting midnight erase my first name and my last name and all my name. If he is to go into shipwreck, let me be tossed amid the same breakers. If he can not be a partner in my bliss, let me be a partner in his woe. I have for many years loved thee, O God! and it has been my expectation to sit with Christ and all the redeemed at the banquet of the skies, but I now give up my promised place at the feast, and my promised robe, and my promised crown, unless Jesus, unless Henry, unless my darling son can share them with me. Heaven will not be heaven without him. O God, save my boy, or count me among the lost." That is a terrific prayer, and yet there is a young man sitting in the pew on the main floor, or in the lower gallery, or in the top gallery, who has already crushed such a prayer from his mother's heart. He hardly ever writes home, or living at home, what does he care how much trouble he gives her? Her tears are no more to him than the rain that drops from the eaves of the house on a dark night. The fact that she does not sleep because watching for his return late at night does not shake his laughter or hasten his step forward, she has tried coaxing and kindness and self-sacrifice and all the ordinary prayers that mothers make for their children, and all have failed. He is coming toward the vivid and venturesome and terrific prayer of my text. Who is going to lift her own eternity and set it upon that one "If," by which she expects to decide whether you will go up with her or she down with you. She may

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7. The thought of this whole verse is: If gold, which is only a material substance, is purified and bettered by fire, how much more will your immortal souls be purified and bettered by the fire of affliction! "Praise.... honor.... glory." Approbation, distinction, infinite exaltation.

8. "Whom having not seen, ye love." As really as if your eyes had looked upon him. "Joy unspeakable." A rapture too deep and holy to be expressed in words.

9. "Receiving." Even in the present moment. "The end of faith." The object of your faith. "The salvation of your souls." Deliverance from sin.

10-12. Three thoughts are set forth in these verses: (1) The Old Testament prophets did not fully understand their own prophecies, neither did they know just when these prophecies would be fulfilled; (2) They diligently searched after knowledge on these points, inquiring possibly of one another for information; (3) In some way it was disclosed to them that their prophecies were a ministry to others rather than to themselves. "The spirit of Christ." The Holy Spirit. "Which things the angels desire to look into." A proof of the great dignity of these things.

Things to Be Remembered. 1. All who God foresees as believers, he elects; all whom he elects he sanctifies by his Spirit. The design of this election and sanctification is that they may be obedient to the spirit of Christ and be daily sprinkled. 2. The resurrection in the last judgment. I dare not offer in the prayer of my text, and so I change it, and say: "Lord God, forgive our sins, and write our names in the book of thy loving remembrance, from which they shall never be blotted out."

Influence is the exhalation of character. The sin you do not kill will soon become your master.

Gratitude, says some one, is the memory of the heart.

Other men's sins are before our eyes, our own behind our back.

It is good to know right principles, but better still to love them.

If you have no trials, how do you know that you have any faith?

One has helped the world some if he has only varied the moonlight.

Sympathy for the poor doesn't lift them up. Only full sacs stand on end.

There are many people whose whole wisdom consists in hiding their want of it.

Religion is the final center of repose; the goal to which all things tend.

God can not do as much toward making you contented and happy as patience.

Were a vote to be taken as to who is the wisest man, every fool would vote for himself.

Nothing from man's hand, nor law, nor constitution, can be final. Truth alone is final.

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HER REV. DR. EDWARD HORACE WELLMAN, rector of the Episcopal church of the Atonement, Brooklyn, has introduced a new feature in the choir of his church.



A WOMAN CHORISTER IN BERETTA AND VESTMENTS.

The women made their first appearance at the church on Sunday. Many members of the church objected strenuously to the innovation.

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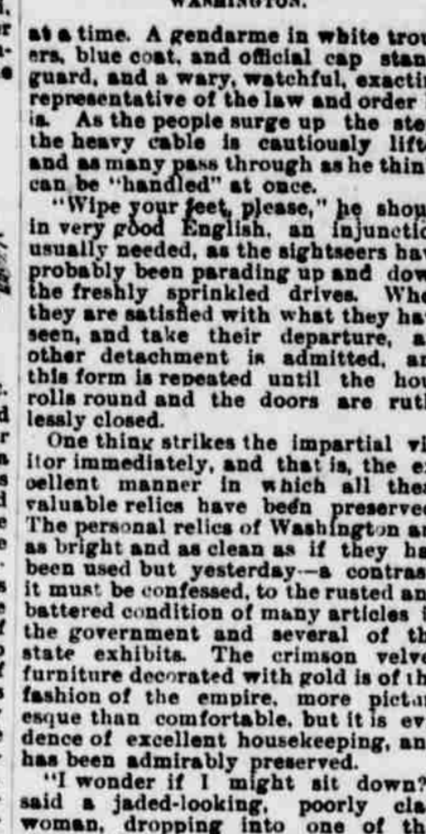
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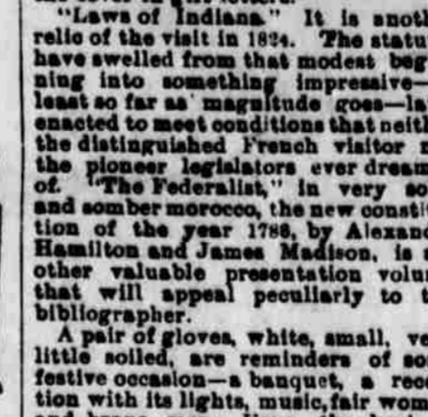
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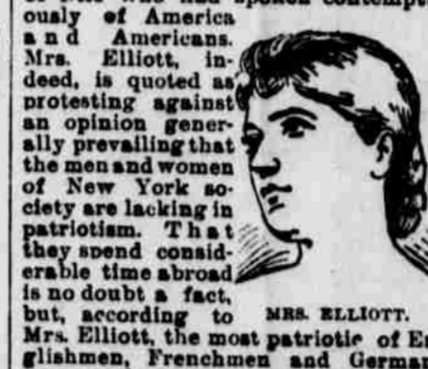


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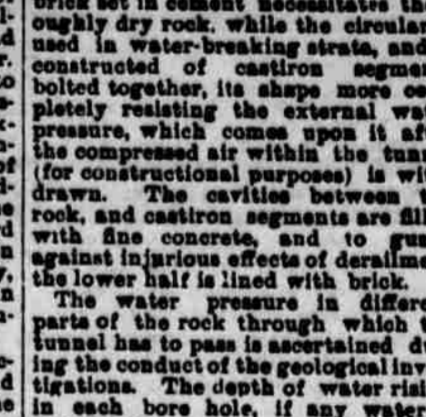
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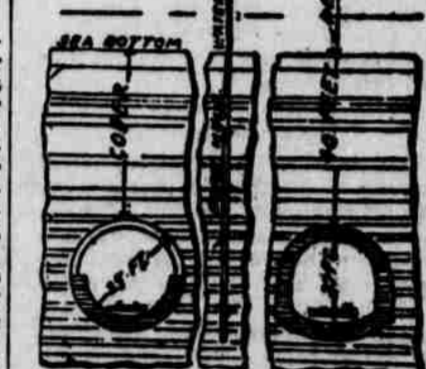


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TELEGRAPHING ON THE FLY.

Telegraphing while the train waits—did you ever try it? No? Well, you've missed something unique.

The narrator continues his yarn in the Boston Herald as follows: I was riding on a train from A to D.

Telegraphing was my only recourse, but how? Well, I prepared my dispatch on a bit of paper, reduced it to the regulation tab words and patiently awaited the arrival at C.

I approached the office window, clutching my little telegram. I impatiently whistled the first two bars of "You Know" just to stir up the boy and let him know a customer was approaching on the fly.

It was received in dignified silence, and the counting process began—one, two, three, etc. I felt as if ages were passing and decades were like railroad telegraph poles.

Moral No. 1.—Don't telegraph while the train waits and expect the operator to be overflowing with comfort.

W. R. Chiridwick tells the following story: "Once traveling through France I reached Grenoble, where I found out I was almost penniless.

Clara—Men are the most impatient creatures. Harry knows that I have an offer from Mr. Oldchap, who is just rolling in wealth, yet Harry is just as unreasonable and babyish as if he thought I cared for that old gray-head.



THE THREE ROBBERS.

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garden, and dug his ground well, and sowed turnips. When the seed came up there was one plant bigger than all the rest and it kept getting larger, and seemed as if it never would cease growing.

One day he said to himself: "What shall I do with it? If I sell it, it will bring me more than another; and for eating little turnips are better than this. The best thing, perhaps, is to carry it and give it to the king as a mark of respect."

Then he yoked his oxen and drew the turnip to the court and gave it to the king. "What a wonderful thing!" said the king. "I have seen many strange things, but such a monster as this I never saw. Where did you get the seed? or is it only your good luck? If so, you are a true child of fortune."

"Oh no!" answered the gardener; "I am no child of fortune. I am a poor soldier who never could get enough to live upon; so I laid aside my red coat and set to work tilling the ground. I have a brother who is rich, and your majesty knows him well, and all the world knows him; but because I am poor every body forgets me."

The king then took pity on him and said: "You shall be poor no longer. I will give you so much that you shall be even richer than your brother." Then he gave him gold and land and flocks, and made him so rich that his brother's fortune could not at all be compared with his.

When the brother heard of all this, and how a turnip had made the gardener rich, he envied him sorely, and bethought himself how he could contrive to get the same good fortune for himself. However he determined to manage more cleverly than his brother, and got together a rich present of gold and fine horses for the king, and thought he must have a much larger gift in return; for if his brother had received so much for only a turnip, what must his present be worth.

The king took the gift very graciously, and said he knew not what to give in return more valuable and wonderful than the great turnip; so the soldier was forced to put it into a cart and drag it home with him.—Grimm's Fairy Tales.

Animals Can Count. Not less interesting were similar experiments with horses. In the village of Pekoe the doctor found a peasant's horse, which was used for plowing and which had acquired the habit of counting the furrows and stopping to rest regularly at the twentieth. So confident was the plowman of the horse's calculation that at the end of the day he used to estimate the amount of work done, not by counting the furrows himself, but by simply remembering the number of times his horse had stopped to rest.

In another village the doctor found a horse that was able to count the mile-posts along the way, and that had been trained by its master to stop for feed whenever they had covered twenty-five versts. One day they tried the horse over a road where three false mill-posts had been put up between the real ones, and, sure enough the horse, deceived by this trick, stopped for his oats at the end of twenty-two versts instead of going the usual twenty-five.

The same horse was accustomed to being fed every day at the stroke of noon. The doctor observed that whenever the clock struck any hour the horse would stop and prick up his ears as if counting. If he heard twelve he would trot off contentedly to bed, but if there were fewer strokes than twelve he would go on working resignedly. The experiment was made of striking twelve strokes at the wrong time whereupon the horse started for his oats, in spite of the fact that he had been fed only an hour before.

Columbian Stamp Denominations. One-cent, Columbus on shipboard in sight of land; 2-cent, the landing of Columbus; 3-cent, the Santa Maria, the flagship of Columbus; 4-cent, the fleet of Columbus, consisting of the Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta; 5-cent, Columbus appealing to Queen Isabella for aid; 6-cent, Columbus entering Barcelona in triumph; 8-cent, Columbus presenting natives at the Spanish court; 15-cent, Columbus reciting the story of his discovery; 30-cent, Columbus at La Rabida, demonstrating the theory of his enterprise; 50-cent, the recall of Columbus by Isabella after the rejection of his proposition; \$1, Isabella pledging her jewels in support of the project; \$2, Columbus in chains; \$3, Columbus describing his third voyage; \$4, portraits in three-quarters face of Isabella and Columbus; \$6, portrait in profile of Columbus.

Easy Electrical Experiment. Take a glass, expose it to the fire so that it shall be perfectly dry and place it upside down on a table. Afterward take a tray, perfectly dry, and place it upon the glass in such a way that it shall preserve its equilibrium. Finally take a sheet of paper slightly smaller than the tray, heat it and rub it rapidly with a brush and it will become quickly electrified. Then place it upon the tray.

TELEGRAMS DE MORTUUS

YELLOW ENVELOPES WHICH CAUSE ANXIETY.

Some Very Funny Histories of Ghost and Dead Messages—How the Littered Telegraphs With Yellow Envelopes Form—How Selfishness Betrays Itself.

The amount of terror which an innocent telegram can excite in a private family unused to the sight of the easy-going, blue-coated messenger and his rough yellow envelopes is almost infinite and certainly indescribable. To the uncommercial mind beetle, murder or sudden death are the only occurrences which justify a recourse to the electric fluid as a means of conveying information, and as a result every telegram is regarded as destructive to domestic happiness. The messenger boy whose appearance at the door causes the lady of the house to shriek: "A telegram! Somebody must be dead!" soon grows blasé under the experience, and nothing short of a reduction in his salary or the assassination of the president would cause his pulses to stir beyond their normal rate.

Yet, as a matter of fact, a large number of private telegrams do relate to the three great events in human pilgrimage—birth, marriage and death. Of the three, death puts more into the coffers of the telegraph companies than the other two combined, says the Philadelphia Times. The old saying that "bad news travels quickly" has one more verification in the hundreds of death messages sent by wire every day. It is a standing jest in telegraph offices that more people die on Sunday than on any other day in the week; for in the absence of the usual volume of telegrams relating strictly to business affairs, those announcing deaths and funeral arrangements stand out with unusual prominence, and their frequency becomes apparent.

It may seem sacrilegious to say that many of these "death telegrams" sent over the wires have a grotesque side, yet it is so. The hard-worked operators who handle them cannot avoid seeing it in all the rush, and many a smile goes round a telegraph office over the uncouth way in which sincere affliction has been announced. Illiterate accounts for many of these gruesomely amusing announcements; the mental agitation accompanying the loss of relatives or friends accounts for more; but there is undoubtedly a certain percentage which are ridiculous in a ghastly fashion because of actual hard-heartedness on the part of the sender. To the last class, in all human probability, belongs the telegram sent by a daughter to announce with cheerful levity that "Mamma kicked 11-30 last night. We will try to make burial on Monday." But such instances, naturally, are rare.

It was illiterate, together with a solemn sense that the occasion demanded something extra in the way of emotional expression that prompted a sorrowing man to struggle over a telegraph form for fifteen minutes and finally to hand to the receiving clerk a message which briefly read: "My wife is laing pointed at death." The operator to whose lot it fell to translate this into the Morse dots and dashes audibly hoped that she was pointed in the right direction, and that the announcement was not to discharge its mission. From another afflicted benedict went out the cry: "My wife is werry ill. Come now" and the news that "Ma is very bad with amonia" must have carried sorrow with it in spite of its decidedly doubtful orthography and etymology. One of the commonest stumbling blocks in spelling with the unlettered is illustrated by the message which said simply: "Our little boy died—cholera phanton"; and the difficulties of rhetorical construction are plainly marked in the telegram which read: "George is dying in haste, answer."

Serene trust in the hereafter was carried to an almost ludicrous extent by the mourners who telegraphed to a friend that "Grandpa Jones peacefully left for his heavenly home this morning," followed it up by the very practical remark that "Any suggestions about interment will be thankfully received." "Polly is dead—she ate matches," left the curious operator in doubt as to whether Polly was the infant daughter of the house or the beloved family parrot; but the dangers of phosphorus were set forth for all the world to see. "Funeral to-morrow; floral tribute will be very acceptable," reminds one involuntarily of Mose Skinner's ingenious plans for arranging a silver wedding so as to avoid duplication of presents; and the telegraphic instructions to "give the dear one decent burial and send bill," are a judicious mixture of truly controlled feelings and properly Yankee trick.

The coarseness with which the death of friends and relatives is often watched for is a surprising truth in which the telegraph operator is forced to believe from the abundance of the evidence spread before him. It seems almost as though half the corpses would perform the traditional act of turning in their graves if they knew in how many cases their funeral arrangements had been at least partially made before the breath had left their bodies. "Am going out of town to complete Sarah's funeral arrangements; she is dying," is a very common sample of such preparation for death. "Mr. M. is not expected to be living at 4 o'clock; let us know what to do concerning burial," is another instance of gambling in such futures. "He can be buried with his parents when he dies" suggests a humane willingness to hold off the funeral until a bona fide corpse has been provided for it; but the accompanying instructions to hurry the certificates of death in order that the grave may be opened, convey the impression that the dying man had better be quick about it if he consults the convenience of his friends, or at least have the grace to duplicate the famous death-bed apology of Charles II.

A St. Mary's Epiphany. Judge Perry, of North Carolina, was a most learned judge who, while a practitioner of the law, unexpectedly lost a case for a client who was a justice of the peace, and in his own opinion a very learned one. The judge was at a loss how to explain the cause satisfactorily to him when they met, but he did it as follows: "Squire, I could not explain it exactly to an ordinary man, but to an intelligent man like you, who are so well posted in law and law phrase, I need only say that the judge said that the case was coram non judge." "Ah!" said the client, looking very wise and drawing a long breath. "If things had got into that fix, Mr. Perry, I think we did very well to get out of it as easy as we did."—Argonaut.

CLEANLINESS RUN MAD. Philadelphia Women Scrub the Streets as They Do Their Housework. Up in the Northwestern section of the city, where the houses are all new and many of the streets are paved with vitrified brick and asphalt, one may witness on any morning, excepting Sunday, before 10 o'clock, the surprising spectacle of women out with mops and brooms scrubbing the street. The stranger, on seeing the women at this work, would take it for granted that the city government had introduced the innovation of employing women in the street cleaning department, for he would never dream that American housewives would voluntarily go out in the streets and scrub the paving stones from the sheer love of work or of seeing the streets clean. Yet such is the case. The women of that section have become such fanatics on the subject of cleanliness that they actually scrub the streets with their own hands, and do it, too, nearly every morning. In the section bounded by Diamond, Broad, Eighteenth and Huntingdon streets a reporter for the Press noticed that all the streets with smooth surface paving were immaculately clean, and he supposed that the street cleaning contractor was a man with a highly developed genius for his profession. This supposition was dispelled until two days ago when he was walking along Hancock, Colorado, Gratz and other streets in the vicinity of Cumberland, saw the street-cleaning operation being executed by women. It was the same in all the narrow streets. Down the full length of a thoroughfare could be seen a double line of women scrubbing away and dashing buckets of water on the pavement to rinse off the soapuds. The particular streets that the women make a practice of scrubbing are required under the specifications of the contract with the city to be cleaned at least once a week whether they need cleaning or not. It is asserted by many of the residents on some streets that they are never cleaned by the contractor.

Progress With His Writing. The newspapers have been called the wife's foe, because the husband, while reading his daily journal, must not be disturbed by conversation. A certain worthy clergyman found it the rival to the bible. He had taught an old man in his parish to read, and found him an apt pupil. After his lessons were finished, he was not able to call for some time, and when he did, only found the wife at home. "How is John?" said he. "How does he get on with his reading?" "Oh, nicely, sir." "Ah, I suppose he'll read his bible very comfortably now?" "Bible, sir! He was out of the bible and into the newspapers long ago!" This transition from the solid and essential to the idle and superficial has many forms in the experiences of modern life.

WORMS OF THE EARTH.

Their Perception of Danger is Most Acute—Life Underground.

The worms know well that rapid heaving of the soil which betokens the approach of a mole to their innocent burrows, and the moment they feel it rush wildly to the surface, prepared rather to face the worst than to avoid it. The lark or blackbird may bring upon them than to wait the onslaught of their most ruthless and bloodthirsty enemy, says the Cornhill Magazine. If you dig a potatoe stick into the ground and shake the earth a little by moving it from side to side you will find dozens of worms hurry up to the surface at once, under the mistaken impression that the petty earthquake is some man's doing. For the senses of earthworms are extremely keen and their perception of danger most acute and vivid.

A person unaccustomed to the ways of worms might wonder that enough of them could be found in the comparatively small tract of land which each mole taboo or occupies as his own to satisfy the needs of so voracious a creature. But, as a matter of fact, the worm population of England is something incredibly high, to be numbered no doubt, by millions of millions. Every field on our downs is far more thickly populated under ground than London is on the surface; every meadow is as dense with teeming thousands of worms as Lancashire is with men or an anthill with emmets. The soil swarms with life.

Vinegar kills worms, and where a barrel of vinegar has been accidentally spilled upon the ground the surface is sometimes positively covered before long by a thick layer of wriggling creatures which have come up to die, as is the wont of their species. The abundance and ubiquity of the game explains the numbers and frequency of the hunters. Every mole eats daily many pounds of worms, and yet every field supports a whole village of them.

It is the entire drama of nature on a small scale underground—remorseless, self-centered, unfeeling as ever. Worms eat, and exist in thousands because there are myriads and myriads of dead leaves for them to live upon. Almost every dead leaf that falls from tree or shrub or weed or herb, except in autumn (when the supply all at once immensely outruns the demand), they carry underground and bury or devour with ceaseless industry. In doing so they create and keep up the layer of vegetable mold on the surface of the earth which alone makes plant life, and especially cultivation, possible. Cultivated areas are, therefore, those where worms are most abundant. So far as they themselves are concerned, however, the worms eat only for their own appetite's sake, and never suspect that they are the friends of lordly man, whose fields and crofts they thus unconsciously fertilize.

Do Cats Commit Suicide? Now and then one sees a paragraph on its rounds describing how a cat committed suicide by getting in front of a street car and letting the wheels go across its neck. A Brooklyn, N. Y., car driver does not believe in the suicide theory. He says it is stupidity and slow thinking that cost the cat her life. "Them animals," he says, "gets confused. You can see that they don't want to get hurt no more nor a man would, but when they sees cars coming both ways, and horses and wagons and crowds on the sidewalks, and hears the noises, they don't know which way to go. They lose their senses most at night, because the lights seem to scare 'em." Since I've been running a trolley car I've run over half a dozen of 'em, and they all squatted down on the rails. But they didn't mean suicide."

The English language contains about 60,000 words. Max Muller is of the opinion that the average farm laborer never uses more than 300, an ordinarily educated man from 8,000 to 4,000 and a great orator about 10,000. The Old Testament contains 5,642 different words; Milton uses about 8,000, and Shakespeare nearly 15,000.

The Wrong Man. First Citizen, Dugout City.—Charged the plumber, has shot a man, and he says he did it to dignify his trade. Second Citizen.—Did he shoot the rascally bookkeeper who makes out his bills? First Citizen.—No, he shot a newspaper paragraph.

Florida Beans. Florida beans, which when highly polished, are used as charms, are the seeds of the Entada scandens, a rank-growing, climbing shrub, common on the shores of the West Indies. The pods are frequently from six to eight feet in length, flat and woody, divided into numerous joints, each containing one or two nuts. When ripe these pods burst with great force, throwing the nuts an almost incredible distance. When thrown into the sea they are carried by the strong oceanic currents, not only to the Florida, but occasionally to the coast of Finland.

The Russian Autocrat. The original designation of the Russian ruler was autocrat, a term borrowed from a title of the Greek emperors. The title czar was taken first by Autocrat Waldimir about 1120. The Russian rulers were called czars or grand dukes until the sixteenth century, when they claimed the title of emperor.

Haskell County.

General Description, Advantages, Prospects and Future Prospects.

Haskell county is situated in the northern part of the Panhandle on the line of the one hundredth meridian west from Greenwich. It is 1500 feet above the sea, and has mild winters and summers. It is thirty miles square and contains 370,000 acres of land. It was created in 1886 from a part of Texas and Indian territory, and named in honor of Charles Haskell, a young Texas settler, who fell at the massacre at Goliad in 1836.

It remained unsettled until 1874, when there was one or two ranches established. Other ranchmen followed, and in 1880 the county could boast of fifteen or twenty inhabitants. There was no further development until early in 1884, when the town of Haskell was laid off, and by donating lots a few settlers were induced to build residences, and in January 1885 the county organized with a polled vote of fifty-seven electors.

Up to 1884 the soil had never been turned by a plow, and the people depended upon raising cattle, sheep and horses, as the natural grasses furnished food both winter and summer for immense herds. The poorer people made money by gathering many thousands tons of buffalo bones and shipping them out to be made into fertilizers used in the old states.

Experiments were made in 1885 with garden products, corn, oats, wheat, rye, barley and cotton and the yield was bountiful. The acreage in farms has increased to at least 30,000. The county is an undulated plain, with occasional creeks and branches. It is bounded on the north by that picturesque stream, the Salt Fork of the Brazos, and on the west by Double-Mountain Fork.

There are a few washes and gulches along the breaks and rivers, but with rivers, breaks, rocks and poor land combined their area in Haskell county would not exceed 10,000 acres that would not be fine agricultural land. WATER. It is traversed by numerous creeks and branches besides the rivers mentioned, some of which are fed by never-falling springs of pure water.

Besides the numerous branches that afford water for stock all the time, the south half of the county is traversed by Faint and California creeks with their numerous tributaries draining the south half of the county. The north half is traversed from northwest to northeast by Lake and Miller creeks whose tributaries furnish water and drainage for the same. Besides the surface water there is an abundance to be obtained by digging from 15 to 40 feet, and all of a good quality, some of which is unsurpassed by that of any section in the state for purity and temperature.

The soil is an alluvial loam of great depth and fertility, varying in color from a red to a dark chocolate, and by reason of its porosity and friable nature, when thoroughly plowed, readily drains in the rainfall and for the like reason the soil readily drains itself of the surplus water, thereby preventing stagnation of the water and the baking of the soil, and the germination of miasmata. It is those peculiar qualities of soil that enables vegetation to withstand all varieties of weather.

Except mosquito gnats and stumps which are easily extracted, there are no obstructions to plow and the land here level or generally rolling and easy worked, the use of labor-saving implements are profitable. One man with machinery and a little hired help has been known to cultivate over an 100 acres in grain and cotton.

INDIAN CORN, wheat, oats, barley, rye, durah corn, millet, sorghum, castor beans, field peas, peanuts, pumpkins, and all the squash family, turnips and cotton are grown successfully and profitably. Sweet potatoes do well, and Irish potatoes as well as anywhere in the south. Garden vegetables grow to perfection, and melons luxuriate in Haskell county soil, growing to fine size of superb quality. Besides the native grasses that grow on the prairie, containing large numbers of cattle, horses and sheep throughout the year, Colorado-grown grows to great perfection, and the hay made from this grass forms a valuable adjunct to the winter pasture in keeping stock over winter.

As yet Haskell has no railroad, and our people do their principal shipping to and from Abilene, a town 25 miles south.

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There is one road being built from Seymour to this place and one to be built from Fort Worth. The Texas Central will extend in a short time from Albany and Haskell is on the line as originally surveyed. The land men of Austin have organized a company to build a road from this city to this section of the state, where they control nearly all the land, and one of the principal members owns 100,000 acres in this and Knox counties, besides he owns the large addition to the town of Haskell on the south.

Our school fund is perhaps the best of any county in the northwest. In addition to the amount received from the state, about \$5.50 per capita, our commissioners' court have wisely executed a lease for ten years of our four leagues of school land, situated in the Panhandle, the revenue from which, added to the amount received from the state, gives us a fund amply sufficient to run the several schools of the county ten months in the year.

There is a daily mail service from Haskell to Abilene via Anson, and a weekly mail north to Benjamin and a daily mail to Seymour, also a tri-weekly express line to Albany. These all carry express and passengers.

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. The religious and moral status of the people of Haskell county will compare favorably with that of any people. The Methodists, Baptists, Christians, Old School and Cumberland Presbyterians each have organized churches in the town of Haskell, and have preaching on Sundays, also preaching at other points in the county.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES. In almost every neighborhood of the older states and the thickly settled portion of our own state there are many of its citizens who are contemplating a removal or a change of residence for many reasons. Some to restore lost health, some to make their beginning in the world, others to repair financial losses, others seeking safe and profitable investments of surplus capital. There are many others who have comfortable homes and are well contented, but who have children, whom they would like to provide with lands suitable for a home, and assist to commence business in life, but cannot do so with their present surroundings, and must seek cheaper lands and better opportunities in other and newer localities.

To such we would say you are just the people we want. Come and see us, and you will find a broad field of occupation and investment to choose from, with chances greatly in your favor. In coming to Haskell do not imagine you are a people wild and woolly indigenous to these "western wilds," that are loaded with dynamite and shooting brass, that our conversation are collections of case words and Mulhatten mixtures, 'at rather that we are people reared among the same surroundings, that we have received the benefit of the same advantage, that we have availed ourselves of the same educational privileges, that we have had the same Christian instruction, that you yourselves have had. Be enlightened by past experience. Fortunes have been made by the development of new countries, and fortunes are yet to be made in our new and equally as good country.

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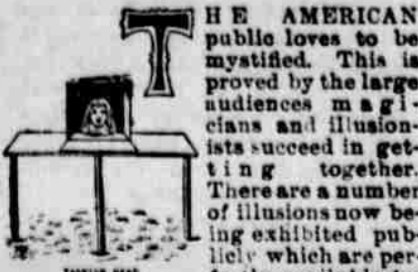
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MAGIC FOR THE HOME

THE "BLACK ART" FOR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT.

An Easily Constructed Apparatus Which Can Afford Considerable Amusement—Clear Illusions Performed with Mirrors—Drawing-Room Fun.



THE AMERICAN public loves to be mystified.

First of all make a table top two and a half feet long and two feet wide...

Have a thin groove in both of the inner sides of the front leg, and a groove in the side which faces the front leg of both end legs.

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FIELD OF SCIENCE.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL WORLD.

Labor Saving Devices in Many Forms—Experiments in Chemical and Electric Science—Filtering Water in Earth-Scientific Miscellany.



An Improved Commutator Brush.

In the brush for dynamos and motors shown in section in the accompanying illustration the contact of the brush with the commutator cylinder is a rolling instead of a sliding one.

The commutator cylinder carried by the armature shaft is of ordinary construction, and the brush arm is pivoted on the journal box of the armature shaft as usual.

Upon the end are shown three collecting wheels, though a greater number may be used, the boss of each being pivoted on the shaft in the groove of the stud, the boss also having an integral collar and a shoulder supporting a loose collar.

When a temporary credit is desired, your check is drawn, your accomplice, who should be small but clever, is under the table, back of the mirrors.

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THE RIVES-WHITE FEUD

TELLING PICTURE OF A FARMER-FAMILY WAR.

Began in a Trifle It Proves the Fatal Scourge of a Little Country Town—The Passion for Revenge and How It Is Satiated—Running Its Course.

It is a hamlet of twenty houses—eighty people—nestling against the crest of a mountain whose tree-covered side is almost hidden from sight by the dark blue vapor which hangs there for centuries.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the crowd at the inn moves up the street to the school house. Ten minutes later it is followed by the other.

Here are two of the oldest and strongest families in the county. They have been friends for three generations. They have borrowed and lent, sat at each other's tables, attended the same church, looked upon each other as relatives.

For Hand Sawing. An improved hand saw is now being manufactured by a Dover, N. H., concern, some of the features of which are especially noteworthy.

A Cheap and Efficient Motor. The ease and simplicity with which such a motor as the one shown in the illustration may be set up and utilized to do a great variety of work will be

"Little Giant" Water Motor. apparent at a glance. Supporting the house or shop to be supplied with water under pressure, the motor is preferably secured in position at a window or in a closet.

Artificial Ice. A successful system of producing artificial ice surfaces has been inaugurated in Paris, and available in large areas at all seasons of the year.

Phosphorescent Tubes. The statement is made that phosphorescent tubes are being introduced in England for practical lighting in places where beauty is of more importance than economy.

Brush Powder. Nearly a hundred establishments are engaged in the manufacture of brush powder in and near the cities of Furtia and Nuremberg, Germany.

Marion in Haste. Richard Sworn of Balla county and Miss Addie Lisenberry of Audrain, Mo., do not believe in long courtships.

She—How did you like the prima donna this evening? He—She looked charming—a real angel.

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The United States produces 46,000 tons of bay.

THE STRING OF PEARLS.

THE PAIR FATIMA LOST HER CASE WHEN SHE WAS ASKED HER AGE.

"Fatima," said Abdullah, as he appeared with his sister, Fatima, before the judge, "perhaps you will remember the brave Abbas, who died thirty years ago. He was our father and left both of us his property in equal proportions, on which we have hitherto subsisted in common.

"Fatima, it is true, has been peevish and quarrelsome during the last few years, but I always gave way, as I am a lover of peace. But I have recently chosen the beautiful Zoraida for my bride and thought of giving her this valuable string of pearls—the most precious keepsake of my father's in my possession, for he gave it to me on his return from a journey when I was 5 years old, and it has been mine ever since.

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HUNTER AND GAME FROZEN.

The Singular Discovery of a Man and a Deer in a Block of Ice.

Charles Smithers, an English resident of Halliburton, Ont., while out hunting with a party of visitors from the old country recently met with a singular adventure, which also led to the discovery of a hoard of moose, the first seen in this far north for many years.

Statistics of some of the great wars of the past are reported to be as follows: The Crimean war cost \$2,000,000,000; the Italian war of 1859, \$200,000,000; the Russo-Turkish war, \$125,000,000; the Franco-Prussian war, \$4,100,000,000 and 166,000 lives.

COMIC CHATTER. Gunson—Another increase in your family, eh? Son or a daughter? Bibebe gloomily—Son-in-law.

Clare—How has your new dressmaker been treating you? Maudie—Oh, splendidly. But she has been using father.

Mr. Hilkins—What do you think of these fresh young women who run typewriters? Mr. Spilkens—I don't think of them at all. I've a wife who does my thinking in that regard.

What new arrangement has Conley for his store? He's always talking about it. "Greatest novelty I've seen. The stove pipe he had last winter fits the stove now without any change being made in it."

Servant Maid—Please, ma'am, the parrot has been saying another lot of fresh words. Mistress, to visitors—Yes, my Jocko is very teachable. It listens to every word my dear husband speaks to me. (To servant) What did the creature say? Servant Maid—Shut up, you old bosom! Tableau!

Lawyer—Are you sure that occurrence was on the 17th of the month? Witness—Yes, it was the 17th.—Lawyer—Now, remember, you are under oath. How do you know it was on the 17th? Witness—Cause the day before was a wet day. On the 17th, there was the 19th and the day after it was the 18th.

Uncle Ebony—I'm glad you're in, sah, 'cause I want to borrow your eye-glasses, and a few dictionaries and any other nice big books you can spare, sah. Employer—Goodness me! And you've brought a wheelbarrow, I see. What on earth do you want of them? Uncle Ebony—Very important occasion, sah, very important. Dinek and me wants to hunt up a name for the baby, sah.

I went into the postoffice the other day and asked for two one-cent stamps and one two-cent stamp. The genius at the window got rattled and gave me only the one-cent stamp. "Where is the two-cent stamp I called for?" I asked. I further observed that if I had any influence with the present administration, "You won't be here long." "And if I have any influence with the washman," said he, "you won't be here long."

When Lord and Lady Lytton were traveling in an open carriage through Italy, not long after their marriage, Lord Lytton was dressed in some fantastic costume which he adopted at that time. Passing through one of the many villages closed to the sea,

Stranger—You still have Lynch's bag here, do you? Westerner—Only in the case of bad characters. When a fairly good citizen gets arrested for anything, we always let the law take its course.

Yes, you see an average jury can always be depended upon to hang a good citizen if it gets a chance.

Who—Who was at the book gate just now? Husband—A tramp, who wanted something to eat.

Who—Did you invite him in to get a bite? Wife—He invited himself in, but Tower's got the bit.

THE RIVES-WHITE FEUD

TELLING PICTURE OF A FARMER-FAMILY WAR.

Began in a Trifle It Proves the Fatal Scourge of a Little Country Town—The Passion for Revenge and How It Is Satiated—Running Its Course.

It is a hamlet of twenty houses—eighty people—nestling against the crest of a mountain whose tree-covered side is almost hidden from sight by the dark blue vapor which hangs there for centuries.

At 1 o'clock p. m. the crowd at the inn moves up the street to the school house. Ten minutes later it is followed by the other.

Here are two of the oldest and strongest families in the county. They have been friends for three generations. They have borrowed and lent, sat at each other's tables, attended the same church, looked upon each other as relatives.

For Hand Sawing. An improved hand saw is now being manufactured by a Dover, N. H., concern, some of the features of which are especially noteworthy.

A Cheap and Efficient Motor. The ease and simplicity with which such a motor as the one shown in the illustration may be set up and utilized to do a great variety of work will be

"Little Giant" Water Motor. apparent at a glance. Supporting the house or shop to be supplied with water under pressure, the motor is preferably secured in position at a window or in a closet.

Artificial Ice. A successful system of producing artificial ice surfaces has been inaugurated in Paris, and available in large areas at all seasons of the year.

Phosphorescent Tubes. The statement is made that phosphorescent tubes are being introduced in England for practical lighting in places where beauty is of more importance than economy.

Brush Powder. Nearly a hundred establishments are engaged in the manufacture of brush powder in and near the cities of Furtia and Nuremberg, Germany.

Marion in Haste. Richard Sworn of Balla county and Miss Addie Lisenberry of Audrain, Mo., do not believe in long courtships.

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The United States produces 46,000 tons of bay.

THE STRING OF PEARLS.

THE PAIR FATIMA LOST HER CASE WHEN SHE WAS ASKED HER AGE.

"Fatima," said Abdullah, as he appeared with his sister, Fatima, before the judge, "perhaps you will remember the brave Abbas, who died thirty years ago. He was our father and left both of us his property in equal proportions, on which we have hitherto subsisted in common.

"Fatima, it is true, has been peevish and quarrelsome during the last few years, but I always gave way, as I am a lover of peace. But I have recently chosen the beautiful Zoraida for my bride and thought of giving her this valuable string of pearls—the most precious keepsake of my father's in my possession, for he gave it to me on his return from a journey when I was 5 years old, and it has been mine ever since.

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LOCAL DOTS.

Plant some shade trees. Buy your goods from S. L. Robertson. ... Louva, the Pauper, at the Opera house to-night.

What is it? Want to pay cash, eh? Is that so? Why didn't you say so before. Dodson & Halsey.

Christmas fruit cakes. I have every thing fresh for making fruit cakes. S. L. ROBERTSON.

The partnership of Rike, Ellis & Jones has been mutually dissolved.

I am over stocked in boots and need the money out of them. Now is your time to buy, call at once. S. L. ROBERTSON.

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Christmas Tree. On last Sunday the Baptist Sunday School decided to have a Christmas tree at the church.

How Haskell Observed Thanksgiving. The merchants closed up their places of business in the morning.

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Programme. For the Fifth Sunday Institute of the Stonewall Baptist Association, which will convene with the First Baptist Church of Haskell, Friday Dec. 29th, A. D. 1893.

Sixty Days. All notes and accounts that have run sixty days are past due and must be paid by Dec. 1st, 1893.

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