

COTTONWOOD NEWS

to had a shower last week and laid the dust and made travel more pleasant.

Mr. Ayres, an old citizen of Cottonwood last Tuesday. He was to Friday. Mr. Ayres was in good health for the last year died after an illness of about a month. He will be missed by friends for many days.

Charlie Mangham of Cisco the guest of Mrs. S. A. Moore day.

Mrs. J. A. Brownlee a few days sustained a severe bruise on her forehead. She is not doing so well at writing.

Marvin Ayres of Oklahoma has returned to his home since the death of his father.

Miss Bessie and Alma Ayres at home but will return Kansas to school in a few days.

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Mrs. W. E. Gaines of the Cross Plains community is reported quite ill with typhoid.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Saackel and baby spent Thanksgiving with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shackelford here.

Mrs. R. I. Fowler and children of El Paso are the guests of T. E. Nordyke and family.

Mrs. E. P. Bond is visiting her son, Parker, of Santa Anna for a few days.

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WICHITA FALLS GETS ASYLUM

Committee is Unanimous in Decision and Expects to Let Contract At Once.

Asylum.—The board to locate the Northwest Texas Insane asylum, consisting of Governor Hobby, W. A. Johnson, president of the senate, and Attorney General B. L. Loomay, after hearing the claims of the four cities seeking the location, unanimously selected Wichita Falls on the first ballot. The other applicants were Fort Worth, Mineral Wells and Sweetwater.

The board indicated that its intention is to have the contract let as soon as possible and to have work of construction begun early next spring. The asylum to be completed and ready for occupancy by Jan. 1, 1919. The thirty-fifth legislature appropriated \$400,000 for the establishment of this institution.

Wichita Falls offered a free site of 500 acres on Lake Wichita, four miles from Wichita Falls, and on the car line and railroad.

TONS OF JUNK FOUND AT PRISON

Legislative Investigating Committee to Ask Why Scrap Iron is Not Sold.

Huntsville.—Great iron flywheels, old machines of many types and varying weights, 13 electric motors, ruting gear of a big locomotive, minus the boiler and the cab, steel shafts for buildings, cast-iron grates for boilers, steel pipe, steel bars of multiple sizes, literally hundreds of tons of iron and steel of various ages and in many stages of rust and depreciation, were found in a tour of the penitentiary grounds here by Representative Frank Holaday of the legislative investigating committee.

Mr. Holaday was looking into the matter of waste from lack of storage and from failure to sell as scrap iron the old machinery that could not be repaired and put into use profitably.

VERDICT IN COURT MARTIAL

Col. Dunn and Gen. Ruckman to Review Findings Before Making Announcement.

San Antonio.—A verdict has been reached in the court martial of the 63 negroes of the Twenty-fourth infantry charged with murder, mutiny and rioting, as a result of the uprising at Houston Aug. 23, last. The verdict will be reviewed before being made public.

That a verdict had been reached was made known when the defendant negroes were brought to the post chapel at Fort Sam Houston, where the trial was held, after which the court martial formally adjourned.

This compliance with military rule was the only evidence of the verdict. Colonel Geo. Dunn, advocate general of the Southern department, will review the findings of the court martial. After that they will go to General W. Ruckman, commander of the department. If either disapproves they may be returned to the court for further consideration. The trial occupied exactly one month, beginning Nov. 1.

East and West Texas Utilities Merged

Austin.—The public utilities in five west Texas cities and three in east Texas are merged into two corporations, owned and controlled by the same parties, the charters of which have just been filed in the office of the secretary of state. The companies are: East Texas Utility Co., capital \$1,000,000; West Texas Utility Company, capital \$1,000,000.

American Cavalry Kill 53 Enemies

Friends.—In a battle at Camp Bowie, Texas, between United States cavalrymen, under Lieut. Col. H. H. Hager, and Mexican insurgents, 53 enemies were killed and 5000 captured.

Saloons Close in McLennan County

Waco.—Saturday night at 9:30 prohibition became effective in McLennan county. The pros carried the county by a big majority in the local option election held Oct. 20. This is the first time that the county, in its entirety, has been dry. There were 93 places in McLennan county, wholesale and retail, where liquor was sold, and 98 of these were in Waco.

Temple Furnished 20 Recruits in Nov.

Temple.—During the past month 10 recruits for the army and navy were accepted from this immediate section through the agency of local postoffice. Many were men who had not to draft who were not willing to wait until their numbers were reached on the list and decided to send the government to it. Since recruiting actively started some months ago over 400 volunteers have entered the army and navy through the agency alone.

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FOR THE BABY

Let one of the baby's Christmas presents be the opening of an account in its name at this bank. The habit of thrift should be taught to all children and the best way of teaching anything is by example. It means a great deal for the child for the future, not only in actual amount of money accumulated during the years of childhood, but the acquirement of the value of money's real worth in the world.

THE FARMERS' NAT'L BANK

HONOR ROLL: week we were forced to have a honor roll out so the following is the subscription account weeks. The following with names: J. W. Dixon, H. M. Nimrod, J. B. Upton, A. S. G. W. Cary, George Lee, Maryman, W. A. Corley, Star, Otis Odum, T. N. Sabanno.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS: Wishing to buy explosives of any kind, or to sell the same, are hereby directed to apply at the Office of County Clerk, Chas. Nordyke, to obtain same.

Willford, C. J. Arledge, Cross Cut, Texas; Miss Penn of Dallas and Mrs. Dr. Bogar of George West by sister Olive McGowen, Carl Murdoch, Cottonwood, W. C. Wilkinson, J. C. Esagar, C. E. Powers, W. O. Cross, Howard Baum at Camp Bowie by sister Miss Coy, J. W. Reiford, Henry Williams.

Stop Look! And Loosen!

All of the necessities of life all of the important commodities are getting higher and higher and dearer in price.

There is as yet however one important exception—GOOD LUMBER.

Compared with present prices of ninety seven of the most important commodities including farm products, the war time advance in price of GOOD LUMBER has been ridiculously small as

WHY WAIT to attend to your building needs? purchasing power is now comparatively high—cost of lumber is comparatively low. Is it not wise thing to buy lumber NOW, before war de demands force us up its cost?

Get the GOOD LUMBER, including strong reliable, economical SOUTHWEST PINE, in all forms necessary for every type of building, from building a coop to a modern home.

See H. Shackelford, Lbr. Cross Plains, Texas

STATE FOUNDRY AT RUSK RECEIVED BID OF \$112,500

Col. L. P. Featherstone Makes Highest Bid for State Property at Rusk.

Huntsville.—Bids were opened at the office of the prison commission for the sale of the iron foundry, blast furnace and pipe plant at Rusk belonging to the state penitentiary system. Col. L. P. Featherstone of Beaumont, president of the Texas Steel company, was the highest bidder, making an offer as an individual of \$112,500 for the equipment and 136 acres upon which it is located. He also offered to pay to the state 50c a ton for iron ore on the state's land there.

The next highest bid was \$100,100 offered by James H. Edmonds of Houston, for the property and all the lands upon the state's lands there. The third and low bid was \$15,000 for property and acre, offered by J. W. Armstrong & Co. of Fort Worth. The 136-acre tract owns upward of 1,000 acres more iron ore lands in the vicinity of Rusk.

Great Decline in Arrests at Dallas

Dallas.—Out of a total of 1,520 arrests made by the police department during the month of November, chauffeurs led, 575 of them being arrested. A total of \$1,004 in fines was assessed by the corporation court during the month, according to the report. One hundred and two persons were arrested on drunk and disorderly charges. This is a great reduction over the corresponding month of last year. The average is a little more than three arrests a day for this offense. Formerly it ran from 10 to 15.

Opposition to Sale of State Railroad

Palestine.—Strenuous opposition to the plan to sell immediately the state railroad, 33 miles long, from Palestine to Rusk, is developing here and at Rusk. The prison commission of Texas, by which the road is controlled, has called for bids for sale of the railroad to be submitted to the commission by noon on Dec. 17. Palestine wants the railroad extended from Palestine for 100 miles northward to Dallas and the Dallas Chamber of Commerce has been active in behalf of such an extension.

Ask Advance Pay on War Contracts

Washington.—An advance payment on munitions and other contracts for the government has been asked by Charles M. Schwab and Eugene Grace of the Bethlehem Steel company, who conferred with Secretaries Baker and Daniels and told them the calls could not be expedited without financial aid, as they were unable to obtain adequate funds from the banks. The request was taken under consideration. Enormous increase in the size of its plants have been undertaken by the company to handle war contracts.

Liberty Loan Will Reach 14 Billion

Washington.—Liberty loans of high priority amounting to \$14 billion may be expected by the end of the fiscal year June 30, 1919, according to the treasury estimates. For ordinary running expenses of the government and war operations, as submitted in Secretary McAdoo's annual report to congress. The statement shows the cost for two years will be about \$26,000,000,000, but admonishes the public that while the figures for the year ending June 30, 1918, are practically complete, the estimates for 1919 are subject to alteration.

May Extend Camp Bowie Quarantine

Fort Worth.—There is considerable talk at Camp Bowie to the effect that the quarantine will be extended ten days after the original period of two weeks expires. State officers said that the order had not been issued, but it was not improbable that it would be. Health conditions have not improved to any marked degree and the enlisted men are really better off when confined to the camp than when given the freedom of the city, although many chafe under the restraint.

Camp Bowie Calls for Quits

Fort Worth.—Camp Bowie is still in need of more quills and the American Red Cross has been called upon to furnish each man a comfort. The comforters sent to the camp heretofore were turned over to the base hospital and used for the sick soldiers. It will require 35,000 more to provide each soldier with a comfort and headquarters at Ft. Worth has been requested to give 25,000 of the number. C. W. Conroy, field director of the Red Cross here, appeals the women of the state to contribute the other 10,000.

CROSS PLAINS MARKET

Table with market prices for various commodities: Cream 42c, Eggs 40c, Fryers 15c, Hens 12c, Roosters 6c, Turkeys 16c, Cotton 27c, Peanuts \$1.78

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 2, 1917. Cross Plains Review, Cross Plains, Texas.

Dear Lem: How are you? Send me The Review here Box 745. I went over to Lockney this p. m. and spent a few pleasant moments with D. P. Carter and family. Dave was looking fine. He has on a big dry goods sale. I am now in grocery business here and also hold my interests in Post City. We are not getting rich by any means, but we are holding our own and doing fine.

Dave gave me his Review and I enjoyed looking over it. I like to keep up with the progress of your little city as I think the world of the many good citizens there and I feel that I have a good many firm friends there.

Very best regards, Merry Xmas, and Happy New Year to you and yours.—The Review and its progress and all of my friends of Cross Plains.

Yours truly, Geo G. Carter.

RED CROSS MEETING

Judge B. L. Russell, Rev. R. A. Scramton and George Scott of Baird were here on Tuesday on business connected with the Red Cross. Callahan County now has its chapter and all the members in the county will work under this charter. Our local organization announces that it is ready to get down to business in earnest. Judge Russell states this county has been allotted a membership of 2500, and that by all means the number should be secured. The local Red Cross will meet at the Baptist Church on Tuesday at 2 p. m. and everybody is urged to come and join in this great work.

FROM EARLE SNELL

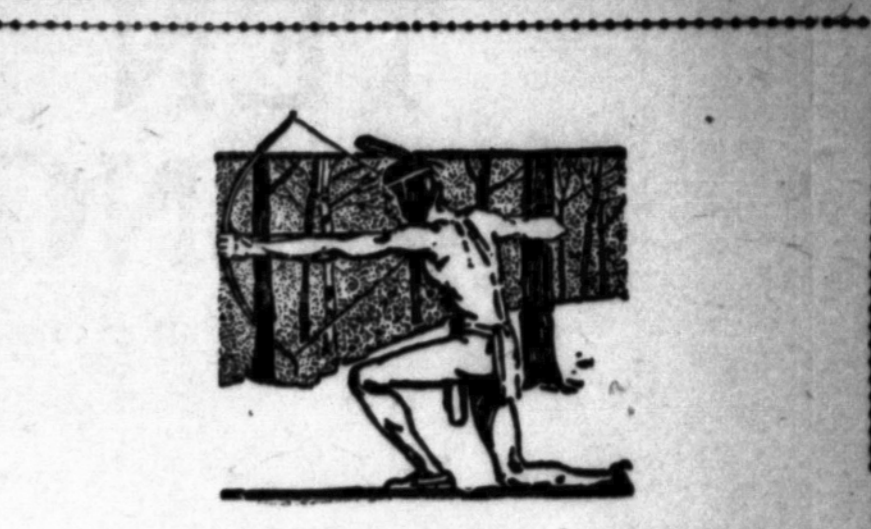
McLean, Texas, November 29, 1917.

Dear Sir: You will find enclosed one \$1.00 dollar for which please keep the Review coming to my address as we appreciate it with its weekly messages and we look for it as though a letter from home.

We are well situated and doing fine and like the country and people splendid and we think it a fine place to live. Extra fine crops are just being harvested here and at a good price. The money crop is principally feed and cattle. Maize and kaffir are selling on the streets in the heads for 35c per ton and the people are just getting ready to ship the feed and it is piled up all over a large number of vacant lots in and around town. A large elevator is just being completed to handle the grain with and to store it in.

With best regards to you and all our best friends, I beg to remain,

Your friend, Earle Snell



OUR CHIEF AIM has always been to make OUR BANK an institution towards which the people of CROSS PLAINS could point with pride. To accomplish this, and to attain the HIGHEST STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY, we have adopted the most PROGRESSIVE METHODS, combined with GOOD OLD-FASHIONED HONESTY.

The Bank of Cross Plains (Un-Incorporated) Responsibility, One Million Dollars Virgil Hart, Cashier. C. C. Hampton, Asst. Cashier

CLUBBING OFFERS TO THE REGISTRANTS

Read the Star-Telegram "Barfain Days" offer on another page. We are this paper's authorized agent, and want your subscription either singly or with the Review. Telegram daily and Sunday \$5.65, and daily without Sunday \$4.25. In either case add fifty [50c] for the Review for a year. The same prices and the same proposition hold as regards the Fort Worth Record and the Review.

To be sure, the Review and the Farm News are always clubbed at \$1.75, that is an offer that stands until further notice. The Review and any dollar-a-year paper for \$1.75. Also we make a special price on several cheap farm papers and household magazines. See us for all your reading matter. It reduces the cost. Farm and Ranch and Hollands for two years for \$5 each in connection with the Review.

The Dallas News daily and Sunday for \$7.50; with the Review \$8.00; without Sunday \$6.00; with the Review \$6.50.

To the registrants and also the Assistants to the legal Board of Callahan County, Texas. Owing to the limited time and the great amount of work to be done before the 22, in order to afford the said Board and assistants and the Registrants, a ample opportunity to inform themselves and to correctly answer the questions to be furnished to them on the 15. We, the Legal Advisory Board of said County, have appointed and now call on the following named citizens at the different places to aid the registrants, who may call upon them to answer their questionnaires to wit:

Cottonwood—Harry Varner, Will Everett, George Thompson, J. T. Respass, Walter Robbins.

Cross Plains—Virgil Hart, C. C. Hampton, Foster Bond, H. Shackelford, Dudd Price, John Humber, L. P. Henslee, W. C. Rutherford, John Horn.

Atwell—C. W. Bradley, Prof. Clay Christman, C. C. Andrews.

We have so arranged, that among these assistants, there are one or more who, with the Postmasters, are authorized to administer oaths, and who may do so without charge to the registrants. The said Assistants and Registrants, are requested to carefully read the questionnaires, and particularly rules on pages 2 the 3, and where a supporting affidavit is required the Registrant is advised to take with him, to the person to administer the oath, any persons who can make such affidavit. Seven days after the day of notice furnished to the Registrants, they are required to return their questionnaires to Judge B. L. Russell, Chairman of the Local Board at Baird, Texas, properly answered and sworn to by them and their supporting affidavits.

The said Assistant Legal Advisors are requested to assemble as soon as possible in order to better study and familiarize themselves with these questionnaires.

Respectfully, F. S. Bell, Chairman.

MAXWELL Most Miles per Gallon - Most Miles on Miles Ordinary Common Sense - Sensible Thrift - and Maxwell Motor Cars Common sense says to you, "Buy a Maxwell Car and use it." The American people are going forward - not backward. That is the purpose of the great war in which we are now engaged. The success of the Nation depends on healthy business activity over the country - and sensible thrift. Healthy business depends on the utilization of every possible labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving device known. The light-weight, economical Maxwell - in passenger service - taking you where you have to go on business, helping you relieve delivery congestion - is one of the greatest known labor-saving, time-saving, money-saving devices. Touring Car \$745; Roadster \$745; Coupe \$1095; Berlina \$1095; Sedan \$1095. F.O.B. Detroit C. C. NEEB, Agent

# TEN BUYING DAYS

# BIG CLEAN

## THE SEASON IS N

### This Is Our CHRISTMAS

Beginning Thursday, In Exchange For Kindness Helping US To Make We Are Going To Offer You Things You Are Needing For These Cold Days and This Affords you a Great Bargain in Staples, for Your Friends At

**Piece Goods**  
Storm and French Serges—all colors

\$1.25 grade per yard	90c
1.00 " " "	82c
85c " " "	67c
75c " " "	55c
65c " " "	45c
50c " " "	39c

**Cotton Suiting**

35c grade per yd.	22c
25c " " "	17c
20c " " "	12c
15c " " "	10c

**Silks**

\$1.75 Taffeta per yd.	\$1.45
1.50 " " "	1.15
1.75 Silk Poplin.	
all colors per yd.	1.45

**Silk Plaids**

\$2.00 value per yd.	\$1.67
2.25 " " "	1.85

**Georgette Crepe**  
\$2.00 value now \$1.65  
**Crepe Dechine**  
\$1.50 value \$1.20

**Skirts**  
An extra good assortment in patterns and sizes at the following low prices:

\$11.00 value now	\$8.45
10.00 " "	7.75
9.00 " "	7.45
8.00 " "	7.15
7.50 " "	6.85
6.50 " "	4.95
5.00 " "	3.85
4.00 " "	3.25

**BUY NOW**  
What you will need in cow feed. We sell cold press cake and Trico.

**Corsets**  
One of the best bargains we have to offer during this sale \$4.00 value front and back lace, now \$2.95 and \$3.50 value front and back lace 2.45 \$2.50 value front and back lace, now \$1.65 \$1.75 value front and back lace now \$1.45 16 American Beauty corsets ranging in price from \$1.00 to \$2.50 will go this sale .50 Brassiers \$1.25 value now .85 60 " " .45

### EXTRA SPECIAL!

**Ladies' Dresses**  
IN SILKS, SATIN, SERGES  
The Latest Styles in an Assortment of Sizes.  
32.50 value; this sale \$23.75  
27.50 value; this sale 21.45  
25.00 " " " 17.95



**Ladies Coats and Coat Suits**

37.50 Plush coats now	26.75
We have in stock 7 carried over ladies coats ranging in price from \$12.50 to \$20.00 will go in this sale at \$4.50	
\$25.00 value now	\$18.75
22.50 " "	16.50
18.50 " "	12.90
15.00 " "	11.45
10.00 " "	7.85

**Coat Suits**

\$35.00 value	now \$25.00
30.00 " "	21.90
25.00 " "	18.45
20.00 " "	13.75
15.00 " "	10.85
12.50 " "	8.95

**Children and Misses Coats**

7.50 value now	5.95
6.00 " "	4.65
5.00 " "	3.85
3.75 " "	3.45
2.75 " "	2.25

**Ladies SHOES!!**  
Last call for winter high tops.  
\$7.50 value now \$6.25  
5.00 " " 3.45  
3.50 " " 2.95  
Others in proportion.

**Table Damask White**

\$1.00	now	85c
.85	now	60c
.75	now	55c
Blue and Red Checked		
35c	value	19c

**Big Assortment**  
New Pocket knives Just Received. Buy him one for Xmas. Buy Early, The Early Bird Gets The Worm, The Best Values Will go First.

We Cannot Replace These Goods at These Prices.  
Our Loss A Big Gain to you



**BUSTER BROWN Shoes**  
For boys, misses and children.  
NONE BETTER  
\$4.00 value this sale \$3.25  
3.50 " " " 2.95  
3.00 " " " 2.35  
2.50 " " " 2.00  
2.00 " " " 1.60

We have other brands in boys' misses' and children's shoes at correspondingly low prices.

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CROSS PLAINS WHERE

### PAY UP

All parties who know themselves to be indebted to us either by note or open account are hereby notified to call and pay up. This notice is intended for all; we have no favorites. If you owe us we want the money Beginning Oct. 1st, our books are closed, don't ask us to charge it. C. S. Boyles.

Barlers ideal oil heaters, no smoke, no smell. C. S. Boyles.

### POSTED NOTICE

No hunting, fishing, or peccas gathering allowed in my pastures J. O. Hall

### NOTICE, POSTED

No fishing, hunting, bee-tree cutting, or other trespassing allowed in my pastures. On account of so much depreddating I am compelled to take this course. W.P. Brightwell

### For Sale

A blacksmith shop, grist mill, etc., good location, for sale cheap G. T. Wright, Scranton. d2

Just a few more secondhand school books for sale at Review Office.

The Review still \$1.00 a year. Please don't ask us to charge it. C. S. Boyles.

The Review and The Semi-Weekly Farm News for \$1.75.

Just received a nice shipment of fresh candies. R. Robertson & Son Drug Store.

Building Paper, window glass, Rubber roofing, Builders Hardware. Joe H. Shackelford Lumber Yard.

WOOD delivered on short notice Alvin Smith, Phone 86.

Any W. O. W. lodge can use our receipts but up in books at 100. Price 30 cents a book delivered.

Carbon paper at The Review Office.

A few more good stove pipe to get rid of at The Review Office. The Review and The Semi-Weekly Farm News for \$1.75.

Miss Kate Love, teacher at Independence, spent the week end with Miss Mary Robertson.

For Sale a brand new Ford Car See J. C. Browning.

Mrs. Susie Teston and granddaughter Miss Destie, of Cross Cut spent Monday in Cross Plains visiting Mrs. W. P. Atwood.

Lee Straly family of Oplin visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday The Review and The Semi-Weekly Farm News for \$1.75.

## XMAS. EATABLES

Make Our Store your Headquarters for XMAS. FRUITS, NUTS, CANDY ETC. Will do our best to supply you Groceries at best cash prices.

PEANUT BUTTER in bulk just received. It is better. And it is popular TRY IT. Wishing you a merry Xmas

**Forbes & Adams**  
The Cash Store

**The Crystal Cafe**  
Gibbard & Henson, Props.

All Kinds of Short Orders, Meat Market, Confectionery. COME HERE FOR BREAD

A span of horses, both, cash or credit Wright, at Pryor La

Boyles is the place for hay ties.

Remember our boots we are selling good

## Life Was a Miser

Mrs. F. M. J. Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I was born I have been a miser. I looked upon one month's next. I suffered back and heart pain, until life was a misery. I would not eat any longer gradually got well. Nothing seemed to me until, one day I decided to

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## CARD

The Woman

"I took four Mrs. Jones go say, "and was greatly relieved truthfully say that not a pain. "It has now years since I took and I am still healthy. I advise any woman to use Cardui sufferer from a trouble."

If you suffer from womanly troubles if you feel the good strength to build up your system, take of Mrs. Jones. dul. It helped believe it will h

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**PAY UP**  
All parties who know themselves to be indebted to us either by note or open account are hereby notified to call and pay up. This notice is intended for all; we have no favorites. If you owe us we want the money. Beginning Oct. 1st, our books are closed, don't ask us to charge it.  
C. S. Boyles.

Barbers Ideal oil heaters, no smoke, no smell.  
C. S. Boyles.

**POSTED NOTICE**  
No hunting, fishing, or peccas gathering allowed in my pastures  
J. O. Hall

**NOTICE, POSTED**  
No fishing, hunting, bee-tree cutting, or other trespassing allowed in my pastures. On account of so much depreeding I am compelled to take this course.  
W.P. Brightwell

**For Sale**  
A blacksmith shop, grist mill, etc., good location, for sale cheap  
G. T. Wright, Scranton. d2

Just a few more secondhand school books for sale at Review Office.

The Review still \$1.00 a year. Please don't ask us to charge it.  
C. S. Boyles.

The Review and The Semi-Weekly Farm News for \$1.75.

Just received a nice shipment of fresh candies.  
R. Robertson & Son Drug Store.

Building Paper, window glass, Rubber roofing, Builders Hardware.  
Joe H. Shackelford Lumber Yard.

WOOD delivered on short notice  
Alvin Smith, Phone 86.

Any W. O. W. lodge can use our receipts but up in books of 100. Price 30 cents a book delivered.

Carbon paper at The Review Office.

A few more good stove pipe to get rid of at

The Review Office.

The Review and The Semi-Weekly Farm News for \$1.75.

Miss Kate Love, teacher at Independence, spent the week end with Miss Mary Robertson.

For Sale a brand new Ford Car  
See J. C. Browning.

Mrs. Susie Teston and granddaughter Miss Destie, of Cross Cut spent Monday in Cross Plains visiting Mrs. W. P. Atwood.

Lee Straly, family of Oplin visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

The Review and The Semi-Weekly Farm News for \$1.75.

A span of horses, sell one or both, cash or credit. See Frank Wright, at Pryor Lumber Yard.

Boyles is the place to buy your hay ties.

Remember our books are closed, we are selling goods for cash.  
C. S. Boyles.

**Life Was a Misery**

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes:  
"From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

**TAKE CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain."  
"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."  
If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

**All Druggists**

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Make Our Store your Headquarters for XMAS. FRUITS, NUTS, GANDIES, ETC. Will do our best to supply you in Groceries at best cash prices.  
PEANUT BUTTER in bulk just received. It is better. And it is popular.  
TRY IT. Wishing you a merry Xmas.  
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The Cash Store

**The Crystal Cafe**  
Gibbard & Henson, Props.  
All Kinds of Short Orders.  
Meat Market Connection.  
COME HERE FOR BREAD

**Satan Writes To Kaiser; Offers Him The Nether Throne.**  
(From Delta, Co. Independent)  
This little satire written by Louis Syberkron, to please his friends and their friends has become an elephant on his hands.  
Letters are pouring in from every state of the union, and Canada inquiring for more copies. Already thousands have been forwarded to France, England and Canada.

Letters are coming from men of prominence, such as Tumulty, Roosevelt and Secretary Daniels of the Navy.

Some of Satan's letters have already found their way into the German trenches by airship route.

If it is as good as they all say then it is worth pushing along. It will give pleasure to you and your friends.

The Infernal Region.  
June 28th, 1917.

To Wilhelm von Hohenzollern, King of Prussia, Emperor of All Germany and Envoy Extraordinary of Almighty God. My Dear Wilhelm:

I can call you that familiar name, for I have always been very close to you. much closer than you could know.

From the time that you were yet an undeveloped being I have shaped your destiny for my own purpose.

"In the days of Rome I created a rough neck known in history as Nero; he was a vulgar character and suited my particular purpose at that time. In these modern days a classic demon and efficient super-criminal was needed and as I know the Hohenzollern blood, I picked you as my special instrument to place on earth an annex of hell.

I gave you abnormal ambition, likewise an over-supply of egotism that you might not discover your failings; I twisted your mind to that of a mad man with certain normal tendencies to carry you by, a most dangerous character placed in power; I gave you the power of a hypnotist and a certain magnetic force that you might sway your people. I am responsible for the deformed arm that hangs helpless on your left, for your crippled condition embitters your life and destroys all noble impulses that might otherwise cause me anxiety, but your strong sword arm is driven by your ambitions that quell all sentiment and pity. I placed in your soul a deep hatred for all things English, for of all nations on earth I hate England most; wherever England plants her flag she brings order out of chaos and the hated Red Cross follows the Union Jack; under her rule, wild tribes become tillers of the soil and in due time practical citizens; she is the great civilizer of the globe and I hate her. I planted in your soul a cruel hatred of your mother because she was English and left my good friend Bismark to tan the flames I had kindled. Recent history proves how well our work was done. It broke your royal mother's heart, but I gained my purpose.

The inherited disease of the Hohenzollerns killed your father just as it will you, and you became the ruler of Germany and a tool of mine sooner than I expected.

To assist you and further hasten my work I sent you three evil spirits, Nietzsche, Tdeitschke and later Bernhardt, whose teachings inflamed the youths of Germany, who in good time would be willing to spill their blood and pull your chestnuts, yours and mine; the spell has been perfect—you cast your ambitious eye toward the Mediterranean, Egypt, India and the Dardanelles and you began your great railway to Bagdad, but the ambitious archduke and his more ambitious wife stood in

your way. It was then I sowed the seed in your heart that blossomed into the assassination of the Duke and his wife, and all hell smiled when it saw how cleverly you saddled the crimo onto Siberia. I saw you set sail for the fjords of Norway and I knew you would prove an alibi. How cleverly done, so much like your noble father, who also secured an assassin to remove old King Frederick of Denmark and later robbed that country of two Provinces that gave Germany an opportunity to become a naval power. Murder is dirty work, but it takes a Hohenzollern to make a way and get by with it. [to be continued next week]

**AN APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS GIFT.**

Young folks, here is a christmas present you can get if you will put the matter squarely up to your parents, in fact they can hardly turn you down, for this is the best proposition you ever put up to them; it is a thing that will win your independence and enable you to earn a good salary. It is a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College of Tyler, Texas, America's largest school of Book-keeping, Business Training, Short-hand, Cotton Classing, Telegraphy, Business Administration and Finance. The school that not only prepares its students in a very efficient manner for the best positions in the largest business offices, but makes these positions for them.

The cost of a life scholarship in a course of Bookkeeping is \$60, Shorthand \$50, or the two \$95 Telegraphy \$55, Cotton Classing \$50, Business Administration and Finance \$75. Board and room is from \$14.00 to \$17.00 per month, payable monthly. The average time for completing our Shorthand course is three and one half months, our Telegraphy or Bookkeeping four months, Business Administration and Finance five months, our Bookkeeping and Shorthand combined, five months. Figure up your cost of board and tuition and you will be surprised to find out how little it will cost you to obtain a cash producing education that you can use for a life time. It will be a Christmas present that you will always appreciate, because you will never cease using it, it is something of every day need, it makes of you a useful citizen.

If you or your parents, as the case may be, haven't the cash to pay for the entire course, we have a note plan, we also have a loan fund in connection with our Endowment Association that may be participated in. The old saying is quite true "Wherever there is a will, there is a way". If you can't get the money to pay board, do what thousands of others are doing; take a correspondence course until you can enter college for personal work. Hundreds finish the entire course at home and accept good office positions, you can likewise get our credit or note plan on the same study course.

See about this Christmas gift. Take it up and discuss it seriously. Convince your parents you are determined to be a success. Write for our large catalogue, it is free and will convince you and your parents of the importance of our suggestion.

Name . . . . .  
Address . . . . .  
course interested in . . . . .  
Correspondence Department, Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

admitted Inspects Rusk Penitentiary Palestine—The six penitentiary at Rusk, the iron foundry, blast furnace and pipe plant and the box factory, all belonging to the prison system, were briefly inspected by Senator J. C. McNeal and Speaker F. O. Fuller of the penitentiary investigating committee of the state legislature. They returned to Palestine after two and one-half hours at Rusk and left here for Tearkana and DeKalb to inspect the Shaw state farm in the Red River bottom.

**CONGRESSMAN BLANTON SPEAKS**  
Congressman Blanton of Abilene spoke at Higginbotham's building yesterday afternoon, at the time we were going to press. His speech was a stirring address in support of the Administration in the war. We did not get to hear him, but read his speech at Abilene, and can endorse it too. He is every inch an American and so are we, and all who heard him, are with him.

**BAZAAR**  
in Davis-Garner Building beginning Saturday, Dec. 15.  
There will be on display lots of beautiful hand made Christmas presents at reasonable prices. Be sure and visit us.  
Mrs. Sam Sipes left Wednesday for her mother's at Quannah, where she will spend Christmas.

**SELLS FARM**  
D. C. Hargroves last week signed the papers that made High Harris of west of Cottonwood owner of his 330-acre farm eight miles west of town. The deal had been made for some time, but the title has just now passed to Mr. Harris. The farm is about the pick of the country. Mr. Hargroves will move to near Cottonwood where he has bought another farm.

Neut Smith, bachelor brother of P. Smith, after an absence of eighteen years, is the guest of his brother, P. Smith. He is a carpenter by trade.

L. D. Montgomery, son, Loyd, and Charley Smith went to Cisco on Monday, and were accompanied home by Neut Smith, uncle of Charley.

**FIFTY IN ONE**  
Give the Review for an Xmas present. It will remind your friends of you fifty—one times. Still \$1.00. Will be \$1.50 after Feb. on foreign subscriptions.

Get Your Xmas Jewelry at The Racket Store.

Don't fail to see our guaranteed line of jewelry.  
The Racket Store.

**Cross Cut Ites**  
Claude Willis who is in training camp at San Antonio has been here on an extended visit to parents and friends.

An oration was delivered at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon by Mr. Gray in behalf of the Red Cross work. The people of this community are glad to help him in this work.

Miss Deoma Chambers is attending school at Lost Creek.

The young folks were entertained at the home of Oliver Houndshell Saturday night. Those present report a gay time.

Mrs. Ella Duke visited home folks at Sabanno from Friday evening until Sunday.

**QUILT TOPS**  
This weather calls for more covers these cold nights. Quilt tops pieced to cover bed, ready for quilting at \$1.75 each. If interested address P. O. Box 367, Cross Plains Texas.

**BOOKS! BOOKS!**  
We still have a few slightly used school books for sale at half price at The Review office. If you need school books it will pay you to see these. We have a World Geography second book, Mental Arithmetic, Hill's Reader book five, First Book of Health, Agriculture, Practical High School Speller, Milne Standard Arithmetic, and High School Algebra. Do you need any of these??

**VOLUNTEERING FOR U. S.**  
Mose Baum, rural carrier, and Fred Robertson left here on Monday for Abilene, where they went to join the Navy. Fred was accepted, but Mose did not pass the examination. Also Vic Gilbert, was accepted for the Navy. Fred Erwin of Sabanno last week joined the quartermasters' department, and Guy Westerman of the same place left this week to join the same department.

**SPRUGE UP FOR XMAS**  
Get your clothes in good condition for the holidays by having them pressed. Bring them in early and avoid the rush.  
Tartt the Tailor.

**PIONEER NEWS**  
Silas Smith and daughters, Jewe and Ruby, left on the train Sunday morning for Oklahoma on a few days visit.

C. M. and Everett Browning and Fred Canterbury had business in Brownwood last week.

Miss Cora Gooch spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Mr. Charley Allen of Oplin was a business visitor here last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Easter visited at the Bill Smith home Sunday.

Howard Smith has been suffering severely the last few days from a sprained ankle.

Mrs. Will Canterbury of New Mexico visited relatives here last week.

Aunt Susie Teston and grand daughter, Miss Destie, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Lee Browning of Okla. City, Okla. is here the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Browning.

Houston Day and Miss Alta Foster motored over to Baird last Sunday and were quietly married.

Uncle Bill Smith and wife and Will Foster left Monday morning for Lampassas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Browning on the 8th, a baby girl.

Mr. Asa Ruel returned from Sunday from near Mora, where he has been working for the last two weeks.

**Christmas Goods**  
We will have a full line of Christmas Goods on sale in a few days. Come in and make your selection early. Please don't wait until the last day. We will pack all purchases, and keep them for you until Christmas.  
Nothing charged  
Nothing returned  
Nothing exchanged  
**C. S. BOYLES**

# Santa Claus Is Here

Again as for the past seven years the City Drug Store is headquarters for all kinds of Christmas presents.

Our Jewelry line is as before absolutely guaranteed and we have a large assortment of the newer patterns. We think we are cheaper than any of our neighbor towns, quality considered. Come in and look it over.

Parisian Ivory bought early and have a complete line of something that can be found only in stores that bought early in the summer.

We have practically everything ever found in a first class drug store from which you should make a selection that would please any one.

## The City Drug Store

### THE CROSS PLAINS REVIEW

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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS.

We club The Review with all papers and magazines.

Give your children thrift stamps for Christmas. You may be teaching them thrift and the love of country, without which they will grow up to be despised.

The Appeal to Reason has announced in favor of its country against Germany. The intellectual of Socialism is staying with the country, and some of the leaders are doing it by leaving the party.

Give thrift stamps or war savings certificates or better, Liberty Bonds, to your children or friends for Christmas. You can not afford to give something trivial. We must economize, and it is business and sentiment, too to give bonds or stamps.

Open up your heart and give the worth while to the Red Cross. Buy a Christmas truck. We have the country's best.

to give of it very freely to help our boys who will soon be over there.

You now have a chance to buy thrift stamps. They cost only 25c each, and we all can help our country that much. When you have four dollars in stamps by adding twelve cents you can get a war savings certificate, which will be worth five dollars in five years. Enough of these certificates can be exchanged for Liberty Bonds. Postmaster Shackelford was the first to buy a stamp here. Several dollars' worth have been purchased.

For sale—two good mares, own er gone to war. See G. K. Erwin, abate.

Watch for "Mr. Boo" next week.

### Flavoring Extracts

You want the best flavoring for your Christmas cakes. Get the Watkins' from Charley Cosner. He will be here Trades Day with a full line of Watkins' goods. ad2

On account of the extra high in surance risks, we are offering at a big discount a new 10x14 garage. See us before buying. The Review

The Secret of the Submarine this week. adv.

Anything you want in the jewelry line for Xmas. THE RACKET STORE.

## XMAS. IS HERE

See Our Line of Toys, Fresh Fruits, Nuts and Candies.

The Racket Store  
G. W. Cunningham, Prop.

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SAFETY FIRST  
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UNION for your aid  
and PROTECTION.  
Laundry Agents  
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### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for the man who can cure Catarrh of the Bladder. Catarrh of the Bladder is a disease which has been taken by common soldiers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces, expelling the poison from the blood and healing the diseased portions. After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all druggists, etc.

Anything you want in the jewelry line.

### THE RACKET STORE

Sixty dollar sewing machine to trade for a milk cow. C. S. Boyles

### COUNTRY PEOPLE

Don't forget to see the third chapter of the Secret of the Submarine Saturday. Special price to country people only 10c. Electric theatre.

A guaranteed line of jewelry at THE RACKET STORE.

Secondhand lumber, about 250 feet in good condition, for sale. R. E. Wilson.

The Review and The Semi-Weekly Farm News for \$1.75.

The Secret of the Submarine Friday night. Admission 10 and 15c. Electric Theatre.

### COTTONWOOD NEWS

The weather has been very severe for the past week, almost a blizzard.

Jim Handy's mother is ill at Jims home in the south part of town.

Mr. Manning and family have returned from north east Texas where they have been picking cotton.

There will be an entertainment by the school at the school building next Friday night if the weather will permit. Admission 10 and 15c.

Mrs. Brownlee is improving and will soon be able to about again.

There will be a box supper at the school building Dec. 20. It is for the benefit of the Red Cross and every body is cordially invited to come and show their patriotism by buying a box.

This is only a small thing and every American citizen can help out in one of the most worthy causes that exist.

There will be speaking and good music. Everybody do your bit. Cottonwood Ladies.

### Notice

I am prepared to do all kinds of sewing, hemstitching etc., at my home. Will appreciate your work. Mrs. J. G. Aiken

### Lost

Lost on Dec. 1 between Dress and Cross Plains, a lady's blue coat with grey fur collar and cuffs. Finder return to J. R. Willeford, Dress.

Reuben Freeman who has been express checker for Armour & Co. at Fort Worth for some time is visiting home to his. Reuben says he likes his work all right.

Mrs. R. S. Walker of Sabano was shopping in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Gee of Baird have moved here to work in B. L. Boyds store. Mrs. Gee is daughter of B. L. Davidson.

SELL US YOUR PRODUCE  
BUY YOUR Groceries  
FROM US

We are in the Produce Business and want to serve you. We have added an absolutely new and fresh stock of Groceries, and want to supply your wants.

I will buy your produce and pay the cash. I want your eggs, chickens, turkeys, cream, peellings, and will pay the highest market price. See me before you sell. I need your business.

The Wilson Produce Co.

In Foster & Son Building West of Bank of C. P.

For the boys in khaki

Bevo is a great favorite in the Army Cantens, where none but pure, soft drinks may be sold. After drill or march, you are sure to see a long line of hot and dusty-throated soldier boys making a bee line for Bevo. They know that there lies complete satisfaction, full refreshment and pure wholesomeness.

At home or abroad—at work or play—between meals or with meals, you will appreciate what we have done for you in making this triumph in soft drinks. You will find Bevo at inn, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, picnic grounds, baseball parks, soda fountains, dining cars, in the navy, at cantens, at mobilization camps and other places where refreshing beverages are sold.

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Guard against substitutes. Have the bottle opened in front of you. First seeing that the seal is unbroken and that the crown top bears the Fox. Sold in bottles only, and bottled exclusively by

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# THE SECRET OF THE SUBMARINE

By E. Alexander Powell

Author of "The End of the Trail," "Fighting in Flanders," "The Road to Glory" "Vive la France," etc.

Novelized from the Motion Picture Play of the Same Name American Film Manufacturing Company.

### SYNOPSIS.

Lieut. Jarvis Hope is detailed by the United States naval board to investigate and report his findings on the invention of Dr. Ralph Burke, which serves to bring the submarine to a state of perfection. The lieutenant arrives in Yaldavia and is welcomed by the inventor and his daughter, Cleo. On the trial trip of the inventor's boat, a Japanese helmer is surprised in the act of examining the mechanism of the ventilating device. Hope reports favorably on the new device but there are others interested in it. An attempt to burglarize Doctor Burke's laboratory fails, but later Cleo finds him murdered in his bedroom. Cleo sells her father's library to get money; later she finds a note from which she learns that the books contain the secret formula. With Hope she races to the auctioneer's store only to find it in flames.

### FOURTH INSTALLMENT

Overcome by despondency, Cleo, Hope and Hook stood staring at the heap of smoking debris which, a few minutes before, had been Dawson's lecture rooms. In that blazing pyre had perished all their hopes of recovering the lost formula. Cleo, her nerves shattered by the long strain they had been under, was sobbing silently on Hope's shoulder.

"Don't cry, dear. It's going to turn out all right," he whispered, with an attempt at reassurance he was far from feeling.

"There goes old Dawson now," Hope heard someone remark. "Is this Mr. Dawson?" he asked, tapping the man on the shoulder. "It is," was the curt answer, "but I've no time to bother with reporters now. You can say that I am fully covered by insurance."

"I'm glad to hear that you were insured," said Hope, "but I'm not a reporter. I am Lieutenant Hope of the navy, and I want only a few minutes of your time. I wish to inquire about a matter in which the government is deeply interested."

"Well, we can't talk in this crowd," said Dawson, none too cordially. "Suppose we step over to that cigar store on the corner. . . . Now, let's have your questions quickly, Lieutenant, for I've lots of things waiting to be seen to."

"I believe," began Hope, "that you sold at auction today some books which were sent you last week by Miss Burke of Yaldavia. Can you give me—" but he got no further.

"Merciful heaven!" shouted Dawson, "how many more times must I be bothered about those cursed books? How do I know that you're a naval officer, anyway?"

"You needn't get excited, Mr. Dawson," said Hope soothingly. "This will prove to you that I am neither a crook nor a faker," and he drew from his pocketbook his letter of instructions from the navy department.

"I beg your pardon for having spoken so hastily, Mr. Hope," said the auctioneer, apologetically, as he saw the coat-of-arms on the letterhead, "but you must remember that my place of business has just burned down and that you are the fourth person within the last hour who has asked me for the names of those who purchased the Burke books."

"What you say astounds me," Hope replied. "This is Miss Burke, who sent you the books," he added, as Cleo and Hook joined them. "This is a matter, Mr. Dawson, in which both Miss Burke and the government of the United States are vitally concerned. Now, tell me, who were those people who asked you for the list of those who bought the books? What did they look like?"

"I can't tell you their names," was the answer. "It never occurred to me to ask."

"I will be quite frank with you, Mr. Dawson," said Hope. "In one of those books which you sold today is hidden a certain formula which our govern-

ment is extremely anxious to get its hands on. It is no exaggeration to say that to fall into the hands of the government, it might mean peace and once between peace and war the formula was the invention of Burke, Miss Burke's father, her loss means the difference between poverty and comfort. You understand how important Mr. Dawson, are you able to name any of those who bought the books?"

"I can do better than that, astounding answer. 'I can name all the names.'"

"What?" Hope almost choked with joy. "I supposed your record was lost in the fire?"

"So they were," said Dawson, enjoying the effect which the name was producing, "but after that there was some hocusing on, so, just before I left for the night, I detached the list of names from a loose-leaf ledger and slipped it into a pocket, intending to spend the making a few inquiries."

"Thank God!" Hope exclaimed, fairly snatching the list from Dawson's hand. Cleo did not flash the auctioneer with grateful eyes caused him to recollect the embarrassment let out a yell that could be heard a block. "Whoop! Whoop!" he cried. "Whoop! Whoop!" he cried. "Whoop! Whoop!" he cried.

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"I Am Certain That the Girl Knows the Key!"

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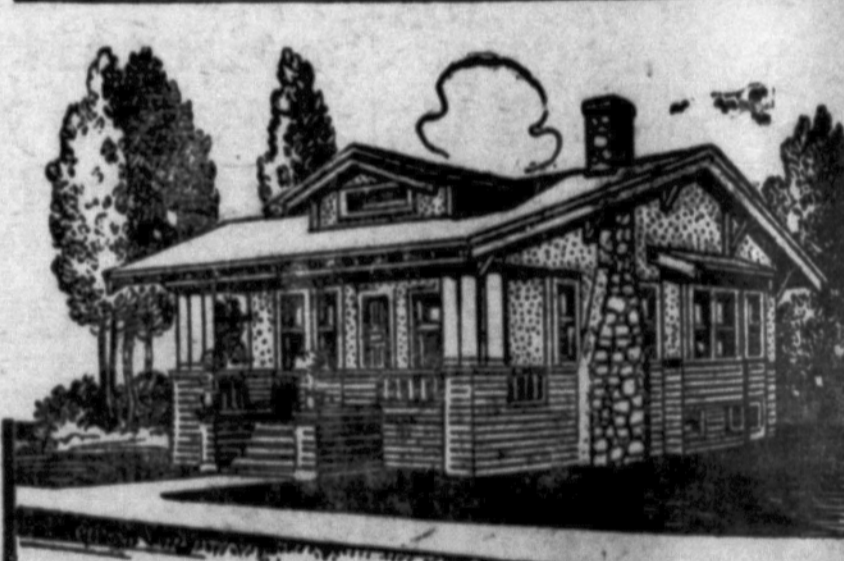
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FOURTH INSTALLMENT
Overcome by despondency, Cleo,
Hope and Hook stood staring at the
heap of smoking debris which, a few
minutes before, had been Dawson's
action room. In that blazing pyre
had perished all their hopes of recover-
ing the lost formula. Cleo, her
nerves shattered by the long strain
they had been under, was sobbing sin-
cerely on Hope's shoulder.

"There goes old Dawson now," Hope
heard someone remark.
"Is this Mr. Dawson?" he asked, tap-
ping the man on the shoulder.
"It is," was the curt answer, "but
I've no time to bother with reporters
now. You can say that I am fully cov-
ered by insurance."
"I'm glad to hear that you were in-
sured," said Hope, "but I'm not a re-
porter. I am Lieutenant Hope of the
navy, and I want only a few minutes of
your time. I wish to inquire about a
matter in which the government is
deeply interested."

"Well, we can't talk in this crowd,"
said Dawson, none too cordially. "Sup-
pose we step over to that cigar store
on the corner. . . . Now, let's have your
questions quickly, lieutenant, for I've
lots of things waiting to be seen to."

When Olga Ivanoff left the Dawson
auction rooms with the list which, by
her simple ruse, she had obtained so
easily, she directed the driver of her
taxicab to take her to the Portola
Arms, where she had an apartment.
Thirty minutes later, having removed

the traces of her hurried trip from
Valdavia, she re-entered the car and
ordered the man to drive her to 1485
Edgemere road. Had it not been for
her woman's vanity, the entire course
of this story might have been altered,
for in the half hour which had elapsed
Gerald Morton had called upon Daw-
son, had likewise obtained a copy of
the list, and now, like Olga, was on
his way to the Edgemere road ad-
dress. Thus it happened that, as the
touring car which he had engaged was
speeding out California street, Olga's
taxicab, recklessly driven by a chauff-
eur who had had several drinks more
than were good for him, came whir-
ling down one of the steep grades
from Nob Hill and swung into the
main thoroughfare squarely in the
path of Morton's machine. There
was a shout of warning, the squeal
of brakes suddenly applied, and with
a crash of splintering wood and break-
ing glass, the heavy touring car struck
the taxicab squarely amidships. So
rapidly was Morton's car traveling
that the lighter machine was hurled
the width of the street by the violence
of the collision and collapsed against
the opposite curb, shattered almost
beyond recognition. A crowd collect-
ed as though by magic. The driver of
the taxicab, blood streaming from an
ugly gash in his head, and groaning
horribly, was lifted from amid the
wreckage and carried into a nearby
drug store, while Olga, very white and
shaken, but quite uninjured, was
helped from the shattered machine by
a score of willing hands. Morton hur-
ried to her, profusely apologetic. When
he saw her striking beauty he became
more apologetic.

"I'm terribly sorry," he said, offer-
ing her his arm, for it was evident
that she was still suffering from the
shock, "but your car appeared so sud-
denly that we didn't have time to turn
aside. Won't you at least permit me
to make amends by taking you home?
My car seems to be still in running
order."

"Thank you," replied Olga.
"Where do you wish to go?" he in-
quired, taking the seat beside her in
the tonneau.
"Edgemere road," she answered,
consulting a paper which she took
from her purse. "No. 1455."
Morton stared at her in sheer
amazement.
"Why, that is where I was—" he be-
gan, and then checked himself. Of all
the extraordinary coincidences of
what he had ever heard, surely this
was the strangest, that he, hurrying to
an obscure house in a remote suburb
of the city, should collide with a taxicab
carrying a beautiful woman to the
same destination! What was taking
her to the house in Edgemere road,
he wondered. Suddenly he recalled
Dawson's description of the woman
who had called at the auction rooms
and obtained a copy of the list. "A
tall, dark, foreign-looking woman,"
the auctioneer had said. "There was
no room for doubt; the woman of the
auction-room episode and the woman
of the taxicab accident must be one
and the same. By one of those coin-
cidences which are stranger than fic-
tion, the mysterious woman whom he
was so anxious to meet had been
thrown almost literally into his arms.
Morton's mind worked rapidly.

"I take it that you must be acquaint-
ed with Mr. Stephanski," he began,
feeling his way cautiously, "or ar-
you, too, on the trail of the Burke
books?"
"Who do you know about the Burke
books?" she demanded incredulously.
"I know all about them," replied
Morton, now convinced, from her agi-
tation, that his surmises were correct.
"And I happen to know," he con-
tinued, "that you are after them, too.
Let us be quite frank with each other,
dear lady. It is always more sat-
isfactory and saves much misunder-
standing. I am going to Stephanski's
to get a look at that book which he
bought at Dawson's auction sale this
morning; you are going there for the
same purpose. If we tried we could
probably make things very un-
comfortable for each other—but
what's the use? Suppose we join
forces instead? If we succeed in get-
ting what we're after there will be
enough in it to satisfy us both. What
do you say?"

While he was speaking, Olga's mind
had been working like lightning.
"Very well," she assented. "I can
see no harm in our working together.
As you say, the secret, if we discover
it, is big enough to satisfy us both."
As a matter of fact, she had not the
slightest intention of sharing the se-
cret with anyone. For that matter,
neither had Morton.

"Good," he exclaimed heartily.
"Now that we are to be partners, per-
mit me to produce myself. My name
is Gerald Morton."
"And I," she replied, gravely ac-
knowledging the introduction, "am
the Countess Ivanoff."
Morton was obviously impressed by
her title, her distinction of manner,
and her undeniable beauty, but his re-
flections were interrupted by the car
stopping in front of a tumble-down
house which stood back from the road
in a lot overgrown with grass and
weeds. It was a peculiarly lonely
and forbidding neighborhood, in the
extreme western outskirts of the city,
with houses few and far apart.
"This must be the place," said Mor-
ton, knocking. "It's the only house
in the block." They heard from
within the sound of someone moving
about hurriedly, but it was not until
Morton knocked again that the door
was opened. The man who stood
framed in the doorway was very tall,
very emaciated, and, if one was to
judge by the dirty gray-white beard
which reached almost to his waist,
very old.

"Is the formula contained in a
cryptogram?" was the next question.
Cleo nodded.
"I thought as much," said the wom-
an. "Will you give us the key to the
cryptogram?"
Cleo shook her head vigorously,
which was her only means of saying
that she did not know it.
"Then we will have to—" Olga be-
gan menacingly, but abruptly stopped.
Her quick ears had caught the sound
of a motor stopping outside. The oth-
ers heard it, too.
"It's those fool friends of hers,"
snarled Morton from behind his hand-
kerchief. "There'll be h— to pay if
they find her here. Where can we put
her until they're gone?"
Stephanski threw back the carpet,
disclosing the trapdoor.
"Put her in Der Keller until Der Odders
have gone," he suggested. "Then
we can hear question."



"Put Her in Der Keller Until Der Odders Have Gone!"

Morton lifted Cleo, who was limp
from terror, in his arms, and, de-
scending through the trapdoor, laid
her on the earthen floor of the cellar
in the darkness.
Ascending, he closed the trapdoor
and Stephanski pulled the carpet into
place. Then the three stood silent,
awaiting the expected knock on the
door. But no knock came. Hook,
whose taxicab they had heard outside,
suddenly, without any definite reason,
had become suspicious.
"I reckon Cleo ain't got here yet,
after all," he muttered to himself.
"Before she gets here I guess I'll do
a little scouting on my own account."
Suiting the action to the word, he
tiptoed silently around the house. In
the rear, almost flush with the ground,
was a slanting wooden door, which
evidently gave access to the cellar.
It was fastened with a hasp and pad-
lock. From somewhere behind the
door came a low moaning.
"Now, that's funny," meditated the
seaman. "I wonder what that noise
is," and, with the light-hearted disre-
gard of consequences which charac-
terizes sailors the world over, he be-
gan to pry off the hasp. Being old
and rusty it yielded easily. He el-
egantly swung back the door, and cau-
tiously feeling his way, descended into
the darkness of the cellar.

While Hook was occupied in effect-
ing a burglarious entry into the cel-
lar Hope arrived. As he sprang from
his car he was startled by a scream
from somewhere within the house.
"Good God!" he cried, "that sounds
like Cleo!" and, dashing up the path,
he hammered at the door. But the
only answer was another frantic
shriek, filled with a woman's frantic
terror. Cleo, rolling over until she lay
due to two widely different causes:
Accident and alcohol. Hope, detained
at the Presidio longer than he had
anticipated, was speeding cityward when,
in one of the most deserted stretches
of Golden Gate park, at a point remote
from street cars, taxicabs, or tele-
phones, one of his rear tires exploded
with a bang. It was half past ten,
therefore, before he reached the hotel
and received Cleo's message. Thirty
seconds later he was back in his car
and, in defiance of all speed ordi-
nances, was racing toward the Edge-
mere road, sick with a nameless fear
at the thought that Cleo had gone
alone to see the man Stephanski.

Hook's excuse for failure to keep
his appointment with Cleo was a less
valid one, for, meeting in a resort on
the water front some comrades of his
seafaring days, he spent so convivial
an evening that it was only the de-
parture of his companions, who had
to return to their ship, which made
him aware of the lateness of the hour.
Filled with remorse, he telephoned to
the St. Francis to tell Cleo that he
was returning, only to be informed
by the clerk that she had already left
for the Edgemere road—alone. The
next moment a one-armed sailor
might have been seen running madly
up one of the streets in the lower
quarters of the city shouting loudly
for a taxicab.

Morton and Olga, having tenaciously
disposed of Cleo and her friends,
discussed their plan of campaign.
"We know," said Olga, "that the for-
mula is hidden in one of the twelve
books, but we don't know in which one.
For that matter, neither does the
Burke girl. But even if we find the
right book it does not follow that we
will be any better off than we were
before, for the chances are a hundred
to one that Burke took the precaution
of putting it in the form of a cryptog-
ram. In that case we would be un-
able to decipher it without the key.
I am certain the girl knows the key."

"Yes," agreed Morton. "I think
you're right, countess. But how do
you propose to make the girl give us
the key?"
"Listen," said Olga. "When they
come back at ten o'clock Stephanski
will admit them. We will lay the
book on the table and push the table
close up against that curtain. You
and I will stand behind the curtain.
We will place the lamp so that, in or-
der to examine the book, their backs
will be toward us. When I give the
signal you will slip out behind the cur-
tain—you had better take off your
shoes so as not to make any noise—
and put the lieutenant out of busi-
ness; Stephanski will attend to the
seaman, and I'll look after the girl."
It was ten minutes to eleven, and
the three conspirators had almost
abandoned hope of Cleo and her
friends returning that night, when
they were relieved to hear a motor
stop outside. A moment later there
was a timid rap on the door. Step-
hanski opened it while Morton and Olga
slipped behind the curtain.
"Has Mr. Stephanski returned yet?"
they heard Cleo ask.
"His is back," was the answer.
"Von't you come in?"
"Sh's come alone," whispered Mor-
ton, peeping through the curtains.
"This simplifies everything."
As Cleo stepped into the untidy
living room the first thing to catch
her eye was the familiar letter-
bound volume.
"That's the book!" she cried eagerly,
and, bending over it, turned its
leaves, one by one, from cover to
cover. As she completed her examina-
tion she gave a little exclamation of
disappointment. At that moment she
felt her arms suddenly pinioned from
behind, while a blanket was thrown
over her head, muffling her screams.
"If you don't want to be hurt, stop
screaming," she heard a voice say.
An instant later a gag was forced into
her mouth and her hands were tied
behind her with a strip of linen.
"Now, you can take off the blanket,"
said the same voice, and Cleo found
herself confronted by two peculiarly
sinister figures, a man and a woman,
whose faces were entirely concealed
by dark calico masks.
"Now, Miss Burke," said the woman,
"approaching until her face was within
a few inches of Cleo's, "we want you
to answer some questions. If you an-
swer them truthfully you will be re-
leased unharmed. Do you know in
which book the formula is hidden?"
Cleo shook her head.



"Tell Me Where She Is, You Hound, or I'll Kill You!"

against a pile of boards, had suc-
ceeded in ridding herself of the gag.
"Help! Help! Help!" she cried.
She was answered by a crash as
Hook burst his way into the cellar.
"Is all right, Miss Cleo," he called,
striking a match. "Old Hook's here."
As he spoke there came from up-
stairs the sound of splintering wood
as the front door gave way before
Hope's frenzied assaults. As he burst
into the living room he was confront-
ed by Stephanski.

"That was Miss Burke screaming.
What have you done with her?" de-
manded Hope, advancing upon the
cowering Russian. "Tell me where she
is, you hound, or I'll kill you."
"I know nothing about Mees
Burke," snarled Stephanski.
"Then I'll find her for myself," said
Hope, advancing toward the curtain
which concealed Morton and Olga.

Olga heard a sharp metallic click
beside her and, glancing at Morton, saw
that he held an automatic in his hand.
"Put down that gun!" she whis-
pered; "we mustn't have any murder.
It would ruin our chances of getting
the secret. Put it down, you fool,
put it down!"
As she hissed the last words the
curtains were torn aside and Hope
stood in the opening. Olga saw that
the muzzle of the pistol almost
touched the other's breast; she saw
Morton's finger tighten on the trigger.
"You fool!" she screamed. "You'll
ruin everything," and struck down his
hand at the instant that he pulled the
trigger. The bullet, instead of enter-
ing Hope's body, plowed its way
through the board flooring into the
cellar and struck one of the round
metal objects which Stephanski had
placed upon the shelf. Came a
plosion which was cousin
quake; the whole floor
disappeared in a
earth and air.

### RABBITS FOR MEAT

Elaborate Lists of Foods Recommended for Animals.

### CRUSHED OATS ARE FAVORED

Cornmeal, Barley and Other Grains May Be Given by Way of Change—Green Feeds are Highly Important in Winter.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The rabbit thrives well on a diversity of vegetable foods. Many writers on the care of this animal prescribe elaborate lists of foods to be followed week in and out. The fact is that a few staple foods are sufficient, but no animal is more adaptable to sudden changes of diet; so that one can feed what is available or cheap, the idea being to produce weight with the least possible outlay of money.

**Grain and Hay.**  
The best grain for rabbits is oats, either whole or crushed, though cornmeal, barley, or other grain may often be fed by way of change. The crushed oats are best when freshly broken, and a hand mill for preparing them is a valuable adjunct to a rabbitry.

Hay is a necessary part of the rabbit's diet, and if possible that of the very best quality should be used. It should be entirely free from moldiness, and the unsweetened is always preferable. If one has small grounds where suitable grass grows, the mowing may be done at short intervals and the hay thoroughly cured in such small quantities that no sweating takes place. However, if sweet hay is not available the sweated may be fed to the rabbits without injury, unless it be moldy.

**Green Foods.**  
Rabbits require some green foods for winter. Cabbages, kale, spinach, and rape leaves are recommended. Turnips, beets, and mangolds are often fed and have been recommended by many rabbit breeders, but they do not keep so well as the foods just named.

Turnips, unless kept in the ground, will wilt midwinter and are then of little use. Beets and mangolds keep better, and the latter are the main dependence of some English rabbitries; but, as the whole cabbages are more economical, as well as more satisfactory in every way. They are usually available until green stuff grows in the spring. Whatever green food is put away for winter use must be stored where frost cannot touch it, as freezing kills it for rabbits. Parsnips left in the ground all winter make an excellent early spring rabbit food after the frost leaves the ground in which they grow.

Female Flemish Giant.

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**Feeding.**  
Rabbits should be fed twice daily. Ordinary stock is fed morning and evening, but suckling does should also have a noon meal or be given more than they will eat at the other meals. The general rule is to feed only as much grain or green stuff as the animals will consume. Hay is put into the hutch to be available at any time, a part of it being left as litter. The exact amount of grain or green stuff for each rabbit at a meal cannot be stated, as the appetite varies greatly at different times. Observations of the quantity left over when the animals quit feeding will soon enable the feeder to adjust the meals to the needs of the rabbits. Overfeeding is a much more common mistake than underfeeding.

**Breeding.**  
It is not desirable to pair rabbits until they are at least six months old, although they may be bred earlier. Some breeders do not mate animals under ten months of age. Healthy mature rabbits produce larger and stronger litters than younger stock do.

**Methods of Mating.**  
Different breeders adopt different methods of mating. Some leave the buck in the hutch of the doe for but a few minutes, and others leave him overnight. The older does should be mated in February, but it is well to defer mating a young doe until March. She then has young in April, when there is abundant green food to induce a good flow of milk. This lactation development once well established, she is likely always to give abundance of milk for her young. If pairing begins in February each doe may be expected to produce four litters a year, the young coming at intervals of about two weeks, with a longer rest in August.

**Decided Advantage in Having Animals of Same Conformation, Color and Pulling Power.**  
If you own a good draft horse, be on the lookout for another like him. There is a decided advantage in having a matched team of draft horses, especially when it comes to selling them on the open market. There is an increased value of from 25 to 40 per cent in a team that is perfectly matched as to color, size, conformation, and pulling power. A matched team is not only more attractive in appearance, thus furnishing an asset to the city buyer, but they are actually more valuable from the standpoint of efficiency.  
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hutch should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected, after which a good supply of soft hay or straw (oat straw is best) should be placed in the body of the hutch to enable her to arrange her nest. If the hutch is without a nesting compartment, a box should be placed in a corner. It should be 18 to 20 inches long, about a foot deep, or 10 inches wide, and without a lid. Make a hole in one end large enough for the doe to pass through easily, and turn the box upside down. The doe will arrange her nest a day or two before the young are born. At this time extra attention should be given to her food. She should have milk and warm water regularly, and a pan of clean water should be kept constantly in the hutch. While a doe is heavy with young and for a few days after their birth, extreme care should be taken to see that she is not frightened by cats or dogs or even by strange visitors in the rabbitry. Avoid touching the nest or handling the young, unless it is absolutely necessary.

**Diet While Nursing.**  
During the first week or two after having young the doe may be fed almost entirely on warm milk and bread. This is recommended for the bulk of the morning and evening meals, with a small supply of green food. Green food may be given also in the middle of the day, and the daily proportion gradually increased. Baked mush made of cornmeal is also an excellent food for suckling does, but most other starchy or watery foods should be avoided as likely to derange the bowels. Milk, and indeed any soft food, should be fed in a separate earthenware dish, especially in warm weather, when it sours quickly. The dish should be washed and scalded often.

**Weaning.**  
The young may be weaned when a month old, but it is better to leave them with the doe two or three weeks longer. Remove two each day until all are transferred to another hutch, which may be large enough to accommodate any number. They do well together until they are three or four months old, when their development will compel separation of the sexes. After this any number of does may occupy the same hutch, but unless thoroughly accustomed to each other, will fight.

**Aliments of Rabbits.**  
If properly cared for, rabbits are remarkably free from diseases. The more common ailments result from insanitary surroundings, lack of care in feeding, and improper ventilation. The hutches should be cleaned frequently and fresh sawdust or other fine litter used to take up liquids, so that the hutches do not become foul. Such ailments as mange, scurvy, surface, and the disease of the eyes known as ophthalmia are due usually to foul hutches. Cold shuffles and the like result from improper ventilation, sudden drafts of cold air in overheated buildings, and similar causes. The disorders of the digestive organs come from feeding young rabbits too freely of wet and juicy green foods or from too radically changing their diet. Most diseases are preventable, and if the cause is understood remedies will suggest themselves.

The most serious disease known among hutch rabbits in America is eccidiosis. It is caused by internal parasites, and when present in the rabbitry kills many young rabbits. Extreme caution is needed to prevent its introduction, and new stock obtained should for a time be kept isolated from the regular hutches. Keeping the hutches in stacks aids in spreading the infection. Absolute cleanliness may do much to prevent the disease. Whenever a number of the young rabbits under good care develop a potential appearance, particularly where it is accompanied by symptoms of cold and shuffles, there is reason to suspect that old and apparently healthy animals may be afflicted with chronic eccidiosis and are expelling coccidia from their bodies. Isolation of the affected hutch and its occupants, together with disinfection, is the first step to be taken while the exact nature of the trouble is being determined.

**Literature About Rabbits.**  
If serious diseases affect his stock, the amateur will find it advantageous to obtain a standard treatise on the management of rabbits. This will contain detailed instruction for the treatment of the more common ailments. As the business of rearing rabbits is carried on much more extensively in England than in America, the best hand-books are published abroad. They may be obtained through any bookseller.

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## Rome and Its Air Defenses



ROME is situated in an admirable position from the viewpoint of anti-aerial defense. Not only is it in the usual sense a fortified city, but it lies in a wide plain surrounded by hills at successive levels that render minute and long distance observation singularly easy. The theory of a hidden and possible important airplane base somewhere by the Tyrrhenian sea, that could send its aircraft to Rome along the flat shores or the Maremma marshes, has now proved to be highly improbable, writes Magda Sindici in the Chicago News. The latter would be the best side on which to attack, only it has the great disadvantage as a scheme, of not being so far-fetched. Sensors and Maremma marshes would have to be approached, falling this western base, by crossing the higher Apennines. It is, perhaps, difficult to place anti-aircraft batteries along these peaks sufficient in number to protect the whole mountain chain; but spur after spur of the Apennines runs at right angles to the main range from this spinal column of Italy to the sea; and these spurs are protected at every strategic point, that is, wherever the mountainous district merges into a plain.

**Munition Works in Umbria.**  
All over the dreamy province of Umbria, so called because of the "shade" once cast over the land by the thick woods that covered it, batteries are concealed. This province seems to have gathered to itself all the gentleness of Italy, as if the spirit of its ancient agricultural inhabitants, older than the Etruscans, had managed to survive the impact of fierce medieval war. Umbria holds the town of Terni, with its unrelenting steel and munition works—a great goal for bomb throwers and many times attacked. The little river Nera comes tumbling along close by it, between high, cool banks, so hasty and vivid that its waters wash themselves into perpetual foam; and just above the Nera, the gray gleam of pens adds a contrasting touch to the peasants in blue overalls and the red tassel white cattle for which the district is famous.

Close under an old rambling convent watched by ageless cypresses, which strike a warm brown note in a surrounding sea of hard gray, another battery lurks; Calvi, perched at the top of the last hill before the Apennines dwindle away into the valley of the Tiber, must not be left undefended. I know an old peasant there, who perhaps still trudges along the same road every dawn and nightfall with his ax and his spade, who asked me, not so long ago, if it were true that there now existed some mad folk, among other iniquitous children of this wicked century, who were trying to

fly in the air. I told him the report was quite true. "Flying in the face of Providence," he said sadly; "tempting Providence!"

**Batteries All Around the City.**  
On the hills above Tivoli, in view of the temple where "the prophetic books were kept that held the story of Rome and where a wise sibyl uttered oracular truths tempered with probability, another battery of straight muzzles takes heed only of the deep, silken night sky. This is a larger townlet than the village of Calvi, and the inhabitants, lulled to a semi-hypnotic somnolence by the never ceasing spell of their waterfalls, know little of the wary guns that guard their slumbers.

Along Rome's immediate coronet of hills, above that Latium where ghostly lines of aqueducts and here and there a ruined group of gnarled old tower spell out the tale of Roman and baroncraft days, more batteries guard the security of the eternal city, and the same is the case farther down where a little well of acidulous water that is much drunk in the hot summer mornings, together with the brightly colored fruit carts to be sold in the streets heralded by a strange, sing-song cry.

As far away as the Simbrun hills that lead in gradations of wildness to the harsh heart of central Italy, the Rome-Sulmona railroad has its grim guardian angels. And at Subiaco, the cradle of western monastic orders, all is ready against the incursion of ill-intentioned creatures of the air.

**Vatican Real Help to Rome.**  
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**View of the Vatican.**

**DOWN THE DALMATIAN COAST**  
Strange Superstitions of the Mixed People That Live Along the Adriatic.

A much mixed, backward, and strangely superstitious people are those who dwell along the eastern shores of the Adriatic sea, according to a bulletin of the National Geographic society. Greek colonies and Roman municipia; Byzantine officials and sick Franks abandoned on the rocks of Zara by Crusaders; Italians exiled during the centuries of strife among their petty states or brought thither by trade ventures; the flood of Slavonian and, later, of Ottoman, invasion; all these are the elements of the people living along Austria-Hungary's seacoast. Franks, Byzantines, Croats, Bosniaks, Turks, Hungarians, Genoese, Neapolitans, Germans, and, of first importance, Venetians have ruled various parts of this coast at different times. The heavy ground-tone of this shore people in Slavonian, but there is besides a jumble of almost every other racial element.  
From Trieste downward, the Slavonians predominate. Latin writers noted that the Slavonian tribes knew no form of monarchical government, but that all matters of the tribe were dealt with by a common national council. And today the individual Dalmatian and Slavonian is one of the most independent. These Slavonians worshipped a god of thunder, sacred groves, nymphs, and gnomes, special-powered beings of all descriptions; and they still do many

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Shed With Curtain Front for Use in Severe Weather Is Sufficient—Avoid Warm Building.

Although turkeys do not need a good house for winter, they should have a shed of some kind. Simply a shed with a curtain front, to be let down in severe weather, and a roost well up toward the top is all that is needed. In such a place they would be comfortable in most any weather and will have conditions nearly like outdoors. Tightly built, warm houses are not necessary or advisable.

### PREMIUM FOR SELECT EGGS

Those of Best Quality, Newly Laid, Are Worth More Than Market Price to Customer.

If average quality fresh eggs are selling on the market for 35 cents per dozen, selected, best quality new laid eggs, should be worth twice as much to those who appreciate what is best in foods. At no time should high grade new-laid eggs bring less than 50 cents a dozen at the point of production.

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A half teaspoonful of glycerin added to a pint of grape jelly before it is poured into the glasses will prevent the formation of tartaric acid.

To freshen robes, dip in cold water and place in a paper bag twisted tightly to hold in the steam; place in a hot oven for a few minutes.

A flashlight is most useful, even in the kitchen, for looking at food in the dark oven, peeping into dark corners or drawers.

A cupful of hot cocoa taken before retiring will ward off sleeplessness. A thermo bottle is a valuable aid to keep drinks hot for the sleepless.

A half cupful of olive oil or any sweet oil taken as an antidote for poison will neutralize any mineral or vegetable poison.

A Turkish towel wrung out of very hot water and applied to the back of the neck will often relieve a sick headache in a few minutes.

Wash cloths made of several folds of cheesecloth stitched together are most convenient for traveling, as they dry quickly.

To cool a bed for a fever patient or in hot weather, place a sheet of meringue between the sheet and the mattress and fill a hot-water bottle with ice-water and place it beneath the pillow. The bed will be cool and comfortable.

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**Batteries All Around the City.**

On the hills above Tivoli, in view of the temple where the prophetic books kept that held the story of Rome where a wise sibyl uttered oracles truths tempered with probability, other battery of straight muzzles is heeded only of the deep, silken sky. This is a larger townlet in the village of Calvi, and the in- habitants, lulled by a semi-hypnotic nole by the never ceasing spell their waterfalls, know little of the y guns that guard their stumbers, long Rome's immediate coronet of a above that Latium where ghostly of aqueducts and here and there lined group of guarded old tower out the tale of Roman and baro- days, more batteries guard the sety of the eternal city, and the same case farther down where a little of acidulous water that is much k in the hot weather sends in its y supply on summer mornings, to- er with the brightly colored fruit s, to be sold in the streets heralded a far away as the Simbrun hills lead in gradations of wildness to harsh heart of central Italy, the le-Sulmona railroad has its grim dian angels. And at Subiaco, the le of western monastic orders, all eady against the incursion of il- lationed creatures of the air.

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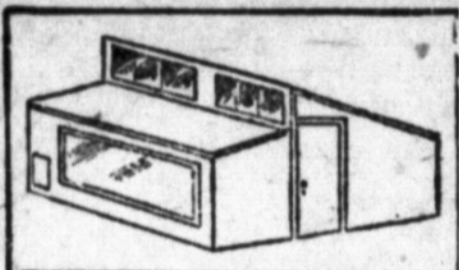
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### NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED

Resolution Adopted Gives Grand Master Power to Grant Dispensations for Army Lodges.

Waco.--Forty years ago the Masonic grand lodge of Texas severed all fraternal and business relations with what was known as the Grand Orient of France, which occupied the same position with reference to the grand lodge of Texas. The reason for the break was that it had been reported to the grand jurisdiction of Masonry in the United States that France had renounced some of the principles upon which the Masonic order is founded. Friday the eighty-second annual communication of the grand lodge of Texas adopted a resolution expressing greetings and authorizing its affiliation with the new Masonic grand lodge of France.

This action was taken in recognition of the fact that thousands of Americans who are Masons are in France and thousands more will soon join them in the service of the United States. This will afford all Americans who are Masons an opportunity to visit lodges in France and to transfer their affiliations with them upon proper transfers.

The resolution was introduced by Past Grand Master W. S. Fly of San Antonio and was adopted unanimously.

### Army Lodges Authorized

Another important resolution adopted at the closing session was the granting of authority to the grand master to grant special dispensations for army lodges in Texas whenever properly requested and after members of such army lodges have been called to foreign duty they are automatically dissolved and such lodges are automatically dissolved. This means that whenever properly requested by a sufficient number of Masons in army camps authority to organize a lodge will be granted, so long as it conforms to the rules and regulations of the order by the secretary of war that no secret sessions of any fraternal order be held within the camps.

Thursday afternoon's session was given over to the installation of the newly elected officers, who were: John R. Arnold, grand master; A. A. Ross, Lockhart, deputy grand master; George F. Morgan, El Paso, grand senior warden; Andrew L. Randell, Sherman, grand junior warden.

### HEALTH AT CAMPS IMPROVES

Total of 243 Deaths for Week Ending Nov. 30--Twenty-Eight at Camp Bowie.

Washington.--Although health conditions generally in the National Army and National guard camps show improvement during the week ending Nov. 30, the number of deaths materially increased.

The report of the division of field sanitation shows that there were 166 deaths among the guardsmen as compared with 97 the previous week and 59 among the draft men as compared with 49 the preceding week.

Fort Worth, Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, continued to hold the record for sickness among the National Army camps, with a total of 1,507 hospitalized men. Statements issued by the War Department, during the previous week, the number of deaths at that camp for the week ending Nov. 23, 1917, was 239. Pneumonia held the record, with 176 deaths. The number of deaths at Camp Bowie was remarkably small for the week ending Nov. 30, there being only 48 deaths, one from meningitis and the remainder from pneumonia.

Cases of illness at the Waco camp last week were 377, at Houston 646 and at Fort Sill 935, all decreases from the previous week.

Masonic Grand Lodge Meets at Waco  
Waco.--The eighty-second annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, convened in this city Tuesday. Most Worshipful Grand Master Frank C. Jones of Houston, called the meeting to order, followed by a prayer by the grand chaplain, the Rev. J. W. Mills of Houston. The grand chaplain invoked the blessings of God upon the grand lodge; he prayed for its continued success and for the success of America in the struggle across the seas, that the world be made safe for peace and democracy.

### 3,000 Men Needed as Guards

San Antonio.--Three thousand men consisting of companies of 165 men each, will be needed in the southern department to carry out the war department's newly formed plan to put federal police in the places of regular troops now guarding private industries and railroads. This information was transmitted to Washington by Major General John W. Ruckman, commander of the Southern department, in response to an inquiry received by him.

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## FOR THE BABY

Let one of the baby's Christmas presents be the opening of an account in its name at this bank. The habit of thrift should be taught to all children and the best way of teaching anything is by example. It means a great deal for the child of the future, not only in actual amount of money accumulated during the years of childhood, but the requirement of the value of money's real worth in the world.

## FARMERS' NAT'L BANK

### LEAD TO SERVICE

Number of boys have been service this week, leave on Wednesday. They buy Coats, Doves and gram, and C. A. Baugh wood, and John W. his place. We understand they are to be sent to sales, Cal., and used in artillery.

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS:

Wishing to buy explosives of any kind, or to sell the same, are hereby directed to apply at the Office of County Clerk, Chas. Nordyke, to obtain same.

Under the new regulations of the war Department, as a measure, all persons wishing to buy, sell or use same; and I, Chas. Nordyke, have been appointed and Commissioned by the Government to issue these licenses.

Small arms, shot gun shell, and such like are not included; but all ingredients to mix to compose explosives, are included.

Yours Very Truly,  
Chas. Nordyke, County Clerk, Callahan County, Texas.

### MOVE TO GATESVILLE

has bought a stock of goods at Gatesville, and family are making to move there at regret to lose them.

### VIEW NEXT WEEK

ing to our custom, we to Review next week, ing to enjoy Xmas, ing to put out the wish every one of very happy holidays.

Mrs. Virgil Hart and son, Vincent, and daughter, Elizabeth, spent Friday night in Cross Plains. Mrs. H. B. Hardeman of Brownwood accompanied them as far as Mrs. J. E. Harrell, with whom she spent the night.

# 'SHACK'

We extend to all our friends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the best of success attend you during 1918. May your "Ships Come In" and "Your Dreams Come True"

H. Shackelford, Lbr.  
Cross Plains, Texas

Are You Doing to Help Win the War?