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Your Money Will Get in the Bank Whether You Put It There or Not

If you spend all your income some one else will deposit it. WHY NOT DEPOSIT THE MONEY YOURSELF? This bank wants you to deposit your money here and promises you Safe, Prompt and Careful Care. We solicit your business on our RECORD since the town was established.

THE FIRST STATE BANK

OFFICERS:

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Movie Theatre PROGRAM.

Monday, Mar. 8, "Girl at Bay," C. Griffith.
Tuesday, Mar. 9, "Petal on the Current."
Wednesday, Mar. 10, "Rubens, Robbers and Washerwomen's War."
Thursday, Mar. 11, "WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY," Douglas Fairbanks.
Friday, Mar. 12, "The Great Radium Mystery" and "Hands Up."
Saturday, Mar. 13, "THE ROAD THROUGH THE DARK," Clara Kimball Young.
Beginning Monday, the 8th, show will start promptly at 7:15 p. m. We are trying to get the starting time so it will be convenient for all. Please come and get started with first reel.
On Thursday, the 11th, two shows. First starts 6:30 p. m. and second 8:00 p. m. On this night we are going to show you something good in moving pictures, Douglas Fairbanks in "When the Clouds Roll By." Admission 20 and 40 cents.
On Friday and Saturday nights two shows. Please be on time. We want to please you.

CLEAN-UP WEEK.

Next week, beginning Monday, Mar. 8, has been designated by the city dads as Clean-up Week, and you are requested to have all cans and other rubbish cleaned up and placed in receptacles of some kind in order that the wagons may get them when they call. If the wagon fails to get your trash call City Marshal Baker and he will arrange to have it moved.

HOT OR COLD DRINKS of every kind at Teague's Confectionery.

HOW THEY MAKE THEM CRY IN MOVING PICTURES

No real man ever intentionally sets to work to make a girl cry, for if there's anything he dislikes in life it is that tyranny of tears. Yet that's exactly what Victor Fleming, the director for Douglas Fairbanks did in Doug's next "Big Four" picture, "WHEN THE CLOUDS ROLL BY," which is to be seen at the Movie Theatre here on Thursday, March 11th.

Doug wrote the story and in one scene he insisted in his script that the young lady with whom he was in love and who turned him down, was to shed real tears. Kathleen Clifford, said young lady, in the part, couldn't make her tear ducts work the day the picture was to be made, so Director Fleming, when he had her rehearsing on the set deliberately berated her. Finally the temperamental little girl became so worked up and nervous that she broke forth in great heart-rending sobs, and then the fiendish director yelled, "Shoot, Camera," and laughed finally at her because he had secured just what he desired.

Despite his success it was days before he had Miss Clifford believing that he was only getting her to play a crying part. He proved his argument eventually when they screened the scene and they realized that the harsh methods had obtained excellent results.

MR. AND MRS. M. D. JONES RETURNED FROM MARKET

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Jones have returned from a several days' visit in Dallas and St. Louis, where they went to buy merchandise. Mrs. Jones has bought a nice line of ladies' millinery which she is now showing. This store is also showing many new things in ladies' ready-to-wear this season.

Baptists Are Making Great Preparations

The Baptist church is making big preparations to entertain their distinguished visitor next Sunday. Pastor McCauley is trying to arrange for seating capacity enough to take care of the great crowd expected to be in attendance.

Dr. Johnson is the first one of the great foreign missionaries to give our town a date. You will have to go early to get a good seat.

At 11 o'clock in the morning he will speak on "God in Brazil," and will preach in the evening.

JUDGE GEO. R. BEAN OF LUBBOCK A CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE

In this issue of The Slatonite will be found the announcement of Judge Geo. R. Bean, one of Lubbock's most prominent attorneys, for the office of District Judge of the Seventy-Second Judicial District.

Speaking of Mr. Bean, the Lubbock Avalanche has the following to say regarding him:

"Judge Bean is one of the pioneer lawyers of this county, and has built up a splendid practice, being the senior partner of the law firm of Bean & Klett.

"It is not necessary for us to state that Mr. Bean is thoroughly competent to fill the office to which he aspires, he being too well known and having practiced in all the courts of the district, the people are familiar with his qualifications.

"Mr. Bean is a progressive citizen, a member of the Methodist church, and is always found on the moral side of every question that arises."

When you go to vote in the July primaries give Mr. Bean your earnest consideration.

CARROLL THOMPSON OF LUBBOCK ANNOUNCES FOR COUNTY JUDGE

To the voters of Lubbock and attached counties:

I take this means of announcing to you my candidacy for the office of County Judge of Lubbock and attached counties. This office carries with it the duties of County Judge and County Superintendent of the Public Schools, I fully realize the qualifications, both from a legal standpoint, and from the standpoint of the public schools, that one should possess in order to render that service which should be required in filling this responsible office.

In this connection, I wish to state that I have had fourteen years experience as a public school teacher in Texas, four years in the rural districts, and ten years as superintendent of public high schools. I hold a state Permanent Certificate, am a graduate of one of the State Normal Colleges, and my work for the past twenty years has been very closely and intimately associated with the public school system of Texas. Since being in the agricultural work I have been in close touch with the school work, and since taking up the agricultural work in your county, I have been deeply interested in the forward and progressive steps that have been, and are being taken for the betterment and upbuilding of your country schools. Splendid foundations have been laid, you have builded well so far, and now, since the administration is going to change, I believe that the "gavel" for the school work should be placed in the hands of one competent to carry this work on to completion.

In connection with my qualifications for the school work, I also wish to state that I have taken the law course at the State University required for license to practice law. Hence I feel that I am qualified to handle the legal work pertaining to the office.

The duties of my work among you for the past two years, has put me in close touch with the interests of the farmers and business men, so I now place my candidacy before you for your consideration, and if elected, I shall have the pleasure of knowing that you have placed confidence in me, and in return I shall endeavor to maintain that confidence by putting forth my greatest efforts to fill the office to the best of my ability.

Sincerely yours,
CARROLL THOMPSON.

MRS. COVINGTON DEAD.

Just as we go to press it was learned that Mrs. — Covington, an aged lady, was dead. A more extended notice will appear in next week's paper.

Church of Christ.

Rev. W. G. Cypert of Merkel will hold a revival meeting here starting Saturday night before the third Sunday in July, and will continue indefinitely.

Birth Report.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendricks, March 1, girl.

Every Day More People Discover Good Reasons for Shopping Here



THE FINE QUALITIES OF MERCHANDISE IN ALL DEPARTMENTS OF OUR STORE. THE UNIFORM SUPERIORITY OF OUR VALUES. THE PERSONALITY BACK OF ALL TRANSACTIONS THAT GUARANTEES THE UTMOST SATISFACTION. THE GOOD SERVICE YOU EXPECT OF THIS STORE SELDOM, IF EVER, FAILS, AND WE ARE UNUSUALLY WELL PREPARED TO SERVE YOU THIS SEASON.

THE PROPERLY CHOSEN SUITS, DRESSES, SKIRTS AND BLOUSES CAN BE WORN UPON ALMOST ANY OCCASION. HUNDREDS OF PATRONS ARE CHOOSING THEIR READY-TO-WEAR AND MILLINERY AT ROBERTSON'S BECAUSE THEIR STYLE, TAILORING AND UNUSUAL SMARTNESS IS NEVER QUESTIONED. INSPECT OUR NEW THINGS.



ROBERTSON'S

THE HOME OF HART SCHAFFNER & MARX CLOTHES.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

To the voters of Lubbock County: I hereby announce as a candidate for nomination for the office of District Judge at the July Primary election.
GEO. R. BEAN,
Lubbock, Texas.

WHO WANTS \$5.00 EASY MONEY?

In this issue of The Slatonite there is an advertisement offering \$5.00 reward for a lost dog. Some one that has a dog that will match the description could make \$5.00 easy money.

REBEKAHS PLANNING BIG TIME NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

The local Rebekahs are planning to have an unusually big time at their meeting next Monday night. A large class of candidates will be initiated, and refreshments will be served. Every Rebekah in town is urged to be present on this occasion.

FOR SALE: Meister piano, practically new. Call at Slatonite office.

S. C. Black Minorca eggs \$1.50 setting.—F. V. WILLIAMS.

NOTICE TO CREAM SHIPPERS

On Tuesday, March 9th we will begin buying cream in the Twaddle Store Building.

ON THIS DATE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE WICHITA CREAMERY WILL BE HERE, WHO WILL BE GLAD TO MEET ALL SHIPPERS, ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, AND GIVE YOU POINTERS ON THE LATEST METHODS FOR BEST RESULTS.

BRING YOUR CREAM IN ON THIS DATE AND LET US BUY IT. IT WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF A PROFITABLE BUSINESS FOR YOU THE YEAR ROUND. WE TEST YOUR CREAM AND PAY FOR IT AT THE TIME—NO WAITING FOR YOUR MONEY AND NO CANS LOST.

UNTIL THE BUSINESS INCREASES WE WILL BUY ONLY TWICE EACH WEEK, ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS. BRING YOUR CREAM TUESDAY, MARCH 9.

WE ALSO BUY EGGS, BUTTER AND POULTRY FOR CASH.

KUYKENDALL GROCERY CO.

MONEY TALKS



Don't waste your time, save it and you'll save money. Have a Bank Account

THOSE WHO ARE CAREFUL ABOUT THEIR MONEY ARE ALSO CAREFUL ABOUT THEIR TIME. THEY KNOW THE VALUE OF BOTH.

AND THEY KNOW THAT TIME IS NOT MONEY UNLESS PROFITABLY EMPLOYED AND A PORTION OF ONE'S EARNINGS IS SAVED.

WHEN SAVING IS STARTED, THRIFT ACCOMPANIES INDUSTRY—ALWAYS AN INVINCIBLE PAIR. LET US HELP YOU SAVE.

WHEN YOU HAVE MONEY—WE WANT IT.
WHEN YOU WANT MONEY—WE HAVE IT.

The Slaton State Bank

THE BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE.



Carrying a Ton a Mile for less than a Cent

Freight rates have played a very small part in the rising cost of living.

Other causes—the waste of war, under-production, credit inflation—have added dollars to the cost of the necessities of life, while freight charges have added only cents.

The average charge for hauling a ton of freight a mile is less than a cent.

A suit of clothing that sold for \$30 before the war was carried 2,265 miles by rail from Chicago to Los Angeles for 16½ cents.

Now the freight charge is 22 cents and the suit sells for \$50.

The cost of the suit has increased 20 dollars.

The freight on it has increased only 5½ cents.

Other transportation charges enter into the cost of the finished article—carrying the wool to the mills and the cloth to the tailors—but these other charges amount to but a few cents more.

The \$10 pair of shoes that used to sell for \$5 goes from the New England factory to the Florida dealer for a freight charge of 5⅔ cents—only one cent more than the pre-war rate.

Beef pays only two-thirds of a cent a pound freight from Chicago to New York.

American freight rates are the lowest in the world.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

Ladies' Made-to-Measure Garments

WE ARE NOW SHOWING NEW SPRING AND SUMMER SAMPLES OF LADIES' MADE-TO-MEASURE GARMENTS, SUCH AS COATS, COAT SUITS AND SKIRTS. THIS LINE IS VERY ATTRACTIVE, AND IN MANY INSTANCES YOU CAN BUY A SUIT MADE TO YOUR EXACT MEASURE FOR LESS THAN THEY CAN BE BOUGHT OUT OF STOCK, AND THERE IS NO COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO, AS OUR TAILORED GARMENTS HAVE A PLEASING EFFECT THAT CANNOT BE HAD IN OTHERS. A LADY ATTENDANT HERE AT ALL TIMES TO SERVE YOU. LET US QUOTE A PRICE ON YOUR NEW SPRING OUTFIT.

WE ALSO SELL MEN'S HIGH GRADE TAILORED CLOTHING.



IDEAL TAILOR SHOP

VIRGIL BRAZELL, Propr. Next Door to R. J. Murray's Office.

Spot Cash Grocery Enlarges Quarters

The grocery stores of a city are establishments that must meet the requirements. If they don't others will come that do. The Spot Cash Grocery, under the management of Joe and Bill Kuykendall, have met the requirements of their trade. In fact their business has grown so fast since the store was opened one year ago February 1, that they were compelled to add more capital to their business and secure larger quarters. Therefore they have taken Mr. J. R. Bean and Mr. A. R. Manning into the business as partners, and hereafter the firm will be known as the Kuykendall Grocery Co. They have secured the McRae building, just across from the Slaton State Bank, which will be used as their principal store. It has been made very attractive by being refinished throughout and equipped with new shelving and fixtures.

The former store building will be used as a creamery station and produce house, as well as for storage of stocks of case goods and other surplus merchandise. They have arranged to buy your cream and produce and propose to pay the best market price obtainable.

Your attention is directed to the announcement of this new organization elsewhere in The Slatonite.

THE SLATON STATE BANK ADVISES CUSTOMERS TO REGISTER LIBERTY BONDS

Banks generally are being warned against hold-up gangs and burglars flocking to Texas. Most of the loot taken lately from banks in other sections have been Liberty Bonds and War Saving and Thrift Stamps. They were easily accessible to robbers, as they were placed in lefts generally used for filing away customers' papers not so valuable, and in lock boxes that are easily opened.

We trust that our customers when reading this, if their bonds and stamps are filed away as above stated, will get them out and let us register them for our record and place them in our money safe. We are amply insured against losses of this kind, and when recorded and placed in our burglar-proof safe, you have protection in two ways. First, it is not often that burglar-proof safes are blown open. Second, if it should be, we would have our register which would quickly aid us in determining the loss.

SAFETY FIRST. THE SLATON STATE BANK.

I. J. OSBORNE ANNOUNCES FOR SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR

The Slatonite is authorized to announce I. J. Osborne of Lubbock as a candidate for sheriff and tax collector of Lubbock and attached counties, subject to the action of the Democratic primary July 24.

Mr. Osborne has been a resident of the city of Lubbock and Lubbock county for the past eleven years.

Prior to coming here he was a resident of Sherman county, and for five years was a peace officer there a portion of which time he held the office of sheriff.

Mr. Osborne was a recent visitor in Slaton interviewing the voters and was a pleasant caller at this office. He earnestly solicits your vote and influence in the coming primary and assures you that he will greatly appreciate any support received.

STATE LIFE INSURANCE CO.

If you want your life insured in one of the best, strictly mutual companies, let us fit a policy to your exact needs. Then when disease or accident makes you an invalid, and your earning power has ceased, you will have a policy that will, in addition to waiving all further payments, step in and provide you a nice monthly income until the breath of life is taken away, and then the full face value of the policy comes to your dependents.

PROVIDE FOR YOUR WIDOW WHILE SHE IS YOUR WIFE.

If interested, see me. H. A. RUTTER.

NOTICE, INCOME TAXPAYERS.

We have received a supply of income tax blanks and if you will call we will assist you in making up your tax statement.

THE SLATON STATE BANK.

210 Acres, 5 Miles of Slaton.

210 acres 5 miles of Slaton, 150 acres in cultivation, good residence, barn, well, etc. \$57.50 per acre, \$5,000 cash, 12 years on balance. A. M. WATSON CO.

Before buying your 1921 calendars, wall pockets or fans see our line. We will save you money. THE SLATONITE.

WILLARD Batteries, for any make of car, the best made for the money.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

Large shipments of Overalls, and they are priced right. Get a pair before they are all gone. DeLONG.

MAIL me your shoes for repair.—W. B. THORP, Lubbock, Texas.

Are You Playing "The Game of Chance?"

ARE YOU BUYING, CHEAP, SHODDY, HOUSE FURNISHINGS? IF SO, WE ARE NOT SURPRISED AT YOUR COMPLAINING OF THE HIGH COST OF LIVING. BUY HERE AND SAVE MONEY.

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RACINE HORSE-SHOE TIRES

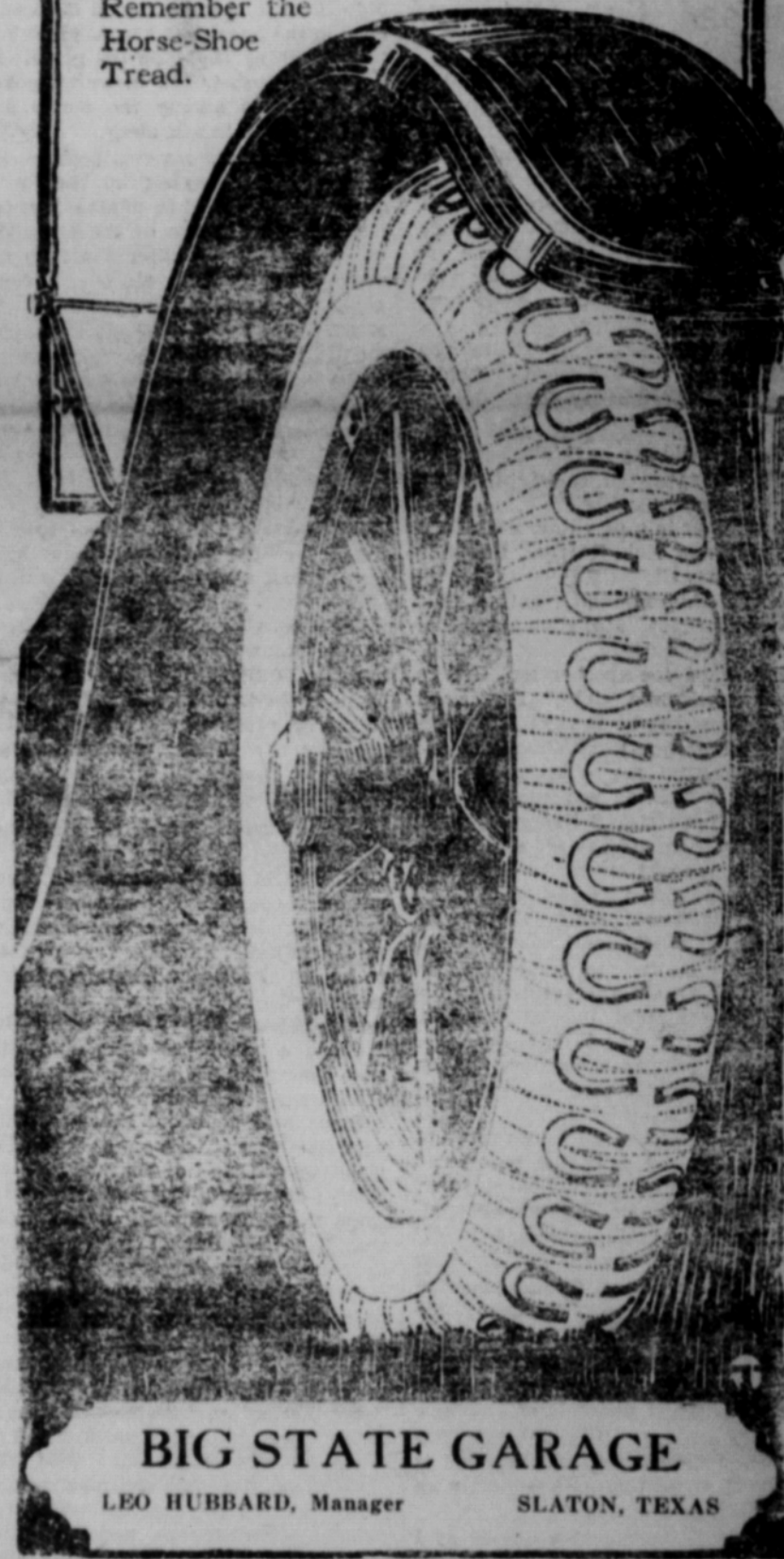
ALL new tires look much the same on the outside, but experience has proven them to be mighty different on the inside.

That is why many corporations are today buying tires only on performance. The makes of tire that gives the most miles per dollar get the business.

Horse-Shoe Tires are today specified exclusively by some states as well as by many of the world's largest corporations.

Thus they have "proven" their comparative merit under the severest test that could be given an automobile tire.

Remember the Horse-Shoe Tread.



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SLATON, TEXAS

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**HAVE ROSY CHEEKS
AND FEEL FRESH AS
A DAISY—TRY THIS!**

Says glass of hot water with phosphate before breakfast washes out poisons.

To see the tinge of healthy bloom in your face, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, to wake up without a headache, backache, coated tongue or a nasty breath, in fact to feel your best, day in and day out, just try inside-bathing every morning for one week.

Before breakfast each day, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it as a harmless means of washing from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that just as soap and hot water cleanses, sweetens and freshens the skin, so hot water and limestone phosphate act on the blood and internal organs. Those who are subject to constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, rheumatic twinges, also those whose skin is sallow and complexion pallid, are assured that one week of inside-bathing will have them both looking and feeling better in every way.

Diamond Cut Diamond

densed tone a very sane young person uses to a respected elder whose mind is wandering:

"I think you'd better eat something—immediately." (Full period here—it says, "We'll talk about what ails you when you're feeling more yourself.") "Where's your can-opener?"

I was so hungry at the sight of food that little panicky pains ran round my insides and up my throat, and I pranced into the kitchen for the opener and plates, leaving Billy to think what he pleased about my mental state. I had the wit, though, to tell him "Shh!"

Just at that moment Mrs. Thing-down-stairs began her supper-time performances. Little had I ever dreamed that her daily torture of an otherwise inoffensive piano would sometime prove a blessing to me. Billy whispered hoarsely, "What's that? The villain trying to get in?"

I said, "Mrs. Thing-down-stairs believes it's music, lucky for us—we can now breathe out loud without fear of the villain. He may be listening at the front door—but he'll hear nothing while she operates."

Billy forked a lot of chicken onto my plate and commanded me to go to it, and I grabbed a roll out of his box and said:

"Billy, he tried to murder me."

"He?"

"That man—he was waiting for me with a dagger that night—look here!" I jumped up and got the dagger from my penholder tray—"he dropped it on the floor."

"Gee whiz!" he cried, taking the dagger from me; and then he demanded, "Who?"

"That man—De Ravenol."

"De Ravenol?—you mean that man in Paris who wanted you to bring the pretty daughter over with you and you wouldn't?"

"Yes—that's the one. He was a diamond thief—that's what he was!" I blew off. "He was in the act of stealing a million dollars' worth of diamonds. And I foiled him!"

"Wow! You did?"

"I should say I did! And what's more, I've got the diamonds here—there—behind you in those hyacinths."

"Wow!" he whooped, and before I knew what he was doing he was out of his chair, his hand on the glass.

"Don't touch them!" I shrieked.

"Wow!" he cried, dropping his hand and jumping back. "Do they bite?"

"No—they sting. They pizen your very soul. But, Billy—stop wowing—I'm watched."

He sat down with the command, "Divulge the dread secret," and between bites I told him the whole story up to Eureka, and brought in the slipper to prove it.

He was still staring when I got through and asked him, "And now how am I going to get those beastly things out of the house and where am I going to get them to? She doesn't dare to have them at her house—"

"Oh, I can take them away and hide 'em, if that's all you want," he answered carelessly.

"It isn't all," I retorted, a bit indignant. "It's only the beginning of a new chapter of misery for the whole of us—it's throwing the responsibility on you without getting me out of the net—it won't save me from being kidnaped and searched and maybe murdered to keep my mouth shut—"

Billy nodded at that and said, "You're right."

He took a cigarette out of his case and with a short, "May I?" lighted up and began to blow rings, gazing at them abstractedly. I nibbled crumbs. After I'd stood his silence for half a cigarette, I repeated my question and told him, "We've got to do something right off—now—tonight."

"Of course." He smoked another quarter and threw the cigarette with energy into the empty chicken tin, bouncing up as he spoke.

"What are we going to do?" he gave forth masterfully. "We're going to trap that bold man all by our little own selves—you and I. And we'll give him one nice lesson on stealing diamonds from defenseless women—and threatening you."

"But we've got to hurry," I urged. "I can't live this way much longer—it's simply killing me!"

"Sure," Billy agreed, suppressing a smile at me. "I'm hurrying all I can. I calculate to have your 'mossoo' in handcuffs tomorrow night." And he unfolded his plot and I entered into it with fervor. The truth is Billy and I were having the fun of our lives.

The scheme was to decoy monsieur to the flat by a letter from Mrs. Delario indicating where the diamonds were hidden: we banked on his remembering the one place he hadn't searched—the hyacinths; and if he got the tip we believed he'd return the moment I went out.

After some discussion Billy and I decided not to take Mrs. Delario into our confidence, not knowing how she'd act in the crisis, which necessitated our imitating her writing. The only sample of her writing we had was her address in my notebook and some titles of books on spiritualism she'd wished me to read. But the sample did us, and the joint literary efforts of myself and Billy produced the following—this purporting to be from me to her:

My Dear Mrs. Delario: Since he searched everything but the bunch of hyacinths as I told you over the telephone Tuesday—(this struck me as an exquisitely neat, convincing touch, for his detective must have reported both that I telephoned and the number of the call)—I thought the same place would continue safe in case of a second invasion. I got a fresh bunch, so you will know where if anything happens to me. If so, come and get them at once; break in the flat if you have to.

I am going to try to see you Saturday night for final arrangements if I can slip out without being seen. Expect me between eight and ten. Be sure to be alone so we can talk. I still hold to my promise—on third to you if you will help me to dispose of gum-drops.

"Gum drops" was Billy's touch—he declared that "mossoo" would read it "diamonds" sure as anything.

And this, purporting to be from her to him:

Monsieur; I have refused to have anything to do with this matter since I know the truth of the ownership. Under the circumstances, I feel she is foolish to try to hold on. Get the hyacinths while she is at my house tonight, and the trouble will be over for everybody.

I typed my own letter with a carbon copy while Billy laboriously produced the one from Mrs. Delario.

The decoy letters we sent to the hotel where monsieur was staying. The rest of our plan was this: Billy was to "sneak it" upstairs and get into the flat; I was then to put on my wraps, go down in the elevator, telling George I was going out for the evening—so he'd report it to monsieur; wait in the lower hall for a mythical automobile till George went up with the car, and then creep up the stairs.

"This time tomorrow night I'll present you with a nice 'mossoo' in handcuffs," affirmed Billy confidently.

"Suppose he doesn't come? Or suppose he murders me tonight?"

"Oh, the guns!" He snatched up his overcoat and dived into the pocket.

He won't murder you—not if you keep your wits about you. They're loaded."

He slipped the coat on. He was going—in high feather; but—my heart sank at the prospect of another night and that man lurking in the house.

"Keep a stiff upper lip—heroine of the greatest diamond robbery of the century!" he banttered. "I'll be here at six tomorrow." He picked up his hat.

"Oh, I'm all right," I returned nonchalantly, feeling suddenly knocked-kneed yet determined I'd not let Billy suspect it.

I rang for the elevator, and while the car was rumbling up Billy glided away in the darkness of the stairs back of it. He must have reached only the first turn when I heard him exclaim, "Oh! Excuse me! I never saw you!"

Followed the word, "Pardon!" and

FOR SALE.

Two milch cows; oen giving milk, and one to be fresh soon.

A double row sod planter, good shape; two sod plows.

Two wagons, one hack, all in very good shape.

Three colts, 1, 2 and 3 years.

Prices right; will give terms.

Also have about 5,000 bundles of maize that heads out 7 lbs. to the bundle. Will take 5c per bundle at farm. Also good maize heads; and a small farm blacksmith outfit cheap. Some harness. See me.

F. V. WILLIAMS.

Phone 84, Slaton, Texas.

S. C. Black Minorca cockerels \$2.50 each.—P. V. WILLIAMS.

He laid two revolvers on the table, saying cheerfully: "He will come and



Wash Day

That dreaded weekly event—hard enough under the best of circumstances, but almost intolerable without good tubs, pails, wash boards, wringers, clothes lines, clothes pins, etc. The labor problem is made easy by good equipment. We can't do away with wash day, Mrs. Housewife, but we'll do all we can to make it easier with first-class equipment and every labor-saving device we can find.

WE ARE ALSO HEADQUARTERS FOR WINDMILLS, GAS ENGINES, TRACTORS, WAGONS, DISC PLOWS, DISC HARROWS, LISTERS, CULTIVATORS, OR ANY OTHER FARM TOOLS.

A. L. Brannon Hardware

DURABLE WARES AT RIGHT PRICES. PHONE 55, SLATON, TEXAS

DROP IN AND "POSE" FOR A SUIT YOU'LL BE PROUD TO PUT YOURSELF IN THIS SPRING. AND, BY THE WAY, A "READY-MADE" WOULD HAVE NO MORE CHANCE WHEN STACKED UP AGAINST ONE OF OUR HAND TAILORED GARMENTS THAN A CRIPPLED CANARY IN A CAT SHOW! DROP IN AND BE SUITED—SUITED, A BIT BETTER THAN EVER BEFORE IN FIT, FASHION, FABRIC AND VALUE. WILL WE SEE YOU TODAY?

De Long
THE MERCHANT TAILOR

CLEANING AND PRESSING IS A SPECIALTY WITH US. PHONE 58, SLATON, TEXAS



"He Won't Murder You, They're Loaded."

He laid two revolvers on the table, saying cheerfully: "He will come and

LOST.

One fox hound, black, white and tan left hind leg, nearly black scar on right front leg near breast. \$5.00 reward. Notify Box 638, Lubbock, Texas.

NEW HOUSE AND A BARGAIN.

We have a new house that is well finished, two lots and good well, convenient to school, price only \$2000 furnished, or \$1800 unfurnished, and will give terms. See us at once, or telephone 116.

TRY CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING. A. M. WATSON CO.

An Appeal to Reason
We SAVE You Money

When you need a bill of Groceries you want them fresh, don't you. Of course you do. THAT'S REASON.

You want them at the lowest price that high-class goods can be sold for, don't you. THAT'S MORE REASON.

When you buy from LANHAM & SMART you get both, don't you. OF COURSE YOU DO. There's a reason why so many buy groceries at this REASONABLE STORE.

Lanham & Smart

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They couldn't be built now for twice \$71,000

When the talk turns from politics to railroads, and the traveler with the cocksure air breaks in with, "There's an awful lot of 'water' in the railroads," here are some hard-pan facts to give him:

American railroads have cost \$80,900 a mile—roadbed, structures, stations, yards, terminals, freight and passenger trains—everything from the great city terminals to the last spike.

A good concrete-and-asphalt highway costs \$36,000 a mile—just a bare road, not counting the cost of culverts, bridges, etc.

Our railroads couldn't be duplicated today for \$150,000 a mile.

They are capitalized for only \$71,000 a mile—much less than their actual value. Seventy-one thousand dollars today will buy one locomotive.

English railways are capitalized at \$274,000 a mile; the French at \$155,000; German \$132,000; even in Canada (still in pioneer development) they are capitalized at \$67,000 a mile. The average for all foreign countries is \$100,000.

Low capitalization and high operating efficiency have enabled American Railroads to pay the highest wages while charging the lowest rates.

This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives

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Ladies' Made-to-Measure Garments

WE ARE NOW SHOWING NEW SPRING AND SUMMER SAMPLES OF LADIES' MADE-TO-MEASURE GARMENTS, SUCH AS COATS, COAT SUITS AND SKIRTS. THIS LINE IS VERY ATTRACTIVE, AND IN MANY INSTANCES YOU CAN BUY A SUIT MADE TO YOUR EXACT MEASURE FOR LESS THAN THEY CAN BE BOUGHT OUT OF STOCK, AND THERE IS NO COMPARISON BETWEEN THE TWO, AS OUR TAILORED GARMENTS HAVE A PLEASING EFFECT THAT CANNOT BE HAD IN OTHERS. A LADY ATTENDANT HERE AT ALL TIMES TO SERVE YOU. LET US QUOTE A PRICE ON YOUR NEW SPRING OUTFIT.

WE ALSO SELL MEN'S HIGH GRADE TAILORED CLOTHING.



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VIRGIL BRAZELL, Propr. Next Door to R. J. Murray's Office.

INCOME TAX RETURNS DUE

Business Men, Farmers and Wage Workers Must File Schedules of Income for 1919.

MARCH 15 LAST FILING DATE.

Net incomes of \$1,000 or Over, if Single; or \$2,000 or Over if Married, Must Be Reported.

The Income Tax imposed by Act of Congress on earnings of the year 1919 is now being collected.

Returns under oath must be made on or before March 15 by every citizen and resident who had a net income for 1919 amounting to:

\$1,000 or over, if single; or if married and living apart from wife (or husband); or if widowed or divorced.

\$2,000 or over, if married and living with wife (or husband).

The status of the person on the last day of the year fixes the status for the year with respect to the above requirements.

Under any of these circumstances a return must be made, even though no tax is due.

Husband and wife must consider the income of both, plus that of dependent minor children, in meeting this requirement; and, if sufficient to require a return, all items must be shown in a joint return or in separate returns of husband and wife.

A single person with minor dependents must include the income of such dependents.

A minor who has a net income of \$1,000 or more is not considered a dependent, and must file a separate return.

Personal returns should be made on Form 1040A, unless the net income exceeded \$5,000, in which case Form 1040 should be used.

Residents of Texas should file their returns with, and make payments of Income Tax to, Alexander S. Walker, Collector of Internal Revenue, Austin, Tex.

How to Figure Income.

The best way to find out whether one must file a return is to get a Form 1040A and read the instructions printed on it. That form will serve as a reminder of every item of income, and if a return is due it tells how to prepare and file it.

If in doubt on any point as to income or deductions, a person may secure free advice and aid from the nearest Internal Revenue office.

Guesswork, estimates and other hit-or-miss methods are barred when a person is making out his Income Tax return. Accuracy and completeness must be insisted upon. The return is a sworn statement. As such it must be thorough and accurate.

Salaries and wage earners must ascertain the actual compensation received. Overtime, bonuses, shares in the profits of a business, value of quarters and board furnished by the employer and other items which are compensations for services must be included.

It must be borne in mind that compensation may be paid in other forms than in cash. A bonus paid in Liberty Bonds is taxable at the market value of the bonds. A note received in payment for services is taxable income at its face value, and the interest upon it is also taxable.

Other Returns Due.

Every partnership doing business in the United States must file a return on Form 1065; and every personal service corporation must file a similar return.

Corporations must file annual returns on Form 1120.

Trustees, executors, administrators and others acting in a fiduciary capacity are required to file returns. In some cases, Form 1041 is used; in others, Form 1040; and still others, returns on both forms are required.

Information returns, on Forms 1099 and 1060, must be filed by every organization, firm or person who paid, during 1919, an amount of \$1,000 in salary, wages, interest, rent, or other fixed or determinable income to another person, partnership, personal service corporation or fiduciary. These information returns should be forwarded directly to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue (sorting division), Washington, D. C.

Poetic Nomenclature.

Illinois is an Indian word with the French suffix "ois," meaning "Tribe of Men." Indiana means "Indian Land." Michigan is an Indian word meaning "Fish Weir," so called from a fancied resemblance of the lake to a fish trap. Minnesota is Indian for "Sky-tinted water." Ohio means "beautiful water." Wisconsin means "rushing water."

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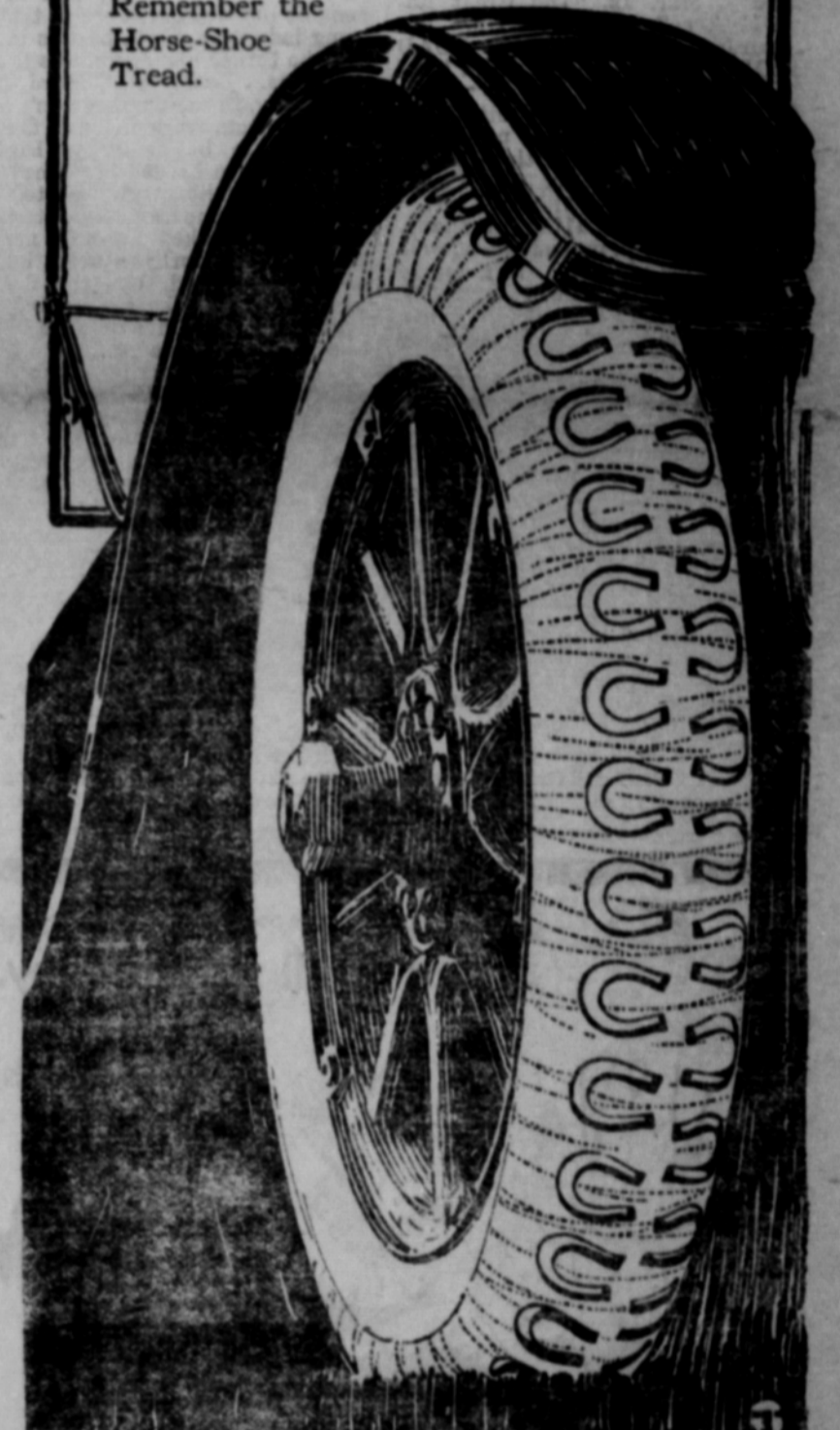
ALL new tires look much the same on the outside, but experience has proven them to be mighty different on the inside.

That is why many corporations are today buying tires only on performance. The makes of tire that gives the most miles per dollar get the business.

Horse-Shoe Tires are today specified exclusively by some states as well as by many of the world's largest corporations.

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LUBBOCK, TEXAS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Advertising readers among the locals 10c per line each insertion.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hood were visitors in Lubbock Tuesday evening.

Chas. H. Graves was a business visitor in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Haney were visitors in Lubbock Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDonald were visitors in Lubbock Tuesday.

John Witt has gone to Sweetwater to accept a position.

Clyde Lokey of Lubbock was here Tuesday visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. H. J. Gentry and son Bruce returned Monday from a visit in Amarillo.

Soft and laundered shirts in all materials, grades and prices are to be found at DeLONG'S.

Mrs. Wm. Singleton has returned to her home in Sweetwater after a few days' visit with Mrs. H. C. Egbert.

Vind Shield Glasses ground to fit your face, and the prices are right.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

Luther Witt left this week for Plainview where he goes to reside in future.

Get one of those Wool or Flannel Shirts or Wool Sweaters for winter wear at DeLONG'S.

Mrs. Douglas Singleton of Tahoka was a guest of Mrs. H. C. Egbert during the past week.

"Every Tire a Good Tire." Racine Country Road and Horse Shoes. BIG STATE GARAGE.

Mrs. Artie Dunaway has returned from Temple after a visit to her husband who is employed there.

You can always get refreshed at our fountain with either hot or cold drinks. Teague's Confectionery.

Guy Nix of Gorman was here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Nix.

WILLARD Batteries, for any make of car, the best made for the money.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

Chief Dispatcher L. B. Parker of the Santa Fe, was in Amarillo Tuesday attending the cattlemen's meeting.

E. A. GALE, Painter and paper hanger; paper and paint ordered. Address P. O. Box 81, Slaton, Texas.

Mrs. C. C. Brazel has been quite sick for several days, but is reported as improving.

F. K. Mitchell of Lubbock, candidate for sheriff and tax collector, was here this week mingling with the voters.

FOR SALE: One disc harrow, in good shape. Priced right.—H. G. WHITAKER.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Holingsworth were among the visitors in Lubbock Tuesday evening.

It will only be a few days until we have the first 250 members in the Home Mutual. Be one of them.

Miss Frances Burton, connected the Lubbock State Bank, spent Sunday here with home folks.

See F. V. Williams or J. C. Stewart and hand in your application to the Home Mutual.

Miss Marie McDonald has gone to Abilene for an extended visit to relatives and friends.

Mrs. W. H. Proctor has returned home from an extended visit to relatives and old home friends at Bells, in Grayson county.

Rich-Tone Is a Friend of the Weak

"It Has Made Me Strong and Well Again."—Says J. R. Martinez.

He writes: "Rich-Tone is a wonderful remedy for people who are weak and lacking in vigor, and all those who desire to gain strength and energy should take this truly famous tonic. It has given me perfect health and cured me of ailments from which I have long suffered."

Take RICH-TONE and gain new energy

Not one penny will Rich-Tone cost you, if it doesn't prove of genuine worth in treating your case. You are to be the judge—try this famous tonic—if it doesn't bring to you new energy, a splendid appetite, restful sleep, peaceful and quiet nerves—if it doesn't destroy that tired feeling and build you up, then Rich-Tone will be free to you—it will not cost you anything—not one penny.

You owe it to yourself to try this marvelous remedy. You owe it to your family and friends to be strong, well, happy, bright of eye, brist of step, ruddy of cheek, able to go about your work with a smile on your lips!

Try Rich-Tone entirely at our risk. Get a bottle today on our money-back guarantee. Sold and guaranteed locally by

RED CROSS PHARMACY

Mrs. W. H. McKirahan was the guest of friends in Amarillo Tuesday.

TEAGUE'S CONFECTIONERY for Candies that are THE BEST.

Miss Nora Davidson left yesterday afternoon for a visit to Miss Lois Wells at Tahoka.

WILLARD Batteries, for any make of car, the best made for the money.—BIG STATE GARAGE.

The Mutual rate never advances. Only a dollar when your neighbor dies.

Large shipments of Overalls, and they are priced right. Get a pair before they are all gone. DeLONG.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Forrest were here from Ralls Sunday visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Forrest.

FOR SALE: Registered and purebred Duroc-Jersey gilts, bred. As good as can be had anywhere.—H. G. WHITAKER.

Robert Barnett has returned to his home in Ballinger after a visit to his sister, Mrs. W. J. Anderson and family west of town.

Mrs. S. S. Forrest expects to leave this week for a visit to relatives and friends at Fort Worth, Athens, and other Texas towns.

ATTENTION Ladies: Schweizer imported embroidery, dress goods, draperies and novelties. See samples.—MRS. W. H. WEAVER.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude F. Anderson, Mr. Edwin Buster and Miss Loma Watson attended the show in Lubbock Monday evening.

You lose many opportunities of saving both time and money if you fail to read the advertisements in The Slatonite.

Ira C. Tucker, Santa Fe conductor, has returned from the company hospital at Clovis, where he was treated for a sprained ankle.

FOR SALE—1½ horse power engine and air compressor. Will sell separately or together at a genuine bargain. Green's Garage, Slaton, Tex.

Miss Vera Green, who was called home on account of the illness of her father, Lee Green, has returned to T. C. U. at Fort Worth, to resume her studies.

Lee Green, who has been quite sick for some time with a severe attack of flu, is reported as improving, which will be good news to many friends of the family.

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hubbard has been brought home from Lubbock where he underwent treatment in a sanitarium. The little fellow is getting along nicely now.

J. W. Hood, manager of the Panhandle Lumber Company in this city, was called to Comanche last week to attend the bedside of his parents, both of whom were seriously ill. They are much improved now.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex DeLong, Miss Shepard, Miss Irene Levey, Miss Clara Klattenhoff, and Messrs. Wm. Behrens, Norman Bain, Shafter Harper, Elmer Cravens, Wm. J. and Magnus Klattenhoff were among the theatre-goers in Lubbock Monday evening.

W. W. Slaughter, representing the Amarillo Daily Tribune, was a visitor in Slaton Wednesday and met with much encouragement. Our entire citizenship is looking forward to the time when the first issue of the new paper arrives, as it will reach us earlier than any other daily paper.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For District Judge: GEO. R. BEAN

For County Judge: W. P. FLORENCE. CARROLL THOMPSON

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: C. A. HOLCOMB. (For re-election second term.) F. K. MITCHELL. I. J. OSBORNE.

For Tax Assessor: R. C. BURNS. (Re-election.) A. J. CLARK.

County and District Clerk: SAM T. DAVIS. (Re-election.)

For County Treasurer: MRS. MARY F. HINTON. (For second term.)

For Commissioner Precinct 2: H. D. TALLEY. (Second Term.)

CITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Mayor: J. V. HOLLINGSWORTH.

An Extra Special Bargain.

430 acres, all good, level unimproved land, in two tracts, near good railroad town and school. Will sell separately or together for only \$28 per acre; \$1500 cash on each tract, balance 6 to 8 years at 8 per cent interest. This is a good buy. See A. M. WATSON CO.

FARMER'S INCOME SUBJECT TO TAX

Gains for 1919 Must Be Figured Under U. S. Law—Returns Due March 15.

LAND SALE PROFITS TAXABLE.

Necessary Farm Expenses May Be Deducted—Special Form for Farm Income—Cash or Accrual Basis for Computing.

A farmer, shopkeeper, or tradesman must figure up his net income for 1919; and if the farm or business income plus his other income was sufficient to require an income tax return a complete return must be filed with the collector of internal revenue by March 15. A farmer should ascertain the gross income of his farm by computing all gains derived from the sale or exchange of his products, whether produced on the farm or purchased and resold.

Farm Expenses. From his gross income a farmer is allowed to charge off all of his necessary expenses in the conduct of the farm during the year. These include costs of planting, cultivating, harvesting and marketing. In addition to these costs he may deduct money spent for ordinary farm tools of short life bought during the year, such as shovels, rakes, etc. Also, the cost of feed purchased for his live stock may be treated as an expense in so far as this cost represents actual outlay, but the value of his own products fed to animals is not a deductible item.

Other farm expenses allowable are the cost of minor repairs on buildings (but not the dwelling house), on fences, wagons and farm machinery; also bills paid for horseshoeing, stock powders, rock salt, services of veterinary, insurance (except on dwelling house), gasoline for operating power and sundry other expenses which were paid for in cash.

As to hired help, all the productive labor is a deductible expense; but the wages of household servants, or help hired to improve the farm, as in tree planting, ditching, etc., cannot be claimed against earnings. A farmer is not allowed to claim a salary for himself or members of his family who work on the farm.

Wear and Tear. Purchase of farm machinery, wagons, work animals, etc., also the cost of construction or extension of buildings, silos, fencing, etc., should be considered additional investments in the farm and are not proper deductions against income.

A reasonable allowance may be claimed for wear and tear on farm buildings (except the farmhouse), fences, machinery, work animals, wagons, tanks, windmills and other farm equipment which is used in the conduct of the farm.

As to autos and tractors, the cost of these is not an expense, although the cost of their upkeep is an allowable deduction, if the machines are used exclusively for farm purposes and not for pleasure. Also, in such cases, a deduction for wear and tear is allowed.

Farm Losses. The loss of a growing crop is not a proper deduction from income, inasmuch as the value of the crop had not been taken into gross income. The loss of a building or of machinery through storm, lightning, flood, etc., is an allowable deduction, but care should be used to ascertain the correct loss sustained, as restricted by income tax regulations.

No deduction is allowed in the case of loss of animals raised on the farm, but a loss is deductible from gross income if the animals had been purchased for draft or breeding purposes.

Shrinkage in weight or value of farm products held for favorable market prices cannot be deducted as a loss, for the reason that when such products are sold the shrinkage will be reflected in the selling price.

Sale of Farms and Land.

The value of agricultural lands has been jumping during the past few years, and during 1919 many owners sold out part or all of their lands at big profits. All such gains constitute income and must be taken into the net income for the year.

Any person who sold part of a farm or ranch, or part of a parcel of land, must also show any gains realized by the sale.

The method of figuring gains and losses on such transactions is prescribed in the Income Tax regulations, copies of which may be secured from Internal Revenue Collectors.

Forms for Returns.

The Internal Revenue Bureau has issued an improved Form 1040E for the use of farmers. This form, together with Form 1040A or 1040, will

give the farmer explicit information as to how to properly figure his net income for 1919.

There are two methods of figuring a farmer's income tax return this year. He may make his return on the basis of the difference between the money and goods received for his products and the cash paid out for actual allowable farm expenses within the year. Or he may make his return on the accrual basis, which means computing the receipts and expenses that pertain to the taxable year, excluding incomes earned and expenses incurred in previous or succeeding years.

INCOME TAX IN NUTSHELL

WHO—Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more for the year 1919.

Married couples who had net income of \$2,000 or more.

WHEN—March 15, 1920, is final date for filing returns and making first payments.

WHERE—Collector of Internal Revenue for District in which the person resides.

HOW—Full directions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT—Four per cent normal tax on taxable income up to \$4,000 in excess of exemption. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of taxable income. Surplus tax on income over sixty-

THE SLATON STATE BANK ADVISES CUSTOMERS TO REGISTER LIBERTY BONDS

Banks generally are being warned against hold-up gangs and burglars flocking to Texas. Most of the loot taken lately from banks in other sections have been Liberty Bonds and War Saving and Thrift Stamps. They were easily accessible to robbers, as they were placed in lefts generally used for filing away customers' papers not so valuable, and in lock boxes that are easily opened.

We trust that our customers when reading this, if their bonds and stamps are filed away as above stated, will get them out and let us register them for our record and place them in our money safe. We are amply insured against losses of this kind, and when recorded and placed in our burglar-proof safe, you have protection in two ways. First, it is not often that burglar-proof safes are blown open. Second, if it should be, we would have our register which would quickly aid us in determining the loss.

SAFETY FIRST. THE SLATON STATE BANK.

HERE'S A BARGAIN AND YOU CAN GET POSSESSION OF IT WHEN YOU BUY IT

We have a good 4-room house, newly papered, 6 lots, well and windmill, desirable location, priced right and on good terms. You can get possession of this place the minute you buy it. Let us show it to you.

A. M. WATSON CO. Telephone 116

NOTICE.

We are in the market to buy the mineral rights under your land. We wish to hear from every land owner in Texas.

GIDEON OIL, COAL & STEEL CO. 1502½ Elm St., Dallas, Tex.

Remember—We answer no letters unless you send one dollar to register yourself as a correspondent and friend of the company. (We will send you one share of stock for the dollar you send.)

P. S.—We want to employ a representative in each County in the State.

Farm Bargain Near Wilson.

480 acres 4 miles east of Wilson, Lynn County, large residence, good barn and outbuildings, well, windmill, and earth tank. Price only \$46.50 per acre, one-fourth cash, balance on terms to suit purchaser.

A. M. WATSON CO.

Before buying your 1921 calendars, wall pockets or fans see our line. We will save you money. THE SLATONITE.

210 Acres, 5 Miles of Slaton.

210 acres 5 miles of Slaton, 150 acres in cultivation, good residence, barn, well, etc. \$57.50 per acre, \$5,000 cash, 12 years on balance.

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WANT CITY PROPERTY.

Will trade good Overland touring car, in fine condition, for city property. What have you to offer? W. DONALD.

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WANT ADS

Wanted, For Sale, Lost, Found, Etc. First insertion 2c per word, each subsequent insertion 1c per word.

STORAGE: If you have merchandise or household goods to store see me. My charges are reasonable. MRS. F. HIGBEE.

COMMERCIAL HOTEL at the old Caps' stand. Everything new and clean; house thoroughly renovated and refurnished. Rooms by the day, week, month, or furnished for light house-keeping. See MRS. F. HIGBEE.

DRUMMERS' SAMPLE ROOM: I have a nice, large sample room at the Commercial Hotel for use of traveling men. MRS. F. HIGBEE.

BUSINESS and residence lots in Slaton, will be sold in one or more sales. Easy terms if desired. HUGO SEABERG, Raton, N. M.

SHOATS and pigs for sale. See C. JOHNSON, southeast corner town.

FOR SALE: Buick Six, almost new, at a bargain. This car has had private use and it is a bargain. Call O. E. SEARS LAND CO., Lubbock, Tex.

FOR SALE: A good, well improved farm of 156 acres, one half mile of Southland, Texas, which is one of the Post farms. Price \$75 per acre. For terms and other information address PAUL SHERROD, 179 Madison Ave., Atlanta, Ga.

WANT TO RENT PIANO. Will take good care of it.—T. L. REED.

BRICK MASON: If in need of a brick mason apply at Howerton's. Ask for E. V. SEIDEMAN.

FOUND: Lap spread, near town. Owner can get same by calling at this office, describing it, and paying for ad.

SET double buggy harness for sale. See H. A. JOHNSON.

Watch the date on the label of your paper. It tells when your subscription expires.

OUTING PARTIES. If you are planning an outing or moonlight picnic see me for transportation. I can carry as many as twelve or fifteen in a party. W. E. BUNCH, or call phone No. 12.

Church of Christ.

Preaching every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Rev. Ribble of Lubbock, Pastor.

Real Estate Bargains

Below we are listing a few bargains in farm lands and city property for your consideration. If you do not find anything in this list see us and we can supply your needs. You can not go wrong if you will invest your money in the kind of real estate we are selling, as you will always find the price to be right.

730 acres seven miles south of Southland; 530 acres in cultivation; good 5-room house, extra large barn. This place is an ideal home and can be bought worth the money. Priced at only \$50 per acre. Terms.

We have for sale two good 2-room houses, close in, on very desirable corner; good well and other improvements. If you want something close in, convenient to town, schools and churches, see us about these places. Will sell separately or together.

AN EXTRA SPECIAL BARGAIN. Good 5-room residence, near business part of town, close to schools and churches; good well, and outbuildings, newly papered throughout. We can sell you this for only \$1750 and give good terms. Can give possession at any time.

42 acres adjoining the city limits of Slaton, well improved, all in cultivation. A bargain at \$6,500.

We have for sale 75 acres adjoining the city limits of Slaton; 4 acres in orchard, 2 acres in vineyard, good residence, very large barn, garage, and all other necessary outbuildings; two good silos, and everything else that goes with a well improved place. For a limited time we are offering this bargain for only \$12,000, which includes all the farm implements, wagons, etc. on the place. Part of the live stock and feed can also be bought if desired. Better see us at once if you want this bargain.

If you want to buy see us, and we can furnish you with just the thing you are looking for. If you want to sell let us list your property, as we have many good prospects that are interested in this section of the State. Let us show you how quick we can dispose of your real estate if it is priced right.

A. M. Watson Co. Phone 116 SLATON, TEXAS

**OLD-TIME COLD CURE—
DRINK HOT TEA!**

Get a small package of **Hamburg** Breast Tea at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teacup full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus breaking up a cold.

Try it the next time you suffer from a cold or the grip. It is inexpensive and entirely vegetable, therefore safe and harmless.

**RUB RHEUMATISM FROM
STIFF ACHING JOINTS**

Rub Soreness from joints and muscles with a small trial bottle of old **St. Jacobs Liniment**

Stop "dosing" Rheumatism. It's pain only; not one case in fifty requires internal treatment. Rub soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Liniment" right on the "tender spot," and by the time you say Jack Robinson—out comes the rheumatic pain. "St. Jacobs Liniment" is a harmless rheumatism cure which never disappoints and doesn't burn the skin. It takes pain, soreness and stiffness from aching joints, muscles and bones; stops sciatica, lumbago, backache, neuralgia. Limber up! Get a 30 cent bottle of old-time, honest "St. Jacobs Liniment" from any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pains, aches and stiffness. **Don't suffer!** Rub rheumatism away.

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Civic and Culture Club.

average for all foreign countries is \$100,000.

The Civic and Culture Club met at the home of Mrs. J. A. McHugh last Saturday afternoon, with Mrs. McHugh and Miss Jeannette Ramsey, as hostesses. It was largely attended.

The program was a musical one and a very interesting study of the two famous operas, "Il Trovatore" and "Faust," and their composers, was conducted by Mrs. H. A. Tait. Excellent papers were given by Miss Kuykendall, Mesdames McHugh, Levey, and Baldwin.

Guests for the afternoon were Mesdames I. E. Madden and L. W. Smith. After the program a very enjoyable hour was spent, which was followed by elaborate courses of refreshments.

Missionary Society.

The Methodist ladies held their regular monthly social meeting Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Percy Minor, with Mesdames Minor, Joe McDonald, L. C. Odom, and Robbie McReynolds, hostesses.

A number of the officers gave their reports, which showed that the society was in good shape financially, that their work was progressing nicely, and that many new members had already been added this year.

The afternoon was a delightful one for every member present and the finishing touches were delicious refreshments served by the hostesses.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. S. H. Adams, in their Bible study. The lesson will be the 16th chapter of First Samuels.

B. W. M. W.

The Baptist ladies enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. J. Daniels, when she and Mrs. J. W. Hood were hostesses to the society.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, and cocoa were served.

The program at the next meeting will be led by Mrs. E. M. Lott, in their Bible study lesson.

Subject, "The Life With a Message."

Topics will be discussed by the following:

- Topic No. 1, Mrs. J. H. McCauley.
- Topic No. 2, Mrs. Ray Stephenson.
- Topic No. 3, Mrs. E. S. Brooks.
- Topic No. 4, Mrs. J. J. Daniels.

Junior-Sophomore Party.

Miss Mamie Haney entertained the Sophomores at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Haney, Wednesday evening. The attendance was good. Games and music on the phonograph were enjoyed. Refreshments of gelatin with cream and cherries, cake and hot chocolate were served.

Civic and Culture Club Program.

The next meeting of the Civic and Culture Club will be held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Brewer with Mrs. J. D. Butler as assistant hostess. The pro-

gram follows: Roll call answered by one minute talks on some current topic of interest. Lesson study conducted by Mrs. R. G. Shankle. Questions taken from pages 105 to 107, January American Magazine.

Yeomen Entertain.

Slaton Homestead No. 4679, Yeomen Lodge, held their regular meeting Friday evening, Feb. 27th, with a large attendance. The applications of four new members were presented and accepted.

After the business session refreshments of sandwiches, pie, cake and hot chocolate were served to about fifty members.

All members are urged to be present at our next meeting when there will be a large class of candidates to initiate and something to eat.

REPORTER.

Mrs. Walter Davis Entertains.

Mrs. Walter Davis entertained a number of the young folks at her home on Thursday night of last week, with progressive forty-two buncho and finch. A very enjoyable evening was reported. Refreshments of punch and cake were served.

Party at Klattenhoff Home.

Miss Clara Klattenhoff entertained a large number of the young people at the pretty country home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Klattenhoff, on Wednesday night of last week. Progressive forty-two was the diversion of the evening. Before leaving the guests were served with delicious refreshments.

High School Notes.

Miss Mattie Lokey, senior girl, was absent the first of the week on account of illness. She went to Lubbock Wednesday for treatment. We hope her illness is not serious and that she will be back in school soon.

Last Friday the boys' basketball team went to Ralls. The score was close, 9 to 10 in their favor. The opposing team made the winning point just as the whistle blew for end of the game. Ralls will come to Slaton on Friday two weeks from now to play. This time we are going to win.

Miss Zona Bean, ex-senior girl, was a pleasant caller on the civic class Tuesday morning.

Last Monday night the "Fish" had a candy pull in the domestic science rooms. Thirteen were present besides Misses Parker and DeShazo. A good time was reported.

Thursday night the Preps also gave a candy pull and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

The boys' basketball team had a game planned for Wilson Wednesday, but on account of the dreadful weather, the game was called off.

**TULIA BOY SCOUTS PROPERLY
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(From Tulia Herald.)

If you want to know what a boy is worth, ask his mother. She will tell you that he is worth more than money, cattle or lands. The best thing known of which to make a real man is a real boy; one that is never so still as when he is moving and one that works more when he does not work than when he does work.

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ed with and loving our boys. To this end that he might be of service to them he asked for a commission to organize the Boy Scouts of Tulia; which commission was received last week, naming the following officers:

- T. C. Willett, Scout Master.
- A. B. Haynes, Assistant.
- H. H. Tracy, E. G. Barks, and J. M. Simpson, committee.

The Scout Master invited fourteen of his Scout friends from Slaton, with whom he had been closely associated for the past four years, viz: T. A. Worley, Garland Tait, Herbert Tait, Sug Robertson, all first-class Scouts; Gilder Levey, Charles Smith, Woodie Rodgers, Edwin McCann, Earl Florence, Royce Pember, and John Abel, all second-class Scouts, and Wilson McKirahan, mascot and drummer, to assist in making real Scouts out of Joe Bailey, J. C. Cowan, J. V. Stephens, Weldon McFarling, Horton Tracy, Vernon Lain, Elvis Ward, Royle Cantrell, Glen Wheeler, Ernest Wheeler, Orin Porter, Raymond Wilson, Jack Henderson, Foy Curry, and Paul Bruce.

The Slaton boys are the just-right kind, who conduct themselves, not as little men but as real boys, worth while boys, such as you would appreciate. They were full of PEP, vim, vigor and vitality and when they met our boys last Saturday afternoon in the W. O. W. hall and administered the Scout initiation, they surpassed anything ever known to the Elks or Shriners. Our boys will tell you that they were sat on, stove up, rolled, flattened out, marked and branded so they will hereafter be known as real Scouts.

A Scout is obligated, in part, to keep himself "physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

After the ceremonies Rev. A. D. Haynes and J. M. Simpson made short talks to the boys on the impressive ceremonies through which they had just passed and the great things that come to us when we live up to the obligation of a Scout. The boys from Slaton were then each pointed out by their former Scout Master and introduced as being members of the best families of Slaton; boys who can be depended upon at all times to do the right thing, that they were real helpers in their community and that they can do anything that is worth while for real boys.

The Slaton Scouts were the guests of our Tulia boys and they were all admonished by the Scout Master to attend church and to take their Slaton friend to the church of his choice. They all attended services and were well behaved, good listeners. The Tulia Scouts had only one kick to make at the Slaton fellows, viz: "You did not stay long enough."

About 9 o'clock, just before their departure, Mrs. Willett, good wife of the Scout Master, served delicious refreshments at her home to all the Scouts, who made their appreciation known as only a real boy can.

SNAP SHOTS.

(From Dallas News.)

Probably it isn't very important, but sometimes we have wondered where a girl who smokes carries her matches.

Our position simply is that any woman has got a right to kiss a dog if there are no other candidates.

It has just about gotten so in this country it is easier to learn the carpenter's trade than to hire a carpenter.

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Business is moving ahead by leaps and bounds. Every paper is carrying many advertisements for commercially trained help. A country-wide investigation of employment conditions, to get information as to the help in greatest demand, shows the following results: 1338 of 2445 advertisements for help specified a business training, and 524 of the remaining 1107 advertisements were for positions that office assistants grow into. No other profession can claim one-fifth as great a demand. In fact, this proves that there is a greater demand for business training than all other trades and professions combined. Are you passing up a business training and its wonderful opportunities to become a day laborer, house maid, department store clerk, telephone operator, factory hand, etc.? Uncle Sam did not send untrained soldiers to France to win the war. Neither will American business men place untrained men and women in their offices, banks, etc., to win in this great battle for business supremacy. If you want to work with the big men in business you must get a business education.

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UNION.

A crowd of young people went to Idalou to a singing convention, but it happened to be at Hardy.

The services held here Sunday afternoon by Rev. McCauley of Slaton were well attended and enjoyed.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely under the direction of our new superintendent.

The box supper Friday night was very successful. We are looking forward eagerly to the time when we can get our equipment for the school grounds.

Misses Pool and Mitchell and Mr. Ed Teal were visitors in Lubbock Saturday.

Patterson Balch is on the sick list this week.

A very interesting meeting was held at Union school house Friday, accompanied by Judge Moore, met with the local school board and a number of the patrons. Many interesting talks were heard. Even though many of the ladies of the community were sick the married men brought dinner which was served. Whether they cooked it or not we do not know, but it was very nice and everybody enjoyed it.

Our school is progressing fine with a full enrollment, and all pupils are doing good work.

Mrs. Holt is on the sick list this week, suffering from a relapse of flu.

Sankey Johnson is back in our community. We all welcome him back. He is building a new home.

Mrs. L. M. Teal has just returned from a sanitarium in Lubbock where she underwent treatment, and is improving nicely.

We have a thresher in our community this week.

Mrs. Russell is on the sick list this week.

Messrs. Claud and Floyd Shipman, Clarence and Roy Hall attended the show in Lubbock Saturday night.

Singing Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Russell was largely attended and highly enjoyed.

Miss Vera Shipman spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Roberta Johnson.

Miss Ruby Bramlett spent Sunday in Idalou visiting relatives.

"Tee" Williams and a number of other boys from Slaton attended the box supper Friday night. Come again boys, your visits are enjoyed even if they do cost you "money and fun."

Mrs. Lois Rodgers has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. M. Teal this week.

Little Nona Lee Teal returned home with her sister, Mrs. Rodgers, to spend the week.

Mrs. C. A. Osburn is very sick this week.

(Write every week and give your address in full so that we can send you stationery.—Editor.)

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plausible yarn to save appearances, and when I handed him my letter with the dime and begged him to mail it for me I knew I was saved. But I have never yet attempted to count up the lies those diamonds cost me!

It was now a little after ten and there was nothing for me to do but wait and shiver. I began to think coherently—to appreciate what monsieur himself would be getting into by calling the police or the customs authorities to help him steal Mrs. Delario's diamonds.

And yet I saw perfectly he could do it! Where he had her was that she'd smuggled the stones. He knew it—I knew it—Claire knew it. And if he were bold enough to steal them from her in just that way I wasn't sure but she was timid enough to let him do it.

I suddenly remembered what George had told me about his renting the flat. "Why, the man was here before we were!" I exclaimed. "He took a faster steamer—he was all ready to carry through the job when we landed!" And with that I suddenly remembered another thing that had entirely slipped my mind: while our baggage was being examined—or rather not examined—and Claire was weeping—and everybody was flying round and asking everybody if he'd seen her mother—an elderly man in a big fur automobile coat, the collar up about his face and his cap down over his brow—a man with a flowing white beard and flashing, black, beady eyes—a man on crutches—had stood opposite us, watching. As I looked at him I had the quick impression that there was something wrong about him—that he was there, perhaps, to steal from the incoming baggage in the confusion. The next moment my eye fell on a turquoise-beaded slipper—hers or mine, I didn't know which—that had fallen down between our suitcases. The old gentleman had his eye on it also. I saw his hand come out of his big pocket and reach, cautiously, slowly. My own hand shot out and grabbed the slipper from under his nose, and I gave him a double-barreled glare. I hadn't finished the glare when my cousin came hurrying to tell me to be quick, our baggage was through.

I had, as I say, forgotten the whole incident, but—THE MAN IN DISGUISE WAS MONSIEUR DE RAVENOL.

I knew it then—he confessed it later; he had expected to get those diamonds into his clutches while they were actually going through the customs inspection! I bounced out of my chair with one glad whoop—"Eureka!—I have found it!" and pranced to my bedroom. I had the key to the whole puzzle—"one of those slippers!"

When I asked Mrs. Delario that afternoon over the telephone how she got the diamonds through the customs house she replied, "One of those slippers we got in Paris is lost." Those were the words she said; what she really communicated was " . . . one of those slippers we got in Paris . . . is lost." The tones of her voice—the significant pauses—had been ignored by me then. But add "in" and drop "is lost" and she answered my question—she told me as plain as plain could be that she had smuggled the diamonds through the customs house "in one of the slippers."

Easy enough! I snatched them from beside my bed. Easy enough—with those high insteps. So that was how she did it!

Claire had been snooping till she found out where the diamonds were—that was what her father sent her over for. But she was not to steal the diamonds herself—the risk of her being caught with the goods was too great—that was her father's job; she was to give the signal—he was to get the stones. And why hadn't her mother met her, unless to create the confusion for Mrs. Delario and me that would make it possible for him to turn the trick? Why had he come over by a faster steamer except to be ready for it?

It's precisely what he did. I learned it all later. He came over ahead of us, passed himself off in disguise, and forged credentials as an Italian government secret service agent tracing an old master that had been recently stolen from one of the Italian museums and that was known to be coming to America—smuggled, of course—in charge of a certain woman, whom he

knew by sight.

To carry out this pose he had already met several incoming steamers and he was prepared to step up to Mrs. Delario, demand to search her baggage and then—one turn of his hand and he could have walked off with her diamonds in his pocket, shed his disguise and let her whistle for them. Instead of that he got a glare from me!—one twist of my hand and I had "one of those slippers"—he didn't know which and he didn't dare to speak for fear I'd recognize him!

And thus his whole plot fell to the ground—also all my interesting occult mystery about three rotating slippers that toed the wall of their own accord after they'd been set heel to the wall and then walked out of a locked flat and then came home and hid in my wardrobe.

Monsieur had turned the slippers when he set them down hurriedly—the suggestion of all the other slippers, toe to the wall, had been too strong for his memory of three slippers heel to the wall after he had picked them up. That was his one inexcusable blunder in the whole affair—it had set me watching.

But Claire a thief!—or the accomplice of a thief! That high-bred girl—that rare, accomplished child!

I couldn't believe it—I wouldn't believe it. She was acting in good faith whatever she did. Perhaps he had convinced her that the diamonds were



Billy Was Embarrassed.

his—that Mrs. Delario was robbing him! I felt it then the holdest, cleverest plot I had ever heard of—I actually admired him for the daring and the intellectuality of it—as a feat it

Yes, once having the key to it in the slipper, I saw the whole plot as plain as day; the one point puzzling me was: how did monsieur know I had the diamonds now? I couldn't make that out at all—not if I believed Mrs. Delario hadn't told him, and I thought she was the only other living person who knew it. Well, I had them, and I'd keep them for all of monsieur until I returned them to her.

At a quarter after six or thereabouts I heard the front bell ring three two's I'd told Billy Rivers to use as his signal, and I skimmed along the hall in my Eureka frame of mind—never once thought of precautions or of calling through first and making sure it was Billy—and flung the door open wide.

As the door flew back I realized the fool thing I'd done; and then without even looking to see who it was I caught the door and tried to shut it again. But he pushed. I looked, then cried "Billy!" and grabbed him by the arm. I knew I didn't deserve it—it ought by the rights of romance to have been the villain.

"Oh, Billy—my deliverer—you dear!" I gasped the minute the door was shut. "I declare you're good enough to kiss!" and with that—I up and did it!

Billy was embarrassed. He appraised my salutation at, "Aw—say—" and a sheepish grin; so I felt obliged to add, as I dragged him along the hall, "But I used to kiss you years and years ago."

"Why, so you did—in my Stone age," acknowledged Billy, his tone implying that he'd passed through some eons of civilization since; and with that he thrust a big package in my hands, saying laconically, "Some cats."

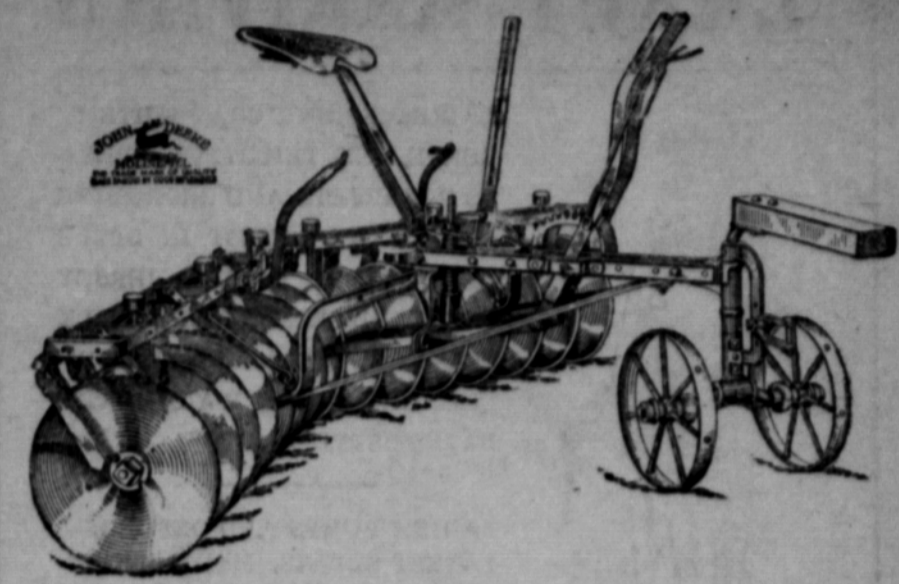
"Some cats!" I gurgled, remembering suddenly that I was starving. "Billy—I could kiss you again—"

"Aw—say—" he parried, and grabbed the package and began tearing off the wrapper. "It's so sudden—but thank you ever so much, and for heaven's sake tell me what's happened! I'll bust if you don't."

"I've run off with a million dollars' worth of diamonds, that's all."

For a minute Billy looked as if he thought I'd run off with my senses; then he observed in that sooty, con-

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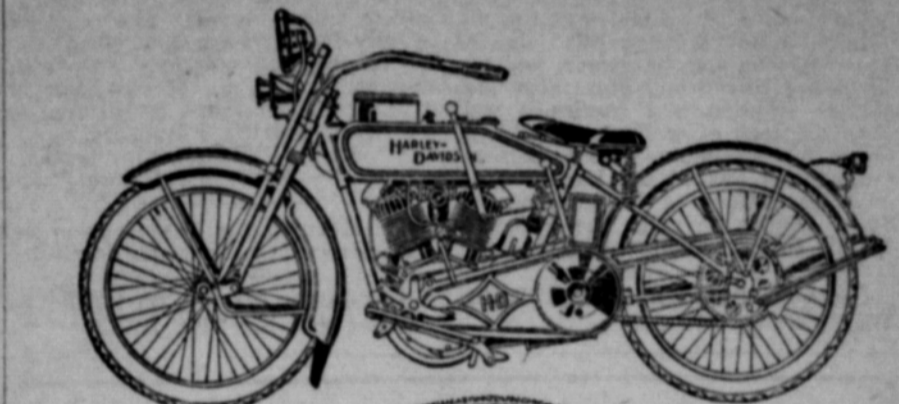
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tonish me. It provoked me, though, that I could not order something from the grocer and the butcher for my dinner. I go out to dinner, but tonight, even had I been so minded, I dared not leave the flat.

Outside the drizzle had settled to a steady downpour. It was dark and gloomy and my feelings were the same as I opened some canned stuff and got as much of a meal as I could with what was in the house. I think it was the skimpiness of the larder at the time that showed me as much as anything else how important it was for me now to get help—I had food enough to last for a couple of days, and after that—if things kept on this way—how was I to get it?

Billy Rivers was, of course, my logical resource. He had seen the flat the night before—he could start all the protective machinery in the city for me. With this resolution, I went to the telephone. It was "dead"—my connection was severed! I didn't need to be told that monsieur had cut my wires!

The full magnitude of my calamity burst upon me and I sat down on the nearest chair with a flop. The bitter fact of the whole situation struck me like a blow on the head—I'd let every chance for protection or flight go by me; the one remaining chance was a letter entrusted to my spy. Well, I'd try that, anyway.

I spent an hour in composing a missive to Billy that would tell him a great deal and monsieur nothing—if it fell into his hands—and this is what came out of it:

"Dear Billy: I'm ready to sell you that story I promised. It is now nearly finished, but I shall need some help from you in arranging the climax. Don't waste time telephoning—the telephone is out of order—but attend to it personally. This is an ambulance call."

If all hinged on the words "ambulance call" and if Billy would read them "hurry up," and then, taking them in connection with what he'd seen of the flat robbery, read, "My life is in danger."

And would monsieur see it if the letter fell into his hands? That was my risk—and there you are!

I made three copies. I directed one to Billy at his office—I inclosed one in a letter to Philadelphia to my brother asking him to mail it there—I dropped the third, carelessly, into the manuscript of a short story, sent to a magazine, hoping the editor would think it an accident and kindly mail it for me.

It was half past ten and I was fagged out. My last chance had come. "Would George mail the letters?" I got a quarter out for him—I was afraid to give him more and make him think the letters were important and not the sort of thing he mailed for me almost every night.

I dragged one weary foot after the other along the hall—I hated to let the letters out of my hands now that I had them ready. "Well, he's got to do it!" said I firmly, and took hold of the door knob and the Yale latch.

I turned and pulled; turned the other way round and pulled again. I was locked in from the outside and the key was in the lock! I was hard and fast a prisoner in my own flat!

The immediate effect on me of this discovery is hard to describe. My head swam and the room went round, and everything was all mixed up, and I kept repeating: "Fire! If there's a fire to fight I'll be burned like a rat in a trap!"

And with that I went to bed—there was nothing else to do.

I was nearly as much astonished in the morning to find the key gone from the lock as I had been to find it there. Apparently I was free to take the eleven o'clock train for Philadelphia. That is fake telegram from my brother had requested me to—I was free to put the diamonds in my stocking and step out into—the Great Unknown! Only—I wasn't such a fool as to do it! I could and did, however, give George my letters to mail.

One thing was now clear to me—as long as I stayed in the flat I was comparatively safe—I must make my main play that Billy had got my letter or that somebody would call. Though of course George would say I was out—he was paid for that by monsieur

In this manner of living—afraid to go out and being unable to communicate even with the grocer—two days wore away; to be exact, from Tuesday night to Friday morning. And they were enlivened by some interesting experiences. On the second night I was awakened by the sound of a latchkey working at my front door. I tiptoed into the hall and listened. I can't say I was frightened. The chain-bolt was on and the only way it could be got off was by first shutting the door tight—which meant it could not be worked back with a wire. I had seen to that when the locksmith put it in.

Nothing came of this attempt to fit a key to my new lock, and I got comfort out of the thought that it proved monsieur regarded the fire escape as much too public for his performances.

I had given George my letters to mail on Wednesday morning, but as Thursday wore away and Billy didn't come I saw what I was in for—I was to be starved into leaving the flat. I was already weak for want of food; I suppose my belief in imminent starvation had something to do with it, but as a matter of fact I had had nothing that could be called a square meal since Monday night at the restaurant, and I hadn't eaten much then—I was too excited over my encounter with monsieur. Oh, how I wished I'd eaten that egg Mrs. Jimmson boiled for me—it might have saved my life! Yes, I was weak with hunger, and by Sunday night there would not be a mouthful in the house to eat. It was now Thursday evening.

That night monsieur picked the new Yale lock on the front door!

How long he'd been working at it before I woke up I can't say, and I might never have known it at all if he hadn't accidentally dropped his bunch of keys on the tiled floor. Their tinkling awoke me. I knew on the instant what it was and lay perfectly still while I felt him listening for a sound from me to show that I was awake. I should say I lay there fifteen minutes before he went on with his job.

Softly I crept out of bed. I tiptoed through the hall and placed myself back of the door where he could not see me should he get it open.

We stood thus possibly five minutes, his work lighted by the hall gas jet. I in total darkness, while keys slid into the lock, slid out and clicked against the bunch he had in his hand. It was a large bunch, judging from the sound.

The sixth key did it. The Yale lock turned once—twice. He withdrew the key and I heard him taking it off the ring and dropping the bunch into his pocket. He put the key once more in the lock and tried again to make sure. It was not till then that he unlocked the lower lock—the one he kept me prisoner with. He'd never once given me the chance to pop out on him till he was ready to pop in on me!

And now he was ready. The key turned—the door handle turned. A strip of light showed over his head and slowly widened. The chain-bolt slid and slid, almost noiselessly, along its socket. Then it stopped.

I think he hadn't noticed it at first—he had turned the gas low and as he stood he cut off the light. When the door suddenly stopped he moved aside to see what was hampering him. I saw the glitter of the brass chain. He saw it too. Then darkness again, and I felt rather than saw his fingers come through the crack and feel the chain.

Next came the whole hand and worked at the chain—but the farther

he pushed it back the tighter closed the door. It was meant to be that way, but he didn't yet know it!

He bared his arm and thrust it through the crack and felt along the slot to the hole in the end. This was my chance to give him one with the brush—but I didn't. Truth to tell, I was too paralyzed with excitement. I had my chance and let it go.

I did nothing—said nothing—scarcely breathed the whole time he was there. And to this day I don't know if I could have bettered the situation by doing anything but what I did—nothing.

He wasted very little time on the chain. It took him not more than



Next Came the Whole Hand.

two minutes to learn that he couldn't get the bolt out at the end of the slot without first shutting the door—which meant it couldn't be got out except from the inside. He withdrew his hand. There was a dead pause in which he seemed to be considering what to do next. Then he closed the door and locked me in again. I did not hear him leave—only, when the door closed on him all was silent. He probably crept up and down the stairs in gum shoes. And with my teeth chattering I asked myself my now favorite question, "What next?" I was to have it answered in a way I didn't expect.

CHAPTER XI.

One of the Slippers.

I went back to bed, and thus ends Thursday night. Friday morning found me pretty desperate. I felt I must now get help or literally die—of starvation, if nothing worse; for if I went out, how that monsieur had a key to my flat, he could slip in and lock me out and stay till he found the diamonds. And if I took them out with me—well, that was something I simply couldn't think of. Nothing had come of the letters I had given George to mail—he had always stuck to it that he put them in the box immediately; well, he put them in the box—but not until Saturday, as I happen to know by the postmarks on two of them. But let that go. On Friday morning the one person I could positively trust to mail a letter for me popped into my head—the postman.

I rang for George and it was a solemn face I showed in exchange for his ivory smile.

"George, I seem to have lost a check in the mail," said I soberly. "I want you to bring the postman up on his next trip so I can see about it."

"I don't know nothin' about it," he exclaimed excitedly. "If it come I bring it up—that's a sure thing."

"Nobody says you took it," I reminded him. "But I must see the postman on his next trip."

"Well, I ain't take no letter and no check," George still protested. But I held my peace—George had done something about my letters he was afraid I'd find out. And I did—by the next delivery. He brought up one with my brother's business address on the outside, the postmark in New York three days old!

He hurried down to catch the man on his next trip, and through the top of the disappearing car sung out to me, "I ain't take no letter and no check!"

I rushed to my study, and this is the letter I dashed off to Billy:

Dear Billy: That affair is now life and death. Come at once—but tell nobody till you've seen me. Bring two good revolvers. Don't bother with the telephone—my wires are cut and I'm a prisoner being starved to death in my own flat.

Billy—this is the biggest story—and romance—you ever struck. When you get to the house the elevator boy will tell you I'm not at home. It's a lie—I'm upstairs. If he refuses to bring you up, walk. If he tries to prevent your coming up—or if he calls on the detective sitting in the lower hall—go to the nearest police station and get a couple of men. But don't do this till you've tried every other possible way of reaching me. Try it by the roof of the flat house next door.

Drop everything and come—only don't drop the revolvers—mine was taken that night. And Billy—you'd better leave a sealed envelope with some friend telling where you are and that if you don't telephone in—say—three hours he is to come to the house with the police. But keep this secret, and for heaven's sake hurry, and if you can as easy as not bring me something to eat—I'm out of everything but four rolls and three sardines. Only hurry.

I addressed this to Billy at his office, found a ten-cent piece for special delivery, and hadn't more than just got it ready when George spryly brought up the postman.

I was obliged to spin some sort of a

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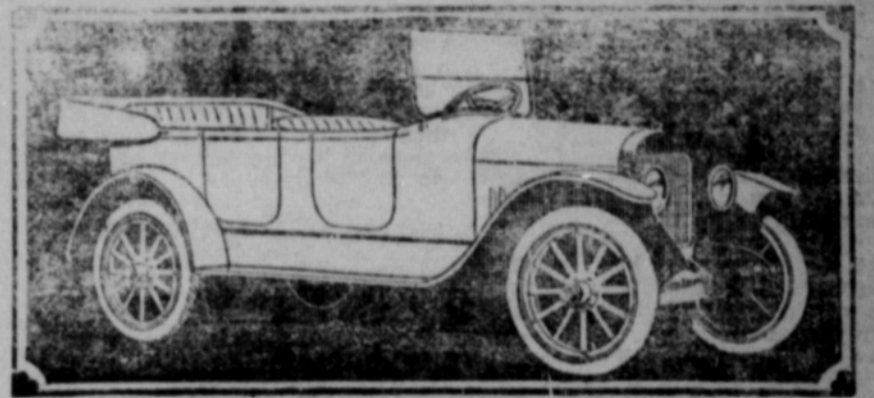
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