

# THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS

Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas, Friday, January 7, 1921

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## Pool Land Will Not be Forfeited

Austin, Dec. 29, 1920.  
County Clerk, Lynn County, Texas.  
Sir:-  
Having ascertained something of the money stringency and utterly impossible it is for the owner to get the land with which to pay their debt I am writing you this to advise you that I am not going to forfeit and on the market land advertised to be forfeited and for sale by first even if the interest is not paid.  
Please phone or write to all banks in your county and to other persons as you may see fit and especially to local newspapers.  
I do not know when forfeiture will be declared, but the time will be given ample time for that event in which to get payments here. I do not think the Government should be against the people the land a time of distress. They should be encouraged to know the Government will try to help them in time of need.  
Yours truly,  
J. T. ROBISON,  
Commissioner.

A fire alarm was turned in today from the residence of Lockwood. The bucket was quickly responded, but proved to be only a prairie directly west of the house, which might have resulted serious had it not been extinguished the proper time. Fortunately no damage was done to property.

J. Smith, Jr., of the Reporter, passed through on Saturday enroute home on a visit in Abilene.

Radiator, of Merkel, Texas a business visitor in Tahoka Saturday and Monday.

Luile Robinson, teacher Nobles school, returned Wednesday from her home in where she spent the holidays with home folks.

Shal Swan, who has held position with the Lynn County Ice Company, the past months, resigned the latter part of the past week and left for Eastland.

W. Charles Kunze, Presbyterian minister from Post, filled appointment for the Presbyterian denomination here yesterday afternoon at the Methodist church.

County Clerk, B. H. Robinson, was at Lubbock Tuesday to attend the funeral of Jim Chase, died at San Antonio, Texas, last of the week. Deceased cousin of Mr. Robinson.

Little child of Mr. and Mrs. Homer St. Clair has been sick at the home in south of the past week, but we had to report it much improved at this writing.

Luallin has resigned his position with the Fuller Gin and is now in the employ of the Garage.

W. L. Knight left the city of the week for Naples, where she went to visit her mother, who is in failing health. Mrs. Knight will probably spend several weeks in that section of the state.

## J. E. Maroney and Miss Bradley Wed Friday

A most beautiful wedding and one of much interest was solemnized Friday December 31st, in the home of Elder R. T. Harris, east of Tahoka, when Miss Grace Bradley became the wife of Mr. J. E. Maroney. The impressive ceremony was solemnized by Elder R. T. Harris, pastor of the Church of Christ of Tahoka.  
Miss Bradley is one of Tahoka's most charming young ladies and for several years has held the position as chief operator on the local telephone exchange board. Her popularity among the people, young and old, is evidenced by the large number of close friends of this young lady. She is the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Bradley, of this city.  
The bridegroom is a young business man of Ranger, Texas, and is well and favorably known in the community in which he resides.  
Immediately after the ceremony the newly weds departed for Post, where they caught the south bound passenger for Ranger, to make their future home.  
The best wishes of their many friends go with them through life.

Jack Alley, the little son of County Clerk and Mrs. B. H. Robinson, has been quite sick the past several weeks at the home in the north part of the city. It is the intention of the parents to take him to a lower altitude just as soon as his condition will permit.

Mrs. John McNeely of the New Home neighborhood is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Keith, of Cushion, Okla.

T. H. Nichols transacted business at Quanah the past two weeks.

Mrs. Becky Roberts is reported on the sick list this week suffering with a severe case of rheumatism.

Mrs. C. B. Townes, and children, returned Saturday from a visit with relatives in Cleburne and other points in that section.

The local banks and Post-office remained closed all day Saturday in observance of New Years. All other business houses in Tahoka were open during the entire day.

Bill Duncan, of the firm of Johnson and Duncan Shoe Repair Shop, Lubbock, was in Tahoka Saturday and Sunday.

## Billy's Taylor Shop Changes Location

W. H. Sanders, owner of Billy's Taylor Shop in Tahoka, moved the first of the week from their former location to their newly purchased quarters directly across the street, and the first door north of the Leedy Hotel fronting the east. Mr. Sanders has built up quite a nice trade in the tailor business since he became the owner of the establishment, and is better prepared than ever to serve his customers since moving into new quarters.

Messrs. Fountain Wyatt, Irby Carruth, Irvin Bradley and A. L. Dardin accompanied the potash crew to Littlefield the first of the week, where they will be employed for several weeks working the lakes in Lamb and Hockley counties.

## Goods Stolen From McCormack Store Found

Several weeks ago a trunk filled with dry goods of every description, was stolen from the McCormack Store in Tahoka, and little was said about the matter at the time in order to give the officers a better chance to capture the robbers. The latter part of last week, a man by the name of Coleman, was taken into custody by the Sheriff's department at Lubbock and lodged in jail. One Mr. Medlin, a confederate of Coleman, was also arrested and is now in the Lubbock county jail charged with stealing.  
The two men have operated in and around Tahoka the past several weeks. A trunk filled with dry goods was returned to the McCormack Store Monday found in the possession of Coleman. Also several auto tires and casings. These men also robbed Knoy's Garage in Tahoka on the same date the McCormack Store was robbed. They also made a raid on the hog lot of Mr. Sims, a butcher at Lubbock, and are charged with stealing a wagon from a firm in Post.  
The Sheriff's department of Lynn county was largely instrumental in capturing the robbers and finding the stolen goods which were stolen in Tahoka.

## Church Notes

Contributions From all Denominations are Invited Under this Head.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

About 7:30 o'clock, Monday evening, we were joyously disturbed by a host of people coming in at the front door. And just about that time someone knocked at the back door, and there stood the delivery wagon loaded to overflowing with good things to eat. To say that we appreciated every article, does not begin to express our gratitude.

Splendid congregations at each service last Sunday. Sunday School growing. Sixty-five present at prayer service Wednesday evening. Let us increase that number.

Subject for Sunday, Jan. 9th., 11:00 A. M.—"Christian Assurance." Subject 6:30 P. M.—"The New Birth."

Everybody has cordial invitation to hear us in the discussion of these two very important subjects.

JAMES H. HUNT, pastor.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Our services last Sunday, real good, 125 present at Sunday school. We ask that each member of the school be in his place next Sunday if possible, and bring a new member with you.

Our themes for next Sunday morning and evening will be as follows:

"The Second Birth" John. 3; 7  
"Fear God" 1 Kings, 18; 12.

When you are not providentially hindered, you owe your presence to the Sunday school and church services. Will you not see that this DEBT is paid?

W. C. HINDS, pastor.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST (North Side)

There will be preaching services at the Church of Christ, (North side) Sunday afternoon, January 9th., at 2:30 o'clock, by Elder Lofton. Everybody is extended a special invitation to attend this service.

G. W. SAMFORD.

## Lyceum Singers Fail to Appear Saturday

The Lyceum Singers, of the Redpath-Horner Company, with headquarters in Kansas City, failed to appear in Tahoka Saturday night, January 1st., as had been extensively advertised in these columns. The quartett would have been the third number of the course, and was being given for the benefit of the Tahoka High School Library. It is not known just why the singers did not appear, and nothing has been heard from headquarters at this writing giving any reasons for their non appearance.

Their failure to render the program was a great disappointment to a large number of people and is not in line with the usual prompt service put out by the Redpath-Horner Company.

Two more numbers of the course are yet to appear here but it is not known whether these dates will be cancelled or not.

With the preparation and expense incurred for the performance Saturday, it is not likely that the list of men on the contract will care to risk another disappointment in the arrival of the troupe on the next date due in our little city.

The contract called for a performance in Tahoka, Saturday, January 1st., 1921, and no excuse whatsoever has been given for the cancellation of the program.

Mrs. G. E. Lockhart accompanied her daughter, Miss Leona, as far as Slaton Monday, on return to Belton, where she is a student of Baylor College.

Miss Lillie Delle Slover returned to Canyon Monday to re-enter the Normal, after spending two weeks with the family here.

Misses Era and Ida Small departed Monday for Brownwood, where they are students in Howard Payne College for the term. They spent some two weeks in Tahoka visiting with home folks.

Rev. R. N. Huckabee, Sunday School Secretary for the Northwest Conference, with headquarters at Amarillo, was in Tahoka in the interest of this work from Saturday till Monday.

Mrs. O. M. Shook returned to her home in Dallas Friday, after an extended visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Crie.

Buford Swan, formerly an employe at Howell's Garage, in Tahoka, resigned the past week, and has gone to Eastland, where his parents reside.

## "Pound" Baptist Pastor

Last Monday night several members of the local Baptist church surprised the pastor, Rev. James H. Hunt, and wife, by giving them a good "pounding" in the way of substantial things to eat. The crowd remained at the parsonage an hour or so and spent the time in general conversation. A most enjoyable evening is reported by those present.

The News failed to mention in last week's issue, the return of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. White from a visit of several weeks in the state of Kentucky. They report a most pleasant trip, but were glad to get back to the great South Plains of Texas.

## "Watch Night" Service Held at M. E. Church

The Epworth League of the local Methodist church held a "Watch Night" service at the church building, Friday night December 31st. A nice program was rendered, beginning at 9:00 p. m. and lasting for more than an hour. The local members of the league were assisted in rendering the program by visitors from Lubbock and Lamesa. The Lubbock delegation, consisting of about fifteen members, was headed by E. E. Haley, president of the League, and the Lamesa delegation was headed by Rev. I. A. Smith, pastor of the Lamesa church. After the program, a large number of those present remained at the church to watch the New Year come in. Bells were rung and whistles blown in celebration of the occasion.

Roy, the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Green in the south part of town underwent a surgical operation on the lungs the first of the week and is reported in a serious condition. Dr. Wagoner of Lubbock, performed the operation.

Mrs. J. L. Heare left the past week for Mineral Wells to attend the bedside of her father, who was reported critically ill. Word was received by Mr. Heare, the first of this week, that his condition was somewhat improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Brown, who were married at Belton, on December 30th., arrived in Tahoka Sunday, and are at home to their friends. They have secured apartments in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Knight. The News is glad to chronicle this estimable couple among our citizenship. Mr. Brown will retain his former position as assistant cashier of the First National Bank.

## Thieves Steal Coal From Baptist Minister

Sometime during Monday night, thieves stole something like 1200 pounds of coal from the pastor of the First Baptist church of Tahoka, Rev. James H. Hunt. A light wagon or hack was used in carrying the coal away, which was on the ground at the barn and near the house. Rev. Hunt stated that he was not disturbed during the night by any unusual noise about the premises and does not see how the thieves could have gotten away with such an amount of the fuel without attracting his attention.

This country can no longer boast of the fact that we can leave our doors unlocked and have valuables on the outside and have nothing to fear because of the honesty of our citizenship. We regret to chronicle that a thief has come and cast a shadow on the good name of our town. Shame on him that would steal at all, and especially from a minister of the Gospel who has just moved within our midst. If he has always lived in our community, we hope he will reform and become an honest citizen. Such characters are certainly not wanted in Lynn county and it is hoped that the officers will secure a clue as to who did the dirty work.

Miss Lola Donaldson returned to Georgetown the middle of the week, where she is a student in the Southwestern University.

## Potash Force Move to Littlefield

The potash crew, which has been working the lakes in Lynn county the past several months, moved temporarily to Littlefield the first of the week, where they will be engaged in the same kind of work in that section.

The men are working under instruction of a northern synecate, and have spent several thousand dollars in testing the large basins for this product.

The work in Lynn county has only been suspended temporarily as a few men remain here to look after unfinished tests which will require several weeks time.

It is practically an assurance that a factory, employing several hundred men, will be established in Lynn county before many months, as the tests have proved highly satisfactory and contain a large per cent of the desired products.

It is understood that the men working the Littlefield territory are under instructions of a Dallas synecate.

Few people locally fully realize the vast amount of mineral products contained in the lake over the county, and cannot conceive of the idea of establishing a large factory in this territory yet it is true that such will surely happen, and will be the means of bringing many hundreds of people to this section of the great South Plains, with Tahoka in the lime light. May the good work progress rapidly.

Miss Leota Knight, a student of Baylor Female College, a Belton, returned to that city the early part of the week.

Miss Mary Walker was a passenger of the northbound train Monday, bound for Abilene, to re-enter Simmons College for the remainder of the term.

Sam Morris, who spent the holidays with home folks, returned to Abilene the first of the week, where he is a student of Simmons College.

Miss Georgia Slover, returned to Castro county Monday, where she is teaching school. Miss Georgia spent the Christmas holidays with her parents here.

Glenn and Gene Brashear, and sister, Miss Helen, returned this week to Clarendon, where they are students in Clarendon college.

## O'Donnell Items

Mr. Sherrill Williams visited friends and relatives in Canyon last week.

Misses Parr and Nobles have returned to take up their school work after spending holidays with their people.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Weathers were Tahoka visitors last week. Miss Mable left Saturday morning for Tahoka, where she will sign a contract for the Dixie school this term.

C. E. Tomilson transacted business in Tahoka the first of the week.

Cull Hart and family and Miss Dovie Chandler are visiting relatives in Colorado this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Barkhurst spent Sunday in Slaton with Mrs. Barkhurst's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Mr. Popplewell came in last week from California. Mr. Popplewell and family will make their home here.

M. W. Hancock was called to Lamesa to the bedside of his father, who was thrown from a horse. At this writing Mr. Hancock is improving. REPORTER

## EMERGENCY TARIFF MEASURE ADOPTED

HOUSE PASSES FORDNEY BILL OVER PROTESTS OF DEFIANT MINORITY

## TEXANS LOSE HARD BATTLE

Efforts Made to Include Duty on Hides, Frozen Meats and Cottonseed Cake

Washington.—Over the protests of a defiant minority, the house adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill by a vote of 196 to 86.

Political lines were swept aside on the final vote, 41 democrats and one prohibitionist combining with 154 republicans supporting the measure, while 14 republicans lined up against the bill.

It was evident long before the vote was taken that supporters of the measure designed to protect some twenty-odd farm products for a ten-month period, had the situation well in hand, but Representative Henry T. Rainey (Dem.) of Illinois, leading the opposition, opened a bitter attack which increased in intensity as the debate wore on.

Paragraph by paragraph, he assailed the measure, while the republicans, with loud roars of "noes," sent his proposed amendments down to defeat.

A few republicans supported him in his attack, but a score of his own party turned from their traditional stand against a high tariff to join the majority.

Opposition speakers charged that the measure would send the cost of living higher and branded it as class legislation. Defenders of the bill, on the other hand, said it would save the agricultural industry. "By presenting a tariff," Mr. Young of Texas, said, "congress would prevent the bringing in of commodities and thereby stop the wheels of commerce under the guise of seeking to help the producers of the country. Another sop," Mr. Young said, was the cotton seed oil. "The farmer, whom you are fond of saying you want to aid, does not produce cotton seed oil. It is the mill people. The cotton seed, the raw product, goes out of the farmer's hands and into the hands of the packers and if you are protecting anyone you are protecting the packers."

He added, "you merely propose to throw a little sop to the cotton producing industry with the 7c a pound on long staple and none of it comes in competition with the vast production of the southern states. I will tell you what the cotton farmer wants. Ninety per cent of the Texas cotton goes abroad and they, as well as other producers, want not a tariff, but an open market to Europe."

## MISS CLARA SMITH TAKEN IN CUSTODY

Woman Charged With Shooting Jake Hamon Gives Up in Juarez

Juarez, Mex.—Clara Barton Smith, wanted in Ardmore, Ok., in connection with the fatal shooting of Jake Hamon here at 6:45 Wednesday and immediately was taken into custody by Sheriff Buck Garrett of Ardmore, who had arrived on the border an hour before.

After Miss Smith stepped off the train, which came from Chihuahua City, she rushed to Sheriff Garrett, shook hands with him cordially and exclaimed, "Mr. Garrett, I am so glad to see you."

The sheriff then conducted Miss Smith to an automobile and the party of peace officers and attorneys drove off in the direction of the home of James L. Smith, the woman's father.

## TOM W. VICKERY IS VICTIM OF ANGRY MOB

Was Held for Killing of Policeman Couch in Fort Worth

Fort Worth, Texas.—Tom Vickery, held in the county jail on a charge of murder growing out of the killing of Policeman Jeff C. Couch Monday night, was taken from jail Wednesday by a mob, carried to a point between Fort Worth and North Ft. Worth and hanged. Shots were fired into his body after he was strung up.

The mob went to the jail shortly after midnight, overpowered the jailer and secured possession of Vickery.

The lynching occurred about three-fourths of a mile from the court house.

## Man Kills Thirty-Six Rattlers.

Rockdale, Texas.—People who were driving near the Kuykendall pasture, near the village of Niles, the other day, were astonished to see a huge pile of rattlesnakes collected near the roadside. There were thirty-six of the reptiles and they were from a foot and a half to five feet and a half in length. Dave Berry of Niles community killed the rattlers with a grubbing hoe and a pitchfork and probably won himself the record as champion rattlesnake slayer.

## GREAT BRITAIN FACING SOME HARD PROBLEMS

UNEMPLOYMENT MAKES OUTLOOK DARKEST IN YEARS. SAYS MINISTER.

London.—The government in its statement to parliament Tuesday was able to give out but little satisfaction to labor's demand for a solution of the unemployment problem, which daily grows more urgent. On the three main difficulties facing the government at the present, finance, Ireland and unemployment, it is reported that the government views unemployment as the most serious. This is probably because the slump in trade aggravates the trouble, eliminates hope of betterment in the near future, and the only remedies in sight are mere palliatives.

It was alleged that Premier Lloyd George is postponing his visit to Nice because of this crisis. It appears more probable, however, this is not the reason, but that the premier's conference at Nice has been delayed to see the results of the Brussels financial conference.

The government is doing its utmost to mitigate the hardships, it only because at least half the men unemployed were young men to whom the country was under profound obligation.

These men, on whom the government had spent 35,000,000 pounds since the armistice, were quite sincere in saying that they wanted not gold but work.

Agitation of the unemployed is gathering momentum. More public buildings have been seized recently in London and local authorities generally are coming to a peaceful arrangement with the men for the use of these buildings during stipulated hours.

## \$150,000 AUTO FIRE AT ABILENE TUESDAY

100 Cars and Trucks, With Large Stock of Accessories, Destroyed.

Abilene, Texas.—Approximately 100 automobiles and trucks, together with machinery and automobile accessories, were destroyed by fire here Tuesday when the garage of Ben Holmes caught fire from undetermined cause. The automobiles and trucks belonging to various persons and firms, Mr. Holmes himself owning ten or twelve.

The loss to the building and contents is estimated at \$150,000, partially covered by insurance, but the majority of them were not.

The building, constructed of wood and corrugated iron, was valued at \$10,000, with some insurance. Holmes had about \$20,000 worth of accessories with \$2,500 insurance.

## BANK BUILDING BADLY DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION

Cashier of Olden Institution Seriously Burned in Accident.

Ranger, Texas.—The Guaranty State Bank of Olden was almost wrecked Tuesday morning and its cashier, Mr. Harris, badly burned when an explosion, supposed to have been from gas, occurred in the vault.

Mr. Harris opened the vault for the day's business and ignited a match on the inside and the explosion followed. While the building is equipped with gas mains, none are in the vault. However, a line runs underneath the safe. It is thought that this line sprang a leak and the gas came up through the concrete.

The building, which is of brick, was cracked about the walls and the glass shattered from the windows. The strength of the steel of the safe withstood the shock.

## COAL SHORTAGE DUE TO SCARE, SAYS CUSHING

Charges Government Officials and Railroads Got Part of Profits.

Washington.—Officials of the United States government and of railroads handling coal received a part of the "extraordinary profits" taken out of part of the coal distributed to consumers last summer, George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal association, charged before a senate committee investigating the coal situation.

Pressed to furnish the names of men against whom he made the charge, Mr. Cushing at first refused, but finally agreed to do so in confidence.

Coal production has reached the point that "anybody can get all he wants at almost any price he wants to pay for it," Cushing testified earlier. Mr. Cushing said \$2.50 a ton at certain Pennsylvania mining points "was a going figure."

## Much Liquor Is Seized.

Dallas.—Three hundred gallons of Jamaica ginger, about 100 gallons of wine of pepsin and four gallons of corn whiskey were seized in a raid Tuesday by federal and city officers.

## Gotham Aroused By Crime Wave.

New York.—Every civic agency in New York has been aroused during the last seven days to the need of new and more effective methods of combating the ever growing series of crime and acts of outlawry. The police commissioner has been given permission to recruit 769 policemen to add to his present forces. Every citizen of New York out on the streets after midnight is liable to search by the police. And in the meantime the violence continues.

## COLLISION KILLS ONE AND INJURES FOUR

FREIGHT STRIKES PASSENGER NEAR CRESSON, KILLING MISS E. JOHNSON.

Fort Worth, Texas.—A freight train crashed into a rear Pullman of a Frisco passenger train near Cresson, 18 miles southwest of here Monday morning. Miss Ethel Joanson, about 25 years old, of Cypress, La., was killed and nine other passengers on the Frisco train were injured. Miss Joanson was the only occupant of the women's dressing-room on the Pullman at the time of the crash. Those injured in the collision are:

Miss Jean Woodward, Fort Worth, badly hurt; Louis Arthur, express messenger, Fort Worth, badly hurt about the head; Henry Toliver, negro Pullman porter, Fort Worth, badly injured; Bernay Sheffield, Brownwood, slightly injured about the feet. Daniel H. Campbell, Chicago, injured about the body.

According to passengers on the train, the freight engine plowed down the aisle of the Pullman car, practically cutting it in two for half of its length. One berth, occupied by Bernay Sheffield, was thrown to the top of the crashing engine and Sheffield was imprisoned in the compartment. Workers in the wreckage saw his hand protruding from a small opening and thought that it was a hand cut off the body of a passenger, but finally heard Sheffield call out, and then with axes cut a way for him to escape. He emerged smiling, according to those who liberated him. He was slightly injured about the feet.

The Frisco train was traveling on a delayed schedule and obeyed a torpedo signal at a bridge near Winscott. Just as it was getting under way the freight train crashed into it.

## CONSTANTINE SAYS HE WILL WORK FOR UNITY

Army to Be Used to Cultivate Good Relations With Allies.

Athens.—Amid the thunder of cannon and the hum of air-circled airplanes and the roaring cheers of a great throng, Constantine of Greece entered Athens Sunday.

His arrival was compared by his admirers to Napoleon's return from Elba, and tears of joy were seen flowing down the cheeks of people swarming near his carriage.

Immediately after alighting from the railway train, Constantine drove to the cathedral, where a magnificent service was given, all the bishops participating.

It was noticeable that no foreign ministers were present during the welcoming ceremonies. The arrival of Constantine was not marred by any incidents.

Constantine read his address from the balcony of the old palace in the presence of 5,000 persons. He was dressed in a Marshal's uniform and Premier Rallis stood on his right. Queen Sophie and Princess Christopher also were present.

He declared he would establish internal unity and exterior peace by using the army to cultivate good relations with the allied powers.

## Harris To Succeed Hamon.

Oklahoma City, Ok.—James A. Harris, at present chairman of the republican state committee, has been endorsed by a majority of the committee at a meeting this afternoon as Oklahoma's national committeeman to take the place of Jake L. Hamon. Mrs. Jake L. Hamon, widow of the deceased national committeeman, received 27 votes of the committee. Harris received 49 votes. Only one member of the committee was absent.

## Man Is Killed By Gasser.

Amarillo, Texas.—A. B. Cook, was instantly killed Saturday morning when gas in the Masterson well blew the cap off the casing, almost completely tearing Cook's chin off. A helper, W. E. Lyon, was hurled twenty feet and knocked unconscious. The derrick was demolished. The gasser is producing 5,000,000 cubic feet.

## Airplane Propeller Kills Lieutenant.

Washington.—Lieutenant W. R. Alexander, son of the secretary of commerce, was killed at Bolling Field Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by the propeller of his airplane as he prepared for a flight.

## Chandler Suffers \$20,000 Fire Loss.

Chandler, Texas.—An entire block of eight frame business buildings was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The total loss is estimated at \$20,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

## Lone Star Asks \$1,000,000.

Dallas.—The Lone Star Gas company has called upon its stockholders for \$1,000,000 in cash, payable Jan. 20, 1923, in order to pay off some of its indebtedness on short-term loans.

## 100 Divorces Granted Saturday.

Houston, Texas.—Judge C. D. Harvey of the eightieth district court Saturday granted more than 100 divorces, a little more than half of the court's record made on a former occasion.

## Shot From Store Kills Man.

Wagoner, Ok.—Joel A. Rutherford, republican county chairman of Wagoner county was killed Thursday morning by the accidental discharge of a rifle in a hardware store beneath his office.

## Points About New Underthings



THERE are several good points about the new undergarments which have been presented for the annual January sales, and this statement is to be taken both literally and figuratively. It is true that points about the bottom, or other edges of garments, have taken the place of hems and that pointed pieces of fabrics are used in many ingenious ways in constructing chemise, night dresses, camisoles and the like. There are points and points; some wide and deep, some small and sharp, and they are most ingeniously used. Right along with them the scallop finishes in almost as great variety and quite as ingeniously.

Aside from these two features there are no startling departures from familiar styles in underthings. It is noteworthy that there is less ornamentation—that is, not so much ordinary lace—on the average underwear than in preceding seasons. Narrow laces and fine tucks are used, embroidered net is introduced in the more expensive pieces and fine hand embroidery enjoys its perennial favor.

Crepe de chine and batiste are still without close rivals, the best-liked of materials, and flesh color apparently in as great demand as white. Night dresses appear to have shed their responsibilities entirely in the matter of covering the arms. The Empire model shown at the right of the picture above is brief as to bodice and long as to skirt, and may be taken as a criterion of the present mode. It has many companions with wider and deeper points or scallops at the bottom, and there is a fancy for bows with long ends of inch-wide satin ribbon, fastened on the bands over the shoulder—making a pretty but ineffectual effort to take the place of the banished sleeves.

The chemise shown has a body fashioned of four points edged with lace and lace straps over the shoulders. Sometimes lace accounts for the entire body of night gowns or chemise with no help, unless one counts in ribbon ornaments in rosettes, bows or flowers. These diaphanous and frivolous garments do not occupy themselves with the matter of providing warmth.

## Sweaters and Their Kindred



SWEATERS take a long step forward in the public mind just before the holidays, and when those who fill winter resorts are assembling their new belongings. If the signs do not fail, about half the population contemplates going somewhere and no one will go anywhere without a sweater or a sweater coat, even when the far tropics are in contemplation. Therefore the manufacturers of sweaters and kindred garments, like scarfs, have presented, as they always must, some ideas that add novelty to the other attractions of their products.

In style the sweater coat, the slip-over and surplice models have evidently been cast for the leading roles in the season's drama. Beautiful management of the knitting, unusual new trappings, much angora wool, are featured. Scarfs are very wide, provided with one or two pockets and worn with a narrow belt of patent leather or a wider belt of the fabric to which the center of the scarf along

one edge is attached. This holds it down in the back. Colors are not garish, but deep orange, warm purples and strong greens find admirers, but are not more popular than black and white. A deep ecru is a great favorite, trimmed with bands in brighter colors. Scarfs have caps to match or hats made of different materials but corresponding in color.

A pretty surplice is shown in the picture above and its trimming marks a new achievement of the looms called wool ostrich. Vari-colored bands of raffia appear among the novelties, also. The scarf with hat to match suggests that hats instead of caps will provide more dignified head covering, and all the styles in sweaters show a trimness that pervades all kinds of models.

Julia Bottomley

## CHRIS DINNER

Billy and Mary...

## BELL FOR IN...

Billy and Mary... next door to see the chine. After they... two, Mary started... said: "It's not like... Mrs. Case asked... machine have you?"... Mary engaged in... last she exclaimed... collic."

Sad Sugg... "I hate to go in a... a lot of roosters are... "Why so?"... "Because there are... around and not a one... se... self... ink... y...

## ROTONA

When the Stomach is Weak... take FORCE, the Rebuilder. This tonic is a refreshing... ready aid to digest... its tendency to streng... crease the functional... the stomach. Its ple... lation produces a s... the gastric juices, al... ach to properly ass... easily digest the food... Besides, FORCE is ap... the most delicate s... necessary.

FORCE is sold by reliable... everywhere, and is sp... cial to men, women a...

"It Makes for..."



If Give... Bee's Stock & Medicine... The old BLACK... for Stock... Ask your... Merchants... Salesman...

## Mother's Baby Power

Has used this... and believes it... for stomach...

When a mother... but FOUR, were... simple, harmless... edly, further evid... unnecessary. This... Ayres of Texas, Tom... children, and believ... Ware's Baby Power... have died. I have... years, and found it... on earth for stomach...

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**From Ear to Ear.**  
Willie was away from home for the time, staying with some friends, was allowed to "sit up" for dinner. A servant came round with a plate of melon, and the hostess and Willie hesitate about helping herself. "Don't you like melon?" asked the hostess encouragingly. "Very much, thank you," replied Willie, "only they make your ears so wet."

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**Midway News**

Mr. M. M. Davis and family visited relatives in Tahoka Sunday.

Mr. Jess Cleveland and family spent Sunday at the Halson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Williams, of Tahoka, visited at the Swan home Sunday.

There was a large crowd at the Watch party at Mr. Halson's Friday night.

Mr. J. A. Cooksey and family spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cowan.

Miss Camilla Tankersley and Miss Ora Hodges, spent Sunday with Miss Ora Huffman.

The singing at Mr. Hoods Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. Owen Vaughn, of O'Donnell and Miss Dovie Henry, of Tee Bar, attended Sunday school at Midway Sunday.

There was quite a crowd of young people went serenading New Years night, all reported a good time and plenty of cake to eat.

Sunday school Sunday morning everybody come and bring somebody with you.

**"RED WING"**

**Tee Bar News**

Our school is progressing very nicely now with Miss Tullis Ferguson as teacher. The Teachers met at the school house Saturday and did some repair work which was needed very badly.

Miss Lelia Short spent Sunday with the Waldrip girls.

Rev. Hart was the Saturday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Estes.

G. W. Short, wife and son were in O'Donnell Sunday afternoon.

W. M. and John Waldrip and families were visiting Sam Young and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Strong and wife and Chas. McNeely of Three Lakes were visiting in our community Sunday.

Misses Winnie and Della Ferguson returned to Clarendon Mooday to re-enter school after a wonderful Christmas.

A prairie fire got started in Judge Elliott's pasture Friday evening and burned off several

hundred acres of land before it was put out. It was not known how it started.

W. M. Waldrip and wife were in Lubbock Tuesday on business. Martha Ann.

**TAKE TIME TO COMPLIMENT**

As "Old Ed Howe" Says, the Kicker Really Does Not Gain Much in the Long Run.

There are so many critics in the press and on the platform that heaven knows enough fault is found with the people. The really unusual thing is a compliment without a string to it. And there are a million things to compliment unreservedly.

In the storm of indignation and faultfinding, you often are almost shocked to see thousands of decent men and women, or communities that are upright and progressive, and institutions honestly and progressively managed. There is so much faultfinding that you expect to find the country going to the devil and thieves and incendiaries on every street and cross road. People actually find too much fault with themselves and their affairs. There is actually much to commend everywhere.

You often hear people say, "The kicker always gets the best of it." The kicker is a man who is always demanding more than is properly coming to him, and who is often given an extra herring to get rid of his noise; but there is nothing in the popular belief that he gets the best of it. He may in small things, but the best men in your community are not kickers; no man ever made a fortune by kicking.

Fortunes are made by men who are polite and agreeable. A kicker is a man marked in every community to be avoided, and given the worst of it whenever possible.

A kicker may be given three for a quarter when the regular price is 10 cents straight, but he can't kick his way into a big position or into real success in anything.

What is the particular thing the people are doing that is most harmful and foolish? It would be interesting to know, but probably we never will know, since what some say is civilization's greatest blessing others say is its greatest curse. So every one must decide for himself, and woe unto him who makes a mistake.

Most of this talk about helping the under dog is sentiment; the under dog does not actually receive much help.—Ed Howe, in New York Evening Mail.

**Boston's Famous Dead.**

Boston and its surrounding towns possess more famous dead than any other locality in the country. Otis and Hancock, two of the greatest orators of the Revolution, are passed over hurriedly by many visitors to the Old Granary ground, but nearly all linger in pleased surprise near the simple stone of Mary Goose, who, according to the little wooden placard, is believed to be the Mother Goose of nursery rhymes. The graves of Revolutionary heroes are numerous. The tomb of Mary Chilton, the first woman to leap from the Mayflower to Plymouth Rock, is in the heart of Boston in its oldest cemetery. Elizabeth Pain, believed to be the original of Hawthorne's Hester Prynne of "The Scarlet Letter," lies in this same ground.

Over in Cambridge there is a more modern ground, one of the most beautiful in the country, and here may be seen stones and monuments to such famous folk as Edwin Booth, the actor; Agassiz and Gray, the great naturalists; Phillips Brooks, Howells, Holmes and Longfellow, Rufus Choate and Julia Ward Howe.

**Typewriter for a Duke.**

In the matter of wedding presents Queen Mary has introduced a vogue of giving something inexpensive but useful, says the London Mail.

At the recent wedding of the duke and duchess of Alba the list of presents showed that they had been the recipients of a book and a pair of opera glasses from Queen Mary; but the most original and unusual gift on the list, especially for a duke, was a typewriter.

Many of those who were discussing the wedding presents wondered what a duke wanted of a typewriter, but this should be no cause for wonder to Britshers, for their own Princess Mary is a very efficient typist and has herself written many letters this way on behalf of her brother, the prince of Wales, whose secretary she at one time constituted herself.

**Important Historical Find.**

While making excavations for a car barn in Christiania workmen found the remains of a stronghold of the notorious Bishop Nikolas Arneson, who figures in Ibsen's "Kongsemmerne" as Bishop Nikolas. The building was erected in the Eleventh century and the find is considered of such unusual importance that the authorities of Christiania are trying to reach an agreement with the railroad by which the ruins can be scientifically excavated and the car barn built somewhere else.

**Shoes for Doctor Leuret.**

Dr. Maxime Leuret, a Swiss, is in America on a walk around the world. Since he left home in 1914, it is reported that he has worn out 102 pair of shoes. With prices what they are, one hopes the man is not obstinate, and that he takes advantage of a friendly flivver owner along the road; or that he stocked up on shoes in Siam, where one of the American missionary compounds reports a lively business in shoes manufactured at a cost of less than a dollar a pair.

**Want Ads**

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Your sight is priceless, give it the best possible care. Consult Dr. McGuire, the Graduate Optician at Thomas Bros. Drug Store, Friday and Saturday, January 21-22. 18-1tc

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A Pious Man's Consolation.  
Dr. Lyman P. Powell gives some examples of the lengths to which petty bitterness between sects will sometimes carry men. "A visitor in a certain town which had four churches and adequately supported none asked a pillar of one poor, dying church, 'How's your church getting on?' 'Not very well,' was the reply, 'but, thank the Lord, the others are not doing any better.'"—Christian Register.

Read the News want ads.

Disappearing Native Race.  
Native Hawaiians are facing extinction, and if the present ratio of births and deaths is maintained the remaining life of the race will be only about 75 years. At present there are approximately 25,000 natives of pure blood on the islands, and reports for past years show their number to be rapidly decreasing.—Popular Mechanics Magazine.

What Makes a Wave Wild?  
Bess—You ought to change hair-dressers, Tess.  
Tess (frigidly)—Indeed.  
Bess—Just so. As a friend to friend I'm telling you that your marcel wave is too choppy.—Buffalo Express.

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# THE GOOD NEW YEAR

By EMORY J. HAYNES  
in the Boston Globe

**I**T WAS foretold forty years ago. The New Year shall be a good one. This is the story of the prophecy. It depends upon you to believe it. Forty years ago a lone skater upon the glassy surface of a lake in northern New England celebrated his solitary holiday. At the far end of his ten-mile dash he rested in the noonday sun, sitting at the base of a towering cliff.

He was a stonemason's apprentice, a meagre boy workman. He habitually carried his steel chisel in his pocket. Climbing high, and with much hazard, up the face of the towering rocks, he cut this legend in the face of the mountain:

"The New Year Will Be Good."  
The bold lettering is visible for miles. The lake in summer is a favorite resort of pleasure parties. Each year thousands of eyes have spelled out the cheery monograph, while boats passed, and many a hearty laugh has rung with a heartier joy as old and young have approved the sculptured promise.

It will long endure, for the steel cut deep, and the mountain will not remove, nor the pretty lake pass away. The boy did not date it. Fortunately so, for that makes it fit every year and every reader. Why not for a century to come?

A thousand times the question has been asked: "Who wrote it?" And no one knew. So it seemed some eternal truth of nature that the very rocks had miraculously inscribed upon themselves.

It was true to anyone who would take the trouble to lift his eyes and read it. In storms the snow slivered the lettering. In sun the words gleamed with lines of living light. A sentence by no means elegant, but crude and boyish rather. Yet what rhetoric could add to the abrupt and simple prophecy from a hopeful, healthy spirit?

The New Year was to be just plain "good." Was that enough? Is it not enough for us all? One good to you, another good to me, still another



good to others. But always to all who will grasp it, written on the very face of the turning globe, the next year will be "good."

Last summer a wealthy visitor at the lakeside hotel drew the proprietor to the corner of the veranda, and, lifting his glasses, asked: "Do you see those letters on the rocks? I am the boy who cut them, January 1, 1847. You seem glad to know the author. I never revealed the fact. Why should I?"

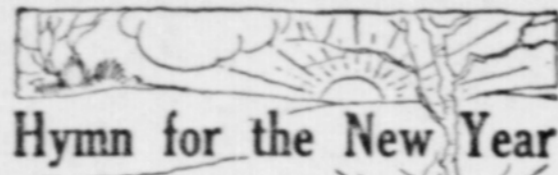
"It is not because I said it that it is true. No matter who says it, on a Happy New Year the New Year will be good. It is true in itself. Happy the man or boy who says it, who feels it, and who will have it so."

"The mere freak of a moment, yet somehow later I awoke to the fact that I had written a life creed on my heart out of the hopefulness and daring of a boy."

Let us take the hope and courage of youth as the truth of this latest of our years. The New Year must be good. We will make it good. Can you not see those lettered cliffs? No visitor ever was dull to their magic spell, and many have read them through grateful tears.

## SLEIGHBELLS JINGLE—

Hear the moaning and the groaning of the winter breeze; Old Year's dying—hear him sighing, listen to him wheeze! Weary Willie is quite chilly in his threadbare coat; this cold weather altogether gets his ill-clad goat. Old Br'er Rabbit's wary habits now avail him not; hounds are telling by their yelling that the trail is hot. See the fuel fight a duel with your meter and the heater steal your heart away! You remember last September, August and July? Sun was shining, you were whining, vowing you would die! You were praying for some sleighing, crying for some ice, now it's freezing, quit your sneezing; yell, and say it's nice!



## Hymn for the New Year

Come, let us anew  
Our journey pursue—  
Roll round with the year,  
And never stand still till the Master appear:  
His adorable will  
Let us gladly fulfill,  
And our talents improve  
By the patience of hope, and the labor of love.

Our life is a dream;  
Our time, as a stream,  
Glides swiftly away,  
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay:  
The arrow is down,  
The moment is gone:  
The millennial year  
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's near.

O that each, in the day  
Of his coming, may say,  
"I have fought my way through;  
I have finished the work Thou didst give me to do."  
O that each from his Lord  
May receive the glad word,  
"Well and faithfully done."  
Enter into My joy, and sit down on My throne!"  
—Charles Wesley



## Seven Sentence Sermons

MEAN to be something with all your might.—Phillips Brooks

Doing what can't be done is the glory of living.—General Armstrong.

A bright New Year and a sunny track  
Along an upward way,  
And a song of praise on looking back,  
When the year has passed away;  
And golden sheaves, nor small, nor few!

This is my New Year's wish for you!  
—Anon.

If you tell the truth, you have infinite power supporting you; but if not, you have infinite power against you.—Charles George Gordon.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and be ye thankful.—Col. 2, 15.

I asked the New Year for some message sweet,  
Some rule of life which to guide my feet;

I asked, and passed; he answered,  
Soft and low,  
"God's will to know."  
—Anon.

What thou hast in store  
This coming year, I do not stop to ask;  
Enough, if day by day there dawns  
before me—  
My appointed task:  
I seek not great things,  
For I have learned how vain such seeking is,  
But let me seek Thy will, O King of kings,  
And find therein my bliss.  
—O. E. Fuller.

## BEGINNING A NEW YEAR.

Though we are apt to think that New Year's has been observed since the year one, such is not the case. In fact, there is no mention of the day as a Christian festival until the fifth century, and even now the Hebrews celebrate their New Year's in September, for their calendar is arranged according to the new moon, which makes New Year's a moveable holiday. Today, however, there is scarcely a nation but observes this season of the year in some manner or other, though customs differ in most localities.

## A Resolution

To be patriots, rather than partisans; to win the peace by reviving the idealism which won the war; to broaden our outlook and narrow our antipathies; to carry into national and international affairs the maxims which guide gentlemen and gentlemen in their daily conduct; to practice thrift that we may be able to practice charity; to recognize that each of us is and always must be his brother's keeper; to work well that there may be plenty of goods in the world and think well that they may be rightly distributed; to go forward each day to a higher level of purpose and effectiveness, and live as our afraid of no man, and of whom no just man is afraid.  
—Chicago Journal

## "DEAD MAN'S CURVE" ELIMINATED



Baltimore and Washington motorists who have had occasion to drive between those two cities, are greatly pleased that "Dead Man's Curve" has been removed. The cutoff in the right-hand corner of the photograph was the danger spot. Many cars running at high speed, unable to take the curve, plunged into the field at the right, in many cases resulting in death and injury.

## INTENSIFIER IS HANDY DETECTOR

Many Devices on Market at Present for Overcoming Spark-Plug Troubles.

## CONTRACTION EASILY MADE

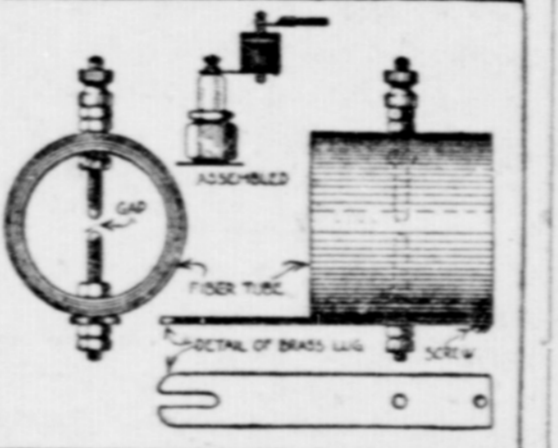
Home Mechanics Can Make Set for Practically Nothing While Commercial Article Is Expensive—Fiber Is Preferable.

There are many auxiliary spark intensifiers or spark-gaps on the market at present for overcoming spark-plug trouble and increasing mileage in automobiles. These can be used just as efficiently on stationary or motorboat engines. But where the commercial article costs nearly \$4 for a set of four, the home mechanic can make such a set for practically nothing.

The body of the intensifier consists of a section of fiber or hard rubber tubing.

Fiber Is Preferred.

The fiber is preferable, as it is better able to withstand the heat of the engine. For this purpose use tubing of about one inch inside diameter and



This Spark Intensifier Enables You to Discover the Spark-plug That Is Not Firing.

cut each section one and one-half inches long. Drill two holes one-eighth inch in diameter through opposite sides of the section, exactly in line with each other. Then drill a third hole, somewhat smaller, near one edge and in line, on one side, with one of the holes. That makes one hole in one side of the tube and two holes in the side opposite it.

Next, remove the threaded steel rod comprising the sparking terminal in the porcelain of an old spark-plug. Cut it in half and blunt one end of each piece. Now insert one piece of this rod in each of the opposite holes in the fiber section. Lock in position with nuts removed from spark-plug assemblies as shown, so the rounded ends are separated about 1-32 inch, possibly a trifle more. This will have to be determined by experiment after the intensifier is put in operation.

Between the two underneath nuts and the fiber is placed a stiff brass strip with a slot in one end. The slotted end projects beyond the fiber far enough so it can be attached to the spark-plug.

**Find Cylinder Not Working.**  
The connection of the intensifier with the spark-plug is shown. By arranging each section so the opening faces the side on which the hood is usually lifted, the driver can always watch the spark jumping across the gap and can thus determine instantly any cylinder that is not firing properly.—Popular Science Monthly.

## TROUBLE BY LEAKING VALVES

Besides Loss of Power the Valve Stem Is Distempers and Sediment Prevents Free Action.

Loss of power is not the only trouble that is caused by leaking valves. The hot flame which escapes past the valves distempers the valve stem, softens the valve spring, corrodes the stem bearing and forms a sediment that prevents free action.

## FEATS OF AUTOMOBILE

What the automobile has done for the world is told in the following paragraphs:

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Aided the salesman to cover more territory in less time—to do his work better, quicker and at less expense.

Furnished a means of healthful recreation for all.

Stimulated the building of thousands of miles of better highways, bringing commercial prosperity to hundreds of cities and towns formerly handicapped because of their inaccessibility.

Enabled those in rural communities to enjoy all the advantages of the city and those in the cities all the pleasures of the country.

Increased the economic wealth of the country by creating a new industry which now ranks third among the great industries of the country.

Stimulated greater sociability among farmers and encouraged them to modernize their methods and their homes.

Demonstrated the economy and superiority of motor transportation for all commercial uses.

## AUTOMOBILE NEWS

The usual causes of lost compression in a motor are faulty valves or piston rings.

If the owner drives his car constantly it will be an excellent thing for him to use his monkey-wrench now and then.

One of the principal factors in doing good work of any sort lies in being prepared for the job you are going to tackle.

While brakes should be adjusted so that they will slide the wheels, it is not intended that they should be applied so strenuously.

One hundred and fifty tons of packages are handled daily at a large motortruck terminal and transfer station in Minneapolis, Minn.

American motorcar owners are paying from \$2,800,000,000 to \$2,400,000,000 annually for operating, maintenance and depreciation costs.

Oil drips frequently come from the cap screws being loose on the crankcase, from the bearings, from the plungers or tappets above the cam shaft.

Lukewarm water should always be sprayed on the car's tender surface. Fine emulsion or perfumed soap should be used. Never use pumice stone or emery dust.

Oil has a habit of collecting in little puddles in the depressions in the cement floor of the garage. This should be removed because the tires are almost sure to get into it.

A knock difficult to locate is sometimes caused by one of the pistons touching a shoulder in the top of the cylinder, because the packing between cylinder and crank-case has been worn thin.

Sediment in time will collect in the bowl of the carburetor, and from time to time the drain cock in the bottom should be opened to rid the instrument of any foreign particles which may have accumulated.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. P. E. FITZWATER, D. D.,  
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### LESSON FOR JANUARY 2

#### THE CHILD AND THE KINGDOM.

**LESSON TEXT—Matt. 18:1-4.**  
**GOLDEN TEXT—**Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same shall be greatest in the kingdom of heaven.—Matt. 18:4.  
**REFERENCE MATERIAL—**Mark 9:33; Luke 9:28-48; 17:1-2.  
**PRIMARY TOPIC—**God's Care for Little Children.  
**JUNIOR TOPIC—**God's Care for Us.  
**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—**Responsibility for the Younger and Weaker.  
**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—**Our Responsibility for Childhood.

#### I. The Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven (vv. 1-4).

1. The disciples' question (v. 1). The promise given to Peter in connection with the announcement of his purpose to build the church, and the purpose of tribute with the money in the fish's mouth, provoked jealousy on the part of the other disciples. The transfiguration scene revealed the divine person and the program of the kingdom. Seeing that the kingdom was to come to realization, despite the tragedy of the cross, the disciples thought it best to have settled the place of rank in the kingdom. Their behavior betrayed their sad state of heart. Instead of entering into sympathy with Jesus in the dark hour of his passion, they were supremely concerned with the dignities to be conferred upon themselves.

2. Jesus' answer (vv. 2-4). He taught them concretely by placing a little child in their midst. (1) Condition of entrance into kingdom (v. 3). He showed them that the great question which concerned them is as to whether they are really in the kingdom. Their behavior revealed the fact that they needed conversion before they could enter into the kingdom. Before they could even see, much less enter into the kingdom, they must be born from above (John 3:3, 5). Entrance into the kingdom is infinitely more important than rank therein.

(2) Whosoever possesses childlike humility is the greatest (v. 4). The child is dependent, lowly, and modest. Those who have been born again—converted, have these characteristics. The principle which determines rank in the kingdom is lowliness of heart. In the kingdom we rise by sinking. The way is down. The more one realizes his own unworthiness, the more worthy he is of the divine favor and trust.

#### II. The Lord's Identification With His Believing Ones (vv. 5-9).

1. Receiving the believer in Christ's name is receiving Christ (v. 5). Through conversion we become God's children, and so completely is our life interwoven with His that He regards treatment of us as treatment of Himself. Those who welcome into fellowship the lowly believer welcome Christ. If this were fully realized it would sanctify our relationship with believers in Christ. Reception of believers includes all forms of sympathy and aid. To do this in Christ's name is to open our hearts to receive Him.

2. The awful peril of causing a believer to stumble (vv. 6-9). To stumble means to give occasion for a moral fall. The particular reference was to the carnality and selfishness which was expressing itself in their contention for pre-eminence. Such spirit and behavior would stifle the tender life of a babe in Christ. Their behavior was not only self-injuring, but a stumbling block to others. Every Christian should solemnly inquire as to whether his life would help or hinder his fellow-believers. Am I helping someone to a higher level, or am I pulling him down to a lower? To so sin against Christ's own is to meet a sure and awful fate. His doom will be worse than drowning in the sea with a millstone around his neck; it will be eternal fire (v. 8).

#### III. Believers Are Especially Cared For by the Heavenly Father (vv. 10-14).

1. They are under angelic guardianship (v. 10). So precious is the believer in God's sight that angelic messengers have access to the very throne of God, even beholding His face. So high is the honor bestowed upon believers that the highest angels are sent to guard them.

2. The Son came especially to save such from their lost condition (vv. 11-14). The Heavenly Father does not will that any one of these should perish. They are the objects of the Father's seeking love. The salvation of the humble believer has been secured by the incarnation and the sacrifice of the Good Shepherd. Since God sets such value upon even the lowest believer, we should be most careful in our manner of life before them and in our treatment of them.

#### Worship and Culture.

Worship and culture, of necessity, go hand in hand. There can be no such thing as true culture apart from the religion of our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The fundamental principles of true culture are enshrined forever in the Sermon on the Mount, the ten beatitudes of the Lord Jesus. Society, apart from the Fountain-head of Grace, can display to the world nothing better than a refinement which is, at best, a veneer.—Rev. Henry Lowndes Drew.

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Gubbs—Where did he get his wisdom?  
Gubbs—One windy day he went to light a cigar. Used for a the box but one and finally lit it.

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Examine carefully each bottle of CASTORIA, that famous purgative for infants and children, before you buy. Bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Williams.

**Physical Endurance.**  
"Some of those old fellows who patiently wrote out their names on other documents with pen and ink." "Yes," rejoined the student. "But they had the strength to do it." "It wasn't so customary in those days for a man to get out in a cold sweat and shake hands with the world."

**Granulated Eyelids.** Brought relieved overnight by Dr. Williams' One trial proves its merit.

**Natural.**  
"I have a book in my pocket which is a pronounced favorite of his body." "What is it?" "The dictionary."

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the gate...  
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knock him...  
with the...  
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he had...  
thought...  
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horse."  
you think...  
he's there...  
yet?"  
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day before...  
yesterday...  
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him, I'd...  
go down...  
and look...  
him, Rick."in his...  
go right...  
away, Jack."  
to that...  
little back...  
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he had...  
the wounded...  
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couple...  
looks...  
away from...  
here—to...  
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er Jenks...  
and the...  
young...  
lady...  
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not be...  
back."they're...  
both...  
outside...  
now. They...  
have...  
gone...  
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for you...  
be...  
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found...  
you and...  
Don...  
Juan...  
and then...  
told me...  
about it."he told...  
you?"  
other...  
Jenks."Well, run...  
along...  
and get...  
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cardo...  
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the sentry...  
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door with...  
him in...  
his haste...  
giving no...  
thought...  
to other...  
Jenks...  
and her...  
companion...  
for the...  
doctor's...  
verdict. In...  
y...  
palace...  
grounds...  
he gathered...  
two...  
men and...  
bade them...  
follow...  
him;...  
being by...  
twenty...  
yards, he...  
emerged...  
the gate...  
and...  
paused...  
to look...  
around...  
the...  
hundred...  
feet down...  
the street...  
the palace...  
gate...  
Santos'...  
body...  
lay dead...  
When...  
Webster's...  
brought...  
the poor...  
beast...  
down...  
under...  
had...  
fallen...  
clear of...  
him, only...  
a...  
victim...  
to the...  
ferocity...  
of Don...  
Cañero...  
Later, as...  
Santos...  
lay...  
and...  
bleeding...  
beside...  
his...  
mount...  
the...  
stricken...  
animal...  
in its...  
death...  
struggle...  
and...  
half...  
risen...  
only...  
to fall...  
again...  
time...  
on the...  
extended...  
left...  
leg of...  
the...  
late...  
master...  
consequently...  
when...  
the...  
patients...  
recovered...  
conscious...  
follow...  
all...  
the...  
thoughtful...  
attentions...  
of his...  
patient...  
it was...  
to discover...  
himself...  
as...  
the...  
heavy...  
carcass...  
of his...  
horse...  
pinned...  
his...  
foot...  
and...  
part...  
of his...  
leg...  
to the...  
ground...  
rendering...  
of the...  
as...  
helpless...  
and...  
desperate...  
as...  
a...  
ped...  
animal...  
Several...  
minutes...  
now...  
he...  
had...  
shook...  
his...  
striving...  
frantically...  
to...  
release...  
himself...  
with...  
his...  
sound...  
right...  
leg...  
he...  
tried...  
against...  
the...  
animal's...  
back...  
sufficient...  
power...  
to...  
withdraw...  
his...  
left...  
leg...  
from...  
the...  
carcass...  
Ricardo...  
caught...  
sight...  
of Santos...  
and...  
realized...  
that...  
this...  
was...  
his...  
portal...  
enemy...  
motioning...  
his...  
men...  
back...  
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approached...  
the...  
tallest...  
man...  
on...  
tiptoe...  
and...  
thought...  
he...  
possessed...  
himself...  
of the...  
dictator's...  
pistol...  
which...  
lay...  
in...  
back...  
of him...  
not...  
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as...  
he...  
did...  
Santos...  
apparently...  
convinced...  
of the...  
futility...  
of his...  
efforts...  
to...  
free...  
himself...  
He...  
ended...  
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fate...  
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commenced...  
to...  
weep...  
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rage...  
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despair...  
Ricardo...  
watched...  
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for...  
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seconds...  
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there...  
was...  
just...  
sufficient...  
of...  
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love...  
and...  
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Ricardo...  
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the...  
light...  
of...  
still...  
further...  
indulging...  
his...  
in...  
revenge...  
by...  
pretending...  
to...  
Santos...  
in...  
his...  
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Presently...  
however...  
he...  
put...  
the...  
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from...  
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the...  
dead...  
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the...  
tail...  
he...  
dragged...  
the...  
car...  
off...  
his...  
enemy's...  
leg...  
and...  
while...  
Santos...  
sat...  
up...  
tailor-fashion...  
and...  
tried...  
to...  
rub...  
the...  
circulation...  
back...  
of the...  
bruised...  
member...  
Ricardo...  
thrust...  
himself...  
on...  
the...  
rump...  
of the...  
horse...  
and...  
appraised...  
his...  
prisoner...  
Ricardo...  
glanced...  
up...  
remembered...  
his...  
adversaries...  
and...  
very...  
heartily...  
and...  
gracefully...  
thanked...  
his...  
deliverer...  
It...  
is...  
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a...  
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for...  
which...  
thanks...  
are...  
due...  
me...  
Santos...  
Ricardo...  
replied...  
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am...  
Ricardo...  
Luiz...  
Ruey...  
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have...  
come...  
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te...  
and...  
I...  
remember...  
having...  
forced...  
the...  
obligation...  
upon...  
me...  
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the...  
cemetery...  
some...  
years...  
ago...  
or...  
perhaps...  
ten...  
horrified...  
seconds...  
Santos...  
stared...  
at...  
Ricardo...  
then...  
the...  
blood...  
in...  
him...  
came...  
to...  
his...  
defense...  
his...  
face...  
relaxed...  
and...  
the...  
fright...  
left...  
his...  
swarthy...  
countenance...  
granite...  
steps...  
helped...  
herself...  
to...  
a...  
much-needed...  
"bracer"...  
from...  
her...  
braided...  
flask...  
and...  
was...  
gazing...  
peevishly...  
at...  
the...  
scene...  
around...  
her...  
when...  
Ricardo...  
came...  
up...  
the...  
stairs...  
"Elo!"...  
Mother...  
Jenks...  
saluted...  
him...  
"We're...  
ave...  
you...  
been...  
Mr...  
Bowers?"  
"I...  
have...  
just...  
returned...  
from...  
capturing...  
Santos...  
Mrs...  
Jenks...  
He...  
is...  
on...  
his...  
way...  
to...  
the...  
arsenal...  
under...  
guard.""Gor...  
strike...  
me...  
pink!"...  
the...  
old...  
lady...  
cried...  
"Ave...  
I...  
lived...  
to...  
see...  
this...  
day!"  
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was...  
wreathed...  
in...  
a...  
happy...  
smile...  
"I...  
wonder...  
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the...  
beggar...  
feels...  
to...  
'ave...  
the...  
shoe...  
on...  
the...  
other...  
foot...  
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'ound;...  
I'm...  
opin'...  
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General...  
Ruey...  
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'ave...  
the...  
blighter...  
shot.""You...  
need...  
have...  
no...  
worry...  
on...  
that...  
score...  
Mrs...  
Jenks...  
I'm...  
General...  
Ruey...  
Andrew...  
Bowers...  
was...  
just...  
my...  
summer...  
name...  
as...  
it...  
were.""Angels...  
guard...  
me!...  
Wot...  
the...  
bloom...  
in'...  
tell...  
surprise...  
won't...  
we...  
'ave...  
next...  
Wot...  
branch...  
o'...  
the...  
Ruey...  
tribe...  
do...  
you...  
belong...  
to?...  
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nephew...  
o'...  
him...  
that...  
was...  
president...  
before...  
Santos...  
shot...  
'im?...  
Antonio...  
Ruey...  
who...  
was...  
'arf...  
brother...  
to...  
the...  
president...  
'ad...  
a...  
son...  
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Ricardo...  
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'im...  
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am...  
the...  
son...  
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Ricardo...  
the...  
Beloved...  
," he...  
answered...  
proudly...  
"Not...  
the...  
lad...  
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'is...  
father...  
was...  
executed?"  
"I...  
am...  
that...  
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history.""I...  
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equal...  
pride...  
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Mrs...  
Col...  
'Emery...  
Jenks...  
who...  
was...  
your...  
father's...  
chief...  
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'im...  
By...  
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w'y...  
'ow...  
Mr...  
Webster?"  
she...  
asked...  
suddenly...  
remembering...  
the...  
subject...  
closest...  
to...  
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heart...  
just...  
then...  
"His...  
wounds...  
are...  
trifling...  
He'll...  
live...  
Mrs...  
Jenks...  
"Well...  
that's...  
better...  
than...  
gettin'...  
poked...  
in...  
the...  
eye...  
with...  
a...  
sharp...  
stick...  
," Mother...  
Jenks...  
answered...  
cautiously...  
To...  
herself...  
she...  
said...  
"I...  
s'y...  
'Emery...  
Jenks...  
'ere's...  
a...  
pretty...  
guy...  
'E...  
don't...  
know...  
the...  
lamb...  
is...  
livin'...  
an'...  
in...  
the...  
next...  
room!...  
My...  
word...  
wot...  
a...  
riot...  
w'en...  
'e...  
meets...  
'er!"  
"I...  
will...  
see...  
you...  
again...  
Mrs...  
Jenks...  
I...  
must...  
have...  
a...  
long...  
talk...  
with...  
you...  
," Ricardo...  
told...  
her...  
and...  
passed...  
on...  
into...  
the...  
palace;...  
whereupon...  
Mother...  
Jenks...  
once...  
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fervently...  
implored...  
the...  
Almighty...  
to...  
strike...  
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pink...  
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iron...  
restraint...  
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a...  
long...  
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blessings...  
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this...  
day...  
had...  
brought...  
forth...  
In...  
the...  
meantime...  
Ricardo...  
with...  
his...  
hand...  
on...  
the...  
knob...  
of...  
the...  
door...  
leading...  
to...  
the...  
room...  
where...  
Webster...  
was...  
having...  
his...  
wounds...  
dressed...  
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suddenly...  
his...  
attention...  
caught...  
by...  
the...  
sound...  
of...  
a...  
sob...  
long-drawn...  
and...  
inexpressibly...  
pathetic...  
He...  
listened...  
and...  
made...  
up...  
his...  
mind...  
that...  
a...  
woman...  
in...  
the...  
room...  
across...  
the...  
entrance...  
hall...  
was...  
bewailing...  
the...  
death...  
of...  
a...  
loved...  
one...  
who...  
answered...  
to...  
the...  
name...  
of...  
Caliph...  
and...  
John...  
darling...  
Further...  
eavesdropping...  
convinced...  
him...  
that...  
Caliph...  
John...  
darling...  
and...  
Mr...  
John...  
Stuart...  
Webster...  
were...  
one...  
and...  
the...  
same...  
person...  
and...  
so...  
he...  
titled...  
his...  
head...  
on...  
one...  
side...  
like...  
a...  
cock...  
robin...  
and...  
considered...  
"By...  
Jingo...  
that's...  
most...  
interesting...  
," he...  
decided...  
"The...  
wounded...  
hero...  
has...  
a...  
sweetheart...  
or...  
a...  
wife...  
and...  
an...  
American...  
too...  
She...  
must...  
be...  
a...  
recent...  
acquisition...  
because...  
all...  
the...  
time...  
we...  
were...  
together...  
on...  
the...  
steamer...  
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down...  
here...  
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despite...  
the...  
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we...  
got...  
friendly...  
enough...  
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such...  
confidences...  
Something...  
funny...  
about...  
this...  
I'd...  
better...  
sound...  
the...  
old...  
boy...  
before...  
I...  
start...  
passing...  
out...  
words...  
of...  
comfort...  
to...  
that...  
unhappy...  
female...  
He...  
passed...  
on...  
into...  
the...  
room...  
John...  
Stuart...  
Webster...  
had...  
by...  
this...  
time...  
been...  
washed...  
and...  
bandaged...  
and...  
one...  
of...  
the...  
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servants...  
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the...  
ex-dictator's...  
revenue...  
still...  
occupied...  
the...  
palace)...  
had...  
at...  
Dr...  
Pacheco's...  
command...  
prepared...  
a...  
guest...  
chamber...  
upstairs...  
and...  
furnished...  
a...  
night...  
gown...  
of...  
ample...  
proportions...  
to...  
cover...  
Mr...  
Webster's...  
bandaged...  
but...  
otherwise...  
naked...  
person...  
A...  
stretcher...  
had...  
just...  
arrived...  
and...  
the...  
wounded...  
man...  
was...  
about...  
to...  
be...  
carried...  
upstairs...  
The...  
late...  
financial...  
lucker...  
of...  
the...  
revolution...  
was...  
looking...  
very...  
pale...  
and...  
dispirited;...  
for...  
once...  
in...  
his...  
life...  
his...  
whimsical...  
bantering...  
nature...  
was...  
subdued...  
His...  
eyes...  
were...  
closed...  
and...  
he...  
did...  
not...  
open...  
them...  
when...  
Ricardo...  
entered...  
"Well...  
I...  
have...  
Santos...  
," the...  
latter...  
declared...  
Webster...  
paid...  
not...  
the...  
slightest...  
attention...  
to...  
this...  
announcement...  
Ricardo...  
bent...  
over...  
him...  
"Jack...  
old...  
boy...  
," he...  
queried...  
"do...  
you...  
know...  
a...  
person...  
of...  
feminine...  
persuasion...  
who...  
calls...  
you...  
Caliph?"  
John...  
Stuart...  
Webster's...  
eyes...  
and...  
mouth...  
flew...  
wide...  
open...  
"What...  
the...  
devil!"...  
he...  
cried...  
to...  
roar...  
"You...  
haven't...  
been...  
speaking...  
to...  
her...  
have...  
you?...  
If...  
you...  
have...  
I'll...  
never...  
forgive...  
you...  
because...  
you've...  
spoiled...  
my...  
big...  
surprise...  
party.""No...  
I...  
haven't...  
been...  
speaking...  
to...  
her...  
but...  
she's...  
in...  
the...  
next...  
room...  
crying...  
fit...  
to...  
break...  
her...  
heart...  
because...  
she...  
thinks...  
you've...  
been...  
killed.""You...  
sounded...  
I...  
aren't...  
you...  
human?...  
Go...  
tell...  
her...  
it's...  
only...  
a...  
couple...  
of...  
punctures...  
not...  
a...  
blowout!"...  
He...  
sighed...  
"Isn't...  
it...  
sweet...  
of...  
her...  
to...  
weep...  
over...  
an...  
old...  
hut...  
like...  
me!"...  
he...  
added...  
softly...  
"Bless...  
her...  
tender...  
heart!"  
"Who...  
is...  
she?"...  
Ricardo...  
was...  
very...  
curious...  
"That's...  
noise...  
of...  
your...  
business...  
You...  
wait...  
and...  
I'll...  
tell...  
you...  
She's...  
the...  
guest...  
I...  
told...  
you...  
I...  
was...  
going...  
to...  
bring...  
to...  
dinner...  
and...  
that's...  
enough...  
for...  
you...  
to...  
know...  
for...  
the...  
present...  
Vaya...  
you...  
idiot...  
and...  
bring...  
her...  
in...  
here...  
so...  
I...  
can...  
assure...  
her...  
my...  
head...  
is...  
bleedy...  
but...  
unbowed...  
Doctor...  
throw...  
that...  
rug...  
over...  
my...  
shanks...  
and...  
make...  
me...  
look...  
pretty...  
I'm...  
going...  
to...  
receive...  
company."His...  
glance...  
bent...  
steadily...  
on...  
the...  
door...  
had...  
in...  
it...  
some...  
of...  
the...  
alert...  
bright...  
wistfulness...  
frequently...  
to...  
be...  
observed...  
in...  
the...  
eyes...  
of...  
a...  
terror...  
standing...  
expectantly...  
before...  
a...  
rat...  
hole...  
The...  
instant...  
the...  
door...  
opened...  
and...  
Dolores...  
tear-stained...  
face...  
appeared...  
he...  
called...  
to...  
her...  
with...  
the...  
old-time...  
cantankerous...  
for...  
he...  
had...  
erased...  
from...  
his...  
mind...  
for...  
the...  
nonce...  
the...  
memory...  
of...  
the...  
tragedy...  
of...  
poor...  
Don...  
Juan...  
Cafetero...  
and...  
was...  
concerned...  
solely...  
with...  
the...  
task...  
of...  
banishing...  
the...  
tears...  
from...  
those...  
brown...  
eyes...  
and...  
bringing...  
the...  
joy...  
of...  
life...  
back...  
to...  
that...  
sweet...  
face...  
"Hello...  
Sweetess...  
," he...  
called...  
weakly...  
"Little...  
Johnny's...  
been...  
fighting...  
again...  
and...  
the...  
bad...  
boys...  
gave...  
him...  
an...  
all-fired...  
walloping..."  
There...  
was...  
a...  
swift...  
rustle...  
of...  
skirts...  
and...  
she...  
was...  
bending...  
over...  
him...  
her...  
hot...  
little...  
palms...  
clasping...  
eagerly...  
his...  
pale...  
rough...  
cheeks...  
"Oh...  
my...  
dear...  
my...  
dear!"...  
she...  
whispered...  
and...  
then...  
her...  
voice...  
choked...  
with...  
the...  
happy...  
tears...  
and...  
she...  
was...  
sobbing...  
on...  
his...  
wounded...  
shoulder...  
Ricardo...  
stooped...  
to...  
draw...  
her...  
away...  
but...  
John...  
Stuart...  
bent...  
upon...  
him...  
a...  
look...  
of...  
such...  
frightfulness...  
that...  
he...  
drew...  
back...  
abashed...  
After...  
all...  
the...  
past...  
24...  
hours...  
had...  
been...  
quite...  
exciting...  
and...  
Ricardo...  
reflected...  
that...  
John's...  
inamorata...  
was...  
tired...  
and...  
frightened...  
and...  
probably...  
hadn't...  
eaten...  
anything...  
all...  
day...  
long...  
so...  
there...  
was...  
ample...  
excuse...  
for...  
her...  
hysteria...  
"Come...  
come...  
buck...  
up...  
," Webster...  
soothed...  
her...  
and...  
helped...  
himself...  
to...  
a...  
long...  
whiff...  
of...  
her...  
fragrant...  
hair...  
"Old...  
man...  
Webster...  
had...  
one...  
leg...  
in...  
the...  
grave...  
but...  
they've...  
pulled...  
it...  
out...  
again..."  
Still...  
she...  
sobbed...  
"Now...  
listen...  
to...  
me...  
lady...  
," he...  
commanded...  
with...  
mock...  
severity...  
"You...  
just...  
stop...  
that...  
You're...  
wasting...  
your...  
sympathy...  
and...  
while...  
of...  
course...  
I...  
enjoy...  
your...  
sympathy...  
a...  
heap...  
just...  
pause...  
to...  
reflect...  
on...  
the...  
result...  
if...  
those...  
salt...  
tears...  
should...  
happen...  
to...  
drop...  
into...  
one...  
of...  
my...  
numerous...  
wounds..."  
"I'm...  
so...  
sorry...  
for...  
you...  
Caliph...  
," she...  
murmured...  
brokenly...  
"You...  
poor...  
harmless...  
boy!...  
I...  
don't...  
see...  
how...  
any...  
one...  
could...  
be...  
so...  
fendish...  
as...  
to...  
hurt...  
you...  
when...  
you...  
were...  
so...  
distinctly...  
a...  
non-combatant..."  
"Thank...  
you...  
Let...  
us...  
forget...  
the...  
Hague...  
conference...  
for...  
the...  
present...  
however...  
Have...  
you...  
met...  
your...  
brother?"...  
he...  
asked...  
"No...  
Caliph..."  
"Ricardo..."  
"Yes...  
Jack..."  
"Come...  
here...  
Rick...  
you...  
scheming...  
unscrupulous...  
blood-thirsty...  
adventurer...  
I...  
have...  
a...  
tremendous...  
surprise...  
in...  
store...  
for...  
you...  
The...  
sweetest...  
girl...  
in...  
the...  
world...  
—and...  
she's...  
right...  
here..."  
Ricardo...  
laughingly...  
held...  
up...  
his...  
hand...  
"Jack...  
my...  
friend...  
," he...  
interrupted...  
"you're...  
too...  
weak...  
to...  
make...  
a...  
speech...  
Don't...  
do...  
it...  
Best...  
do...  
not...  
have...  
to...  
," He...  
turned...  
and...  
bowed...  
gracefully...  
to...  
Dolores...  
"I...  
can...  
see...  
for...  
myself...  
she's...  
the...  
sweetest...  
girl...  
in...  
the...  
world...  
and...  
that...  
she's...  
right...  
here...  
," He...  
held...  
out...  
his...  
hand...  
to...  
her...  
"Jack...  
thinks...  
he's...  
going...  
to...  
spring...  
a...  
surprise...  
," he...  
continued...  
maliciously...  
"quite...  
forgetting...  
that...  
a...  
good...  
soldier...  
never...  
permits...  
himself...  
to...  
be...  
taken...  
by...  
surprise...  
I...  
know...  
all...  
about...  
his...  
little...  
secret...  
because...  
I...  
heard...  
you...  
mourning...  
for...  
him...  
when...  
you...  
thought...  
he...  
was...  
dead..."  
Ricardo...  
favored...  
her...  
with...  
a...  
knowing...  
wink...  
"I...  
am...  
delighted...  
to...  
meet...  
the...  
future...  
Mrs...  
Webster...  
I...  
quite...  
understand...  
why...  
you...  
fell...  
in...  
love...  
with...  
him...  
because...  
you...  
see...  
I...  
love...  
him...  
myself...  
and...  
so...  
does...  
everybody...  
else..."  
With...  
typical...  
Castilian...  
couthliness...  
he...  
took...  
her...  
hand...  
bowed...  
low...  
over...  
it...  
and...  
kissed...  
it...  
"I...  
am...  
Ricardo...  
Luiz...  
Ruey..."  
he...  
said...  
anxious...  
to...  
spare...  
his...  
friend...  
the...  
task...  
of...  
further...  
exhausting...  
conversations...  
"And...  
you...  
are..."  
"You're...  
a...  
consummate...  
jackass!"...  
groaned...  
Webster...  
"I'm...  
only...  
a...  
dear...  
old...  
family...  
friend...  
and...  
Dolores...  
is...  
going...  
to...  
marry...  
Billy...  
Geary...  
You...  
impetuous...  
idiot!...  
She's...  
your...  
own...  
sister...  
Isabelle...  
Ruey...  
She...  
Mark...  
Twain...  
and...  
I...  
have...  
ample...  
cause...  
for...  
common...  
complaint...  
against...  
the...  
world...  
because...  
the...  
reports...  
of...  
our...  
death...  
have...  
been...  
grossly...  
exaggerated...  
She...  
didn't...  
perish...  
when...  
your...  
father's...  
administration...  
crumbled...  
Miss...  
Ruey...  
this...  
is...  
your...  
brother...  
Ricardo...  
Kiss...  
her...  
you...  
damn...  
fool—  
forgive...  
me...  
Miss...  
Ruey—oh...  
Lord...  
nothing...  
matters...  
any...  
more...  
He's...  
gummed...  
everything...  
up...  
and...  
ruined...  
my...  
party...  
I...  
wish...  
I...  
were...  
dead..."  
Ricardo...  
stared...  
from...  
the...  
outraged...  
Webster...  
to...  
his...  
sister...  
and...  
back...  
again...  
"Jack...  
Webster..."...  
he...  
declared...  
"you...  
aren't...  
crazy...  
are...  
you?"  
"Of...  
course...  
he...  
is—the...  
old...  
dear..."...  
Dolores...  
cried...  
happily...  
"but...  
I'm...  
not..."...  
She...  
stepped...  
up...  
to...  
her...  
brother...  
and...  
her...  
arms...  
went...  
around...  
his...  
neck...  
"Oh...  
Rick...  
," she...  
cried...  
"I'm...  
your...  
sister...  
Truly...  
I...  
am..."  
"Dolores...  
My...  
little...  
lost...  
sister...  
Dolores?...  
Why...  
I...  
can't...  
believe...  
it!"  
"Well...  
you'd...  
better...  
believe...  
it..."...  
John...  
Stuart...  
Webster...  
growled...  
feebly...  
"Of...  
course...  
you...  
can...  
doubt...  
my...  
word...  
and...  
get...<

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### City Ordinance

Be it ordained by the Aldermen of the city of Tahoka.

In call session, this the 27th day of December, 1920, call made by Mayor and written notices given as required by law.

Sec. 1st.—That every male person residing within the corporate limits of the City of Tahoka, between the ages of twenty-one (21) and forty-five (45) (except such as are exempt from road duty under the laws of the State of Texas) shall be required and it is hereby made their duty to work on the public streets and alleys of the city of Tahoka, Texas, for full five days during any one year, at such time and place he shall have been summoned by the City Marshal, or his deputy or the City Secretary, or by payment of \$1.00 per day to the city collector for each day such party may be summoned to work on said street, and alleys on or before the day that said person has been summoned to work on said street and alleys, or furnish an able bodied substitute to work the same.

Sec. 2nd.—That any person liable to work the streets and alleys, of the city of Tahoka, Texas, under Sec. 1, of this ordinance, who shall pay to the city Secretary or Collector, the sum of \$3.00 on or before Feb. 1st, of each year, Such persons so paying shall be exempt from the provision of Sec. 1, of this ordinance, for the year paid.

Sec. 3rd.—That any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the Mayor's or Recorders Court, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed \$20.00 and, shall stand committed until such fine and costs are fully paid, but such commitment shall not exceed thirty days.

Sec. 4.—That all ordinances or part of ordinance, in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

Sec. 5.—That this ordinance shall be in full force from and after its passage and publication as required by law and it is so enacted.

Passed, 28th day of December, 1920  
I. P. MURPHY, J. A. SINGLETON  
[ATTORNEY] [MAYOR]

### Sherriff's Sale

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE UNDER EXECUTION

The State of Texas, County of Lynn

A. L. LOCKWOOD, Et Al Plaintiffs, vs T. M. BARTLEY, Defendant.

Whereby, by virtue of a certain alias execution issued out to the District Court of Lynn County, Texas, on the judgment rendered in said court, on the 5th day of March, A. D. 1919, in favor of the said A. L. Lockwood, S. F. Singleton and W. E. Porterfield, and against the said T. M. Bartley, No. 254 on the docket of said Court: I do, on the 13th day of December, A. D. 1920, at 4 o'clock P. M. levy upon the following described tracts or parcels of land situated in the County of Lynn and State of Texas, belonging to the said T. M. Bartley, to wit:

All of lots Nos. 4 and 5 in block No. 13; All of lots Nos. 3, 6, 7 and 8 in block No. 27; All of Lots Nos. 4, 7 and 11 in Block No. 22; All of lots Nos. 14, 15 and 16 in block No. 35; All of lot No. 20 in block no. 65; All of lots nos. 6 and 7 in block no. 50; All of lots nos. 3, 4, 9 and 10 in block no. 21; Lot no. 6 in block no. 76; All of lots nos. 3, 4, 9, 11 and 12 in block no. 40, as shown by the map or plot of the north Tahoka edition to the town of Tahoka, Lynn County, Texas.

And on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1921, being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of ten o'clock, A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on said date, at the Court House door of said County I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right title and interest of the said T. M. Bartley in and to said property.

Dated at Tahoka, Texas, this the 13th day of December, A. D. 1920.

S. W. SACROWAY, Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas. 1544

A remedy that will penetrate is necessary in the treatment of rheumatism. Ballard's Snow Liniment goes right through the flesh to the bone and relieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c and \$1.20 per bottle. Sold by Thomas Bros.

PHONE US FRIENDS—No. 35-38.

The News office has a telephone and asks that you phone us when you have news items of any kind, or when in need of anything in the printing line. Tell us about the little coming and going—it takes all of those items to make a good live paper. When you think of anything in this line, phone No. 35 or 38.

Need glasses? Dr. McGuire, the eye man will be in Tahoka, Friday and Saturday, January 21-22 at Thomas Bros., Drug Store. Prices moderate. 18-102

### STARTS HIM ON NEW TACK

Mr. Billtops Reconsiders Subject After Gentle Reminder From His Very Much Better Half.

"Till midnight the young man stays sometimes," said Mr. Billtops, "and as I sit with Mrs. Billtops waiting I wonder if he will ever go. Ten or half past is as late as I think he ought to stay, and I have devised many plans to start him about that hour; but to everything I suggest Mrs. Billtops smilingly says no, and so I sit and fret and fume and get more and more nervous."

"Is this a new custom? I say to Mrs. B., something that has come in with the many new-fangled ways of the present day?"

"Is it a new custom?" says the smiling Mrs. Billtops. "Why, it is a custom as old as time. Don't you remember how late you used to stay when you came calling on me?"

"And really it was quite a shock to me, that reminder; for I will admit that I was myself a frightfully late stayer."

"But did her father ever come in with a large club at about 10:30 and say to me that he thought now was about time for me to go? Never! In fact, he was always very kind to me, as I now gratefully remember; but now here was I getting all wrought up because a young man stayed late in my house."

"Grown older, I had come to have fixed and settled habits, and I like to see the whole household ordered in like manner and keeping regular and early hours. But I was reminded now that youth looks at things from a different point of view; youth takes little note of time; to youth clocks are of no interest."

"So, thinking back, and as I see here the smiling face of the blessed Mrs. Billtops, I wait with a somewhat better grace for the young man to go."

### Clay Passed Joke Along.

Henry Clay made a speech in New York one time, and among his hearers was Michael Walsh, afterward a congressman, but at the time an apprentice in a printing office. His fellow workers dared him to shake hands with Clay, whose rooms were directly opposite the shop where Walsh worked. Never taking a dare, the impulsive apprentice ran across the street and joined the line of guests who were passing Clay and shaking his hand. Walsh had not stopped to wash his hands, and the result was that the great orator after shaking hands with the shirt-sleeved young man found his palm sticky with printers' ink.

He looked at the mess for a moment with a grim smile slowly appearing on his face. Without a word of reproach he allowed the printer's bug to go on his way, but he took care that those waiting in line did not see what had happened to him. Many of those assembled wore white kid gloves, and all were dainty and clean of hand. Clay calmly continued to shake hands, and just after guest departed with drubs of ink on hand and glove. By the time the last one had gone Clay's hand was clean.

### Appropriate Name.

There was a husband and wife who had many quarrels. But a woman never is a fair antagonist, because she always weeps during every quarrel in order to win her point.

The other night she brought home—as a bargain at greatly increased prices—a new pale mauve hat, which she proudly exhibited to her husband. He did not like it, and proceeded to say so.

"Why, it looks queer, even to the dog," he ended. "Look how he's barking at it! He thinks it's a squirrel in a hat!"

"Do you call me a queer?" she cried, and then began to cry. "I shall go home to mother! I suppose you're going to say next that I'm either a lurch or an ugly old oak tree!"

"No," he smiled broadly. "I should think a weeping willow would be a more appropriate name."

### On to Battle.

In a small town upstate there was not one person who knew how to play the organ at the church. At last a girl who could play just a few and very few hymns at that, came to the town.

One day the preacher asked the organist: "Can you play a wedding march for a wedding tomorrow?"

The organist replied: "I am very sorry, but I do not know one note of a wedding march."

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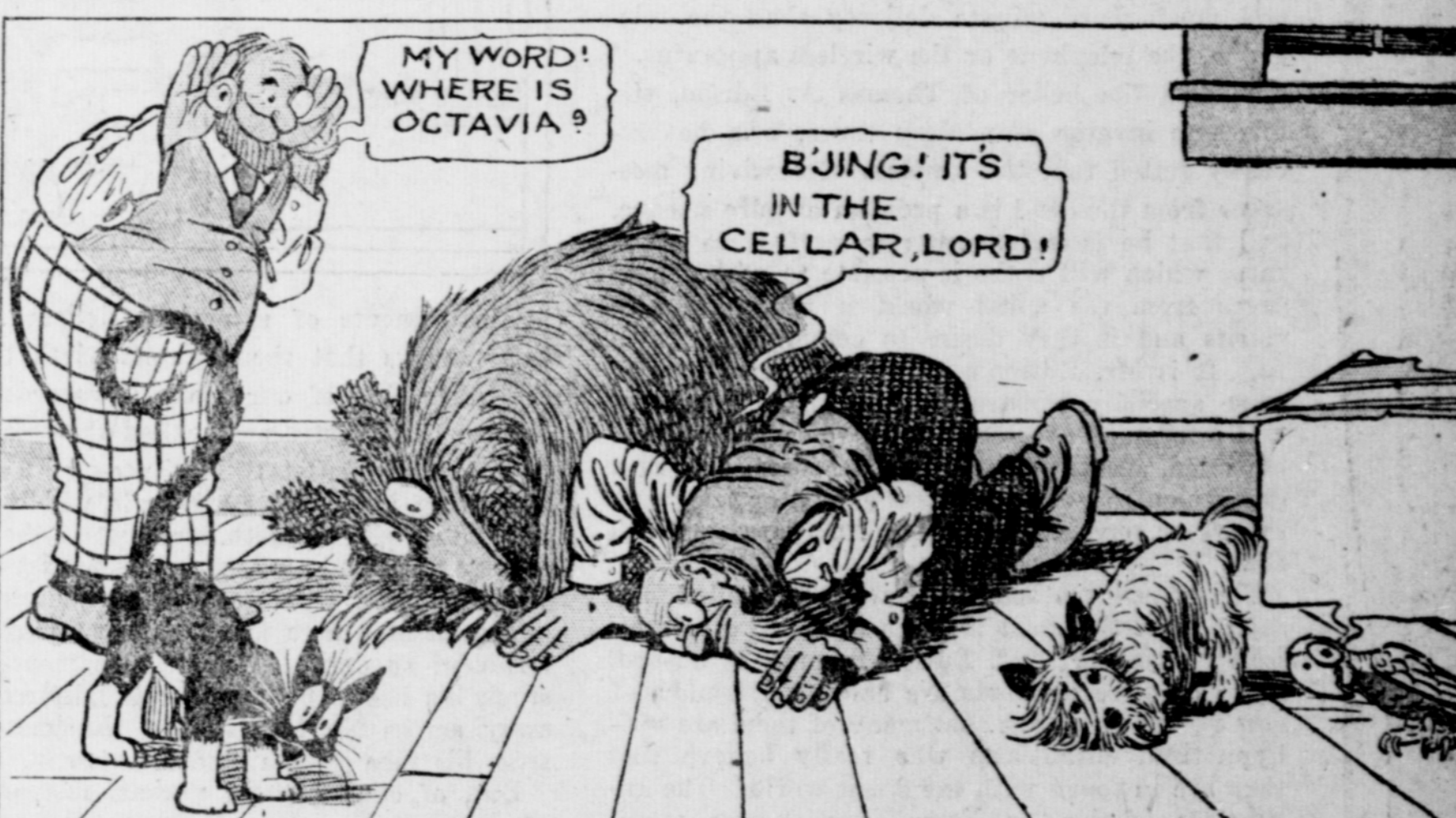
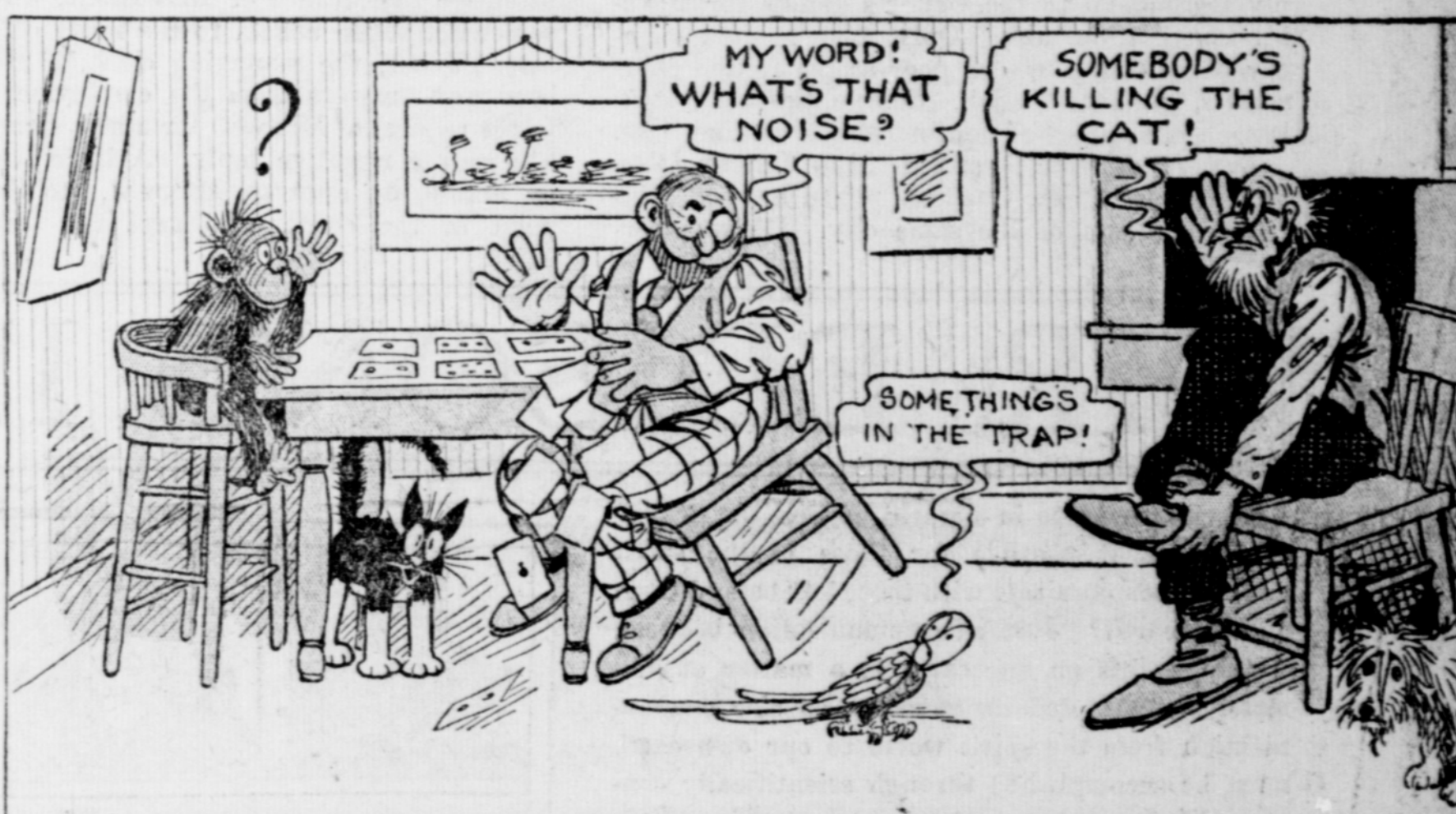
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## ANK - Octavia Had "Got" Something--Have a Listen!

By Walt McD



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# MAN WITH THE MARRYING JAG



Glenn T. Aldrich, the over-married young man, in his uniform as "Commander Aldrich of the United States navy."

O. Henry wrote a story entitled "The Romance of a Busy Broker." It had to do with an over-worked business man, a pretty stenographer "different from the usual," and—a poor memory. Some called it one of the short story writer's best life pictures. Others declared it seemingly incredible. It could never have happened, the latter asserted. So remained this mooted question of O. Henry's fidelity to human traits, until Ensign Glenn T. Aldrich, U. S. N., settled the thing definitely a few days ago by proving the truth of O. Henry's fiction. He made a four-ply testimonial to the writer's genius for truthful imagination, also. Only, the ensign's memory being four times as poor as the fiction character's, he now is in jail. Charge, passing worthless checks; place of confinement, Portland, Ore. Ensign Aldrich married Miss Lillian Dombrow at Oak Park, Chicago. Then he wed Miss Esther Carlson of the same city. He was per-

fectly guileless in the whole matter. He will tell you so. You see, it was all done under the spell of a marrying jag. And his excuse is quite ingenuous. In fact, it is simplicity itself. He merely forgot he was married to Miss Dombrow when he went with Miss Carlson to Great Falls, Mont., and got a parson to tie the knot. He says so. His memory is so poor that he can't even recall the names of two New York girls he is said to have wed before he met the Chicago young woman. Details of the metropolitan ceremonies are wholly lacking. He just can't recall their names, that's all. So No. 3 and No. 4 are earnestly aiding the Chicago prosecutor in his effort to locate No. 1 and No. 2. Incidentally, a number of men are curious to discover the source of that "whiskey" which caused such a consoling loss of memory. Many and many a married man would like to get some of that stuff, a wit said, when he read the ensign's statement, which was:

## Wedded Twice in Nine Days

"I was drunk in the peculiar seemingly sober way that drink effects me when I married. I can't remember anything about it. I soon forgot that I was married, although I do seem to have an indistinct recollection that I married Miss Carlson. But Miss Dombrow—why, I can't even tell you just what she looks like. The whiskey did it."

There it is. There's the whole case for the defence if he ever goes on trial for polygamous doings. He'll say just about that to the twelve men in the jury box and the judge. Just about that, maybe. And perhaps he will continue to slight mention of the fact that his memory might have been affected because of the long period of time elapsing between his two Chicago marriages. They were nine whole days apart.

But to return to the story of O. Henry. It tells of the arrival at his office of Harvey Maxwell, a busy broker, and his stenographer, Miss Leslie. He plunges into his work and soon becomes a machine, his personality disappearing. He is so engrossed that he gruffly dismisses the attentive appearance of Miss Leslie, who retires, somewhat taken aback, to the inner office. She asks Pileher, the managing clerk, if there have been any answers from the employment agency to the request of Maxwell for a new stenographer. She gets a negative reply. A little later, when an applicant appears, Maxwell, to the amazement of the clerk, who says the "old man"

has gone off his head, tells him he never advertised for a stenographer, withdraws the call at the employment agency, sends away the girl who had applied for the position, and declares that "Miss Leslie will do."

Noontime arrives and, as the story goes: "When the luncheon time drew near there came a slight lull in the uproar."

"Maxwell stood by his desk with his hands full of telegrams and memoranda, with a fountain pen over his right ear and his hair hanging in disorderly strings over his forehead. His window was open, for the beloved janitress, Spring, had turned in a little warmth in the wakening registers of earth."

"And through the window came a wandering—perhaps a lost—odor, a delicate, sweet odor of lilac that fixed the broker for a moment immovable. For this odor belonged to Miss Leslie; it was her own, and hers only."

"The odor brought her vividly, almost tangibly before him. The world of finance dwindled suddenly to a speck. And she was in the next room—twenty steps away."

"By George, I'll do it now!" said Maxwell, half aloud. "I'll ask her now. I wonder I didn't do it long ago."

"He dashed into the inner office with the haste of a short trying to cover. He charged upon the desk of the stenographer."

"She looked up at him with a smile. A soft pink crept over her cheeks, and her eyes were kind and frank. Maxwell leaned an elbow on her desk. He still clutched fluttering papers with both hands and the pen was behind his ear."

"Miss Leslie," he began, hurriedly. "I have but a moment to spare. I want to say something in that moment. Will you be my wife? I haven't had time to make love to you in the ordinary way, but I really do love you. Talk quick, please—those fellows are clubbing the stuffings out of Union Pacific."

"Oh, what are you talking about?" exclaimed the young lady. She rose to her feet and gazed upon him, round-eyed.

"Don't you understand?" said Maxwell, respectively. "I want you to marry me. I love you, Miss Leslie. I wanted to tell you and I snatched a minute when things slacked up a bit. They're calling me for the phone now. Tell 'em to wait a minute, Pileher. Won't you, Miss Leslie?"

"The stenographer acted very queerly. At

first she seemed overcome with amazement. Tears flowed from her wondering eyes. She smiled sunnily up through them. Her arms slid tenderly about the broker's neck.

"I know now," she said, softly. "It's business that has driven everything from your head for the time. I was first married last evening about 8 o'clock in the church around the corner."

## When Wife Meets Wife

Wives No. 3 and No. 4 of the ensign met him as a lavish spender and a handsome fellow. He seemed to possess the qualifications of a Lothario and the memory that might have belonged to one old enough to be his father. His path from Chicago, after spending a four-hour honeymoon with wife No. 3 in the Montana town of his alleged fourth marriage, was featured by large tips and the European napery.

He surely must possess a wonderful charm. According to latest reports, his wives will prosecute him. Two of the "get-together" council of war in Chicago. They compared notes. They noted good qualities against his bad qualities. They reported a perfect right to the reported conclusion that they would charge of bigamy against their husband's common "husband."

But Mrs. Dombrow Aldrich takes exception to the ensign's explanation of how he got two wives unto himself in nine days. "If he insists on that absurd story," she says, "I shall surely have him prosecuted for bigamy. Mere annulment cuts for nothing. I really don't want to appear in court because of his lovely parents. I keep on telling that weird tale I'm bound to do so."

But it seems that the ensign is in a situation, aside from his alleged bigamy. It is charged by the police that he palmed off checks aggregating \$3000 in value and concerns from Chicago. Up to the time of the money-marriage, which he embarked, he enjoyed a reputation and, coming as he does from a family, with a good record in the great shock to those who knew him.

# MR. EDISON'S INSTRUMENT TO TALK WITH THE DEAD

Do the dead live in a world beyond the grave? If so, is it possible for those in the spirit world to communicate with those left behind them on this earth? Just as communication between distant points on our earth is a matter of delicately constructed instruments, so also communication from the spirit world to our own earth must be accomplished through scientifically constructed instruments of even greater ingenuity and much more minute delicacy than the telegraph, the telephone or the wireless apparatus.

This is the belief of Thomas A. Edison, the foremost inventor of modern times, who has recently stated that the problem of receiving messages from the dead is a problem of pure science, and that he is endeavoring to perfect an apparatus which will make it possible to record messages from the spirit world if there are any spirits and if they desire to communicate with us. It is Mr. Edison's belief that only through some specially constructed scientific instrument will a message ever come from the realms of the departed, and that it will be from some spirit of a dead scientist—some wireless expert or telegraph expert or physicist—that the first messages will come.

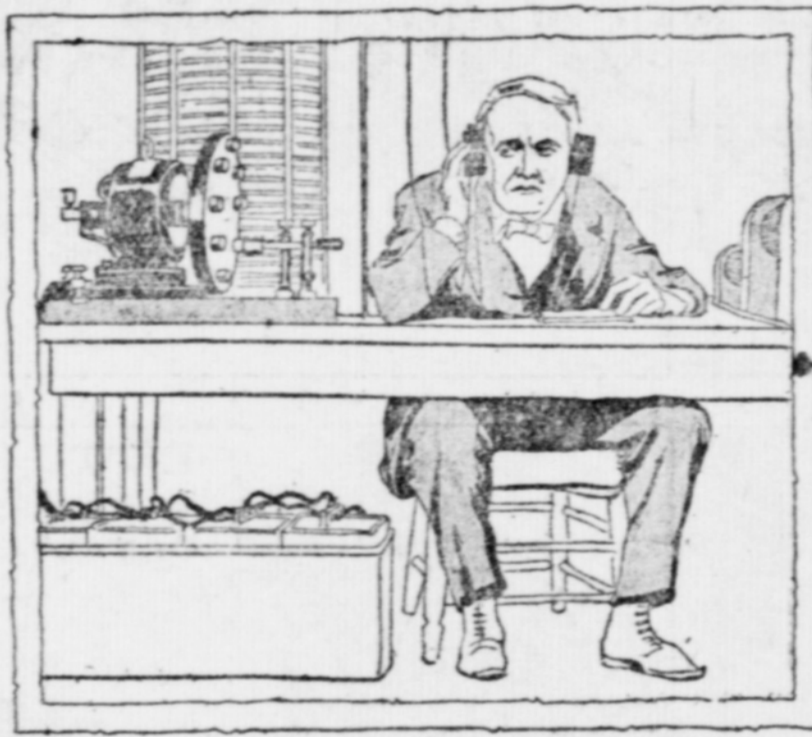
The present method of receiving pretended messages from the dead through so-called spiritualistic "mediums" Mr. Edison regards as absurd. Some of these mediums are barefaced frauds, of course, but he thinks that many of them are self-hypnotized enthusiasts who really believe that they are in touch with the spirit world. The appliances of the "mediums" are clumsy, unscientific and worthless. No message from spirit land can ever come through such childish paraphernalia, he asserts.

If Mr. Marconi or Mr. Edison himself were shipwrecked on a desert island in the middle of the Pacific ocean it would be futile to try to establish wireless connection with some schoolboy outfit in a backyard in San Francisco.

But it might be possible, with great patience and skill to attract the attention of one of the great, high-power, delicately constructed wireless stations of the navy.

And so it is with the world beyond the grave who might be seeking to attract the attention of mankind on earth. He would have to overcome tremendous difficulties, no doubt, and would be utterly helpless in trying to apply his scientific knowledge through any of the clumsy, puerile equipment of the enthusiastic but ignorant spiritualistic "medium." But he might be able to make use of waves of ether or other forces in the universe if Mr. Edison succeeds in setting up an instrument which would register calls from such a source. And this is the task which Mr. Edison has now set his genius to work at.

Already science has undertaken tasks of incredible delicacy which are in some respects not unlike the problem which Mr. Edison has before him. The heat of a candle has been measured miles away. The heat of the most distant stars has been recorded. Not only this, but "young stars" are now distinguished from "old stars"



by instruments of marvelous delicacy. Everybody knows that the slightest earth tremor on the other side of our globe is recorded by the curious little instrument called the seismograph. In the Massachusetts Institute of Technology laboratory is a little machine in which it is possible to weigh the earth, and just as the war was coming to an end an American scientist developed an instrument which would give notice of the approach of a man in the darkest night—an instrument so delicate that the moment a soldier stuck his head above a trench hundreds of feet away across No Man's Land the heat radiated from his face gave a signal instantly.

But, of course, these various instruments are of no value to a person who does not understand them or who has not been trained in the use of them. If the average lawyer, doctor or clergyman or business man stepped into a telegraph office while the operator was absent it would be impossible for him to make use of the instruments to send a message over the wire. And similarly Mr. Edison believes that it is highly unlikely that anybody not technically trained will be able to make use of the forces of nature and the instruments for controlling them after he has passed into the world beyond the grave.

If there is to be any communication from the dead it must be assumed that the departed still retain at least the faculty of memory in the next world. If there are spirits and they have memory and wish to communicate with those left behind, it will be a valuable thing for those who pass into the next world to carry with them full knowledge of the instrument which Mr. Edison hopes to perfect. Thus a distinguished scientist like Mr. Edison himself, upon reaching his spirit abode, would be perfectly familiar with the qualities of the instrument and would know what forces were necessary to set in motion to operate the recording apparatus of the machine.

The wonderful new invention—as yet unnamed—which enables us to see in the dark, to detect by their bodily heat alone the presence of bodies or objects which are entirely invisible to the naked eyes, was developed by Samuel O. Hoffman, formerly of the Science and Research Division of the United States army. It rendered

effective service during the closing weeks of the great war, and if it had been perfected earlier it would undoubtedly have played a leading part in the defeat of Germany. A means of locating troops, trenches, artillery, etc., available to one side alone, would have given that side a preponderant advantage in the war.

As has long been known, every object emits a large quantity of radiation, only a small part of which affects the eye. This radiation is the ordinary dark heat, such as is felt on bringing the cold hand an inch or so in front of the face. While of the same general nature as light, it has quite different properties. Hardly any substances are transparent to it, rock salt being the only one easily obtainable. Glass is particularly opaque, so that ordinary optical instruments are useless. However, sharp images can be easily formed by using concave mirrors of ordinary dimensions, as the actual wave-length of this radiation is sufficiently small (1-250 inch) to obviate trouble from diffraction.

The apparatus consists of a concave mirror mounted on a tripod. This mirror concentrates the object's infra-red radiation on the blackened surface of a thermopile, consisting of minute wires of bismuth and silver soldered together. This blackened junction becomes slightly heated as the radiation is concentrated on it. The resulting electrical current, flowing through a galvanometer mounted on another tripod, indicates the presence of "something warm."

Mr. Edison is not yet ready to divulge the details of his invention or reveal the exact principles involved in its operation. He has, however, said enough to lead to the belief that he plans to accomplish this modern miracle by means of a wonderful "spirit wireless"—an adaptation to communication between the world of the living and the world of the dead of the wireless telegraphy now in use on this earth.

Support of this view is given by Mr. Edison's expectation that the first spirits to avail themselves of the means of communication he will offer them will be men and women who, during their earthly careers as telegraphers or scientists, became expert in the use of delicate instruments and powerful electrical currents. It is also significant that he refers to the invention on which he is at work as an "apparatus"—the same term which would be used to describe a wireless telegraph outfit with its batteries, transmitters, receivers and lofty aerial towers.

Such a "spirit wireless" as Mr. Edison is now perfecting at his laboratories in Orange, N. J., will mark a new epoch in the history of mankind. Its establishment will settle for all time the question of the soul's immortality. If it proves that the dead do live on in a world beyond the grave and are able to communicate with us when supplied with suitable means, the "spirit wireless" will do away with the ouija boards, the slates, cabinets and trances of the mediums, and all the other crude, unsatisfactory methods now employed in the effort to pierce the veil of death.

Will the earth soon be dotted with "spirit wireless" stations where the dead may get in

touch with us as readily as one can do over the telephone? Will the spirits, perhaps, enable us not only to hear of the spirits, but to catch fleeting glimpses of their wraithlike forms?

These are questions which Mr. Edison is answering any day now to the world's satisfaction.

If any one can solve this age-old problem and give scientific confirmation to the immortality, surely it is Thomas A. Edison, all his career he has seldom if ever been idle. Although seventy-three years of age, he is active in mind and body and able to work hours at a stretch that most men would find impossible.

How better could he crown his life of service to humanity than by the method by which the spirits of the dead transmit whatever messages they have to the living friends they have left behind?

## CONSCIENCE IN BUSINESS

(From the Forbes Magazine)

That man is a success who lives by his science.

Business success and conscience are little in common, it was thought.

Today business success and conscience are in-hand, as a rule. Indeed, "success" is maintained in harmony with conscience only looked on as no success at all.

Conscience is the parent of character no man is today ready to deny.

The less conscience a man has, the more he is to be successful—and stay successful.

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The "still, small voice," in the past, became a loud, dominant voice.

Instead of conscience being a liability, it is today an asset, an indispensable asset without which we now regard as worthless success can be achieved.

Work that wrenches the conscience is not adequately paid—there isn't enough in the world to do it.

Conscience is one's best capital.

## HOG WEIGHING 1350 POUNDS

DODGES THE BUTCHERS

Jumbo, believed to have been the largest hog in the United States, is being raised on the Lin Brothers' farm, near Bannockburn, Ill. He weighed 1350 pounds.

Jumbo was of the Big Type and was sired by Macmoth, a Giant, and was to have been shown at the Illinois and Indiana state fairs and the stock show at Chicago. The fact is mostly widely known show hog.



# CURRENT COMMENT LOCAL AND NATIONAL

By J. H. LOWRY

**NEW YEAR** Old Time has turned another cog and ushered us into another year. In a way we start life anew—just rub off the slate and begin all over again. Having seen our errors, having entered our low ideals, having been filled with me over our littleness, we have wished that might, with the knowledge we have gained, we might anew and erect a life statue of matchless beauty. We have caught the vision of the life of the universe, and we fain would carve it without stain or blemish; and at last present it, faultless, to our King. We really believe we could do it if given another chance; but we forget that we are "of the earth earthy." Of the earth man created, and the earth is not pure soil. There are rocks and sands and seams, the stinging alps and the barren places, as well as the fertile and the pure gold. These imperfections are eliminated in a day, or a year. Nature makes diamonds, but ages and aeons are required to produce the pure carbon. But what I started to say is that we will not keep all the better resolves we have made. We are still of the earth earthy. The seams and the rocks and the alkali spots are set right in our make-up. We can not make a correct every time we wield the chisel. Old selfishness will blot out many of our good wishes stand between us and our ideals. But, if we really hoped for better things, if we have dreamed better dreams, if we have been fired by our fancies, we have done well. We'll break up our good resolutions, but some of them will become a part of our lives. Next year we'll make good resolutions again, and break some of them, of course. But we are safe so long as we yearn for better things. The wreck comes when we become satisfied with ourselves and our lot, but while we can say with the psalmist of "I shall not be satisfied until I awake in the likeness of thy image," we shall go on toward perfection that only the Master of men has in store for the world, ever singing and praying "Build thee more stately mansions, oh, my soul."

While the swift seasons roll, leave the low-vaulted past—let each new temple, nobler than the last—be built thee from Heaven by a dome more vast. Till thou art length are free, leaving thy outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

**NEW YEAR'S DREAMS** As we enter the door of 1921 we can not but anxiously ask what the year brings. The world, we know, is out of joint, and we are wondering whether the joints will be reset and fitted before the fires of 1921 break out. By some process we wot not of a

great change has been worked in our country's financial affairs. We had "good times" and now we have "hard times." We who do not understand the mysteries of finance can not understand why the era of good times could not have been perpetuated. The seasons were propitious, the elements were friendly, and the soil gave to the world's granaries and looms a full harvest, but the world's financial machine slipped some cogs and was thrown out of time, and so we have "hard times." With a very large per cent. of the people "hard times" is but a condition of the mind—"a brain-born dream of evil all their own"—the financial hydrophobia, so to speak. To be sure poverty will pinch many. There will be coarser food and patched pants. Many will lose the acquaintance with life's luxuries and go from syllabus to eorn pone. Calves that showed their symmetry and beauty through drapings of silk must turn to cotton hose and hide themselves under longer skirts; but hard times talk is epidemic and universal. The man who has more than he can possibly spend in a life time will talk hard times as glibly as the poor devil who must exist on short rations and beg the grocer for credit. We are wondering whether the New Year will give us a system of credit and confidence and legislation that, instead of bottling up our country's wealth in the horn of plenty, will turn the cornucopia big end down and make it possible for plenty to light the lamps of prosperity. And we are wondering whether the year will bring forth men who are good enough and wise enough to construct an economic system under which panics and hard times can not co-exist with a plenty of money and products.

And our thoughts go out to nations other than our own. Before the bells toll the knell of 1921 the Russian Soviet will be a failure or a fixture. The year will tell the story of Lenin's dream and place the seal of Lenin's fate. He is soon to be acclaimed great or greedy—to wear a halo or chains. Will Lenin be a hero or a criminal? The answer is not yet, but perhaps I shall discuss the whys and wherefores of his triumph or his failure in my next installment of New Year Reflections.

And what of Mexico? Is Obregon to be the savior of his people—the man of iron and genius who shall lead a stricken and foolish people from the darkness of chaos to the golden light of order—or is he but another unsuspecting Madero, another tyrannical Huerta, or another weak Carranza, too weak or too mean to guide the destinies of a nation? Perhaps you and I will discuss his failures or his virtues around the dying embers of 1921. Great wisdom will mark our discussions then, but now we know no more of the fate of Obregon and Mexico than we know of the fluctuations of the cotton market next week.

And what of Germany, and the once powerful

Kaiser? Is the dethroned monarch whose ambitions bathed Europe in blood and turned so many forests and fields into charnel houses to die in exile, "unwept, unhonored and unsung," while Germany is rebuilt and rehabilitated by men who love liberty and peace? Or is the plain Mr. Hohenzollern, who now divides his time between his woodsaw and his stricken wife, to be led by the proud banner of the Prussian eagles to the palace from which he fled, and, like his brother-in-law, Constantine, receive the lavish homage of his former subjects? We should like to tear aside the veil that intervenes between us and the future and know these things right now, but the world must make many diurnal journeys around the sun before the story of Germany and Wilhelm is told. Perhaps this will prove one of the most interesting stories of the year of our Lord 1921.

And our own Texas—the jeweled queen of our proud sisterhood of states, the happy bride of our beloved southland—must wrestle with many problems as the year wears on. Our law-makers are soon to assemble and address themselves to the enactment and repeal of laws. And we are wondering what the result of their deliberations will be. Will they strike a blow against tenantry, and in favor of home ownership, by the enactment of a graduated land tax, or must this reform wait awhile and see even larger holdings and fewer home-owners? Will they remove the poll tax receipt as a requisite to voting and give men and women an absolutely free ballot? Will they back up and repeal the law which enabled Governor Hobby to keep the port of Galveston open and maintain order in the Island City? And what of the minimum wage law for women workers? Will it receive further legislative sanction and stand judicial scrutiny, thus paving the way for the fixing of all wages and prices, or will it go down under the declaration that law cannot abridge the right of employer and employe to contract? These are things we should like to know right now, but the answer will doubtless be history before 1921 takes its place with the nineteen hundred and twenty years of the Christian era that were but are not.

But the greatest question—the one that appeals alike to every nation and people—is that of the fate of the League of Nations. The first meeting has been held, and the League has actual existence. Sorrowful to say, the world-wide tribunal of which we talked and dreamed when the cannons were booming and the best blood of all nations was flowing—the great tribunal which was to become the parliament of man and the federation of the world—has not had the smooth sailing we all predicted when the mighty conflict was on. This was to be the great war's compensation to a ruined world. The world was to learn to war no more, and this belief soothed and sustained even when we read of the awful

toll Mars was taking. We believed that when the smoke of battle finally cleared, swords would be beaten into plowshares, spears into pruning hooks, even as the words of old predicted and the poets of our land were singing. How sweet the dream. It was the soldier boy as he gave his body a sacrifice to the war god, for he believed shedding of his blood was to make the way for peace. It cheered the fathers and mothers as they pressed sleepless pillows and for their boys on the battlefield. It made possible to the home-sick soldier as he wrapped blanket about him and lay down on foreign soil to dream of home and loved ones, with no above him save the starlit canopy of heaven glorious to see clanking, glittering swords into plows, that the people of the world have more bread! How glorious to see turned into implements for beautifying the world! And how glorious to sacrifice oneself for such a happy consummation. We hopefully of the League that was to close the doors of the Janus temple forever and make impossible. With the eye of faith we saw meadow larks building their nests in the shadows of the huge cannons that had scattered a field of blood and death over sunny France and Belgium, that had streaked the Carpathian human gore and turned the Balkans into a field of bones greater than good old Ezekiel's vision. We believed that when the awful would teach all nations sanity. We believed when the storm cloud passed we could see where the sunshine kissed the mountain and look down upon an earth-girdled den over which grim-visaged war could never reign. We believed that when the roar of the cannon shot had died away we could hear the song of peace which the angels chanted to shepherds in old Judea when the star of Bethlehem held its radiant torch over the manger scene, and that the national airs of all the world would be blended into a glad refrain of cadence and melody would ever ring round the world. But alas, the great federation so Lord Tennyson when he gave us Locksley has struck many snags and is not functioning as we had hoped. As yet it is not strong enough to hold a fretful world in awe." When the Council met at Geneva the chair made ready for the United States was vacant, and keenly this great nation missed by those who work for world peace. Will the difference between statesmen and politicians—between those who fear entangling alliances and those who yearn for world peace by agreement of all nations be wiped out by the hopes and prayers of that Uncle Sam may take his place at the head of the Council and wield his strong arm for half of peace? This is the greatest question will answer. And may the answer be in the name of humanity.

## Early Times in Texas OR THE ADVENTURES OF JACK DOBEL

By J. C. DUVAL

### CHAPTER XXXII.

Entering the Choctaw camp, we found Big Drunk and his men busily engaged in adorning themselves for the dance, painting their faces and bodies (which were naked to the waist) with red and black pigments in the most grotesque manner. The styles of some of their head dresses too were unique, and would have made the "girl of the period" hide her diminished head, chignon and all, from mere shame and envy. We took our seats upon some buffalo skins that were spread upon the grass for our accommodation, and quietly waited for the ball to begin. A large fire of dry wood was in the centre of a level flat of ground, from every stone and stick that might interfere with the movements of the dancers, had been standardly cleared away. Big Drunk opened the dance by entering this arena and commencing to dance with a slow up and down movement, to which he sang a lugubrious ditty, composed of short phrases, jerked out spasmodically and the rattling of a gourd partly filled with gravel, formed appropriate accompaniment. Presently, another warrior joined Big Drunk, and then another, and another, until all were dancing in the monotonous manner. When all were collected in the arena, they joined hands, and formed a circle around the fire the regular dance of which the previous "solo" dances had been only a kind of prelude. During the dance the Indians spoke or rather sang in their own language, and of course we could not understand what was said, but we readily gathered from their gestures and movements, the figures were intended to represent in mime, all that takes place on a buffalo hunt—the helter skelter run after the game; the firing of guns; the bellowing of the bulls and the falling of those fatally pierced by bullets, the whole winding up by their marching in single file, each one in a stooping position though he were heavily laden with the spoils of the chase. After the buffalo dance other dances were gone through with, the scalp dance, the torture dance, the "torture dance," the scalp dance, the torture dance, the "torture dance," the scalp dance, the torture dance. In the latter, which I suppose was the usual



Dunk Opened the Ball.

one danced at the Indian "auto da fies" or burnings at the stake, there was so much violent gesticulation, such fiendish yells and horrible contortions of the countenance, that Cudjo was frightened, and got up from his seat evidently with the intention of making tracks for camp, but Mr. Pitt noticed the movement, and stopped him by telling him, that if he left the ground before the ceremonies were ended, the Indians would regard it as a mortal affront, and probably wind up the performances with a genuine "torture dance" in which he would figure conspicuously. Mr. Pitt's remonstrance had the desired effect, and Cudjo resumed his seat again, but it was very apparent he was sick of the "show" and wished himself safely back at home. As soon as the last dance was ended, Mr. Pitt concluded he would have a little fun out of Cudjo, so he stepped up to Big Drunk, and after giving him to understand that we were all highly pleased with their dances, he told him we were desirous of contributing something towards the entertainments of the evening and if he wished it, we would get Cudjo to "pat Juba" which Mr. Pitt said, was the war dance of Congo, his native land. "Me like see 'em belly well," said Big Drunk, and forthwith he ranged his warriors around the fire, who patiently waited for Cudjo to make his appearance in the ring. Mr. Pitt then went to Cudjo and told him the Indians wanted to see him pat Juba, as they had been told he could not be beat at it by any darkey in the settlements. "Deed, Mass Pitt," said Cudjo, "I don't want to pat Juba fur all dem wile Injins. I'd rather be 'seused tonight, and you kin tell 'em I got de reumatiz mity bad in my off laig." "Oh, that will never do, Cudjo," said Mr. Pitt, "the Indians have danced several times for us, and if you refuse to dance for them when they ask you, they will certainly be highly affronted and there's no telling what they may do." "O dese Injins," said Cudjo, "I don't want nuffin more to do wid 'em. Dey's altogether too techy for me. Ef you don't eat wid 'em tell you bust, dey's 'fronted, an ef you don't dance when dey gin the word, dey wants ter take your scalp. I've afeared all de time I'm wid 'em I'll do suffin' or nuder dey don't like, afore I knows it, and den I 'spose off go my sculp. Drat 'em, it's sculp, sculp, wid 'em from mornin' tell night." "Yes, that's so," said Mr. Pitt, "but the only thing to do now is, to get out of the scrape the best way you can, and I'm pretty sure if you don't dance, and dance your very best at that, that in less than ten minutes you will have no more wool on the top of your head than you have in the palm of your hand." Thus urged, Cudjo reluctantly

entered the ring and began to pat Juba, all the while eyeing the surrounding warriors closely, to see what effect his performances were having upon them. But Indians are not at all demonstrative and seldom exhibit any signs of approbation, even when highly pleased, and although Cudjo put in all his fancy touches, such as had often won him unbounded applause from many a select crowd of darkeys, the Indians still looked on as apathetically and grimly as if they had fully made up their minds to scalp the dancer the moment the "jig was up." Cudjo, no doubt, finally came to this conclusion himself, and that his only chance to save his scalp was to "do the thing up brown" and his efforts to give satisfaction to the glum warriors were almost superhuman. He beat the ground as he danced with the palm of one of his hands, and at the same time, the top of his head with the other, then the soles of his feet and the calves of his legs for rather the places where the calves should have been, for what little he had of those appendages was on the wrong side) and jumped up and down and around with such rapidity and vigor, that the perspiration rolled off his forehead in drops as big as mustang grapes. At last, however, seeing no signs of approval on the countenances of the stolid warriors, and completely exhausted by his violent efforts, Cudjo dropped on the ground in utter despair, and resigned himself, as he supposed, to his inevitable fate. But the love of life was still strong within him, and seeing two or three of the warriors advancing towards him, his dread of being scalped, gave him renewed strength, and springing suddenly to his feet, he darted off at the top of his speed in the direction of our camp and was quickly lost to view in the surrounding gloom. The Indians seemed somewhat astonished at this "finale" of Cudjo's national dance, but eventually I think they came to the conclusion that his sudden exit was merely the usual winding up. I am rather inclined to believe, however, that Big Drunk (who was a pretty shrewd fellow) had some suspicions of the true state of the case, for I heard him say to Mr. Pitt when Cudjo abandoned the field so hastily, "Ah, hah! tent done cotch fire agin, may be so." Shortly after Cudjo left, we bid our friends good night, and returned to our own camp. We found Cudjo coiled up in his blanket and fast asleep before the fire. Uncle Seth laughed heartily when we told him of Cudjo's performances at the dance and of his sudden retreat from the field. "Niggers," said he, looking rather contemptuously towards the unconscious Cudjo, "Niggers always puts me in mind of chil-

dren, one minit they's cryin, fit to break hearts, and the next they's laughin' so you hear 'em a mile off—pervidin' the wind's. But no matter of they's scared out'n their senses, or hongry or sufferin' with the ju tooth-ache, just gin 'em a chance to quile a blanket with their heads to the fire, and fast asleep afore you kin turn roun'. They continued Uncle Seth, "that Adam and Eve the forbears of all the people in the world I s'pose it's a fact, fur it's down in the Bible, but they has sartinly had a hard road to somehow, or how is it they come by their skin and wooly heads and skulls thick as a ferios—that's what I want to know?" "Seie contend," said Mr. Pitt, "that their black wooly heads, etc., are due to their long residence in hot or tropical countries." "May be so," Uncle Seth, but the woolliest animules I've seed, were in cold countries; and they wouldn't venture to dispute their word, fur see I hain't no book larnin', the fast time meet up with any of them scientisters I wish ax 'em fur me, what's the reason the Injins South Ameriky 'long the Amerson ain't, and wooly headed, and if the niggers w white agin, when they've lived as long in countries as they have in hot." Before Mr could bring his "scientific authorities" to on this knotty question, Uncle Seth had "qu himself in his blanket, and we all soon foll his example. The next morning just after we had fin breakfast, the two Indian spies returned to and they reported they had gone fifty twenty miles up the canyon, and had four recent Indian sign any where in it. "I ne Comanche set trap fur me," said Big D "but all right now and purty soon we go." The two spies had stowed away about five pounds of buffalo meat apiece, and rested a long after their long tramp, we saddled and mounted our horses, and proceeded towards the east of the canyon. A mile or so beyond the Lawrence and I had explored, upon the of a high peak overlooking all the surrounding hills, we observed what we supposed to be Indian watching the advance of our party. Uncle Seth told us, however, it was a small pillar of rocks by the Indians, but for what purpose he could not say. He told us he had frequently seen similar ones in his travels through the mountainous regions of Texas. The farther we went up the canyon, the wilder and more rugged came the scenery that presented itself to view. The canyon in most places narrow

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### STOWAWAYS KEEP GALVESTON PORT OFFICIALS ON JUMP

Port officials of Galveston report an unusually large number of stowaways from various European ports to have recently arrived there. The result of the war, which left Europe in bad plight has caused a large number to seek homes in the United States, and if they cannot find a way to come by securing a passport they come as stowaways. Recently three arrived in an almost famished condition, coming chiefly from ports in Holland and Belgium, which, owing to the passport restrictions of other European countries, are said by immigration officers to be serving as clearing houses for these undesirable. Great care is being taken to see that no emissary of Lenin or Trotzky is allowed to land here. Those who are found skilled in some trade or craft whereby they can earn a living in this country, and who are free from any disease and can pass the literary test, sometimes are admitted by the examining board.

In talking with a number of them, it is learned that hard times and the high cost of living in Europe are the causes for the general influx to America.

### RARE INDIAN RELICS ARE FOUND IN EAST TEXAS

During the past summer, Prof. J. E. Pearce, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Texas, was engaged by the Smithsonian Institute to make an exhaustive study of old Indian camp sites scattered over east Texas, especially those in Harrison, Henderson and Anderson counties.

Prof. Pearce made numerous valuable finds of pottery, cooking vessels and other utensils used by the ancient redmen. It is his purpose to prepare an exhaustive paper on his findings and send it to the institution. He is one of the first to give Indian lore much study in Texas.

### LAD BURROWING FOR RABBIT UNEARTHED BUNCH OF STOLEN SECURITIES

In Bowie county, Texas, a few days ago, a lad out rabbit hunting came across what looked to him to be a good place to burrow for rabbits, and immediately began digging away with might and main. He was awarded for his trouble, but not with a rabbit. Instead he found a bundle containing war saving stamp certificates, oil stock certificates, liberty bonds, and numerous other things. He carried them to Nash, the nearest town, and the loot was identified as part of the collateral stolen from the Nash bank some time ago.

### TEXAS' OLDEST MASON DIES

William Hayes, 101 years old, an inmate of the Masonic home a short distance west of Arlington, joined the innumerable through a few days ago, from whence no traveler returns. The last Masonic rites were paid the patriarch of the order by Julian Field lodge No. 908 of Fort Worth. Past Master George W. Burroughs acted as master of ceremonies.

Up until just a short time before his death, the aged Mason walked without a cane, read without glasses, and, so far as physicians could ascertain, was without an ailment of any sort. A short time prior to his death he assisted in conferring the master's degree in Julian Field lodge. He was born in Cork, Ireland, Jan. 5, 1819, and joined the Masonic fraternity in Iowa 75 years ago. He moved to Texas 50 years ago and took quite an interest in Masonic affairs.

### NEW OIL FIELDS ARE SPRINGING UP IN WEST TEXAS

Within the past few weeks one new field has sprung into existence to add to the wealth of Texas and another is in its incipency. The section around Eliasville in the southern end of Young county and northern Stephens county, promises to rival that of Burkburnett and Ranger in their palmy days, and push Breckenridge for honors.

In the Eliasville section already several wells that are classed as gushers have been brought in and are making from 250 to more than 1000 barrels a day. The section around the new town in Young county was given the stamp of approval years ago by geologists. Production in that field already is reckoned by the big companies.

At Ivan, also a new settlement in Young county in what is termed the Big Bend district, the Texas and Pacific Coal and Oil company that developed the Ranger field is making arrangements to establish a camp there and conduct a drilling program. The scouts of the company have approved the selection.

### MINIMUM WAGE PROBLEM TO BOB UP BEFORE TEXAS SOLONS

The Texas Retail Dry Goods association and kindred organizations that employ female help have had their heads together for some time and with the aid of the legal brains at their command to draft a law that they say will remedy evils now existing in the one that caused almost a split in the commission appointed to put the law in operation.

The industrial commission recently fixed the minimum wage for women and minors at \$12 a week. J. L. Peeler, attorney for the Texas Retail Dry Goods association, has prepared the amendment that will be offered. It is claimed that the present law is defective in that it fixes the wages for the entire state, when as a fact, living cost differs in different sections of the state. Under the proposed amendment, the law will be changed so as to provide for the fixing of the minimum by zones. The proposed amendment fixes a minimum wage by towns.

A readjustment of the law governing apprentices and their remuneration also is planned under the Peeler bill.

### WEST TEXAS STREAMS WILL BE EXPLOITED FOR PEARLS AND MUSSEL SHELL

That Texas streams as well as Texas oil fields are attracting northern capital has developed within the past week or so when announcement was made that representatives of a large pearl button factory in Iowa have started a survey of the San Saba, Llano and Concho rivers in search of suitable mussel shells that are used in the manufacture of pearl and other buttons. It has been known for years that the streams of west Texas contain large quantities of these fresh water bivalves. Aside from the fact that the shells are worth from \$50 to \$150 or more a ton, a number of valuable pearls have been found in those streams. The value of the shell depends upon its color and size for making buttons and other articles.

The state will receive a royalty of \$1 a ton for all shells gathered, and a license of \$10 for each operator will be charged.

### REVISION OF TEXAS TAXATION SYSTEM, A LEGISLATIVE PROBLEM

When the Thirty-seventh legislature was called to order the other day, not less than a half dozen taxation bills in embryonic form were ready to be sprung, all of them were for the relief of the dear people who are staggering under a weight. All of them propose to make the burden fall where it can least be felt.

For a number of years past there has been all kinds of agitation for a reform in the system of taxation. State comptrollers have declared that their records show a decided inequality in the rates at which values of different counties are rendered for state taxation. State Tax Commissioner James A. King, in his annual report for the past year said, that a vast amount of property in the state escapes taxation and that other property carries an unjust share of the burden.

The State Democratic convention, in the platform adopted at Fort Worth last summer gave attention to the subject and placed a plank in it asking for a reform of the system that is keeping Texas from making the progress that it should make and is destined to make. It directed that the legislature take some action. The state comptroller has advanced his ideas on the subject. He has suggested several changes that he thought would prove beneficial.

Representative John T. Smith of Austin announced that the sole reason for his standing for election to the legislature was to help his state by fathering a law on taxation that will give the needed relief. He has prepared and printed an extensive tax bill to replace all present tax laws.

This bill proposes a number of radical changes.

### MYNATT WANTS MORE DRASTIC MARRIAGE LICENSE LAWS ADOPTED

Bart Mynatt, county clerk of Tarrant county, proposes to have the next legislature pass a law that will make the securing of a marriage license more formal, and thereby relieve the official of considerable worry, and parents' heart-aches, to say nothing of helping to cheat the demon divorce that is playing havoc with the affairs of the nation and sapping its vitality.

In discussing the proposition the other day, Mr. Mynatt said it was too easy to secure a license even by using an affidavit. According to the present laws of Texas any person may qualify to sign an affidavit whereby a young couple can secure a license to wed. This should be changed. When the affidavit is once signed there is no getting around it, the clerk must issue the license, explained the clerk. During the past few months Mr. Mynatt has been severely censured by parents for having issued licenses to their daughters and sons to wed when they were under age, but when these parents were presented with the affidavits filed in the case they wailed.

The marriage having been perfected, there was nothing left but for the parents to grin and bear their trouble in order to save the names of the youngsters.

In the opinion of Mr. Mynatt, the law should compel the couple about to be married to file an application for a marriage license at least thirty days before the issuance. In some instances it would work a hardship, while in others it would act as a balance wheel. The law ought to require the parents to sign the affidavit, and if not the parents, then the guardian. It was the opinion of the clerk, that if handicaps were placed in the way of romantic school boys and girls, getting married, there would be fewer children filing suits for divorce.

### RATS AND ROOSTERS LEAD PROHIBITION OFFICERS TO DISTILLERIES

Two "stewed rats" and a drunken rooster were the undoing of two honest-to-goodness distilleries in Whitesboro and in Dallas a few days ago. In their perambulations in and around Dallas a few days ago, officers saw two rodents in the western part of the city acting rather queerly, which caused an investigation that led to the finding of a distillery and three gallons of corn whiskey buried near the place where the "stewed" rats were staggering under the weight of a real old-fashioned jag.

Near Whitesboro a rooster began acting rather strangely and was doing the turkey trot in such a manner as to create a bit of excitement that led to a probe. Officers were in the neighborhood in search of a still that had been reported to them. This rooster, being of a proud disposition, began to cut capers which led the sleuths toward a barn in which was found, in a barn loft, the still, where the rooster got his mash.

The still was three miles northwest of Whitesboro.

### RUSE OF TWO OPERATORS RESULTS IN CAPTURE OF BANDITS

The capture of two men charged with robbery with fire arms, assault to murder, and a few other crimes was perfected through the good work of one of the victims of the pair, and a girl operator at Nocona. Both men are in jail at Henrietta awaiting action on the part of the grand jury.

A few days ago, R. Y. Williams, a telegraph operator at Jolly, Texas, looked up from his work and faced two masked men with pistols in hand and pointed at him, with the demand that he cough up the combination to the safe. Williams refused, whereupon the bandits beat him about the head and shot him. The pair then began to work on the combination of the safe, and after looting it of approximately \$550 left Williams lying on the floor in an almost insensible condition. He managed to drag himself up to the key and ticked the warning all along the lines of the Denver and Katy roads. Jolly is nine miles west of Henrietta.

Miss Doris Ayers, the operator at Nocona caught the flash and relayed it to other points in her territory on the Katy. At Walton switch, near Ringgold, two men were seen to jump aboard an eastbound train. This was flashed to Nocona, and Miss Ayers immediately notified the officers to be on hand to meet the train. She also armed herself with a pistol, and with assistance of the train crew soon located and arrested the men.

### SKULL OF CORSICANA NEGRO DEFIES AVERAGE BULLET

Arthur R. Rowe, a Corsicana negro, has a skull that defies the average 38 calibre Colts. He demonstrated that a few days ago when he became involved in a difficulty with another senegambian, Albert Lewis. Had the United States had a few divisions of blacks with skulls as thick as Rowe's there would have been fewer losses in the American army.

Rowe and Lewis became involved in a difficulty in the little town of Frost, which resulted in Lewis bringing his heavy artillery, into action and taking a good bead on the back of Rowe's head. He fired and the bullet instead of penetrating flattened out and left Rowe suffering from a slight headache.

### SUGARLAND, TEXAS, IS HOME OF MEANEST THIEF IN THE WORLD; STEALS A TROUSSEAU

Mrs. Thomas Trelsford, a bride of Sugarland, is the victim of the meanest burglar known. He stole her wedding finery while on her honeymoon trip from Palestine, Texas. The theft is reported to have been made somewhere between Palestine and Sugarland. Mr. and Mrs. Trelsford left the old home town of Palestine to visit friends at Sugarland. When they arrived at Sugarland, Mrs. Trelsford found that the locks of her trunks had been picked and all her finery had disappeared, which caused hubby to be compelled to buy new clothes, although she had made her trousseau herself. Included in the theft were two coat suits and several dresses.

### PIECES OF A MASTODON SKELETON IS FOUND IN GRAVEL PIT

The teeth, tusks, and part of the bones of a head of an animal of the prehistoric age were found in a gravel pit near Dallas, a few days ago and presented to the museum of the Southern Methodist university. Scientific men who examined the find, stated that the bones were those of an animal that lived several thousand years ago.

The teeth weighed about six pounds each. The tusks were sixteen inches thick and fourteen feet long. The bones of the head were not large enough to tell anywhere near what its size was originally.

### COLLIE DOG DISCOVERS NEST OF RATS IN FARMER'S BUGGY

In the cushion of a buggy owned by an Ellis county farmer, a pestiferous rodent had found a nest for her young, and all went merry as a marriage bell with that rat family until the farmer drove to town a few days later. He drove his team in front of a blacksmith shop to have some work done. An innocent looking Collie pup was taking his siesta in the sun. Suddenly pup pricked up his ears, and after running around the buggy a few times, jumped upon the seat, and in a few moments, with claws and teeth, found the rodents and made a meal of them. He ate eight while one got away.

### EIGHT-YEAR-OLD TROUP NELSON OF SHERMAN JOINS HERO MEDAL CLASS

Prompt action on the part of Troup Nelson, an eight-year-old lad at Sherman, probably saved the life of Ozelle, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q. T. Smith of Sherman, a few days ago. As a result of his efforts, little Troup is suffering from severe burns about his hands.

Little Ozelle had wandered from home and was playing in a neighbor's yard near a trash fire. Her dress caught fire and Troup seeing her plight, went to her rescue and did the best he could to extinguish the flames until her parents arrived. The parents also were badly burned. The dress of Ozelle was practically burned from the body. The babe was rushed to a hospital and may recover.

### OIL BRINGS THE PER CAPITA WEALTH OF WEST TEXAS COUNTY ABOVE 1000 MARK

Statistics recently compiled in one of the oil producing counties of west Texas show that the per capita wealth of that county will average more than a thousand dollars. The average per capita wealth of the United States is far less than that amount.

### FORMER PRESIDENT TAFT BEGINS RAISING LONG STAPLE COTTON

On his ranch near Gregory, Texas, President, Howard Taft raised 1,500 acres of long staple cotton, which is selling at over short staple. He can testify as to the value of raising the long staple cotton as a short staple, although it costs no more the grade that sells for a premium. On 1,000 acres of the Bennett variety he yielded 1,500 bales of the long staple.

More than 22,000 bales of cotton have been raised on the Taft ranch this year, according to Walton Poteet, head of the agricultural department of the Texas Chamber of Commerce who recently inspected the Taft ranch. Never, only 1,000 acres on what is known as No. 21 were planted in the Bennett variety.

Approximately \$4,000,000 will be realized on the Taft cotton crop, according to Mr. Poteet. This amount about \$3,500,000 will be realized on the sale of the lint, while the seed will bring about \$500,000.

The cotton in San Patricio and Matagorda counties, the Taft ranch being located in Matagorda, was the greatest in the history of the state and brought good prices on account of the market early in the fall.

### EXPERT FAVORS PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

In a recent address before the teachers of Texas, at Corpus Christi, Ben D. Wood, Texas, assistant to Dr. E. L. Thorndyke, Columbia University, came out strongly in favor of psychological examination of children when they enter school, along the lines of the army. He declared that psychological tests give a more accurate basis for judging pupils' mental capacity.

"At a time when society stands in need of all the intelligence born to the human mind," said Dr. Wood, "at a time when all the demands the maximum development and utilization of the greatest force with which it is endowed; at a time when the great men and thinkers of the age acknowledge they are baffled by the complex and intricate problems that raise their specters upon every side, we are squandering the best years of our choicest children and missing effective the mental powers of many of our mental Edisons and Roosevelts."

Dr. Wood decried the practice of judging the progress of children or more mature students on the basis of dullards of the class.

"We put children of all ranges of intelligence in the same class and attempt to force the minded or slow-witted children to do the wholly impossible feat of keeping up with the average pupil, and at the same time encourage the very bright and gifted children to mental laziness by requiring them to do the mediocre progress of the average pupil."

"These matters can be corrected by the Binet and Thorndyke and their followers."

### TEXAS HAS GREATEST NUMBER OF FARMS

The number of farms in the United States according to a census bulletin recently issued is 6,459,998, an increase of 98,469, or 1.5 per cent. A farm for census purposes is all the land farmed by one person, either by himself or that of his family and hired help. The greatest number of farms is recorded for Texas is 435,666, a gain of 17,972, or 4.1 per cent. compared with 10 years ago, and an increase of 476 compared with 1900.

### Early Times in Texas

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a mere gulch, scarcely wide enough to be called a stream, and through the clear shallow waters often took our way in preference to the trail along the banks. Just as we were about to enter the little valley into which the canyon widened out, Big Drunk called attention to a large buck standing on the verge of a bluff, three or four hundred yards from where we were. He asked him if he thought he could take it with his rifle. It was perhaps a hundred yards from where we were when the buck was standing, and Uncle Seth was a mighty long shot but if he had been a shorter shot, he would try what he could do. Thereupon ordered his men to dismount. Seth dismounted, advanced a few paces, and on one of the lower branches he rested his rifle. Taking deliberate aim, elevating his sight a foot or more above the target, he fired. At the report of the rifle he sprang beyond the edge of the bluff, down its almost vertical face into the water. The Choctaws were much surprised to see the buck fall, and their admiration of Uncle Seth's skill was expressed by various exclamations or grunts which it is impossible to express in language. In fact, we were as surprised as the Choctaws at the result of the shot, for in those days of old-fashioned rifles could not be depended upon to reach a greater distance than one hundred or at the most two hundred yards with the improved Henry, Sharps or Remington rifles, such a feat as the killing of a buck at a distance of four hundred or five hundred yards would not be regarded as extraordinary.

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**A Little Fun** Jokes to Make You Laugh

**BEING CAREFUL**

A fastidious young man who was in a hurry dropped into a nearby "hashery" for lunch. It was a rough, ill-smelling place, but he thought he could manage to get down a cup of coffee and a doughnut, so he ordered them. The waitress brought his coffee in a thick heavy cup. "Where's the saucer?" inquired our fastidious friend.

"We don't give no saucers here," replied the girl, turning her wad of gum. "If we did, some lowbrow would come blowin' in and drink out of his saucer an' we'd lose a lot of our swell trade."

**NATIVE WENT FLUEY**

A member of the British colony in a certain foreign town quarreled with a native, and a duel with revolvers was arranged. The Englishman was a good shot, and the native, knowing this, made it a condition that the duel should take place in a room in total darkness.

The time arrived.

"I don't want to hurt the guy," thought the Englishman, "but I'll give him the fright of his life."

He groped his way around the room to the fireplace and fired all the chambers of his revolver up the chimney.

The native was killed.—Los Angeles Times.

**STATESMAN AND POLITICIAN**

Senator Smoot drew in Salt Lake City the other day a new distinction between the statesman and the politician.

"A statesman," he said, "goes to Washington to see what good he can do the country. A politician goes there to see what good the country can do him."

**OVERHEARD IN PASSING**

Lady—Son, can you direct me to a bank?  
Boy—Yes'am, for a quarter.  
Lady—Isn't that mighty high pay, my boy?  
Boy—No, ma'am, not for a bank director.

**DUE NOTICE**

It was little Roger who came to his mother not long since with the question:

"Ma, what would you do if someone should break the large vase in the hall?"

"I would whip him," said mother, with a tightening of the lips.

Whereupon, with a grin, Roger added:

"Then, ma, you'd better get ready, for dad has done it!"

Slim Slokum says he has learned of no casualties, so far, resulting from the ultimate consumer having been hit by falling prices.

**OF UNIVERSAL USE**

Representative Cordell Hull, of Tennessee, was talking to a Nashville man about a political error which the latter had committed.

"You made a mistake, of course," he said, "but don't take it too much to heart, old fellow. We all make mistakes, you know—that's why they put rubbers on the ends of lead pencils."

**SAME THING**

Franklin D'Olier, the head of the American Legion, said at a banquet in Philadelphia:

"Two doughboys were exchanging war memories the other day.

"I was never much stuck on myself," said the first doughboy, "but all the same, I brought a cross back with me from over there. Did you bring back a cross, Bill?"

"The second doughboy puffed thoughtfully on his pipe.

"Well," he said, "I brought back a French wife."

**UNEXPECTED RESULTS**

Mabel had been taught to pray for what she wanted. It was very hot and dry, and everyone was wishing for rain. It occurred to her to pray for it, which she did at once. In a few minutes there was a terrific rain and wind storm, which did a great deal of damage. After it was over Mabel's mother found her standing at the window with a sad look on her face, saying, "Oh, Lord, what have I done?"

**IN ANDALUSIA**

W. B. Trites, the novelist, was talking about the peasants of Andalusia.

"These people believe," he said, "that a bath taken in the winter brings on pneumonia. The head, they believe, should be washed once a year, not more. Well, naturally, with such beliefs—"

Mr. Trites made a significant gesture. Then he went on:

"In a Malaga barber shop one day I was having my hair singed when a peasant entered with his little son. For a minute or so the youngster watched the barber at work with comb and taper, then he turned to his father and said:

"Look, padre, he's looking for them with a light!"

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Small Boy—Pa, what is sympathy?  
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**WOULD WELCOME ARREST**

Deakin met his friend Gaydon coming out of the police court.

"Hallo! What have you been doing there?" he asked.

"I've just been fined for speeding," Gaydon replied glumly.

"How fast were you going?"

"Forty miles an hour, according to the policeman," was Gaydon's answer.

"Lucky Jim!" exclaimed Deakin. "I wish some policeman would arrest me for speeding. If I could get a statement in the papers that that old 'bus of mine was going forty miles an hour I might be able to sell it."

**THEY WEREN'T STRAIGHT LINES**

Itinerant Preacher (to farmer)—Did you ever stop to think who set the stars in the heavens, my good man?  
Farmer Hitchman—Nope! But the feller that did the job could never set termaters for me, by gum!

**:: Hints to Motorists ::**

Tires are limited in shock absorbing power. Careful, slow driving on rough or rutty roads will reduce tire costs.

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Check your wheel alignment. Tires cannot give full service if subjected to the diagonal grind resulting from improper mounting or from misaligned wheels.

Do not use gasoline or other quick action solvents to clean the top, if it is mohair, and any top interior, because these fluids will destroy the waterproofing of the material. Use soap and water only.

In the absence of fuller's earth, ordinary talcum powder may be used to stop cone clutch slippage. Sprinkle the talcum over the surface of the leather or fabric after having first cleaned the surface with gasoline.

Oil joints should be fitted with gaskets made of wrapping paper, while water joints should have asbestos gaskets coated with graphite. Hot gas joints, on the other hand, should have copper covered asbestos, and dry gas joints call for coated asbestos.

Travel over rough roads causes crystallization of various parts, with subsequent breakage, especially of steering rod spindles. This trouble may be obviated by removing the spindle and heating it to a cherry red and then retempering it once a year.

To make dimmer for headlight glasses dissolve a dime's worth of epsom salts in a half pint of water. The solution should be applied to the inside of the glass and when dried will have the appearance of a frosted surface.

Passenger cars and motor trucks are the largest consumers of gasoline; other users are farm tractors, railway motor cars, airplanes, motor boats, stationary and portable engines, paint and varnish manufacturers, cleaning industry, gasoline stoves and rubber manufacturers.

A simple mixture for cleaning hoods, fenders, etc., which have become cloudy with oil and grease, is to use a half-and-half solution of wood alcohol and turpentine. Wash off all mud and dust before applying. Rub but slightly, enough to cover the surface, and wipe off immediately with a dry, clean cloth.

To stop rattling of fenders or braces at bolt fastenings, remove the bolt and insert two steel washers and a soft washer, preferably of leather, the latter being placed between the two former, then replace the nut. A rattling hood may be silenced by placing leather or felt between it and its resting place.

The results of worn or scored cylinders are excessive consumption of oil and gasoline, soot and carbon deposit on the spark plug, insufficient power delivery and in some cases a knock or slap caused by loose-fitting pistons. Cylinders wear in the surface covered by the up and down motion of the pistons, and usually wear near the top and at one side the most, due to the piston striking the

cylinder wall at an angle while under pressure of explosions.

Some motorists appear to have the mistaken notion that it is harmful to the engine to use the compression as a brake in going down steep hills. Shut off the engine and leave the gears in mesh, so that the wheels drive the engine against the compression in the cylinders. Be sure that the throttle is closed. This will help to save the service and emergency brakes from excessive wear. If greater braking power than that afforded by the high speed position of the gears is needed, shift into second or low, the braking effect being increased as you step down.—Motor Life.

The brakes should be tested each day. Before going half a block from the garage, make a service test by throwing out the clutch and applying the brakes. If possible, select a dry spot for making this service test. Under no circumstances should the car be taken further if the brakes are

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**TEXAS FARM NEWS**

Waxahachie has broken ground for a cotton warehouse.

The pecan crop is reported to be an entire failure in Southwest Texas.

Grain will take the place of cotton to a large extent in Coryell county.

Pink bollworm has been found in Dona Anna county, New Mexico, near El Paso.

S. G. Milligan, a farmer near Round Rock, realized \$480 from the sale of 88 turkeys.

Hereford breeders of the Panhandle are planning for a Hereford sale at Amarillo, Feb. 23.

Clarendon's Chamber of Commerce is making an effort to establish dairy herds throughout the county.

For the erection of a cotton warehouse, the business interests and farmers at Haskell have subscribed \$4300.

Lampasas merchants had big success with their Trades Day, and gave premiums each Trade Day for the best pure-bred stock.

Collin county had a hog show at Farmersville, over 200 entries being made, including Poland-China, O. I. C. and Duroc-Jersey breeds.

A farmer near Paris sold \$160 worth of blackberries this summer from a one-acre patch. He was paid 30¢ a gallon in the patch.

Many Coleman county farmers have made good profits out of turkeys this season, and are not therefore worried about low-price cotton.

Many farmers of Coleman county will turn their attention to feed crops, hogs and livestock next year. Stock hogs are being imported.

Mrs. Clarence Walker of Ennis sold \$130.65 of milk and butter from one cow during the last five months, after using what the family needed.

C. C. Butts of Maysfield sold 114 turkeys for the sum of \$440 at Cameron. He said the total expense of growing the turkeys was \$25.

J. M. Shackelford, living five miles west of Cooper, has put in a five-acre pecan orchard. The trees were planted 45 feet apart, each way.

Ellis county farmers have signed pledges to cut their cotton acreage of 50 per cent next year. Practically every farmer signed the pledge.

Wallis Paul of Tampico, Mexico, bought a car of mules from T. H. Moore of Charco, Texas, to be shipped to Tampico to be used in the oil fields.

Stephenville farmers are planning to grow more sweet potatoes next year. The potato crop, recently harvested there, brought good profits to producers.

Bexar county farmers have gone on record as advocating a reduction of cotton acreage throughout the county in 1921. The reduction will be 50 per cent.

Frank Seofield of Hillsboro won the blue ribbon on his Lady Supreme, a two-year-old cow, at the International Livestock Exposition held in Chicago Dec. 1.

From three fourths of an acre L. W. Miller, a farmer of Henderson county, made 332 gallons of ribbon cane syrup, which he sold for \$498.00.

It is announced that the cotton acreage around Mexia will be reduced 50 per cent, and in many places cotton crops will be cut out altogether.

Farmers in Collin county claim that they are making more money out of eggs than they are out of cotton. Poultry raising in Texas has always been a profitable crop.

Texas agricultural products for the year ending December 1 were valued at \$491,823,000, according to figures announced by United States Department of Agriculture.

Orchardists near Stephenville are protecting the trunks of their fruit trees from the rats by applying with a brush a solution of water, sulphur, lime and arsenate of lead.

Farmers of the Rio Grande Valley are preparing to plant a large acreage in chili pepper this season, and their crop is already contracted for by San Antonio parties. These peppers formerly came from Mexico.

The Farm Bureau at Temple shipped 500 bales of cotton direct to Germany from Galveston. The cotton was consigned to a broker at Bremen, on a 50 per cent commission basis. Other shipments are to follow soon.

The Wool Growers Central Storage Co. of San Angelo recently sold and shipped eleven cars of mohair to a Boston mill. The price paid was rumored to be 22¢ to 27¢ per pound. A year ago this grade of wool was sold as high as 50¢ per pound.

Williamson county leads again in cotton production this year, as the last reports from that county show a total of 145,472 bales, against 57,632 last year. The next county to Williamson is McLennan, with 109,448 bales.

The East Texas Chamber of Commerce at Tyler is working out a plan to interest 100 farmers in planting 5-acre peach orchards and 2½-acre blackberry patches, as a profitable means of diversification.

Texas, California, Mississippi and Florida have produced during the last four years two-thirds of all carload shipments of tomatoes, as announced by the Texas Industrial Commission. Last year these four states supplied 8143 cars.

Donley county wants to organize pig clubs in all of the schools of the county, the banks to finance the proposition by buying pigs for the clubs. It is expected at least 100 new herds will be established in Donley county by the carrying out of this plan.

Smith county is again making the old state sweet by a big crop of ribbon cane, which is being converted into syrup. One farmer made 632 gallons from a little more than one acre of ribbon cane. The local market price of this syrup was \$1.50 per gallon.

Jack rabbits, as well as cottontail rabbits, are doing much damage to crops in the Sabinal country. Several organized steps have been made to extinguish the rabbits. Farmers are offering 10¢ for each pair of jack rabbit ears, in order to get rid of these pests.

J. S. Eddy, a farmer near Stephenville, three years ago purchased a male and gilt hog, and, according to press dispatches, has since made \$1000 from the investment and now has on hand \$1000 worth of stock. He is stocking up largely with registered hogs.

The irrigated acreage in Texas passed the half million figure during the last fiscal year, according to an estimate by the board of water engineers at Austin. During the past two years 40 reservoirs with a combined capacity of 380,422-acre feet, have been constructed, and 50 pumping plants have been built.

Alfred Ray, a young farmer west of Stephenville, has sold this year \$1000 worth of dairy and poultry products, besides raising eight bales of cotton and several tons of hay. Ray also has his smoke house stored full of home-grown hog meat.

W. C. and Albert Pierce sold a 32-acre pecan orchard for \$10,500.00. The orchard is located on the Carthage road, near Marshall, and was planted 10 years ago by Mr. Lothrop. There are 350 bearing trees, and 150 more that will soon be bearing.

The Plainview section is planting a great deal of acreage in spring wheat. This, including the winter acreage in wheat, will bring the total acreage in wheat for the county to a great increase over previous years. Winter wheat in that section is reported in good condition.

Truck growers near Ft. Worth are planning to put in a big crop of watermelons next season. A farmer near Kennedale, Tarrant county, realized \$500 from one acre of watermelons this year, which had been fertilized with 21 tons of barnyard manure.

The fall clip, or six months' wool clip, around San Angelo will not exceed 300,000 pounds, according to commission men, who say that few sheepmen are shearing their flocks. Last fall between 700,000 and 800,000 pounds of short wool was stored at San Angelo. The clips this year are of a good grade, and are free from dirt and needle grass.

It is said that the turkey crop of the Dublin country netted the farmers about \$36,000 during the Thanksgiving season. Six carloads of dressed turkeys, totaling 120,000 pounds, have been shipped during the last few weeks, most of them going to New York. The average price paid the farmers was 3¢ per pound.

Those must have been happy pigs on Lewis Bros. & Cunningham's farm near Childress, when they were fed candy that was shipped them by the King Candy Co. of Fort Worth. The shipment amounted to one ton, and is an experiment on the part of Lewis Bros. & Cunningham, as a ration for hogs.

J. A. Holcomb, living on a 60-acre farm three miles northwest of Paris, says that he made his garden pay all his living expenses this year. He sold \$25 worth of okra, \$100 worth of mustard greens, \$25 worth of cabbage, besides raising sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes and tomatoes for his own table.

The Young Men's Business League of Ballinger has launched a campaign against rats, and cash premiums will be offered. Kaufman county also had a campaign of this kind, which was quite a success, and \$252.83 was paid for 5057 rat tails. Kaufman county estimates that a saving of over \$140,000 is made to the county by the killing of this many rats.

Mr. Frank S. Hastings, manager of the Swenson interests, in an interview, says that the cattle industry of Texas is in a position to become profitable and to finally develop into a much greater industry. Cattle men, he says, are planning to increase their herds and improve them. He believes range conditions could not be better than they are at the present time, especially in that part of the state lying south and west of the Texas & Pacific railway.

L. B. McCain, a farmer of Banquete, who has been down in Mexico where the pink bollworm's ravages are the worst, says that this worm is a menace to the cotton growers of south Texas, and particularly of Nueces and adjoining counties. As a preventive measure, Mr. McCain suggests that steps be taken to guard against the employment of Mexicans who enter the United States to work on farms without having to pass through the formality of inspection. This class of Mexicans, he says, generally carry bedding rolls in which are cotton comforts or quilts, sometimes cotton pillows and cotton mattresses. He thinks the Mexican bedding should be fumigated before it is allowed to be brought across the border into Texas.

A feat that will soon be attempted by western airmen will be trying to land on a long, flat ice field, recently discovered on the top of Mount Rainier, Wash. Lack of buoyancy and oxygen in the rarified air is expected to make both landing and leaving a difficult matter.

Society is built upon trust, and trust upon confidence in one another's integrity.—South.

In Alaska an enormous destruction of fish and game are credited to eagles. They are classed with wolves and similar predatory "vermin," and their extermination is urged.

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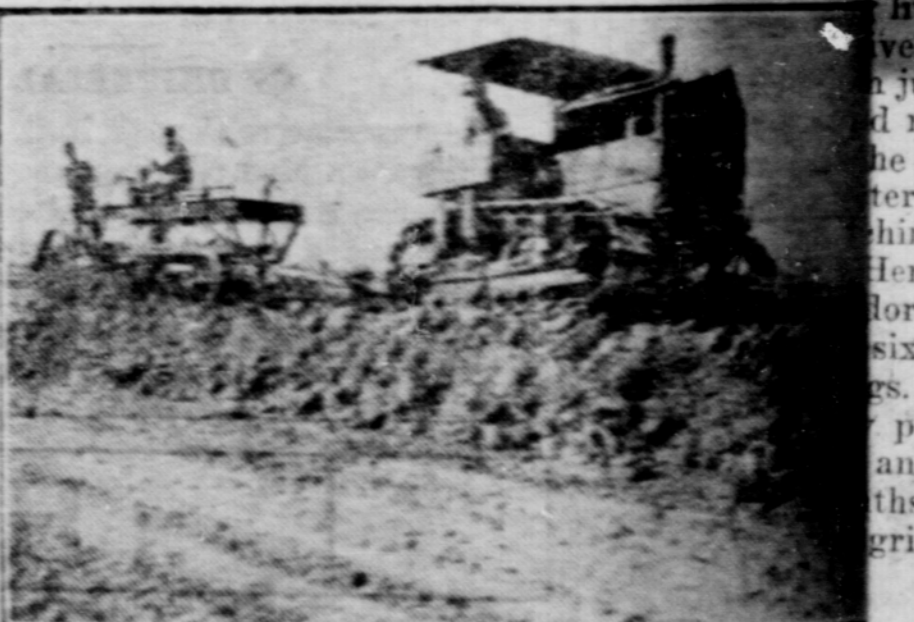
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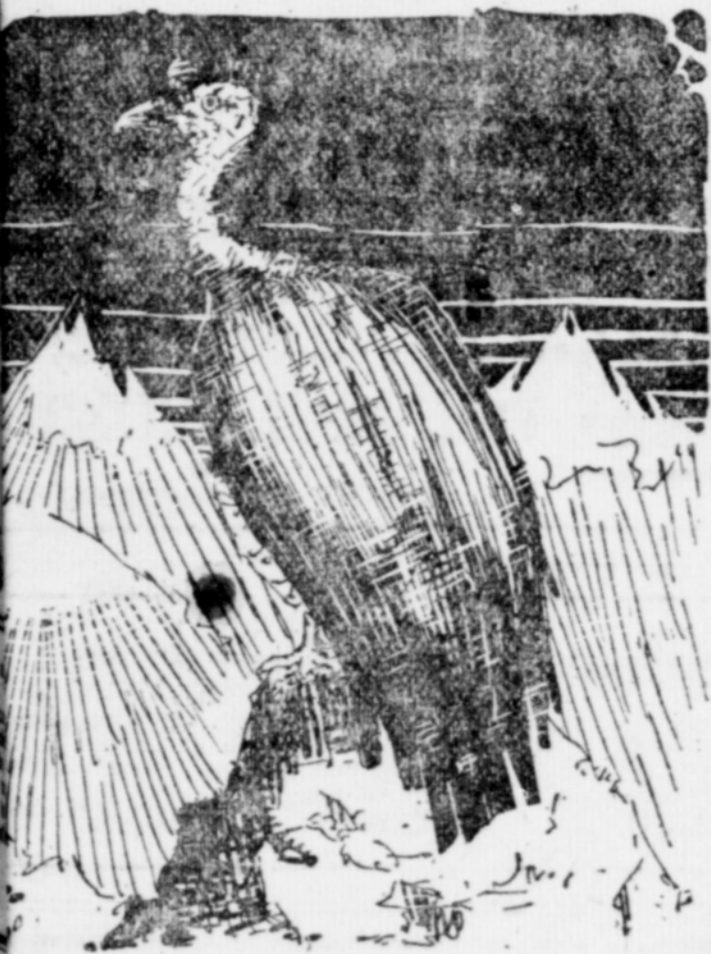
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# STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS



## THE CONDOR OF THE ANDES

Among the cold white peaks of the Andes, where a human foot has had the daring to sometimes see a dark speck slowly circling the clear air. The speck gradually enlarges and we see that it is the largest bird of the Andes. Its flight is swifter than the condor of the Andes seem small and the wing. Swiftly descending, cruel, he fastens his eye upon some luckless kid. Rarely it is able to escape; success is impossible.

The condor cannot carry off its prey in its talons, for it has not the eagle's power of grasp, and the sharpness of its claws is worn off on the hard rocks which are its perch, standing upon the struggling animal's foot, the condor kills the poor thing with its powerful beak and his other foot.

Many other greedy creatures, the condor, however, becomes incapable of flight, and then that he can be approached with impunity, but even now the hunter must be cautious. A Chilean miner, who was celebrated for his great physical strength, once thought that he could capture a condor which he had usually stupid after its heavy meal. The man put forth all his powers, and the condor was long and desperate, till at last the miner was glad to escape with his life. Exhausted and bleeding, he managed to carry away feathers as trophies of the hardest battle he ever fought. He thought that he had left the condor mortally hurt. The other miners went in to see the body, but instead, found the bird erect, flapping its wings for flight.

The condor does not reach an untimely end, it is, according to all accounts, very long-lived. The Indians of the Andes believe that they live for a hundred years. The condors' homes are suited for birds so ugly and fierce. They nest, but the female selects some hollow in a barren rock that shall be large enough to shelter her from the strong winds while she is sitting on her eggs.

In the midst of desolation, the ugly little bird begins their cries for food, and after they have been a week old, begin attempting to use their parents show the only good trait they possess in their care for their young, feeding them to fly, so that in a few days they are able to hunt for themselves after the fashion of their elders.

## WORTH KNOWING

No birds spend more of their lives on the ground than parrots and pigeons, the latter being among the most graceful and rapid of all birds. In New Zealand a speck of white is found that, finding its food on the ground, has lost power of flight. It is from the rest of its family only in this regard in being almost voiceless.

One of the recent breeds of pigeons is the parlor pigeon, which has not only lost the power of flight but has very nearly lost that of walking as well. Its queer motions, when it attempts to move, have given it its name—the tumbler.

As black as the hair on a dog's back," exclaims one in Mexico, for the Mexican dog is devoid of hair on his back or anywhere else. The hot climate having rendered it superfluous. Nature kindly divested him of it.

"The little busy bee improve each shining day" in that country; on the contrary, it is in that country that, as there is no winter there, there is no necessity for laying in a store of honey, and the bees are as a rule rather small, as

## Passing of the Day

About me on the faded hillsides  
Brown fields lately swept of golden  
rain—  
The soft-winged partridge sweetly call-  
ing  
Out the leafless border of the lane,  
The earth a touch of sunlight lingers,  
The skies like dainty buds in May—  
The little world that knows not yearning  
I watch the passing of the day.

Is sweet—where Autumn leaves have  
fallen,  
The radiant sunbeams light the distant  
rest—  
One down in Nature's sweet seclusion,  
And an hour in solitude and rest.  
I linger, wrapped in wonder-dreaming,  
Till the hours have longer grown,  
Till twilight creeps along the meadow  
Far away I see the lights of home.

—Anna S. Harlan.

there is a species of the cetacean genus hardly three feet long.

"As cunning as a fox," would have sounded idiotic to the discoverers of Kamschatka. They found foxes in large numbers, but so stupid because they had never before seen an enemy, that they could be killed with clubs.

The "birds of a feather" that "flock together" do not belong to the penguin family, as they are entirely destitute of feathers, having for a covering a kind of stiff down. Another penguin peculiarity is that it swims not on, but under water, never keeping more than its head out, and, when fishing, coming to the surface at such brief and rare intervals, that an ordinary observer would almost certainly mistake it for a fish.

Ducks swim the world over, but geese do not. In South America a domestic species is found that cannot excel an ordinary hen in aquatic accomplishments. It has lived so long in a country where water is only found in wells, that it has lost its aquatic tastes and abilities entirely.

"As awkward as a crab," does not apply on some of the South Sea Islands, for a crab is found there that not only runs as fast as an average man, but climbs trees with the ease of a school-boy.

## FEASTING IN FIJI

If ever you go to Fiji and are asked to attend a public dinner, pray be very careful how you behave, or it may cost you your life! A public dinner in Fiji is a grand affair, and all the guests give a hand in feeding the oven or stirring the pot! A floor of clean leaves is covered with coconuts, on which are heaped baked taro and yams—like a large potato—to the amount of several tons! The next tier comprises a well-oiled "pudding of green leaves" called "vakalolo." Baked turtles are next heaped on top of these puddings, or two or three hogs baked whole!

At one public dinner in Fiji there were fifty tons of yams, fifteen tons of vakalolo puddings, seventy turtles, five carloads of yagona, and two hundred tons of uncooked yams!

A chief having eaten a coconut without offering a piece to one of his followers, the latter went over to the enemy, and singled out his former master in their next battle. Asking for mercy, the stern reply was "Don't you recollect the nut at the last public dinner? For that you die!"

Another chief once sat with his father-in-law, and on passing a dish of cooked suano he broke off a bit of its tail. A dark scowl covered the relative's face, and before many hours were passed, he slew his son-in-law, having first intimated that he was insulted by being offered a broken tail!

## THE FARMER AND HIS SACKS

A farmer was taking his grist to the mill in sacks thrown across the back of his horse. On the way the horse stumbled, and one of the sacks fell to the ground. It was too heavy for him to lift, and he was at a loss to know what to do. As he stood wondering, he saw a horseman coming toward him.

When, however, the rider came nearer, the farmer saw that he was none other than the nobleman who lived in the great house at the top of the hill.

"I see you have had something of a mishap, friend," said the nobleman. "It is fortunate I came along just now, for help is not always handy on these roads."

So saying, he took one end of the sack, the farmer the other, and the load was once more placed on the horse's back.

"My lord," said the farmer, lifting his cap, "how can I thank you?"

"Easily enough, my good fellow," said the nobleman, "whenever you see anyone in trouble help him all you can, and that will be thanking me."—Old Tale.

## DOG'S HUMAN TRAITS

John Burroughs, the naturalist, says that the dog undoubtedly exhibits more human traits than any other lower animal, and this by reason of his long association with man. There are few of our ordinary emotions that the dog does not share, as joy, fun, love of adventure, jealousy, suspicion, comradeship, helpfulness, guilt, covetousness, and the like, or feelings analogous to these.

## MEXICAN PEONS LEAD IN STRENGTH

The peons of Mexico and the professional porters of Turkey are reckoned the strongest of mankind. One of the former has been known to carry a piece of machinery weighing 600 pounds over a mountain pass while three of the Turkish porters have carried a grand piano in its case for a distance of three miles on end.

## GULF STREAM VARIES

The current of water through the ocean which is commonly called the Gulf Stream is of varying width at different points. The width, according to the conditions that influence it, may vary from 45 to 100 miles, and its course also varies slightly from time to time. In popular usage the name is often not only applied to designate the Gulf Stream proper, but much of the oceanic drift of the north Atlantic.

## THE AGE OF DEATH

One quarter of the people on the earth die before the age of six, one-half before the age of sixteen and only about one person of each 100 born lives to the age of sixty-five.

## A MYSTERY OF THE AGES

Why a horse rises from the ground on its fore-legs and a cow on its hind legs has never yet been explained.

## VOLUNTEER TREES ON WALL OF CHINA

Trees and shrubs have grown in the earth that has accumulated on top of the Great Wall of China some of the trees being 20 feet in height. It was the beauty of these volunteer trees that gave rise to the movement to plant trees along the great drive that is to be developed on the site of the famous old wall.—Chicago Tribune.

## ITALIAN WAR DOGS

While the French and English were using dogs in very large numbers the Italian army likewise was having interesting experiences, there being more than 15,000 highly trained animals, many of them being Bernards, in that service. They were largely used to transport water carts to the men building military roads and as pack animals for the transportation of ammunition and guns and food to the men on the fighting peaks. If the snow was soft on the mountains, ski runners would go ahead to break out the path.—Buffalo Express.

## ADVENTURERS

Somebody has said that the spread of civilization has been due largely to the vagabonds and adventurers. The convicts of Botany Bay have the credit for laying the foundations of Australia's prosperity. California was peopled in the early day by vagabonds and adventurers. The Spaniards who followed Cortez and Balboa were plunder-seekers. The Pilgrim Fathers were inspired wanderers.

Recently there was celebrated the three hundred and thirteenth anniversary of the arrival at Jamestown of that band of "broken-down gentlemen," the disinherited, the black sheep, the cast-off scions of noble houses, who established the first English settlement in America.

John Smith, the gallant captain of deathless fame, led this motley band of 105 persons, all men.

Out of the 105, the annals tell us that but 20 were skilled in working with their hands, and the 20 included the farmers and gardeners. Surely this was a badly equipped band of settlement makers.

Yet there was good stuff among the newcomers. They cleared the wilderness, they forced back the redmen, they even built a church—and in that church 12 years after the vagabonds came ashore

## NEW YEAR'S THEN AND NOW

As long as people can remember, there have been New Year parties. The old Romans gave theirs in honor of Janus, the two-faced god. One face looked back at the old, spent year, and one face looked forward to the new, fresh year. They gave presents to him and to each other with the hope that the new year would be good to them. Some of the people who lived long ago waited until the end of March to celebrate the New Year, since that was the time that the trees and grass began new life. The Persians still exchange presents of eggs at New Year's just as we do at Easter. But the rest of us now do our giving of presents at Christmas. Parties, though, we may give to each other on Jan. 1. In Scotland and England everybody calls on everybody else New Year's day, and drinks punch. Here in America calling has gone out of style, but if we do nothing for, we at least shout "Happy New Year" to everybody we meet on New Year morning. When we shout that, we mean good luck to them all the New Year through.

## LORE OF THE YULE LOG

The Yule-log, a probable variant of the bon-fire—so characteristic of sun festivals—has some interesting folk-lore of its own.

In medieval England, its duration coincided with the Christmas revels. As long as it burnt, the tenant had a right to feed at the lord's expense. The log was often cut from an ash-tree—the sacred tree of our Saxon forefathers. There is a gypsy legend that our Lord was born in a field and brought up by an ash-fire.

The log should, properly, be lighted with a portion of last year's log, a piece of which is always supposed to be preserved for luck. At the same time that the Christmas fire was lit the Christmas candle had to be lighted. (A portion of last year's taper has also to be kept.) It was unlucky to snuff the Christmas candle, which burned for 12 days—the period of fastivity. At St. John's college, Oxford, can still be seen the ancient stone socket with the Agnus Dei stamp, in which the Christmas candle was placed on the high table.

On the Isle of Man, the folk for-

## UNDER THE HOLLY BOUGH

Ye who have scorned each other,  
Or injured friend or brother,  
In this fast-fading year;  
Ye who, by word or deed,  
Have made a kind heart bleed,  
Come gather here!  
Let sinned against the sinning  
Forget their strife's beginning,  
And join in friendship now.  
Be links no longer broken,  
Be sweet forgiveness spoken  
Under the holly bough.

—Charles Mackay.

they elected 22 burgesses from the settlement of Virginia and drew up a code of laws for the colony.

This was the first colonial legislative assembly in America, and the father of all American congresses and legislatures and assemblies from that day to this.

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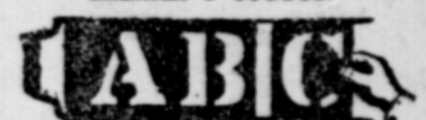
When the personal effects of the once famous dancer, Rigolboche, who died recently in Paris at the age of 80, were sold at auction, an old silk dress was knocked down to a second-hand clothes dealer for a mere song, writes a correspondent of the New York Tribune. On examining the garment the purchaser found concealed in the lining a bundle of French bank notes to the value of \$1060.

The library at Windsor Castle comprises 120,000 volumes. Among the number is the only perfect copy existing of Aesop's Fables. One is a Bible which Martin Luther used to carry in his pocket, and another Bible is the one carried to the scaffold by Charles I.

Every good Sikh, (a religious sect of the Hindu) prefers to die upon the bare ground. No matter what his age or rank, no rug must intervene between him and the earth when he breathes his last.

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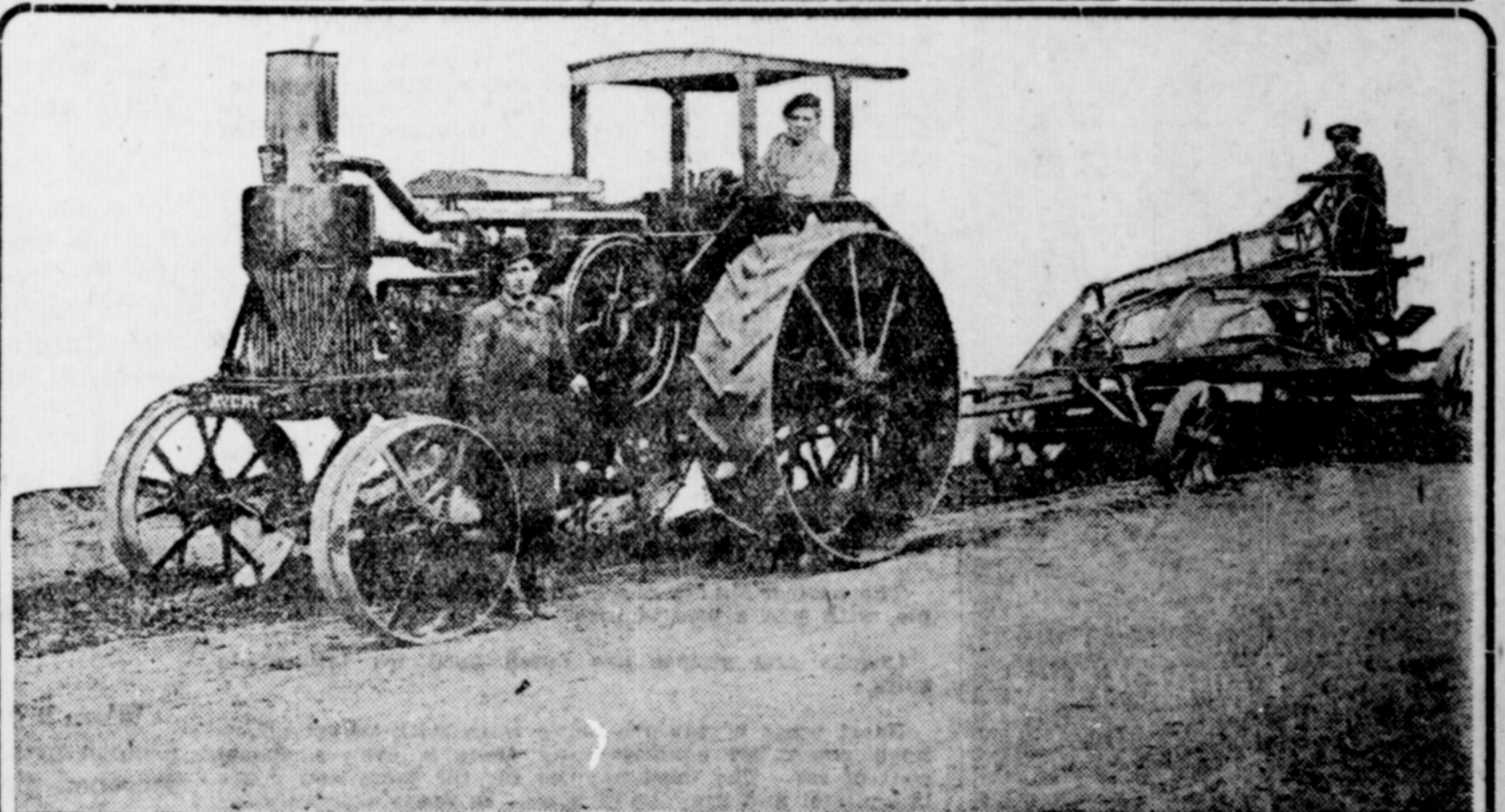
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 3464—Cut in 4 sizes: 2, 4, 6 and 8 years. A 4-year size will require 1 1/2 yards of 36-inch material.

**LADIES' HOUSE DRESS**  
 3465—Cut in 4 sizes: 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 and 36 inches bust measure. A 24-inch size will require 1 1/2 yards of 36-inch material. The width of the dress at the lower edge is about 1 1/2 yards.

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**FASHION TALK**

The low-placed waist is the most important feature of the coming fashions. It is found on frocks, tailcoats, evening gowns and warm wraps.

Fur is much in evidence as a trimming for tailored suits and warm coats.

Many of the smartest new coats have more than a suggestion of cape lines.

A very smart tailored suit is made of black suit. The coat is slightly fitted, forming a long basque effect. Chinchilla fur of alluring beauty is used for collar, cuffs and pockets.

Capes, both small and large are developed in musquish, minkskin, squirrel and caracul, as well as in heavy woolen materials.

The new long and narrow silhouette is frequently emphasized by an embroidered ribbon which runs from the top to the bottom of the frock.

The vogue for embroideries seems to be on the increase. Gold and silver thread is frequently seen even on afternoon frocks.

A new feature of this winter's fashion trims the front of the dress just below the waistline with elaborate embroidery.

Coats as well as frocks are richly embroidered. The trimmings and sometimes the modeling of the coats take a rounded shape at the back.

Rich turned-out collars, gathered a little, are appearing on evening capes and wraps. These collars are most frequently made of fur, but they are also carried out in velvet or plush.

The new high collars are a very comfortable fashion for winter, for one's chin and forehead, the ears also will be protected from the frost and wind.

Dancing frocks still cling to points of tulle or chiffon. Their long waistline is frequently modified by the addition of a small belt.

Fashionable winter mufflers follow the comfortable pillow persuasion and are big and soft.

Velvet and kindred materials are much used for indoor dresses.

Most winter hats are of the very serviceable type, but there are many picturesque models also.

The newest shades are bronze, green, brown and purple, with just a hint of rose.

Checks and stripes are much used for tailormade suits.

Short coats of fur are being worn with velvet afternoon gowns. For country wear there is even a sports coat of fur. The most popular fur for these new coats is squirrel and gray baby lamb. In many cases imitation furs are used with bands of real fur to fashion the coats.

The very short sleeve no longer exists in Paris and skirts show a tendency to become longer, altho they still remain short.

It is predicted that fish-colored satin slippers for evening wear will be very popular during the coming season.

**HANDY SQUIBS**  
 Chewing gum may be removed from clothing or rugs, carpets, etc., with benzine.

**A HANDY ARTICLE**  
 Keep a long crochet needle in the bathroom to draw from the waste pipes any threads or

hairs that tend to stop the outflow of the water.—Mrs. Arthur Lenox, Lock Box 1214, Washington, D. C.

**IRONING HINT**  
 Starch the ironingboard cover. It will keep clean longer, the clothes will slip over it easily and it can be laundered much more easily, a help all around.—L. Taylor, No. 1220 Seybert street, Philadelphia.

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**STARCHED LINEN**  
 Do not put away for any length of time linen that has been starched. It is apt to crack. Rinse the articles quite free from starch, dry and fold up in blue paper. The blue paper prevents them from turning yellow.—Sarah Lytle, No. 3142 D street, Philadelphia.

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 If you have a small tear in a skirt, take a piece of adhesive plaster and paste it carefully over the tear on the wrong side of the skirt, then iron and it will not be detected.—Miss G. Schreibe, No. 2246 North Hancock street, Philadelphia.

**A SCORCHED GARMENT**  
 When a garment is scorched while ironing, wet a cloth in hydrogen peroxide and place over the scorched place. Run a hot iron over it and the scorch will disappear instantly. This is good on white garments only, as it will take the color out of anything colored. It will remove fruit stains.—R. Groffman, No. 1412 Park avenue, Philadelphia.

**TO CLEAN WHITE KID GLOVES**  
 Make a paste of camphorated chalk and gasoline. Saturate a piece of flannel over soiled parts of the glove and rub off with clean flannel. This will remove very hard soil from white kid gloves, white kid baby shoes, belts, etc.—I. Thompson, No. 1126 Snyder avenue, Philadelphia.  
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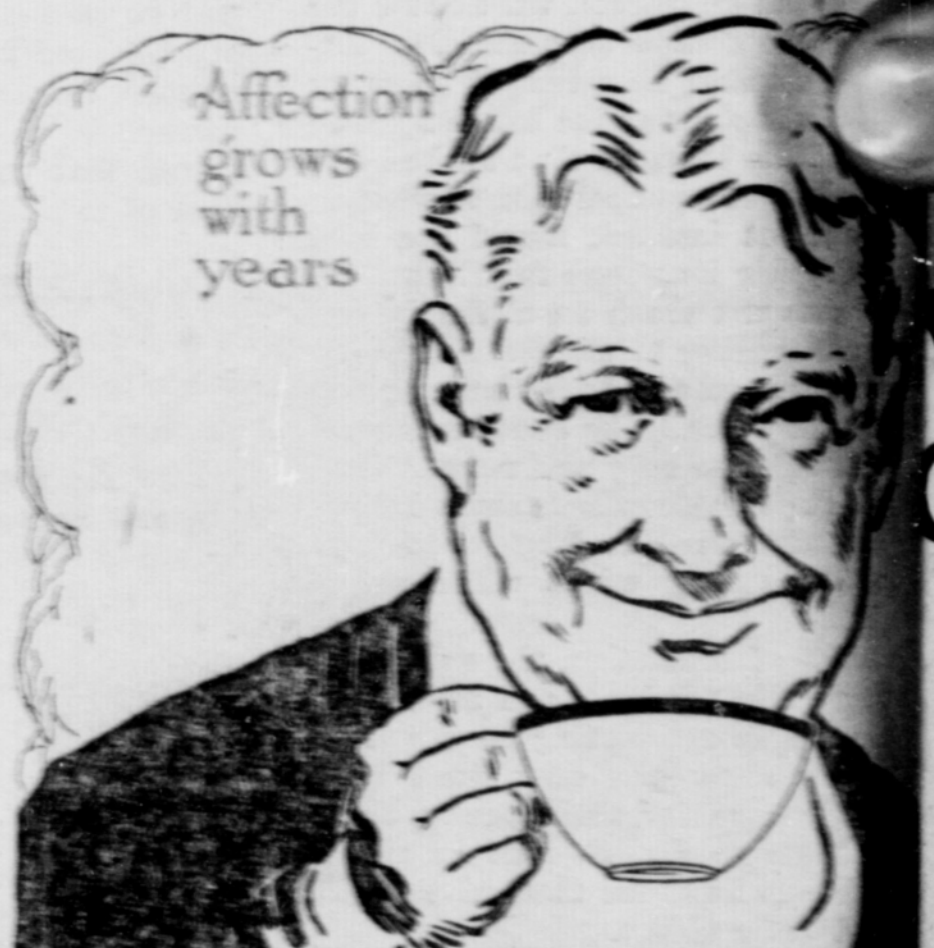
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**N**EW YEAR'S DAY—or at least the coming of the New Year—is greeted by all the world. In this very much civilized Twentieth century most of us celebrate the New Year by the almanac. We have forgotten—or do not take time to remember—the original significance of the day, but when the world was younger and its people were closer to nature it was a day of significance well worth celebrating.

Among primitive peoples the year is marked off in seasons, usually the planting, the growing, the harvesting and the season of rest, or it even may be by moons and suns. But let the division be what it will, it is based on those marked physical changes which appeal to the senses as light and darkness, heat and cold, the lengthening and shortening of the day.

Think how deeply must the shortening of the days, as fall comes on apace, affect the imagination of the primitive. The sun, their all powerful deity who gives them warmth and growth, and life, wanes and grows sluggish and sick until daylight becomes so short that the terror-stricken primitive hearts pray and plead and invoke the malign and baneful gods to remove their pernicious influence from their dearly beloved sun-god. How great is the joy and feasting on the first day, the New Year, when he starts slowly back to them, to gain day by day a greater vigor and beauty, until in June he reaches the culmination of his power.

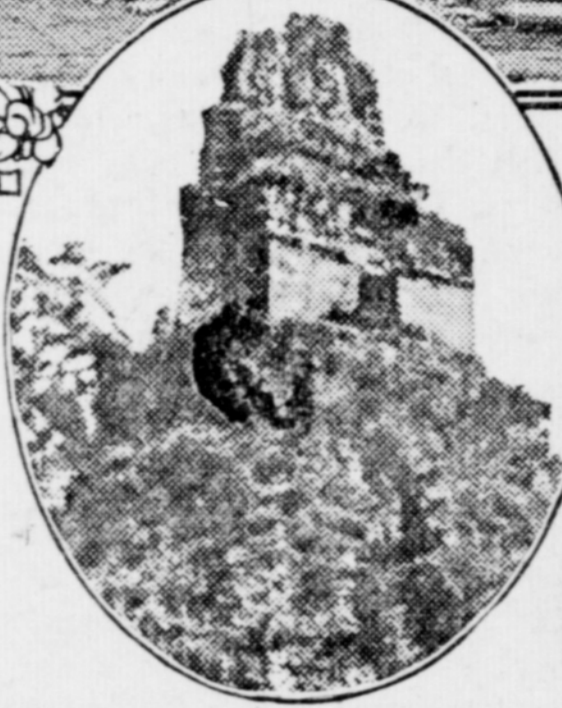
So it is seen that the shortest day in the year, December 21, in our calendar, is quite properly the last day in the year. And it is equally fitting that the succeeding day, when the sun commences his return march, should be hailed by glad and happy hearts.

The Moqui Indians, the communal pueblo people of the American Southwest, watch the shortening days with dread and celebrate with elaborate ceremony the turning point in the sun's course. The Moqui New Year's celebration, called So-yat-u-na, is largely a presentation of a singular and elaborate mythic drama, divided into two parts, in which offerings are made to effigies of the Great Plumed Headed Serpent, the enemy of the sun, followed by a sun dance, in which the conflict between the sun and the interior hostile gods is admirably portrayed by Moqui men personifying the various deities.

It is hoped that the sun's worst enemy—the snake demon—will be amply placated; so rich will be the tribute that for one entire year the sun shall be free from his persecutions, and the clouds which the snake wickedly swallows, shall gather and their moisture freely descend upon the parched and blighted land until it is once more clothed in verdure.

In a dimly-lighted underground room there is erected, at its west end, a screen profusely decorated with corn husks, cut cleverly in imitation of flowers. Near the middle of the screen there is an opening and behind it stands a man who manipulates the effigy snake. By his side stands a companion who has a large conch shell. In front of the screen sit three or four solemn priests and the audience, consisting of members of all the clans and their families, and behind them is a row of men who act as chorus.

When the rites begin the chorus commences to sing, at first a low, swelled chant, then gradually rises to piercing intensity. Then the man behind the screen takes up the effigy of the great snake and thrusts it rapidly through the opening a number of



CEREMONIAL PYRAMID IN YUCATAN



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times, accompanied by the unearthly and discordant wailing of the conch shell. The priest directly in front of the screen takes a little sacred meal in his hand, holds it to his mouth, uttering a deeply significant invocation to the serpent, and then casts the meal on the head of the effigy.

One by one all the members present make their prayers to the hostile serpent god. So ends the first half of the drama, and on the morrow, or the New Year, begins the great sun dance. On opposite sides of the chamber there stand rows of men, bearing shields with elaborate symbolic designs. At the end of the room, all alone and unsupported, stands the sunbearer, awaiting the onslaught of his horde of enemies. A signal and the song begins, and the lines of warriors on each side of the room surge against the sunbearer in attack. Eventually he scatters and vanquishes his many foes. New Year's day finishes with feasting and jollification.

The Aztecs of Mexico and Central America had a bloody and complicated ritual for their celebration of the return of their masterful war-god, the sun. We find scattered through the tangled jungles of Yucatan many huge ruins of the wonderful pyramid ceremonial edifices upon which horrible sacrificial atrocities were practiced in heralding the New Year. The Aztec has vanished from the face of the earth. The jungle has swallowed up the sun-god's altars.

The ceremonies occupied a period of several days. The initiatory rites began before daylight of the first morning, when the chief high priest and his sub-dignitaries wended their way in solemn procession to the top of their pyramidal sanctuary. Here the high priest retired alone to a small temple, whose doorway opened toward the east, and as the rising sun crimsoned the sky he knelt and sprinkled thickly upon the marble floor the sacred meal.

As the first rays of the sun strike slanting across the floor of the tiny temple, the bended priest beholds a miracle. Faintly, at first, then stronger and stronger, grows an imprint in the meal of the naked foot of their war god. Upon this miraculous manifestation the high priest announces to the assembled courtiers that their god had returned to them, and that the grand festive occasion is inaugurated. The first feast rites were of a gruesome and horrible nature, consisting mainly of sacrificing youths to the gods. It is said that they were feast-



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ed for days previous to the ceremony, that they might be in a pleasing condition upon their last and the war god's first great day. In other ceremonies human beings were killed and flayed, and the participants in the sacrifice enveloped themselves in the bloody skins of the victims, while they took part in a frenzied dance.

Across the Pacific ocean, the Ainu of Japan, are celebrating an exceedingly curious New Year's custom. For a thousand known years the Ainu have stood still in their civilization, following all their primitive customs and ceremonies generation after generation and century after century, practically without change. New Year with them is the day of their greatest feasting and merry-making, consisting largely of an extravagant use of sake, or rice beer.

The principal ceremony is the great bear feast, called Omsia, in which a huge bear is slain and sacrificed as a special offering to the god Kamui, who is the guardian and protector of their homes throughout the year. It is necessary to conciliate this god by the special donation of bear's meat that their lives may be free from the persecution of the unseen, intangible spirit demons who seek to do them harm.

It is said that the bear for this feast is raised from a cub, suckled by an Ainu woman. As the end of the year draws nigh they fatten the bear for the coming celebration with carefully prepared foods. The killing of the bear is done in a curious way. Two fair-sized logs are lashed, one above another, to a standing tree, and extend horizontally resting upon the ground. The entire clan takes part in the killing, which is accomplished by putting the head of the animal between the logs and squeezing out its life.

**New Year Period in Peking.**  
The New Year period in Peking reminds one of the three Sundays that came together in a week, for it has three celebrations of the new year in little less time than a month. First comes that one with which all Americans, the people of England and those on the continent are familiar. It is ushered in in much the same way as in any other part of the world, perhaps, but there is the oriental setting to the scene, which is so picturesque that having gazed upon it you close your eyes, thinking thus to forever keep the vision.

The New Year falls on September 22, while in parts of Tibet they reckon the beginning of the New Year from the first of August.

**Daily Thought.**  
Who comes dancing over the snow,  
His soft little feet all bare and rosy?  
Open the door, though the wild wind blow,  
Take the child in and make him cozy.  
Take him in and hold him, dear;  
He is the wonderful New Year

**NEW YEAR'S WITH THE INDIANS.**  
In some of our Indian reservations where the "original Americans," the Indians, still adhere to many of their tribal customs, New Year's day depends entirely upon weather conditions. When the last snows have gone and the first green shoots of grass appear the Indians hail the time as the beginning of another year. In the old days it was with them a season of dancing and feasting. It marked the time when the danger of famine

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In a North side meat market a woman and her little boy stood at the counter awaiting the preparation of an order of lamb chops. While the cutter was frenching the chops and getting them ready for their little white pantalettes the boy pulled his mother down to whisper into her ear, "Mamma, aren't you going to get some wienies?" "S-s-h, Lawrence," she admonished, "we have to have something different for company."—Publishers' Auxiliary.

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**Saving Mother.**  
Two bread rolls were left on the plate, and as it was passed Richard took the largest one. A troubled conscience immediately caused him to look at his mother, whose stern countenance spoke plainer than words. "Well, mamma," he said, although not a word had been spoken, "I didn't want you to be the hog."

**Well Done on the Gridiron.**  
"What's your favorite wild game?" "Football."—Boston Transcript.

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At one of the big London hotels there is a page boy who in his spare moments is much given to the study of the best English literature.

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The manager, tottering, reached a chair and in gasps asked the boy what he meant.

"In other words, if you fine me again, I shall chuck the job!" said the lad.—Tit-Bits.

**Heard in an Office.**  
"Sew'g on your own buttons? Why, I thought you were married." "Oh, I'm married, all right, but you see I keep my independence."—Boston Transcript.

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### HAMLET MODEL YOUNG MAN

Writer Declares That Melancholy Dane Was "Perfect Lady's Perfect Gentleman."

We are told in so many words that he was a model young man. He has presented the English language with two of its stereotyped phrases for the marking of a standardized perfection; he is called "the glass of fashion and the mold of form." The utterance of these words by Ophelia is as illuminative as the words themselves. It is plain that the youthful Hamlet lives up meticulously, not only to conventional, but to feminine, to maidenly, standards of propriety and excellence. He is the perfect lady's perfect gentleman. O. W. Firkins writes in the North American Review.

But we do not need Ophelia's testimony; listen to the young man himself. His mother urges him not to return to college. "I shall in all my best obey you, Madam," he replies with a filial decorum which Samuel Richardson or Hannah More could not have mended. Observe the nature of his objections to suicide:

Oh, that the Everlasting had not fixed His canon 'gainst self-slaughter.

He condemns the act, not because it is cowardly or simply immoral, but because it is uncanonical, unscriptural. Here is a young man in whom his catechist or confessor may rejoice. With such a person it is obviously hazardous to joke. When Horatio, his fellow student, calls himself a truant, Hamlet solemnly defends him against the charge:

I would not hear your enemy say so.

Clearly this is a young collegian who never "vex the souls of deans." We see him assiduous at lectures, methodical in his notes. Shakespeare has not forgotten to inform us that he kept a note book. Within two minutes after his father's ghost has ended the appalling tale of the murder in the garden, the young prince is jotting down by moonlight an invaluable memorandum about the relations of smiles to villainy. Do I mean that Hamlet is a fool? Not at all. Hamlet has a strong mind, but its strength is shown at the outset in the docility and thoroughness of its assent to the proposition of its teachers.

### FIRST VENTURE OF LIPTON

Friend Tells How He Took Chance With Patrons of a Rundown Grocery.

Dr. J. H. Ostrander, a personal friend of Sir Thomas Lipton, told recently for the first time the story of Lipton's initial business venture, an exchange store.

Lipton's first business venture was an event in one little corner of Glasgow. He bought for a few pounds a sorry old rundown provision shop that had changed hands a score of times; everybody had failed. It was in a neighborhood where profits were meager and housewives close traders, and where sharp practice and indifferent ethics precluded credit. So when Lipton announced that he would trust any decent neighbor once all "saw his doom."

Lipton, however, did not mean that he would carry accounts 30 days, for at this period five such accounts would have swamped him. As he himself put it: "In misfortune I will carry any decent chap till Saturday night. I will be a friend to you in spite of prevailing business rules; but if you break faith with me you will lose a friend and I will lose my business." Thus he put them on their honor. And it won; won because sympathy and fellowship dominated the boy and excited like attributes in others.

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### The Life Purposes of Jesus

Following is a paper read by Miss Pauline Powers, of Tahoka, at the "watch night" service held by the Epworth League, Friday night, Dec. 31st:

"The general condition of the people of the Jewish nation at the time when the hour of realizing the national destiny was about to strike, imparted to the work which lay before Jesus a peculiar complexity. It might have been expected that he would find a nation saturated with the ideas and inspired by the visions of Psalmists patriarchs and prophets who lived away back beyond the centuries of degradation. But it was not so. Instead of meeting a nation mature in holiness and consecrated to Heaven ordained tasks, He found a self centered people, going through outward forms of worship and teaching strict religious doctrines to the neglect of the inner or spiritual man. Jesus had no acquaintance with sin in his own life, but in his own country He had a full exhibition of the awful problems of sin and prejudices that had accumulated for centuries. So one of His first purposes was to proclaim a reformation to His own people.

"The chief attributes in the life of Christ might be summed up as follows: Purpose, fullness, love to men, love to God, sinlessness, faith and originality.

"Most lives aim at nothing, but drift along under the influence of varying moods and instincts, or on some current of society and never achieve anything. But Jesus was possessed with a great purpose which guided and urged Him on. Each act was thoughtfully and prayerfully planned and He often gave as a reason for not doing a certain thing, 'mine hour is not yet come.'

"If we consider the vastness of His aim—to reform the nation, began an everlasting and world-wide religious movement and finally gave His life on the cross for the salvation of the world; we can better understand why so many years of His life were spent in prayerful preparation.

"Beneath every great aim in life there must be a passion to sustain it. Love to men was the passion which inspired Jesus. He felt and knew that in saving souls He was doing the best for mankind and at the same time doing the will of His Father.

"In all His anxiety for His people He ever realized the supremacy of God, therefore He never spent an hour or did a deed without direct reference to Him. His desires were God's desires; his thoughts God's thoughts and his purpose for Him.

"Through all the ages His life was to be a pattern or example for men, therefore He was sinless; but what life so full of love for man and God could contain sin?

"It was His purpose to help and teach under any condition or at any place. His audiences varied both in size and character on different occasions. He addressed people everywhere; at the seashore, in the temple, on the mountain top or in the synagogues, and He was just as willing and eager to speak to the individual as to the multitude, as was shown when He talked to the woman at the well when He was so weary and worn. Often His audience consisted of His disciples, then it was that he instructed them concerning himself, and His great life work. Yet it is terrible to think how few there were, even when the Son of God was preaching, who heard unto salvation. But those who did gradually formed about Him a body of disciples from which he chose his apostles to help spread His teachings and carry on His work until His great purpose should be realized."

PAULINE POWERS.

### Newsy Items From the Lubbock Avalanche

Some time ago it was reported that some one had made a raid pin on the hog of Mr. Sims, the local market man, and in the raid had stolen several good hogs. After waiting and watching, evidence sufficient to justify an arrest was gotten together and a man by the name of Coleman was arrested Monday, in connection with the theft. It was also developed that a wagon taken from some firm in Post was also found in the possession of this man. Coleman is in the county jail.

Mrs. Jimmie Bossey, of the New Home community, was borne June 8, 1894, and died in a local sanitarium on the morning of December 29, 1920. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. A. Bowan, pastor of the First Baptist Church at 3:30 p. m. Interment was made in the Lubbock cemetery.

Mrs. Bossey was a sister of G. H. Hilton of this city, and all of Mrs. Bossey's brothers were with her when she died, two brothers of the New Home community and three brothers from Oklahoma.

J. E. Henderson, our efficient book-keeper, with his family, and in company with Otha Egwell and family, spent Christmas with Mr. Henderson's mother and brothers out on the farm in Lynn County. They report a fine time with a fine Christmas dinner, topped off with watermelons; no wonder they report a good time. They were joined by some relatives from Tahoka and together they engaged in one of those rare social good days peculiar to a company of friends and relatives reunited for a season after the boys and girls go away to make a home of their own. Somehow it is a most gracious privilege to go back for a season to her, who knows as no other one does, how to please and comfort us. Others may never know and understand us, but our mother always knows understands and cares.

Mrs. Henderson, mother of J. E., our book-keeper, spent some time in Lubbock Tuesday visiting the folks and attending the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Northam's son, which was conducted in this city. Mrs. Henderson lives in the Lakeview community in Lynn county.

### French Peasant and Machine

Introducing the French peasant to the great value of machinery in tilling soil is probably America's best contribution to the work of reconstruction. The holdings of land often cover but a few acres, and the peasant has found that the wheel hoe, for example, will do the work of six men and, on large farms, that the tractor will plow more land than six horses. This is a revelation, a discovery of astonishing moment to him, writes Herbert S. Houston in the World's Work. And he has formed hundreds of co-operative societies to buy and operate tractors. He has claimed the wheel hoe for his own, and wants to see its tribe increased.

### A Great Difference.

"What's the difference whether we say 'A League of Nations' or 'The League of Nations'?"

"Charley, dear," protested young Mrs. Torbins, "I'm surprised at you. Suppose I were to ask you what difference it made whether we said 'A baby,' or 'The baby.'"

### WAIL IS OLD ONE

Complaint About H. C. L. Has Been Heard for Ages.

At Least Eighteen Hundred Years Ago the Natives of Egypt "Kicked" on Prices of Food.

It is interesting to learn from a papyrus in the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, by which institution many important archeological finds have been made in the old world, that the high cost of living and excessive freight rates were issued at least 1,800 years ago, and it is a peculiar coincidence that the complaint arose in Theadelphia, a name closely allied to that of Philadelphia, which, like other American cities, has been wrestling with the cost of food and the rates on anthracite coal.

It seems as if there is nothing new under the sun; that the same issues prevail, and that the same struggle is being waged.

However, it seems certain that we ourselves are much better off than the fellahen of Egypt in the apostolic age, or even than the small landed proprietors, who had to pay as much freight "as the traffic would bear" for transportation on the Nile.

We get a glimpse of life under the Ptolemies in Egypt, when the country was drained to furnish Rome with food. It is an amazing thing that in the Fayoum district, which is a little pocket at the westward of the Nile, flimsy records on papyrus should have been preserved to this day. This is only possible in a land of perpetual dryness. Egypt has thriven without rain through ten millenniums, because the necessary water comes not from the skies, but along the Nile from the center of Africa.

Eight centuries may seem a long time to us, but at the time the complaint of freight rates was mentioned there had been at least 5,000 years of recorded history in Egypt, and undoubtedly many millenniums which have left no record.

The poor fellahen, the actual cultivator of the soil, comprised a sort of patient animal who had become injured to oppression and greed and who never had the slightest opportunity for self-development until within the period embracing the last 30 years, when the British government set him on his feet and gave him not only freedom from lashings by the courbash, from compulsory labor on the ditches, from extra taxation, but permitted him to accumulate a little something on his own account and to become more than a tool of the officials.—Detroit Sunday News.

### Killing Weeds With Paper.

The apparent success of the Eckart process in cultivating sugar cane has been the subject of much discussion, according to the Tech Engineering News, since experiments on large areas have indicated that the cost of growing the cane can be reduced from 50 to 70 per cent and the crop increased by ten tons an acre, which is equivalent to one ton of raw sugar. After the field has been planted it is covered with a peculiar asphalt paper that will withstand six weeks of weather and that at the same time is soft enough to allow the sharp growing points of the sugar cane to break through. The cane grows more vigorously and the weed seeds sprout at once, but the weeds are quickly blanched and withered by the black covering. The paper is made by cooking pulp for 12 hours with lime under pressure and then after a few days running it out on the paper machine and treating it with asphalt.—Youth's Companion.

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