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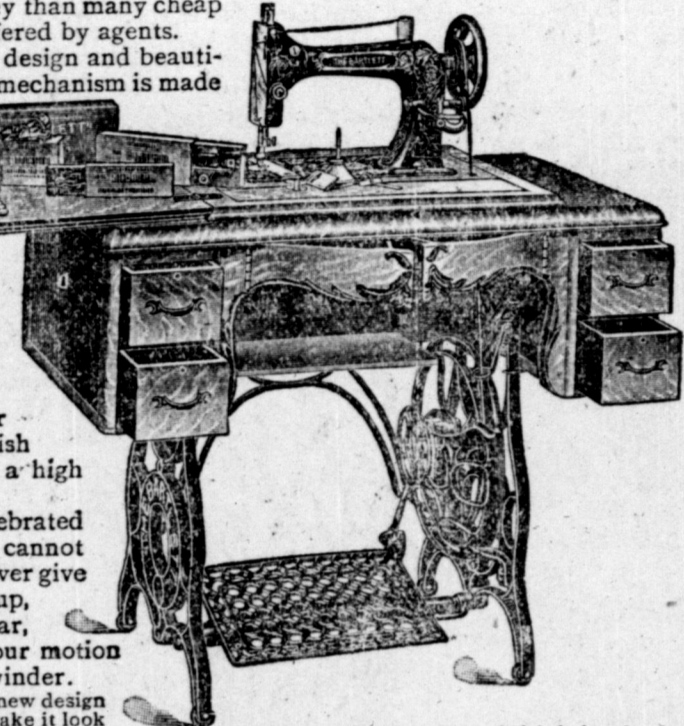
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FREE PASS EVIL.

Newspaper Men Pay Higher Fares Than Any Branch of Traveling Public. Based Upon Advertising.

A Railway pass granting to the holder thereof free transportation is a form of discrimination in favor of the individual traveling on the passengers who pay fare. As far as the principle is concerned, railroad company is no more justified in transporting an individual free of charge from the one city to another than it is in carrying a ton of coal, or a carload of machinery, free of charge. But there are exceptions, of course, as in the case of a railway officials and certain groups of employees.

With these statements as a premise, and in view of the campaign against rebates and discriminations of all kinds, it follows, to be consistent, that the distribution of passes by railway companies should be prohibited if all patrons of the railroads are to have measured out to them "a square deal." But the inconsistency of the general public is at once apparent when such

a policy is announced by a railroad company, as was the case the past several weeks following definite official statements that the Pennsylvania and its affiliated lines, the New York Central, and other Trunk Line railroads, would abolish the issuing of passes after January 1, 1906. Of course all passengers who do not receive or expect to receive a railway pass denounce the pass evil. A few of those who do travel on passes recognize the evils of the system and favor remedial measures. But the great majority of those who use passes are so controlled by self interest that they do not recognize that at bottom the influences at work securing favors for them in the form of passes are in others denounced and decried as "graft."

The growing evil of the free pass policy is evident to any close observer of social conditions. From officials identified with a railroad company, who should properly receive free transportation, the use of passes has insensibly spread throughout not only the official's own immediate family, but to the families of relatives, to the butler and the maid and, in one instance the

writer is familiar with, to friends of the railway official's butler. Schoolmates of the sons of railway officials also travel on passes.

The evil is just as serious when applied to the newspapers. It is commonly believed that all newspapermen travel on passes, and while this is not exactly the case it is not far from the truth. In nearly all important newspaper offices there is a number of annual passes made out in the name of a particular individual but used generally by all staff members whether traveling on newspaper of personal business or pleasure. Sometimes friends or reporters travel on passes secured through newspapers. Nearly all the leading daily and weekly journals of the country recognize and denounce in their editorial columns the widespread evil of free transportation and yet in the same mail perhaps that carries that particular issue of the journal to their subscribers goes a letter from the business manager to the railway official requesting free transportation to the extent of ten, fifteen or fifty annual passes.—Railway Age.

An Untaught Artist.

Henry Merwin Shradly, who is to model the Grant memorial monument, to be set up in Washington, is a son of Dr. Shradly, of New York, who was General Grant's physician during his last illness. Young Shradly, singularly enough, never took a lesson in drawing, painting or modeling. Still he has on his merits succeeded in several competitions for the production of heroic statues, in addition to the one above noted being a Grant monument for Brooklyn and a statue of William the Silent for Riverside park, New York.

Advertise in The News and keep up with the new year.

A FRONTIER STORY.

Indian Incident of the Early Days of the Last Century.

In the year 1824 Sylvester Pattie and his son James went from St. Louis southwest ward into New Mexico. At one village of the Pawnee Indians the caravan was found a war party with a prisoner, a child, whom Pattie and his son bought in order to keep it from torture. Some days later the whites came upon a small party of Indians, consisting of between twenty and thirty women and children, besides three men. The story as written by James Pattie goes on: "Suddenly our attention was attracted by loud screams or cries. Looking up, we saw our little boy in the arms of an Indian, whose neck he was closely clasping as the Indian pressed him to his bosom, kissing him and crying at the same time. As we moved toward the spot the Indian approached us, still holding the child in his arms and falling on his knees, made us a long speech, which we understood only through his signs. He was the father of this boy, whom we saved from being burned by the Pawnees. He gave us to understand by his signs that his child was carried off by his enemies.

"When the paroxysm of his joy was past we explained as well as we could how we had obtained the child. Upon hearing the name Pawnee he rushed into his hut. He soon came out, bringing two Indian scalps and his bow and arrows, insisted that we should look at the scalps, making signs to tell us that they were Pawnee scalps which he took at the time he lost his child.

"After he finished this ex-

planation he would lay the scalps a short distance from him and shoot his arrows through them to prove his great enmity to this nation. He then presented to my father a pair of leggings and a pipe both neatly decorated with porcupine quills, and, accompanied by his child, withdrew to his tent for the night."—Ex.

Prayed for More Snakes.

In 1850 there lived in the southern part of Missouri a family by the name of Weaver—very hard character—the old man, his wife and five grown up boys. During the spring John Weaver was bitten by a rattlesnake. Everything was resorted to for relief, but all to no avail. When they saw he must die they sent for an old Baptist preacher to pray for him. He prayed as follows: "We thank thee Almighty God, for thy watchful care over us, for thy goodness and tender mercy, and especially do we thank thee for rattlesnakes. Thou hast sent one to bite John Weaver. We pray thee to send one to bite Jim, one to bite Henry, one to bite Sam, one to bite Joe, and we pray thee to send the biggest kind of a rattlesnake to bite the old man, for nothing but rattlesnakes will ever bring the Weaver family to repentance. There are others in

Missouri who are just as bad as Weavers. We pray thee to stir up Missouri, and if nothing else will bring the people to repentance we pray thee to shower down more rattlesnakes.—Amen."—Exchange.

Criminations in Russia.

The editor of the St. Petersburg Vedomosti recently created a sensation by charging the ancient capital of Russia, Moscow, with wholesale treason. The bankers and merchants there, he said, were not only indifferent to the war, but were so did, selfish, disloyal and shameless enough to make heavy investments in Japanese bonds. This information came to the editor from good patriots who didn't want their names used, but were considered by him to be trustworthy. The Moscow press, which has a Vedomosti of its own, resented these imputations, the latter with particular energy. Proofs of the St. Petersburg allegation were demanded. If these were not forthcoming, the government ought to act and put a stigma on such disloyal practices, if it could not punish them. So far no proof of the allegation has been submitted, though it is generally thought to have some foundation in truth. The Journal de St. Petersburg, the official organ, takes this view of the case, a fact which is looked on as more startling than the original assertion. The controversy is still going on, with no end of epithets on both sides and no visible sign of cessation.

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PATRICK'S DRUG STORE.

Fresh Drugs, Chemicals and Patent Medicines.

Complete Stock of Pure Drugs Always on Hand. Toilet and Fancy Articles, Stationery and Cigars...

Girard, Kansas, will probably duplicate the public library building of Waco, which cost \$30,000.

Thomas B. Latham has been appointed United States attorney general for the district of Indian Territory.

David Parsons, a relative of the late United States Consul General Parsons, was recently murdered by Indians in Mexico.

Far Eastern ports are declaring quarantine against Kobe, account of the increasing prevalence of the bubonic plague there.

Following the prolonged quarantines against New Orleans, there is almost a blockade of export stuffs in the elevators and railway yards. Shipping is also very scarce.

A dispatch to the Evening Standard from Constantinople says the Turkish Consul at Batoum reports the Armenians are massacring Tartars at the rate of 500 per day.

John N. Irwin, former Minister to Portugal, ex-Governor of Arizona and Idaho, Mayor of Keokuk, and head of a wholesale merchant company, died at Hot Springs, Ark., Friday.

Three train men were killed Friday in a wreck on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad at Perkiomen Junction, Pa., between a milk train and a freight train.

Advices from Cartagena, capital of the Colombian State of Bolivar, say there is great discontent throughout the Republic owing to the announcement of an increase in taxation.

Fire destroyed fully half of the immense railroad terminal buildings at the foot of West Twenty-Third street on the Hudson River, New York. The loss was estimated at \$550,000.

After a ten-minute session Wednesday, the house adjourned until January 4th. John M. Gearin, the newly appointed senator from Oregon, was sworn in at the meeting of the senate.

As a result of his unsuccessful glove contest with Jack O'Brien last night, Robert Fitzsimmons will return to the stage and according to his latest statement will not again enter the ring.

James Van Riper, Chief of Police of San Antonio, died Saturday morning at Santa Rosa Infirmary, after an illness of about four weeks.

Albert Burke, son of the late Congressman Burke, has been appointed clerk to the Assistant Postmaster of the Navy, stationed to Guantanamo, Cuba, and has left for that place.

Admiral Dewey has taken an emphatic stand against the hazing practices which prevail at the naval academy at Annapolis. "It is a disgraceful condition of affairs," he said. "It calls for a prompt and vigorous remedy."

The trial of Hugh Watt, a former member of parliament, charged with inciting hired agents to murder his divorced wife, Julia Watt, and Sir Reginald Beauchamp, ended in a verdict of guilty. Watt was sentenced to five years' penal servitude.

The body of Mrs. C. R. McCrea, prominently connected in and around Quitman, Miss., was found half a mile from her home Friday. She left home for a bucket of sand early in the morning and was not found until 5 o'clock. There was no indication of foul play.

The plant of the Jennings Refining Company here was sold Saturday at a sheriff's sale to satisfy debts to E. C. Hubbell of Des Moines, Iowa, for \$10,000. It cost \$100,000 to build and was considered well worth half that amount as it stands.

You cannot prevent the pieces from flying by praying over the boiler. The sorrow of today is often but the shadow of tomorrow's shining. You cannot nourish a beast in the heart and have beauty in the face.

Representative Marshall of South Dakota has introduced a bill to appropriate \$60,000 for the use of the Agricultural Department to conduct experiments with dry land farming. Five thousand dollars of this amount is made available at once.

To expedite business the Tulsa, I. T., banks are arranging to establish a clearing house, where the daily clearance can be made. There are six clearing with the Farmer's National banking institutions there and are now

The consolidation of the Subway, Elevated and Surface Traction lines of Manhattan Island is believed to be probable as the result of the sale of the interests of Thomas F. Ryan in the Metropolitan street railway system to August Belmont.

The steamer Mariposa, which arrived from Tahiti Wednesday, brought news that a rumor is current throughout Tahiti that the United States government has offered France \$4,000,000 for the island.

CLEANER COTTON, THE BATTLE-CRY

Damage by Exposure Is Conservatively Estimated at From \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 a Year.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—A distinct feature of yesterday's convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science was the paper of Judge Eugene Williams, of Waco, Texas, on "The Possibilities of Cotton Warehouses from the Producers' Standpoint" before the economic section. Some of his points were:

"Damage to the cotton crop from weather exposure, resulting from a lack of warehouses, is conservatively estimated at from 50c to \$1 per bale, or from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 per annum on the entire crop. Exporters of cotton in Waco, Texas, recently told me they had refused to buy cotton during the latter part of the season of 1904-05, though needed to fill contracts, because the staple was so damaged by exposure to weather they could not in justice to their own reputation offer it to spinners upon their contracts, the damage in many instances amounting to 50 or 100

pounds, or from \$5 to \$10 per bale. "A single little warehouse at Madisonville, Texas, sold cotton in lots of from \$1.50 to \$2 a bale more than the price paid on the street.

"If a single little warehouse can accomplish so much, what would be the influence of 1,000 such warehouses under one central control?"

"A billion-dollar estimate is not guesswork for the manufactured fabrics from the American crop which is sold in the markets of the world for approximately \$2,000,000,000, whereas we receive only about an average of \$500,000,000 annually for the crop in its raw state.

"The cotton producers of America are losing annually approximately \$100,000,000 by reason of not being properly equipped to market the cotton crop. They are losing annually approximately \$1,000,000,000 by failure to manufacture at home a reasonable portion of the crop."

HIDDEN PUZZLE PICTURE.



Find the Gardener.

He Cut Out Tammany.

New York: Mayor McClellan will begin his second administration as mayor of New York City on Monday with new men at the head of eight of the most important departments in the municipal service. Of these not one is or has been identified actively with Tammany, and several are understood to have been republicans, on national questions, at least. Of the eight who were replaced three were district leaders, two of whom Tammany sought earnestly to have retained. Of the ten men who have served with the mayor in the last two years who were reappointed only two are district leaders.

Warsaw Situation.

Warsaw: Bands of Socialists are parading the streets here, striving to enforce the order for a general strike. They compelled newspapers and insurance offices to close Friday morning, and sent out gangs of youths to smash the windows of shops whose owners refused to close their establishments. Traffic is much impeded on the Vienna railroad. Only two trains left Warsaw station Friday. Military engineers are maintaining traffic on the Mlava branch of the Vistula line.

Wichita Falls-Texas Line.

Oklahoma City, Ok.: F. N. Finney, president of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, and other officials of that system, will arrive here the first of the week, and it is said that their mission is to take up with the business men the matter of the construction of the Wichita Falls-Texas line, for which a charter has been applied.

Brother Killed Brother.

Lometa, Texas: At about 9 o'clock Friday, two miles from here, on the Mart Lane Farm, Mr. C. W. Jennings' son, 9 years of age, was killed by the accidental discharge of a shot gun in the hands of his brother, who was about 15 years of age. They were going to kill hogs, and the elder brother was examining the gun when it went off.

Oil Test at Kirbyville.

Kirbyville, Texas: Capt. E. I. Kelly has been here several days surveying in the prospective oil field, and Thursday morning made some investigations for his own satisfaction, and reports oil in plenty on the surface. There will be a test well put down right away by local capitalists. People who have been treating the oil excitement as idle talk are now, after some investigation, becoming more serious. Land is changing hands.

McAdoo Replaced.

New York: Mayor McClellan has announced the appointment of Brig. Gen. Theodore A. Bingham, U. S. A., retired, as police commissioner, succeeding William McAdoo, who has held the office through Mr. McClellan's first term. The other appointments to places in the city administration include the following, who have held office during the last two years:

City Chamberlain, Patrick H. Keenan; corporation counsel, John J. Delaney; commissioner of street cleaning, John McGaw Woodbury; commissioner of health, Thomas Darlington; tenement house commissioner, Edmund J. Butler.

Austin Bee Convicted.

Natchez, Miss.: A special term of court was held at St. Joseph, La., to try Austin Bee, the young negro who on the night of the 18th inst., murdered two white men in their sleep and beat two others almost to death.

The jury returned a verdict just 11 days after the crime had been committed, convicting Bee of murder in the first degree. Bee's victims were John Kelly of Memphis and Charles W. Hecker of Chicago, employees at a levee camp below St. Joseph.

Boys Charged With Man's Death.

Oklahoma City, Ok.: Clarence Messenger and James Smith, boys in their teens, are being held for the death of George Fisher on Nov. 30. It will be remembered that Fisher was en route to the home of a friend to eat Thanksgiving dinner when he was struck and killed by a stray bullet. The general belief is that Fisher was killed by hunters and that the boys are innocent.

Sudden Death of an Indian.

Tulsa, I. T.: A. B. Perryman, a wealthy young Creek Indian and a nephew of Chief Logus Perryman, died suddenly Thursday at his home, between Red Fork and Old Mounds, under suspicious circumstances. Doctors are holding an autopsy to ascertain the cause of his death.

Warfare on Fakes.

Chicago, Ill.: Warfare on commercial schools that offer fraudulent inducements to gain students was declared Thursday by the business managers' section of the Commercial Teachers' Convention. E. N. Miner of New York reported that three years' investigation had done much to combat the evil, and also had involved him in a \$25,000 suit for criminal libel. The association then arranged to fight the schools as a body.

A BOY'S TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

A Stowaway in the Airtight Hold of a Vessel, Without Food or Water for Ten Days.

Galveston, Tex.: Without food or water, and with scarcely enough air to sustain life, Carl Joseph Kuhler, a young German stowaway 16 years of age, after suffering indescribable tortures for a period of nearly ten days, was rescued from his perilous position in a narrow hold of the Mallory steamer Comal at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. He was immediately conveyed to the John Sealy hospital, where medical attention was given him, and although still in a serious condition and not entirely out of danger, his chances for a full recovery are considered good. When found by the longshoremen his body was limp and he was partially unconscious, and it is doubted that he could have survived many more hours without nourishment and air. Last night he had made rapid advancement, and although craving for food and water in much larger quantities than the physicians thought best to give him, he was able to talk and did relate in broken sentences as much of his story as could be put into words. What he suffered; all the agony of mind when he found that he was in a sealed compartment among bonded goods, with hundreds of tons of freight above and around him will probably never be told and undoubtedly it will always be impossible for him to describe the physical torture he was forced to endure because of his craving for food and water.

According to the story told by the young man, his home is at 305 Columbia avenue, Jamaica, Long Island; that he had lived with his step parents, and not receiving the treatment he thought he deserved he had run away from home. Seeing the Comal at the dock, he boarded her while the workmen were at dinner and stowed himself away in the hold, where he was found, expecting that when at sea he could make his presence known and thus be given the opportunity to work his passage to Galveston.

COTTON WAREHOUSING.

Judge Eugene Williams Details Advantages to Farmers.

New Orleans: Judge Eugene Williams of Waco, Texas, an authority on warehousing of cotton, is here to address the Scientists' convention tomorrow. He said: "Where even small lots of cotton, from 100 to 500 bales, are warehoused and offered in bulk, prices have been increased from 1-8 to 1-3 cent per pound over the same grade of cotton sold on the streets by individual farmers. This would mean a gain of from \$6,000,000 to \$16,000,000 saved upon the whole crop. If this same method could be adopted over the entire cotton belt the increase in price, or rather the maintaining of a fair price, would save not less than 2 cents per pound one year with another, or \$100,000,000 per annum to the South. Our people in Texas are working to bring about this immense saving. The movement is necessarily slow, but it is surely coming."

Warning to Powers.

Vienna: The Turkish government has presented a note to the Hungarian government informing it that Macedonians in Bulgaria are preparing for an uprising in Macedonia in the coming spring. The porte says it thinks it is its duty to call the attention of the powers to this dangerous movement, so as to enable them to take suitable steps at Sofia.

Roosevelt's Relatives Coming.

Boston: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Clark, the former a wealthy Southerner, and the latter late Miss Gertrude Roosevelt, a relative of President Roosevelt, have started for Texas on a tour, after which they will go to Seattle, Wash., where Mr. Clark has business interests. They will visit Dallas, Fort Worth, Galveston and other cities where they have friends.

Dragged to Death.

Cameron, Tex.: While attempting to ride a mule from the plow field near here Blazen Kraull was thrown, his feet were entangled in the harness and he was dragged two miles and fatally injured. The body was badly mangled. One leg was found 300 yards from the other portion of the body. An inquest was held by Justice Langford.

New State Bank at Giddings.

Giddings, Tex.: A new State bank has been organized here and a charter will be applied for at once. Following were elected directors: W. A. Knox, August Miertchin, J. Durrenberger, W. E. Williams, I. J. Fariss, A. E. Falke and W. O. Bowers. W. A. Knox was elected president of the new bank and I. J. Fariss cashier and treasurer. The capital stock of the new bank will be \$50,000, and has already been subscribed.

It so happened that the hold in which he had sought refuge was the hatch in which bonded goods were being stored and upon the completion of the loading of the consignment the hold was duly sealed, thus leaving the young man in practically an air tight compartment. All around him freight was piled and above him on other decks the cargo of the Comal was stored until it became impossible for him to make himself heard by members of the crew who were still putting the cargo aboard. As he had gone aboard soon after the work of loading the vessel had begun, it was nearly three days before the vessel put to sea and by the time he was discovered at Galveston he had been in his narrow quarters nearly ten days. To make his confinement more of a torture, he was wedged in between the packages of cargo, which in this case proved to be sacks of coffee, and it was not long after the compartment was sealed that he began to suffer from heat and the lack of air. This, of course, added to the torture of thirst, and, according to the young man's statement, nearly drove him insane. After an exhaustive effort he managed to relieve himself of his shoes and several pieces of his clothing, and thus was more comfortable, but scarcely expected to survive until Galveston was reached and the cargo discharged. On the day of entering the vessel he claims he weighed 150 pounds. Today he weighs scarcely 100 pounds, appearing to be not much more than skin and bones.

Captain J. T. Risk, upon learning of the discovery of the boy and his condition, immediately set to work to make him as comfortable as possible and has furnished him a new outfit of clothing. The authorities have wired his relatives, but at the present time it is not known whether the boy will go back to New York or not. It is his desire to remain in Galveston.

Russian Safe Blowers.

Berlin: A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Warsaw, dated Dec. 28, says: The revolutionists of the district of Wysokie, town of Mazowieckie, government of Lomza, have appropriated all the district government funds. Eighty armed men occupied the square where the public offices are situated, overpowered several night watchmen and drove off the policemen. The revolutionists then blew open the safes of the district assessor and took \$421,000, of which \$100,000 was in gold, \$80,000 in silver and over \$150,000 in paper. There were no troops in the town.

Auction Sale of Whisky.

Beaumont, Tex.: Deputy Sheriff Bryant conducted an auction sale of whisky Thursday, the liquor being the same that was seized through judgment against G. Zuretti in Bastrop county. The booze was knocked down to the highest bidder for \$55. Quite a stock of cigars was also sold at auction.

Will Race at Windsor.

Detroit: George M. Hendrie has purchased a controlling interest in the race track at Windsor, Ont., just across the river from this city, and the running meetings which have formerly been held at Highland Park track will now be held at Windsor.

To Abandon Fort Ringgold.

Brownsville, Tex.: The government will abandon Fort Ringgold in the near future, temporarily at least, dividing the troops between Fort Brown and Fort McIntosh. A small detachment will be left to garrison Fort Ringgold.

Babe Found Dead in Bed.

Balling, Tex.: The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cantrell, living in the western part of the city, was found dead in the bed this morning. The child was about 5 months old and was in good health. It was supposed to be sleeping when its mother got up.

Temple Dog for Cuba.

Temple, Tex.: F. L. Denison of Temple yesterday sold one of the fine dogs from his kennel to a gentleman living in Cuba, the shipment being made by express. The consideration parted with for the possession of "doggie" amounted to several hundred dollars.

Negro Child Burned to Death.

Calvert, Tex.: A little negro girl, while playing in front of the fire place, caught fire and ran out into the yard. Before any help arrived the child was burned so badly that she died two or three hours later. The girl was 4-2 years old.

Strikers Foiled in Attempt.

Warsaw: The attempt by the strikers to stop the railroads in Poland has not been successful, and a number of them are running.

Bon-Bon Boxes of Vegetables.

Big turnips, sweet potatoes, beets and small squash answer this purpose capitably. Cut off the tops, leaving a slanting edge for a fair sized paper of candy wrapped in oil paper. Place this in the hollow vegetable and fit the lid on the top by using wooden toothpicks as tacks. No one would suspect that your bonboniere is not just a common vegetable.

Might Have Been.

When Shakespeare said: "Aye, there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of the itch. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years' worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely, infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human cuticle. It's guaranteed.

Puree of Tomatoes.

As soon as the can of tomatoes is opened, turn them out into a porcelain lined stew pot. Never allow tomatoes to stand in tin. The acid coming in contact with the air acts on the tin and renders them dangerous. Place them over the fire. When smoking throw in two bay leaves, two sprigs of parsley tied in a piece of cheesecloth. Boil slowly for 20 minutes; then take the seeds off the fire and strain out the seeds, bay leaves and parsley. Return to the stew pot, and add when boiling one large tablespoonful of flour and the same of butter rubbed to a smooth paste, one and a half pints of rich milk. Season with two teaspoonfuls of sugar. Salt and pepper to taste.

Remove Ink from a Carpet.

As soon as the ink has been spilled take up as much as you can with a sponge, then pour on cold water repeatedly, still taking up the liquid. Next rub the place with a little wet oxalic acid or salt of sorrel and wash it off immediately with cold water, then rub on ammonia water. This will not be safe to try on carpets of delicate fabric or color. It should be tested first on a corner or any small cutting left over.

Ambulance Trains.

In America and in Germany railway ambulance trains are now in use, which are kept ready to be sent out for the purpose of affording speedy relief to the maimed. The train, so far as its narrow limits permit, is as admirably equipped as any modern hospital; its operating-room is fitted up with an operating table, with all the necessary appliances of antiseptic surgery.

Bell-Ringing Record.

A party of bell-ringers, making a holiday tour in Manchester and district, have recently rung at Ashton parish church a peal of Stedman Cinques, consisting of 5,007 changes, in three hours and forty-one minutes, says an English exchange. This is a record, and is the only true peal ever rung in Lancashire, though an attempt was made in Liverpool in 1863.

He Doesn't Curse Now.

Washington, Kans., Dec. 25 (Special)—Jesse E. Mitchell is a telephone lineman, and also a well known resident here. Everybody acquainted with Mr. Mitchell knows that he was a man who held very positive views about Patent Medicine. Hear what he says now:—

"I used to curse all kinds of Patent Medicines, for they never did me any good, but Dodd's Kidney Pills have caused me to change my mind. For twelve years I suffered from Kidney Trouble. There was a hurting across my back that made it positive agony to stoop, and as I am in a stooping position nearly all day, you can imagine how I suffered. After a day's work that any man would think nothing of, I would be tired and worn out. In fact, I was always tired. I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills and after taking four boxes I feel like a new man, I am as fresh at night as when I begin work in the morning. I have no pain in my back now, and I am stronger than ever."

In the City of London Court a creditor described whisky as a luxury. "I thought it was a medicine," said Judge Lumley Smith.

When men pool their resources they sometimes realize that a pool and its money are soon parted.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

"A Halt in the Desert," the initial story in the November "Sports Afield," is a tale of the humanities—one that will profoundly stir the finer chords of your nature.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now."—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

When friends urge you to come and see them "any time," it requires some figuring to find out just when that time is.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullin is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 per bottle.

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LOCAL.

Meals 25 cents at the Brackett Hotel.

Meals served at all hours at the Brackett Hotel.

Houses for rent. Inquire of H. J. Veltmann Sr.

Hon. T. J. Martin, of Spofford was in town Tuesday.

Jim Jeffries, of Nueces, was in town for supplies yesterday.

Mrs. Jesse Flanders was on the sick list several days this week.

Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Matthews returned Tuesday from Barksdale.

Sheriff Jno. F. Robinson, of Del Rio, was in Brackett Tuesday on business.

Miss Maude Racer left Sunday for Uvalde where she will make her future home.

Master Henry Horn is the proud possessor of a fine bicycle given to him by his Papa as a Christmas present.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. G. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. H. V. King, of Spofford were in Brackett Monday to attend the Grand Masquerade Ball.

Chas. L. Heaton, a well known painter of San Antonio, has the contract for some painting in the Post. It will take Mr. Heaton about three months to complete the work.

The G. H. & S. A. Ry. have just completed a new depot at Spofford. This will be appreciated by the Eagle Pass people who sometimes are delayed there by belated trains.—Eagle Pass Guide.

Harry Clamp, left Sunday for San Antonio where he will take up his studies again in the Draghoons Practical Business College. Harry has many friends in Brackett who wish him the best success.

Hon. T. J. Martin, of Spofford is in today looking for investments and on other business. Mr. Martin is one of the most active men, both financially and politically, in West Texas, and is a pronounced success in whatever he undertakes.—Del Rio News.

The editor was invited to the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sharp Saturday evening to see the beautiful Christmas tree that was put up the evening before Christmas. The tree was of medium size and was profusely decorated and lighted with candles. It was one of the prettiest trees of the season. Mrs. Sharp is certainly an artist when it comes to decorating a Christmas tree.

First class meals at the Brackett Hotel.

Geo. Ray returned Sunday from Millet.

John Burke of Spofford was in town Tuesday.

Jos Miers and Otto Stadler were in Del Rio yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell returned to Sonora Friday.

Attorney W. L. Clamp was in San Antonio a few days this week.

Jim Nolan Jr. was in town Monday to attend the masquerade ball.

Andrew Phillips returned Monday from a business trip to Del Rio.

Max Herbst, of Pinto, was transacting business in town Saturday.

The Brackett High School opened their regular session Tuesday.

Frank Matthews, of Sabinal was greeting friends in Brackett Monday.

John McClain, of Dryden, was a Brackett visitor during the holidays.

Jas Murphy, of Del Rio, was in town this week with a load of vegetables.

We were unable to secure the school notes for this issue but we expect to have them in next week.

Will Ott, an old Brackett boy was visiting relatives in town this week. This was Mr. Ott's first visit to Brackett in seventeen years.

F. D. Bunce, of Uvalde, was in Brackett several days this week on business.

Julius Bauer returned to Austin Tuesday to resume his studies at the State University.

For carpenter work, windmill building and repairing see C. M. SLATER Brackettville, Texas.

J. R. DeWitt returned to Galveston Tuesday after spending the holidays with relatives in Brackett.

Mr. E. S. Witt, the Angoria goat breeder from Montell was in the city Saturday.—Barksdale News.

Rev. Matthews, of Brackettville preached Wednesday night at the school house.—Barksdale News.

Bart DeWitt and Henry Veltmann Jr. returned to Austin Tuesday after spending the holidays with relatives in Brackett.

J. A. Dean, of Barksdale is in town this week looking after the telephone system. They are working on the Del Rio line this week.

Brackett has another new paper. It seems as if Del Rio and Brackett are having a general newspaper epidemic just now.—Barksdale News.

Don't worry Brother, the fever will soon reach Barksdale.

Mr. and Mrs. James Borroum, of Cedervale, Kansas, came in last week to spend Christmas with Mr. Borroum's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Borroum. They left Wednesday for Eagle Pass where they will visit relatives and friends for a few days before they will return to Cedervale.—Del Rio Herald.

TO CREATE A FEDERAL COURT IN DEL RIO

Garner's Bill Introduced in the House of Representatives.

In the house of Representatives December 18, 1905. Mr. Garner introduced the following bill which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To create a new division of the western judicial district of Texas, and to provide for terms of Court at Del Rio, Texas, and for a clerk for said court and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the counties of Uvalde, Zavalla, Kinney, Maverick, Val Verde, Terrell, Pecos and Brewster, shall constitute a division of the western judicial district of Texas.

Sec. 2. That terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the said western district of Texas shall be held twice in each year at the city of Del Rio, in Val Verde County, and that until otherwise provided by law, the judges of said courts shall fix the times at which said courts shall be held at Del Rio, of which they shall make publication and give due notice.

Sec. 3. That all civil process issued against persons resident in the said counties of Uvalde, Zavalla, Maverick, Kinney, Edwards, Val Verde, Terrell, Pecos, and Brewster, and cognizable before the United States courts, shall be made returnable to the courts, respectively, to be held at the city of Del Rio, and all prosecutions for offenses committed in any said counties shall be tried in the appropriate United States court at the city of Del Rio: Provided, That no process issued of prosecution commenced or suit instituted before the passage of this bill shall be in any way affected by the provisions hereof.

Sec. 4. That the clerks of the circuit and district courts of said division shall maintain an office, in charge of themselves or a deputy, at the said city of Del Rio, which shall be kept open at all times for the transaction of the business of said division.—Del Rio News.

Boys Will Be Entitled to Vote.

Under a late ruling of the state comptroller no male person who becomes 21 years of age after January 31 will be required to pay a poll tax in order to vote in the next election, but can secure an exemption certificate and is thereby entitled the vote under the new election law.—Del Rio Herald.

Columbia's African Students.

Columbia university's summer school is clearly ahead of all its rivals, so far as the names of two of its students are concerned. One is a full-blooded African from the Gold Coast, named James Euman Kodwo Mensa Ostiwadu Humanpunsam Kwegyir-Aggrey. The other, Sriangan Desikachar Sheshadry Iyngar, is an East Indian. Both are said to be good students. The former will be the first negro to receive the Ph. D. degree from Columbia.

A Heroine's Offer of Marriage.

Mary McCann, a 17-year-old girl, who, though only three days out of the hospital at North Brother island with scarlet fever, saved six people from drowning after they had jumped from the burning steamer General Slocum, has received 1,000 letters with offers of marriage. Some of these are very complimentary and very good as offers in themselves, but she says that the sickly sentimentality of most of them has disgusted her, and she asks to be relieved from receiving any more of them, as she merely acted under the impulses of duty.

Satisfaction guaranteed money refunded for anything in the line of eatables at the Brackett Hotel.

THE ORIENT BOYS ARE ON THE ROAD

Camping Now in Carter's Valley Bothing Uncle Bill.

Locating Engineer W. T. Millington, of the Kansas City, Mexican and Orient railway, is in Del Rio today.

The surveying camp is now at a point just north of the Carter ranch, and are working toward Del Rio rapidly.

Mr. Millington gave The News reporter an outline of the proposed route down the divide, but we can't show it to you unless you call and see us.

The Orient people, Mr. Millington says, expect to reach Rio within the next thirty days.—Del Rio News.

Fine Band, Fine Concert.

The Fine Regiment, U. S. A. band from Fort Clark gave a very fine concert at the Opera House Wednesday night. This band is regarded as one of the very finest military bands in the country and the performance Wednesday evening fully maintained its high reputation.

The clarinet solo by Principal Musician, W. F. Habekost, from the opera "Somnambula," the baritone solo, "Old Folks at Home," by Drum Major C. D. Hess, and the piccolo solo, "The Wren," by Corporal Meyer, were especially fine.

The concert was followed by a dance which was kept up until 3 o'clock in the morning.

The band is composed of 25 which not only the First Regiment but the army and the country can well feel proud.—Del Rio Mirror.

The Best made is the Reserved D. Whiskey. Sold by F. S. Fritter.

New York's Other Parker.

New York once had another Parker who was almost the exact counterpart of the present nominee for the presidency on the Democratic ticket. He was Amasa Junius Parker, a school teacher, politician and supreme court judge, just like his namesake. He ran for governor of New York twice, meeting defeat both times. He was district attorney, circuit judge and vice chancellor, and served a term in congress. After eight years on the supreme court bench he retired to private practice. He probably will best be remembered for the part he took in the anti-rent crusades in Delaware and contiguous counties. Tenants refused to pay rents to the patrons who had gobbled up nearly half a million acres of the best lands. Supported by the Seward wing of the Whigs, they made much trouble. An officer by the name of Steele was shot while collecting rents, and the governor declared Delaware county in a state of insurrection. Judge Parker opened court with a military force at his back. Three jails were full of prisoners whose friends swore that they would either go free or there would be a "calf-skin edition of hell with copper borders" let loose in the court of oyer and terminer. Threats of personal violence and even death had no effect upon the Democratic nominee's namesake. The prisoners were sentenced to life imprisonment. Amasa J. Parker died in 1890.

An Untaught Artist.

Henry Merwin Shady, who is to model the Grant memorial monument, to be set up in Washington, is a son of Dr. Shady, of New York, who was General Grant's physician during his last illness. Young Shady, singularly enough, never took a lesson in drawing, painting or modeling. Still he has on his merits succeeded in several competitions for the production of heroic statues, in addition to the one above noted being a Grant monument for Brooklyn and a statue of William the Silent for Riverside park, New York.

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Capt. Howard Hinder, of Spofford was in Brackett Monday

Jim O'Brian and family left for Eagle Pass Monday where they will make their future home.

Miss Beulah Wilson returned Sunday from Brenham where she spent the holidays with relatives.

R. E. Cannon, our efficient Commissioner, of Precinct No. 3 was in town for supplies Tuesday.

Jeff Hutchison returned Wednesday from San Antonio where he spent the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Petersen, of Del Rio, were visiting relatives in Brackett a few days this week.

Miss Cora Windus who is teaching school near Montell was spending the holidays with relatives in Brackett.

Judge E. A. Jones and J. F. Ray were out duck hunting Wednesday afternoon. Their "duck hunt" was a successful one as they brought back two small screech owls.

Hon. T. J. Martin of Kinney county bought 300 tons of hay here, to be delivered at Fort Clark. The bulk of these purchases were from the G. Bedell Moore properties.—Del Rio News.

Tea Party.

Mrs. Wm. Sharp entertained at tea Monday afternoon. Ethel and Glen Veltmann, Helen Peringer, Gladys and Myrtle Nolan, Willie and Annie Sharp. The little ones enjoyed the occasion very much and report a most pleasant time.

Telephone Line Completed.

The Laguna Telephone line was completed last week and the people of Brackett can now talk to friends in the towns surrounding us. The company are busy at work on the Del Rio line and it will be completed in about twelve days if good weather permits. Below we give a few of the towns and the charges for telephone messages:

Uvalde.....	25
Laguna.....	25
Montell.....	25
Barksdale.....	25
Vance.....	25
Leakey.....	35
Rock Springs.....	35
Kerrville.....	35
San Antonio.....	60
Sonora.....	85
Eldorado.....	105
San Angelo.....	105
Junction City.....	95
Mason.....	95
Ozona.....	95

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FROM THE POST.

Pvt. Paul enjoyed New Year Day at Uvaide.

Lt. Johnson is relieved as Asst. quartermaster and takes Lt. Bell's place with troop B.

Lt. Bell has been detailed as assistant to Capt. Linley at the Quartermaster's department.

Sgts. Anderson and Scarbrough of C troop bagged two fine bucks on a two days hunting trip last week.

Dr. Noholds and Lt. Bell enjoyed a hunting trip on the Nueces last week. Lt. Bell shot two fine bucks.

The recruits who arrived about a month ago will soon be turned to duty as they have caused most of the cause of instruction.

The new year's dinner served at C troop was a credit to the ability of Gook Poe. Jim Matthews was a guest from town.

Corporal McCormick, of C troop was honorably discharged several days ago and has reenlisted with the troop. He has taken a ten day's furlough and will spend the time visiting in San Antonio.

Several men from the post were the guest of Newberry at his home in Brackett on New Year's eve. The old year was helped out and the New Year ushered in and the guests were effusive in their praise of Mr. Newberry's warm hospitality.

The regimental non-commissioned staff have had to vacate their quarters to make room for families of officers and have been

given the building hitherto used as B troop recreation department. The change has not been welcomed with any great amount of pleasure.

The "monkey drill" at the riding hall have caused an increase in the list of men on sick report. Sprained and bruised joints are very plentiful as usual. There is one constant growl and the necessity of scraping and scrubbing off the coat of saw dust which begrimes the aerobates after an bonis drill.

Ordnance Sgt. Bargath's home was the scene of a very pleasant party on New Year's Eve. The occasion was held in honor of the visit of Jno. Robbins who is here from Oklahoma Ty. A delicious lunch was served and after the last farewell had been said to 1905, the guests enjoyed dancing and music. Among the guests were Com'sy. Sgt. and Mrs. Jones, Q. M. Sgt. and Mrs. McCubbins and Com'sy. Sgt. Koon. The guests were warm in their praise of the good cheer and hospitality.

Another rumor is out and this time with some good foundation. The last issue of the Army and Navy Journal prints an order to the effect that 1st Squadron, troops E and F 1st Cavalry proceed to Ft. Cessinaboine, Mont., troops G and H to Ft. Keogh, Mont., and the 3rd squadron to Ft. Snelling, Minn. The order to take effect on the arrival of the next cavalry regiment returning from the Islands. Although many of the men wouldn't mind change of station, still they have no desire to move to the vicinity

of the North Pole. Undoubtedly the Mexican border has many alluring aspects than Canadian line. Just think of 35 below zero and still going down.

The possibility of trouble in China has attracted the attention of the entire post and the chances of the First Cavalry being sent in case of war, are being discussed with great enthusiasm. The opportunity to see a bit of action after two years of garrison duty would be welcomed by all. The situation in the far east is so serious as to cause the war department to prepare for or on emergency call. It is hoped that the American residents in China will be afforded protection and at the same time the slant eyed celestial will be taught a lasting lesson in respect for the American abroad.

Installation.

Rosewood Camp W. O. W. installed their new officers on Wednesday evening as follows: O. F. Seagrout, P. C. C. F. J. Gilson, C. C. T. M. Little, A. L. Jos Veltmann, Banker. T. S. Sweeney, Clerk. W. F. Holmes, Manager; Jno Stemple, Watchman. J. Ruben Sentry. A. H. Burke Escort. F. J. Gilson Physician.

The camp is in good shape and starts the New Year with bright prospects.

Mr. Bert King, foreman of the Martin Brothers ranch, was in town yesterday and paid The News a pleasant visit. We certainly enjoy Mr. Bert's company for he is a jolly entertainer and we sincerely hope that his callings will be a little more numerous to The News as well to his many friends. Come at any opportunity Bert for your company is unsurpassed.

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The Masquerade Ball.

The masquerade ball Monday night given by the young ladies of Brackett was a grand success in every particular. Ross Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity and many had to stand up to look on. The famous First Cavalry Band Orchestra furnished the music for the evening and was indeed fine. O. W. Stadler acted as floor manager and conducted the arrangement and order of dancing in a proper way.

The maskers were:—Mattie Perry morning; Theresa Nolan, morning; Beulah ones, red tiger lily; Fanny Bell Patrick, dusting maid; Hattie Wickham, mother goose; Manuel Sims, cow boy; Leonard Tuoker, old woman; Geo. Mason, base ball boy; Mrs. Wm. Sharp, German peanut girl; Mrs. R. C. Ballantyne, sailor girl; Jesse France, May Queen; Mrs. Yancy, red carnation; Kathleen Nolan, base ball boy; Mrs. Charlton, nurse; Homer Jones, chinese waiter, Dan Fritter, negro woman; Frank Clamp, sailor; Mrs. Dudley waitress; Jenne Nolan Folly, Mamie Sims, waitress; Edith Mason, base ball boy; Grover Nance, Indian, Jim Nolan, negro woman; Burtie Jones, cow boy; Walter Nance, school girl; Randolph Patrick, school girls; Roberta Ballantyne, Bo peep; Edith Dudley, Japanese lady, Ben Nolan, school girl; Maggie Keplinger, Queen of Hearts; Joe Rose, Negro; Bart DeWitt, chinese waiter; Mrs. Keene, dusting maid; Nora Nolan, pink carnation.

Well Paid for Sermon.

Perhaps the highest sum ever paid for a sermon goes each year to a lucky German preacher, who receives \$4,000 for his effort. In 1690 a wealthy French baron named Fayart, who lived in Elberfeld, died and bequeathed his money to the Protestant church there on the condition that it should be invested and the interest given annually to some clergyman, chosen haphazard from those holding the poorest livings in the see, on condition that he preach a short sermon extolling the good deeds of the dead baron.

Notice.

The Central Meat Market is opened from 5 a. m. to 11 a. m. and from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m.

NOTICE.

I have posted my pasture on Live Oak Creek.

CARL S. KENNEDY.

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Criminations in Russia.

The editor of the St. Petersburg Vedomosti recently created a sensation by charging the ancient capital of Russia, Moscow, with wholesale treason. The bankers and merchants there, he said, were not only indifferent to the war, but were sordid, selfish, disloyal and shameless enough to make heavy investments in Japanese bonds. This information came to the editor from good patriots who didn't want their names used, but were considered by him to be trustworthy. The Moscow press, which has a Vedomosti of its own, resented these imputations, the latter with particular energy. Proofs of the St. Petersburg allegation were demanded. If these were not forthcoming, the government ought to act and put a stigma on such disloyal practices, if it could not punish them. So far no proof of the allegation has been submitted, though it is generally thought to have some foundation in truth. The Journal de St. Petersburg, the official organ, takes this view of the case, a fact which is looked on as more startling than the original assertion. The controversy is still going on, with no end of epithets on both sides and no visible sign of cessation.

The Artful Editor.

Representative Brownlow of Tennessee tells that once he was running a country paper during campaign times and was printing "fighting" language every week. One day, just after the paper was out, a big man, armed with a club, walked into the sanctum and fiercely inquired of the editor was in. The frightened Brownlow had wit enough to answer that he was not, but that he would go out and hunt him up. He started for the street and at the foot of the stairs met another fellow, who asked: "Will, I find the editor of this dirty sheet upstairs?" "Yes," said Brownlow, "he's up there at his desk just itching for a fight." The second man went up and Brownlow disappeared. Which whipped the other is not related—and Brownlow did not go back during the day to find out.

The Jap Got the Money.

A Japanese youth, who obtained a situation with an English firm on trial, was asked a few days after his appointment by the cashier to write to a customer who had owed some money to the house for a long time, and who seemed to have no intention of paying. "Write briefly and politely," said the cashier, "but let him understand distinctly that we expect the money without further delay." The letter was written and on the following day came a check for the amount due. The surprised cashier asked the new clerk to show him a copy of the letter which had been so effectual. It ran thus: "Dear Sir:—If you do not send us at once the money you owe us, we shall be obliged to take steps which will cause you the utmost astonishment. Respectfully yours."

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The Old Year

The white dawn glimmered and he said, "This day!" The east was reddening and he sighed, "Farewell." The herald sun came forth and he was dead.

Life was all in his veins but yesternorn, And ruddy health seemed laughing on his lips; Now he is dust, and will not breathe again!

Give him a place to lay his regal head, Give him a tomb beside his brothers gone, Give him a tablet for his deeds and name.

Hear the new voice that claims the vacant throne, Take the new hand outstretched to meet thy kiss, But give the past—'tis all thou carest—thy tears! —James T. Fields.

The Way Wilkins Did It

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The boy was showing the girl an old revolver he had acquired in a swap and had repaired so it would shoot, and he was telling her of his plans to go out west and be a cowboy or a desperado—he had not decided which. He spoke with all the insufferable condescension and bravado of the masculine early teens and she listened with the reverence which became her sex and three years juniority. It pleased his self-esteem to have so worshipful a listener as the sunny-haired little fairy, and it swelled her budding feminine heart to be the confidant of so sturdy and valiant a hero.

They were behind the old arbor, whither Ted had summoned Besse with great mystery, to announce his great design. Presently they were interrupted by two young people who strolled into the arbor.

"Sh," whispered the boy, placing his fingers on his lips. "It's your sister Emma and that Wilkins fellow."

The two sat quietly awaiting an opportunity to slip away unnoticed. It pleased the spirit of the boy to surround his actions with deep secrecy, and the girl was satisfied to obey implicitly.

Inside the arbor the old, old story was being enacted. "Miss Roberts," said the young man in a strained voice, clearing his throat, "I have been wanting to speak to you—that is, I have been intending—that is, I have been trying to get an opportunity to be alone with you for a long time."

There was a pause, and the voice went on: "I mean, to have an opportunity to speak to you, to tell you to—to—that is, you must have known, you know—that is, you certainly have seen that I—that I—"

There was another awkward pause, and the young woman said softly: "That you what, Mr. Wilkins?"

There was a note of desperation in the lover's voice when he answered, and the words were broken by his nervous breathing. "That I—you see that, that—that is, that—oh, heavens, I—don't you know?"

Apparently she did know, because the voice ceased and there were sounds inside of a much pleasanter nature.

After awhile the lover said in perfectly normal tones: "May I put the ring on your finger?"

After which there were more oscillatory sounds, and presently they went away.

The two children had sat staring at each other with open eyes and mouths during the proceedings inside.

"Oh, wasn't it splendid?" exclaimed the little girl when the lovers were out of hearing.

"Splendid!" snorted the boy in accents of disgust. "I call it a flunk. Why, the lobster never said it at all. Anybody'd a thought he saw a bear."



"Splendid!" snorted the boy. "I call it a flunk!"

he was so frightened. How'd she know what he was a-tryin' to say?"

"Oh, she knew all right," replied the girl with intuitive feminine wisdom. "She's probably known it a long time, and was 'spectin' it."

"Why'n't thunders didn't he say it?" persisted the young Comanche.

"Probably he was frightened," replied the girl.

"What'n thunders he frightened at?" asked the boy. "Nothin' but a girl. I'd like to see the girl I'd be frightened at."

"I 'spect he loves her so much that he's sort of frightened at that, and maybe he was afraid she'd say no," ventured the girl.

"Oh, dear no," replied the man,

shifting his position onto the other foot. "You couldn't if you tried, you know. But, as I was about to say, I—I—that is, I—at least you—that is to say, I wanted to see you alone for a moment, because I had something to say to you—you know."

"Yes," replied the girl softly. The young man mopped his face desperately with his handkerchief, although the day was not warm, and resumed: "Well, it's this way—you see er—er, I—that is—"

"Why don't you do it the way Percy Fitzmorris did it?" asked the girl demurely.

"Bess," he shouted, dropping onto the seat beside her. And I fear if any young boys and girls were listening behind the arbor they heard sounds much similar to those which reached the ears of certain young friends of ours some years before. After the first spasm of osculation was over the man duly presented the ring which was duly installed on the proper finger—the third finger of the left hand, I am told. After which the girl looked at the man and said, with a mischievous sparkle in her eyes: "Why'n't thunders didn't he say it, Ted; how'd she know that he was a-tryin' to say?"

The answer was another demonstration, which left the girl's hair in a sadly tumbled state, after which the man remarked: "Of all the insufferable fools on earth, commend me to a half-baked, unlicked boy."

THOUGHT WAGNER WAS FUNNY

Peculiar Compliment Paid Composer by Unmusical Englishman.

A story which Alfred Reisenauer, the pianist, tells of Richard Wagner relates to a London dinner at which the great composer was requested to be especially amiable to Lord Pitkin, a most unmusical man but high in social councils. In due season the two were presented.

"Where is your entertainment to be?" asked his lordship after the introduction, when Wagner's forthcoming concert was mentioned.

"At St. James' hall," replied the composer. "I trust your lordship will be able to come."

"I may, I may," replied the great personage.

The concert took place as scheduled and a week or more later a patron of Wagner gave a soiree in honor of the composer. Lord Pitkin was prominent among the guests and he seized the first opportunity to walk over to Wagner and congratulate him.

"I was at your entertainment," said the polite nobleman, "and I don't know when I've enjoyed anything more. I laughed till I cried. You are very funny, Herr Wagner."

The company stopped talking and an amazed look spread over Wagner's face.

"But you know," continued the affable lord, "it was almost half an hour before I recognized you with your black face and crinkly hair."

When Lord Pitkin stopped laughing he saw that he was alone in his merriment.

"Why—what—I hope I haven't—it was St. James' hall, wasn't it—I—er—"

Some one then explained that St. James' hall consisted of an upper and a lower auditorium and that his lordship evidently had wandered into the one where the Burgess & Moore minstrels were giving a jubilee entertainment.

"Wagner's expression," says Reisenauer in concluding the anecdote, "was a study, but Lord Pitkin's—well, his was an entire course of instruction."

Cutting In.

A telegraph operator went with a friend to lunch in one of the uptown restaurants. After they had been there a few minutes the telegraph operator called his friend's attention to a pretty young woman seated at a table on the side of the room, who was toying with her spoon occasionally tapping gently with it on the side of her plate. A well-dressed man seated at a table some distance away was going through a similar performance. The telegraph operator informed his friend that the couple were carrying on a flirtation by the Morse alphabet.

Then he tapped a few times with his fork. The young man and woman turned very red in the face and suddenly departed. This is what the telegraph operator had signalled: "Oh, quit your spooning and get married!"

Juryman with Mind Made Up.

The late Judge Charles Doe was engaged as an attorney previous to the time he became a justice of the New Hampshire supreme court. The case was all in, the arguments heard, and the judge had instructed the jury to retire and bring in a verdict. When the sheriff reached the jury room he discovered that he had but eleven jurymen. Returning he found the twelfth man complacently occupying a seat in the jury box. He explained to the jurymen that he should retire with his associates and bring in a verdict.

"Hain't got to retire," said the jurymen. "Squire Hoar says it's so, and it must be so."

Her Birthday. Oh, little girl, but still not so, So very, very wee, Fourteen's a right smart bunch of years; But, dear, if I could be Fourteen I'd be as glad again As you are glad, my ween, For I'm a long and toilsome way The wrong side of fourteen.

You do not know, you can not know, How a man's heart yearns, When he is old, to see a girl, A sweet girl in her teens, Glad for the adding of a year To her short life; the less Of life are hidden, hidden deep, When one's fourteen, Houston Post.

GOOD ROADS.

An Endless Chain of Good.

AY what we please about the influence of public schools, the press, the pulpit, the platform and other institutions that mark the civilized progress of mankind, yet all these are more or less dependent upon the facilities of intercourse between the people. In fact, it is an undeniable truth that civilization means labor in some form, and labor is the ability to move things from place to place, and its efficiency depends upon the ease with which they are moved. No nation has ever yet built good roads and regretted it afterward. No community in possession of good roads would be willing to surrender them upon the repayment of their cost and maintenance. Of all the expenditures made by aggregated bodies or by Government agencies that devoted to good roads produce the greatest return and the greatest satisfaction to the greatest number of people. Everybody uses the highways; the rich man and the beggar, the white man and the black, the lame and the blind, women and children, the farmer, the tradesman, the lawyer, doctor, tourist, hunter—all, of every class and condition, participate in and enjoy the blessing of good roads wherever they abound. The wagon roads of any country are the fountain heads of trade and commerce; they are the avenues over which pass the main agencies for the dissemination of knowledge and the increase of intelligence, as well as the enjoyments of social intercourse in rural life. They provide the means for the performance of public duty; of reaching schools and churches and local markets or shipping points on railroads. Why should the United States, which has attained supremacy over all other nations in wealth and in a world-wide influence in commerce and diplomacy, hesitate to enter upon a work that will bind its citizens to it in more loyal faith than ever? Why should Congress hesitate to do that which every person desires to see done in some way? Why hesitate when good roads are the most important factors in the life of the people, in the life of the Government?

Good Roads and Trees.

The adoption, among the others, of Constitutional amendment for the promotion of good roads gives timeliness to the suggestive letter which we print in another column concerning some features of highway administration and especially concerning the planting and maintenance of trees on all new or improved roads. It is an unfortunate fact that on a large proportion of the good roads which have been created in recent years no attempt at systematic tree planting has been made. That work seems not to enter into the road-maker's plan of campaign. Yet for utility as well as for beauty it is of importance, second by a long way, no doubt, but second only to the building of the roads themselves. To give grateful shades in our torrid summers, to provide windbreaks in our tempestuous winters and to serve the purposes, in their measure, which forests serve in their larger measure, rows of trees along the highways are as precious in their mission of practical utility as in that of simple beauty.

Most of our good roads are being made simply by improving old ones. These latter are often well shaded, though perhaps in a hit or miss fashion. In a considerable proportion of cases the work of road improvement proves destructive to the trees—in widening or altering the level of the roadbed—so that what was formerly a well shaded stretch of mud or dust becomes a shadeless stretch of macadam. There has been much gain, but also some loss, and the loss should be repaired so that there will be only gain. In other cases entirely new roads are made or old roads are straightened and laid out anew, in which there are no trees at all by the wayside, and the new roadbed, with all its value for traction, is unattractive and uncomfortable at all seasons.

The cost of planting trees is a mere trifle compared with the cost of road building. The work and "bother" are slight—very slight, if attended to at the proper time. The cost and labor of maintaining the trees after they are planted are practically nil, and the beneficial results are great. In the legislation that may be called for to put into effect the Constitutional amendment provided for as an integral and essential part of the work.—New York Tribune.

Mexican Football.

At the end of the first half he rose in his seat and lighted a cigar. "Mexican football," he said, "is not like this. It is called gomae. The ball is of wood and weighs five pounds. The course is three miles long and eight yards wide.

"Three players, each with a ball, start simultaneously from one goal, and the man who kicks his ball first to the goal three miles distant wins the game.

"It is an exciting game and a fast game. Three mounted surgeons follow the players, for kicking so heavy a ball, it frequently happens that a toe or an ankle is broken. "But in gomae, of course, the surgeons don't have so much to do as in our kind of game."—Minneapolis Journal.

A Monument to Livingstone.

A committee has been formed in England to raise funds for a monument to Livingstone. It is to be placed in Chitamba at the place where he expired.

CELERY As a Food Not Much Can Be Said in Favor of It.

As a food not much is to be said for celery. But it is an uncommonly satisfactory relish, it adds a fine flavor to a soup or salad, and is at its best at the season when other vegetables are becoming scarce. As a recent government bulletin sums it up, "Coming as it does at a time of the year when large quantities of meat are consumed and green foods are not plentiful, the use of celery makes other foods more palatable and greatly aids digestion."

Celery is a comparatively late addition to the dietary of the people. In this respect its history is not unlike the tomato's. The wild celery from which it was developed, and which is a native of the marshes of southern England and Europe, was long considered poisonous and, indeed, is a distant relative of the poisonous hemlock. As late as twenty-five years ago the cultivated plant was found only on wealthy tables and on the menus of a few large hotels. Many people did not like its taste, but liking for it was soon acquired and never lost. At the present time every American eats a little celery, and is convinced that it is good "nerve food."

Production in this country began with the draining of the muck bed areas of the Great Lakes country, and Kalamazoo long held the primacy. Since then tracts of celery land have been opened in Florida and California, as well as in Michigan, Ohio and New York, and the market season has been extended so that it reaches from the beginning of August almost to the end of April. Although a native of the swamps, it has been found that the best flavored celery is raised in loose sandy loam, which must be treated with nitrate fertilizers, or occasionally put down in some leguminous crop to prevent exhaustion.

This vegetable requires much handling—two replantings, a blanching by means of banked earth or boards, and final storage in a shallow pit—but it pays well. As the government bulletin says, "growers who are making a success of celery raising receive a net profit of \$100 to the acre."

WORDS OF WISDOM.

It is easy to call our impulses His inspirations.

Faith builds no fences between us and our fellows.

Happiness would be bleak without sorrow for a background.

Drifting to perdition is often a quicker route than driving there.

Always better is the thorn on the brow than the one in the heart.

A man does not escape his own business by electing himself a boss.

Nothing cures back-fence gossip quicker than closet-communion.

The genuine, fearless seeker after truth does not tie himself forever to some formulaic hitching post.—Archibald Hopkins.

Erratic Old "Thirteen."

Dear, precious old "Thirteen." What would we do without her? Think how she keeps interest in passing events from flagging by causing hours of speculation each day as to the probable time of her arrival. "Thirteen" is at once the fastest and the slowest train on the great Rock Island system. She hails from far to the north and east, and is the most important train passing through Enid. Time was when she was the only daylight train from the east. She can leave Kansas City on time, lose four or five hours coming through Kansas, loaf along through the Cherokee Strip wheat fields, and then come tearing into Enid like a lightning express, or a boy who has played all day and then suddenly discovers that he is wanted. Before the grade was changed, and when it was very much downhill from North Enid to Enid, "Thirteen" used to shoot across Broadway at about ninety miles an hour, regardless of city ordinances. Passersby notice that the sign post at this crossing is very short. That is because Jim Utisler's white horse started across the track when "Thirteen" was a mile or two away. "Thirteen" was in a big hurry that day. She hit that horse in the ribs and sent him flying eight feet through the air. He struck the sign post in his flight and broke it off. The Rock Island felt too poor to buy another, so the boys stuck the stub in the ground. Uncertain as a woman, and the cause of as much waiting, but as faithful in the end, "Thirteen" occupies a warm place in the hearts of the people of Enid. She has never been more than twenty-four hours late, and once she actually made up sixteen minutes between Harrington and Waukomis, most of it in going through Enid.—Enid (Okla.) Eagle.

Giant Railway Stations.

St. Louis, with its mammoth railroad station, is to be outdone by a German city. Consul-General Guenther, of Frankfurt, Germany, reports to the State Department that according to a German newspaper, the new main railroad station at Leipzig, now being constructed, will be the largest in the world—that is, in covered area—220,518 square feet. It will have twenty-six tracks. The cost of construction will be \$30,940,000, of which the city of Leipzig contributes \$3,808,000. Several millions are to be borne by the German federal postoffice department for a separate postoffice station, which will not be completed before 1914.

At the present time the main railroad station at St. Louis, with an area of 39,450 square metres, and thirty-two tracks, occupies the first place; followed, in respective order, by the South station at Boston, the St. Lazare station at Paris, Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Dresden, North Railroad station, Boston; Cologne and Munich; Philadelphia North American.

STAGE EPIGRAMS.

From "Alice and the Eight Princesses": I know what the truth is—it's what you think about other people and never tell them.

The lawyer shall receive the same sentence as the prisoner.

But why? Because it is a pet law of mine that the lawyer shall share everything the prisoner gets instead of getting everything the prisoner has.

We called our donkey Maxwellton. Why? Oh, because its brays were bonnie.

Where do the little birds go when summer is over? Most of them go on winter hats.

A classical selection is a long piece of music you sit through hoping a tune will happen.

Those human tape measures from the dotted swiss department. Down on the farm we call them hammock stretchers.

I am a sleepless shepherdess from the first mortgaged farm beyond.

No more soldiers or sailors for me—I'm going to marry a painless dentist who loves his home.

You're a philanthropist. What's that? A man who gives telescopes to a blind asylum and libraries to people who are too busy to read.

Let them talk about the strenuous life, let them talk about the simple life, but for real downright excitement let them live the married life.

Are you in love? I've had all the symptoms, but now I'm immune. The mosquito of sentiment will never sting me.

WORDS OF THE WISE.

Command large fields, but cultivate small ones.—Virgil.

Convictions that remain silent are neither sincere nor profound.—Balzac.

It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.—Bulwer.

Joy's recollection is no longer joy, while sorrow's memory is sorrow still.—Byron.

A Joker is near akin to a buffoon; and neither of them is the least related to wit.—Chesterfield.

We never know a greater character unless there is in ourselves something congenial to it.—Channing.

Philosophy does not regard pedigree. She did not receive Plato as a noble, but made him so.—Seneca.

Youth changes its tastes by the warmth of its blood, age retains its taste by habit.—Rochefoucauld.

Similar to certain delicate plants which need a soft atmosphere, there are natures which come into bloom only under the balmy breath of happiness.—Viscountess de Lerchey.

There is in life no blessing like affection; it soothes, it hallows, elevates, subdues and bringeth down to earth its native heaven; life has taught else that may supply its place.—L. E. Landon.

WISDOM OF UNCLE BY.

Sometimes the lack of the milk of human kindness prompts one to wonder if the kind old cow is not dry!

The man about to be operated on for an enlarged liver sent for a minister. He wanted to be opened with prayer!

A bald-headed man will stand for hours watching flies get stuck on fly paper, and feel only partially revenged at that!

The baker never gets round shouldered carrying the holes in his doughnuts. Moral—Do not worry over nothing!

It is not difficult for the rooster to crow, but the jackass makes ludicrous work of it. Moral—Stick to your forte!

The fellow out of a job wants to work, and the fellow with a job wants to take a "lay off." This is the way of the world!—Byron Williams.

IRRELEVANCIES.

At many hotels what's one man's meat is another man's hash.

Now comes the time when the small boy, who is only too willing to get in everything, objects seriously to getting in the coal.

If there were more meat in their verses, more poets would get a living out of them.

"Look out! Look out!" is the eternal cry you hear in a crowded city with its many dangers. And yet it were worth more if some one would advise seriously "looking in" at times.

No wonder policemen are so laugh-y. With their large armaments, all the leading nations seem to be "en the force."—New Orleans Times Democrat.

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San Antonio	1.88	1.74	1.42	2.60	3.08	2.46	2.40	2.25	3.26	1.88	1.67	1.64	28.2
Amarillo	.69	.96	.42	1.66	3.56	2.95	3.19	2.56	2.29	1.75	.80	.87	21.5
Arlene	.88	1.23	.42	2.31	3.70	2.89	1.97	3.04	3.26	2.19	1.22	1.28	24.5
Corpus Christi	2.22	2.11	1.80	1.52	2.70	2.60	1.76	2.44	3.98	1.67	2.81	1.33	26.6
El Paso	.39	.22	.26	3.10	1.15	.82	1.85	1.38	1.35	1.21	.37	.34	9.1

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The Birdie Is Gone.

Charles Ford, a colored blacksmith of this city, entered the photograph establishment of F. J. Parks, on North Third street yesterday, carrying in his hands the lifeless remains of a little English mocking bird.

"I want a likeness of me and the birds and I want a big picture in a gold frame made from the little picture."

The photograph man figured up that all that would cost about \$18.50. The negro offered no objections and Mr. Parks became curious and inquired of the keeper of the bird, "Must be a valuable bird that" spake the snap shot man.

"That was the most humanest bird I ever see," said Ford as the tears welled up in his eyes, and rolled down over his dusky cheeks. "He could whistle 'Alexander' better than any man I ever heard," and when we were not paying any particular attention to him he would start up chirping "Make a Fuss Over Me," just as natural as life."

"How did it all happen?" ventured the sympathetic photograph man.

"Well, you see, it was this a way, last Sunday that bird was shore chilly, so we all jest naturally wrapped him up in a big shawl and laid him on the sofa. Along came a good toh nothin' lazy nigner to visit our house and he sat down on the sofa and when that bird woke up he was in heaven singing with the angels."

Ford, before having birdie's picture "took," went to a local undertaking establishment and selected a small satin lined \$7.50 casket. The bird, robed in silk and laces, was buried in Ford's back yard yesterday afternoon with all pomp, ceremony and grief that is given expression at a real regular human funeral.

Ford came to the territory from Kentucky several years ago and married a Creek maiden of freedman blood. He is well off and will likely have a head stone erected to the memory of the deceased mocking bird.—Muskegee Democrat.

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