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A NEW DRY GOODS BUSINESS FOR SPUR

C. L. Love has been in Spur several days making arrangements to open up a dry goods and clothing business here. During the past several months he has been in Grandview with the J. A. Lambdin Co. Mr. Love was formerly with the Lambdin Company in Spur, he being manager of the business here from the beginning of the town until they closed out and moved to Grandview. Mr. Love is one of the best business men of Western Texas. He has many friends in Spur and the Spur country who will be glad to see him return to Spur and establish a business of his own, and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage in his business from the beginning. The Love Dry Goods Company will begin business about the first of September in the O'Reilly building formerly occupied by Morrison.

ENTERTAINS

Mrs. W. S. Campbell entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon at her home in the city. Those in attendance report a most enjoyable occasion. Refreshments were served and the entertaining features were original, novel and most highly entertaining. Mrs. Campbell is a most pleasant and original entertainer and her guests are appreciative.

WILL ESTABLISH A PEANUT FACTORY

Ed Hulse, of several miles west of Spur, came in the latter part of last week after some pieces for his peanut picker which he is now getting in shape for the peanut picking season. Mr. Hulse said that in corresponding with peanut men he had been informed that if sufficient acreage in this section would be planted to peanuts that a peanut factory would be established in Spur to not only handle the products of the farmers but to supply the country with the finished product. Mr. Hulse has already had two years experience with peanuts and he is convinced that they discount cotton two to one. Let us plant more peanuts and have a peanut factory.

TO DALLAS FOR OPERATION

W. G. Stafford, of Afton, passed through Spur Monday with his daughter, Miss Gussie, who will have an operation performed at one of the Dallas Sanitariums. Miss Gussie has a number of friends in Spur who wish her a speedy recovery and an early return to her home.

ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Uncle Tom Gilmore received a message last week informing him of the accidental death of his half-brother in Oklahoma. The deceased was standing under a big rock preparing to go in swimming. The rock turned over on him, crushing him to death.

THE BALL GAME

Saturday afternoon the Spur and Liberty ball teams played a match game on the Spur diamond, the score being five to six in favor of Spur, nine innings being played.

This was one of the best and most interesting games played during the season. The teams were well matched and but few errors were made on either side. The pitchers, "Father Hindman" for Spur, and Clark and Peters for Liberty, did fine work and are to be congratulated as are the whole membership of each team. While we are not baseball enthusiasts we appreciate such games as was played Saturday and will be glad to see another match game of these teams.

COMING OUT INTO THE OPENING

It was not so many years ago that advertising was considered unethical from a business standpoint.

Many of the finest old houses held aloof, saying that they did not have to advertise. Even today there are some business and professional men so bound by custom and tradition that they have not yet availed themselves of the advantages of advertising. By so much as these customs still hold, by just so much is the public deprived of knowing all about those professions and businesses.

The most successful way and the only honest way to deal with the public is to "play the game out in the open."

If there are true and interesting reasons why the public should buy something from So & So, then So & So should be glad of a chance to say so over and over again through the medium of reliable newspapers.

HAS FARM FOR SALE

J. C. Stephens, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here called at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Stephens said that he wanted to sell one of his farms which has about one hundred and sixty acres, one hundred and twelve of which is in cultivation and has the finest prospects of bumper crops. He wants to sell so that he can buy a silo to install on another place which he owns. He says that the crops on the place he wants to sell will more than make the first payment asked. If any one happens to decide to buy this place we want you to say that you heard of it through the Texas Spur.

PROSPECTING HERE

Will Thomas, of near Throckmorton, spent several days of this week with his brother, Durham Thomas of near Girard. Mr. Thomas was here also with a view of buying land and locating in the Spur country.

JNO. T. GEORGE DEAD

It is reported here that Jno. T. George, of near Jayton, died recently at his summer home in Waterloo, Iowa. Mr. George owned a ranch near Jayton and was one of the most prominent citizens of the country.

MORE BUSINESS WANTED

Bill Jones, a country merchant, went to the city to buy his fall bill of goods. His good wife kept store in his absence. He purchased his stock; it was boxed and sent by fast freight, reaching home before he did. The boxes were carted to the store and the largest one unloaded first. As soon as she saw it she became almost frantic, seized an axe and began with all her might to try to tear the box open. A bystander asked her what the trouble was. She stood speechless, but pointed to the box which had upon it these words: "Bill Inside."

Look out ladies, we have the new things in dress goods this week. New Cloth, Poplin, Crepe-de-Chine, Texel Cloth, Matlesene—all the new shades and right weights for summer and fall. We are not letting our stock go down because it is supposed to be the dull season. No, we are keeping new things coming all the time. Watch our dress goods department. Have you made that old man of yours get a new suit? Now is the time while Bennett, the clothing man, is cutting the price, his clothing will be sold at a sacrifice to make room for fall goods. Another big shipment of trunks and trips—get ready for your vacation.

Remember we have corrugated iron, Baker Perfect wire (on wood spools), nails and staples, and are making low prices. See us for anything in the general hardware line. Buggies are going fast—hurry or you will have to wait for a new car. Give us your order if you want something special; we can put it in the car for you and will make you extra special price on order given to be put into car.

Wind mills—the Star line—of wood and steel, 8 to 14 foot wheels and piping and fittings. We are ready to take care of your wind mill wants.

Groceries—we are selling at prices so cheap that we are ashamed to advertise them. Come and get a sack of Light Crust flour; it is being sold as cheap as the inferior grades. No reason for not having the best when it is as cheap. We want your grocery business and ask for it on basis of quality and price. We are in the grocery game, and do not think that because we do some credit business we don't make the price right. Look before you leap. Shipment fresh candies, all kinds and flavors, just came into today. We are trying to make our candy department the best. Let us supply the wants of your sweet tooth.

Say, we want to build a great business in Spur. We are looking forward to the time we can enlarge our buildings and increase our stocks and have a modern department store. Help us in this by speaking a good word to your friends about us if you can consistently do so.

"Do you act towards your wife as you did before you married her?" "Exactly. I remember just how I used to act when I first fell in love with her. I used to hang over the fence in front of her house and gaze at her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in, and I act just the same way now when I get home late."

Don't be afraid to come into our store, for you are wanted. You are a stranger but once. We are after your business—look out.—Bryant-Link Company.

COMING BACK

We received a letter this week from A. T. Odeneal who recently left Spur for California where he is now located. He says tell the people if they want to go to California not to give away their stuff. He says he is coming back to Texas and that we need not be surprised to see him drop in to Spur at any time. We will welcome Mr. Odeneal back to Spur. He is a good citizen and will be an addition to the town and country.

RELIEVED OF VALUABLES

Ted Brannen visited relatives Sunday at Jayton. While down there Saturday night he and his brother were robbed of several dollars, a watch and chain and other valuables which they had in their pockets. Sheriff McCombs, of Kent county, is playing the detective and it is very probable that he will apprehend the robbers.

SELLS CITY PROPERTY

N. A. Baker recently sold his two residence lots in the north part of town to L. H. Perry of Stephenville, the consideration being about one thousand dollars. We understand that Mr. Perry intends to build a residence and make this his home.

DIED AT JAYTON

The fourteen years old son of L. W. Bolin, of Tap, died last week in the Jayton Sanitarium. The boy was carried to Jayton for an operation with the hope of saving his life. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Rev. E. C. Seaman, an Episcopal minister, will preach at the Presbyterian Church Tuesday night, July 29. All will be welcomed to this service.

WILL PROBABLY LOCATE HERE

Mr. Absher, of near Roscoe, is here visiting his brother-in-law, J. H. Boothe and family. He is also here to look at the country with a view of buying land and becoming a citizen of this section. We will be glad to see Mr. Absher located here.

WILL OVER-HAUL GIN

Mr. Johnson, of Stamford, was in the city last week looking over the crop prospects to make arrangements for the ginning season. Mr. Johnson will overhaul his gin and have it in fine shape and ready for the ginning season.

CALLED TO CARLTON

J. B. Richburg was called to Carlton last week on account of the illness of his father. He will probably be gone some time since he intends to visit relatives at Hico before his return to Spur.

PRESBYTERIAN SERVICES

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and at night. Everybody invited.

WALTER POWERS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED AT AFTON

Thursday of last week news came to Spur of the accidental death of Walter Powers of near Afton. It is said that the young man picked up a target gun in his home and started to the woods hunting. He carried the gun across his shoulders and in removing the gun in crossing the lot it was discharged, the ball striking him in the head just back of the ear. His sister hearing the report of the gun looked out of the house and saw young Powers lying on the ground. She called to him and receiving no reply she went to him and found him dead. An inquest was held.

Walter Powers was twenty one years old and lived with his father, D. N. Powers, and sister at their home near Afton. The remains were interred in the Afton cemetery.

RECENTLY MARRIED.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. French, of Hico are in the city visiting her brother, W. S. Cooper and family. They were just recently married and are now enjoying the "honey-moon" of their lives, and The Texas Spur extends congratulations and best wishes that the honey-moon may be extended through many prosperous years.

AMENDMENTS DEFEATED BY A BIG MAJORITY

The three Constitutional amendments submitted to the people in the election held Saturday over the state were defeated by a majority of four to one. In Spur the vote was as follows: Salary Amendment, 20 for and 78 against; Judicial Amendment, 16 for and 83 against; Bond Amendment, 15 for and 83 against.

The vote at Girard went solid against the amendments, and every voting box in Dickens, Kent and Stonewall counties polled an overwhelming vote against the proposed amendments.

GONE FISHING.

J. E. Sparks was in Monday from Tap and said that he and family would leave the next day for Blanco Canyon to fish. He says it always rains when he goes fishing, and up to the present time we are doubtful of his really fishing.

AN OPERATION.

J. M. Neely was here this week from Hamlin and reported that his daughter, Lena Bell, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Abilene the first of the week and is doing nicely at this time.

ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan entertained a number of guests at her home in the city Monday morning from nine to eleven o'clock. Mrs. Reagan is an hostess of exceptional ability and on this occasion her guests were most delightfully entertained.

FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE

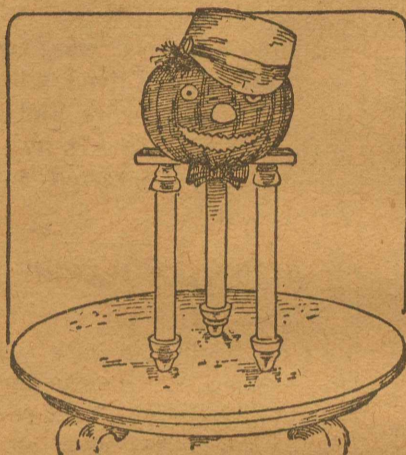
IMITATION JACK-O'-LANTERN

Talking Pumpkin Answers Questions and Cracks Jokes at Recent Electrical Exhibition.

The illustration shows a figure which attracted considerable attention at a recent electrical exhibition. It consisted of a life-size imitation jack-o'-lantern mounted on three large glass pillars cemented at either end to brown porcelain high tension insulators.

At specified times during the day which attracted considerable attention at a recent electrical exhibition. It consisted of a life-size imitation jack-o'-lantern mounted on three large glass pillars cemented at either end to brown porcelain high tension insulators.

The secret of the device lay in an especially designed diatograph placed inside the hollow head and connected to a distant operator by concealed



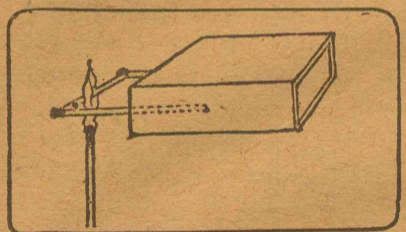
The Talking Pumpkin.

wires. Fine, tightly drawn conductors passed in vertical lines through tiny holes in the insulators and pillars and concealed grooves in the table legs to the floor below.

NOVEL LITTLE ROCKET TRICK

Spectacular Effect Is Obtained by Forcing Two Matches Into Box and Lighting Another.

A simple little trick affording some spectacular effect is that of forcing two matches horizontally between the sides of the box and the sheath. A third match is wedged firmly between their two extremities. It is requested



The Rocket Trick.

ed that the latter be extracted without being touched. By applying a flame to the middle it will be found to shoot off smartly into the air. As the match thus removed takes the form of a miniature rocket, it is advisable to direct it into the fireplace by holding the box at the opposite end.

HUGE ELEPHANT LOVES MUSIC

Learns to Step in Time and Will Accompany Drum and Flute With Inarticulate Sounds.

In spite of his unwieldy size and apparently inactive ear, the elephant is a great lover of music. Not only does he learn to step in time, but he has been known to accompany the drum and flute with certain inarticulate sounds.

Buffon once made a series of experiments to ascertain the musical taste of an elephant in the Jardin des Plantes. Simple melodies, played on the violin, seemed to give the beast great pleasure, whereas variations made, apparently, no impression. But when a horn-player played a popular tune the elephant became much excited, danced and made an effort to accompany the music with grunts. At last he put his trunk into the open end of the instrument, as if to draw out the music itself, and then caressed the player most tenderly, to show him his gratitude.

The Easier Way.

The teacher asked a certain young miss of 7 to solve an arithmetical problem on paper, the example being: "If a farmer sold two dozen eggs for 90 cents, what would he sell four and one-half dozen for?" The little girl was puzzled. Then, after giving the example about five minutes' thought, she wrote on her paper: "I should worry!"

MECHANISM OF HUMAN HEART

Average Rapidity of Cardiac Pulsation of Adult Male Is About 70 Beats Per Minute.

In the human subject the average rapidity of the cardiac pulsation of an adult male is about 70 beats per minute. These beats are more frequent as a rule in young children and in women, and there are variations, within certain limits, in particular persons owing to peculiarities of organization. It would not necessarily be an abnormal sign to find in some particular individuals the habitual frequency of the heart's action from 60 to 65 or from 70 individuals the habitual frequency of the heart's action is slower and more powerful in fully developed and muscular organizations and more rapid and feebler in those of slighter form.

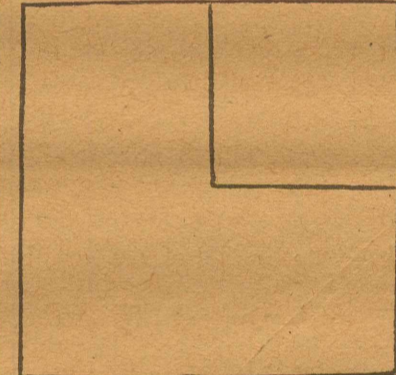
In animals the range is from 25 to 45 in the cold blooded and 50 upward in the warm blooded, except in the case of a horse, which has a very slow heart beat, only 40 strokes a minute. The pulsations of men and all animals differ with the sea level also. The work of a healthy human heart has been shown to be equal to the feat of raising five tons four hundredweight one foot per hour, or 125 tons in 24 hours.

A curious calculation has been made by Dr. Richardson, giving the work of the heart in mileage. Presuming that the blood was thrown out of the heart at each pulsation in the proportion of 69 strokes per minute and at the assumed force of nine feet, the mileage of the blood through the body might be taken as 207 yards per minute, seven miles per hour, 168 miles per day, 61,320 miles per year, or 5,150,886 miles in a lifetime, 84 years. The number of beats of the heart in the same long life would reach the grand total of 2,869,776,000.

HARD PUZZLE FOR A FARMER

Illustrations Show How Square Piece of Land Was Divided into Four Different Fields.

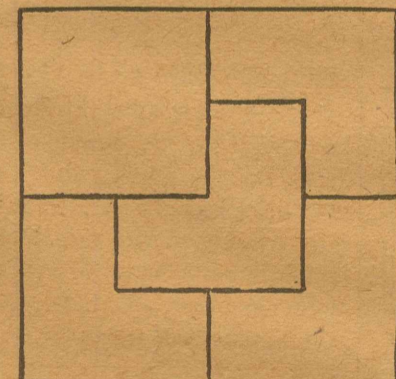
Materials required—A square piece of cardboard.
Problem to be solved—A farmer has



The Farmer's Puzzle.

a square piece of land. He had already planted one-fourth, as shown in drawing, and is desirous of dividing the remainder into four fields, all of equal size and shape. How will he do it?

The drawing shows how the farmer divided the land outside the piece in the upper left hand corner so as to



Solution of Farmer's Puzzle.

make the remainder into four fields of equal size and shape.

RIDDLES.

Why is a vain young lady like a confirmed drunkard?
Because neither of them is satisfied with a moderate use of the glass.

Why is a dog biting his own tail like a good manager?
Because he makes both ends meet.

Make five less by adding to it.
IV.

What trees flourish best upon the hearth?
Ashes.

What is the difference between a cloud and a whipped child?
One pours with rain, and the other roars with pain.

What is the difference between a jeweler and a jailer?
One sells watches, and the other watches cells.

What is it that Adam never saw, never possessed, and yet he gave two to each of his children?
Parents.

Is Longest Straight Boundary in World



SURVEYORS CLIMBING MOUNTAIN

RUNNING the longest straight line boundary in the world, between Alaska and Canada, has finally been completed. It measures from beginning to end exactly 1,507 miles, and runs as straight as the crow flies from Mount St. Elias directly north, over moving glaciers and some of the highest mountains in the world, to the Arctic ocean. It took seven years' labor of seventy-five men to accomplish this difficult task. It cost the United States government in round figures \$750,000, with the Canadian government contributing a like amount, the cost of the whole work amounting to \$1,500,000.

The story of this great work reads like some of the romances written years ago of the so-called wild and woolly west. The men who took part in the work tell tales rivaling those of Admiral Peary in his search for the north pole, and of Amundsen in his hunt for the south pole. As a memento of the hazardous nature of the work the bones of some of the heroic scientist explorers lie today, whitening along the bleak and desolate trail of the international boundary line in Alaska.

The American party was made up of nine engineers, surveyors, and topographers, with thirty assistants, packers, instrument men, and others. It was in charge of Thomas Riggs, Jr., of Washington, D. C., with W. B. Raeburn, W. B. Gilmore, W. C. Guerin, F. S. Ryus, C. V. Guerin, D. W. Eaton, Asa C. Baldwin and E. C. Guerin. The Canadian party was in charge of J. D. Craig, a celebrated civil engineer of the Canadian government.

Old Resident in Charge.

Thomas Riggs is an old resident of Alaska. He acquired the gold fever during the wild rush of 1897, and promptly packed his kit and hiked to the new Eldorado of the northwest. He remained there about four years, prospecting in many sections of the country, but at last becoming discouraged, returned home. Just about this time Uncle Sam was looking around for likely men to run the international boundary line between the United States and Canada along the forty-ninth parallel of latitude. This was another job similar in character to the Alaska boundary, but not nearly so difficult. Riggs applied for the job, and was promptly employed. With a number of other engineers and surveyors, he put in the following five years on this work. Then in 1906 he was appointed engineer in charge to run the Alaska-Canadian boundary, which has now been brought to a successful conclusion.

The Alaska boundary is marked by 188 stone monuments set three miles apart from Mount St. Elias on the Pacific coast to the Arctic ocean. Most exploring parties usually follow the line of least resistance. These men, however, were compelled to follow the line laid down by the treaty between the United States and Canada. This resulted in great difficulty, especially in transportation and field work. The past year the men had to cross the British mountains, which rise to a height of more than 7,000 feet. From the summit of these mountains could be seen the Arctic ocean in all its terrifying silence, frozen as far as the eye could see.

It was at this point that the first bad luck happened to the party. Raeburn was taken ill with pneumonia and laid up for three weeks without medical assistance of any kind. Two members of the party made a hurried return trip to Herschel island, 175 miles away, where the steam whaler Belvidere was wintering, in the hopes of obtaining medicine. In order to reach the whaler, they had to cross a body of water more than three miles

wide, frozen solid in places and in others broken up. On the shore they found a prospector. The three roped themselves together and started on the perilous trip across the ice to the island. It took three and a half hours to make the trip. Upon reaching the whaler they found it frozen solid in ice. Obtaining some medicine from Captain Cottle, they started on the return journey and reached camp after two weeks' absence.

Skeletons Found.

Near the Arctic ocean the engineers found the skeletons of three men who had perished in one of the terrific arctic blizzards. The skeletons were huddled together on the side of a little wind-break made up of some boughs and moss. A little farther on they found another skeleton back of another little wind-break, where the lonely traveler had evidently crawled in a futile effort to escape the same blizzard. They found here the remnants of a small tent, with a few camp utensils and a notebook so badly blurred that it could not be read. A little farther away they found the prospector's gun. But there was nothing to identify any of the skeletons.

At Demarcation Point, which Sir John Franklin determined upon as being the boundary line between Russian and British possessions, the remains of an Eskimo village was found, which contained at one time about one hundred igloos—Eskimo houses. Most of these houses appeared to be very old, showing that at one time a large tribe of natives made this point their permanent home. The place was a regular hunters' paradise. Here were discovered animal skulls and the horns of a musk-ox. This is the first time that a musk-ox was ever found west of the McKenzie river. Caribou were seen in herds of several thousand. These animals are very stupid and also exceedingly inquisitive. Some of them would gallop up to the party and after due inspection quietly return to the herd. Great numbers of mountain sheep were seen, and several superb specimens were brought back for the Smithsonian Institution. Ptarmigan were also very plentiful, and fish were found in every stream.

While game of all kinds was in great abundance, several reasons were apparent why the Eskimos had left. Mosquitoes were there by the millions. They were not ordinary mosquitoes, such as are usually seen in civilized parts. Some of them were as big as a silver dollar. In fact, the surviving members of the onslaught say the mosquitoes were so vicious that they had to build a huge smudge fire to keep them away from the horses. It was laughable and yet at the same time pretty hard on the poor horses. The animals would stand in the smoke in preference to being eaten alive by the insects. Then they would wander out for a little grass, but in a few minutes come rushing back for the smudge.

The men had to work with veils over the face and gloves tied around the wrists. Every one had to sleep in a mosquito-proof tent in order to get any sleep at all. While eating, it was necessary to sit in smoke so dense as to be almost suffocating.

Explicit.

"Do you want me to understand, sir, that when I ask you for your daughter's hand, you are holding it up?"

"I want to you to understand, sir, that I am putting my foot down."

Unusual Requirements.

"Why do presidents have so much trouble in finding suitable cabinet officers?" "Well, you need a man big enough to fill the job, yet sufficiently small to stay in the background."

ON SE

MANY USES FOR THIS DELICIOUS EARLY FRUIT.

Served Fresh and Cold for Breakfast They Are Both Appetizing and Healthful—Various Ways of Cooking.

Cherries are the first of the fruits of the summer—the first, that is, of the fruits of the summer trees. Plums, pears and peaches are still served only in the feasts of dream-land when cherries are ripe. Hence, they are generally greeted with an enthusiasm not bestowed on any of the later fruits.

Cherries served fresh and cold on their own stems for breakfast are so delicious that no other way of serving them at that meal could be better. But pitted and sprinkled with sugar and a bit of lemon juice, they serve as an appetizer and at the same time lose none of their delicate flavor. Another way of preparing them for breakfast is to pit them and mix them with sugar—in the proportion of half a cupful to a pint of cherries—and cook them until they are just tender. Then pour them over buttered toast.

Cherry soup has been made, but it could hardly be more than the result of an effort to serve cherries in a new and unexpected way. However, at every course save the soup course cherries can be legitimately served.

Cherry cocktails are made in this way: Stone ripe cherries, chop them fine, add a tablespoonful of lemon juice to each cupful of cherries, sweeten them to taste and serve them, either in cocktail glasses or else in lemon skin cups, made by removing part of one side of a sufficient number of lemons, cutting a bit of the rind from the other side, removing all the pulp and juice and washing and chilling the shells.

Cherries served with French toast can be used as an entree. To make them cut rings half an inch thick from bread and soak them in beaten egg yolk, milk, a little sugar and a pinch of salt. Roll the bread rings in crumbed bread and macaroons and brown them in butter. Stew ripe cherries with sugar enough to sweeten them, drain and pile in the middle of a dish. Surround them with the fried bread rings and serve them with the juice of the cherries thickened with a little cornstarch and flavored with orange juice.

Cherry fritters can be served with meat as a separate course or as dessert. To make them prepare a batter of a cupful of flour, a teaspoonful of baking powder mixed with a tablespoonful of melted butter, a well-beaten egg and enough water to make a thin batter. Stew ripe, pitted cherries until they are just tender—but do not cook them to pieces—and sweeten them. Drain them and add them to the batter. Drop it in spoonfuls into deep fat and fry brown. The juice drained from the cherries can be substituted for water to moisten the fritter batter.

Puff Pudding.

One egg, two tablespoons butter, one-half cup sweet milk, one cup flour, one teaspoon cream of tartar, one-half teaspoon soda, two tablespoons sugar, one-half cup chopped raisins. Beat the egg and cream with the sugar and butter, add the milk and stir till dissolved. Sift the flour with the soda and cream of tartar and beat into liquid mixture. Put the raisins in your sieve and add a few spoonfuls of flour to them; shake until the flour is all out, then turn them into the pudding and stir thoroughly. Steam for an hour and serve warm with liquid pudding sauce; any you prefer.

Quarter of a Lamb.

This joint can scarcely be too fresh when dressed. Remove the scrag, the shankbone and the chinebone and crack the ribs halfway between the edge of the breast and the spine. Lay the meat down to a quick fire and baste plentifully from the time of its being warmed through to that when it is ready for the table. Like all young meat, lamb should be thoroughly cooked. About ten minutes before it is taken up dredge a little flour over it and froth and brown it nicely. Serve the lamb, when cold, with a cut ruffe on the shankbone. A forequarter weighing ten pounds will require from two to two and one-half hours to roast.

Save Your Celery Leaves.

Save your celery leaves, wash carefully and dry them on the back of the stove. When thoroughly dried rub into a powder and put away in boxes. This is excellent for chicken soup, stews, scalloped tomatoes or in any dish fresh celery could be used.

White Electric Lamp.

The electric lamp in white is especially pretty in the white bedroom. The standard is painted white and enameled, and the white wicker shade was a lining of silk the color of the

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BUMPER CROP PROSPECTS

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman were in the city the latter part of last week from their home in the Dry Lake community. Luther reports that his crops of feed and cotton are coming to the front and with another rain at an early date he says that he is afraid he will make more feed stuff than he can stack on the place. Luther is developing into a first-class farmer, and he advises us that no doubt there are many good farmers wasting their talents in loafing and piddling about the towns.

R. W. Stewart, of Aarkansas, is in the city visiting T. A. Tidwell. Mr. Stewart is also here primarily to look over the country with a view of purchasing a tract of land and engage in the business of raising fine cattle in limited numbers.

J. P. Crump, one of the most prosperous farmers and prominent citizens of Garza county, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and on other business.

Poet Hagins was in the city last week from his home in the Gilpin country and reports crops growing nicely and with another rain and no more hot winds bumper crops will be harvested.

Dock Edwards, a prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and on other business.

Lee Bilberry, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur trading with the merchants

E. Green, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

**LOOKING FOR A STOCK
FARMING COUNTRY**

Mr. Briggs, of Montague county, was in Spur last week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He is traveling over the country for the benefit of the health of his wife and primarily to prospect for a home where he can engage in a profitable stock-farming business.

In conversation with Mr. Briggs he stated that this country had the appearance of what he was seeking, but that the farmers here were not demonstrating the possibilities sought. He said that in traveling over the country he had been forced to come to town to buy butter and eggs and milk, and also that he found no feed for sale. It was his opinion that since he could not buy such things they were not produced in abundance, and if feed, butter and milk was scarce he was afraid to come and invest his money in the land at the price of more than ten dollars an acre to see whether or not he could successfully stock-farm in this section.

We pointed out to him that this country is exceedingly rich in agricultural and stock-farming resources, but that its development and success in these lines depend on the business farming ability of those who are already here and are coming to the country. It has been demonstrated and there is now no question but that the land of the Spur country is rich, varied and productive; but these advantages must be handled in a business way to demonstrate the possibilities, and in a few instances farmers are making such demonstrations and are successful.

FEEL RIGHT ALL THE TIME

Don't Let Periodical Spells of Lazy
Liver Ruin Your Temper and
Spoil Your Work.

If your liver doesn't behave right all the time—if it sometimes stops working and you become bilious and "headachy"—don't take calomel, but try Dodson's Liver Tone.

You are safe in taking Dodson's Liver Tone. It's a harmless, pleasant vegetable remedy that starts the liver without stirring up your whole system as calomel often does. It is especially good for children who need a liver tonic once in a while, but who should not be dosed with strong drugs.

Dodson's Liver Tone is sold by the Red Front Drug Store. This store sells it with a clean open and shut guarantee—your money back with a smile if it fails to satisfy you. Price 50 cents a bottle, and your money is as safe as if you had it in your pocket. If you need the medicine you need it badly—if it doesn't satisfy you—your money back. Buy a bottle from The Red Front Drug Store today under this guarantee.

Emmett Kutch, of the Brown Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent several days here buying supplies for the ranch and on other business. Mr. Kutch reports that Kent county has had plenty of rain, crops in good condition, grass fine and cattle fattening.

Willis Smith, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city this week on business.

When you come to town come to Harkey's Horse Hotel. Meals at all hours. 31tf

Report of the Condition of
The Spur National Bank

Made To the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of
Business Wednesday, June 4, 1913.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$198,631.21
Overdrafts	321.01
U. S. Bonds	25,000.00
Five Per Cent Fund	1,250.00
Banking House and Fixtures	32,000.00
Cash and Exchange	84,274.42
Total	\$341,476.64

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
Surplus Fund	15,000.00
Undivided Profits, Net	7,014.71
Circulation	24,500.00
Individual Deposits	169,961.93
Time Certificates of Deposit	25,000.00
Total	\$341,476.64

THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier
R. V. COLBERT, President

STATEMENT.

Statement of ownership, management, circulation, etc. of The Texas Spur, published at Spur, Texas. Required by an act of congress August 24, 1912.

Editor, Oran McClure; managing editor, Oran McClure; Business manager, Oran McClure; publisher, Oran McClure; owners, Oran McClure; known bond holders, mortgagees and security holders, holding one per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages or other securities, none.

This report covers the six months previous to April 1, 1913.
(Signed) Oran McClure.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16 day of July, 1913.

(Signed) W. F. Godfrey,
Notary Public, Dickens County, Texas.

My commission expires in 1915

We have opened a first-class garage in the building formerly occupied by the Spur Auto Supply Company. Leave your cars with us and buy your oil, gas and supplies from us. Bring us your repair work, we have a skilled mechanic in charge.—Gilbert & Bonds. 35-tf.

Drummer Joe Witherspoon was in Spur the latter part of last week to see the trade here in his line. Mr. Witherspoon is making his rounds in an automobile.

W. G. Sherrod left Friday for Galveston where he intends to get his feet wet before returning to Spur.

R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, was in Spur Friday to see W. S. Hancock of Jayton who was here sick. Mr. Hancock was suffering by an act of locking bowels and it was thought for a time that an operation would be necessary to relieve the disorder. However, medicine had the desired effect and he soon recovered.

Ben Hagins, a prominent citizen and one of the old timers of this section, was in the city the latter part of last week from his home several miles southeast of Spur.

D. S. Cargile, a prominent citizen of near Dickens, was in the city the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and greeting his friends and acquaintances.

G. A. Howsley left Friday for Albany where he will spend some time with his family. He received a message stating that two of his children were sick.

Jas. F. Williams left last week for Waco and other points on business and also to visit relatives and friends in the eastern part of the state.

Harry Ward was here last week from Stamford and spent some time in the city selling groceries to the Spur merchants.

W. C. Gruben and wife returned last week from their wedding tour and are now at home to their friends in Spur.

Miss Kate Mahon returned Friday from Fort Worth and Dallas where she spent some time with friends.

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Buggies, Wagons and Imple-
ments, Pipe and Pipe
Fittings

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Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and
Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly
attended to.

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P. H. Miller's

For Lumber and Coal

Paint Posts, Lime
Cement and Brick

CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

PERRY FITE, Proprietor

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

THE TEXAS SPUR

Oran McClure, Ed. and Prop.
SPUR - - - - TEXAS

A gnat may annoy a giant, but after all it's only a gnat.

When divorces are abolished all matches will be safeties.

Some women should start a movement to conserve the country's husbands.

Temperamental baseball players figure picturesquely in the percentage columns.

Of course a canoe is a perfectly safe craft when it is upside down in the back yard.

What a woman can dress for depends to a great extent upon whom she dresses for.

Besides Ajax defying the lightning there are the fans on the bleachers defying the sunshine.

Grown people as a rule do not believe fairy tales, unless they are printed in seed catalogues.

Still, if a baldheaded man does not mind being joked about it, why are there so many toupees?

What the Burbank school of wizards should now seek to evolve is a hay-eating ultimate consumer.

Another tradition is exploded. The majority of sweet girl graduates nowadays can cook acceptably.

Surely it is a gay world in which nobody can propose universal peace without raising a universal smile.

Too bad the "swat the fly" slogan was not being flaunted when Noah took up his residence in the ark.

Another thing besides motorcycle races that there's no use trying to get all worked up over is fly swatting.

Unless cattle cease to disappear we fear that man's canine teeth will begin to fall out presently from lack of use.

If amateur barefoot dancers could only see their feet as others see them, there would be a speedy ending to the fad.

Chicago is planning to make itself a noiseless city. But the Windy City will never be content to lead the quiet life.

Why does your neighbor's dog with a passion for scratching up plants choose the geraniums and spare the dandelions?

Anybody who has been educated up to the cabaret standard will know how badly the orioles and thrushes sing these mornings.

A catcher has been suspended for throwing dirt in an umpire's face. If only mud slinging could be similarly penalized in the bigger game of life!

Retaining the false whiskers of the highwayman who got her purse, a Chicago woman finds her courage but meagerly rewarded. Men are deceivers ever!

A new boat in New York had as sponsors fifty red-haired school girls. The boat must have been launched with vim enough to last two ordinary lifetimes for vessels.

A man who won't take part in a parade with a sash on, or a banner in his hands, when he gets a chance to do it, is evidently not in sympathy with the modern idea of publicity.

It is to be noted that the Russian woman who was arrested in New York for an improper dance has returned to Europe with a poor opinion of American standards of art.

A hunter of big game in Africa captured a crocodile which had just swallowed a buck. Evidently our fish stories are tame beside the thrillers that come from the jungles.

The announcement of a government surgeon that dirty money is not dangerous on account of harboring germs is a relief. For we all had made up our minds to take the chance.

A minister in Philadelphia was re-buked for adding to his clerical occupation the side issue of raising onions for sale. He was warned the latter business was not in good odor in the ministry.

Concerning the report that a Chicago man slapped his wife with a beefsteak, it certainly seems improbable that he would resort to so costly an implement of domestic discipline.

WASHINGTON CITY SIDELIGHTS



Tells All About Styles at the National Capital



WASHINGTON.—A curious request came to the editor in the early spring months. "The next time you go to Washington," wrote a subscriber, "won't you make some observations and tell us what the real styles are, as observed by a man? We have fashion books, of course, but what does the average man observe in woman's attire?"

The letter was dispatched to Washington with other memoranda, but lay neglected in its envelope until one afternoon I stumbled in on a deputation from a fashionable young ladies' school being received by the president in the east room of the White House, writes Joe Mitchell Chapple in National Magazine.

They were a bright lot of girls, laughing and chatting as became young and pretty maidens. Every hat seemed to have a ribbon rudder veering out prominently astern. "Boat shaped" hats seemed the trend of that line of millinery. There were hats with a little lone aigrette popping up like a lonesome try-sail located well aft. There were sweeping hats, suggesting saucy yachts, floating over dainty little shell-like ears.

Some of them might have been worshipped without breaking any of the commandments, being utterly unlike anything either in the heavens above or the earth beneath. The absence of birds on those hats would have delighted the Audubon and Humane societies, for not a bird was in sight in that line of hat craft, although it looked as if several bird's nest lace creations were stowed away in some of the crowns. So far as the editorial eye of the observer could see, the hat bodies were made of straw. This, I believe, characterizes summertime headgear.

She Was a Grand Little Lorgnette Operator

SHE was the wife of a government official and as a climber she could beat anything in the fire department. She was a grand lorgnette operator. That was one of her prime acquisitions. She had practiced lorgnetting in much the same fashion that feverish golfers practice driving with a professional on the side lines.

After several seasons, in which she climbed enough social mountains with her trusty lorgnette to entitle her to a presidency in the Alpine club, she attained that exalted position in her own imagination which always carries with a poor memory for those who do not travel in the set toward which she is clambering. One of these poor downtrodden worms, not in society of any sort, happens to be the bright secretary of a politician from the middle west. The youth is a lawyer of slight practice but of active political tendencies, and a pretty bright kid. Mrs. Lorgnette knows the youth as well as she knows her own name. His name we will call Johnson, although it is nothing like it.

One day Mrs. Lorgnette had occasion



to visit the office in which Mr. Johnson was working. Mrs. Lorgnette had a heavily brocaded friend with her and for some reason it pleased her to pretend not to know Mr. Johnson.

Up went the trusty lorgnette and through it shot a large-sized, well sharpened look of inquiry.

"Let me see," she said with a tea party accent, "have I not met you somewhere about. Isn't your name, er—ah—isn't it Gray?"

Remember, now, she knew that name Johnson perfectly well.

"Yes," he said, "it is Gray. So good of you to remember it."

And now Mrs. Lorgnette is beginning to believe that Gray-Johnson was making game of her.

He Illustrated the Great Possibilities of Debate



REPRESENTATIVE Charles D. Carter of Oklahoma is proud of the fact that he is one of the few men in congress in whose veins there is a goodly share of original American blood. In other words, Representative Carter boasts of seven-sixteenths Chickasaw and Cherokee Indian blood.

When the lumber schedule of the new tariff bill was discussed a while ago Carter, who is straight as an arrow and swarthy of complexion, told the following story to illustrate the possibilities of debate:

"In the early days of Oklahoma politics there was a joint political discussion there between a Republican and a Populist. Both played checkers with their past political records.

"The evidence was conclusive and the case looked bad for the Republican, when the accused dramatically demanded:

"Mr. Populist, did you never make a political utterance of which you were ashamed and for which you would apologize?"

"Yes," replied the Populist with absolute frankness. "I was living once in a dugout in southwest Kansas, dirt for the bottom, dirt for the top and dirt for the sides, and it was a bitter winter. I had nothing but a flimsy, worn-out quilt hung in the doorway to keep the chilling blasts of winter from freezing my shaking frame. I stood shaking, shivering and chattering, and I raised my hands to heaven and prayed for a high tariff on lumber."

Most of the Statues at the Capital Face North

ONE of the criticisms made against the Sherman monument at the south of the treasury is that it faces the wrong way; that is, it faces to the north, so that persons looking at it from the front must generally look against the light, thus obscuring their vision of the details of the work. It may be so.

Most of the statues in the public spaces of the capital, face toward the south, but a number of statues in addition to that of Sherman look toward the north. Among those facing north or northerly are Rawlins, Kociusko, Steuben, Paul Jones, Alexander Shepherd and Samuel D. Cross, the physician whose effigy stands in the grounds of the Smithsonian institution.

Among those facing to the south or southerly are McPherson, Scott, Logan, Lincoln (in front of the city hall), Lafayette, Rochambeau, Benjamin Franklin, Farragut, Dupont, Thomas, McClellan and Witherspoon. Jackson, Greene, Hancock, Pulaski



and Marshall at the foot of the capitol look toward the west.

Albert Pike, Sheridan and Longfellow face toward the east, and as the correspondent writes this his memory seems to tell him that the statue of Garfield faces west and that the statue of Daniel Webster faces east, but memory is sometime a tricky thing.

The statue of Scott is in the Soldiers' home grounds is another that faces toward the south.

Sad.
She wore a Psyche and he loved her knot.

FROCKS FOR SUMMER

CLEVER SHOPPER CAN FIND GOOD BARGAINS NOW.

Reception Dress of Crepe de Chine Combined With Chantilly Lace Makes Charming Costume—Smart Designs in Cotton.

The woman who has been slow about securing her summer outfit has a tempting array of bargains to choose from now, and the clever shopper may find in the tumbling prices compensation for loss of the choice novelties. The most exquisite of the season's laces, embroideries and other trimmings were picked up early in the season and the same is true of dress material, hats, robe patterns, but there



Crepe de Chine and Chantilly Lace.

are enough lovely things left to satisfy even a fastidious woman and many of these lovely things are being offered at prices far below those asked two months ago.

The coat and skirt street costumes, usually the earliest items of the spring wardrobe are conspicuous among the sale bargains. One may be still in need of fluffy summer frocks and willing to pay good prices for them; but save in exceptional cases, the woman who is willing to pay well for her trotting frocks was long ago supplied with

USES OF CREPE DE CHINE

Chief Reason for the Favor It Enjoys is Because it Drapes so Admirably.

There is a strong liking for crepe de chine, and this material has made its outdoor appearance in Paris much earlier in the season than usual. Probably the chief reason for the favor it enjoys is that it drapes so admirably either in the cross-over drapery, which may simulate a panier in front and is then caught up in the center of the back toward the hem of the skirt, or in the looped-up skirt effect, which is so picturesque. Crepe is no longer confined to gowns; it is used to make up costumes also, and there are also frocks which adapt themselves to outside wear by simulating a cutaway coat or basque.

Gift for Bridesmaids.
One little bride, with more ingenuity than money, made photograph frames from material like her wedding dress, placed therein her portrait and that of her fiance, then had the whole thing mounted under glass with a small gilt rim of picture frame molding. Her maids were delighted with the gifts.

Identification Tag.
A very simple means of providing this useful article is to get a disk of metal a little smaller than a fifty-cent piece. Have a hole drilled through it for the purpose of attaching to a piece of ribbon or tape. A hardware dealer will, for a few cents, punch on the disk your name and address. Wear round the neck.

At another shop there was to be had in two good more simple frocks of cotton material. One was a crepe in a delicate shade of pink. It was trimmed with broad bands of the material finely tucked. The skirt front was cut away at the bottom in pointed shape showing an underskirt of pale cream batiste and lace. The V at the neck was also filled in with batiste and lace. The sailor collar was hand embroidered. A narrow black and white patent leather belt completed this dainty costume.

The other frock was of plain white eponge and basket weave. The jacket and lower part of the skirt were of the coarse basket weave material edged with heavily embroidered scallops. There were also scallop edged revers, hand embroidered. The girdle was of a deep bluish purple silk.

Smart Designs in Cotton.

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MARY DEAN.

NEW COATS FOR MIDSUMMER

Are Made Much on Same Styles as Earlier Spring Coats Were Fashioned After.

Wraps and coats for midsummer are made much on the same styles as the earlier spring coats have been fashioned after. Many of them are trimmed with fancy collars and cuffs of printed silk and some are trimmed with velvet ribbon and a few have lace collars and cuffs. The most popular colors seem to be black, navy, taupe, gold, Saxe blue and sand. Brocaded charmeuses, crepe de chine and other novelty brocades are all being made up into wraps suitable for warm weather use.

A few fancy linen coats in white, rose, tan and Saxe blue, in the new three-quarter length in cutaway effects will be worn this summer, and these are sometimes trimmed with cluny or ratine lace, or have embroidered collars and cuffs in Cubist or Balkin designs and colorings. However, the silks seem more popular, probably because they are newer and prettier.

Coat Effects on Gowns.

Coat effects on gowns give a pleasing novelty in summer fashions. No matter how unconventional one may decide to be, few women have the courage to go about in town without some sort of outside wrap.

Sometimes these coat tops are very marked and are exactly like the various bloused coat models, except that they are a part of the dress and can not be removed. Then again they are simply indicated by the manipulation of the draperies and trimmings.

SUMMER FOOTWEAR



One likes to have cool white footwear to slip into after a day's sight-seeing, and the easiest sort is the pump or slipper. Buttoned strap slippers of white buckskin are pictured, together with smart yet sensible walking oxfords or patent and a comfortable buttoned boot of patent leather with top of diagonal cloth.

Round Tables for Luncheon Parties.
For small luncheon parties the round table is again becoming popular. This shape is now favored for the family dining table, too, and all the daintiest table linens that are tempting the would-be bride come in circular patterns.

obtained by Plowing Deep in the Fall.

Not Advisable to Plant Seed More Than Four Inches Deep in Rows Three Feet Apart—Irrigation Is Not Necessary.

If you are in a potato belt, you can raise potatoes very easily without irrigation, but if the soil is not right, it is a very difficult matter to raise potatoes either with or without irrigation, says the Ranch and Range. Exactly what constitutes a potato soil no one knows, but we are finding out without which we cannot grow them, the chief of these is lime.

It seems to make little difference to potatoes; they grow equally well on the top of a mountain or down at sea level, provided the season is long enough.

There are certain rays of the sun which are injurious to potato foliage, and also to bean foliage, and in dry, clear years, they produce a blight, or so injure the stems and leaves that the bacilli find a lodgment and cause what we term blight. This disease is not noticed much in the cloudy atmosphere of the east, but is common in the west on account of the altitude and thin atmosphere. For this reason a cool north exposure is the best for potatoes and the less wind the better. The best potatoes are obtained by plowing deep in the fall and then by working land over again in the spring before planting.

It is impossible to give the best dates of planting, because certain varieties do better in certain localities, and each variety has its own time for planting.

In Nebraska, Kansas and Dakota the Rural New Yorker is thought highly of. The early Rose, and the early Ohio we find almost everywhere; in New Mexico the Peachblow, and in some parts of Colorado the early six weeks are recommended. Although potatoes need deep plowing, it is not advisable to plant them more than four inches deep. The rows can be three feet apart and the hills in the row not less than two feet. If the field is harrowed as soon as the sprouts appear and even should they be covered, it will do more good than harm, then when the sprouts come through again they can be harrowed some more; after this they should be cultivated every time a crust forms, and finally hilled up with a disk cultivator about a week after they commence to bloom, some say a little later, some a little earlier; but it seems to depend somewhat on the habit of the potato in question, the idea being to hill them up when the tuber is starting to make a quick growth. In dry years the vines should be thinned by hand down to one sprout to the hill, thus we obtain, maybe less potatoes, but of a more marketable size.

Good sized potatoes should be cut for seed. One good eye to each hill is sufficient.

Ten or 12-inch fall plowing will yield sometimes 200 bushels to the acre.

The highest we can expect from six to seven inch work is about 100 bushels, but in dry years the shallow plowing will give next to nothing, while the deep plowing will do nearly as well as ever.

Cause of Turkey Failures.

Many will complain this season because turkey eggs do not hatch or poulters are weak. It is simply the old story of overfat breeders who have been fed excess carbohydrates (corn) all winter instead of a rightly balanced ration.

Garden Sassa.

To have garden "sassa" all summer calls for continuous planting.

Digestible Constituents.

To obtain the digestibility of the various constituents of a feeding stuff, the general method is to supply an animal with weighed quantities of food and composition of which has been ascertained by chemical analysis. By weighing and analyzing the excrements the unabsorbed constituents are determined.

Profit in Geese.

Geese are profitable to raise where one has a pasture to turn them out on. They will require almost no grain food, and are nearly clear profit when marketed at Thanksgiving or Christmas time.

Keep Out Dirt.

Keep the flanks and udders of the cows clipped. It is much easier than to clean the parts before milking. It helps to keep dirt out of the milk. To clip the cows all over once or twice a year will do them good.

Grow early onions from sets, but the main crop from seeds. Onions from seeds keep better, grow larger and are of better quality.

Constipation Vanishes Forever

Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS never fail. Purely vegetable—act surely but gently on the liver. Stop after dinner—dinner stress—cure indigestion. Improve the complexion, brighten the eyes.

SMALL PILL, SMALL DOSE, SMALL PRICE. Genuine must bear Signature

Asen Wood

TAKES AN ADVANCED PLACE

Richard La Gallienne Makes Some Pertinent Observations Concerning the Girl of the Period.

"The girl of the period," said Richard La Gallienne, the poet, "reads Strindberg and Nietzsche, Shaw and Wells. She discusses free love as nonchalantly as her mother, at her age, used to discuss knitting."

"The girl of the period in boots and breeches, rides astride. Bathing abroad, at Ostend or Trouville, she wears a lad's bathing suit of jersey cloth, skirtless and tight, that leaves arms and limbs bare."

"The girl of the period smokes a cigarette with her coffee at the Ritz-Carlton. She takes a cocktail before dinner, champagne with dinner and a liqueur after dinner. But all that alcohol doesn't prevent her from discussing very clearly and lucidly with the man beside her the latest feminist doctrines of Ellen Key."

Mr. La Gallienne smiled and shook his head. "When you meet a girl of the period," he ended, "you are apt to become a man of the exclamation point—or even of the question mark."

Diplomatic Triumph.

In the suburbs of an eastern city the owners of two pretty cottages dwelt in amity until the owner of one cottage bought a big rooster as a pet for a six-year-old boy. It was a noble bird, but it had the usual falling of roosters—it crowed every morning from 2 a. m. to 6 a. m. in a voice that could be heard a mile.

The inmates of the adjoining cottage were annoyed and then indignant, but the owner of the vociferous bird could see no harm in its crowing. So the owner of cottage No. 2 went to the city and bought a tremendous rooster with a voice like a fog horn.

The next morning there was a crowing contest between the two roosters, and likewise the next morning.

Then the owner of cottage No. 1 capitulated: "Kill your rooster and I'll kill mine," he said, and accordingly both cottages had a chicken dinner on the same day.

HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS Remedy Ends Constipation

Don't worry and don't take Calomel. Put your sluggish liver in fine condition and get rid of sick headache, biliousness and dizziness.

Get a box of the famous HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS of any worthy druggist to-day, 25 cents.

Gentle, blissful, wonderful workers they surely are: take one to-night and free the bowels from poisonous waste and gas. You'll feel bright and happy to-morrow.

There's nothing on earth so good for Constipation and stubborn liver. Free Sample of HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS from Hot Springs Chemical Co., Hot Springs, Ark.

Only a Letter, But—

An angry advertiser rushed into the office of a small paper recently and shouted: "See here, our ad ought to read, 'Thousands of patrons are wearing trousers of our make.'"

The foreman of the composing room looked up and weakly said, "Well?" The irate advertiser threw down a copy of the paper containing the ad. The compositor had made it "matrons."

The Only Way.

"How was it that the result of the Roman games always seemed to be so satisfactory?"

"Because the whole audience was the umpire."

A Hot Finish.

Friend—Did your novel have a happy ending?

Riter—No, unhappy. Seven publishers turned it down, and I burned it up.

But the yawning grave never tries to excuse itself on the ground that it is the weather instead of the company.

KNEW HE WOULD COME BACK

Under the Circumstances Clerk Felt Justified in Extending Credit to Unknown Customer.

In a Washington club the other evening reference was made to foxiness, which recalled to Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon an incident that occurred in a general store in a rural western town.

One afternoon, the senator said, a stranger entered the store and asked the young man clerk for a pair of boots. While trying them on, the prospective customer said he had only three dollars with him, and asked if he could be trusted for the balance of 50 cents until the next day. The young clerk willingly agreed.

After the boots had been wrapped and the customer had gone the proprietor of the store sternly took the clerk to task.

"What in the world did you do a thing like that for?" he peevishly exclaimed. "You don't know the man, and he will never come back with that 50 cents."

"Oh, yes, he will be back, all right," was the smiling assurance of the youthful clerk.

"You seem very certain of it!" cried the displeased boss. "What grounds have you for thinking so?"

"The boots that I wrapped up for him," responded the foxy clerk, "are both for the left foot."

FACE DISFIGURED WITH SKIN TROUBLE

3107 Foster Ave., Baltimore, Md.—"About five months ago little blisters appeared on my face. They looked like blisters from fire burns. They itched and burned something terrible, which caused me to rub them and they burst, then sores appeared which disfigured my face. My face was all full of sores. The disease spread from my face to my neck and back. When anything touched them they would burn and stick to my clothes, which kept me from sleeping and made me suffer terribly."

"I used home remedies and I used a salve but it did no good. I suffered about three months then I saw the Cuticura Soap and Ointment advertised and I thought I would send and get a sample and try them. I used the sample of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and they helped me a great deal, so I bought some and used them about two months and they completely cured me." (Signed) Edward V. Thomas, Mar. 26, 1912.

Cuticura Soap and Ointment sold throughout the world. Sample of each free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston." Adv.

Destroy the Flies.

The house fly as a death distributor is only recently receiving the attention it deserves. Flies carry infection not only to exposed milk but directly to the baby's mouth, or to the nipple of its bottle. Insistence upon screens for the baby's rooms and for the baby's bed is a part of the campaign against infant mortality; and the work should go even further than this and should include the destruction of flies by every known method and removal of the breed places.

Whether or not the stable fly is the only carrier of the germ of infant paralysis it is certainly one, probably the principal carrier. Upon the opening of summer a thorough listing of all horse stables and livery barns, whether public or private, is made by such cities as Seattle and Indianapolis, and complete measures for the control of the fly-breeding places are instituted.

Important to Mothers

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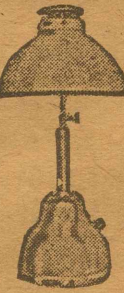
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The divorce evil has become so great that all who have the interest of the home at heart have become alarmed; and not only alarmed but ashamed. For is it not humiliating to have the finger of scorn pointed at us as a nation because of our tremendous divorce habit? And is it not humiliating to know that our beloved America has become the laughing stock of all other nations, and cartooned by foreign newspapers and magazines because we, as a nation, are indulging in a disgraceful family row?

"Divorce" is the most gruesome word in the English language. When we encounter it on the printed page—and who can read a big newspaper without bumping against it?—it gives us sorrow, for it brings before us the tear stained faces of the thousands of children who are today holding out their little arms and crying for "Papa" or

"Mamma," (perhaps both) as the case may be. And back of them we see a multitude of broken hearted men and women who walk their solitary path alone. The song birds have deserted their way and the flowers have withered and died under the fierce glare of the desert sun. By day they behold only the thorn tree and the cactus and at night they find no rest on their pillow of thorns. The only pleasure they derive in this life is their hopes of heaven and the happy hours that used to be. These are they who have sued for and obtained a divorce, but refuse to marry again. Our hearts go out to them, and we wish that we could blot this awful evil out of existence.

But back of all these we see a multitude of men and women, who in the eyes of the law are living a legitimate life, but are really living in adultery. Christ said that "whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for

fornication, and marry another committeth adultery; and whoso marries her who is put away committeth adultery."

"But," you say, "God also said it was not good for man to be alone, and shall I, because I made a mistake and placed my affections on one whom I could not live with, walk alone all the rest of my life?"

Our heart goes out to all such, but God's commandment should not be trifled with. He is not like us. When He says a thing He means it, for it is "impossible for God to lie." He said in the beginning "thou shalt not commit adultery," and it still stands. We do not know in what way God will deal with the class just referred to, but He will surely deal with them some day.

We would not defy God's law. If we were to advise the divorced man or woman we would say, "Remain single as long as your wife or husband lives, and consecrate your lives to God. For when once you are married you are married till death parts you. You can tear the marriage certificate to pieces and refuse to bear his name or to recognize her as ever having been your wife, and sink the wedding ring in the sea and fly to the uppermost parts of the earth; but you will still be married, and so long as your husband or wife lives you are not free to marry again.

Marriage is a sacred thing and all who value their future happiness should be very careful when they go to choose a life companion; for when once you get into the marriage harness there is no shaking it off. Of course you can kick loose and run away, but the harness will cling to your back as long as you both shall live.—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

R. L. Jones, of Steel Hill, was in the city the latter part of last week and reports that his crops are doing nicely and that he will harvest bumper crops this fall.

J. E. Wright, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur Friday and Saturday trading with the merchants and on other business.

S. W. Rather was in the city the latter part of last week from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home. He reports crops in good shape in the Cat Fish country.

C. P. Poole and daughters returned the latter part of last week from Abilene where they spent some time visiting friends and relatives.

A. R. Rodgers, of several miles northeast of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business.

J. Carlisle was in the city the latter part of last week from his home in the Gilpin country.

MASONIC OFFICERS.

At a stated meeting of Spur Lodge No. 1023, A. F. & A. M. the following officers were installed for the ensuing Masonic year:

W. S. Taylor, W. M.; Cliff Lovelace, S. W.; Geo. S. Link, J. W.; E. C. Edmonds, Treasurer; M. E. Manning, Secretary; Jeff D. Reagan, S. D.; Sam T. Clemmons, J. D.; Jno. Hardin, S. S.; J. E. Morris, J. S.; H. C. Allen, Chaplain, and Tom Allen, Tyler.

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Misses Louis and Ruth Fox returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Lockney, Amarillo and other Plains towns.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart was shopping in the city the latter part of last week from her home several miles east of town.

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them stretched a chasm never to be bridged.

What could the woman possibly want of him? To explain the past? To justify herself? He knew enough already, and desired to know no more. Could she hope—natural coquette that she was—to regain her hold upon him? The man smiled grimly, confident of his own strength. Yet why should she care for such a conquest, the winning of a common soldier? There must be some better reason, some more subtle purpose. Could it be that she feared him, that she was afraid that he might speak to her injury? This was by far the most likely supposition. Molly McDonald—the woman was aware of their acquaintance, and was already alarmed at its possible result.

Hamlin stood up resolved. He would meet the woman, not from any desire of his own, but to learn her purpose, and protect the girl. The meeting could not injure him, not even bring a swifter beating of the heart, but might give him opportunity to serve the other. And Le Fevre—surely she could tell him something of Le Fevre.

Leave was easily obtained, and the Sergeant, rejoicing in a freshly issued uniform, dressed with all the care possible, his interest reviving at this new point of view. It was not far down the bluff road to the squalid little village which had naturally developed in close proximity to the fort—near enough for protection, yet far enough removed to be lawless—a rough frontier outpost town, of shacks and tents, most of these dispensing vile liquors. Among these, more enterprising spirits—hopeful of future development—had erected larger buildings, usually barn-like, with false fronts facing the single main street, filled with miscellaneous stocks of goods or used for purposes not so legitimate. One of these housed the "Poodle Dog" saloon, with gambling rooms above, while a few doors below was a great dance hall, easily converted into a theater if occasion arose—a grotesque, one-storied monstrosity. Below these was the stage office, built against the three-storied wooden hotel, which boasted of a wide porch on two sides, and was a picture of ugliness.

By daylight all was squalor and dirt, dingy tents flapping in the ceaseless wind, unpainted shacks, wooden houses with boards warping under the hot sun, the single street deep in yellow dust, the surrounding prairie littered with tin cans, and all manner of debris. But with the coming of night much of this roughness departed. Soldiers from the garrison on pass, idle plainmen, bull-whackers, adventurers of all kinds stranded here because of Indian activity, stray cowboys from the nearby valleys, thronged the numerous dives, seeking excitement. Women, gaudy of dress, shrill of voice, fitted from door to door through the jostling crowds. Lamps blazed over the motley assembly, loud-voiced barkers yelled, and a band added its discords to the din. The "Poodle Dog" glared in light, resounded with noise; lamps gleamed from the hotel windows, and the huge dance hall stood wide open. Out from the shacks and tents crept the day's sleepers for a night of revelry; along the trails rode others eager for excitement; it was the harvest-time of those birds of prey in saloon and gambling hell.

Hamlin saw all this, but gave the surroundings little thought. He was of the West, of the frontier, and beheld nothing unique in the scene. Moreover, the purpose for which he was there overshadowed all else, left him indifferent to the noise, the jostling, drunken crowd. Some he met who knew him and called his name, but he passed them in a word, and pressed his way forward. At the hotel he mounted the steps and entered. The office was in one corner of the bar-room. The proprietor himself, a bald-headed Irishman, sat with feet cocked up on the counter, smoking, and barely glancing up as the Sergeant asked for Mrs. Dupont.

"Who are yer?" he asked.

"My name is Hamlin; I am here on the lady's invitation."

"Sure; that's ther name all right, me bhoys. Yer ter go out on the east porch there, an' wait a bit while I send her word yer here. O'f'm imaginin' she hed sum doubts about yer comin', the way she spoke."

"How do I get there?"

"Through the winder of the parlor over thar—sure, it's a noice quiet spot

for a tate-a-tate." He got up, and peered through his glasses across the room. "Here, Molke; damn that slapy head. Will one o' yer gents wake the lad—that's it. Now come here, Molke. You run over to the Palace an' tell Mrs. Dupont the feller is here waitin'. Hold on now, not so fast; wait till O'f'm done tellin' yer. Say that to her alone—do yer moind that, ye sap-head; nobody else is to hear what yer say; stay there till yer git a chance ter whisper it to her. Now skip."

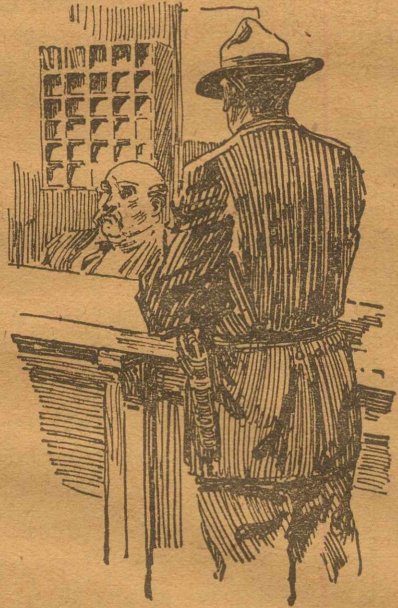
Hamlin hesitated, watching the boy disappear.

"At the Palace—the dance hall across the street?" he asked incredulously.

"Sure," indifferently, relighting his pipe. "Officers' ball; couldn't break in with a can-opener unless you had a invite. Guards at both ends, sergeant taking tickets, an' Third Regiment Band makin' music. Hell of a swell affair; got guests from Leavenworth, Wallace, and all around. Every room I got is full an' runin' over—say, there are fellars over thar in them fool swaller-tail coats; damned if there ain't. If the b'ys ever git sight of 'em on the street there'll be a hot time. Say, ain't that the limit? Injuns out thar thick as fleas on a dog, an' them swells dancin' here in swaller-tails like this yere was Boston."

He was still talking when Hamlin crossed the narrow hall and entered the dimly-lighted, unoccupied parlor. The side window was open, a slight breeze rustled the heavy curtain, and the Sergeant stepped outside on to the dark porch. There was a bench close to the rail and he sat down to wait. A gleam of light from the Palace fell across the western end, but the remainder of the porch lay in shadow, although he could look up the street, and see the people jostling back and forth in front of the Poodle Dog. The sound of mingled voices was continuous, occasionally punctuated by laughter, or an unrestrained outburst of profanity. Once shots echoed from out the din, but created no apparent excitement, and a little later a dozen horsemen spurred recklessly through the street, scattering the crowd, their revolvers sputtering. Some altercation arose opposite and a voice called loudly for the guard, but the trouble soon ceased with the clump of hoofs, dying away in the distance, the regimental band noisily blaring out a waltz. Hamlin, immersed in his own thoughts, scarcely observed the turmoil, but leaned, arms on railing, gazing out into the darkness. Something mysterious from out the past had gripped him; he was wondering how he should greet her when she came; speculating on her purpose in sending for him.

It seemed as though he waited a long time before the curtain at the window was thrust aside and the lady emerged, the slight rustling of her dress apprising him of her presence. The curtain still held slightly back by her hand permitted the light from



"My Name Is Hamlin; I Am Here on the Lady's Invitation."

within to reflect over her figure, revealing in softened outline the beauty of her features, the flossy brightness of her hair. She was in evening dress, a light shawl draping her shoulders. An instant she paused in uncertainty, striving to distinguish his face; then stepped impulsively forward, and held out her hands.

"I have kept you waiting, but you must forgive that, as I came as soon as I could manufacture an excuse. Won't you even shake hands with me?"

"Is it necessary?" he asked, almost wearily. "You have come to me for some purpose surely, but it can hardly be friendship."

"Why should you say that?" reproachfully. "I have deserted a rather brilliant party to meet you here."

"That, perhaps, is why I say it, Mrs. Dupont. If my memory serves, you would not be inclined to leave such friends as you have yonder to rendezvous with a common soldier, unless you had some special object in view. If you will inform me what it is, we can very quickly terminate the interview."

She laughed, a little touch of nervousness in the voice, but drew her skirts aside, and sat down on the bench.

"Do you think you can deceive me by such play-acting?" she asked eagerly. "You are no man of wood. Tell me, is there nothing you care to ask me, after—after all these years?"

Hamlin lifted his eyes and looked at her, stirred into sudden interest by the almost caressing sound of the soft voice.

"Yes," he said slowly, "there are some things I should like to know, if I thought you would answer frankly."

"Try me and see."

"Then why are you Mrs. Dupont, instead of Mrs. Le Fevre?"

"Then my guess is true, and you are not so devoid of curiosity," she laughed. "My answer? Why, it is simplicity itself—because I was never Mrs. Le Fevre, but am rightfully Mrs. Dupont."

"Do you mean you were never married to Le Fevre?"

"What else could I mean?"

"Then he lied."

She shrugged her white shoulders.

"That would not surprise me in the least. 'Twas a characteristic of the man you had ample reason to know. How came you to believe so easily?"

"Believe? What else could I believe? Everything served to substantiate his boast. I was in disgrace, practically drummed out of camp. There was nothing left for me to live for, or strive for. I was practically dead. Then your letter confessing came—"

"Wait," she interrupted, "that letter was untrue, false; it was penned under compulsion. I wrote you again, later, but you had gone, disappeared utterly. I wanted to explain, but your own people even did not know where you were—do not know yet."

He leaned his body against the rail, and looked at her in the dim light. Her face retained much of its girlish attractiveness, yet its undoubted charms no longer held the man captive. He smiled coldly.

"The explanation comes somewhat late," he replied deliberately. "When it might have served me if it was not offered—indeed, you had conveniently disappeared. But I am not here to criticize; that is all over with, practically forgotten. I came at your request, and presume you had a reason. May I again ask what it was?"

CHAPTER XVII.

At Cross-Purposes.

She sat for a moment silent, gazing up the street, but breathing heavily. This was not the reception she had anticipated, and it was difficult to determine swiftly what course she had best pursue. Realizing the hold she had once had upon this man, it had never occurred to her mind that her influence had altogether departed. Her beauty had never failed before to win such victory, and she had trusted now in reviving the old smouldering passion into sudden flame. Yet already she comprehended the utter uselessness of such an expectation—there was no smouldering passion to be fanned; his indifference was not assumed. The discovery angered her, but long experience had brought control; it required only a moment to readjust her faculties, to keep the bitterness out of her voice. When she again faced him it was to speak quietly, with convincing earnestness.

"Yes, I realize it is too late for explanations," she acknowledged, "so I will attempt none. I wished you to know, however, that I did not desert you for that man. This was my principal purpose in sending for you."

"Do you know where he is?"

She hesitated ever so slightly, yet he, watching her closely, noted it.

"No; at the close of the war he came home, commanding the regiment which should have been yours. Within three months he had converted all the family property into cash and departed. There was a rumor that he was engaged in the cattle business."

"You actually expect me to believe all this—that you knew nothing of his plans—were not, indeed, a part of them?"

"I am indifferent as to what you believe," she replied coldly. "But you are ungentlemanly to express yourself so freely. Why should you say that?"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Fire Without Flame.

An English engineer named Bnd. has invented a way to have fire without flame. His apparatus consists of a porous plate or mass of fire-resisting fragments, within which he mixed inflammable gas and air in the right proportions.

When the gas is first turned on and lighted it burns with a flame at the surface of the plate. When the air is turned on the flame disappears, but the heat increases. A temperature of 3,200 degrees is claimed.

Just what use of this invention can be made is yet a question.

Wedding Ring Worn by Men.

Customs slip in and almost before we are aware of them they are there—the wearing of the wedding ring by men, for instance. Twenty years ago this was almost unknown in England, but now it is quite an ordinary thing. It has its advantages for men, as for women; it is a sign, as it were, of ownership, of not being on the unmet

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The tramp sat, serene and dirty, on the back door step eating the breakfast for which he had asked, and the hired girl stood looking at his curiously.

Presently the knight of the road observed the attention she was paying him.

"Wotter yer lookin' at me for?" he asked in idle curiosity. "Think I'm a long-lost cousin?"

"No," replied the maid coolly; "but I must say you remind me of a man I used to know."

"Sweetheart?" asked the tramp coolly.

"None of your business!" was the maid's retort. "But something happened to him which'll never happen to you."

"What's that? Died a millionaire, did he?"

The maid's reply was crushing.

"No; he was accidentally drowned while bathing."

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"Now, lemme see," said the rural justice, figuring on the back of an old envelope. "Your bill will come to jest \$47."

"Forty-seven dollars?" echoed Wigglethorpe. "Why, judge, the fine for overspeeding is only \$15."

"Ya-as, I know," said the justice. "The thutty-two dollars is fer contempt o' court."

"But I haven't expressed any contempt for this court," protested Wigglethorpe.

"Not yit we hev'n't," grinned the justice, "but ye will, my friend, ye will before ye git a mile out o' town. I've made the fine putty stiff so's t' give ye plenty o' room to move round in."—Harper's Weekly.

Horticulturist.

Knicker—How do you remember to water the plants when your wife is away?

Bocker—I keep 'em in the bathtub.

Every girl who lives in a village says: "There isn't a young man in this town who is worth while."

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Coffee Finally Had to Go.

The way some persons cling to coffee, even after they know it is doing them harm, is a puzzler. But it is an easy matter to give it up for good, when Postum is properly made and used instead. A girl writes:

"Mother had been suffering with nervous headaches for seven weary years, but kept on drinking coffee."

"One day I asked her why she did not give up coffee, as a cousin of mine had done who had taken to Postum. But Mother was such a slave to coffee she thought it would be terrible to give it up."

"Finally, one day, she made the change to Postum, and quickly her headaches disappeared. One morning while she was drinking Postum so freely and with such relish, I asked for a taste."

"That started me on Postum and I now drink it more freely than I did coffee, which never comes into our house now."

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Postum comes in two forms. Regular Postum (must be boiled.) Instant Postum doesn't require boiling, but is prepared instantly by stirring a level teaspoonful in an ordinary cup of hot water, which makes it right for most persons.

A big cup requires more and some people who like strong things put in a heaping spoonful and temper it with a large supply of cream.

Experiment until you know the amount that pleases your palate and have it served that way in the future.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.

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WE have a complete stock of groceries and the price is always right. Just received a fresh car of Seal Flour; "Good as the best; Better than the rest." Why not try a sack in your next bill? We also have some country home made pure sugar cane syrup, the kind a great many of us were raised on. It still has the right taste. Nice fresh candy always on hand. South Texas comb honey is fine this year, and we have it. Bring your chickens—any kind. We will pay the best market price. We will appreciate your business. 'Phone us your orders. Both 'phones number 24

BRANNEN BROTHERS COMP'Y

S. E. Shoultz, county commissioner of Kent county and one of the most prominent citizens of that country, was in Spur last week on business and spent some time here.

J. H. Driver, a prominent citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Draper country, was in Spur Monday on business and trading with the merchants.

W. M. Featherston, W. M. Morrow and Nyles Morris, of Jayton, passed through Spur last week on their way to Roaring Springs and the Plains country.

S. B. Scott, of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Friday and hauled out a big load of wire with which to build fences on the Spur Ranch.

Mrs. J. A. Lafon returned to her home in Jayton Monday after spending several days in Spur with her sister, Mrs. W. A. North and family.

J. W. Waggonner, of the 24 Ranch, was in Spur Saturday and hauled out wire with which to do fencing on the ranch.

Bob Forbis, a prominent citizen and ranchman of the north part of the county, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

Editor Hyatt, of the Dickens Item, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Mrs. F. W. West was in the city the latter part of last week from her farm home several miles north of Spur.

Mrs. Jones, of near Dickens, was in Spur trading with the merchants the latter part of last week.

Al Sullivan was among the large number of visitors in Spur Saturday from the surrounding country.

Bill and Tom McArthur were in the city Saturday from the Tap country.

H. S. Mitchell returned Friday from Temple where he had been to visit one of his children who was sick. Mr. Mitchell is again on the Spur-Dickens mail line.

Rev. Stewart returned the latter part of last week from Jayton where he spent several days assisting in a protracting meeting in progress in that city.

John Stephens, who is making a crop this year in the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and reports that crops are in good shape in his section.

I have opened up a boot-making shop in the old barber shop next door to Kellar's Saddle Shop and am now ready for business. —E. Long. It.

W. F. Cathey, a prominent citizen of north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Albert Deathridge, a tombstone man of Wichita Falls, was in Spur last week and spent some time here.

C. D. Capeland was in the city Saturday to see the ball game and to attend to business matters.

C. C. Tyler returned last week from Peacock where he spent several days soliciting insurance.

W. E. Kellar made a trip last week to Rotan where he spent some time on business.

E. R. Rorie was in the city Saturday from the Spur Ranch and reports everything moving along nicely.

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P. H. Miller came in Saturday from Roaring Springs and spent Sunday in Spur with Mrs. Miller. Mr. Miller is conducting a branch lumber business at Roaring Springs and is making that place his temporary headquarters.

Mr. Stafford, one of the most prominent citizens and ranchmen of the north part of the county, passed through Spur Sunday on his return home from a business trip to the eastern part of the state.

G. H. Connell returned last week to his home in Fort Worth after spending several days in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and also looking after his banking interests here.

Mr. Benning, of Stamford, was in Spur this week to look over the Swenson gin and get it in shape for the ginning season. He says that the gin will be put in first-class shape.

J. H. Boothe was in the city Monday from his place a mile or two southeast and reports that crops in his section are beginning to need rain.

Luke Attebury and Howard Monteith came down Saturday from Roaring Springs and spent Sunday in Spur with relatives and friends.

Miss Morgan, of Dickens, passed through Spur Saturday on her way to Aspermont where she will spend some time with relatives.

J. D. Martin was in the city Saturday from his farm home several miles north of Spur.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon returned last week from an extended visit to relatives at Grapevine.

T. G. Harkey has ordered a Ford automobile which he is expecting to arrive at any time.

Mr. Meyers, a prominent citizen of Crosbyton, was in Spur Sunday and Monday.

J. J. Martin was in from his Red Mud Farm Saturday.

GILPIT

Mr. and Mrs. Gilpitt visited in Kent county.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilpitt have returned from their visit in Kent county.

The singing Sunday school at the home of Rev. Bennett was largely attended.

Charlie Carlisle and Willie Hagins have gone on an extended visit to relatives in Lubbock.

Mr. Rucker is teaching a singing school at the Duck Creek school house, and we learn that the class is progressing nicely.

Rev. Bennett and P. E. Hagins and daughters, Misses Lily and Mattie, visited Hon. A. J. Hagins and family of near Jayton Sunday.

It is reported that after his daughter was married L. W. Bilberry was obliged to assist in the family washing, and as soon as the clothes were on the line pulled out to Spur and bought his wife a washing machine. He is well pleased with his purchase and advises the women to get their husbands to help wash and report the results.

It was lucky for us that the damaging hot winds ceased to blow just when they did. We are needing rain but are still hopeful of making good crops. The farmers around here are cutting their maize this week. —A. Farmer.

Mrs. Oran McClure and children returned Thursday from a prolonged visit to relatives in Cross Plains. It is an appreciative consideration that a wife's visiting acquaintance includes only a portion of the kinfolks and the visits limited to annual occurrences.

L. C. Arrington was here this week from Afton and reports that in the election at Afton 31 votes were polled, all but two or three being against the amendments.

Attorney W. D. Wilson spent several days of this week in Aspermont in the interest of a client who had a case in the Stonewall county courts.

N. B. Fuquay was in the city Wednesday and said that a good rain would be appreciated at this time even on the sandy lands of Red Mud.

The Spur ball team went over to Crosbyton Monday and engaged that team in a match game. We failed to learn the score.

Miss Jessie Moore, of Hubbard City, is visiting this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Moore, of the Steel Hill community.

Mrs. R. L. Roberts and children returned this week from an extended visit to relatives in eastern Texas.

Mrs. C. H. Perry and children left this week for an extended visit to relatives at Lueders and other places.

Mr. Dickenson, of Stamford, was here this week looking after his property interests in Spur.

Mrs. Roy Zinn and children left this week for an extended visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

C. E. Brannen and family are on Blanco this week enjoying a few days fishing and outing.

Mrs. Dunn, of Houston, is in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunn.

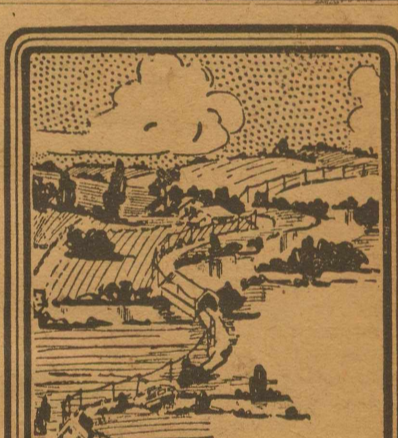
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The Farmers And Merchants State Bank

Jas. F. Williams returned this week from Waco where he had been to buy goods for the Spur Drug Company.

Mrs. T. A. O'Reilly, of Crosbyton, was in Spur Saturday on business in connection with her Spur property.



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