

## REUNION OF U. C. V. IN SPUR SEPTEMBER 6TH

Preparations are now being made to entertain the old ex-Confederate Soldiers at their reunion to be held in Spur, September 6th, 1913. The reunion will be held under the auspices of the Col. John A. Green Camp, Number 1461, U. C. V., and while the program for the occasion is not yet ready for publication, the program committee is arranging an interesting and appropriate program of addresses, recitations, music and other entertaining features for the old soldiers, their families and all others who attend.

The old soldiers and their wives will be entertained with a luncheon consisting of specially prepared dishes to suit the palate and appetite of each individual.

The program, though incomplete, is outlined as follows: Chas. A. Jones, Master of Ceremonies. Invocation by Mike M. Young. Address of Welcome by Mayor Geo. S. Link. Response by Jeff D. Reagan. Recitation, "The Blue and the Gray." Address by Judge O. S. Ferguson. Luncheon. After luncheon music and recitations will be had, followed by an address by Rev. R. A. Stewart. The afternoon program will be made up of readings, recitations, music and reminiscences of the old soldiers, a number of whom can relate most interesting incidents of war times.

Homes will be provided for the old soldiers and their families who live at a distance and will be forced to stay over night.

Mrs. F. F. Mace will superintend the literary program. Chas. A. Jones, Oran McClure, Jeff D. Reagan, S. T. Clemmons and B. D. Glasgow are the reception committee, and R. L. Collier and B. G. Worswick the committee on program.

Other prominent speakers will be here for the occasion, and we understand that former Senator Joseph W. Bailey has been invited to attend and deliver an address to the old soldiers.

When complete the full program will be published.

There are not now more than twelve or fifteen ex-Confederates in this section, and those few will be with us only a very few years, and as the evening shadows close around the surviving patriots of the old Southland and Southern homes, an invisible something possesses the heart of the son which commands the highest regard and a sacred reverence for our fathers whose courage and sacrifices in a lost cause is the marvel of the world and has the respect of all men. In these annual reunions all should contribute to the pleasure and entertainment of the old soldier, and such a spirit will prevail at Spur, September 6th, in the reunion of the rapidly thinning ranks of immortal Confederate patriots.

## SPUR VS. CROSBYTON

A match game of base ball was played Monday on the Spur diamond by the Crosbyton and Spur teams. The customary nine innings were played and the score was five to one in favor of Spur.

While not familiar with base ball rules, regulations and ethics, we consider the game Monday a good one, and with the exception of two or three "bungles" in the first two or three innings the game is worthy of mention in connection with regular League players. The last five or six innings the pitchers "fanned" the batters in rapid succession, three to the bat and three out with but two or three exceptions. "Father" Hindman, pitcher for the Spur team, has the ability of an expert "twirler" and with proper training and practice will be worthy of a place in the big League teams. Clark and Holly of the Shinnery Twigs, and Alexander of Peacock, filled up the Spur nine and with their assistance the team will earn recognition as invincibles.

## BUMPER CROPS GROWING

W. J. Young and Hugh Squires of Afton, were in Spur Friday and Saturday selling farm products to the Spur people and to buy supplies of the Spur merchants. Mr. Young had roasting ears and Hugh had chickens which they readily sold. Mr. Young said that he looked all over his patch of corn to find a stalk with only one ear to leave with the real estate men, but that he couldn't find a stalk in his entire corn field with less than two big ears. The crops in the Afton country he said had never suffered for rain and bumper crops of feed and cotton would be harvested in that section.

## SELLING SPUR FARM LANDS

Mr. Cates reports the sale of a quarter section of the Spur Farm Lands last week to Mr. Wilson of near Jayton. The land purchased is located in the Girard country and Mr. Wilson will build a home and improve the place for cultivation another year. The Spur Farm Lands are surely and steadily developing and attracting the attention and consideration of the most substantial class of citizens and home-builders. Within a very few years every quarter section of Spur Farm Lands will be improved and the country not only densely populated but among the richest and most productive territories in America.

## WANT LAND RE-SURVEYED

Mr. Whitaker and others of the north part of the county, were in Spur last week securing signers to a petition asking the state department to have a re-survey made of Dickens county lands. The land lines and ownership of a number of tracts of land in the north part of the county has been in question a number of years, and it is hoped that a resurvey will be granted to settle such differences and also uncover any school land which may be illegally held as recited in the petition.

## AFTER MORE BUSINSS IN A GOOD-NATURED WAY

It is well to aim high, but be sure your gun is loaded.

Another week is here with its various tasks—some pleasant and some we would like to pass by. But we have to face them as they come. Let's be patient and cheerful, believing all will pass well.

We have lots of new dress goods to show you—the newest colors and weaves—and we are making some special prices. Do not fail to ask to see the line. Say, we have a few silk dresses, about \$8 values, we are offering at \$3.75. They are new and stylish. We just want to close them out. There is one thing we are proud of and that is our muslin underwear and we want every lady to know we have a complete line. Don't forget us when you need anything in the muslin underwear line.

Now we have several lines of goods we like to tell about, for we know they are right. Iron Clad hosiery—nothing better made, and our hosiery business is growing all the time. When you need hose, its Iron Clad you should buy. Red Seal gingham, the fast colored kind. Nothing like it for looks and wear, and our Everetts Cassicks at 10c can't be beat and we have just gotten in a new case. So we are ready to fit you up on school dresses for children.

Buggies, buggies, buggise. We are in the buggy game to stay—don't forget that. Look before you buy, we compete with mail order houses. Wire and nails—remember we have Baker Perfect wire on wood spools and are making a price this week of \$2.75. Corrugated iron to cover your new barn. Remember where to get it. A good stock on hand.

Clothing going at cut prices. We are closing out our summer stock. Ask to see \$15 suits at \$7.50. Now is the time. See Bennett, the clothing man, we must move the light weight goods and make room for our big fall stock. Many of these suits are heavy enough for all seasons. You can not afford to miss getting a suit when it comes at such prices as Bennett will make you.

Don't kick at your wife because the biscuits are not good. Did you know that she couldn't make a silk dress out of calico? Just get Light Crust flour and the trouble will be over. Light Crust comes as cheap as other flour, and we are selling groceries of all kinds right down at the bottom. We are after the grocery business with price and quality.

Mexico is fighting  
For liberty they say.  
We are asking for more business  
In a good natured way.  
Mr. Woodrow and the Senators  
Are making tariff laws,  
But we are advertising our business—  
Just pleading our own cause.  
They say currency reform is needed;  
We are sure all this is true.  
The thing we are wanting is a little  
More currency out of you.  
Now, ice water is plentiful; come  
On and drink and drink.  
But after you have quenched your thirst,  
Just spend a little chink.

We are invoicing this week, will send our buyers away to the eastern markets next week to buy the best the market affords. Nothing is too good for the Spur people. Come on and trust your business to us. Ask your neighbor, who trades with us, about us. We want your business.—Bryant-Link Company.

## WORK RESUMED ON DEEP WELL

J. P. Minnihan returned Saturday from the eastern part of the state where he had been several days to get new left-hand jointed piping with which to unjoint the piping now fastened in the deep well. We are confident that if it be possible Driller Minnihan will in some manner remove the piping now obstructing the drilling in the deep well. Work was again resumed on the well Monday.

## PLEASED WITH COUNTRY.

Mrs. Adkins, of Hill county, returned this week to her home after spending several days here looking over the town and country with a view of buying land and building a home in this section of the country. Mrs. Adkins expressed herself as well pleased with the country and the Spur Farm Lands, and will probably buy and begin the improvements before the end of the year.

## ATTENDING FARMERS CONGRESS

W. F. Shugart was in the city the other day and said that he intended to go to College Station to attend the Farmers Congress, not merely to learn how to farm but rather to give those fellows some idea of actual farming by past practical experiences, and incidentally to pick up any new ideas and methods that may be advanced to suit the conditions which prevail in this section. Bankers, merchants, college men and newspaper men all can advance ideas, methods and knowledge of farming, but few of them ever do any actual farming and farm work. However, such farming on paper may prove of benefit on occasions to the actual farmer who thinks while he works.

## PROMINENT MEN PARDONED

Jno. A. Wisherd and T. F. Baker, prominent bankers and cattlemen of this Western country and who were recently convicted and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for misappropriating funds of a Snyder bank, were granted pardons by President Wilson.

Until a short time ago Wisherd owned a controlling interest in the O—O Ranch in Kent county.

## DIED AT ABILENE

Mrs. P. H. Miller attended this week the funeral of her brother, W. R. Rich of Weinert, who died at Abilene the latter part of last week. The remains were shipped to DeLeon and interred in the family cemetery at that place. The Texas Spur joins the many friends of Mrs. Miller in extending to her and the family our sincere sympathy in this bereavement.

## RETURN FROM NEW MEXICO

R. S. Holman and family returned Tuesday from a two weeks trip to the mountains in New Mexico. While gone they also visited relatives in Amarillo. Will Austin and family accompanied them to Mexico, returning last week to their home near Afton. The trip was made in autos and they report a pleasant time.

## MORE THAN HALF INCH RAIN IN SPUR COUNTRY

Friday night of last week more than half an inch of rain fell in and over the entire Spur country and as a result the country is now in the most promising condition with respect to bumper crop prospects.

While some sections of the country did not particularly need rain at this time, yet other sections, especially the hard lands, had begun to suffer and in two or three instances the early feed had been cut to save the crop. However, in such instances a second crop will be secured from the stubble, and the continued dry weather will result in real benefit in that two crops will be harvested during the year.

In Spur the rainfall was .53 of an inch, while to the north, west and south the rainfall was heavier. The majority of farmers now tell us that a sufficient season is in the ground to mature bumper crops.

## BUYING AND IMPROVING.

W. C. Gruben this week purchased the R. W. Walker residence in Spur, the consideration being eight hundred dollars. Mr. Gruben will expend several hundred dollars in remodeling and improving the residence and he and bride will make the place their permanent home.

## HOLBROOK ACQUITTED

H. M. Holbrook, a conductor on the Crosbyton-South Plains railroad, was tried and acquitted last week in Garza county, charged with the murder of E. L. Crosser, a barber, at Lubbock June 18th.

Family troubles was the cause of the killing.

## WILL MOVE TO SPUR

C. L. Love is in Saint Louis this week buying his stock of dry goods and clothing preparatory to opening the Love Dry Goods Company business in Spur about the first day of September. Mr. Love will move his family here and become permanently identified with the business interests of the town and the citizenship of the country.

## GRANTED BAIL

Mrs. Bettie Munsey and Horace Peters, charged with the murder of the woman's husband, were granted bail at a habeas corpus trial this week in Floydada.

A change of venue was granted and their trial will be had in August at Plainview.

## FEED DAMAGED

W. M. Randall was in the city last week from his place near Steel Hill and said that he intended to return home and cut his feed stuff since it had begun to burn as a result of the continued dry weather and hot winds. We have had only a few days of hot winds in this section, and one day's cool wind from the north which the farmers say did more damage to crops than the hot winds. It is said that the late feed is not materially injured, the earlier feed only suffering at this time.

# THE TEXAS SPUR

Oran McClure, Ed. and Prop.

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## ACT THAT PUZZLED SCIENTIST

At Least Two Tribes Obtained Fire by Compressing Air—Infinitesimal Size of Atoms Described.

While lecturing on atoms at the British Royal Institution Sir Joseph Thomson alluded to an extraordinary method for obtaining fire that was practiced by at least two savage tribes—a method in which compressed air was used.

Sir Joseph had just been explaining how intense cold could be produced by suddenly expanding air, and how equally intense heat could be caused by compressing it. "It is one of the most extraordinary things in connection with the habits of savage races," he continued, "that at least two tribes use this method to get fire. It is an extremely difficult problem to know how ever they got hold of the idea. I am quite sure they did not obtain it from lectures on physics, so it must have come from some kind of practical experience."

Even with special apparatus it was not easy to accomplish this feat in a laboratory. One could easily understand how men had discovered that branches rubbing together sometimes caught fire. This would give the idea of rubbing sticks together, but so highly complex an operation as making fire by compressing air could hardly have been copied from any natural phenomenon.

The only thing he could think of was that these tribes must have been accustomed to shoot their arrows from blowpipes. If one of these wooden tubes got obstructed it was conceivable that vigorous efforts to dislodge the obstruction would cause the blowpipe, or some part of it, to take fire.

The larger part of the lecture was taken up by an explanation of the various ways in which atoms had been counted and the wonderful agreement between the results obtained by different methods. The figures are amazing. Two grams (about thirty grains) of hydrogen contain so many atoms that no ordinary nomenclature can be used in expressing the number. If put down in ordinary numerals it would be 68, followed by 22 ciphers, which means that a cubic centimeter of gas contains 275, followed by 17 ciphers.

Even these gigantic numbers are exceeded by the number of ultimate corpuscles in the same volume of gas. No perfectly reliable measurements have yet been made, but Sir Joseph stated his belief that a molecule of mercury vapor contained between 400 and 600 of these electrified corpuscles.

### Origin of "Reptile Fund."

The phrase "reptile fund" is of German origin. In 1868, before the establishment of the empire, because the reposed King George V. of Hanover refused to renounce his title to the throne, Prussia sequestered his private property called the Welfenfond or Guelph fund, amounting to about twelve million dollars, and for several years its income was used by Prussia as a sort of secret service fund. Bismarck's enemies nicknamed it reptilen fond, or reptile fund, because they said he used it to bribe newspapers to support the government policy. The deposed king died in 1878, and several years after his death the German government restored the entire income of the sequestered fund to his son, the duke of Cumberland, whose son, the prince of Cumberland, recently married the daughter of Emperor William. When the duke of Cumberland dies the Welfenfond will pass to Emperor William's son-in-law and the reptile fund will become a marriage fund.

### Baldness.

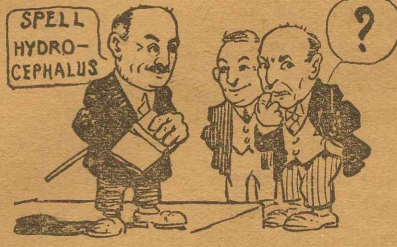
The chief inconvenience of a totally bald pate is that in the summer time the flies imagine it is a skating rink and continually cut up didoes thereon. There are many remedies for bald heads, but the best, save one, is to try to persuade the head with soft words that it shouldn't act that way. If the head is not convinced the case is hopeless. The only consolation a man can find in a bald dome is to refer to it as the battle ground of thought and impress his hearers with his wisdom. In the days of ancient Egypt the barbers consolidated convention declared the best thing for a hairless head was a wig, and though we think we have something better, the wig stays a few laps ahead.

### Thought So, Too.

Church—During the last century war caused the death of over 30,000,000 of civilized men.  
Gotham—I didn't think the civilized men went to war."  
"Oh, yes, they do."  
"I thought they stayed at home and sold the government the canned meat and things."

# NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

## Ohio Congressman Champion Speller of Capital



WASHINGTON.—The great and those who record their greatness assembled the other night at the New Willard hotel, and casting off the cares of tariff, lobbies and land laws returned to childhood days to enroll themselves in "Professor" Houston's Class A at the old-fashioned spelling bee held by the National Press club as the feature event of that organization's annual "ladies' day."

President Wilson and his daughter, Miss Eleanor Wilson, and Secretary and Mrs. Bryan sat in the audience, which laughed and applauded as congressmen and newspaper representatives vied with each other in twisting their tongues around some of the "jaw-breaking" words which Secretary of

Agriculture Houston, the pronouncer, propounded.

Though the guests of their rivals in the "bee," the statesmen were not without their supporters in the audience. Scattered through the large room were many members of both house and senate who were not to enter the competition. There were also present wives and daughters who sat nervously watching to see how these representatives of the "common peepul" were going to acquit themselves.

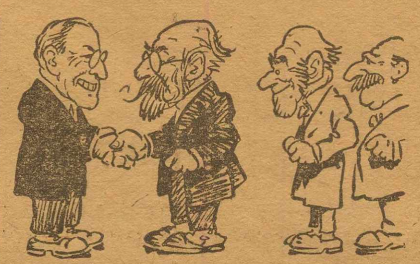
Fourteen statesmen and an equal number of newspaper men faced "Professor" Houston when he called his roll, but when after nearly an hour had elapsed, during which time the teacher had selected some of the most difficult specimens from the well-worn "blue-backed" speller, Representative Frank B. Willis of Ohio was the lone occupant of the stage.

Not only had the doughty representative shamed the press, but he had trailed the colors of the senate in the dust as well. His last rival was Senator Miles Poindexter of Washington, who had tripped on "hydrocephalus" by adding an o to the last syllable.

## Why Visitors to Capital Call on the President

It is interesting to hear visitors to the White House relate the purposes for which they desire to see the president. With many it is a matter of idle curiosity. Some want to see if he is taller than they thought he was, whether his eyes are blue, whether he has a dimple when he smiles, and a myriad of small details that would be thought ordinarily of little consequence, and yet it is these very details that go to make up the popular impression of a public servant.

At a recent reception one solemn-visaged man, evidently a professor, was standing in line shuffling his feet. He was an exceedingly well-read gentleman, and called attention to the fact that 25 of the 27 presidents of the United States had parental ancestors in the British Isles—England having 16, Scotland two, Ireland three, and Wales one. Martin Van Buren and Theodore Roosevelt represented a Dutch ancestry, he said, and the curious fact is noted that although France has been so closely associated with the birth and history of the country, there has not been a president of French or Latin blood. "But with the influx of immigration from the south of Europe," said the professor, as he shifted to the other foot, "this condition is sure to change."



The physiognomy of the men today as compared with the portraits of men who had lived in former times presents a most interesting study. The president necessarily reflects the type of his times. The stately dignity of official position in years past, with tall collars, stuffy cravats, laces and ruffles, has passed away, and now instead of gaining personal distinction through rich attire or an appearance of official position, it is studiously avoided.

As we waited our turn for an audience with the president, there was plenty of time for discussion on all these points, for there were some 15 prospective postmasters in the advance guard, and progress was slow. As we advanced to the bend of the line my pedagogic friend put on his extra pair of glasses to get a good profile view for his ethnological study of presidents.—National Magazine.

## Men Skated and Women Flopped in Spilled Syrup



THE crowd that frequents the soda fountain at the drug store at the corner of F and Fifteenth streets, just across from the Treasury building, where women in their new gowns leave the street cars to commence the parade up fashionable F street, had a grand time for two hours the other day.

A barrel of syrup dropped from the tail end of a transfer wagon, the head

of the barrel came out, and 50 gallons of juice covered about 200 square feet of sidewalk.

Five women wearing tight-fitting skirts went down almost in a heap when they struck the syrup. The tight skirts kept them from skating through, as the men did.

Soon an army of drug clerks were out "shooing" the people around the slick spot and escorting those who fell into the store to have their clothes cleaned.

Three men who dashed to the rescue of women lost their feet and went down with them.

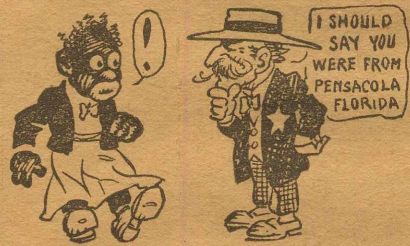
Twenty-six skirts and fourteen men's suits suffered. Several women whose skirts were a little high and who wore up-to-date summer under-outfits declined the offer of drug-store help and hurried home.

## He Can Tell Them by the Color of Their Hair

OF the several hundred police chiefs who came here for the convention one of the most interesting characters is Chief Henry Curran of Nashville, Tenn.

In addition to having one of the best regulated departments in the country, Chief Curran attained fame June 4, 1908, at Detroit, Mich., when the police convention met there, by throwing a colored man out of a restaurant when he attempted to eat at the same table. A warrant for Curran's arrest was sworn out, but before it could be served the chief grabbed a train and beat it for Tennessee. In the meantime hundreds of southern men and women contributed to a fund amounting to \$10,000 to defend Curran in the courts should he be brought back for trial.

Another thing has made Chief Curran famous among his brother chiefs; his ability to tell where a negro is from by the color, kinkiness and length of the hair, and shape of the head. The other day at the Raleigh hotel the news of the chief's power leaked out



among the colored waiters. One for curiosity asked the veteran: "Mister, can you tell where I'm from?" "Take off your hat, nigger," commanded Chief Curran. The waiter did so. "Why I would say that you were from Pensacola, Fla.," said the chief. And the chief was right. "Great Gawd, mister, how does you do that?" the waiter inquired. The chief figured out this way: "Negroes from Pensacola and that particular section of Florida have a peculiar reddish hair."

Missouri now forbids serving free lunches in saloons.

# NEWS for the YOUNG PEOPLE

## CHANCE FOR AMBITIOUS BOY

Farming Offers Great Advantage for Success and is Growing Better as Years Roll By.

Boys, do you know that you all will be men some day? We hope you will grow up to be good men; that is, men that will be worth something to yourself and to others.

Men that are worth something to themselves and to others are those who have learned to do something and to do it well. In order to learn to do things well one must get knowledge through actual experience, not by seeing other people do things.

I should like to see every farmer-boy become a good farmer. There is no better occupation. The farm offers great advantages for success, and farm life is a splendid life.

And it is growing better as the years go by. The boy who learns to farm right today will be a big man tomorrow. He will have more advantages than the average business or professional man.

Begin to farm on your own hook while you are still a boy. Take up some line of farming and work it out. Make it pay. You can do it. Your parents will help you to start if you show them that you mean business, and are going to stick to it. Tell them your plans and begin.

The writer began farming when he was twelve years old. He started with chickens and made a failure at first. He then took up gardening and made it pay.

He shipped choice vegetables to a city and got good money for them. Then he took up poultry again and added it to his gardening and made both pay. Nobody helped him.

Choose something you like and begin. Raise chickens or pigs or sheep. If you like to work with plants, grow vegetables or small fruit.

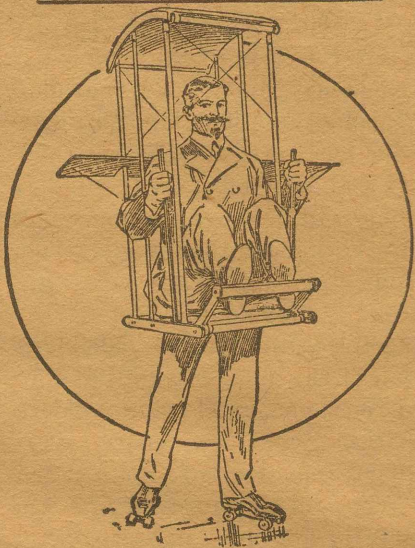
We know a boy who made over \$30 on a little patch of strawberries one summer. Any boy can grow string or lima beans and there is always a good market for them.

A small patch of celery can easily be made to yield \$25 to \$50 in one year. Start into farming for yourself in a small way. Begin this year.—J. K. J.

## ROLLER SKATING IS AMUSING

Pastime Has Become Quite Popular in London—One Winner Imitated Airman in Biplane.

Roller skating is a more or less fashionable pastime in London and the carnivals held each year are remarkable for the ingenuity of fancy-dress and novelty costumes devised by participants, says the Popular Mechanics. The winner of the second prize in



Roller Skating for Fun.

A recent carnival imitated an airman, seated in a biplane in the position of the pilot. "Dummy" legs were required to carry out the imitation, the effect being ludicrous.

### Quite Useless.

Little George was six years old at New Year's, and the family was much interested in having him start to school in February, but he insisted that he was not going.

One day his grandmother said to him: "Georgie, you are going to school with sister this winter, aren't you?"

"No, grandma, I'm not going to school at all. I can't read, nor I can't write, nor I can't sing, and I'd like to know what good I'd be at school."—Woman's Home Companion.

### A Young Philosopher.

Mother—You disobedient boy! I've a mind to whip you.

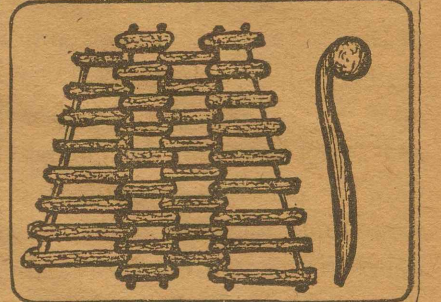
Willie—Well, ma, there's nothing so easy to change as a woman's mind, you know."

## MUSIC IS MADE FROM WOOD

Among Amusing Toys Any Small Boy Can Make Is Harmonicon—Only Quick Tunes Played.

A harmonicon made of glass is a well-known instrument of ancient date. Glass, from its very nature, lends itself to produce musical sounds, but wood is quite a different material, and a great many people would hardly believe that it contains musical properties. It is not recorded that a wooden harmonicon was made some years ago out of an ordinary bundle of firewood, the sticks being laid in due order upon waxed threads, and that the music produced was in every way satisfactory. As a toy it is worth consideration, and should be made as shown in the illustration.

The wood should be as hard as possible to produce the finer sounds, and the straightened grain the more true the tones will be. The palettes, as



Wooden Harmonicon.

the pieces are called, must be of varying lengths for the different tones. Oak or mahogany are best. Experiment will soon show what to select, and what to refuse. The palettes, when cut should be allowed to rest on straws or strings tightened over a shallow box and kept in place by means of wax on their under parts. The music is produced by striking the notes with small hammers in the same way as the ordinary glass harmonicon. These should be made of whalebone or split cane, at the ends of which small knobs of wood are fixed. On these wooden instruments only quick tunes can be played, as there is no sustaining power in the notes.

## MEMORY A MATTER OF HABIT

Forgetfulness Arises Largely From Special Kind of Laziness—Mental Training Needed.

Memory, according to psychologists, is a good deal a matter of habit, and lack of it arises largely from a special kind of laziness. We see the truth of this, remarks the Bellman, when we observe the prodigious memories of some of the men of letters a century ago, and then compare their education with the system of teaching which now prevails. When we wonder at their ability to quote offhand at almost any length, we must remember from their earliest days they were taught to memorize. They had to learn things by heart, and learn them exactly, with the result that in childhood they formed, perforce, the habit of remembering with absolute precision.

What we need nowadays is a sort of mental training analogous to this older schooling. Let us by all means keep our filing cases and memorandum pads, but let us at the same time keep our memories active by making them work. The simple process of committing poetry to memory, futile as it may seem to some, is one of the most useful kinds of intellectual exercise. And if we do not before long make general use of some such stimulus, it begins to look as though our memories would join our appendixes as now useless relics of an earlier stage of existence.

## RIDDLES.

What does man love more than life,  
Hate more than death or mortal strife;  
What which contented men desire,  
The poor have, and the rich require;  
The miser spends, the spendthrift saves,  
And all men carry to their graves?  
Nothing.

What man must have his glass before he can do a day's work?  
A glazier.

When is a pie like a poet?  
When it is Browning.

What are the greatest obstacles to a Russian invasion of Turkey?  
The balkin' (Balkan) mountains.

Who was Jonah's tutor?  
The whale that brought him up.

Why is avarice like bad memory?  
Because it is always for getting.

Why is it vulgar to sing and play yourself?  
Because it is solo (so low).

Which of the feathered tribe would be supposed to lift the heaviest weight?  
The crane.

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J. P. Gibson, while here Saturday, reported a very good rain in the Steel Hill country and as a result all crops are benefitted to a great extent. Those of that and other sections who have already cut their early feed crops will now have good prospects of harvesting a second crop from the stubble.

P. Henson, one of the most substantial farmers of the Tap country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and reports his section in good shape and everything is no doubt looking fine since the big rain reported in that section Friday night.

Earl Roberts and Walter Chalk came down from Roaring Springs and spent Sunday in Spur with Earl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Roberts. Earl is managing the Roberts drug business at Roaring Springs.

Leonard Joplin came down and spent Sunday with home folks in Spur from Roaring Springs where he is now holding a position with the Satterwhite Hardware Company.

Mrs. Oliver Gray and little child, of Dickens, spent several days of last week in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Potts.

Prof. Walter L. Powell, of Jayton, was in Spur last week looking after his farming interests in the Spur country.

J. B. Morrison was in Spur Saturday from his farm and ranch home twelve miles southwest.

Mace Hunter was in the city Saturday from his farm home four miles east.

W. F. Shugart was in the city Monday from his place several miles east of Spur.

Bun McCombs was in Spur this week greeting his friends.

**THE POOR WHITE SLAVE**

Once I was as pure as the dew on the flower;  
 As fair and as sweet as the fragrant rose.  
 My heart was as light as a song bird's carol;  
 My soul was as white as the lily that blows.  
 But now my soul is enshrouded in darkness!  
 Is there none to rescue me? No one to save?  
 O Father in heaven, look down from Thy glory  
 And list to the prayer of the poor white slave.  
 Engulfed in the wretched dark pool of sorrow,  
 Sin and debauchery; steeping in shame.  
 An outcast from home—forsaken, abandoned!  
 A maiden would blush at the sound of my name.  
 Ye fathers and brothers, ye husbands and sweethearts  
 O, haste to my rescue. O save me, O save!  
 Put down the red traffic and throttle the demons  
 Who live on the wage of the poor white slave.  
 They trapped me, they bound me and hurried me hither,  
 And stripped from my soul my one pearl of great price.  
 My friends and my loved ones, and all I held sacred  
 Were torn from my poor breaking heart in a trice.  
 My soul is on fire—I am dying by inches.  
 O God, hast thou lost thy vast power to save?  
 Nay, nay, He has heard, and He will avenge us.  
 Yes, He will avenge the poor white slave.  
 —Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

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Buy Dodson's—the medicine that the Red Front Drug Store recommends and guarantees.

W. H. Lain, a prominent citizen of the New Hope community, was in Spur last week and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Lain is a reformed school teacher, being now engaged in the farming business, and no doubt he finds the latter business more congenial and profitable.

Mr. Satterwhite, of Roaring Springs, was in Spur Friday and spent some time here on business. He reports everything moving along nicely at Roaring Springs.

Dr. and Mrs. Standifer and Miss Jessie Schneider returned the latter part of last week from Colorado where they have been several days for the benefit of Mrs. Standifer's health.

Jack Rodgers, a prominent citizen of near Clairemont, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and greeting his friends in this section of the country.

**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

Troy Morris passed through Spur Friday of last week returning to Jayton from Ralls where he has been some time working on the Ralls Banner. While here Troy came in and distributed type for us just to keep his hand in. Evidently Troy likes the business and no doubt he will some day become a leading and influential newspaper man.

H. E. Grabener, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday and said that while the rain Saturday night helped things wonderfully it was light on his place.

J. N. Zumwalt was in Saturday from his farm and ranch several miles west and said that a big rain fell in that section Friday night of last week.

W. B. Griffin and wife returned Sunday from the eastern part of the state where they have been visiting relatives the past several weeks.

Tom McArthur was here Saturday and said that the Tap country had a fine rain Friday night and crops are in fine shape.

Bill McArthur was among the many visitors in Spur last week. He says everything is in good shape in the Tap country.

L. A. Hindman and wife were in the city Saturday from their home in the Dry Lake community.

Uncle Pink Higgins came in Tuesday from the Cat Fish country.

Editor Hyatt, of the Dickens Item, was in the city last week.

R. L. Jones came in Saturday from his home near Steel Hill and reports that his crops of feed and cotton are coming to the front since the rain Friday night. He had just completed a well and windmill on his place and says he now has all kinds of water.

C. P. Poole and children returned the latter part of last week from Blanco where they spent several days fishing. He reports that they caught plenty of fish and had a nice time.

W. A. Copeland was in the city last week and reported that he recently returned from an extended trip over the eastern portion of the state where he visited relatives.

Jim McArthur was in the city last week from the Tap country and hauled out supplies. He reports everything in good shape.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Saturday greeting his friends and trading with the merchants.

W. M. Randall was here Saturday and said that rain had come and everything is now in much better shape.

Willis Smith was in Saturday from his place several miles west. He reported a good rain on his place.

Miss Bessie Kellar and a young lady friend, of Olton, are in the city visiting her brother, W. E. Kellar.

Luther Rucker, of the Afton country, was in the city this week.

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## PROFIT IN ASPARAGUS

One of Most Remarkable Vegetables Crown for Market.

Ability to Stand Annual Attacks Upon Its Resources Depends Upon Respite Granted During July and August.

(By M. ROBERTS CONOVER.)  
Asparagus is one of the most remarkable of vegetables grown for the market in that it endures over two months of steady drain by daily cuttings and yet the bed is a source of profit to its owner for a number of years.

Its ability to stand these annual attacks upon its resources, however, is not miraculous, but depends upon its respite during July and August.

During these warm months with the right amount of moisture and plant food the roots regain what is lost and for the first few years a well grown bed more than makes up the loss its yield being on the increase from year to year.

Attacks of disease, a prolonged period of cutting, dry weather, or any condition which deprives the plants of this season of growth lessens the subsequent productiveness of the bed.

Tillage and proper feeding are the means with which the asparagus grower must reinforce it.

As soon as the cutting season is over—July first for the mature beds and June first for the three-year-old planting—the ridges are plowed down and a good fertilizer applied over the crowns.

One successful grower uses a dressing of 450 pounds of nitrate of soda, 250 of muriate of potash mixed with 1,300 pounds of ground bone applied at the rate of 800 pounds to the acre after cutting.

A previous dressing of 800 pounds to the acre before cutting is essential. After covering with the fertilizer the bed is left nearly level until a vigorous stand of spears has developed. The soil is cultivated every few days. When the graceful, feathery foliage has fully developed the soil should be thrown toward the plants from time to time by shallow furrows on either side. This ridge of earth thus formed serves to support the long stems and protect the roots.

Asparagus-beds require a quantity of humus in the soil in order that the plant may avail itself of the necessary food elements.

Some growers plant such soiling crops as rye or clover, sowing the seed with the last cultivation in the fall and cutting it up with a cutaway harrow in the spring.

The most popular method of supplying the humus, in many asparagus growing localities, is by dressing with compost, using ten tons and upward to an acre.

A deep furrow is made between the rows and the manure spread up, it being covered by a furrow.

Careful growers advocate applying this compost between every other couple of rows, giving the alternate spaces the manuring the next year.

This plan gives all the plants access to the manure, but disturbs only half of the root system each year by the deep furrowing.

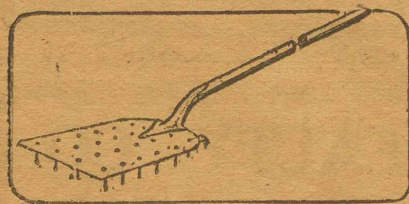
### Value of Green Bone.

Referring to green bones for poultry feeding, it has been proved by analysis that they contain in abundance the ingredients which go to make up the growing chick, and in close proportion the different parts of the complete egg. The lean meat and gristle form the white of the egg and about 10 per cent. of the yolk. The marrow and other fat on the bones supply the remainder of the yolk. The lime phosphates in the bones yield all the necessary lime salts for the shell and the requisite phosphates for the interior of the egg.

## HANDY TOOL FOR GARDENERS

Implement Can Easily Be Made of Old Long-Handled Shovel—Used for Pulverizing Soil.

A handy garden tool for pulverizing the soil can be made of an old long-handled shovel, as shown by Popular Mechanics. Heat the shovel and flat-



Soil Pulverizer.

ten it out, drill holes about 2½ inches apart and rivet spikes in them. A board with large nails, having a long handle attached will also answer the purpose, but not so well as the shovel.

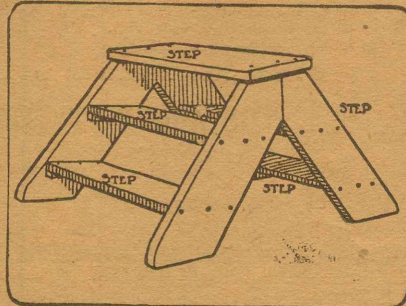
### Makes the Lambs Grow.

Clover and alfalfa hay and corn will grow lambs to beat the band.

## USEFUL PLANK STEP-LADDER

One Shown in Illustration Is Easy of Construction and Is Quite Handy About Barn and House.

For convenience, there should be a step ladder at the house, one at the barn and two or three of different sizes for the orchard. Step ladders built on the plan as shown in the cut, are easy of construction and require but little material to make them very stout. For use about the house, material as follows is necessary. To make a ladder that is two and one-half feet long and three feet high, (which is tall enough for washing windows, hanging curtains and arranging pictures about the house) will take, 5 pieces, 1x6 inches 2½ feet long for the steps, 4 pieces same kind of material for the legs, and some strips upon which the steps will rest. The



Plank Step Ladder.

strips for the middle steps should reach across as shown in the drawing, this braces the legs and prevents them spreading when in use.

For use about the barn. Two ladders of this model, may be used as trestles by placing a piece of 2x6 inch stuff, six or eight feet long on them when used as in making farm gates, etc., and shorter pieces for ordinary work. Many uses will be found for these ladders about any well arranged farm home.—J. W. G.

## DRESS SQUABS FOR MARKET

After Penetrating Brain With Sharp Knife Bird Is Allowed to Bleed Thoroughly.

(By MICHAEL K. BOYER, New Jersey.)

One-half dozen or more squab are hung on the rack at one time. The wings of each are then locked, which is done by drawing the wings closely together in the back, allowing one wing to overlap the other. It holds them firmly and causes no pain.

The mouth of the squab is held open with the thumb and first finger of the left hand, the head and shoulders being held in the left hand. With a knife in the right hand the blade is inserted through the crown of the head, penetrating the brain.

At once the operator releases his grasp and allows the bird to bleed thoroughly before starting to pluck the feathers.

By the time about half a dozen of the birds have been stabbed the first killed has bled sufficiently to be ready for picking. The squab is then removed from the rack and held in the hands while plucking the feathers.

This method is said to be the most rapid, it being found that from 100 to 150 squab can thus be dressed in a day by a good operator.

Some pigeon men believe in holding the bird while killing, but it has been proven that birds held do not bleed so thoroughly as when hanging, owing to the fact that the hand more or less compresses the fine veins, thus retarding the flow of blood.

When a bird is not sufficiently bled it shows itself in blisters. These blisters are red blotches that form on the backs of the birds, and which develop by the time the carcasses reach the market.

Fresh water should be given twice daily, but only the very best of grain. Avoid damaged stuff.

Do not fail to bear in mind that the profit is derived only from the mated pairs.

### Meat Ration for Hens.

The effect of meat rations for hens was tested at the West Virginia experiment station, where one pen of fowls received a ration largely of corn and other starchy grains, while another pen was fed partly on meat and fresh bone.

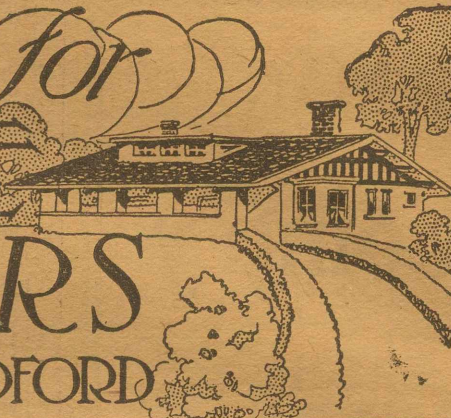
The meat-fed fowls laid 7,555 eggs, while the grain-fed fowls laid 3,431, or less than one-half as many as those receiving the nitrogenous ration. The eggs from the meat-fed fowls were larger, much firmer, rather better and produced far more vigorous chickens than those of the others. Both lots of fowls remained in a healthy, vigorous condition.

### Breeding Immature Ewes.

A good many sheep owners practice the plan of breeding ewe lambs, which is a poor practice from any standpoint. These immature ewes cannot be reasonably expected to produce strong, vigorous lambs and supply animals that will make a good growth and develop into profitable feeders, and at the same time reach a desirable degree of development and maturity themselves.

# IDEAS for HOME BUILDERS

By WM. A. RADFORD



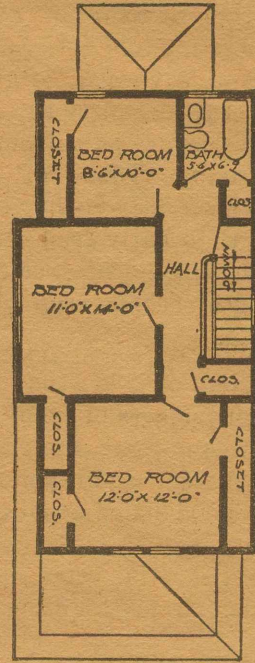
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 178 West Jackson boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

Sometimes it is necessary to build a long, narrow house in order to make it fit the lot. You cannot hang part of your house over your neighbor's lot without making bad feelings, because neighbors are very apt to be touchy on this point. Anyway, I should rather build a 20-foot house on a 35-foot lot, and have plenty of light and air, with room on one side of the house for a good cement walk running back to the kitchen, and have room on the other side for a good lawn with a border of flowers and shrubbery.

The tendency with a great many men is to save money by buying a narrow lot. Property is sold in most places according to the frontage, and is reckoned at so much per front foot; so the width of the lot has a good deal to do with the price you have to pay. A few square feet more or less in the back, where you may raise chickens or vegetables if your taste inclines that way, cuts very little figure. The fellow who has the lot for sale just good-naturedly makes you a present of all that back-lying territory, but he charges a good round price for the street frontage.

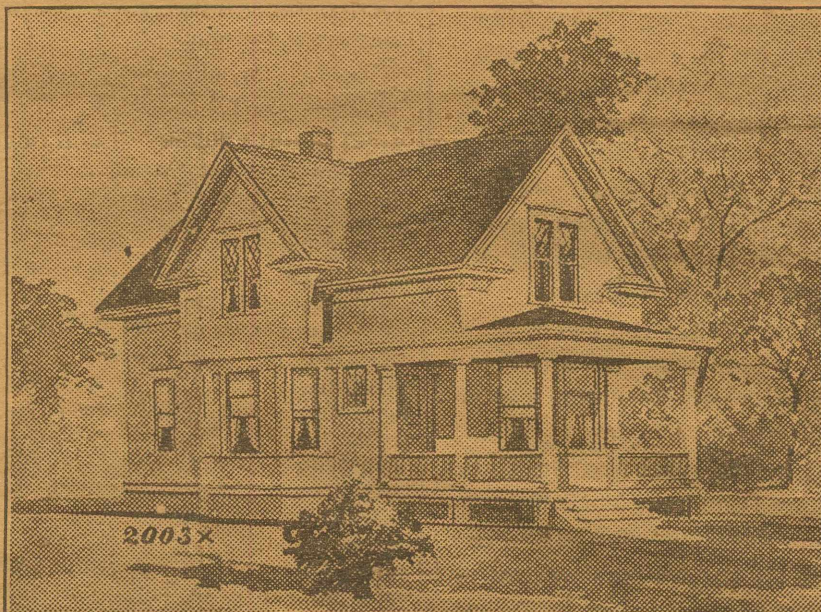
Because of this custom in selling property, it is the fashion in some places to crowd a house 30 feet wide upon a 33-foot lot. The style of

now, there was a well-founded prejudice against long, narrow houses, because the heat could not be driven to the end rooms, and nobody wanted to build chimneys all in a row down through the house and set up separate stoves wherever it was found necessary. That objection, however,

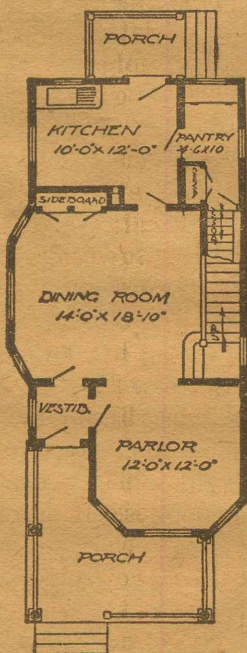


Second Floor Plan.

does not hold against the small steam or hot-water heating plants that are now so common; and the furnace man has added so much to his knowledge that he can compete on equal footing in a house of eight or nine rooms, and he can outfit the others



house to place on village and city lots receives too little attention. Sometimes a whole block is spoiled by the mean way in which one pig-headed man builds his home. It is not absolutely necessary to build houses with just one idea in regard to width. Here is an example of a



First Floor Plan.

house only 19 feet wide, yet it is well arranged, contains all the necessary conveniences, looks attractive, and is a good house generally. You get the necessary room in the length down towards the back end of the lot where land does not cost anything, for the house is 38 feet deep—just twice as long as it is wide.

Years ago, before we understood how to heat houses as well as we do

when it comes to heating smaller houses.

Hot-air furnaces are the most sanitary and the most economical for small houses, in regard both to first cost and to subsequent attendance, because any woman can manage a hot-air furnace when the men folks are away, and the coal bill is little of any greater than it is for the more expensive hot-water heaters, and it is less when measured up against steam.

It is not in the province of the architect to specify what kind of heating apparatus you shall use in this house. You might freeze to death, and he would not squeal; so it is up to you to make yourself comfortable in cold weather.

In regard to heating a small house, bear this in mind: A good hot-air furnace, with joints tight enough to keep the poisonous gases in the right flue, comprises, in addition to the necessary heat, a system whereby you can distribute pure air directly from outdoors to the different rooms in every part of the house, and send this life-giving ozone to the farthest corner of the most remote bedroom. And this fresh air is absolutely free; it does not cost a dollar. You just hitch a supply pipe to the great air reservoir outdoors, and draw on it all winter long. But I want to give you just a word of caution here:

Once in a great while nature has constructed a furnace man on the wrong plan, and if you happen to know this particular individual he may advise you to put a cold-air register in the front hall, and draw the daily supply from this contaminated source. I have known men sane enough to keep out of the asylum for a great many years who would risk their reputation and freedom by advocating just such nonsense.

## SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPER

HOUSEKEEPER TELLS HOW SHE HAS SOLVED A PROBLEM.

Quite Possible to Have Good Things to Eat and Yet Reduce Work to a Minimum—How She Does It.

Sister and I always get the Sunday night's supper so that mother can have a rest from the household cares, writes a correspondent of the Boston Herald. We have concocted some rather good things to eat, and I am going to tell you about them, because the Sunday night's supper is always a bothersome meal. One of the things we have often is cheese sandwiches, hot.

They are made of brown bread which has been cut very thin and spread with a paste which has been made by rubbing six tablespoonfuls of freshly grated cheese with two tablespoonfuls of butter. This is then sprinkled with salt and paprika and the two sides of the sandwich firmly pressed together and the whole fried in hot butter. Just as soon as it is light brown in color it is taken from the fire. Sister has a cheese and nut sandwich which nearly everybody likes, and she serves this, too, for afternoon teas sometimes.

Chicken and nut sandwiches are good, too. Any chicken which is left over is chopped very fine and almonds and English walnuts are chopped fine and added to the chicken in about the proportion of a cupful of chicken to a quarter of a cupful of nuts. This is then softened with cream, so that it will spread easily on bread. It is then seasoned with salt and paprika. You can use either white or brown bread, whichever you like best.

We have a pretty way of serving eggs, too, by making a hollow in a slice of buttered toast. Into this put an egg sprinkled with grated cheese; pour a little cream over it and set in the oven to bake or just long enough for the egg to set.

The other day at an afternoon tea we had the most delicious chocolate sandwiches. Powdered chocolate is mixed with sugar, either boiling water or milk, and a little vanilla, and stirred over the fire until it is perfectly smooth and thick. Then it is taken off the stove to cool, and before it is quite cool it is spread between either thicknesses of bread or crackers. Really, you ought to try it sometimes; it is delicious.

### Doing Several Things Together.

It was said of Caesar that he could dictate to five secretaries at one time. Whether true or not, at least Caesar had the first ideas of efficiency, because by grouping tasks and doing similar processes together we do save time. When peeling vegetables one can speed up if several peelings or pickings of fruit are done one after the other. By carefully planning the menus in advance it is surprising how many tasks can be grouped together with saving of time and effort and one handling of utensils. Try it and you will be surprised how efficient you will become and how much labor you save yourself.

### Fruit Tarts.

Any kind of bottled or canned fruit, one pound of flour, one-half pound tinned marrow, sugar, water. Fill dish with fruit, add sugar in proportion; put the flour into a basin and rub in the marrow with a teaspoonful of powdered white sugar (a little baking powder may be added if liked). Wet up with enough water to make a stiff paste, roll out and cover the tart in the usual way; bake in a gentle oven. With some fruits, like gooseberries, currants, etc., there is too much juice and a little should be left out or it will boil over and spoil the appearance of the tart. A half hour to bake tart. Make one medium tart.

### Mint Salad.

Break off the tender tops of spear mint. To one pint add one tablespoonful of minced chives. Dissolve brown sugar in vinegar and pour over. Mustard or cresses may be used in place of the mint or very young onions instead of chives.

### Baked Bean Soup.

To cold baked beans add as much tomato sauce, pinch of salt, pepper and half an onion. Cover with water and stew for half an hour. Sift and serve.

### Spilled Water.

Water spilled upon the bed, when some one is ill, may be quickly dried in this manner: Fill a hot water bottle with boiling water and place it between the mattress and the bed clothing.

### To Roast a Joint.

When about to roast a joint, cover it with a rind saved from a piece of ham or bacon and cook with it on. This will save the trouble of constant basting and will prevent the joint from burning or drying.

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### BUYS PEACOCK INDEX

J. W. Thompson, recently of Crosbyton, passed through Spur the latter part of this week on his way to Peacock where he will assume charge of the publication of the Peacock Index, he having recently purchased that paper from the former owners. Mr. Thompson is a good newspaper man, and if the business men and people of Peacock give the paper a merited patronage and support, the town and country will be benefitted and Thompson will enjoy deserved prosperity.

A. L. Suits, of the Crosbyton Review force, was in Spur Monday. While in the city Mr. Suits called at the Texas Spur office and informed us that he and his father, J. L. Suits, of Jayton, would install a printing plant and begin the publication of a paper at Roaring Springs at an early date.

C. D. Copeland was in town Saturday and said that the rain Friday night was light on his place, and that he would have to have more rain to insure a good crop of feed. However, he said that more rain fell on the places surrounding him.

Burke Burnett, ranchman and banker, was acquitted of the killing of Farley Sayers at Paducah last year. The trial was at Seymour last week and the jury unanimously agreed on the first ballot.

W. D. Blair was in the city Saturday from his home east of Spur. He reports everything in good shape and crops coming to the front since the rain.

R. L. Roberts returned from Roaring Springs last week and is spending this week in Spur with his family.

T. A. Corbett, of the Plains country, passed through Spur Sunday on his way to Breckenridge to visit relatives.

M. C. West, of seven or eight miles north of Spur, was among the large number of visitors here Saturday.

Wayne VanLeer and wife, of the Soldier Mound community, were in the city Saturday.

W. D. Clay made a business trip last week to Dickens where he spent several days.

C. D. Pullin was in the city Monday from his home on Cat Fish.

Uncle Tom Harkey is now riding around in his new Ford automobile.

Mr. Rutherford was in Saturday from the Tap country.

Attorney W. D. Wilson and wife left Sunday for Aspermont where he is holding court this week, he having been appointed by Governor Colquitt as a special judge to try some cases in which County Judge Arrington was disqualified to try. Mr. Wilson stated that he had nine cases to dispose of and would probably be in Aspermont throughout the entire week. During their stay in Aspermont Mrs. Wilson will visit friends and relatives of that place.

Mr. Marshall, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in town Saturday trading and greeting his friends and neighbors.

Robt. Campbell was here Saturday from his farm home several miles southwest and reports a nice shower of rain in his section Friday night.

Mrs. Gaynor, of Dallas, arrived last week and will spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLeer, of near Spur.

Attorney Dalton, of Plainview, was in Spur last week and spent some time here on legal business.

## Not Boasting

WE would rather boast than boast, any time. We don't claim to be the whole works in the banking business. All that we claim is that our stockholders and directors are plain business men just like the rest of you, men who realize their responsibilities and expect that every customer shall have a square deal. Further, we know that our bank is reliable, has abundant capital and surplus, and has an enviable reputation for fair dealing. If that's boasting, then we have boasted, that's all, but it's all true.

The Farmers  
And Merchants  
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## PLAN OF REFORM IN SCHOOL EDUCATION.

Sometimes we are almost persuaded to run for the office of school trustee or in some other way encourage a campaign for more practical education needed

in every day life. This country is an agricultural and stockfarming country—the progress and prosperity of the town and the very existence and life of the people depends upon the development and success of the agricultural and stockfarming interests, and yet in our schools and community educational institutions such interests are of secondary consideration or entirely unrecognized. No pupil has a finished education nor has he acquired the first principles of an education in this country until he knows something of stockfarming and agricultural pursuits, and all other studies we consider "accessories" to fundamental educational principles of this country.

Custom and precedent may have much to do with the lack of more consideration to sectional fundamentals in our school room educational system, but there are instances in which custom and precedent are overlooked as is outlined by Frederic J. Haskin in the following plan which should be considered at least by those who direct and superintend our public educational affairs:

The principal of the school is a teacher of agriculture, for agriculture is the main thing. Now as the ordinary teacher doesn't know much about that science it is necessary, first, to teach the teacher. So the demonstration farm agent is called into willing co-operation, and the state school of agriculture helps. Each boy in school goes into a corn club, and each has his club acre at home and his plot in the school demonstration farm. Each girl joins the canning club or the chicken club, and in this way home life and school life are intimately related and it is demonstrated daily that an education has much to do with growing corn or selling eggs as it has to do with grammar or the Rule of Three. And at the same time this principal takes charge of the more bookish studies of the advanced pupils.

The second teacher, a woman, has charge of the canning clubs and the poultry clubs, of the instruction in domestic science, and together with the principal, she teaches her charges not only how to can tomatoes but how to sell them, not only how to grow chickens but how to market eggs.

The other teacher, also a woman, has charge of the younger children and will attempt as rapidly as may be to give her little ones the introduction to a true education that comes from relating activities to the business of learning—her feet being guided by the lamp lighted at Rock Hill.

Eventually, this school would grow until it become a county center. The principal would supervise the two-room and one-room schools throughout the county and would unify the spirit and therefore oppose the diffusion of effort that has brought the present system of rural schools to grief.

It may seem a long way off, but plans are already made for such a school. It will have, according to the present outline, no less than eight teachers, and would demand an equipment of

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no less than eight buildings. The principal would be a teacher of plant life—for agriculture is the basis of rural life. Farming, forestry, fruit culture and gardening would be in his province. One associate would teach animal life—livestock, dairying, poultry, insects, bee culture, etc. Another would teach human life—physiology, hygiene, sanitation, nutrition and food values, and psychology.

Another would teach human industry, beginning with drawing and hand work in the carpenter shop and working on up through the metals to farm manufactures, thence naturally to industrial and social history of the world in general and Europe and America in particular.

One associate would devote her energies to instruction in household arts, drawing, sewing, weaving, basketry and music. The teacher of chemistry would give instruction in mathematics, in physics and in cooking. The teacher of language would teach the use of speech and letters in such a way as to make of every pupil a book lover. And, of course, there would be the children's teacher who would give the little ones a natural and normal introduction to this practical system of education. It is on her work, as demonstrated at Rock Hill, that the whole superstructure is reared.

To place such a school in every county of the rural districts would be to uplift the social and economic life of the country to a plane now not to be imagined, but only to be fondly dreamed of. And yet such is the goal that ambition has fixed for the hard-headed practical men who have seen at Rock Hill that conditions are not inexorably settled, and the progress is not only possible but inevitable if we only will be natural and normal in our attitude toward education.

To sum it all up: Education lies not in books, but in doing things. The things most worth doing are those that build up the mental, moral, economic and social condition of the people in the community.

### BITTEN BY RATTLESNAKE

Wednesday morning of last week Miss Rose of Jayton, the seventeen year old daughter of M. A. Rose, was bitten by a rattlesnake while out in the field at her brother's place east of Floydada some eighteen miles.

The accident occurred about 8 o'clock and for a while was quite serious. Her brother lanced the wound which was in the instep and bandaged it in coal oil and called medical aid.

Dr. Smith, who answered the call, says that the swelling in foot was rather alarming for a time, but that the precautions taken the first few minutes prevented serious complications. He says that she will be well again soon.

The young lady with her parents was visiting her brother on the Will Reeves place, having been out of school only a few days. At the moment before the snake bit she heard it singing and stepped back to get away, stepping on its body. Parties went back later to the scene and found the snake some twenty feet away, where it was killed. It had six rattles.—Floyd County Hesperian.

J. O. Yopp returned the latter part of last week to Dallas where he will have another operation performed at the Baptist Sanitarium of that city. We hope that this operation will effect a permanent cure and that Mr. Yopp can soon return home. The Baptist Sanitarium of Dallas is gaining a wide reputation not only in modern and successful surgery but in moderate charges and the care of poor people who are unable to raise funds for immediate surgical attention.

J. Anderson Davis, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Spur country, was among the many business visitors here Saturday.

J. B. Cade, of several miles southeast of Spur, was among the crowds in the city Saturday.

Lee Bilberry and family, of the Gilpin country, were in the city trading Saturday.

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The ex-Confederate reunion will be held in Spur, September 6th. You are invited and expected to attend.

Within five months Spur will have a first-class waterworks system in operation and assume its proper place in the ranks of progressive Western cities and superior commercial centers.

Ambassador Wilson to Mexico and President Wilson apparently do not conform to similar ideas and opinions with respect to the Mexican situation and conditions. No doubt the ambassador will conform his convictions to that of the president, or permit the superior officer to return to Mexico an ambassador who can see things according to theories of those afar.

We received a letter this week from Uncle Tom McClure of Eastland county stating that the wife of Joe Lee died last week in that county. Lee was sent to the penitentiary from Motley county two years ago, and through the efforts of Uncle Tom McClure who secured petitions here and made a trip to Austin recently Lee was pardoned by Governor Colquitt and was with his wife at the time of her death. Lee plead guilty of disposing of mortgaged property, but he was only technically guilty of violating the law, since he paid the mortgaged debt before his trial. Governor Colquitt did a righteous act in exercising the pardoning power in this instance.

Spur offers to the home-seeker and home builder not only the comforts and conveniences of a modern commercial center, but superior advantages in schools, educational and moral influences. Our school is handsomely equipped in furniture and fixtures, has an able and efficient corps of teachers and a superintendent second to no high school in the state. There are six church organizations in the city and the great majority of our citizenship is broad, helpful and progressive. The city is now installing a complete water-works system and upon its completion the sewerage system already installed will be put into operation and Spur will continue to advance in every modern and progressive movement.

While the war conditions in Mexico are possibly becoming more serious, yet we away over here are not really and materially affected, and we have little idea that President Wilson and other heads of the war department of this country will pay any attention to what we say, nevertheless we recommend that they arm the Congressmen and Senators who are clamoring for intervention and send them over into Mexico to do the real fighting rather than send others who

are not interested. If American citizens quit the United States for another country to engage in professional or commercial pursuits, and that country becomes involved in a revolutionary war, they should acknowledge their misjudgment and return home or be loyal to their adopted home and join one side or the other of the revolutionary movement. So long as Mexico does not interfere with the United States we do not intend to take any part in its fight at home and among their home people,

The overwhelming defeat of the proposed bond amendment at the recent election, we consider, was a just and merited rebuke to the framers of such a proposition. The people of Texas are considerate and loyal to public educational institutions, and are willing and ready to encourage, support and maintain such institutions, but to do so they are not now ready to relinquish their rights of suffrage, especially in matters pertaining to the issuance of bonds. If the men really interested in the welfare of the State University will frame an amendment to the Constitution of Texas and submit it to the people "proposing that by a majority vote of the people the Legislature will be authorized to issue bonds in a stipulated sum," we venture the assertion that neither the State University, nor other public educational institutions, will suffer for the lack of needed and deserved funds. Our public officials of the state as well as county are merely servants or employees of the people, and should cherish a disposition to trust the people and do their will rather than ask that all legislation and all powers of the government be intrusted irrevocably to such employees. It is just such tendencies on the part of legislators, politicians and political powers that be which encourages Socialism and makes it expedient on the part of all voters to consider the adoption of the initiative and referendum amendment to be submitted to a vote in the general election to be held in 1914.

A. A. Marshall, of Steel Hill, returned Monday from Roaring Springs where he has been several days to see what is going on in that section. He says that residences are going up rapidly and that the carpenters have more work than they can do. We make this and other reports of Roaring Springs not, as some would say, to boost that town but rather as a news item since many of our readers are desirous of knowing what progress is being made. The day is past for individuals to get rich by speculation on the other fellow's townsite proposition, and everybody but the "tenderfoot" realizes such a condition. Towns are and should be built for the convenience of the people in developing the country, and the man is narrow viewed who thinks one town all sufficient for the needs of the people in developing this vast agricultural domain of Western Texas. The great need in this stage of Western development is an ably headed commercial organization to promote the interests of the centrally located town by encouraging the creation of other towns to the end of full and complete development of the country's varied resources; and in seeking to excel in industrial development and manufacturing progress to the end and aim of

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Miss Martha Hardin, of Jayton, was visiting friends in Spur last week.

Miss Hiacyth Grace is visiting relatives in Stamford this week.

### COOPER-FRENCH

The home of Mrs. M. E. Shelnutt in East Hico was the scene of a pretty wedding Tuesday evening, when her daughter, Miss Winnie Ethleyne Cooper, became the bride of Mr. R. B. French. Rev. R. W. Nation officiated. The relatives and a few friends were received by Miss Alma Gurley and Mr. R. M. Moore.

The decorations were green and white. Quantities of palms, ferns and vines formed an artistic background for the carnations and roses.

Miss Voleta DeVolin sang "For You Alone," accompanied by Miss Lu Anna Virey.

As the first notes of Mendelssohn's Wedding March were heard, Mr. James Porter and Mr. Claude Jordan, Miss Georgie Cooper and Miss Ethel Chenault appeared, immediately followed by the bride and groom. The bridal party formed a semi-circle, and during the ceremony Miss Vickrey played softly "The Flower Song."

The bride wore a beautiful crepe meteor gown over messaline and carried white carnations. Miss Georgie Cooper, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and wore a blue crepe meteor and carried pink roses. Mr. James Porter was best man.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was held. Punch and cake were served by Misses Grace French and Una Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. French have gone on a trip to West Texas points, and upon their return will be at home to their friends at the home of the bride's mother.

Mrs. French is one of our most charming ladies, loved and esteemed by all who know her. Mr. French is one of our promising grocers, and a young man of sterling worth. Their many friends wish them success.—Hico News-Review.

Mr. and Mrs. French returned Thursday to Hico after spending several days in Spur with her brother, W. S. Cooper and family.

S. W. Rather, while here Monday, said that the rain Friday night in the Cat Fish country was abundant, and while it did not rain so long it was as heavy for a time as the rainfall of several weeks ago. Mr. Rather now says his section of the country has a sufficient season to mature crops and make bumper harvests without any more rain.

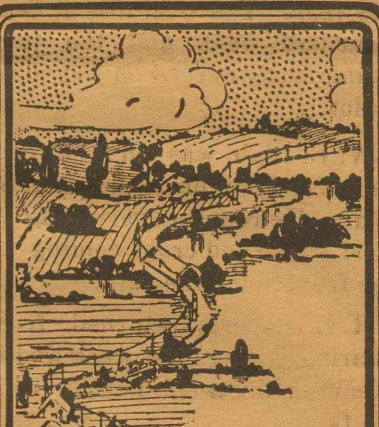
Jim Smith and bride were in the city Saturday from their home eight or nine miles west. Mr. Smith says a big rain fell in that section and that between there and Spur a young flood must have come from the indications.

Dr. Carter, of Crosbyton, was in Spur Sunday.

Will Jenkins, of near Afton, was in Spur the latter part of last week returning to his home from a visit to relatives at Albany. While here Mr. Jenkins called at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to W. C. Jenkins, Italy, Texas. Mr. Jenkins reports that in other sections of the country the crops, especially the feed crops, are burning and little more than fodder will be made. In the Afton country he said the crops were holding up remarkably well.

Mrs. E. G. McKinney and children, who have been in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. Jas. Mahon and family, returned Sunday to their home in Walnut Springs.

Otho L. Hale and wife, of Afton, passed through Spur Sunday on their return home from Mineral Wells where they have been spending some time recuperating.



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## A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



SYNOPSIS.

Major McDonald, commanding an army post near Fort Dodge, seeks a man to intercept his daughter, Molly, who is headed for the post. An Indian outbreak is threatened. "Brick" Hamlin, sergeant who has just arrived with messages to McDonald's volunteers for the mission. Molly arrives at Fort Ripley two days ahead of schedule. She decides to push on to Fort Dodge by stage in company with "Sutler Bill" Moylan. Gonzalez, a gambler, is also a passenger. Hamlin meets the stage with stories of depredations committed by the Indians. The driver deserts the stage when Indians appear. The Indians are twice repulsed. Hamlin and Molly escape in the darkness. Molly is wounded. Hamlin is much excited at finding a haversack marked C. S. A. He explains to Molly that he was in the Confederate service and dismissed in disgrace under charges of cowardice. At the close of the war he enlisted in the regular service. He says the haversack was the property of one Capt. LeFevre, who he suspects of being responsible for his disgrace. Troops appear and under escort of Lieut. Gaskins Molly starts to join her father. Hamlin leaves to rejoin his regiment. He returns to Fort Dodge after a summer of fighting Indians, and finds Molly there. Shots are heard in the night. Hamlin rushes out, sees what he believes is the figure of Molly hiding in the darkness and falls over the body of Lieutenant Gaskins, who accuses Hamlin of shooting him. The sergeant is proven innocent. He sees Molly in company with Mrs. Dupont, whom he recognizes as a former sweetheart, who threw him over for LeFevre. Mrs. Dupont tells Hamlin LeFevre forced her to send him a lying note.

### CHAPTER XVII.—Continued.

"Because I chance to know more than you suppose. Never mind how the information reached me; had it been less authentic you might find me now more susceptible to your presence, more choice in my language. A carefully conceived plot drove me from the Confederate service, in which you were as deeply involved as LeFevre. Its double object was to advance him in rank and get me out of the way. The plan worked perfectly; I could have met and fought either object alone, but the two combined broke me utterly. I had no spirit of resistance left. Yet even then—in spite of that miserable letter—I retained faith in you. I returned home to learn the truth from your own lips, only to discover you had already gone. I was a month learning the facts; then I discovered you had married LeFevre in Richmond; I procured the affidavit of the officiating clergyman. Will you deny now?"

"No," changing her manner instantly—"what is the use? I married the man, but I was deceived, misled. There was no conspiracy in which I was concerned. I did not know where you were; from then until this afternoon I never saw or heard of you. Molly told me of her rescue by a soldier named Hamlin, but I never suspected the truth until we drove by the barracks. Then I yielded to my first mad impulse and sent that note. If you felt toward me with such bit-

terness, why did you come here? Why consent to meet me again?"

"My yielding was to a second impulse. At first I decided to ignore your note; then came the second consideration—Miss McDonald."

"Oh," and she laughed, "at last I had the riddle. Not satisfied with saying that young lady from savages, you would also preserve her youthful innocence from the contamination of my influence. Quite noble of you, surely. Are you aware of our relationship?"

"I have heard it referred to—garrison rumor."

"Quite true, in spite of your source of information, which accounts, in a measure, for my presence here as

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well as my intimacy in the McDonald household. And you propose interfering, plan to drive me forth from this pleasant bird's nest. Really you amuse me, Mr. Sergeant Hamlin."

"But I have not proposed anything of that nature," the man said quietly, rising to his feet. "It is, of course, nothing to me, except that Miss McDonald has been very kind and seems a very nice girl. As I knew something of you and your past, I thought perhaps you might realize how much better it would be to retire gracefully."

"You mean that as a threat? You intend to tell her?"

"Not unless it becomes necessary; I am not proud of the story myself. Their eyes met, and there was no shadow of softness in either face. The woman's lips curled sarcastically.

"Really, you take yourself quite seriously, do you not? One might think you still Major of the Fourth Texas, and heir to the old estate on the Brazos. You talked that way to me once before, only to discover that I had claws with which to scratch. Don't make that mistake again, Mr. Sergeant Hamlin, or there will be something more serious than scratching done. I have learned how to fight in the past few years—Heaven knows I have had opportunity—and rather enjoy the excitement. How far would your word go with Molly, do you think? Or with the Major?"

"That remains to be seen."  
"Does it? Oh, I understand. You must still consider yourself quite the lady-killer. Well, let me tell you something—she is engaged to Lieutenant Gaskins."

His hand-grip tightened on the rail, but there was no change in the expression of his face.

"So I had heard. I presume that hardly would have been permitted to happen but for the existence of a Mr. Dupont. By the way, which one of you ladies shot the Lieutenant?"

It was a chance fire, and Hamlin was not sure of its effect, although she drew a quick breath, and her voice faltered.

"Shot—Lieutenant Gaskins?"

"Certainly; you must be aware of that?"

"Oh, I knew he had some altercation, and was wounded; he accused you, did he not? But why bring us into the affair?"

"Because some woman was directly concerned in it. Whoever she may be, the officers of the fort are convinced that she probably fired the shot; that the Lieutenant knows her identity, and is endeavoring to shield her from discovery."

"Why do they think that? What reason can they have for such a conclusion? Was she seen?"

"Her footprints were plainly visible, and the revolver used was a small one—a .36"—such as a woman alone would carry in this country. I have said so to no one else, but I saw her, crouching in the shadow of the barrack wall."

"You—you saw her? Recognized her?"

"Yes."

"And made no attempt at arrest? Have not even mentioned the fact to others? You must have a reason?"

"I have, Mrs. Dupont, but we will not discuss it now. I merely wish you to comprehend that if it is to be war between us, I am in possession of weapons."

She had not lost control of herself, yet there was that about her hesitancy of speech, her quick breathing, which evidenced her surprise at this discovery. It told him that he had played a good hand, had found a point of weakness in her armor. The mystery of it remained unsolved, but this woman knew who had shot Gaskins; knew, and had every reason to guard the secret. He felt her eyes anxiously searching his face, and laughed a little bitterly.

"You perceive, madam," he went on, encouraged by her silence, "I am not now exactly the same unsuspecting youth with whom you played so easily years ago. I have learned some of life's lessons since; among them how to fight fire with fire. It is a trick of the plains. Do you still consider it necessary for your happiness to remain the guest of the McDonalds?"

She straightened up, turning her eyes away.

"Probably not for long, but it is no threat of yours which influences me. It does not even interest me to know who shot Lieutenant Gaskins. He is

a vulgar little prig, only made possible by the possession of money. However, when I decide to depart, I shall probably do so without consulting your pleasure." She hesitated, her voice softening as though in change of mood. "Yet I should prefer parting with you in friendship. In asking you to meet me tonight I had no intention of quarreling; merely yielded to an impulse of regret for the past—"

The heavy curtain draping the window was drawn aside, permitting the light from within to flash upon them, revealing the figure of a man in uniform.

"Pardon my interruption," he explained, bowing, "but you were gone so long, Mrs. Dupont, I feared some accident."

She laughed lightly.

"You are very excusable. No doubt I have been here longer than I supposed."

The officer's eyes surveyed the soldier standing erect, his hand lifted in salute. The situation puzzled him.

"Sergeant Hamlin, how are you here? On leave?"

"Yes, sir."

"Of course this is rather unusual, Captain Barrett," said the lady hastily, tapping the astonished officer lightly with her fan, "but I was once quite well acquainted with Sergeant Hamlin when he was a major of the Fourth Texas Infantry during the late war. He and my husband were intimates. Naturally I was delighted to meet him again."

The captain stared at the man's rigid figure.

"Good Lord, I never knew that, Hamlin," he exclaimed. "Glad to know it, my man. You see," he explained lamely, "we get all kinds of fellows in the ranks, and are not interested in their past history. I've had Hamlin under my command for two years now, and hanged if I knew anything about him, except that he was a good soldier. Were you ready to go, Mrs. Dupont?"

"Oh, yes; we have exhausted all our reminiscences. Goodby, Sergeant; so glad to have met you again."

She extended her ungloved hand, a single diamond glittering in the light. He accepted it silently, aware of the slight pressure of her fingers. Then the Captain assisted her through the window, and the falling curtain veiled them from view.

### CHAPTER XVIII.

#### Another Message.

Hamlin sank back on the bench and leaned his head on his hand. Had anything been accomplished by this interview? One thing, at least—he had thoroughly demonstrated that the charm once exercised over his imagination by this beautiful woman had completely vanished. He saw her now as she was—heartless, selfish, using her spell of beauty for her own sordid ends. If there had been left a shred of romance in his memory of her, it was now completely shattered. Her coolness, her adroit changing of moods, convinced him she was playing a game. What game? Nothing in her words had revealed its nature, yet the man instinctively felt that it must involve Molly McDonald. Laboriously he reviewed, word by word, each sentence exchanged, striving to find some clue. He had pricked her in the Gaskins affair, there was no doubt of that; she knew, or at least suspected, the party firing the shot. She denied at first having been married to LeFevre, and yet later had been compelled to acknowledge that marriage. There then was a deliberate falsehood, which must have been told for a purpose. What purpose? Did she imagine it would make any difference with him, or did she seek to shield LeFevre from discovery? The latter reason appeared the more probable, for the man must have been in the neighborhood lately, else where did that haversack come from?

So engrossed was Hamlin with these thoughts that he hardly realized that some one had lifted the window curtain cautiously. The beam of light flashed across him, disappearing before he could lift his head to ascertain the cause. Then a voice spoke, and he leaned back to listen.

"Not there; gone back to the dance likely, while we were at the bar."

"Nobody out there?" this fellow growled his words.

"Some soldier asleep with his head on the rail; drunk, I reckon. Who was she with this time?"

"Barrett?"

"Who? Oh, yes, the fellow who brought in that troop of the Seventh. Lord, the old girl is getting her hooks into him early. Well, as long as Gaskins is laid up, she may as well amuse herself somewhere else. Barrett is rather a good looker, isn't he? Do you know anything about the man? Has he got any stuff?"

"Don't know," answered the gruff voice. "He's a West Pointer. Vera likes to amuse herself once in a while; that's the woman of it. Heard from Gaskins tonight?"

"Oh, he's all right," the man laughed. "That little prick frightened him though. Shut up like a clam."

"So I heard. He'll pay to keep the story quiet, all right. As soon as he is well enough to come down here we'll tap his bundle. Swore he was

shot by a cavalry sergeant, didn't he?"

"And sticks to it like a mule. Must have it in for that fellow. Well, it helped our get-away."

"Yes, we're safe enough, unless Gaskins talks, and he's so in love with the McDonald girl he'll spout out big rather than have any scandal now. Wish I could get a word with Vera tonight; she ought to see him tomorrow—compassion, womanly sympathy, and ail that rot, you know, helps the game. Let's drift over toward the Palace, Dan, and maybe I can give her the sign."

Hamlin caught a glimpse of their backs as they passed out—one in infantry fatigue, the other, a heavier built man, fairly well dressed in citizen's clothes. Inspired by a desire to see their features the Sergeant swung himself over the rail, and dropped lightly to the ground. In another moment he was out on the street, in front of the hotel, watching the open door. The two passed within a few feet of him, clearly revealed in the light streaming from the dance hall. The soldier lagged somewhat behind, an insignificant, rat-faced fellow, but the larger man walked straight, with squared shoulders. He wore a broad-brimmed hat pulled low over his eyes, and a black beard concealed the lower portion of his face. Hamlin followed as the two pushed their way up among the idle crowds congregated on the wooden steps, and peered in through the wide doorway. Satisfied that he would recognize both worthies when they met again, and

realizing now something of the plot being operated, Hamlin edged in closer toward the entrance, who was guarding the entrance. The latter recognized him with a nod.

"Pretty busy, Masters?"

"Have been, but there will be a lull now; when they come back from supper there'll be another rush likely. Would you mind taking my job a minute while I go outside?"

"Not in the least; take your time. Let me see what the tickets look like. That's all right—say, Masters, before you go, do you know that big duffer with a black beard in the front line?"

The other gave a quick glance down the faces.

"I've seen him before; dealt faro at the Poodle Dog a while; said to be a gun-man. Never heard his name. Oh, yes, come to think about it, they called him 'Reb'—Confed soldier, I reckon. Ain't seen him before for a month. Got into some kind of a shootin' scrap up at Mike Kelly's and skipped out ahead of the marshal. Why?"

"Nothing particular—looks familiar, that's all. Who's the soldier behind him—the thin-faced runt?"

"Connors. Some river-rat the recruiting officers picked up in New York; in the guard-house most of the time; driver for Major McDonald when he happens to be sober enough."

"That is where I saw him then driving the ladies. Knew I had seen that mug before."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Frenchman Works Short Time.

Recent investigations into the hours of work by officials of the French department of navigation have brought to light a record in government employment in the shape of an official whose daily "hours of duty" amount to exactly two minutes. This man dwells at a place on the Belgian frontier, and his arduous labors consist in fetching from one office a list of the number of barges that have entered French territory the previous 24 hours and handing the said list in at another office. If the position be a sinecure, the pay is not high, the remuneration amounting to \$140 a month.

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Explaining the Situation.  
Down in the Red river valley section of Louisiana there is a planter, a veteran of the Civil war, who is noted for his profane vocabulary.

Not long since he married, and everything sailed along nicely for a few days. But the captain was called out early one morning by a negro tenant, who wanted to see him on business. As soon as the captain saw the negro, he began to curse him.

His young wife, hearing the violent language, stuck her head out of the window and asked: "Is that you, dear?"

Before the captain could answer, the negro said apologetically, "No, ma'am; dat's Cap'n Johnson."—Judge.

Fair Speed.  
Wistfully he gazed out to sea, and for a long while sat motionless, watching the restless waves. Then again he turned to his fair companion, and took her hand in his.

"Molly," he pleaded, "will you marry me? Once more I ask."

But Molly shook her head, her cheeks dimpling in a fascinating smile.

"No, Jack," she said; "for the twelfth time this hour I tell you I will not."

Jack rose to his feet.  
"Oh, well," he sighed, "after all, 12 knots an hour is not bad speed for a little craft like you."

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Healthy babies don't cry and the well-nourished baby that is fed on Grape-Nuts is never a crying baby. Many babies who cannot take any other food relish the perfect food, Grape-Nuts, and get well.

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"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pgs.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

**IN** Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

J. J. Martin was here Saturday from Red Mud and said that his section of country had good showers of rain Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. The Red Mud country is in good shape and will be among the foremost sections in big crop harvests this fall.

J. W. Carlisle was here Saturday from his place near Gilpin and reported a pretty good rain in his section. Good rains are reported in nearly every section of the Spur country.

W. T. Wilson was in the city last week from his place five or six miles east and spent some time here trading and on other business.

E. R. Rorie was in the city Saturday from the ranch and spent several hours here greeting his friends.

M. A. Jordan was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday from the surrounding country.

W. B. Bennett was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm home near Gilpin and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Bennett said that he had just finished cutting his early feed since it was being injured by the continued dry, hot weather. However, he said that he had more feed than he had last year, and while at the time of cutting the feed had not fully matured it would be fine feed and would run him through the year.

Perry Fite at the Central Meat Market has any amount of pure hog lard for sale at twelve and a half cents a pound. If you want any pure hog lard at this price you had better get it today. 31 tf

Mrs. Viola Flowers returned last week from a visit of several days with relatives at Jayton and Clairemont.

R. E. Thomas was among the many in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants.

J. W. Peters, of near Guthrie, King county, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Peters formerly lived in Spur and said that he wanted the Texas Spur sent to him more regularly in the future so that he could keep informed of the happenings here. He said that crops in his section were suffering somewhat from the continued hot, dry weather, but that the rains Thursday and Friday night would liven up the crops.

Bill Hyatt and Mr. Anderton returned this week from Seymour where they had been to attend court in the trial of Burnett charged with the murder of Sayers last year at Paducah.

Robt. T. Dopson was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm home several miles west of Spur.

Poet Hagins was in the city the latter part of last week from his home in the Gilpin country.

H. T. Garner was in the city Saturday from his home a mile or two northeast of Spur.

A. Q. Smelser was in the city Saturday trading and on other business.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch.

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C. D. Copeland was in Spur Friday from his place several miles east and said that while his earliest feed crop was suffering from the continued hot, dry weather his late crop was doing nicely and he intended to cut the old feed and plant his second crop and thus make two crops on the one piece of ground this year. However, the rain Friday night may prevent the further cutting of feed, and those who have already cut their feed will have fine prospects of making a second crop from the stubble.

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.

Mrs. Turnage and little daughter returned last week to Spur from Grapevine where she had been spending several months with relatives.

Mr. Harris and wife, formerly of Callahan county, were in Spur last week visiting Willis Smith and family and his old time friend, Emmett Lee.

Joe H. Payne, manager of the Bryant-Payne Company at Jayton, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

Bob Davis and family, of a few miles west of Spur, were in the city Saturday trading.

J. G. Stearns, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday.

Mrs. A. J. McClain was in the city trading Saturday from her home on Cat Fish.

The Morgan boys, of several miles west of Spur, were in the city Saturday.

John Randall was in the city Saturday from the Steel Hill country.

Burl Arrington, of several miles east, was in the city Saturday.

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## WORKS ON SCHEDULE

### WOMAN'S EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENT FOR THE "DOG DAYS."

Cooking for the Week, by Her Method. Practically Confined to One Day Means Ease and Rest for the Other Six.

Following is the way one house mother arranges the meat courses in her home during the "dog days." She is blessed, fortunately, with a family that value her highly enough to insist on easy work in hot weather.

She uses her coal stove only once a week, on Saturday, when she does all her baking. On other days she uses the fireless cooker for the preparation of vegetables and other foodstuffs which do not require quick cooking or much heat. She uses an oil stove for making coffee and tea, and cooking such vegetables and other foodstuffs as require but short time.

On Saturday she bakes enough cake bread and pie to last through most of the week to come, and she also roasts a big piece of meat. On Sunday the roast is served cold, with a special acid jelly of chili sauce. On Monday the meat is chopped fine and molded in acidic jelly, which is made from a stock prepared by boiling the bones of the roast. On Tuesday meat enough for two days is cooked in the fireless cooker, and what is left over by Wednesday is turned into a loaf of pressed beef. On Thursday chops or cutlets are used, and on Friday fish is served.

Two pies, each of a different variety, and often a pudding are baked on Saturday. One of the pies is used for Saturday's dinner, and the pudding or an ice is served on Sunday. The other pie is reserved for Monday or Tuesday. On the other days the desserts are jellies, Bavarian cream or chilled, desserts, or something that requires no hot fire to prepare. Two loaves of cake are also baked on Saturday, one that is of the kind that improves with keeping a few days. While the oven is being used the top of the stove is put to a good purpose.

A whole ham and a beef tongue are boiled on Saturday to use throughout the week at luncheons. Enough boiled salad dressing to last through the week is prepared and placed in the refrigerator. If Saturday happens to be a mercury record-breaker the baking is done on Monday or Tuesday. With plenty of fruits, vegetables, cheese, eggs, salad and herbs an excellent table is set throughout the summer. Of course it requires some hard work and much judgment and executive ability to do the bulk of the week's cooking on one day, but the housewife has an excellent rest for the other six days. There is little or no heat from the kitchen during the week, and much oil and coal are saved—an item worth considering.

**Cherries Preserved With Cloves.**  
Take the weight of the cherries in sugar and to every two pounds of sugar allow one-half pint of water. Make a sirup of this and when clear boil the cherries in it about 45 minutes, but not long enough to lose their shape. They should previously have been stoned. Do not put in but a few at a time. When they are all done let the sirup boil one hour, pour over the cherries while hot and seal. Now, I am very fond of cherries, but have found them a trifle insipid and to overcome that I use one-quarter teaspoonful ground cloves to every two pounds of sugar. They are not spiced, but simply suggestive of the clove.

**Artistic Porch Pillows.**  
Natural-colored burlap makes serviceable covers for porch pillows. To decorate, cut inch-wide strips of bright silk (possibly from discarded neckties or hair ribbons which have been washed), thread in a tape needle and darn in half-inch stitches through the loosely woven burlap a bold design of interlaced squares or triangles, or a swastika. A half dozen covers can be made in an afternoon, and they are very effective when piled in a porch settee or Gloucester hammock on the piazza of the summer bungalow.

**Corn Cakes.**  
Add to one-half can of corn one egg. Season with salt and pepper, add bread crumbs until batter is fairly thick; then let stand 20 minutes. This mixture must be thick enough when dropped by the tablespoon. Won't run much. So if you think batter needs more crumbs add them. Fry in small tines in bacon fat until brown and crisp on both sides. Serve with bacon for breakfast.

**Keep in Water.**  
Cranberries may be kept an indefinitely long time without being cooked simply by keeping them covered with water, writes a contributor. The berries I bought at Thanksgiving time were four months later in as perfect condition as when my grocer gave them to me by being kept in water in a Mason jar.

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"What kind is that?"  
"Muggy weather."  
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**Contradiction.**  
"I wonder that the wild geese is timid."  
"What's remarkable about that?"  
"Because otherwise it is game."

**The Reason.**  
"Why is Hamlet such a popular play with actors?"  
"Because that is a play where the ghost is sure to walk."

**ECZEMA ITCHED AND BURNED**  
R. F. D. No. 8, Maryville, Tenn.—"My baby, when three months old, took eczema on his face and head. His head and one side of his face were almost in a solid sore. The eczema at first was kind of a rash and then it broke out in water pimples and they would burst and looked very badly. It would itch and burn so badly that he could not rest at all and his hair just all fell out at once till his head was perfectly bald. He could not sleep at night and was very cross. I tried remedies without any relief at all; he only got worse. At the time until I used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. He had great relief the first application. He was soon cured and his hair began to grow back and now he has just beautiful fine hair and has no sign of eczema." (Signed) Mrs. H. D. Clabough, Jan. 28, 1913.  
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**Ever Think of This?**  
"Why don't women dress sensibly?"  
"If they did, half the industries of the world would go to smash."

## ALL A PART OF THE GAME

McGraw's "Soothing" Remarks to Umpire Sample of What That Functionary Has to Stand.

John J. McGraw and Umpire Bill Rigler are always at each other's throats. Each regards the other as his special personal affliction. One day at the Polo grounds Rigler ordered the Giant manager off the coaching line, and then there followed a series of jibes and jeers from the bench that nettled the arbiter. Finally he shed his mask, walked over toward McGraw and declared himself. "If I hear any more guff," he said, "I'll get the guilty parties if I have to clean the whole bench to do it."

For several innings not a murmur was heard from the New York quarters. Then, after Rigler had loudly called what appeared to be a bad strike, came one loud guffaw. Rigler raced over, blood in his eye. "Who brayed?" he roared. "Go on, go on, Bill," McGraw replied, soothingly, "it was only your echo."

**Unchaperoned.**  
The poet invited the young lady to lunch in the bachelor apartment. Holding wild horses back was tame compared to holding that young lady back on the morning of the event. At last, at ten o'clock, she was allowed to go. As five winters and summers had been the extent of her sojourn in the world, a chaperon was considered unnecessary. The poet determined that his little friend should have just what she wanted for lunch and permitted her to order everything. Was it any wonder that the luncheon consisted of dill pickles, boiled tongue, potato salad, cheese, hard-boiled eggs, raising cake, bananas, cream puffs, ice cream, and a few more incidentals? When mother heard and after she had emptied the castor oil bottle, she declared that never again would a child of hers lunch with a poet without a chaperon.

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They are great for nervousness and as a body tonic. Postal brings free sample from Hot Springs, Ark.

**She Obeyed Orders.**  
A lady had invited to dinner an old friend who had lost his nose in an accident. Taking her young daughter aside before he arrived, she cautioned her to be careful to make no remarks about Mr. Hill's nose, as he was very sensitive about it. At the table Ethel, who had been studying the guest's face in apparent perplexity, turned inquiringly to her mother and asked: "Ma, why did you tell me to say nothing about Mr. Hill's nose? He hasn't got any."

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**Exception.**  
One evening the guests were all seated around the table earnestly talking on an important topic. Little Frank came running in shouting: "Papa, papa!"  
"Hush, Frank, little children should be seen and not heard."  
Frank subsided into silence and pensively sucked his finger. Later his father said: "Well son, what did you want to say before?"  
"Just that the bathtub was overflowing."

**Similarity.**  
Jackson—Whew! That's some cliff!  
Johnson—Seems to fascinate you.  
Jackson—Yes. That's the way my desk will look when I get back.—Judge.

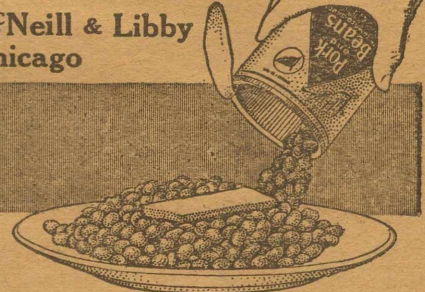
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"You'll gin'rally find 'em where the missus is, sir."

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"Why does the average legislature seem to be so opposed to women voters?"  
"Because it likes to do all the talking itself."

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Her Faith.

"My dear woman, are you an altruist?"  
"No, ma'am; I'm a hardshill Baptist."

Contrariwise.

"So you had trouble with your workers in the ice fields?"  
"Yes, they were perfect hotbeds of discontent."

Plea for Kitchen.

The kitchen should be the refinery, the laboratory, the factory of the home, and the pivotal point about which the activities of the home revolve. Costs should be considered thoughtfully; no scrap of food should be wasted. It can be and should be used again in various ways. By buying staple food supplies in large quantities from 15 to 30 per cent can be saved. Anyone wishing to do so may economize in this way. Housewives must not look upon their art as mere drudgery. They must bring education, intelligence and concentration into practice. They should learn, as manufacturers have, that the best results are to be obtained in a workshop that is well lighted, properly ventilated, and comfortably large, suitably furnished, and sanitary in all its equipments.—Dr. Adeline G. Soule, in Leslie's.

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### GILPIN HAPPENINGS

A fine rain, health good, crops growing.

Rev. Keen filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

John Randall, of Steel Hill, visited Sunday at Duck Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Lollar made a short visit to Gilpin Sunday afternoon.

The long looked for time has come. W. F. Sampson has finished his cistern.

L. W. Bilberry has quit using the washing machine and is now running the row binder.

Miss Ollie Adams, who has been attending the normal at Abilene, has returned home.

Mrs. Carl Parker, of Wichita county, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs, of Hall county, are visiting their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins.

L. W. Clark has returned from a visit to Cottle county. He reports fine crops in some sections of the country.

Rev. W. B. Bennett visited near Jayton Saturday and Sunday, and while there preached to a large audience. He reports crops doing well.

The Methodist meeting begins Thursday night, July 31. Everybody is cordially invited to come and lend their services to the Lord.

The singing school in progress by Mr. Rucker is a great help to the community. The pupils are learning fast.—A. Farmer.

G. A. Howsley returned this week from Albany where he has been several days with his family. One of his sons has been quite sick but is reported better at this time.

We received a card this week from W. A. North at Jayton stating that his wife is sick and not expected to live. Mrs. North has been in delicate health for some time.

Will Stephens returned Monday from the eastern markets where he has been some time to buy a new stock of goods for the Texas Furniture Company.

Mrs. L. W. Squyres and little son, of Lubbock, are expected to arrive soon for an extended visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Squyres at their home north of Spur.

County Tax Assessor T. J. Harrison was in Spur this week from his home north of Dickens. He reports crops in fine shape in his section of the country.

Miss Pearl Gunn, who has been spending a month with relatives on the Plains, returned to Spur and is spending the week here with friends.

Berry Pursley and wife and others of Jayton who made a trip through the country in autos to Colorado, returned last week.

J. H. Boothe came in Monday with a load of water melons and cantaloupes from his place near Spur.

C. J. Smith was in the city Tuesday from his place eight or nine miles west of Spur.

Miss Morris, of Haskell, is in the city visiting her brother, Dr. J. E. Morris and wife.

Miss Mamie Squyres returned this week from a six weeks visit to her sister at Milsap.

W. P. Sampson and family, of the Gilpin country, were in the city Thursday.

# AUGUST KILLER

**W**E have now come to the last long, hot summer month of 1913, and we want to make the best of it possible. To do so we want to ask you to make our store your headquarters and drink ice water with us. This is the last August we will have the pleasure of seeing in this great year 1913; therefore, you should have what you want to eat, and not wait until next month because cotton picking is getting near and things will look better. We want to ask you to prepare for these days by buying your groceries from us. They are first class and the price is right. Our candy stock is fresh and complete—just received two shipments. Good old time brown sugar—you know what it is. How are your chickens? We can use them if you can't—any and all kinds. Fresh vegetables and fruit when we can get them. Phone us your orders; both phones no. 24. Always quick service.

## Brannen Bros. Co.

### ASSESSING SCHOOL TAX

W. F. Godfrey is assessing the taxes of the Spur Independent School District this week, and since the school is in debt every tax payer is requested to render his property at a higher valuation for the school taxes than for county and state taxes. In this way it is hoped to get the school on a cash basis without cutting the expenses of the school.

The Texas Furniture Company is again doing business and have bargains to offer during the next week. Just received a new shipment of rugs and art squares of the very latest designs and patterns. They are beautiful and we will make the price worth your consideration. We also have a "porch swing" so constructed as will almost give perpetual motion and pleasure these long, summer days, and the price is also inviting. In furniture and house furnishings in stock we will sell at greatly reduced prices during next week. Come in and let us show you.—W. H. Stephens.

J. E. Shelton, postmaster at Roaring Springs, and Tom Dodson of near that place, were in Spur Wednesday on business and greeting their friends. Mr. Shelton is very enthusiastic concerning the present building operations and future prospects of the new town, and he says that a solid foundation is now being laid for a solid, prosperous, modern town.

N. B. Fuquay was in Wednesday from the Red Mud country and hauled out household goods shipped here by his son, Lon Fuquay, who is returning to the Spur country from South Texas where he has been located the past year.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in the city Wednesday from his farm and ranch on Cat Fish. He reports that the Cat Fish country has had plenty rain and that crops are in the very finest condition at this time.

Luther Hindman's father and two brothers, of Van Zandt county, arrived in the city Wednesday and are spending the week with Luther and family and other relatives in the country.

W. S. Cooper, wife and children and Mr. and Mrs. French and Miss Creola Richburg spent last Wednesday afternoon and evening at Crow Springs and report a very enjoyable occasion.

Judge A. J. McClain came in Wednesday from his farm and ranch home on the Cat Fish and spent some time here on business. The Judge reports his section in fine shape.

Rev. Seaman, of Stamford, was in Spur this week and filled his regular appointment for the Episcopal church. The services were held at the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. George T. Barnes and little son returned this week from an extended visit to relatives at DeLeon and other places in that section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, who have been visiting their sons, Cephus and Ned Hogan, returned this week to their home in Bell county.

E. C. Edmonds and family and Mrs. Johnson and son, Scott, are spending the week on the Plains visiting friends and relatives.

Luke Attebury returned last week from Roaring Springs and is again at his former place with the Spur Hardware Company.

### FATHER, WHY IS THIS?



While Texas has the largest permanent fund for education, yet she actually spends less per student than practically all the other states of the Union.—Texas Welfare Commission.

Spur merchants and business men are offering a handsome cash premium for the first five hundred pound bale grown this year within the Spur trade territory and marketed in Spur. This premium offer is merely an advertisement of the fact that again this fall Spur will maintain the best and highest price cotton market and to further enrich and extend the produce market and trade territory.

If your neighbor is not a regular subscriber to the Texas Spur we will appreciate the favor if you will tell him to come in and have his name added to the list. We promise to give him a dollar's worth during the year.

Conductor Keith, of the Stamford and Northwestern Railway Co., is contemplating the building of a brick or concrete house on his business property in Spur.

Emmett Kutch, of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur this week and spent some time here on business.

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### REPAIRING.....

We do superior watch, clock and jewelry repairing on short notice and at the very lowest cost to you at which it can consistently be done.

**GUARANTEED JEWELRY, WATCHES, CLOCKS, HAND PAINTED CHINA, CUT GLASS AND DIAMONDS AT PRICES THAT CAN'T BE UNDERSOLD!**

### GRUBEN,

The Jeweler, Spur, Tex.

Wyley Conway returned this week from Wichita Falls and other points where he has been spending several days.

Horace Wade, of Floyd county, was in Spur last week on business and to visit W. S. Cooper and family.

J. H. McCamant was a recent business visitor in the city from his farm and ranch in the Red Mud country.

Mrs. J. A. Koon is spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winkler, of near Draper.

The best car in the world for the money is the Ford. See J. L. Gilbert, sub-agent, at garage, 35th

Dr. Blackwell was in the city one day this week from Dickens and spent some time here.

Dr. Grace went to Jayton Wednesday on professional business.