

Don't Forget The Date Of The Big Celebration

THE BEST CELEBRATION EVER OCCURRING IN WEST

Elaborate preparations for the comfort and entertainment of the thousands of visitors expected to attend the big picnic and barbecue, which will be in connection with the Old Soldiers reunion at Spur on Friday and Saturday, the fifth and sixth of September, are being made by the picnic management. Nothing that would add to the galaxy of the occasion is being overlooked, and without doubt this will be the biggest and best celebration of this nature ever occurring in this section of West Texas.

The first day of the occasion will be a basket picnic and it is urged that all the ladies who possibly can to have prepared a well filled basket, which should be delivered at the grounds in plenty of time for dinner. This occasion will be a picnic not only of the people of Spur, but of those of the entire Spur country as well, and, therefore, every family from this section who attends the first day has an invitation to bring a basket and assist in being the host at dinner to the large number of visitors expected on this occasion.

On the second day the visitors will be guests of the city at an old fashioned barbecue, which will be properly cooked and served and furnished in abundance for every body.

The entertaining features for the two days are the best that could be secured. In addition to the ferris wheel and carry-us-all vaudeville and other shows, base ball, races, addresses by speakers of renowned ability and other entertaining and instructive features will form an endless variety of fun and amusement. A concert band will furnish music for the two days. On the grounds will be plenty of ice water and every requirement for the comfort and convenience of visitors.

Everybody throughout this entire section of West Texas is expected to attend both days of this big celebration. Your old friends and acquaintances will be here expecting to meet you. Indeed, this will be an occasion you cannot well afford to miss.

CAR OF PIPING ARRIVES

Material to be used in the construction of the Spur Waterworks System have begun to arrive in Spur, the first car of piping for the laying of feeders from the mains having been unloaded Monday. Other shipments will follow until material to complete the system has been received.

Nothing definite as to when construction work on the system will be begun can now be obtained, but the city officials having the matter in charge are lending their best efforts to the end that the work be commenced without delay and citizens of the city can rest assured that Spur will have a completed system of water-works at the earliest possible date.

UNION TENT MEETINGS BEING LARGELY ATTENDED

According to announcements previously published in the Texas Spur, the protracted meeting under the auspices of the several religious denominations of the city and conducted by the Rev. Jno. E. McLean of Fort Worth, was begun Sunday, and the services will probably continue throughout all of next week.

The meetings are held twice each day, at 10 o'clock in the morning and at 8 in the evening, under a large tent on Burlington Avenue near the business part of the city. The services are largely attended, and as Rev. McLean is one of the most powerful divines in the evangelistic field of Texas and the Christian denominations of the city are becoming aroused to the needs of a genuine revival, it is expected that much good will be accomplished for the cause of Christ before the series of services are brought to a close.

The general public is most cordially invited to attend these meetings.

HAMMILL-HENSON

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henson on Thursday, August 21, when their daughter, Miss Mary Grace Henson, was united in marriage to Mr. James C. Hammill of Temple, Texas.

The house was tastefully decorated with potted plants, ferns and love vines. The guests were received by Mrs. J. D. Reagan, Miss Elnora Dunn and Mrs. George Bennett. After the singing of the pre-nuptial solo, "Love's Old Sweet Song," by Mrs. F. F. Mace, Miss Minnie Fite at the organ and E. C. Edmonds on the violin took up the strains of the "Bridal Chorus" form "Lohengrin." Miss Ethel Henson and Miss Ruby Reagan then formed an isle of white draperies to the door through which Rev. R. A. Stewart advanced and took his place in the archway prepared for the occasion. The bride followed on the arm of the groom and as the music died away the beautiful ceremony of the Methodist church was performed. After congratulations from their friends the newly married couple left on the afternoon train for their future home in Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammill are both well known in Spur, and their many friends wish them prosperity and joy as they journey through life. Numerous useful and beautiful gifts attest in part the esteem in which they are held in the community.—Contributed.

MARRIED

Frank York and Miss McAteer prominent young people of the Spur country, were married last week in Mew Mexico. The Texas Spur joins their many friends in wishing them a long and prosperous wedded life together.

GOOD THINGS

Well our buyers are just back from the Eastern markets where they spent time in carefully selecting merchandise of the very best in quality and price, and we want you to inspect the goods as they come in. We do not say it boastfully, but we do believe from many years experience and by bulking the buying for all our stores, we buy merchandise at a price that smaller quantity buyers cannot buy for, and we realize that crop conditions are not flattering, so we are going to offer our goods at prices that will make them move. So you will make no mistake by seeing our goods. We will have the largest stock we have ever had.

Now men, you may think you have to order tailor made suits to get a fit, but we have solved that problem for you, and can now offer you a suit for \$17.50 as well tailored as any suit you can buy from any tailoring house at \$25. We have tailoring books, too, but there is absolutely no use in wasting your money—save \$7.50 on your suit. That will buy you a good overcoat. All we ask is to have you come and try on one of our Style Plus \$17 Suits and you will be convinced. Part of our fall stock is already in.

We are unloading a car of Peter Schutler Wagons today. Not any cheaper but better than any wagon offered on this market. Why not have the best?

We have in transit a car of the celebrated Banner Buggies, and as conditions are bad, we are going to put a price on them that will make them move. How about a top buggy at \$40?—Look out mail order houses. It takes \$10 to pay the freight; so this would mean \$30 at the factory. Now we are in the buggy game, and if you are going to need a buggy at any time within the next year now is the time to buy, for we must sell this car at a cheap price. Look for rain this week if we are allowed to prophesy.

Remember we have the celebrated Star Windmills, in steel and wood wheels, and we are just unloading a lot of pipe we bought cheap. We can save you money on your piping.

"The more we count our blessings the more blessings we have to count. Misfortune is often fortune in disguise. It is said that the whisper of a dollar can be heard further than the loud est call of duty."

Let us not be discouraged by the present outlook. It is never as bad as we think. The hand at the helm will guide the old ship to a safe port. So our duty is to do our very best. Come on and trade with us. We want your business. We appreciate your business and will give you your money's worth in merchandise.—Bryant-Link Company.

FIRST BALE OF COTTON IS RECEIVED TUESDAY

The first bale of cotton of the 1913 crop to be received in Spur was grown by J. A. Davenport, of the Gilpin country, and was brought to Spur Tuesday. On account of neither of the gins being ready to handle the cotton, Mr. Davenport will not get his cotton ginned until some time next week, at which time the Swenson gin will begin ginning operations for the season.

The business and professional men of the city have been offering a cash premium of about twenty dollars for the first bale of cotton marketed in Spur this season and this together with the market value of the cotton should bring Mr. Davenport about seven-five dollars on his premium bale.

John Ashton, of the Cat Fish country, came in Wednesday with the first bale from his farm and within a few days the cotton crop throughout this entire section will be coming on the market.

Throughout the cotton season the buyers of Spur will, as heretofore, maintain the distinction of the town as being the best cotton market in this section by paying the highest market price for all cotton brought here.

ICE CREAM SUPPER

The ladies of the Baptist Church gave an ice cream supper Thursday night of last week on the street near the Spur Bottling Works building. The proceeds of the supper, which amounted to about twenty dollars, will be used for benevolent purposes.

SETTLERS CONTINUE TO BUY SPUR FARM LANDS

The Spur Farm Lands management reports the sale of three tracts of land last week, each tract having been sold to actual settlers who will improve their purchases into substantial farm homes and become identified in the development of the Spur country.

The sales made last week are as follows:

Alonzo Lollar of a few miles east of Spur, one quarter section; R. McDaniel of the Girard country, one quarter section, and A. C. Miller of Tuttle, Oklahoma, one quarter section. The land purchased by Mr. Lollar lies about six miles east of Spur, while the tracts purchased by Messrs. McDaniel and Miller are in the Girard country.

While here last week Mr. Tuttle reported that the crops this year in Oklahoma would be almost an entire failure on account of the prolonged drouth throughout that section of the country and that many people there were leaving and planning to leave for other and more favored localities. He expressed confidence in the Spur country from an agricultural viewpoint and stated that the crops here, though greatly damaged and retarded by the dry weather and hot winds, were better than those of other sections of Texas and Oklahoma.

The management further reports that other prospectors are here looking over the country with a view of buying land, and no doubt other sales will be made during the week.

AUCTION SALE!

On Saturday, August 30, on the Street in front of Bryant-Link Co., at 3 o'clock P. M., I will sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash the following household goods

1 White Sewing Machine, brand new; cost.....	\$65.00
1 Vernis-Martin Bed Stead; cost.....	16.50
1 Oak Dresser; cost.....	12.50
1 Oak Wash Stand; cost.....	5.00
1 Oak Rocker; cost.....	7.00
1 Oak Center Table; cost.....	2.00
4 Oak Stool Chairs, at 2.00; cost.....	8.00
2 Cane Bottom Chairs, at 75c; cost.....	1.50
1 Kerosene Oil Stove, 3 burner; cost.....	14.50
1 Batchelor Heater, a good one; cost.....	5.00
1 New Cotton Mattress, 40 pounds; cost.....	12.00
1 Cotton Mattress, 30 pounds; cost.....	5.00
1 Good Pair Bed Springs; cost.....	5.00
1 Pair Bed Springs; cost.....	4.50
1 Oak Extension Dining Table; cost.....	17.00
4 Kindergarden Chairs, at 1.00; cost.....	4.00
1 Kitchen Table; cost.....	4.00
1 Large Trunk; cost.....	7.40

NUMEROUS OTHER HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ALL IN GOOD CONDITION, ACTUALLY GOES TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!

DON'T FORGET THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE SALE

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OUR NEIGHBOR MARS.

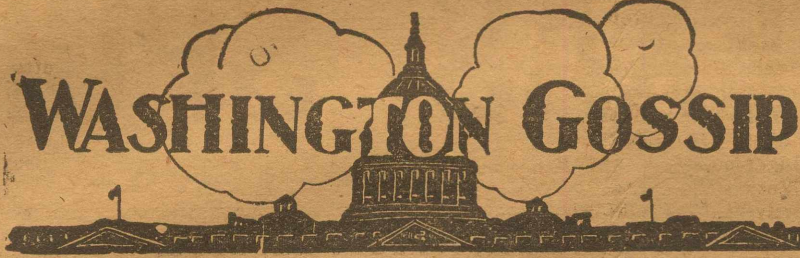
Now comes the famous astronomer Professor Worthington, to support Professor Lowell's idea that Mars is inhabited by a superior race of beings; that they are far ahead of the human race that people the earth. They must be entirely different, for all the physical conditions are wholly unlike those on the earth. Water there boils at 110 degrees, and the atmosphere is less dense and both are slowly disappearing. This fact, according to the evolutionary idea, will cause the physical natures of the people there to change or it will soon be a dead world. Its destiny is very interesting to us, for what will become of the Martian people will become of us. This whole universe started with mind. Its first objective force was light; and then on to every form of matter. Mars is going back to its first estate, and its dwindling material forces are being succeeded by spirit. The receding air and water have excited their intelligence to the utmost to provide physical conditions in harmony with their needs. This very effort has lifted them up to a higher intellectual plane. So Mars teaches the doctrine, from matter to spirit, and probably, some day, the earth will learn the lesson.

Candles in birthday cakes is a German custom adopted into this country. The candles are equal in number to the years of the celebrant. A thick one in the middle is called the "lebenslicht" (the light of life). Only he or she who celebrates his birthday may put out the "light of life;" it is unlucky if done by any other member of the family. We see in the lights the symbols of life and its portions the years; and what sign for them could be more beautiful than light? Death was represented by the ancients as the genius with a turned down torch. When we refer to a man living too long we say "he is burning the candle at both ends." One of the folktales collected by Bechstein shows death introducing a man into a cavern and showing him a number of candles burning, some nearly burnt to the end. These candles represent the lives of men. Macbeth, speaking of life, says: "Out, out, brief candle." Undoubtedly light being taken as the symbol of life was the suggestion of candles for the birthday cake.

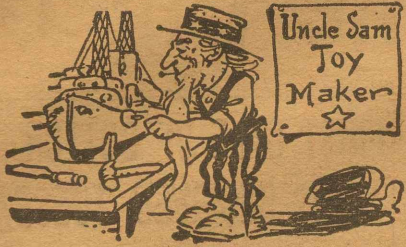
American architecture has two starting points—the home and the office. In both it has done much copying and experimenting, and made not a few mistakes. But in both it is winning to solid ground at last and achieving new, beautiful and lasting work. The typical office building is the steel skyscraper. This, when treated as a skyscraper, is one of the most impressive forms of architecture on earth. Not to mention local examples, the West street and Woolworth buildings in New York, have a beauty all their own—a towering grandeur which owes little to buildings of any earlier age. No single type of building will become universal as a home in a country as vast as America. The colonial house, the "mission" house, the bungalow and many other forms are used by progressive architects. The French chateau has left a lasting impress on the designs of more costly homes. But the age of imitation is past. Homes nowadays are being built for comfort and beauty, not in servile copy of "classic" styles.

Judging by the amount they are alleged to expend for music it would seem that the inhabitants of the United States, of all people in the world, should be free from inclination to "treason, strategem and spoils." For why? Because they have music in their souls! John C. Freund, the veteran editor of Musical America, declares that the Americans spend for music the enormous sum of \$600,000,000 per year. Mr. Freund seems to think the aggregate cost of maintaining the army and navy in time of peace is \$100,000,000 per annum. In fact, in 1912 it was half as much again, or nearer \$300,000,000 per annum. Perhaps his estimate of the cost of music is as much too high as his estimate of the cost of the army and navy is too low.

A university girl in her commencement oration declares "freedom has degenerated." This statement from such a source will, no doubt, make the leaders of the nation sit up and take notice.



Uncle Sam Manufactures Some Expensive Toys



WASHINGTON.—In the midst of the ponderous national duties which constantly beset him, Uncle Sam finds time to indulge in the occupation of toymaker, an occupation which makes him beloved by children and admired by grown-ups who may never hope to see the mighty originals of the wonderful toys.

Three rooms in a tiny brick building, tucked away in a secluded corner of the Washington navy yard, where the thunder of giant machinery making mighty guns is shut out and the everlasting crashing of metal is faint and dim, constitute the toy shop for things marine.

Six of Uncle Sam's most able assist-

ants, all experts in their line, are employed here steadily turning out the expensive playthings. There is one workman laboriously threading wire into a long cage. Here is another slowly carving with small instruments many pieces of wood that dovetail perfectly once their jigsaw individualities are united in a whole. There is another with a tiny brazier melting small pigs of metal with anxious care, and far in a shadowy corner another is arranging his paints.

A room in the building of the army signal corps is the home of the army toy, the tiny field gun, the mule team with animals complete, all less than three feet long; the miniature field hospital and a horde of other things.

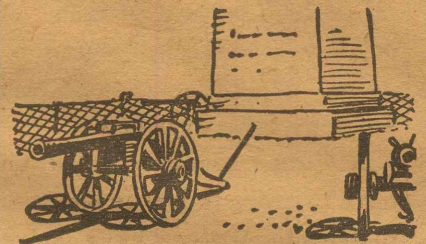
Uncle Sam's toyshop at the navy yard is wonderful. Here exact models—on a scale of one-quarter of an inch to one foot—of the mighty fighting craft of the nation are built. Tools no larger than a surgeon's lancet are used to cut and shape the hull, for every line in the miniature dreadnought is made according to the plans of the original. A mistake of one one-hundredth of an inch would be fatal.

Jackson Monument Guns Are Bronze Smoothbores

WITHIN the circular fence which girdles the green mound on which the Jackson monument stands in Lafayette square are four old field guns pointing outward from the corners of the white stone pedestal. They are slightly depressed.

The guns are bronze, muzzle-loading smoothbores, with a caliber of about two inches. They are crusted with the gray-green which comes to cannon with age and lends charm to antique ordnance.

The carriages have been freshly painted, the wood gray and the iron parts black. The carriages are well preserved. It seems impossible that they can be the original carriages of these guns. The wheels have wooden hubs as big as beer kegs, with fourteen spokes and seven fellos. The lynch pin through the spindle is of a pattern that was superseded several years ago by the new artillery hubcap fastening. The elevating screws, square wooden axles, square timber trails, the brackets for trail hand-



spike, the slings for rammer staffs and the trunnion seats and fastenings seem to mark these gun carriages as of the Civil war type of field artillery.

Two of the guns, those at the southeast and the northwest corners of the pedestal, have the ornamented handles that were common in seventeenth and eighteenth century French and Spanish ships' guns and fortress artillery. The guns at the southwest and northeast angles of the monument are without these handles. The guns with handles are chased on the barrel.

Says Failure to Kill Flies Is Blot Upon Civilization



THAT the failure to destroy house flies in a community is a blot on civilized methods of life is the opinion of Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture, who probably has made a more exhaustive study of the insect than any other scientist in America.

Doctor Howard is watching with interest the campaign against the pest and believes that the preventive methods being urged constitute the only feasible means of eradicating this source of danger to mankind.

The conclusion reached by the department of agriculture expert is that the fly acts as a freight train for the

output of Germville. The carrying of typhoid germs, he says, is the fly's chief asset, but, in addition, the insects manage to distribute a few hundred thousand tuberculosis, cholera, infantum and dysentery bacilli. As a general thing, every fly carries a quarter of a million bacilli and spends most of the summer months in scattering free samples wherever he goes.

A careful collection of garbage in cans, watertight floors for stables, absolute cleanliness and careful inspection by board of health employes are the fly-prevention methods suggested by Doctor Howard.

The final solution of the fly nuisance, he points out, must rest entirely on prevention—that is to say, the breeding places of flies must be done away with. The majority of flies being reared in stable refuse, it is stated, would seem to point the way for the successful abatement of the fly nuisance.

Dr. Arthur L. Murray of the District of Columbia health department, is supervising the local campaign.

Problem of Feeding the Help in Large Hotels

THE problem of feeding the help in large hotels has perplexed managers in every city in the world," said the head of one of Washington's largest hotels the other day. "The question is now being considered by many of the large hotels in this country whether it is cheaper to raise the salary of the employes and not to furnish them with meals or to provide regular meals for them.

"In many large hotels there is a class of help that is fed in the kitchen, while other employes have special dining rooms. The chambermaids, bellboys, porters, scrubwomen and all employes of the lower grade are fed usually from the help's kitchen. One of the leading hotels of Chicago allows the first officers \$90 per month for their meals, and they order from the regular menu. As this is the most exclusive house and the cafe prices are almost prohibitive, this amount is not too much to give any officer a fairly good meal. Two other hotels a little less pretentious allow the first of-



ficers 50 cents for breakfast, 75 cents for lunch and \$1 for dinner from a bill of fare prepared especially for them, the prices being about 25 per cent. less than a regular card. Second and third officers are furnished a menu, also especially prepared, giving them a soup, meat or fish, one vegetable, tea or coffee and a dessert. Several New York hotels have put their officers on a basis the same as mercantile business and engage their men on weekly salary, not including board, laundry or other side issues which have been so long customary with the hotel employe."

IN SUMMER MATERIAL

LINGERIE DRESSES FASHIONED FROM WHITE COTTON VOILE.

Has Many Advantages Which Make It Approach the Ideal for Hot Weather—Sketch Shows Pretty Embroidery Method.

Some of the most useful and charming lingerie dresses are fashioned from fine, white cotton voile, which launders satisfactorily and wears fairly well. Hand or machine needlework is a favorite trimming medium



White Voile Costume With Border Embroideries.

In a frock of this sort, oftentimes combines with cluny insertions or Irish lace.

This season, with the vogue for colorful embroideries, much can be done with thin materials that have colored border designs, whether hand worked or included in the weave.

Just how different are the methods of utilizing border embroideries for dress trimmings from those of other seasons is demonstrated in the model sketched for today. The material of the frock is a soft, fine white voile, with an oddly patterned border design outlined in coral and white floss.

The lower edge of the design is cut out in deep points and scallops, and this is used for the lower part of the blouse, with one of the points running up over either shoulder in front and in back. The rest of the blouse is of plain plaited voile made with elbow-length sleeves cut in one with the sides. A small, round collar finishes the neck, and a row of little coral buttons is set down the center front as trimming.

The tunic skirt has the cut-out border at the bottom, and is mounted evenly to the waist with gathers. The lower part of the underskirt is plaited.

DESIGN FOR LITTLE SISTER

Silk and Cotton Combined in Pretty Costume That Has Some Really New Features.

Pale blue silk and cotton material has been made up most charmingly for a little girl in this instance. The sleeves are trimmed with narrow plaited frills of the material and a black velvet sash passes under a strap buttoned down with black velvet buttons.



There is a round yoke edged with the plaited frilling, and over this little yoke lies a round collar of machine embroidery which fastens at the back. Pale blue silk stockings and buttoned strap slippers of white kid complete the dainty costume.

Square Necks Worn.

A peasant bodice cut out square to the bust line and filled in with folds of soft chiffon or net is gradually winning by a neck over the pointed decollete. As with all necks, whether round, square or V-shaped, it has its omnipresent ruche of plaited lace or net, and an original note on some of these gowns shows a fall of lace in the middle of the back from the upstanding de Medicis ruff—a jabot worn behind.

ed like the blouse and attached to a net foundation.

Black or coral colored satin may be used for the sash, which is tied in large loops at the back.—Washington Star.

"TUB" MATERIALS IN PLENTY

Among the Many Offered There is Ample Opportunity for Selection of Pretty Frock.

The tub frock has included washable voile in its materials this summer, and that dear old fabric has arisen from its ashes more delightfully useful and ornamental than ever, and makes the prettiest frocks for those who want something fairly thin, washable, that will wear a decent time, and which will look nice to the end. The washing crepons, among other popular materials, always look smart if well cut and worn, while, in my opinion, the most useful frock of all is of the handkerchief type, plain cambric or batiste with little hemstitched colored edges. It is extraordinarily how adaptable this type of frock is; simplicity being the order, it can be worn with the most country sort of hat, or by the addition of a not too elaborate but smart sash and a chapeau of a more afternoon description (still holding to the simple note), and the possible finish of a frilled collar and elbow cuffs, or a set in old embroidered net or muslin, it can be pressed into service for a far more important occasion. All the foregoing is to the address of the young person, and not to that of her mother—or even grandmother!—these fair ladies having a way of taking to themselves advice to the ingenue as a matter of course nowadays unless firmly told they must not!—London Queen.

COAT SUIT OF TAN EPONGE

Both in Cut and Materials Particularly Effective for the Young Girl's Wear.

A particularly beaming coat suit of eponge for a young girl is offered here as a suggestion.

Tan eponge was used for the suit with collar and turned-back cuff of the same material in white. A broad, stiffened belt of black velvet holds the blouse fullness of the coat. The blouse closes in slightly surplice effect above the belt, while the lower coat portion shows the cutaway influence. Buttons of black velvet with attendant buttonholes are placed just outside the shaped collar of white. The skirt is plain save for three deep tucks half way between knee and hem.



Fragrant Gift.

Gilded and uncolored baskets, containing each a bottle of delicate perfume decorated with a bow of ribbon or a bunch of flowers, make welcome little gifts.

HANDS NEED NOT BE ROUGH

Even the Busiest of Housewives Can Find Time for This Simple Beautifying Process.

Here are some useful hints, which if followed, will be found to produce excellent results in keeping the hands in good condition. The last thing at night, wash the hands with a good soap in not too hot water, and after they have been thoroughly cleansed (a soft nail-brush being permissible as long as the skin is not injured), in clean warm water to which a few drops of tincture of benzoic has been added.

Dry them on a soft towel and rub them well with cocoa butter, allowing it to sink into the skin. Massage the back of each hand and the fingers with the fingers of the other hand, rubbing them with the tips in a circular movement, and gradually working down to the nails.

Now rub over with olive oil, and put on a pair of old chamol leather gloves, which, if kept on all night, will make the skin soft, as well as nice and white.

In cleaning the nails never use a steel instrument or the points of the scissors. Stains and dirt can be removed by rolling a tiny wad of cotton-wool on the end of an orange stick and moistening it with diluted peroxide of hydrogen.

Pretty Brassiere.

A pretty brassiere is made of alternate strips of lace and beading, through which wide ribbon is threaded. Adjustable straps are used for evening wear.

MOLLY McDONALD

A TALE OF THE FRONTIER



By
RANDALL PARRISH
Author of "Keith of the Border," "My Lady of Doubt," "My Lady of the South," etc., etc.

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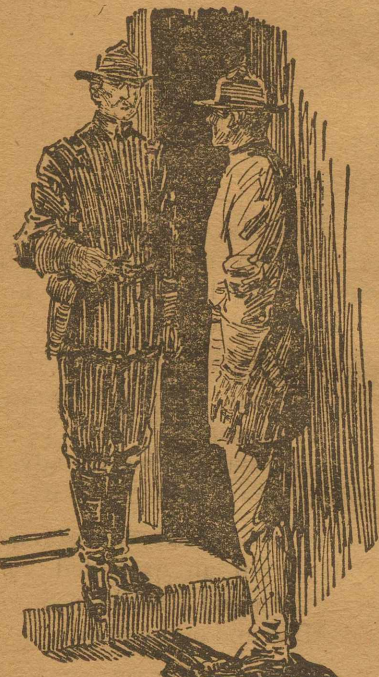
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SYNOPSIS.

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. Sergeant "Buck" Hamlin meets the stage in which Molly is traveling. They are attacked by Indians, and Hamlin and Molly escape in the darkness. Hamlin tells Molly he was discharged from the Confederate service in disgrace and at the close of the war enlisted in the regular army. He suspects one Captain LeFevre 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. Hamlin declares he has been looking for LeFevre to force him to clear his record. Later he overhears Dupont and a soldier hatching up a money-making plot. Molly seeks an interview with Hamlin. She says her father seems to be in the power of Mrs. Dupont, who claims to be a daughter of McDonald's sister. Molly disappears and Hamlin sets out to trace her.

CHAPTER XXI.—Continued.

He tramped along the brightly illuminated street, and out upon the dark road leading up the bluff to the fort, his mind occupied with the events of the evening, and those other incidents leading up to them. There was no doubt that Miss McDonald and her father had returned to their home. But what could he do to assist her? The very knowledge that she had voluntarily appealed to him, that she had come to him secretly with her trouble, brought strange happiness. Moreover his former acquaintance with Mrs. Dupont gave him a clue to the mystery. Yet how was he going to unravel the threads, discover the motive, find out the various conspirators? What were they really after? Money probably, but possibly revenge. What did the woman know which enabled her to yield such influence over McDonald? What was the trap they proposed springing? The Sergeant felt that he could solve these problems if given an opportunity, but he was handicapped by his position; he could not leave his troop, could not meet or mingle with the suspected parties; was tied, hand and foot, by army discipline. He could not even absent himself from the post without gaining special permission. He swore to himself over the hopeless-



"May I Ask if Major McDonald Has Returned to the Post?"

mess of the situation, as he tramped through the blackness toward the guard-house. The sentinel glanced at his pass, scrutinizing it by the light of a fire, and thrust the paper into his pocket. Hamlin advanced, and at the corner saluted the officer of the day, who had just stepped out of the guard-house door. "Good evening, Sergeant," the latter said genially. "Just in from town? I expect they are having some dance down there tonight." "Yes, sir," hesitatingly, and then venturing the inquiry: "May I ask if Major McDonald has returned to the post?" "McDonald? No," he glanced at his watch. "He had orders to go east to Ripley on the stage. That was due out about an hour ago." "To Ripley? By stage?" the Sergeant repeated the words, dazed. "Why—why, what has become of Miss McDonald?"

The officer smiled, shaking his head. "I'm sure I don't know, my man," he returned carelessly. "Come back with Barrett and his ladylove, likely. Why?" suddenly interested by the expression on the other's face. "What's happened? Is there anything wrong?"

CHAPTER XXII.

A Deepening Mystery.

Startled and bewildered as Hamlin was by this sudden revelation, he at once comprehended the embarrassment of his own position. He could not confess all he knew, certainly not the fact that the girl had met him secretly and had vanished while he was endeavoring to turn aside Mrs. Dupont. He must protect her at all hazards. To gain time, and self-control, he replied with a question:

"Did not Connors drive them down, sir?"

"Yes, the four of them."

"And Major McDonald knew then that he was ordered East?"

"No, the order came by telegram later. An orderly was sent down about ten o'clock. But, see here, Sergeant, I am no Bureau of Information. If you have anything to report, make it brief."

Hamlin glanced at the face of the other. He knew little about him, except that he had the reputation of being a capable officer.

"I will, sir," he responded quickly; "you may never have heard of the affair, but I was with Miss McDonald during a little Indian trouble out on the trail a few months ago."

The officer nodded. "I heard about that; Gaskins brought her in."

"Well, ever since she has seemed grateful and friendly. You know how some women are; well, she is that kind. Tonight she came to me, because she didn't seem to know whom else to go to, and told me of some trouble she was having. I realize, Captain Kane, that it may seem a bit strange to you that a young lady like Miss McDonald, an officer's daughter, would turn for help to an enlisted man, but I am telling you only the truth, sir. You see, she got it into her head somehow that I was square, and—and, well, that I cared enough to help her."

"Wait a minute, Sergeant," broke in Kane, kindly, realizing the other's embarrassment, and resting one hand on his sleeve. "You do not need to apologize for Miss McDonald. I know something of what is going on at this post, although, damn me if I've ever got on to the straight facts. You mean that Dupont woman?"

"Yes, she's concerned in the matter, but there are others also."

"Why couldn't the girl tell her father?"

"That is where the main trouble lies, Captain. Major McDonald seems to be completely under the control of Mrs. Dupont. He is apparently afraid of her for some reason. That is what Miss Molly spoke to me about. We were on the side porch at the hotel talking while the dancers were at supper—it was the only opportunity the girl had to get away—and Mrs. Dupont and her husband came into the parlor—"

"Her husband? Good Lord, I thought her husband was dead."

"He isn't. He's a tin-horn gambler, known in the saloons as 'Reb,' a big duffer, wearing a black beard."

"All right, go on; I don't know him."

"Well, I stepped into the room to keep the two apart, leaving the girl alone outside. We had a bit of talk before I got the room cleared, and when I went back to the porch, Miss Molly had gone."

"Dropped over the railing to the ground?"

"That's what I thought at the time, sir, but what happened to her after that? She didn't return to the hotel; she was not at the dance hall, and hasn't come back to the post."

"The hell you say! Are you sure?"

"I am; I searched for her high and low before I left, and she could not get in here without passing the guard-house."

Kane stared into the Sergeant's face a moment, and then out across the parade ground. A yellow light winked in the Colonel's office, occasionally blotted out by the passing figure of a sentry. The officer came to a prompt decision.

"The 'old man' is over there yet, grubbing at some papers. Come on over, and tell him what you have told me. I believe the lass will turn up all right, but it does look rather queer."

The Colonel and the Post Adjutant were in the little office, busy over a pile of papers. Both officers glanced up, resenting the interruption, as Kane entered, Hamlin following. The former explained the situation briefly, while the commandant leaned back in his chair, his keen eyes studying the younger man.

"Very well, Captain Kane," he said shortly, as the officer's story ended. "We shall have to examine into this, of course, but will probably discover the whole affair a false alarm. There is, at present, no necessity for alarming any others. Sergeant, kindly explain to me why Miss McDonald should have come to you in her distress?"

Hamlin stepped forward, and told the story again in detail, answering the Colonel's questions frankly.

"This, then, was the only time you have met since your arrival?"

"Yes, sir."

"And this Mrs. Dupont? You have had a previous acquaintance with her?"

"Some years ago."

"You consider her a dangerous woman?"

"I know her to be utterly unscrupulous, sir. I am prepared to state that she is here under false pretenses, claiming to be a niece of Major McDonald's. I do not know her real purpose, but am convinced it is an evil one."

The Colonel shook his head doubtfully, glancing at the silent adjutant.

"That remains to be proven, Sergeant. I have, of course, met the lady, and found her pleasant and agreeable as a companion. Deuced pretty, too; hey, Benson? Why do you say she masquerades as McDonald's niece?"

"Because her maiden name was Carson and the Major's sister married a man named Counts."

"There might have been another marriage. Surely McDonald must know."

"Miss Molly says not, Colonel. He has known nothing of his sister for over twenty years, and accepted this woman on her word."

"Well, well! Interesting situation; hey, Benson? Like to get to the bottom myself. Damm if it don't sound like a novel. However, the thing before us right now is to discover what has become of Miss McDonald. He straightened up in his chair, then leaned across the table. "Captain Kane, make a thorough examination of McDonald's quarters first. If the girl is not found there, detail two men to accompany Sergeant Hamlin on a search of the town."

"Very well, sir; come on, Sergeant."

"Just a moment—if we find the trail leads beyond the town are we authorized to continue?"

"Certainly, yes. Adjutant, write out the order. Anything more?"

"I should prefer two men of my own troop, sir, mounted."

"Very well; see to it, Captain."

The two men walked down past the dark row of officers' houses, the Sergeant a step to the rear on the narrow cinder path. McDonald's quarters were as black as the others, and there was no response from within when Kane rapped at the door. They tried the rear entrance with the same result—the place was plainly unoccupied.

"Pick out your men, Hamlin," the Captain said sternly, "and I'll call the stable guard."

Ten minutes later, fully equipped for field service, the three troopers circled the guard-house and rode rapidly down the dark road toward the yellow lights of the town. The Sergeant explained briefly the cause of the expedition, and the two troopers, experienced soldiers, asked no unnecessary questions. Side by side the three men rode silently into the town, and Hamlin swung down from his saddle at the door of the dance hall. With a word to the guard he crossed the floor to intercept Mrs. Dupont. The latter regarded his approach with astonishment, her hand on Captain Barrett's blue sleeve.

"Certainly not," she replied rather sharply to his first question. "I am not in charge of Miss McDonald. She is no doubt amusing herself somewhere; possibly lying down over at the hotel; she complained of a headache earlier in the evening. Why do you come to me?"

"Yes," broke in the Captain, "that is what I wish to know, Hamlin. By what authority are you here?"

"The orders of the Colonel commanding, sir," respectfully, yet not permitting his glance to leave the woman's face. "You insist then, madam, that you know nothing of the girl's disappearance?"

"No!" defiantly, her cheeks red.

"Nor of what has become of Connors, or your ranch manager?"

She shrugged her shoulders, endeavoring to smile.

"The parties mentioned are of very small interest to me."

"And Major McDonald," he insisted, utterly ignoring the increasing anger of the officer beside her. "Possibly you were aware of his departure?"

"Yes," more deliberately; "he told me of his orders, and bade me goodbye later. So far as Connors is concerned, he was to have the carriage here for us at two o'clock. Is that all, Mr. Sergeant Hamlin?"

"You better make it all," threatened

the Captain belligerently, "before I lose my temper at this infernal impertinence."

Hamlin surveyed the two calmly, confident that the woman knew more than she would tell, and utterly indifferent as to the other.

"Very well," he said quietly, "I will learn what I desire elsewhere. I shall find Miss McDonald, and discover what has actually occurred."

"My best wishes; I am sure," said the lady patted the Captain's arm gently. "We are losing this waltz."

There was but one course for Hamlin to pursue. He had no trail to follow, only a vague suspicion that these plotters were in some way concerned in the mysterious disappearance. Thus far, however, they had left behind no clue to their participation. Moreover he was seriously handicapped by ignorance of any motive. Why should they desire to gain possession of the girl? It could not be money, or the hope of ransom. What then? Was it some accident which had involved her in the toils prepared for another? If so, were those unexpected orders for Major McDonald a part of the conspiracy, or had their receipt complicated the affair? The Sergeant was a soldier, not a detective, and could only follow a straight road in his investigation. He must circle widely until he found



"I Am Not in Charge of Miss McDonald."

some trail to follow as patiently as an Indian. There would be tracks left somewhere, if he could only discover them. If this was a hasty occurrence, in any way an accident, something was sure to be left uncovered, some slip reveal the method. He would trace the movements of the father first, and then search the saloons and gambling dens for the two men. Though unsuccessful with Mrs. Dupont, he knew how to deal with such as they.

The stage agent was routed out of bed and came to the door, revolver in hand, startled and angry.

"Who?" he repeated. "Major McDonald? How the hell should I know? Some officer went out—yes; heavy set man with a mustache. I didn't pay any attention to him; had government transportation. There were two other passengers, both men, ranchers, I reckon; none in the station at all. What's that, Jane?"

A woman's voice spoke from out the darkness behind.

"Was the soldier asking if Major McDonald went East on the coach, Sam?"

"Sure; what do you know about it?"

"Why, I was outside when they started," she explained, "and the man in uniform wasn't the Major. 'I know him by sight, for he's been down here a dozen times when I was at the desk. This fellow was about his size, but dark and stoop-shouldered."

"And the others?" asked Hamlin eagerly.

"I didn't know either of them, only I noticed one had a black beard."

"A very large, burly fellow?"

"No, I don't think so. I didn't pay special attention to any of them, only to wonder who the officer was, 'cause I never remembered seein' him here before at Dodge, but, as I recollect, the fellow with a beard was rather undersized; had a shaggy buffalo-skin cap on."

Plainly enough the man was not Dupont, and McDonald had not departed on the stage, while some other, pretending to be he, possibly wearing his clothes to further the deceit, had taken the seat reserved in the coach. Baffled, bewildered by this unexpected discovery, the Sergeant swung back into his saddle, not knowing which way to turn.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Land of Small Opportunity.
Census reports from the Panama canal zone give the population there today as 63,810, of which about 42,000 are employees of the canal commission the Panama railroad and of the various canal contractors. Generally speaking, the soil is not suitable for farming. It is not likely that Americans will be attracted, and since other occupants than Americans, for obvious reasons, are not desirable Colonel Goethals is in favor of the population of the zone, except so far as it will be occupied by canal operatives and by the military necessary for the protection of the canal.

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"Cake?" echoed the woman in surprise. "Isn't bread good enough for you?"

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

J. W. Peters, a prominent citizen of near Guthrie in King county, was in Spur Monday and purchased supplies of the local merchants. Mr. Peters also hauled out lumber and other building material with which to make improvements on his place.

J. E. Shelton, post master at Roaring Springs, was in the city the first of the week and spent some time here on business and greeting his former friends and associates.

Mrs. F. W. West returned Sunday to her home near Spur from a several days visit to relatives and friends in San Saba county.

Burton Love, manager of the Love Brothers gin at Dickens, was in the city Saturday and spent some time here.

O. O. Love, merchant of Roaring Springs, was in the city this week and spent some time here on business.

Lost—Crescent broach with 5 pearls and 1 ruby on leaf background. Return to Texas Spur.

Dr. Blackwell was a recent business visitor in Spur from his home at Dickens.

Neal Holman made a business trip Sunday to Crosbyton.

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J. E. Wright, one of the most prominent citizens of the Croton country, was in Spur the first of the week on business and spent some time here.

M. C. Cowsert, of Midlothian, was in Spur last week and spent some time here on business and prospecting over the country.

R. T. Johnson, a prominent citizen of Midlothian, was in Spur this week and spent some time here on business.

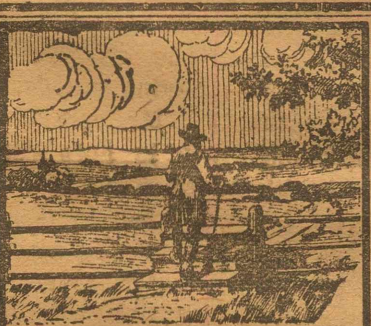
W. A. Young, a prominent citizen of Knox City, was a recent business visitor in the city.

Chas. Perrin and wife, of near Afton, were in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants.

Full blood Plymouth Rock roosters to trade for frying chickens.—Mrs. H. T. Burgoon.

J. H. Roland, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

J. F. Vernon returned Sunday from a business trip to Stamford and other points.



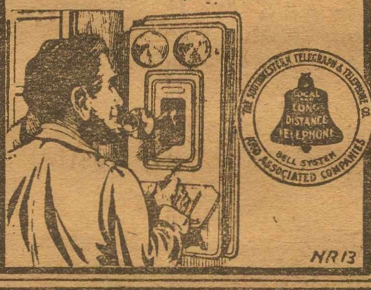
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W. F. Walker was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm home one and one-half miles southeast of Spur and was here several hours trading with the merchants and on other business.

T. L. Cowsert, one of the most prominent citizens of the Steel Hill country, was among the many citizens in Spur Saturday from the surrounding country.

I. G. VanLier and wife were in the city Saturday from their farm home in the Dry Lake community and spent several hours here trading.

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

Chas. Elam, of Knox City, was in Spur Saturday.

S. W. Rather was in the city Friday from his ranch on Cat Fish and purchased supplies of the merchants. He reports that his section of the country is getting dry and unless rain should come within the next few days the farmers will suffer a short crop and but little grass will be on the ranges for fall and winter pasture.

Miss Effie Johns, who has been in Cleburne during the past several months visiting relatives and friends, returned Friday to her home near Spur.

Miss Mary Jane Smith, of Stamford, was in Spur last week to attend the Harrill-Henson wedding and also to visit friends in the city.

J. M. Neely, of Hamlin, was in the city several days of this week visiting his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens.

if you want to live long and prosper, subscribe for The Texas Spur and read it closely, advertisements as well as news items.

Miss Lillian Grace returned Sunday from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Stamford, Hico and other points.

Mrs. P. H. Miller returned last week from Jacksboro where she had been spending some time with relatives.

Jim McArthur was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home in the Tap country.

W. A. Johnson was in Spur the latter part of last week from his Dockum Stock Farm.

N. Q. Brannen returned Sunday from Jayton where he had been visiting relatives.

J. E. Murphey, of the Croton country, was a recent business visitor in the city.

Mrs. Keith and Miss Yates, of Stamford, were in the city Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. King, who have been spending several days in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter, returned last week to their home at Hamlin. Miss Mary Riter accompanied them on their return home and will remain in Hamlin some time visiting.

H. Hisey and family, who have been visiting D. G. and Fred Hisey and families of the city, returned Sunday to their homes in Stamford.

A. Q. Smelser was in Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home a few miles north of town.

Spur is making elaborate preparations for the entertainment and comfort of all visitors who attend the two days celebration here September 5 and 6. This will be the biggest picnic and barbecue ever occurring in West Texas and an occasion you cannot well afford to miss.

C. D. Copeland came in Monday from his farm home six miles east of Spur and spent the day here greeting his friends and attending to business affairs.

W. J. Elliott was in the city the latter part of last week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch.

RELIEVED OF CASH

A Hutchingson, of the Paddle Ranch, was in the city Friday and Saturday buying supplies of the merchants. Mr. Hutchingson made a trip to Fort Worth and while there some discreet person found the secret pocket in his trousers, relieving him of eighty dollars in cash. Mr. Hutchingson reports that the Fort Worth police have three suspects under arrest, but that the recovery of the stolen money is very improbable.

Mace Hunter was in the city Saturday from his farm home a few miles east of Spur. We failed to learn of Mace the condition of his crops since the continued hot, dry weather, but noted that the prosperity smile which he usually wears was absent from his face.

Perry Fite returned Sunday from Fort Worth where he had gone with a load of hogs. Mr. Fite reports crops over the country between Spur and Ft. Worth are burning up as a result of the continued hot, dry weather.

County Judge O. S. Ferguson and daughter, of Dickens, were in Spur Sunday and left on the afternoon train for East Texas where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

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Oran McClure spent several days of this week in Fort Worth and Dallas on business. His son, Weldon, accompanied him on the trip.

Robert Campbell was a business visitor to Spur Saturday from his farm home southwest of the city.

Judge N. R. Morgan, of Dickens, was in Spur Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen were in the city Saturday from their farm home in the Dry Lake community and spent some time here trading. While in the city Mrs. Allen was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Tol Merriman, of four miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and attending to business affairs.

H. P. Cole, of eight miles north of Spur, was among the many citizens who were in the city Saturday.

Sol Davis left Sunday for Dallas where he will buy dry goods for the Davis establishment.

Mr. Overby, of Roby, is in the city under the masseur treatment of Dr. Duke.

W. G. Broyles and wife are in Austin on a visit to his father.

Attorneys R. S. Holman and B. D. Glasgow of Spur, and B. G. Worswick of Dickens, are in Seymour this week attending District Court.

Geo. S. Link returned Saturday from Baltimore where he spent several days buying goods for the Bryant-Link Company stores.

Mrs. L. W. Davis and little son left Sunday for Dallas where the child will be placed under the treatment of an eye specialist.

W. F. Shugart, a prominent citizen of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

Andrew Swenson, of Stamford, was in Spur Friday looking after the Swenson interests in this section.

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TELL A MAN'S NATIONALITY

By the Way an Egg is Eaten One May Discover Country From Which Consumer Comes From.

Sherlock Holmes might have figured this out, but he did not. The average Englishman will always demand his egg boiled just three minutes, then he places it in an egg cup just large enough to comfortably have the egg fit in, taps the top of the shell and removes the broken shell with his fingers. The egg is eaten a spoonful at a time.

A Frenchman, much like the Englishman, likes his eggs of three minutes, exactly. He then "peels" them, places them in a glass, stirs and mixes well together with salt, pepper and butter. He makes a practice of dipping bread into the mixture and eating it along with the eggs.

A Spaniard wouldn't think of letting his eggs boil more than one minute. He then breaks it and lets the contents run into the glass, and consumes it as though he were draughting down a glass of wine.

An egg is only fit in an Italian's estimation when it has been placed in cold water and removed just as the water begins to boil. He then breaks it, pours it on a plate and proceeds to sop it up with bread.

The German, like the Italian, demands his eggs as near the liquid state as possible. He breaks his eggs in an unsightly cup and scoops the liquid out as though it were soup.

The American is about the only one that prefers his eggs boiled hard. When they are served up to him, he knives them in half, removes the contents into a glass, after which he adds a plentiful supply of pepper, butter and salt. He then mashes the eggs fine, mixing them well with the spices, and eats them with his toast.

SHEEP AND DOG IN HARNESS

Somewhat Difficult Task Undertaken and Successfully Carried Out by Wisconsin Boy.

Teaching a sheep and dog to do teamwork in drawing a cart was the somewhat difficult task undertaken and successfully carried out by the boy shown in the cart. He likewise planned and made the harness, says the Popular Mechanics. The queer team was not trained for show but



Boy Drives Sheep and Dog Together. for use, and when the boy owner, Louis Held, of Lyons, Wis., was asked to lend himself and team as one of the attractions at a county fair he refused on the grounds that it would worry the sheep and disturb the even temper of the dog.

RIDDLES.

Why ought a greedy man to wear a plaid waistcoat?
To keep a check upon his stomach.

When does a son not take after his father?
When his father leaves him nothing to take.

Why do knapsacks resemble hand-cuffs?
Because both are made for tourists (two wrists).

What animal would you like to be on a cold day?
A little 'otter.

Why are strawberries like the letter "n"?
Because they make ice nice.

When is a wall like a fish?
When it is scaled.

We travel much, yet prisoners are, and close confined to boot,
We with the swiftest horse keep pace,
Yet always go on foot?
A pair of spurs.

What is that which you cannot hold ten minutes, although it is as light as a feather?
Your breath.

When has a man brown hands?
When he's tann'd 'em (tandem) driving.

FAVORITE SHADOW PICTURES

Illustration Shows How Swan and Elephant's Head May Be Produced—Practice Required.

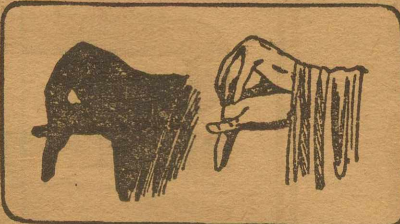
The swan is always a favorite shadow picture. It is made by crooking the first finger and thumb, and keeping the other fingers in a line in order to produce the head. Place the thumb of the second hand against the



Swan Shadowgraph.

upper part of the arm, and open the fingers slowly, moving the outstretched fingers of the first hand until they touch the tip of the second. The effect of the plucking and preening the feathers of the wing will, if well and naturally done, be most realistic. This shadowgraph requires some little practice.

An elephant's head requires one hand on the top of the other, and a small handkerchief thrown over the



Elephant's Head.

wrist so as to fall down in front; the first finger of the lower hand must act for the trunk, which may be swayed to and fro.

LARGE HEAD OF THINKERS

They Keep Right on Growing as Long as Brains Are Active—Opinion of Expert Given.

After 25 humans beings are not supposed to grow except to put on weight, increase their waist measure or grow stout all over, but the claim has been made by J. Millot Severn, an English phrenologist, that there are many instances where the human head continues to grow and that men's heads have been known to increase in size after they were 40 years old. Mr. Severn's claim is of much interest, regardless of the matter of phrenology, but they are actually new claims, for Dr. J. B. Mege, of Paris, says the brain does not become fully developed until a man is from forty-five to fifty years of age.

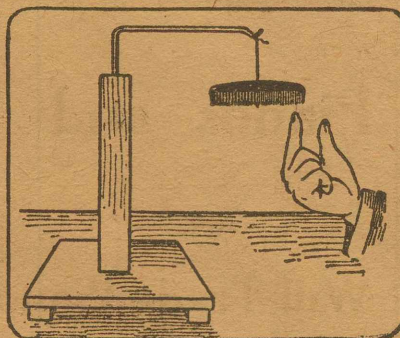
Mr. Severn says he has measured the heads of many prominent people from time to time and he has discovered by means of these measurements that the head continues to grow at a considerably greater age than is generally believed. By taking careful cranial measurements at various times of the same heads he is able to give figures.

He has, he says, taken measurements and examined measurements of more than a hundred thousand heads during the last 25 years, and he has come to the conclusion that just so long as the human brain is active and kept vigorously at work, it develops and the head increases, in very many instances, in size.

TO ELECTRIFY RUBBER COMB

By Rubbing It With Dry Flannel and Suspending by Thread It Will Follow One's Finger.

Electrify a rubber comb by rubbing it briskly with dry flannel. Suspend it as shown by a silk thread previously attached to it. When a finger is



Controlling Finger.

held under it the comb will follow the finger, turning round and round as the hand moves.—Popular Electricity.

A Terrible Infant. "Father," said the small boy, "what is nepotism?"

"A system by which a man lets his relations run the government."

After a silence the small boy resumed: "If they let the railroads run the government, would that be nepotism?"

SMILES

NOT NUMEROUS, BUT EARNEST.

"What's this hall lighted up for?" inquired the reporter.

"This is a meeting to protest against any further delay in putting lamps at the corners of this street," said the man occupying the big chair on the platform.

"You seem to be the only person here."

"Yes, and there ought to be a full house. I tell you, sir, it's a blamed outrage that this part of town has been neglected so long, and—"

"Say you're a pretty husky citizen. How much do you weigh?"

"Two hundred and thirty-nine pounds. What's that got to do with—"

"I'll just say 'the meeting was largely attended and full of enthusiasm.' Good-night."

Made the Sale.

"Let me see some of your black kid gloves," said a lady to a shop assistant.

"These are not the latest style, are they?" she asked when the gloves were produced.

"Yes, madam," replied the shopman, "we have had them in stock only two days."

"I didn't think they were because the fashion paper says black kids have tan stitches and vice versa. I see the tan stitches, but not the vice versa."

The shopman explained that vice versa was French for seven buttons, so she bought three pairs.

His "Herein" Was the Worry.

"I say, Sambo," asked a man of an improvident negro who had lost a job for the third of fourth time, "aren't you worried over the question of wherewithal to support you?"

"Lordy, Marse Henry," was the reply, "I ain't worryin' 'bout wherewithal; I's worryin' 'bout de wherefore fur de herein."

STARTING EARLY.



Mrs. Newwed—I'll never leave baby with my brother to mind again.
Mr. Newwed—Why not?
Mrs. Newwed—I left baby with him today and when I came home, the baby was playing with a pack of cards and a box of poker chips.

Never Again.

She smoked just one—
No more, you bet!
She calls it now
A "sickkarett."

Her Need.

Matrimonial Agent—What kind of a husband do you want?

Girl—One who doesn't smoke, drink or swear, who brings me chocolates and takes me to theaters and restaurants every day.

Matrimonial Agent—You don't want a husband. What you want is a beau.—Judge.

Basis for Calculation.

He—Before we go to Europe I must see vot dem dourist gompnies would charge.

She—Would you 'tink of goin' mit von dem gompnies?

He—No; but voteter dey would charge ve ought to be able to do it for less.—Puck.

Nothing Strange About That.

"Queenie, you are accustomed to speaking of yourself as exceedingly plain, but you don't know how your face grows on one!"

"Oh, yes, I do, George; it grew on me, didn't it?"

Unkind Thought.

Bacon—What has become of the old-fashioned bicycle rider who could get himself arrested for scorching?

Egbert—I expect he's scorching in some other world now.

One Exemption Sure.

Patience—A society has made Will an offer to buy all the songs he writes in a year.

Patrice—I know very well it can't be the Humane society.

Needless Alarm.

An old German farmer entered the office of a wholesale druggist one morning and addressed the proprietor: "Mister Becker, I have der schmall pox—"

"Merciful heavens, Mr. Jacobs!" exclaimed Becker, as the office force scrambled over each other in their hurry to get out, "don't come any nearer."

"Vot's der madder mit you fellers, anyhow?" quietly replied Jacobs. "I say I haf der schmall pox of butter out in mine wagon, vot Mrs. Becker ordered las' week already."—National Food Magazine.

TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY.



The Reformer—Well, some day we will have laws abolishing trusts.

The Politician—Very unfair. The trusts haven't made any threats about abolishing the laws.

Bitten Yet.

If any one on earth has got more redbugs than are mine they're worse off than I am and they may have my bacon rind.

Counter-Thrust.

"A very good retort!" said Senator Lodge in an argument over the immigration bill. "A very good retort indeed! It reminds me of Weeks."

"Weeks and his wife were quarreling."

"The night you proposed," said Mrs. Weeks, with a hard, scornful laugh, "you acted like a fish out of water."

"Weeks sighed. "But a very cleverly caught fish," he said in a musing voice."

Selling Relics.

"You say this sword came from a genuine battlefield?"

"Yep."

"How much?"

"Three dollars, with an appropriate anecdote. Or, if you don't care for the anecdote, you can have the sword for two dollars."

Shy on Ideas.

"Sometimes," declared Mrs. Wombat, "I think men are too feeble-minded for any use."

"How, now?"

"For twenty years I've asked my husband daily what he wanted for dinner, and he's never been able to make a suggestion yet."

Numbered.

"What mover did you engage this year?" the wife asked.

"The same old man," replied hubby. "You know, he has the combination of our numbered furniture."—Judge.

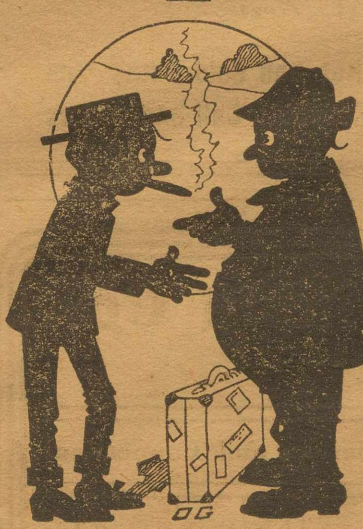
Knew His Capacity.

"Well, where have you been?"

"My dear, if I should try to tell you all the places I've been—"

"I judge by your condition that you have been to more than seven."

OBSCURE.



"Ah! Back from your vacation, I see. Did you find what you wanted—an obscure little village, far away from civilization?"

"My boy, it exceeded my wildest dreams. Why, that town didn't even issue souvenir postcards."

PIONEER LIFE IS NOT EASY

Road to Success Not Always a Path of Roses—Homesteader Handicapped by Small Capital.

All over the western frontier there are vast sections of land being developed by people of small means; men of courage and loyal-hearted women who have turned their backs on the old home in the east and wended their way out into the great west, there to take up a homestead and build a home of their own.

These are the people that most need the support of the government, for few of them have any capital and must depend upon their labor.

Frontier life is hard at best, and it takes a great amount of courage and persistent effort to get a start in life under the conditions as found there.

These are many things to contend with that people in the east know nothing of—horse and cattle thieves, coyotes, hawks, ground squirrels and many other annoyances.

A man must be a genius and a hustler, too, for if he succeeds as a pioneer he must know how to break horses to work and to ride, rope a steer or horse, put on a horseshoe, build a house or barn, even.

The homesteader is at a great disadvantage in having little or no capital and nothing for security to borrow money on.

A good team, a strong harness and wagon are necessary because the roads are rough; his fence must be good, or the range stock will ruin his crop, and the good wife must stay at home or the coyotes and hawks will catch her chickens. She must teach her own children, as it is too far for them to go to school.

She must be able to ride a horse, milk a cow, feed the pigs and do the chores, for often the husband has to go away from home to work in order to make a living and improve his claim.

Such is life on the far western frontier.—H. F. B., Montana.

WATER CONSUMED BY CROPS

Farmer Must Spare No Pains to Preserve Protective Dry Soil Covering—Drink Bill is Big.

The drink bill for the crops is immense. It takes 90,000 pounds of water to grow a bushel of wheat. No matter how rich your soil may be you can grow only as many bushels of wheat as will be represented by the pounds of available water in the soil divided by 90,000 says the Farm Magazine. An inch of rainfall weighs 227,000 pounds per acre.

Does that mean that we can grow bushels per acre for every inch of rainfall at the rate of 227,000x90,000, or about two and a half bushels? By no means. No matter how well we till the land a lot of water will get away. The warm winds of summer steal it by the ton every day. Here's the lesson as given by the professors of the Wisconsin Experiment Station.

"If dry farming is to succeed, the farm must be located in a section having a rainfall of ten inches or more, and with the least possible wind movement. The soil should not contain layers of gravel or hardpan, but must be uniform in texture to a depth of eight feet. Throughout the entire growing season the man who practices dry farming must spare no pains to preserve the protective dry soil covering."

Spraying Currants.

No small fruit will give such large returns as the currant when sprayed, pruned, cultivated and fertilized intelligently. Weeds and soils of any of the grasses are not conducive to best results in growing currants. Both currants and gooseberries need to be partially shaded, but don't go to the extreme. Currants and gooseberries can be sent short distances by parcel post.

Keep Combs Bright.

A successful poultryman says that he keeps the combs of his poultry brightened by putting corn in a bucket and dampening with water and then stirring in about a quart of powdered air slaked lime. He feeds this twice a week as an evening meal. Rub the window panes well with old newspapers, it will let in the sunshine.

Care of Milk for Cheese.

Each can of milk upon arrival at the factory must be carefully examined for acidity and cleanliness. If it is sour or has bad flavors it should not be accepted. Any person delivering milk not coming up to the standard should be called in and the matter presented to him.

Order Now.

It is better to order harvester repairs now than to wait until you need them and then cuss the merchant because they don't come promptly.

Makes Homes Attractive.

The home can be made attractive by the use of vines and shrubs.

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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J. P. Higgins was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm and ranch home in the Cat Fish country.



E. LONG
Boot-Maker - Spur, Texas

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Randall had recently returned from a trip to Roaring Springs and reported that the country in that section was getting very dry.

Judge A. A. McClain was in the city Monday from his farm and ranch home on the Cat Fish and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting his friends.

Mr. Braddock and family, who have for some time been living near Spur, moved last week to the Afton country where they will reside in the future.

R. L. Jones, of Steel Hill, was in Spur Saturday and assisted as salesman in the special sale at the Bryant-Link Company store.

Mat Howell and family spent the day Saturday fishing at the Wilson Tank.

Found—Baby ring. Call at the Texas Spur office.

A COATED TONGUE MEANS LAZY LIVER

A Lazy Liver Needs a Dose of Dodson's Liver Tone—Guaranteed to Take the Place of Calomel.

When your doctor looks to see if your tongue is coated, he is trying to find out if your liver is working properly. A few years ago doctors had to prescribe calomel—there was nothing else to give.

Recently in many sections of the country Dodson's Liver Tone has practically taken the place of calomel as a liver remedy. Dodson's Liver Tone is mild, pleasant tasting and harmless—which makes it a fine medicine for use when your children become bilious and constipated. But the most remarkable feature about Dodson's Liver Tone is that the Red Front Drug Store, who sells it, guarantees it absolutely. The druggist will return your money without argument if a bottle fails to give entire satisfaction.

Price 50 cents. We suggest that you get a bottle today and have it ready for the next member of your family whose liver goes wrong.

Miss Minnie Lee Springer entertained Thursday evening in honor of her cousins, the Misses Gee of Winters, who have been visiting at the Springer home for several days.

County Treasurer B. A. Crego came down from Dickens Monday and spent some time in Spur on business and greeting his friends.

Mrs. Higginbotham, of Anson, after spending several days in Spur with relatives returned Friday to her home.

Miss Essie Rodgers, of the Cat Fish country, was shopping in the city Saturday.

Miss Mary Jane Smith, of Stamford, who has been visiting friends in Spur the past week, left Sunday for Roaring Springs where she has accepted a position with the Love Dry Goods Company.

Mrs. Richburg received a message last week informing her of the death of an aunt at De Leon. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to Mrs. Richburg and the family in this bereavement.

Mrs. Gee and children left Sunday for their home in Winters after having spent several days in Spur with her brother, Ned Springer and family.

T. S. Lambert was in the city Tuesday from his farm home at Tap and purchased supplies of the merchants.

Miss Hyacinth Grace is home from an extended visit to relatives at Stamford, Hico and Rotan.

Miss Deba Cross, of Tap, is in the city this week the guest of friends.

Mrs. Moore and children returned Friday to their home in Electra after having spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce of the city.

Fred O. McFall was in the city Tuesday from his home a few miles north of town.

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TO NEW MEXICO

H. W. Jennings and family left Thursday for Texico, New Mexico, near which place Mr. Jennings has purchased a tract of land with the intent of establishing a homestead.

Mr. Jennings and family have been residents of Spur for some time and until his resignation a few weeks ago he was employed with Bryant-Link Company as salesman in the hardware department of this establishment. We regret to note the departure of this estimable family, but our best wishes for a pleasant and profitable home in their new location goes with them.

Geo. T. Barnes and son, Homer, came in Monday from Roaring Springs where Mr. Barnes has been managing the business of the P. H. Miller Lumber Company during the absence of Mr. Miller, who spent several days of last week in Spur.

E. C. Edmonds and family, T. L. Higginbotham and family and Sam Clemmons and family spent Friday afternoon and night at the Wilson tank fishing and picnicing. They report a most pleasant outing.

R. S. Holly, of the Liberty community, was in Spur Wednesday and Thursday of this week on business and trading with the merchants.

Jeff D. Reagan and Dr. Standfier returned Wednesday from Arizona where they spent some time on business.

Miss Deba Cross left the latter part of the week for Tulia where she has a position as teacher in the public school.

John Luce was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday from the Tap country.

'STEEL HILL ITEMS

J. A. Neighbors and family spent several hours in Spur Friday trading.

Messrs. D. A. Moore and Fate Cherry and families returned the first of the week from Blanco where they spent several days fishing and also prospecting over the country.

Bob Jones has returned from Spur where he had been employed with Bryant-Link Company during the three days sale at their store last week.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry was a guest of Miss Edice West Monday.

Quite a number from this community have been attending the protracted meeting now in progress at Spur.

Miss Vasco Odam, who has been visiting at Afton, returned home Friday and after spending three days here returned to Afton for a more extended visit.

J. A. Randall was in Spur Saturday on business.

Tom Cherry and family, of the Dry Lake community, spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mrs. Tol Merriman and children attended the tent meeting at Spur Sunday.

Mr. Stewart and family, who have been visiting at the home of S. P. Odam and wife, returned the latter part of last week to their home.—Maiden Vine.

The Picnic...

THE picnic will be here next week and of course you will want to look your best; and to look your best your clothes must be right. Better let us press 'em now so that you will have them ready.

Spur Tailoring Co.

G. W. Andruss, of Rotan, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Mr. Andruss reports that the crops in the Rotan country, which a few weeks ago were fine, are being greatly damaged by the dry weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Barnes went over to Dickens Tuesday to pack their household goods preparatory to moving to Croton, where they will be employed in teaching the 1913-14 term of the Croton school.

T. A. Smith was in Spur Wednesday from his farm home seven miles southwest of the city. He reports that his crops are in fine shape.

P. H. Miller returned Sunday to Roaring Springs after spending several days in Spur with Mrs. Miller.

Misses McKnight, who have been in Dallas on a visit to their father, returned Thursday to Spur.

L. R. Barrett and wife returned Tuesday from a visit of several days to relatives at Stephenville.

G. L. Gaddis was in the city Saturday from his home in the Red Mud country.

Judge N. R. Morgan, of Dickens, was in Spur Sunday.

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A merchant who has no message for the public is not keeping abreast of the times. The prosperous merchant must create the desire to buy goods and then supply it.—W. Holt Harris.

John Wooten, of the Plains country, was in Spur this week and spent some time here on business.

Carl Patton and Mr. Rhome returned this week from a business trip to Roaring Springs.

J. D. Powel made a business trip this week to Quanah and other points north.

Ted Brannen spent several days of this week visiting relatives in Jayton.

T. A. Tidwell and W. S. Taylor attended church Sunday at Wake.

W. G. Broyles and wife are in Austin on a visit to his father.

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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.

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NOTARY PUBLIC IN OFFICE

KEEPING DOWN THE ICE BILL

Home-Made Refrigerator Will Reduce Expense of That Summer Necessity at Least a Third.

Now that summer is here, all who are not fortunate enough to have an ice house of their own, but must depend on the ice company for it, with no competition to keep prices down, will be glad to know of a way to lessen consumption of this most necessary article.

The plan proposed is really a money saver. While a refrigerator and ice chest are not built the same, the "wrinkle" works in both. Procure a piece of thick felt, such as harness makers use. You can get it in white, gray or other colors, and it should be one-half inch thick. Buy also a piece of coarse wire, such as ash-sieves are made of, about one yard wide, or according to the length of your ice-box. Measure the bottom of the box and cut the wire and felt about one inch smaller all around, leaving that distance between box and pad so that the air will have free circulation. Have two pieces of wire and one piece of felt, the same size.

Soak the felt thoroughly, place it between the wires, place it in the chest, put the ice on top of it, and in fifteen minutes you will have one of the "coldest ice-chests imaginable; that is, you will if the plan works the same for you as for me. It cuts the ice bill at least one-third. I have heard women advocate wrapping ice in blankets or paper to keep it from melting, and I always smile. It is the melting or evaporation of the ice that cools the chest, and those who put their ice in overcoats to save it lose more than its price in food unless they adopt a device such as I have suggested.—R. A. Bird.

RECIPE FOR ENGLISH PICKLE

Astonishing Number of Ingredients in This Delicacy, So Popular Across the Water.

One good-sized cauliflower, three dozen gherkins, three quarts green tomatoes, one head celery, four peppers chopped fine, two quarts very small white onions, one-quarter pound mustard, two ounces white mustard seed, one ounce turmeric, one cup flour, one cup sugar, one gallon vinegar, one-half ounce each of clove, allspice and pepper (whole). Cut the vegetables in pieces, cover with salt and water in large stone jar and let stand 24 hours, or longer. After draining this off, when ready to proceed, put the spices in a bag, add to the vinegar the turmeric and mustard seed; allow these to boil up at once. All mustard mixed smooth, thin with cold vinegar, put in all the vegetables and let them scald until tender and yellow. Skir out the vegetables, add flour made thin and smooth with cold vinegar. Allow it to boil up once, and add one cup sugar. Return the vegetables to this and bottle when cold.

Pressed Flank of Beef.

Wipe, remove superfluous fat and roll a flank of beef. Put in a kettle, cover with boiling water, and add one tablespoonful salt, one-half teaspoon peppercorns, a bit of bay leaf and a bone or two which may be at hand. Cook slowly until meat is in shreds. There should be but little liquor in the kettle when meat is done. Arrange meat in deep pan, pour over liquor, cover and press with a heavy weight. Serve cold, thinly sliced.

Pineapple Peel Juice.

Cut the peel of the pineapple in small pieces, weigh and take the same weight of sugar. Make a syrup by adding one cup water to each pound of sugar, then boil fruit in the sirup, 15 minutes, slow, steady boiling. Let stand over night, then strain and squeeze in a sugar bag. Bottle and put on ice. This makes a fine pudding sauce and is delicious on boiled rice.

Cherry Water Ice.

Wash a quart of sweet red or black cherries, pound them so as to break the stones, and pass the juice through a strainer into the broken cherry pulp, with some sugar and water, in order to extract the flavor from the kernels, and pass that also through a strainer. Add a pint of water and about three-quarters of a pound of sugar, and freeze. Do not use whites of eggs as a stiffener in this ice, as the color is not good unless it is frozen naturally. It makes an attractive ice for the third color in a Neapolitan.

Bread Cutter.

A practical bread cutter is the one that is attached to the bread board. The knife is secured to the board by means of an arch-shaped piece of wood. The bread is pushed to the edge of the board and so the thickness of the slice is easily adjusted.

How to Clean Knives.

For cleaning knives raw potato is very good to use if the knives are very badly stained. Take a raw potato, cut in half, then dip it in powdered bath brick and rub the knives with it.

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Don't Wait Another Day Get a 25-cent Box of Hot Springs Liver Buttons and Feel Young Again

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If you feel lazy, tired or blue, it's your liver. HOT SPRINGS LIVER BUTTONS will make you feel fine in a jiffy. All druggists, 25 cents. For free sample write Hot Springs Chemical Co., Hot Springs, Ark.

Good Supply.

"Why does it seem so easy to borrow trouble?"

"I suppose because it is something everybody has got plenty of to lend."

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Another Form of It.

"Where are you going with that big box of candy?"

"I'm lobbying for a friend of mine whose girl has kept him guessing for three years. If I can succeed in making her come to his defense by saying he's not worth killing, why he's going to show his appreciation of my efforts in his behalf by inviting me to an elaborate dinner."

IN PAIN WITH HEMORRHOIDS

Bissell, Ala.—"I was troubled for several years with protruding hemorrhoids. They caused pain of the most severe kind and some loss of blood. They were so inflamed that the touch of anything against them was most intense agony. I got no rest nights and had to have my legs and feet propped up in the bed. "I tried all kinds of advertised cures, and I was told that an operation was the only relief. I suffered untold agony. I saw the advertisement of Cuticura Soap and Ointment and sent for a sample. I tried it and then procured a box of Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment. I was cured sound and well in three weeks' time. A cake of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment accomplished what all else failed to do." (Signed) L. R. Cook, Nov. 12, 1912.

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What Stood Between Them.

A man and woman waiting for a car were watching a span of heavy draft horses pulling a big load up a hill. Their "team" work was perfect. "Just look how beautiful those dumb brutes pull together," said his wife. "Why can't human beings do as well—why can't we?" "Easiest thing in the world," replied the husband. "We could if—" "Then why don't we?" interrupted the wife.

"If we had but one tongue between us," finished the "brute" member of the household.—Kansas City Journal.

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Didn't Affect Him.

Horrified Old Lady—Oh, kind sir, think of your mother! Think of your mother! Burglar (sternly)—No use, lady! I wuz brought up in an incubator.—Puck.

Friend in Need.

Brown—I haven't a friend in the world. Jones—You can make one right now. I need a fiver.—Puck.

Her Methods.

"Does your daughter study her geography with avidity?" "No; she studies it with maps."

Peppery.

Mandy and Rastus had been quarrelling for some time, and before deciding to go to court and end their differences in a divorce, agreed to visit for advice the friendly justice of the peace who had married them two years previously. For ten minutes he listened to them patiently, as best he could, following the recriminations first from the one and then the other. Finally all the testimony was in.

"Now, look here, Mandy, I think you're the one to blame. You simply haven't taken time to learn Rastus. Haven't you ever heard that a woman must eat a peck of salt with a man before she can live with him friendly?"

"Shore she has jedge," breaks in Rastus, "but dat do't mean she got to fill up wid pepper along wid it, does hit, jedge?"

Auntie Obligated.

Johnnie, the office boy, is as ingenious in his excuses as he is prolific with them. One day he showed up an hour late for about the sixth time that month. While being reprimanded Johnnie exclaimed:

"But you will have to excuse me, Mr. Thompson, for I had to see my mother off on the nine o'clock train, she's gone to New York to visit for a month."

Two days after Johnnie came in an hour late again, but anticipated Mr. Thompson by rushing into the latter's private office and exclaiming:

"O, Mr. Thompson, the stork left me a baby sister at our home this morning."

"Indeed!" sarcastically exclaimed Mr. Thompson, "and your poor mother away down in New York, too!"

"O, that's nothing," answered Johnnie. "My Aunt Sophie was at home when the stork brought the baby."

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Like Buggins.

Charles W. Morse, at a luncheon in New York, said of a certain complaining type of French investor:

"Here in New York, just the same as over there in Paris, you've got to be content with a very low rate of interest if you want a perfectly safe investment."

"It is folly to buy highly speculative stock and then growl because they oscillate the wrong way."

"Such people remind me of Buggins, Buggins, you know, is always trying to get something for nothing."

Mr. Morse paused and a broker asked:

"And how does Buggins make out?" "Well," said Mr. Morse, "he always gets nothing for something."

Would Do His Best.

Mike, porter at an eastern hotel, decided one day to get married and gave notice that he was going to leave and live on a farm. The housekeeper, an elderly woman, thought she would give him some good advice. She said: "Now, Mike, promise me you will be good to this woman. Don't work her too hard. Promise me you will be good to her."

Mike thought a moment, then he said: "Well, I'll try; but she's got a h—l of a disposition."

No Chance.

"What is your objection to working in the country?" inquired Mr. Subbubs of the domestic at the employment agency.

"I'm afraid I'll be lonely," replied she.

"Impossible. Why, there are 16 of us in my family."

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Marriage.

George Ade, at one of his famous picnics at Hazelden Farm, his Indiana estate, turned the conversation, according to his wont, to matrimony.

In the midst of Mr. Ade's jests a business man declared stoutly:

"Well, say what you please, George, marriage broadens a man."

"I suppose it might be put in that way," said Mr. Ade. "Flatten," though, is the word I've always used."

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LAWN PARTY

One of the most pleasant entertainments of the season was the occasion of a lawn party given by Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Brandon Friday evening at their home in the city.

Progressive forty-two was the feature of the entertaining program, the manner of selecting partners being novel and original on the part of the hostess. Score cards bearing quotations from familiar writers were passed to the gentlemen guests and cards with corresponding quotations were given the ladies. The ladies and gentlemen were formed in lines facing each other and the reading of the quotations and the corresponding answers was an interesting and amusing manner of selecting partners for the game contests.

There were ten tables prepared for the games and for more than an hour the guests were interestingly absorbed in the progressive contest, at the conclusion of which the hostess served ice cream and cake.

Among those present were Y. L. Jones and wife, M. E. Manning and wife, F. W. Jennings and wife, W. S. Campbell and wife, Chas. A. Bobo and wife, W. D. Wilson and wife, Norton A. Baker and wife, C. H. Senning and wife, George Bennett and wife, Prof. and Mrs. F. F. Mace, H. T. Burgoon and wife, L. W. Davis and wife, Dr. J. E. Morris and wife, Oran McClure and wife, R. P. Cole and wife, J. A. Smith and wife, Mesdames Reagan, Dunn, Standifer, Williams, Cooksey and Turnage, and Miss Mary Jane Smith, W. F. Godfrey, Clifford B. Jones, J. H. Meadows.

At a late hour the guests departed for their various homes,

thanking the host and hostess for a most pleasant occasion which will be a delightful memory to each one present.

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Having been endorsed by the local school board for teacher of piano and voice in connection with the Spur Public School, I take pleasure in saying that I will be in the city to organize my classes by September 1, and hope to meet all who desire to take lessons. As to my qualifications, they have already been made known to the school board. —Miss M. Trenholm Doyle. 41-3

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. —J. L. Gilbert. 35-tf.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parish and little daughter visited this week at the home of her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fite.

Mrs. Dunn, of Houston, returned recently to her home after spending two months in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Dunn.

W. F. Shugart, a prominent citizen of several miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

Andrew Swenson, of Stamford, was in Spur Friday looking after the Swenson interests in this section.

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

Mr. Overby, of Roby, is in the city under the masseur treatment of Dr. Duke.

MOVING TO SPUR FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGES

W. R. Stafford, ranchman and prominent citizen of north of Afton, is moving his family to Spur in order that his children may receive the benefit of the superior educational advantages being offered by the Spur Public School.

The enviable distinction of the city as fast assuming the superior rank, not only as a commercial but an educational center as well, is attracting many desirable families to Spur. Our school building is among the most modern and luxuriously constructed and equipped edifices of learning in West Texas. Every modern compliance within the reach of the school management that has for its purpose the edification and enlightenment of the student has been included in the curriculum, and the corps of teachers are the best educators to be secured.

The session last year resulted in the accomplishment of work far exceeding the ambitious expectations of the school superintendent, Prof. F. F. Mace, one of the ablest educators of the South, and with a more efficient corps of teachers in charge of the various grades this school year will be the best in the history of the institution.

The 1913-14 session of the Spur Public School begins Monday, September 8, and the school board has been very generous to patrons without the district, in that pupils of scholastic age will be admitted free of tuition.

W. F. Godfrey left Monday for Paducah where he will spend several days with his parents.

CROPS BURNING UP

C. C. Tyler returned last week from an extended trip over the country from Spur to Waco, Amarillo and other points where he had gone in the interest of his insurance business. Mr. Tyler reports that crops all over the country are burning as a result of the continued hot, dry weather, and that in some localities the cotton crop, which three weeks ago promised a production of a bale to the acre, had now deteriorated to such an extent that in all probability not more than one bale to ten acres would be harvested.

J. V. McCormick was in Spur this week from his home at Afton and spent some time in the city on business and greeting his friends. Mr. McCormick was suffering of an attack of rheumatism, the ailment being of such a condition as to necessitate the use of crutches in walking.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Fite entertained a number of the little folk Friday evening at their home in the city. Selections of music were rendered and refreshments served, and all the little guests report an enjoyable occasion.

Miss Ella Pierce returned to Spur recently from Plainview where she spent some time with relatives and friends.

The infant child of V. H. Davis and wife is reported to be quite sick this week.

Luther Hindman was in Spur Wednesday from his home west of town.

J. H. Boothe was in the city this week from his farm home east of Spur.

MOVING TO DRAPER

J. A. Murchison and family moved this week to their stock farm near Draper, the change of residence being made in that Mr. Murchison has decided to personally superintend his stock raising and farming interests in that section.

This estimable family has resided in Spur for some time and was numbered among the best citizenship of the city. Mr. Murchison was a member of the Spur School Board until recently tendering his resignation, caused by his removal from the city.

RUSHING WORK TO COMPLETION

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stradley, who have been spending several days in Spur with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Holman, returned last week to their home in Motley county. Mr. Stradley gave us the information that work on the line of railroad from Matador to a connection with the Quanah, Acme & Pacific at a point near Roaring Springs was being rushed to completion and that the road would be open for traffic at an early date.

Mrs. Morris and daughter, Miss Nina Morris, who were in the city several days visiting at the home of Dr. Morris and wife, returned this week to their home in Haskell.

Misses Webb and Williams returned to their home in Spur Wednesday after an extended visit to relatives and friends at Turnersville.

J. C. McNeil and wife were in Spur this week from the ranch to attend the protracted meeting now in progress in the city.

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THE LONG ROAD



The cotton crop last year in Texas was 4,297,000 bales and of this enormous crop, the Texas cotton mills manufactured less than 40,000 bales.—Texas Welfare Commission.