

## A NEW YEAR

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A Paper For The Homes Of Spur And Dickens County

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## WILL DEVELOP OIL PROSPECTS IN COUNTY

Robt. Bruton, of the Lee County Settlement on the Plains, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Bruton says that he and others of that section, after looking over the field and making a preliminary investigation, have come to the conclusion that in that immediate territory there are rich, undeveloped resources in oil, gas or minerals and preparations are now under way to form a stock company for the purpose of drilling a well to a certain depth to determine definitely if such resources can be developed to advantage. An oil expert has been on the ground and pronounced the field one of the most promising in all of Western Texas for oil. For some time past oil has been noticed on top of the water coming from some of the wells and also on spring water near the Cap Rock, and this discovery brought about the further investigation with the probable result that later this field will be developed.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Little Miss Aline Brandon entertained quite a number of little guests Friday afternoon at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Brandon, in the north part of the city. The occasion was a celebration of her fourth birthday anniversary. During the afternoon various games were played, and most inviting refreshments consisting of gelatin, cake, fruits and candy were served to the pleasure and satisfaction of each of the many little guests. The birthday cake, beautifully decorated and bearing four lighted candles was displayed, admired and later cut and served in honor of the occasion. Little Miss Aline, though very young in years, is a perfect little lady and a most charming and entertaining little hostess, and her many little guests will long remember with pleasure the occasion of her fourth anniversary birthday celebration.

## FINISHING WORK AT RALLS

C. C. Henson is in Ralls doing the finishing carpenter work on two fine residences being constructed in that city by John R. Ralls and W. E. McLaughlin. Mr. Henson is one of the best carpenters of the country and he makes a specialty of doing high class work. He is at present operating a carpenter shop in Spur, and later he contemplates putting in machinery operated by power to do every character of high class work.

## EVERYTHING PROMISING

J. A. Nichols, one of the most prominent citizens and an extensive farmer and stock raiser of the Lee County Settlement on the Plains, was in Spur the first of the week after supplies and looking after other business matters. He reports everything in good shape and farming conditions most promising at this time in his section.

## FARMERS MEETING

County Commissioner L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in Spur Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Crabtree came in especially to attend a meeting of the Dickens County Agricultural Association. This association is an educational and cooperative organization and will result in great good to not only the membership but agriculturalists and the country in general. By cooperation and education success is assured in any undertaking.

M. L. Jones was in the city Saturday from his home several miles north of Spur and spent several hours here on business and greeting his many friends.

## SPUR MERCHANTS OFFER SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS

Luce & Brannen Brothers Co. have a page advertisement in this issue of the paper. The ad contains prices that will not only stimulate business in the grocery line but will save buyers many dollars on all bills purchased within the next two weeks. The people of the Spur trade territory realize and appreciate the fact that Spur has some real, live, progressive business men who keep things moving in a business way by offering various inducements to the trade, and Brannen Brothers Company is recognized as one of the number. In this sale Brannen Brothers informed us that the prices quoted were made from invoices of the wholesale house without regard of freight and other costs, thus giving the public an opportunity to buy groceries in small or large quantities at less than the cost price to merchants, and a careful reading of the prices quoted in their ad will convince the close and conservative buyers that now is the time to buy necessary supplies in the grocery line.

Other merchants of the town are offering inducements to the trade, as you will note by reading the advertising columns of the Texas Spur each week.

## COTTON ROLLS IN TO THE SPUR GIN THIS WEEK

During the past week the Farmers Gin, of Spur, ginned eighty-two bales of cotton. Throughout the week the gin yard had the appearance of a middle-of-the-fall month, there being twenty-five and thirty wagon loads of cotton waiting to be ginned every day. While the total cotton crop of the country will be short, yet there are a good many bales of cotton to be picked and ginned in this section, and several hundred bales more than was expected will be weighed and shipped from Spur.

## SCHEDULE CHANGED

The train schedule on the Stamford & Northwestern Railway has been changed, and hereafter the passenger train will arrive and depart about forty minutes earlier each day.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO PLOW

And John Deere Stag Gang is the plow you need. John Deere Disc Plows run light and turn sod or old land. John Deere Walking Plows have no equals. We also have the Rod Plow which is fine for turning new land. We want to sell you your Implements. Come around and look them over—ask Higginbotham, the implement man.

Peter Schuttler wagons, the kind that have stood the test, not cheap but good. Buggies and Hacks at lowest prices. We are anxious to clear out what we have and get a new car, so we will give you a specially good deal.

The Star windmill, wood or steel wheels and piping. We want to put one Star at least about your home. Barbed wire, Baker Perfect on wood spools, at a low price. Let us help you fence your new place. Nails and Staples and a general line of Shelf Hardware. We are making special efforts in our hardware department, and we feel that we are succeeding in making one of the best departments of our business.

Have you seen our 5c lace window? We will have a 5c lace counter of the newest, prettiest laces you have ever seen offered at the price. Many patterns worth twice the price, but we bought over \$1,000 worth of laces and embroideries from a big New York house in order to get this lace at a price so we could sell it at 5c. Beautiful embroideries, the very newest designs, and we want every lady in the town and country to look at our lace line; for if you look you can't keep from buying, if in need of anything.

Some special prices on Mens and Boys Suits. Also one lot of Mens Hats at a price, and anything we have in Ladies Suits and Cloaks, Childrens Coats at a price to suit you. We are low on these goods and want to clean out entirely, so if in need of any of these items you can get bargains.

New goods coming for our Dry Goods department all the time, so watch and get first choice.

Groceries—We find after invoicing that our stock is very heavy, so we are making some attractive prices on cases of canned goods and many other items. A big car of Light Crust coming, not cheap but good, every sack guaranteed. Get the best and no one can have better. There's a multitude of happy women in the Light Crust procession, why not join? One 50 pound sack will make you want to continue a member.

Everybody, altogether, let's make 1914 a banner year, let's all do our best. We want to do the greatest business we have ever done, and ask for your help assuring you we will give you the best merchandise and service that we can possibly give.

We have a team of good horses, also extra mule and horse to sell. Prefer cash but will sell on time for good notes.

Come on with the crowds who already appreciate the goods and service we give them.—Bryant Link Co.

## MOVE TO RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, who have been making their home in Spur the past several months, moved last week to the McLaughlin farm and ranch in the Lee County Settlement on the Plains. Later, we understand, Mr. McLaughlin intends to build a fine residence and make their permanent home on the ranch.

## BRANCHING OUT

Ned Hogan made a trip this week by the way of Post to Belton in the eastern part of the state where he spent several days on business. We understand that Hogan & Patton contemplate establishing a branch house of their gents furnishing business at Belton.

## WEST TEXAS RICH IN UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES

T. B. Cross, a prominent citizen and one of the most extensive farmers and ranchmen of Kent county, was in Spur the latter part of last week after supplies. Mr. Cross reports his section of country in fine shape, plenty grass and forage for cattle and an ideal season for all 1914 crops. Mr. Cross is an old timer of this section, owns lots of farm and ranch land and is one of the best fixed men of the country. Any man who will come to this country, stay with it and attend to business will, in the years to come, become well fixed and among the most prosperous citizenship. Western Texas is rich in undeveloped resources, and those who take advantage of the conditions and opportunities will prosper beyond the greatest expectations. Come to West Texas and especially the Spur Country where special inducements are offered to home seekers and home builders.

## MARKETS COTTONSEED

Hugh Squires, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday with a load of cotton seed which he sold to Spur buyers for twenty dollars a ton. Mr. Squires formerly lived in Spur but during the past two years has been farming in the Afton country.

## MAN ROBBED ON HIS WAY TO SPUR COUNTRY

Z. J. Hall was found unconscious and bearing wounds at 5 o'clock Tuesday morning in a car of a Cotton Belt freight train at Noell Junction, about eighteen miles northeast of Dallas. It is supposed that he was attacked while asleep. He was in a car load of household belongings, with which he was moving from Sulphur Springs to Spur. His family had preceded him on a passenger train. From the man's pockets \$20 had been taken, but a roll of more than \$600 was overlooked.

The man was carried to Fort Worth and placed in St. Joseph's Infirmary. Sheriff Ben F. Brandenburg at Dallas was notified and investigated the affair.

A report from Fort Worth last night was that Hall's condition is not serious.

## AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION MEETS IN SPUR

The first regular meeting of the Dickens County Agricultural Experiment Station Association was held in the Woodmen hall in Spur Saturday afternoon. President Crabtree called the meeting to order and immediately the temporary officers elected at the organization, December 6th, were installed as permanent officers of the association. Many interesting talks were made by several members present and all were enthusiastic in regard to the work of the association.

It was decided to hold meetings every two weeks until the organization became perfected and on a sound working basis.

A committee was appointed to secure permanent quarters in which to hold the sessions of the association.

Several new members were enrolled, the membership reaching a total of thirty of the most prominent and successful farmers of Dickens county. The business men of this section are urged to join the association and together with the farmers the organization should prove very effective in the development of this section in every possible way.

Movements are now on foot to secure new crops for this section and to determine the value of different methods of producing various crops. The question of securing a peanut factory for Spur and a threshing machine is also being considered.

With the proper support and cooperation of every citizen in this locality, this association bids fair to become a very important factor in making the Spur country second to none as an agricultural section.

The following were made permanent officers of the association to serve for one year:

President, L. G. Crabtree; vice president, J. D. Reagan; secretary-treasurer, E. W. Harrison.

New members of the association who joined at the last meeting are: H. T. Garner, W. E. Johnson, Frank York, W. S. Leach, A. L. Brantner, J. E. Brown, J. P. Brown, H. C. Draper, E. M. Brown, H. G. Draper, H. C. Allen, A. C. Hindman and Fred O. McFall.

The next regular meeting will be held in the vacant building near F. & M. State Bank on Saturday, December 17th, promptly at 2 p. m. All members are urgently requested to be present and visitors are cordially invited to attend. All business men and ladies who are interested in this work are asked to become active members.

## HOO-DOO YEAR GONE

J. Carlisle was among the many visitors in the city Saturday. Mr. Carlisle reports everything in fine shape in the Gilpin country with prospects of bumper crops this year. This whole western country now has the very finest crop prospects and we expect 1914 to break all former records in crop production. Watch Western Texas and keep your eyes on the Spur country.



# THE 'HO-DO' YEAR GONE!

And Now Dawns Upon Us A 'New Year' The  
"Most Promising" of The Present Century!

## ONLY 12 DAYS

OF GROCERY BARGAINS!

Your Opportunity to  
Save Money on Gro-  
ceries of High Grade,  
Standard Brands and  
Quality. The prices  
will be at and less than  
the wholesale cost.

BEGINNING

**Saturday,**

JAN. 10 TO 24.

## MOST STARTLING LOW PRICES!

IN Order to add to the Prosperity of the "Spur  
Trade Territory" we are beginning the New Year  
of "1914" with the "Most Startling Low Prices" you  
have ever seen or will see again in many days. For  
only twelve days you will be given an opportunity to

## BUY GROCERIES

## BELOW THE WHOLESALE PRICE!!

This Never Happened Before and is not Likely to Occur Again

## SALE BEGINS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

And continuing only  
12 days you are offer-  
ed groceries at bottom  
prices. It will pay you  
to lay in a year's sup-  
ply at the prices we  
are now making.

SALE CLOSES

**Saturday,**

JAN. 24, 1914.

Remember we are not offering only a few "Leaders", but everything in the Gro-  
cery line is Reduced alike in Price. Read carefully the cut prices quoted below:

### CALIF. CANNED GOODS

25c Peaches for	15c
30c " "	17c
30c Pears	17c
35c " "	21c
30c Apricots	17c
25c Grapes	14c
35c " "	18c
25c Plums	14c
30c Cherries	19c
25c Blackberries	17c
35c Strawberries	21c
Chewing Gum	3c
Spices, all kinds	7c
Bulk Red Pepper per lb.	28c
Bulk Black " "	19c
Lamp Burner	7c
" Chimney	7c
Macaroni per package	7c
4 pk. Arm & Hammer Soda	25c
7 pk. M. Yeast	25c
One-half pound Cocoanut	15c
One-fourth " "	8c
One fourth pound G. L. Tea	13c
35c Durkees S Dressing	23c
B. Lye 4 for	25c
G. Lye 4 for	25c
Quart Blueing	13c
Chili Powder	19c
Bakers Cocoa	9c
VanHoutin	20c
8 pk. Tooth Picks for	25c
Faultless Starch 4 for	25c
Knox Gelatin	12c
One-fourth pound Chocolate	6c
One-half lb. Bitter	15c
12 Boxes Matches	33c
1 pound Cheese	19c
Pearl Tapioca, per pk.	6c

### CEREALS

Post Toasties, per pk.	12c
K. C. Flakes " "	7c
5 lb. Q Oats " "	18c
Postum " "	19c
Cream of Wheat " "	13c
P. Wheat " "	8c
P. Rice " "	12c
Erice Greenville Tob. per lb.	37c
Brown Mule " "	34c
Corker " "	25c
Derby " "	25c
New South " "	45c
1 Bottle Garrett Snuff	22c
1 Glass Honest " "	22c
100 lbs. No. 1 Salt	50c
200 lbs. Stock " "	90c
100 lbs. Irish Potatoes	\$2 00
Head Rice, per lb.	7c
1 Bucket Crusto Lard	\$1.10
1 " Snow Drift	1.10
1 " Swift Jewel	1.05
1 lb. Breakfast Delight Cof.	27c
3 lb. Bucket Coffee	75c
3 lb. Marquette Coffee	85c
3 lb. White Swan Coffee	1.05
Fancy Blend Coffee per lb.	17c
15c Extracts 3 for	25c
35c Extracts, pure	19c
Axle Grease per can	7c
4 oz. Beach Nut Olive Oil	24c
35c Pipe	17c
25c Pipe	11c
15c Pipe	9c
20c Veal Loaf 2 for	25c
Vienna Sausage 3 for	25c
5 gallon Kerosene Oil	65c
Cabbage per pound	3c
1 Gallon barrel vinegar	20c

### BAKING POWDERS

80 oz. H. C. Baking Powder	53c
50 " " " "	34c
25 " " " "	17c
80 " K. C. " "	55c
50 " " " "	34c
25 " " " "	16c
15 " " " "	11c
10 " " " "	8c
1 can St. Lawrence cut Beans	10c
1 can Pie Peaches	9c
1 can, 2 lb. Spinach	12c
1 can, 2 lb. Hawaiian Pine A.	17c
1 can, 2 lb. Red Salmon	15c
1 can, 2 lb. Pink Salmon	7c
1 can, 2 lb. Early J. Peas	10c
1 can, 2 lb. Sifted Early Peas	11c
1 can, 1 lb. Soup	8c
1 can, 3 lb. Tomatoes	9c
1 case, 3 lb. Tomatoes	\$2 15
1 can, 2 lb. Tomatoes	7c
1 case, 2 lb. Tomatoes	\$1.70
1 can, 1 lb. Petit Pois Peas	10c
1 can, 3 lb. Sweet Potatoes	9c
1 can, 3 lb. Beets	11c
1 can, 1 lb. Oysters	8c
1 can, 2 lb. A 1 Corn, v. best	8c
1 can, 2 lb. Worlds Fav. Corn	8c
1 case " "	\$1.84
1 can, 2 lb. New Wiser Corn	7c
1 case, " "	\$1.68
1 can, 3 lb. Kraut	8c
1 case, " Kraut	\$1.84
1 can, 3 lb. Lye Hominy	7c
1 case, 3 lb. Lye Hominy	\$1.68
1 case, 2 lb. String Beans	1.50
14 lbs. Lima Beans	1.00
17 lbs. Pink Beans	1.00
17 lbs. R. K. Beans	1.00

### PICKLES

15c Bottle Pickles	8c
30c " "	17c
35c " "	21c
1 Gallon Bot Pickles	73c
5 " " "	\$1.30
30c Chowchow	17c
1 Gallon Vinegar	43c
17 lbs. Navy Beans	1.00
20 lbs. Blackeyed Peas	1.00
14 lbs. Best Head Rice	1.00
12 lbs. Dried Peaches	1.00
25 lbs. Dried Peaches	1.90
12 lbs. Dried Grapes	1.00
3 cans, 1 lb. Beach Nut P & B	25
2 jars Beach Nut Peanut But	25
1 jar Beach Nut Jelly, pure	.19
Gladiola Flour, the best you	
can buy, per hundred	\$2 85
Meal, per Sack	.73
7 bars White Soap	25c
4 bars Tar Soap	25
3 bars Lava Soap	20c
6 bars Fairy Soap	25c
3 bars Wild Rose Soap	20c
1 gallon Maple Syrup	\$1.10
1 gallon Uncle Sam Syrup	.44
1 gallon King Komus Syrup	.65
1 gallon Crytol Corn Syrup	.39
1 gallon Angel Food, white	.46
1 gallon Tennessee Sorghum	.39
12 lb. Bucket Honey Comb	\$1.25
6 lb. Bucket Honey Comb	.65
6 bars Clean Easy Soap	25c
8 boxes Washing Powder	25c
100 pounds Sugar	\$4.75
25 pounds Sugar	1.20
1 gal. Castor Machine Oil	34c
45c Broom	25c

Come and Buy Your Grocery Supplies While You Can Save Many Dollars!!

# LUCE & BRANNEN BROS. CO.,

N. Q. BRANNEN, Mgr.

FOR CASH ONLY

SPUR, TEXAS



# GOING SOME

## A ROMANCE OF STRENUOUS AFFECTION

BY REX BEACH

SUGGESTED BY THE PLAY BY REX BEACH AND PAUL ARMSTRONG

Illustrated By Edgar Bert Smith

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## SYNOPSIS.

Cowboys of the Flying Heart ranch are heartbroken over the loss of their much-prized phonograph by the defeat of their champion in a foot-race with the cook of the Centipede ranch. A house party is on at the Flying Heart. J. Wallingford Speed, cheer leader at Yale, and Culver Covington, inter-collegiate champion runner, are expected. Helen Blake, Speed's sweetheart, becomes interested in the loss of the phonograph. She suggests to Jean Chapin, sister of the owner of the ranch, that she induce Covington, her lover, to win back the phonograph. Helen declares that if Covington won't run, Speed will. The cowboys are hilarious over the prospect. Speed and his valet, Larry Glass, trainer at Yale, arrive. Helen Blake asks Speed, who has posed to her as an athlete, to race against the Centipede man. The cowboys join in the appeal to Wally, and fearing that Helen will find him out, he consents. He insists, however, that he shall be entered as an unknown, figuring that Covington will arrive in time to take his place.

## CHAPTER V.—Continued.

"Say no more," Speed remarked; "it's all right with us!"

Fresno looked up.

"What's wrong with my singing?"

"Oh, I've just told the girls that you're going to run that foot race," Helen interposed, hurriedly, at which Fresno exploded.

"What's wrong with my running?"

Inquired Speed.

"I can beat you!"

Larry Glass nudged his employer openly, and seemed on the verge of hysteria. "Let him go," said he. "Let him go; he's funny."

Speed addressed Helen, with a magnanimous smile:

"Suppose we allow Fresno to sing this foot race? We'll pull it off in the treble clef."

"Oh, I mean it!" maintained the tenor, stubbornly. "I don't want to run Skinner, the cook, but I'll run you to see who does meet him."

Speed shrugged his shoulders indulgently.

"I'm afraid you're a little overweight."

"I'll train down."

"Perhaps if you wait until I beat this cook, I'll take you on."

Glass broke out in husky indignation: "Sure! Get a rep, Cull, get a rep!" Then to his employer: "Come on, Wally, you've got to warm up."

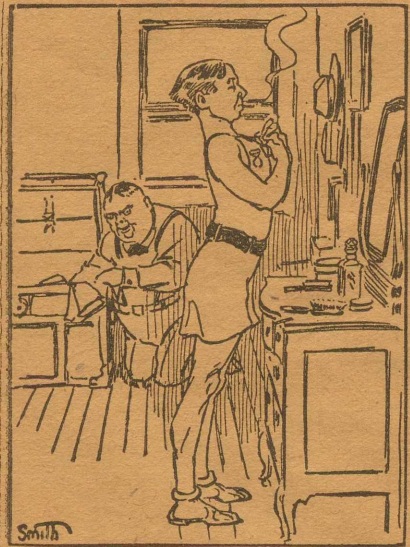
He mounted the steps heavily with his protegee.

When they had gone, Miss Blake clapped her hands.

"I'm so excited!" she exclaimed. "You see, it's all my doings! Oh, how I adore athletes!"

"Most young girls do," Fresno smiled, sourly. "My taste runs more to music." After a moment's meditation, he observed: "Speed doesn't look like a sprinter to me. I—I'll wager he can't do a hundred yards in fifteen-two."

"Fifteen-two? Is cribbage," said



Pinned the Medals Upon His Chest.

Miss Blake.

"Fifteen and two-fifths seconds is what I mean."

"Is that fast?"

Fresno smiled, indulgently this time. "Jean's friend Covington can go the distance in nine and four-fifths seconds. He's a real sprinter. I think his fellow is a joke."

"Indeed he is not! If Mr. Covington can run as fast as that, Mr. Speed can run faster. He told me so."

"Oh!" Fresno looked at her curiously. "The world's record is nine and three-fifths; that's the limit of human endurance."

"I hope he doesn't injure himself," breathed the girl, and the tenor wandered away, disgusted beyond measure.

ure. When he was out of hearing he remarked, aloud:

"I'll bet he runs so slow we'll have to wind a stop-watch on him. Anyhow, I think I'll find out something more about this race."

Once in his room, Mr. J. Wallingford Speed made a search for writing materials, while Larry Glass overhauled a trunk filled with athletic clothing of various descriptions. There were running-suits, rowing-suits, baseball and football suits, sweaters, jerseys, and bath robes—all of which were new and unstained. At the bottom Glass discovered a box full of bronze and near-gold emblems.

"Here's your medals," said he.

"Good! I'll wear them."

"Nix! You can't do that. Those gals will get wise." He selected one, and read on the reverse side, "Clerk of the course;" another was engraved "Starter." All were official badges of some sort or other. "You always were strong on the 'Reception Committee' stuff. There's six of them," said he.

Speed pointed to the bureau.

"Try a nail-file. See if you can't scratch off the lettering. How's this?" He read what he had written for the wire. "Culver Covington, and so forth. Come quick. First train. Native Son making love to Jean—Wally! Ten words, and it tells the whole story. I can hardly explain why I want him, can I? He expects to stop off in Omaha for a day or two, but he'll be under way in an hour after he gets this. I hate to spoil his little visit, but he can take that in on his way home. Now I'll ring for somebody, and have this taken over to the station by the first wagon."

"Say, you better scratch this Fresno," said Larry.

"Why?"

"He's hep to you."

"Nonsense!"

Glass looked up at a sound, to discover Marielotta, the Mexican maid, who had come in answer to Speed's call.

"In the doorway!" the trainer said, under his breath. "Pipe the Cuban Queen!"

"You call?" inquired Marielotta of the younger man.

"Yes, I want this telegram to go to the depot as soon as possible."

Marielotta took the message and turned silently, but as she went she flashed a look at Glass which caused that short-waisted gentleman to wink at his companion.

"Some frill! Eh? I'm for her! She's strong for me, too."

"How do you know?"

"We talked it over. I gave her a little kiss to keep for me."

"Careful, Larry! She may have a cowboy sweetheart."

Glass grunted, disparagingly.

"Them ginnys is jokes to me."

As Speed talked he clad himself in his silken uniform, donned his spiked shoes, and pinned the medals upon his chest.

"How do I look?" he queried.

"Immense! If she likes athletes, it's a walk-away for you."

"Then give me the baby-blue bath robe with the monogram. We'll go out and trot around a little."

But his complacency received a shock as he stepped out upon the veranda. Not only Helen Blake awaited him, but the other girls as well, while out in front were a dozen or more cowboys whom Fresno had rallied.

"Goin' to take a little run, eh?" inquired Stover. "We allowed we'd lay off a few minutes and watch you."

"Thanks!"

"Yes," Fresno spoke up. "I told the boys we'd better hold a stop-watch on you and see what shape you're in."

"A stop-watch?" said Glass, sharply.

"Yes. I have one."

"Not today," said Speed's trainer.

"No!" he admonished, as his protegee turned upon him. "Some other time, mebbe. You're just off a long trip, and I can't risk gettin' you stove up."

"Tomorrow, perhaps," urged Fresno.

"I wouldn't promise."

"Then the next day. I've timed lots of men. The watch is correct."

"Let's see it." Glass held out his hand.

"Oh, it's a good watch. It cost me one hundred and twenty-five dollars."

As Glass reached for the timepiece an unfortunate accident occurred. Speed struck his elbow, and the watch

fell. Fresno dove for it, then held it to his ear and shook it.

"You've broken it!" he cried, accusingly.

"Oh, I'm sorry! My fault," Speed apologized.

"If it was your fault, maybe you'll fix it," suggested the tenor.

"Gladly!" Speed turned to his trainer. "Buy a new alarm-clock for our little friend." He stripped off his bath robe, and handed it to his trainer. "Is she looking at me?" he whispered.

"Both eyes, big as saucers."

Speed settled his spikes into the dirt as he had seen other sprinters do, set himself for an instant, then loped easily around the house and out of sight.

To the cowboys this athletic panto-my was vastly impressive. With huge satisfaction they noticed the sleeveless shirt, the loose running-trunks, and, above all, the generous display of medals. With a wild yell of delight they broke out upon the trail of their champion, only to have Glass thrust his corpulent body in their path. With an upflung arm he stemmed the tide.

"It's no use, boys," he cried, he's a mile away!"

## CHAPTER VI.

THIS doesn't look much like our storehouse, does it?" Jean paused in her task, and, seating herself upon the summit of a step-ladder, scrutinized with satisfaction the transformation wrought by a myriad of college flags, sofa cushions, colored shawls, and bunting.

Roberta Keap dropped her hammer with an exclamation of pain.

"Ouch!" she cried "I've hurt my thumb. I can't hit where I look when people are talking."

"Why don't you pin them up?" queried Miss Blake sweetly. "A hammer is so dangerous."

Mrs. Keap mumbled something, but her enunciation was indistinct, owing to the fact that her thumb was in her mouth. Helen finished tying a bow of ribbon upon the leg of a stool, patted it into proper form, then said:

"It looks cheerful."

"And restful," added Jean.

"Oh dear!" Jean descended from her precarious position and admitted, "I'm tired out."

All that morning the three had labored, busily transforming the store-room into training-quarters for Speed, who had declared that such things were not only customary but necessary. To be sure, it adjoined the bunk-room, where the cowboys slept, and there were no gymnastic appliances to give it character, but it was the only space available, and what it lacked in horizontal bars, dumb-bells, and Indian clubs it more than compensated for by a cosy-corner, a window-seat, and many cushions. Speed had expressed his delight with the idea, and agreed to wait for a glimpse of it.

Of all the denizens of the Flying Heart but two failed to enter fully into the spirit of the thing. Berkeley Fresno looked on with a cynicism which he was too wise to display before Miss Blake. Seeing the lady of his dreams monopolized by a rival, however, inspired him to sundry activities, and he spent much of his time among the cowboys, whom he found profitable to the point of mystery.

Mrs. Keap, the youthful chaperon, seemed likewise mastered by some private trouble, and puzzled her com-

panions vaguely. Helen reported that she did not sleep, and once Jean found her crying softly. She seemed, moreover, to be apprehensive, in a tremulous, reasonless way; but when with friendly sympathy they brought the subject up, she dismissed it. In spite of secret tears, she had lent willing hands to the decoration of the gymnasium, and now nursed her swollen thumb with surprising good nature.

"Shall we let them in?" she inquired. "We have done all we can."

"Yes; we have finished."

In a flutter of anticipation Jean and Helen put the final touches to their task, while Mrs. Keap stepped to the door and called Speed.

He came at once, followed by Larry Glass, who, upon grasping the scheme of decoration, smote his brow and balanced dizzily upon his heels. Speed was lost in admiration.

"It's wonderful!" ejaculated the young athlete. "Those college flags give it just the right touch. And see the cosy-corner!"

Glass regained his voice sufficiently to murmur, sarcastically, "Say, ain't this a swell-looking drum?"

Berkeley Fresno, drawn by the irresistible magnetism of Miss Blake's presence, wandered in and ran his eyes over the room.

"Why all the colors?" asked he.

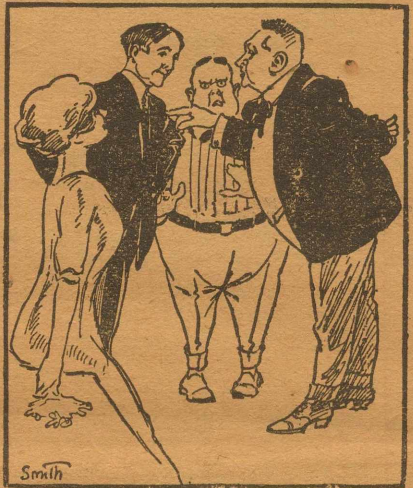
"You can sing best where there is a piano. I can train best under the shadow of college emblems. I am a temperamental athlete."

"You'll be a dead athlete if you don't beat this cook." The Californian was angry.

"Indeed!" exclaimed his rival, airily.

"That's what I remarked. Did they tell you what happened to Humpy Joe, your predecessor?"

"It must have been an accident."



"You'll Be a Dead Athlete if You Don't Beat This Cook."

Judging from his name." At which Miss Blake tittered. She was growing to enjoy these passages at arms; they thrilled her vaguely.

"The only accident connected with the affair was that Still Bill and Willie didn't have their guns."

Glass started nervously. "Did these rummies want to shoot him?" he inquired.

"Certainly," said Fresno. "He lost a foot-race."

In spite of his assurance, J. Wallingford Speed felt a tremor of anxiety, but he laughed it off, saying:

"One would think a foot-race in this country was a pearl necklace."

"These cowboys ain't good losers, eh?" queried Glass.

"It's win or die out here."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## TOOK CALL AS A GREETING

Unsophisticated Youth Responded to What He Thought Was Friendliness of Telephone Operator.

Talking over old times the other night a Columbus man told the following story of the days when Columbus had but one telephone company and the business did not require the large force of employees it does today.

"When I was in the university here, a friend from a small town near here came to see me on a visit. Being acquainted with the manager of the telephone company, I took my friend up to his office and the manager offered to show us about the exchange. There were about half a dozen girls operating the switchboard in those days, but the plant was a thing of awe and wonderment to my small-town friend. As we passed the girls on duty, it happened that each had a call from a subscriber in the order in which they sat, and thinking they were saying 'Hallo' to him, my friend doffed his hat very politely to each one and answered back cordially, 'How-de-you-do.'—Columbus Dispatch.

## Good for the Tailors.

"Well, Br'er Wilson," said the elder of one of the colored churches to a newly appointed pastor, "what do yo' think ob yer new congregation?"

"Since yo' asks me, Br'er Johnsing," replied the minister, "I have got to say dat I tink dey is er scrubby lookin' crowd."

"Why, Br'er Wilson, what do yo' mean?" questioned the other in amazement. "Dese folks has had mo' camp meetin's and got religion oftener dan mos' eny congregation in town."

"Well, dat's jes' it, Br'er," responded the pastor, "dat's jes' de trouble. Dey has done wore out de seats ob dey pants backslidin' and dere knees prayin' for fog-blessin'."

## ARRESTED.

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## WOULD END POETICAL GUSH

English Suffragists Protest Against the Effusions Put Out About the Sex by Men.

"It is people who write poetry about us who prevent us women getting the vote." The sentence arrested me in reading Violet Hunt's story of the "Celebrity's Daughter," at a week-end, with the smashing of windows, the cutting up of golf greens, the spoiling of letters and the threats of other horrors in my ears and eyes, says a writer in the London Chronicle. For men persist in writing poetry about women, to their amazement, and no women are writing poetry about men.

Man is the poetic sex. He goes about—I may tell you—with snippets from the papers in his pocketbook, and takes them now and again as a sort of stimulant. Moreover, the man writes his poetry secretly, sends it to the newspapers, and they publish it. I could give you the address of bald-headed stockholders and bearded business men who write verses. And more who cut the poetry from their newspapers and take it as a stimulant.

## Clemenceau Story.

It is said that Monsieur Clemenceau, who bears the pleasant sobriquet

of "the tiger," is about to connect himself with a new journal to appear in the near future. This return to the limelight from which he had not withdrawn to any distance, gives occasion for some new stories concerning him. One of these is that a young man applied to him for a place. "Do you know anything about foreign affairs?" asked the tiger. "Yes, monsieur," was the answer, to which he modestly added, "a little." Clemenceau appeared greatly astonished. "Ah, truly! Do you know what is the question of the Orient, the Austro-Hungarian problem, and pan-Slavic policies?" "Yes, monsieur." Then "the tiger" turned on him. "This is too wearisome. It would amuse me much more if you knew nothing at all."

## Too Much Ceremonial.

A famous Ohio humorist says that a new rich family in Cleveland, who were beginning to put on a lot of airs, hired a colored girl just arrived from the south to act as their serving maid. Her new mistress insisted that all meals should be served in courses. Even when there wasn't much to eat it was brought to the table in courses. At the end of a week the girl threw up her job. Being pressed for a reason for quitting so suddenly, she said: "I'll tell you, lady—in dis yere house dere's too much shiffin' of dishes fur de fewness of de vittles."



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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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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

J. W. Young, one of the most prosperous farmers and leading citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business and buying supplies of the Spur merchants. Mr. Young reports everything flourishing in the Afton country, a fine season and ideal prospects for bumper crops this year.

J. E. Wright came in the latter part of last week from the Croton country and spent some time here trading with Spur merchants. Mr. Wright says that everything promises big crops this year in the Croton country, and everybody is smiling and happy with "great expectations" for the year 1914.

W. G. Sherrod returned the latter part of last week from Fort Worth and other points where he spent the holidays. He reports a most pleasant trip.

County Attorney B. G. Warwick came over Friday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on business and greeting his friends here.

E. B. Shaw, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous farmers of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week. Mr. Shaw says that everything is in the very finest shape at this time, and the year 1914 now gives promise of being one the most prosperous of the many past years.

Rev. Loyd, of Haskell, filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church Saturday and Sunday. Rev. Loyd has regular appointments here, being the fourth Saturday and Sunday in each month. He is an able and forceful preacher, an agreeable gentleman and one whom we are glad to know.

W. H. Harrison, of the Spur Experimental Station, returned the latter part of last week from his former home in the eastern part of the state where he spent the holidays with relatives and friends.

Messrs. Koonceman, of Hico, returned Wednesday after spending the holidays with their brother and family of the Afton country. While here they also visited another brother at Snyder.

A. A. Marshall, of Steel Hill, was in town Wednesday and informed us that he would move Thursday to the Jayton country where he will make a crop this year on Berry Pursley's place.

J. C. Stephens, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and spent some time here on business.

Miss Boykin, who is teaching in the Spur School, was called to Fort Worth Wednesday on account of the death of her sister-in-law of that city.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital last week, and at this time we are glad to note that he is reported doing nicely.

Miss Etta Fite underwent an operation the latter part of last week at the Standifer Hospital, and at this time she is reported doing nicely and rapidly recovering of the effects of the operation.

Dr. Bachelor left this week for Post where he will remain several weeks doing dental work. He will again return to Spur and become permanently located here.

I have bought the Auto Garage and prepared to do all kinds of auto repairing. Also have oil and gasoline for sale. I will appreciate your business in this line.—E. L. Clay.

Mr. Gilbert, of the eastern part of the state, returned Wednesday to his home after spending the holidays with C. D. Copeland and family.

Earl Harkey was in from his ranch home about fourteen miles northeast of Spur Tuesday and hauled out supplies.

Miss Emma Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, is spending several days in Spur this week with friends.

Henry Gruben, of Royston, spent the holidays in Spur with his brother, W. C. Gruben and wife.

Miss Lewis Fox is spending the week with friends at Roaring Springs.

P. J. Hext, of the Afton country, was here this week and marketed several bales of cotton.

### MIXED WEDDINGS

An editor in a neighboring city, who had been imbibing too freely of hard cider, recently got a marriage notice and a sale bill mixed up as follows:

William, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Smith, was disposed of at public auction to Lucy Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson on my farm one mile east of this place in the presence of several guests including the following to wit: Two mules, 12 head of cattle, Rev. Johnson tied the knot averaging 1250 pounds on hoof. The beautiful home of the bride was tastefully decorated with Siwash clam spades, a sulkey rake one set of double harness nearly new, and just before the ceremony was pronounced, Mendelssohn's inspiring march was softly given by one cow five years old, one Jersey to be fresh in April carrying a bunch of flowers in her hand and looking charming in her gown made of light spring wagon, 6 boxes of apples, 3 rakes of hay, 1 grind stone, mousseline de soi trimmed with about a hundred bushels spuds. The groom is well known and has always stood well in society circles of 12 Berkshire hogs while the bride is accomplished and a talented teacher of Poland Chinas; pedigree furnished if desired.

Among the many beautiful presents were two sets of silver knives and forks, 1 spring harrow, 1 wheelbarrow, go-cart, and other articles too numerous to mention.—Henley Falls Press.

### BUSINESS SUGGESTIONS.

Humanity is a slave to its wants, and often at the expense of its needs. As a rule, desire, rather than actual necessity, governs buying. Create a want and the needs will take care of themselves, is a saying trite and true, and it contains more truth than fiction. Desire and demand always precede buying, and these elements are the net results of suggestion. The most effective way of placing the suggestions of your business before the buying public is through the columns of the newspaper. No investment can pay larger dividends than money put in advertising space in this paper, and as a business builder it has no rival.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill community, is reported quite sick of erysipelas the past week.

Miss Marley, who is teaching music at Jayton, spent Christmas in Spur with Mrs. W. S. Dunn and other friends.

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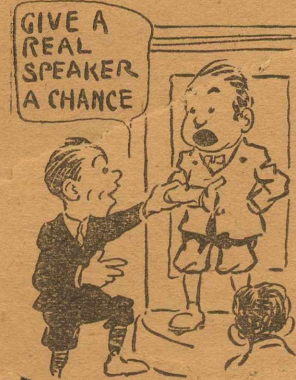




# NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

## Many Things the Pages Do to Amuse Themselves

WASHINGTON.—As the crowd of sightseers entered the capitol they were surprised to hear shouts of laughter and the scraping of chairs. "Is that congress in session?" one of the party asked the guide. This wise individual laughed before he answered.



"No, it's too early in the morning for the congressmen, you couldn't get them out before noon except on extraordinary occasions. The noise you hear comes from the pages frolicking about in the chamber of the house of representatives. You'll see them for yourself when we go upstairs."

The noise increased visibly as the party neared the chamber. There were loud shouts in boyish voices, shrill laughter and the sounds of falling furniture. The guide took his sightseers to the visitors' gallery, for none except members of the house, their secretaries and house employees are allowed to enter the sacred precincts. But at this time of morning a wild sight was to be enjoyed. Fully 25 or 30 boys were running up and down the aisles of the room, totally forgetful of their surroundings in the pleasure of their fun. To a person accustomed to gazing on the house when it was filled with dignified congressmen it was a most unusual sight. Several boys were wrestling, others boxing and still more tossing a piece of paper around the room in imitation of a baseball game.

It's a treat to sit for a morning and watch the house pages. They arrive about 9 o'clock, then for three hours there is a continuous performance of fun galore, only ended when the house chaplain formally opens the day's session. Then for the remainder of the day the page works hard and earns his salary.

## Street Car Regulations in the Capital City

TWO men were standing under a tree in Farragut square near the west side one hot afternoon last summer. One of them was in the uniform of the street car service and the other was in plain clothes. Each had a pencil and paper pad and each was making notes of the street cars passing.

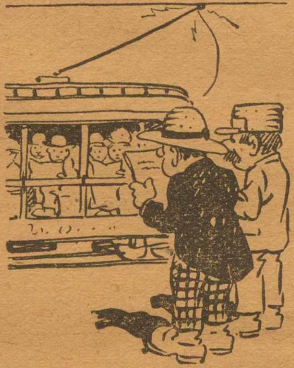
"What are those men doing?" asked the reporter of a conductor, expecting the reply "spotters."

"Those men are making up reports as to whether the cars are light loaded, medium loaded, loaded or crowded," said the conductor. "One is in the employ of the public utilities commission. If a dozen or so passengers are on a car it will be marked as 'light,' if everybody has a seat and there is a scattering of empty seats, it will be marked 'medium,' if all the seats are occupied it will be marked 'loaded,' and if passengers are standing it will be marked 'crowded.' We have cut our schedule—that is, the company has reduced the number of cars running—because of the number of people out of the city, and those men are aiding in the making up of a report to determine whether the new schedule is providing sufficient accommodations to the public."

"Yes," said the conductor, "any rule for the safety and comfort of passengers ought to be a police regulation. A regulation made only by the company does not go very far. It is against the rule of the company for passengers to stand on the running board of open cars, but all I can do is to request or persuade a passenger to step inside. Perhaps there is no room inside. I have no authority to put him off."

"If a man spits on the floor of a car I can have him arrested and he will have to answer in court. It is a police regulation that a man shall not spit on the floor. The rule that smoking is permitted only on the last three seats is a company regulation, and a man can smoke on the front seat or any other seat if he chooses to be disagreeable about it and I may not put him off."

"However, a conductor can make nearly all men observe the smoking rule if you handle them right. You can get along better with the public by 'requesting' than by any other means. If you begin threatening you will be in hot water right away."



## Judge's Stern Warning to Desperate Prisoner

THERE is a good story going around the capitol about Congressman Small, who hails from North Carolina. In prehistoric days, when Small was young in the law, he was prosecuting a town bully who bore a desperate character. This desperado was supposed to have added greatly to the population of the village cemetery and to be ready to kill his man at the drop of an acorn.

So when Small stood him up at the bar before a country justice of the peace the embryo congressman painted the prisoner in such dark colors that his own mother would never have recognized him at five paces. In the very height of his eloquence Small pointed a long finger at the trembling man and shouted:

"Why, that man at the bar would just as soon kill me as not right here before your face, judge."

The judge leaned thoughtfully over, took off his specs and glowered at the offending criminal.

"John Smith," he thundered, "if you dare kill Small here before me I will fine you a dollar and fifty cents for contempt of co'te; darn my soul, if I don't!"

## Was Hurtled Through the Door Like a Catapult

REPRESENTATIVE ERNEST W. ROBERTS of Massachusetts tells a story of a bully who lived in his town and whose general demeanor made him a fit subject for the stocks. Jim Jones was a general, all-round, good-for-nothing, lazy, fighting idler whose only work in life was an attempt to escape labor, but who was always boasting of what a "bad man" he was under his ragged coat.

One day Mr. Roberts was strolling down the street and stopped to talk to a friend near a lamp post which stood outside of a saloon. From within came the odor of stale beer, and tobacco mingling with the angry tones of a heated conversation.

Just then Jim Jones came strolling up proudly. Throwing out his chest and pointing to the swinging door from which the noise issued, he declared: "I'm going in there and throw every damned one of them fellows out. Just watch me. Be sure and count them as I throw."

Jim sailed within the mystic precincts, while outside Mr. Roberts and his friend awaited the outcome of the onslaught.

In a few moments the uproar increased. There were wild yells and smashing of chairs. The door jerked open and a kicking figure was hurtled through it like a catapult and fell into the gutter.

"One," counted out the friend aloud, determined to keep the score right. "Stop counting!" yelled the prostrate form in the gutter. "Ain't you got no sense—this is me!"

It was Jim.



# NEWS for the YOUNG PEOPLE

## HANDY BOY ABOUT THE HOME

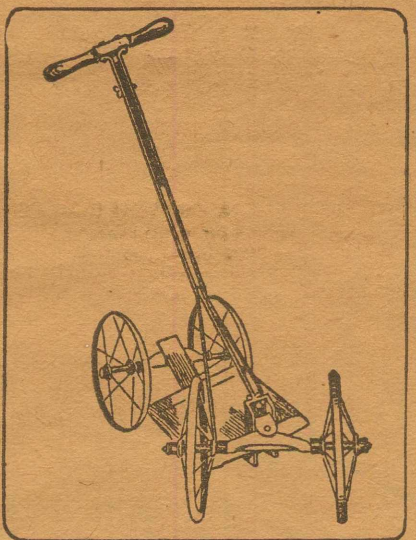
Every Young Man Should Have Box of Tools and Learn to Repair Articles Damaged About House.

I like the handy boy about the house, who knows how to hang a picture, drive a nail, and do the little necessary repairing that any mother wants done. It is easy enough to learn how to use a saw or chisel, and every boy should have a box of tools, so that he can repair articles that may become damaged. The boy who is handy about his mother's house will be of inestimable value to his wife when he shall marry. Boys who do not care to go out at night may learn to make many pretty pieces of furniture, if they will only devote some time to studying how to use tools and paints. With a few lessons, the handy boy may make picture frames, or cabinets, odd cornices, or desks or other articles of usefulness and value. The boy who is handy about the house and a help to his mother is one who learns how to make purchases for the household, who can tell a good piece of meat at the butcher's, or pick out fresh vegetables at the market. Oh, no, do not say that marketing is woman's work. It is quite as much man's work, and besides, none of us can know so much in this world that we can afford to ignore even the details of marketing.—Foster Coates.

## PLAY APPARATUS FOR BOYS

Wheeled Platform Propelled by Pushing One Foot—Adjustable Handle Is Used for Support.

After watching small boys coasting about on home-made vehicles propelled by one foot, an Indiana man designed a more elaborate affair on the same principle. A low platform is mounted



New Play Apparatus.

on four wheels, two axles of the device being connected by a strong steel band, on which the footboard rests. The construction is such that by tilting the footboard to the right or left the wheels will turn in the same direction, but the toy will not upset. The long handle is adjustable to any height and is used more for support than for guidance. To operate the vehicle a boy stands with one foot on the platform and with the other foot pushes it ahead until sufficient momentum is attained to carry it on. He then gets aboard with both feet and guides it by throwing the weight of his body on one side or the other.

## Not This Time.

Johnny was rather apprehensively waiting his father's return from business. He had a curious little feeling that more would be heard about the broken pane of glass in old Grimes' glass house.

"Take off your coat, my son, and come along with me!" said pa after he had rested from dinner.

"You're not going to give me a hiding are you, pa?" inquired young hopeful with a nervous gulp.

"Didn't I tell you this morning that I would settle with you for your bad behavior when I came home?" queried father.

"Yes," said Johnny hopefully, "but I thought you were only joking, like when you told the grocer you would settle with him."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

## It Was Hard to Tell.

The Music Teacher—Johnny is improving daily in his violin playing.

Johnny's Mother (gratified)—Is that so? We didn't know whether he was improving or we were just getting more used to it.—Winnipeg Town Topics.

## Leg a Tease.

Why should a man troubled with gout make his will.

Because he will then have his leg at ease (legatees).

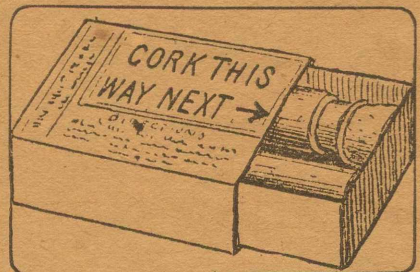
## KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

Little Story of What an Observant Boy Accomplished.

Ingenious Lad Invents Paper Box for His Mother to Take Medicine Without Any Confusion—Idea Soon Became Popular.

A great many boys are always looking forward to the time when they will grow up and be able to do something big, but they overlook the chances they have to do something worth while when they are still boys. Here is a little story of what an observant boy did:

It often happens that people have to take two different kinds of medicine alternately, and endless ways have been tried to remember which comes next. Sometimes they take No. 1 at the odd hours and No. 2 at the even



Box for Medicine Bottles.

hours, and sometimes they put the spoon in the one to take next, or they place one to be taken in the morning in a different glass from the one to be taken at night.

On ingenious boy who saw his mother always forgetting which of the little bottles of pills to take next noticed that there were two of the bottles in pasteboard box, lying side by side. They each had a number on them, but there was no way to be sure which number his mother had taken last.

Then he had an idea. He pasted a little slip of paper on the cover of the box and wrote his directions on it.

As the little box inside slipped out of the cover it was easy to put the cork of one bottle toward one end and the cork of the other at the other end. After taking a dose from bottle No. 1 she just pushed the cork into the cover first, so that the cork of No. 2 was toward the end with the arrow mark, and she always knew that was the one to take next.

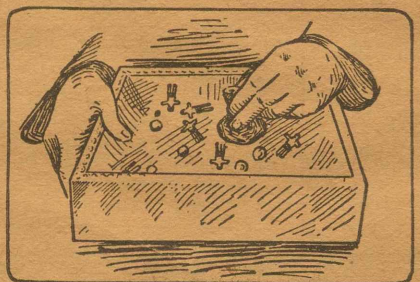
A druggist that saw this simple little trick had labels printed for all his boxes, and it proved so popular with the doctors that used those medicines that they made the boy a present of a bicycle for his invention.

If you keep your eyes open and think about things you never know when you may hit upon some useful thing like this, which others will pay you for. A girl that stooped to fix a broken shoe lace and tried to pull it through the hole with a hairpin invented the surgeons' needle that is used today all over the world for sewing up wounds. Some boys that built a fire upon the sand with seaweed found the secret of making glass.

## AMUSEMENT IN A MAGIC BOX

Balls and Paper Men Made to Jump About in Fantastic Manner—Static Electricity Is the Secret.

A novelty which affords much amusement is the magic box. It is 4x6x2 inches, made out of wood with a glass cover and lined with foil. The directions for operating the box are as follows: Rub the pane of glass with the little leather cushion and the balls and paper men will begin at once to produce their performance, jumping about in the most fantastic



Magic Box.

manner. The only thing necessary is to keep the box and leather cushion clean and dry, which is done best by cleaning the pane of glass before using, with a piece of dry cloth, says Popular Electricity. Static electricity is the secret of the odd movements.

## In a Predicament.

The teacher was reading the history of England to some of the little pupils. When she came to the statement that Henry I. never laughed after the death of his son she noticed one of the little girls had raised her hand and seemed very desirous of attracting her attention.

"Well, Amy," said teacher, "what is it?"

"Please, ma'am," said little Amy, "what did Henry I. do when he was tickled?"—Harper's Bazar

## VARIETY OF RECIPES

HOUSEWIFE SURE TO FIND SOMETHING TO HER TASTE HERE.

Best Method for the Preparation of Breakfast Rolls—Excellent Milk Biscuits—Cream Soup a Favorite With Many.

Breakfast Rolls—Dissolve two ounces of butter in a little warm milk. Put one pound of flour into a pan, add the milk with the butter, stirring in before adding to it a teaspoonful of baking powder and a pinch of salt. Mix into a stiff paste, knead well, form into little rolls on a floured board, and bake in a quick oven for 20 minutes.

Sheep's Tongues—Cook three or four sheep's tongues in hot water till tender, then take them up and remove the skins. Place in a stewpan, dredge with flour and add a gill of nicely flavored stock. Simmer gently for 15 minutes, then place the tongues on a hot dish and add 10 drops of lemon juice to the gravy. Bring to the boil and pour over the tongues.

Milk Biscuits—Rub three ounces of lard into one pound of flour. Add a pinch of salt and a teaspoonful of baking powder, with sufficient milk to form a stiff paste. Roll out on a well-floured board and cut into biscuits, using a pastry cutter. Prick each one several times and bake in a hot oven for 15 minutes. These biscuits are excellent with cheese, and will keep well if placed in an airtight tin.

Cream Soup—Wash and grate a red carrot, chop two onions and peel and slice four potatoes. Cook in a little water till soft enough to mash to a pulp with a wooden spoon, then add half a pint of milk, one ounce of butter and a teaspoonful of cornflour slaken with a little milk, and pepper and salt to taste. Beat all up together and serve. A little chopped parsley may be added to improve the appearance.

Caraway Biscuits—Break three eggs into a basin, add half a pound of castor sugar, and beat to a cream. Stir in half a pound of fine flour, which has been dried in the oven, and a teaspoonful of caraway seeds. Shape the dough into biscuits, and allow them to stand on a tin plate for an hour. Then place in a moderate oven and bake to a golden brown.

## Parker House Rolls.

Three cupsfuls scalded milk, four tablespoonfuls butter, three tablespoonfuls sugar, one teaspoonful salt, eight cupsful flour, one yeast cake dissolved in one-fourth cupful warm water. Pour the scalded milk over the butter, sugar and salt and when lukewarm beat in four cupsful of flour, then add yeast. Cover closely and set in warm place to rise. When light enough add more flour (the other four cupsful). Knead and set to rise. After it has risen till light knead again and roll out to about half-inch thickness. Cut with small biscuit cutter, brush with melted butter, crease, press edges together, put in buttered tins and let rise till very light, then bake in brisk oven 15 or 20 minutes.

If you do not always feel that you can afford all milk and all butter, take half water and half lard.

## Breakfast Apple.

There is an interesting device to make the preparation of the breakfast apple easy. To begin with, there is a little circular board on which the apple is placed. Then there is a circular band of steel, with three or four cross pieces of metal, sharp on the lower edge, fastened at each end to the steel circle and bisecting each other in the middle. The big circle is placed outside the apple, which is now on the little board, and then is pushed down to the board. The cross pieces cut the apple into segments, each just the right size to pare and eat—or to eat unpared, if you have a taste for apple skin.

## Mummy Minerva's Chicken Gumbo.

Cut up and fry one chicken in the fat of three slices of bacon, browned to a crisp. Season with salt, pepper and a bit of mace, two sticks of allspice, a cup of New Orleans gumbo and a cup of water. Simmer slowly, adding more water when it boils low. When the chicken has boiled to pieces and the stew resembles cream sauce, pass it through a coarse colander and bring to a boil. Before serving add twelve large oysters. When they crinkle serve immediately.

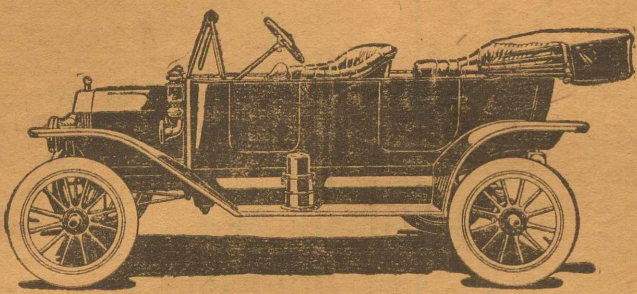
## Duchess Potatoes.

To two cups of potatoes add one teaspoon melted butter. Beat until light and smooth, then add six tablespoonfuls of milk or cream and the yolks of two eggs well beaten. When well mixed and seasoned with salt and pepper add the beaten whites. Fill hot gem pans and brown.

## Good Polish.

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#### NEW HOPE

Warren Wilson and nephew, of Kentucky, are visiting at the home of Minor Wilson.

Mr. Anderton, of Spur, had business in Roaring Springs and Matador last week.

Geo. S. Greenwade has been spending the Christmas holidays in our midst.

The Midway High School organized a Literary Society last Friday afternoon and contemplate giving an entertainment once a month.

Tom Dodson has decided there is no better place to live than in Dickens county and has moved to the T. N. Dodson place.

The school children had quite a nice Christmas tree and Miss Spikes deserves praise for the beautiful tree and its nice decoration.

C. M. Buchanan had business in Dry Lake and Spur Friday and Saturday.

The following had business in Spur last week: Mr. Favor, of Prairie Chapel; Mr. Hicks Blakeley and Young, of Afton; Mr. J. C. Stephens and Young, of Amity.

Finn Whittaker is building a residence just north of Mr. Christopher's. It is a five-room building with a hall for ventilation, and when completed will not only be a modern, up-to-date home but will be an advertisement for our community.

S. R. Bowman, a prominent citizen and one of the most extensive farmers of this section, was in the city Saturday on business.

L. A. Hindman carried his well drilling machinery to Girard last week and will be engaged in drilling wells in that section during the next several weeks.

A. W. Jordan was in the city Saturday from the Steel Hill country and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Jordan is one of the best and most successful farmers of the country.

W. M. Randall was in the city Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill community and reports everything in the very best shape.

W. A. Wilkenson and Jeff D. Harkey returned this week from a trip over the Plains country and into New Mexico where they spent several days on business.

J. Carlisle, of the Gilpin country, was in the city Saturday and reported everything moving along nicely with respect to farming and farming conditions.

F. A. Prideaux spent several days of last week in Aspermont on business and in conference with R. B. Spencer.

Ben Hagins, of several miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Monday and spent several hours here on business.

#### CHURCH NOTICE

On next Sunday morning at the Methodist Church I will preach on the "Call to Service," and on the following Sunday morning I will preach on the subject of "Tithing," or "Do We Owe to God a Tithe of Our Income?" This latter subject at the request of the Woman's Auxiliary Society. The thoughtful and morally disposed should hear these discourses, regardless of creed affiliations, as they bear upon the individual relation to God and our human society, and it is not probable that they will be repeated from this pulpit during the present year.

In this connection I wish also to announce that I will preach at the Dry Lake schoolhouse on the third Sunday at three o'clock in the afternoon, promptly at the hour announced, and a cordial invitation to all the people in that community is hereby extended.

Beginning with next Sunday night I will deliver a series of sermons on incidents connected with the close of our Lord's earthly career. These sermons will be delivered only on Sunday nights, and the first will be on the "Church Trial,—How the Church Court Dealt with Jesus." Good music. Special invitation to those not having affiliation with any church is extended.—Geo. J. Irvin, Pastor.

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#### CARD OF THANKS

To all those who so kindly gave me their assistance and support in the piano contest given by Bryant-Link Company, I desire to express my appreciation of their efforts; and wish to give them my sincere thanks.—Annie Cross.

Robt. Dopson, of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Monday on business and trading with the merchants.

R. F. Rogers and family, of several miles northwest of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

J. C. Davis was in the city Saturday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community.

#### CARD OF THANKS

To those kind and respected friends that supported and worked for me in the Bryant-Link Contest, I want to thank you all for the honor and kindness shown for me; and to those who voted for the other girls I have no malice toward any of you. Wishing you all a happy New Year in 1914 with the best of success.—Ocie Holly.

R. S. Holman left Monday for Seymour where he is associated with his father in the defense of several big suits which will be heard in the District Court which convened at that place Monday.

E. B. Bowman and family, who have been living on S. R. Bowman's place north of Spur, moved recently to the eastern part of the state where he has secured a farm and will make their home in the future.

Miss Winnifred Mace returned the latter part of last week from Gorman where she spent several days visiting friends.

Mr. Estes made a trip the first of the week to Roaring Springs where he spent a day or two on business.

George Greenwade, of Jayton, spent several days of this week in Spur looking after business interests.

W. T. Wilson came in Monday from his farm home five miles east of Spur and spent several hours here on business.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Monday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home eight or ten miles southwest of Spur.

Mrs. J. C. Hamill, of Temple, arrived in Spur Monday for an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henson.

## Banking Aids to Farmers

IN the course of each day's work much information comes to this bank, through the mails, and through market and financial reports, and through its personal contact with farmers and business men, which puts it in position to help its farmer customers in a substantial way. This bank is always willing to give its farmer patrons the benefit of the information it gathers concerning methods and markets, and not only that, will give financial aid to its customers who are applying intelligent effort to their work, and are trying consistently to build up their standing.

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E. Luce and wife returned the first of the year from a visit of several days to their daughter and family at Gorman. The daughter has been in very delicate health for some time and for this reason Mr. and Mrs. Luce visited the family at this time.

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A. T. Odeneal, who has been confined to his room the past week, underwent an operation Sunday and at this time we are glad to note that he is reported recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

E. H. Blakeley, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here on business and trading with the merchants.

H. K. Parks was in the city Monday and spent some time here on business.

W. F. Markham, of the Dry Lake community, was a recent business visitor in the city.



## TAP TELLINGS

The holidays are over and the farmers are busy turning the soil for that bumper crop we are expecting this year.

J. H. Alexander and family have moved to the old Williams farm and will operate same this year. Jim is an old time friend of ours and we know him to be a first class citizen and neighbor and we are glad to have him with us.

Mrs. May, of Navarro county, spent Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. T. B. Rutherford, returning home Monday.

Prof. Stephens began his school at Peaceful Hill, near here, Monday. We wish Prof. Stephens much success in his school throughout the year.

Mr. Cooper is reported on the sick list this week. We hope Mr. Cooper will soon recover.

Mrs. G. W. Odom, of Afton, is visiting relatives in our community this week.

Mrs. A. W. Manning and family have moved to their new home across Cat Fish. We will miss them very much as they were the oldest settlers of our community.

The work on the Spur and Post road is progressing nicely. The work is being done by G. L. Brasher. We can commend Mr. Brasher to the people as being a natural road builder.

John Hinson has moved to the A. W. Manning place. Mr. Hinson knows a good country when he sees it, and had in view one of the best country schools in the state, as he has several children to attend.

A Mr. Dozier, of Bosque county, is prospecting in our neighborhood this week.—Kid-a-lude.

## ENTERTAINS

On Tuesday evening of the past week Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter opened their beautiful home to a number of young people in honor of Miss Bobo in a most hospitable manner. Promptly at the hour named the young people arrived in a jolly mood and were soon engaged in numerous games, contests and other amusements. Mrs. Riter was assisted by Miss Shields in entertaining and serving a most excellent salad course. At a late hour the guests reluctantly left, all voting this an ideal home, hostess, and friend to young people.

## THEY ALL COME BACK

M. A. Jordan, formerly of the Steel Hill community near Spur, but now of the Childress country, is visiting his brother and family at their farm home near Steel Hill. Mr. Jordan was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Saturday. He says that he made a good crop last year, but we judged from his talk that he has a hankering to return to the Spur country, and we will expect to see him return not later than one more year.

J. V. McCormick, and family of the Afton country, came down Saturday to be with A. T. Odean during his illness, he having an operation performed Sunday. Mr. McCormick has moved to a farm near Afton and will make a crop this year, and again operate his gin this fall.

W. M. Burgess was in the city this week and hauled out a load of wire with which to make improvements on his place in the Afton country. Mr. Burgess is one of the most prosperous citizens of that section.

M. L. Blakeley was in the first of the week and with others hauled out several loads of lumber with which Finn Whitaker will build a new residence on his place in the Afton country. This is an indication of substantial prosperity and progress on the part of the people of that section. The Afton country is recognized as one of the finest farming sections of this whole country, and the prosperity of the citizenship of that section is substantial evidence of such notoriety.

H. F. Clay, of Dickens, was in Spur this week and spent some time here with his sons, E. L. and W. D. Clay and families. Mr. Clay recently completed a large and handsome addition to his hotel building in Dickens and now has a large, roomy, convenient and handsome hotel for the accommodation of the trade.

W. H. L. Ward returned this week to his home in Spur from the Plains country where he has been doing carpenter work throughout the fall and winter months. Mr. Ward will spend the balance of the winter in Spur, and we welcome him back to the resident citizenship of the town.

J. R. Kerlin and wife, of Floyd county, are in the city this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Harrington at the Spur Hotel.

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## MOVES TO SPUR

G. W. Elmore, of Crosby county, moved last week with his family to Spur, he having purchased the Ham residence in the west part of the city. We are glad to have Mr. Elmore and family as citizens of the town and we wish them a pleasant and prosperous home among us.

L. N. Riter returned last week from Hamlin where he had spent several days on business.



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Postmaster J. E. Shelton, of Roaring Springs, was in Spur the first of the week greeting his many friends here and also looking after business matters. Mr. Shelton reports that a number of substantial brick buildings are now going up in Roaring Springs and many material improvements are being consummated and planned looking to the establishment of a modern town in every particular.

J. W. Peters, of near Guthrie, called in at the Texas Spur office Monday and requested that we hereafter mail his paper to him at Spur. Mr. Peters formerly lived in Spur, moving last year to a farm near Guthrie. He is now moving to the J. P. Higgins farm and ranch on Cat Fish where he will make a crop this year.

Wyatt Taylor and Sanders Taylor returned last week from San Angelo where they spent the holidays with relatives. They report a very pleasant visit. Wyatt Taylor left the first of this week for his home in Crosbyton, he having moved recently to that place from his Lake Home farm in the Lee County Settlement.

Baxter Scoggins, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business and greeting his friends.

## BOY RETURNED HOME

Bert N. Brown, of the 24 Ranch, came to Spur last week in his big, new ranch car, accompanied by W. W. Ellis of near his ranch. They carried home the son of Mr. Ellis who has been in the hospital for treatment several weeks. The boy was injured by a horse falling with him, receiving injuries to the head from which he was unconscious for some time. We are glad to note that the boy is sufficiently recovered to be removed to his home.

## CARD OF THANKS

The Texas Spur is requested to express the sincere thanks of Mrs. J. P. Higgins and family to their friends for kind considerations and assistance during their recent bereavement of husband and father in the death of J. P. Higgins. Each one is assured of heart-felt thanks for the many expressions of sympathy and kindnesses extended.

## DUCKS EATING MAIZE

E. Luce said this week that he and Ben Hagins had a crop of maize in the Duck Creek country and that the ducks had almost completely destroyed the whole crop. Ducks are plentiful in Western Texas at this time, but this is the first time we have ever heard of ducks depredating on the crops in this section.

Robt. Nichols, of the Lee County Settlement on the Plains, was in Spur the first of this week and spent some time here on business and trading with Spur merchants. Mr. Nichols is one of the leading stock farmers of the country.

J. W. Johnson, one of the oldest settlers of this section and one of our most prominent citizens, was in the city Wednesday from his home a few miles east of Spur.

Mayor Geo S. Link and R. L. Jones made a trip Monday to Ralls where they spent some time taking up cotton which they bought from the buyers at that point.

W. D. Eldredge, of the Lee County Settlement on the Plains, was in Spur this week and spent some time here trading and looking after other business affairs.

W. H. Hyatt, we are glad to note, is now able to get about on crutches. Some time ago he was kicked by a horse with the result that his leg was broken.

Oscar Jackson has been confined to his bed this week on account of illness. We hope to see him out again at an early date.

Barber Rhone spent several days of this week and last week in Sweetwater visiting friends.

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