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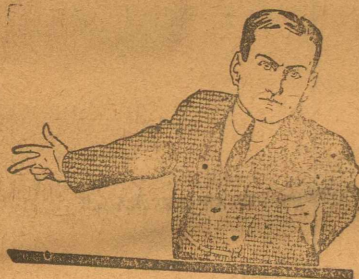
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### BUYS FIFTEEN SECTIONS OF SPUR FARM LANDS

W. H. Putman, of Marfa, Texas, this week purchased fifteen sections of the Spur Farm Lands in the Tap pasture from S. M. Swenson & Sons. We did not learn the exact amount of the consideration, but understand that it reaches well up toward the one-hundred-thousand dollar mark. Mr. Putman will stock this ranch with high-class white faced cattle, which is another evidence of his good business foresight, and we predict that in a very few years he will be one of the Spur country's best boosters and largest land owners. Mr. Putman has already moved his family to Spur, and will buy or build a residence in the near future. We are glad to welcome this excellent family as resident citizens of Spur and wish them all the happiness and prosperity usual to citizens of the Great Spur country.

### BRYANT-LINK TALK



Are you sure, Mr. Man, you are doing your utmost to build up the community in which you live, spending your money at home and by so doing helping to keep down the nation-wide tendency to centralization of business in the large cities, which if allowed to go on must ultimately mean the destruction of the smaller towns, the tearing down of our country schools and the lowering of the values of all country property, and the moving to the cities of your most ambitious children, where temptations of the most hazardous type confront them. We are offering the best service and merchandise we know how to offer, and are continually asking you for your business, and you have always been loyal and we have enjoyed a good live trade. Now, we want to say this, that buying merchandise is largely a confidence game. None of us are so skilled that we can tell the exact value of a suit of clothes, even though we have spent a lifetime behind the counter. We as merchants buy from concerns we believe to be honest and give us values and good treatment. We want your business on the same basis—that of confidence. We want you to believe in us; we want to believe in you. We know all men are not honest, but we have not gotten to the place where we consider all men rascals. We believe the majority of men are honest, and we appreciate the honest poor as much as we do the honest rich. We not only want your trade, but we want you for our friends as well. Our ambition is to build

J. E. Reams is making preparations to move to Afton, to operate the Afton gin, in which he is a heavy stockholder. Mr. Reams is one of the best gin men in this part of the state, and is thoroughly overhauling and adding to the present equipments, which will make it second to none in this section of the state.

### PRIMARY ELECTION TO CHOOSE SPUR POSTMASTER

Mrs. Lela Evans informs us that Congressman John H. Stephens has advised her that the selection of the postmaster at Spur will be left to a primary election to be participated in by patrons. The date has not been set for the election, but it is expected that it will be held some time during the next two or three weeks. We heartily endorse this policy, for it is in true accord with the principles of Democracy. Let the people choose who will serve them.

up a greater business in Spur, and while we are doing so to help in the development of both town and country. Since boyhood our Mr. Link has been in West Texas; spent his boyhood days on the farm and small ranch, and is in sympathy with the hardy sacrificing people who now and have always composed the citizenship of this part of the West. Our entire force of employees are, we think, high class, moral and upright, and are instructed to deal fairly at all times. We want your business on the basis that we merit it, and from your patronage in the past we are led to believe you have confidence in us. We are betting all we have on this country and its high class people. We are looking forward to a greater Spur and Spur country. We want to be boosters and not kickers. We notice that a mule makes no progress while he's kicking. Neither do men. BRYANT LINK CO.



If you must leave Spur for San Francisco or some other vacation, don't forget we have the needed suit case, handbag, parasol, Palm Beach suit, straw hat, and many other things you need—not including the money; go to the bank for that, please.

A big car of hog fence, barb wire and nails came in this week.

De Laval cream separators, not just as good.

We gazed pityingly on the listless drug store clerk leaning against the soda counter. "Have you any ambition?" we inquired kindly. "No," he replied, brightening up, "but I have something just as good.

Your friends,  
BRYANT-LINK CO.

### L. B. HUCKABEE DIES AT HOME NEAR AFTON

At 1 o'clock a. m. June 10th, after a lingering illness, L. B. (Grandpa) Huckabee passed away at the home of his son, A. J. Huckabee, near Afton. His death was not a surprise to his relatives and friends—in fact it had been momentarily expected for some time.

Grandpa Huckabee was born in Alabama in 1839, where he grew to manhood, later moving to Pennsylvania, where he spent a number of years and then moved back to his native state; from there he moved to Texas five or six years ago. He served throughout the Civil War in the ranks of the Confederate Army and as a result carried scars to his grave.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. L. B. Huckabee, and three sons, A. J. and A. E. Huckabee, of Afton, and Bob Huckabee, of Tennessee. He also has numerous relatives in eastern states.

He led a simple and unassuming life, and his closing and less active years were characterized by a desire to be anything but a burden to his people. He knew the value of a laugh, but always remembered the seriousness of life. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Missionary Baptist Church. The remains were laid to rest in the Afton cemetery by a large crowd of respectful friends and sorrowful relatives.—Contributed.

### CROTON SINGING CONVENTION.

The Singing Convention at Croton last Sunday was the best Convention that has been held for some time.

The house was called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. by the president, C. H. Rogers. The singing was fine; we sang until 12:30, when the convention was dismissed for dinner, which was made up of the most palatable assortment of luscious eats that the writer has had the pleasure of feasting upon in some time.

The house was again called to order at 1:30 p. m. and the singing was continued throughout the afternoon. The leaders were as follows: Holly of Fort Worth, Stiffler of Spur, Cooner and Warren of Fort Worth, Horton, Hobson and Thacker of Draper, Hix, Haile and Raglin of Afton, Priddle of Jones county, C. H. Rogers of Croton, and W. H. Lane of Midway. The feature of the program, however, was a song lead by Miss Inez Tarmby of Afton. We wish we had more lady leaders.

There being no other business, the Convention adjourned to meet with the Afton class on the Second Saturday night and Sunday in October. Everybody invited to attend.—Contributed.

Dud Martin, a prominent citizen of three miles north of Spur, and one of the most prosperous farmer-stockmen of this entire country, is having a wind mill erected and other improvements made on his farm this week.

B. T. Duncan, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was transacting business in Spur Thursday.

J. D. Powell, one of the Spur country's most substantial citizens, left Tuesday for the Ghost Ranch, in Kent county, to receive a large herd of cattle which he recently bought.

Mr. Satterwhite, of the Satterwhite Hardware Company at Roaring Springs, was a business visitor in Spur this week.

### HAIL AND FLOODS DAMAGE COTTE COUNTY CROPS

Cottle county has had more rain for the past week than was ever known before in this country for the same length of time. The old timers tell us that it is more rain than has fallen here before in twenty years for the same length of time.

The crops of this county are damaged at least one half taken as a whole, and in some places they are almost a total loss. In the Fairview settlement we understand that they have practically nothing left standing in the fields. There is only a place occasionally over the fields where the ground was high that has anything left standing at all. Some of the farmers of that community are going to have to plant their entire crop over, and they are of the opinion that it is getting very late for cotton that is planted now to do any good. They are very despondent over the situation.

In other parts of the country it is almost as bad. Where they are not washed away the hails have destroyed a part of the crops. The wheat and oat crop is cut short at least half on account of this weather.—Paducah Post.

Heavy cattle shipments from different points along the line has caused the Wichita Valley railway to devote its attention to this class of traffic exclusively, thereby somewhat discommoding those expecting local shipments of merchandise, etc.

### LITTLE DAMAGE DONE BY HAIL STORM WEDNESDAY

A light rain fell in Spur Wednesday afternoon, accompanied by a high wind which blew down two telephone poles for the Luzon Telephone Company and demolished the top of W. H. Putman's automobile. If the wind did other damage in the city, the Texas Spur has not been informed of it.

A big hail which, however, did only slight damage, is reported as having fallen in the vicinity of C. D. Copeland's farm six miles east of town, on the same afternoon. The stones were mainly small ones, although some as big as a man's fist fell for a few moments. Mr. Copeland says that he has about one-third of a stand of cotton left and that his feedstuff was not materially damaged. We were unable to learn the amount of territory covered by this hail storm as we were going to press, but it is hoped that no one suffered heavier damage than Mr. Copeland.

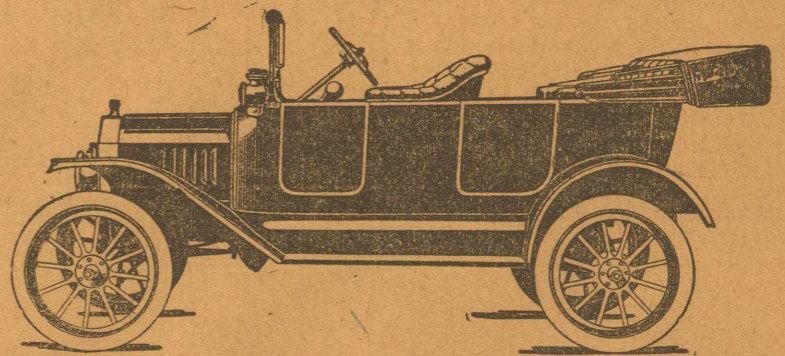
### MRS. LOVE ENTERTAINS

On last Friday morning at nine o'clock Mrs. C. A. Love, in a very delightful way, entertained "The Merry Wives Club" at her home on Hill Street. The amusement of the morning was progressive forty-two.

Those present were Mesdames Barrett, Wilson, Jennings, Neilson, Smart, Powell, C. L. Love, Link, Edmonds, Williams, Standifer, and Mrs. Stewart, of Crowell.

After several very interesting games, delightful refreshments consisting of salads, ice cream and cake were served. This is Mrs. Love's first time to entertain this club and she proved to be most charming hostess.—Contributed.

George Greenwade came over from Dickens Monday and spent several hours here on business.



Barring the unforeseen, every retail buyer of a new Ford car between August 1914 and August 1915, will receive from \$40 to \$60 as a share of the Ford Motor Company's profits.

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# Things the Farmer Likes to Know

## PASTURE FOR COW

Grass Fields Should Be Cultivated and Fertilized.

## DISK THE LANDS THOROUGHLY

Spread the Manure on in the Summer Despite the Fact That the Animals Will Find This Objectionable—The Next Rain Will Work Wonders Toward Putting Things in the Shape You Want Them.

Pastures should be cultivated and fertilized. No field needs good tillage any more than pasture, says Kimball's Dairy Farmer. To raise a good crop of pasture grasses pasture lands should be thoroughly disked every spring as soon as the frost is out of the ground and the land dry enough to be worked.

## Feed Chicks With Clean Food



Feed mother hen alone, but turn her babies out on a clean place free from indigestibles, for with them, like other babies, "everything goes to mouth." Fresh water and air for their first day's fare. Then for two days scatter a little chick grit and sweet, dry, fine breadcrumbs. Feed little, but often, just enough that their crops are half full in the day and two-thirds at night and never allow feed to lie around. After two days feed finely sieved ground mixed grain such as wheat, corn and millet and add a little meat scrap or raw meat. Do not feed meat if using hard boiled eggs, but do not feed the latter till chicks are a week old, and then sparingly. Wet cornmeal, bran, cooked and baked preparations are not good or necessary, but sound cracked grain for chicks and whole as they grow older fill the bill.

To grow well roots of all grasses must have air. All grass land becomes soil bound. Air and nitrogen cannot reach the roots. Thorough disking in the spring is excellent for the pasture. It not only loosens the soil, but scatters the manure deposited by cows, thus enriching large areas. Otherwise such deposits remain in one spot and kill out the grass underneath them. Disking and harrowing alone improve pastures wonderfully, as any one can demonstrate to himself by just disking and harrowing a small strip across any portion of any pasture. Further improvement will result from mixing together several varieties of grass seed and sowing a few pounds over each acre after disking, to be harrowed into the soil.

The place to put manure in the summer is on the pastures. Cows will refuse to eat grass where manure has just been applied, but this is not an objectionable fact, as the grass there will have a chance to make a new start. The next rain will cleanse the grass, beat the manure to the ground and dissolve the fertilizing elements from it and carry them into the soil. Then the grasses will make a new start and grow vigorously.

## MUMMIES OF PERU.

Before taking leave of Cuzco, Peru, we went to see the very interesting collection of Inca relics in the private museum of a Peruvian doctor who has devoted many years of his life to Inca research. Ranged round the walls were mummies which had been buried from rock tombs. All had been taken in a sitting posture, and, judging by the horrible expressions of agony on the parchment skin, I should imagine that some of them, prisoners of war, I was told, had been entombed alive. The horror of those mummied faces and the awful

## POULTRY PICKINGS.

According to experiments carried on at the Maine station, high producers are not nearly always reproducers of high producers. Medium producers produce more high producers. For egg production early hatched pullets are the best. Never judge the future plumage of a chick by the color of its down. Animal protein material produces more eggs than vegetable protein material and is the most economical. It can best be provided in the form of beef scrap and skim milk. The size of the chick bears a direct relation to the egg from which it is hatched. Small chicks hatched from small eggs never grow so large as chicks hatched from larger eggs of the same breed.

## SWEET CLOVER FOR CATTLE.

As a Pasture For Live Stock It Excels Alfalfa, an Authority Says.

Sweet clover excels alfalfa as a cattle pasture and is superior to all other crops for improving soils deficient in organic matter, though it has been lately overrated as a crop to grow under all circumstances. These conclusions are reached as a result of investigations by the agronomy department of the Kansas State Agricultural college.

"In the past two years," says C. C. Cunningham, assistant in co-operative experiments, "there has taken place in the popular mind a radical change in opinion regarding sweet clover. Once considered a noxious weed, it is now recognized as a valuable crop. To a large extent sweet clover is deserving of this change of opinion regarding it, but, like any new crop that suddenly comes into favor, it has been overrated for growing under all conditions in Kansas. It has proved valuable, however, under certain conditions and for special purposes.

"Sweet clover can be grown to advantage for hay in eastern Kansas on some soils not adapted to alfalfa or red clover. It is, however, a substitute for these crops and is useful for hay when the more valuable kinds cannot be successfully grown.

"Sweet clover is of value as a pasture and soil improvement crop and will undoubtedly be extensively utilized for these purposes. Properly handled, sweet clover will furnish more pasture than most other pasture crops, especially on the poorer types of soils. It excels alfalfa as a pasture for cattle in that it rarely causes bloat. Sweet clover is superior to all other crops for use in improving soils deficient in organic matter.

"During the past two years the agronomy department has co-operated with many farmers in western Kansas in testing sweet clover on the uplands. The results obtained were not very successful.

"Because of the high cost of the seed, the short life of the crop, the uncertainty of getting a stand and the smaller yields of forage as compared with the sorghums it is doubtful if sweet clover will prove a satisfactory crop on the uplands in western Kansas."

## PRUNING FRUIT TREES.

Many old orchards have been neglected for some time and as a result are choked with water sprouts and dead limbs.

Trees in this condition should not be pruned all in one year. The first year remove the suckers and all of the dead wood and most objectionable crossing branches. The second season more of the unnecessary crossing branches may be cut out. After this a light pruning each year will do.

Prune regularly, not spasmodically. Head in young trees, thin out old trees.

Prune during the dormant season. Prune close. Do not leave stubs. Paint all large wounds.

Keep the tree from suckers. Do not allow stock to prune your trees.

Water sprouts are the result of too heavy pruning. An ax or hatchet is not a pruning tool.

Unpruned, unsprayed and uncultivated orchards are not money makers. The orchard is not a profitable source of firewood.—J. H. Carmody, Kentucky Station.

## DEFECTIVE UDDERS.

Carelessness in Handling Calves Often Responsible For This Condition.

Defective udders often result from the pernicious practice of calves sucking each other.

Accidents sometimes occur which destroy the powers of the milk making glands, writes a correspondent of Kimball's Dairy Farmer. I have in mind a well bred heifer that freshened and has never given milk out of her front quarters. Apparently there was no reason why she should not, for when a calf she had never run with other calves, and it began to appear that perhaps the trouble might have resulted from inbreeding or from such source. Upon persistent inquiry, however, it was learned that when this heifer was a youngster she had a habit of jumping over a low barn door. One day she got caught with her front feet on one side of the door and her hind feet on the other. There she hung, overbalanced forward. In her struggle to loosen herself she dragged the fore quarters of her udder on to the sharp edge of the door. Although no immediate signs of injury appeared, the final result was that when she freshened the front quarters of her udder were found to be dormant.

# A Glance at Current Topics

## Leads Allied Forces Against Turks.

London, June 13.—General Sir Ian Standish Hamilton, in supreme command of the British-French army now landed on the Gallipoli peninsula to co-operate with the British-French fleet for the conquest of the Dardanelles and Constantinople, is a poet-soldier, with the tough, wiry frame of the Scotch and the Scotsman's long, narrow head, strong nose and bold chin and with the big ears of the generous Irishman and the Irishman's ingratiating smile. The eyes are shrewd and calculating, as becomes a canny Scot, but no less emotional and full of fun—the endowment of a son of Erin.



Photo by American Press Association. General Sir Ian Hamilton is a Poet-Soldier.

His military career is Lord Roberts' best gift to the nation, for Hamilton is the product of the training and spirit of Field Marshal "Little Bobs." Kitchener has had the good sense to show his appreciation of Lord Roberts' handiwork and to give Hamilton the chance to prove his right to a place near the top rung of the ladder. He stands there the embodiment of the best tradition and practice of the British officer—free from pretension, arrogance and "side"—a brave soldier and charming gentleman.

## Plant in Hate Killed Man.

Philadelphia, June 14.—Blue rockets show fear, and the deadly nightshade is full of hatred. Both of these are plants, but that does not prevent them from declaring merciless war on all animal life. The blue rocket perfume carries one of the deadliest of poisons. One-sixteenth of a grain shot from its poison pistol has proved fatal to a man. "Give this plant the semimuscular system possessed by the carnivorous plants and it would be more dangerous than the cholera," said Professor Henry G. Walters, head of the plant research bureau at Langhorne. The professor, who maintains that plants have memories and are capable of love, believes also that there are plants which exercise all the emotions of enmity.

## Jubilee of New York Firemen.

New York, June 14.—To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the first paid force of the fire department, which falls on June 12, the annual parade of the department will take place on that date. Commissioner Adamson made the announcement recently.

The parade will be led by Daniel Connor, who is the only member of the original company who can be located. More than 2,500 firemen are to march in the procession, which will be arranged to show the development of the department. A history of the department is being written by Commissioner Adamson and will be ready for distribution on June 12.

## Rural Delivery Extended.

Washington, June 14.—Mail facilities will be extended to 1,000,000 rural patrons by July 1 without increasing the present cost of service, according to a statement by Postmaster General Burleson. This, it is explained, will be done by readjusting present rural routes so as to eliminate duplications and unnecessary service and by means of the motor vehicle service authorized by congress.

Changes were authorized which, without curtailment of service, have reduced operating expenses \$177,644. This sum has been utilized to establish 263 new routes serving 31,041 additional families, or approximately 155,205 additional persons. Extensions of existing service were put into effect involving 104 additional miles of travel by rural carriers. These extensions serve 1,202 additional families and approximately 6,010 additional persons.

In explanation of his plans Mr. Burleson says: "The purpose is to enable the post-office department to meet just demands for mail service which thus far the

department has been unable to provide. This can be done only by careful and painstaking readjustment of existing service. Thorough survey and study of existing conditions therefore have been made.

"Rural service will be extended to every farmer reasonably entitled to it as rapidly as the new adjustments can be made."

## England's New War Song.

New York, June 14.—Writing from Henley, England, William C. Stevenson of this city, who is a third year student at Oxford university, gives an interesting recital of what the noted regatta town looks like in war times. Not the least important of the information contained in Stevenson's well written article is the news not yet realized here that a new song, "Blime Me, Mr. Reilly, But You Are Looking Well!" has superseded "It's a Long Way to Tipperary" as a marching song among the soldiers. The new song swept Britain like wildfire, and every one, soldiers and civilians alike, now are devotees of its wild, swinging air.

## Theory of Range of Guns.

Paris, June 13.—"Theoretically there is no limit to the range of big guns," said Henry Turpin, the inventor of melinite, to a representative of the Petit Parisien, in discussing the bombardment of Dunkirk.

"When I was attached to the technical artillery section of the ministry of war General Andre, then minister, asked me to make special experiments to see if it was possible to produce a projectile with a range equivalent to the distance from Calais to Dover. My first experiments and calculations showed it was possible to attain a much greater range than that."

It was while connected with the ministry of war that M. Turpin invented the aerial torpedo, which the Germans appear to be using on both fronts, and the inventor is unable to understand how they learned the secret.

## Helmets Rare Trophies.

London, June 12.—German helmets, notwithstanding the thousands of Germans who have been killed, wounded and captured, are still rare trophies at the British front. There are two chief reasons for this.

The first is that the Germans of late have been wearing caps; the second that the dead and wounded between the lines, on whom most of the helmets are to be found, are in no man's land, where it is almost sure death to venture.

The British soldier appreciates the fact that these helmets are bringing fancy prices in Paris, London and New York, and he is loath to part with any trophy except for a good sum.

## An Indian Register of Treasury.

Washington, June 14.—Houston B. Teehee of Oklahoma, who has assumed the duties of register of the treasury, is five-eighths Cherokee Indian. He succeeded Gabe Parker, also an Indian, who resigned to become superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes. The new register of the treasury was born in 1874 in what is now Sequoyah county, Okla. He was reared on a farm and was educated in the tribal schools and at the Fort Worth (Tex.) university.

Mr. Teehee's first political service was as an alderman in the city of Tahlequah, and he was subsequently mayor of the city for two terms. Later

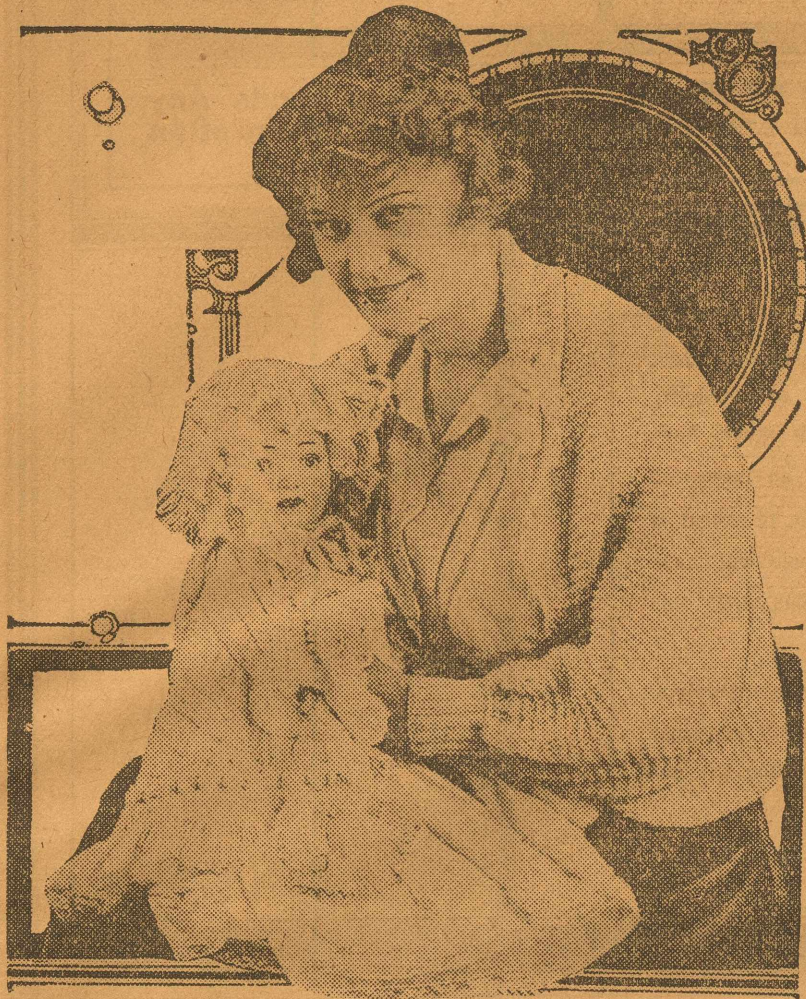


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he became county attorney and at the time of his appointment as register of the treasury was probate attorney in the Indian service. Mr. Teehee's father was assistant chief of the Cherokees. He served as delegate to Washington during the negotiations leading up to tribal dissolution. He had been connected with tribal politics during his entire adult life until the tribal entity was abolished in 1898. [25 A]

# Fashions and the Household

## Crocheted Sweaters For Mother and Baby



Crocheted articles of almost every description are being shown in the shops. Some are in cream colored wool and others are of pale blue and pale pink wool. The articles shown here are baby blue wool, the baby's sweater being crocheted with a tiny hood attached.

### THE HOUSEWIVES' BATTLE.

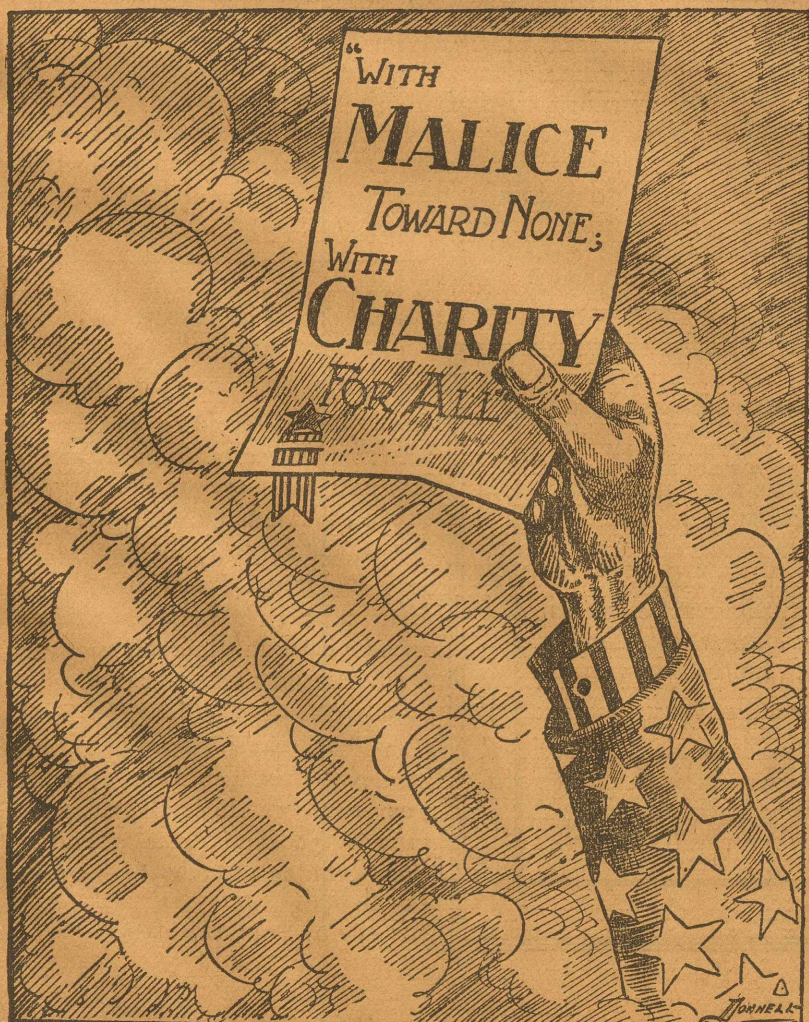
**The Buzzing Fly One of the Deadliest of Insects.**

This is the time to begin your warfare upon the fly and precautions taken now are worth all sorts of preventives later on. Every fly that you see buzzing through your rooms and allow to live may breed millions, each one of which may in turn breed millions more. Very often a housewife will not take the bother to chase a single fly, whereas if her rooms were filled with any number of them she would start a clearance at once. If she could only realize that the numbers would never be there if she killed the single one perhaps she would exert herself more at the first glimpse of the dreaded pest.

The spring of the year is the breeding time for flies. In another month, for every single fly that you allow to live today you will find hundreds of thousands. Let that sink into your mind thoroughly. That first fly you just saw buzzing about in the sunshine—look through and beyond that single fly and see its thousands and thousands of progeny. Don't you think you will save time and trouble later on by killing that single fly now?

Swat the fly! Let this be your slogan if you wish to keep your household free of sickness and disease this summer. Teach your children to swat them too. They will make a game of it and will clear up all the flies in sight. **SWAT THE FLY.**

### What No Cloud Can Dim



—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### STARCHED COLLARS USED.

Starched linen and pique collars are attractive below round, youthful faces, but they are hopelessly trying on thin faced women and on women past the freshness of youth. With these childish collars are worn knotted ties of soft silk in striped black and white or dotted black and white effects, or of crepe de chine in sombre shadings. The effect with one of the new manly tailored suits is very smart, indeed, but women of mature years do best to confine themselves to a more formal type of collar of handkerchief lawn or batiste touched with a little hand embroidery or finished with hemstitching. A collar of some sort, however, must turn over on the dark tailored coat to give it the correct air.

### SOME CLEANING HINTS.

Every one is wearing washable gloves nowadays, but not every one knows how to wash them successfully. The chamois skin and washable kid are apt to dry very stiff and hard, and the wearer often has difficulty in working them on the hands after washing. These kid or doeskin gloves should be well washed as usual in soap and warm water, but instead of rinsing in clear water a basin of thick soda should be made and the gloves saturated in the suds, then wrung out without putting in clear water and hung up to dry. The suds have a softening effect on the skin of the glove, and when dry it will be found that the gloves are quite soft.

The cotton gloves are, of course, to be washed, just like any other cotton article, in hot water and soap and then well rinsed in clear water.

You will find that your silk stockings will not begin to show holes nearly so quickly if you wash them before wearing them at all.

### Minced Chicken Sandwiches.

Take minced chicken and add two tablespoonfuls of mayonnaise. Stir well. Cover bread with this dressing. Garnish with minced lettuce and strips of pimientos.

### CREAM BLOUSES MODISH.

Cream is the modish tone for the spring blouse, not pink. Rarely lovely as the pink blouse is in delicate flesh or shell tones, its day has passed, and these blouses are offered for sale on the bargain tables, while cream and sand colored models have the places of honor among exclusive new spring wearables. Hemstitched blouses of sand colored khaki fine for sport wear have buttoned down pockets and plaits at front and back. Cream lace and net blouses meet the requirements of formal spring tailors, and there are good looking blouses of tan shantung, cream tinted georgette crape and ecru pussy willow silk, all with the long sleeve and collar high at the back, whatever its cut may be at the front.

### NEW NIGHT ROBES.

These Exquisite Garments Are Developed Now of Satin.

The newest type of night robe is developed in an exquisite tone of saffron satin and is made without any sleeves and without trimming other than little crossover pieces of the fabric brought around the shoulders in fichu suggestion and tied in front. The neck is round in the back and inclines to a deep oval in front. The garment falls quite to the floor in graceful lines that introduce a little more width.

# The Most Beautiful Woman

By DAVID BERESFORD

ONE evening at a theater Lord Blarneyston, chatting with an American friend who was spending a great deal of time and money on his lordship, seeing Mrs. Harkaway in one of the boxes, asked who she was, and when told said: "She's the most beautiful woman I've seen in New York, and there's no woman in England who can compare with her."

Such a remark made by a member of the London smart set was bound to be repeated from mouth to mouth. In a twinkling it permeated the social circle, the members of which were at once agog to see a woman whom Lord Blarneyston pronounced more beautiful than any woman in England. The first Sunday after the encomium had spread in society the church where Mrs. Harkaway worshiped was overflowing with strangers who went there to see her.

Of course his lordship's remark reached Mrs. Harkaway. It was her husband who told her, and he was proud to be the husband of the most beautiful woman in New York or London.

After a consultation between Mr. and Mrs. Harkaway it was decided by the husband that the wife's chance for social prominence should be made available. Certain relatives of Mrs. Harkaway who had married into multimillionaire families were found to introduce her.

The Harkaways had misgivings about entering the golden circle on a beggarly income of \$10,000. They figured, however, that Mrs. Harkaway's beauty, certified to by a British peer, would be considered a quid pro quo for what they would receive and that they would not be required to give entertainments. In this they were correct. The difficulty in the multimillionaire set is to get persons to attend entertainments. But there was one thing, however, on which their calculations were in error. They thought that Mrs. Harkaway would be able to provide herself with costumes out of her husband's income, leaving enough for their other expenditures.

Possibly had Mrs. Harkaway been admitted to the golden circle on any other plea than Lord Blarneyston's ex-

pressed opinion of her beauty a few thousands dollars a year for costumes would have sufficed. But society expected the most beautiful woman to wear the most beautiful costumes. Besides, Mrs. Harkaway received the concentrated gaze of society not because she owned the highest bred dog in the universe, but because of Lord Blarneyston's remark. For this reason her costumes were of supreme importance. They would attract far more attention than her beauty. Therefore they must not only be superb, but in great variety.

Not only did Mrs. Harkaway's wardrobes cost a great deal of money, but at least one trip abroad a year was necessary to procure them. Then much more jewelry than she possessed was indispensable. Indeed, the Harkaways had not even prepared for the wife's entry into society before they saw that within a short time that which produced their income would melt away like ice under the rays of the sun. Nevertheless the preparations were made.

At the first function attended by Mrs. Harkaway she found herself the cynosure of all eyes. "That's the woman that Lord Blarneyston said was the most beautiful in New York or London," said everybody to everybody else. She stood in one position while a throng of persons passed her, ogling her as they would a freak in a dime museum.

It happened that Lord Blarneyston was still in New York and was at this assembly. A lady to whom he was talking called his attention to Mrs. Harkaway, remarking that she had been told she was the most beautiful woman in New York or London.

"I can't agree with that," said his lordship. "I think Mrs. Monkerench far more beautiful."

The remark was overheard, and Mrs. Harkaway's beauty was blighted. She was dropped from society, fortunately in time to save her husband's fortune. She resumed her normal position, but somehow the spell of happiness that pervaded the Harkaway family was broken. There has never since been the same contentment.

# A Place For the Boys and Girls

## IF LOST IN THE WOODS.

Information Which Will Help You to Get Out.

A contributor to the Farm and Fireside calls attention to the following things which anybody lost in the woods ought to know:

"I thought every woodsman and guide knew that by going downhill you are sure to come upon a stream of water, which will in turn lead to a settlement. Furthermore, in our day nearly everybody depends on a watch instead of 'sighting the sun.' When the hour hand points toward the sun the point midway between the hour hand and 12 o'clock will be due south.

"Another little woodcraft trick is that of carrying a supply of matches in a large mouthed bottle. When fitted with a tight cork the matches are sure to be kept dry even though you have to swim a stream with your clothes on."

## DRINKING WATER FOR SCOUTS.

There is a common belief that clear water is pure water. Boy scouts who are going out camping during the present summer should be very careful over their drinking supply.

While water which looks dirty is sometimes harmless (peat colors water considerably, but does not harm it to any great extent), danger may exist although the water is sparkling and clear.

As it is often impossible to carry a filter, scouts should always bear in mind that a very simple and effective safeguard is to boil the liquid for from 5 to 10 minutes before using it for drinking purposes.

### Why It's Called Picnic.

The term "picnic" originated in the following manner: When what is now known as a picnic was being arranged for the custom originally was that those who intended to be present should supply the eatables and drinkables. A list of these necessities having been drawn up, it was passed round, and each person picked out the article of food or drink that he or she was willing to furnish, and the name of the article was "nicked," or ticked, off the list. The open air entertainment thus became known as "pick and nick." The custom is said to date from 1802.

What is the difference between a funny fellow and a butcher? One deals out wit, the other wit-tles (victuals).

## Is This Boy a Prince?



Photo by American Press Association.

Rudolph Hayne, a small boy, educated in the United States, is a pretender to the throne of Austria-Hungary. His mother has long claimed that she is the child of Crown Prince Rudolph and Marie Vetsera, who were lovers and were found dead in a hunting lodge in Austria quite a number of years ago. If Rudolph is the real grandson of the crown prince, who is dead, he would rightfully be entitled to succeed Emperor Francis Joseph, the present ruler of Austria. Little Rudolph has a new father now, as his mother recently eloped with a Yale university student, and her name has become Mrs. Donald S. Andrews.

### Conundrums.

Why have turkeys no fear of a future state? Because they have their next world (necks twirled) in this.

Why is a deceased poor doctor like a dead duck? Because they both have done quacking.

Why was Shakespeare a good broker? Because he furnished many stock quotations.

What instrument of war does an angry lover resemble? A cross-bow (beau).

### The Rime of Porcus Prime.

There lived a pig  
So fat and big  
That hills he could not climb,  
But used to lie  
Inside his sty,  
His name was Porcus Prime.

One summer day  
He went away  
Quite proudly in a van;  
Poor Porcus, he  
Had gone to tea

With Tom, the butcher's man!  
—Infants' Magazine.

# 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, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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#### THE SECOND NOTE TO GERMANY

The second note to Germany does little more than give "solemn emphasis" to the facts and considerations presented in the first. If the second differs at all from the first, it is in that it is faintly more conciliatory in its temper. There is no position taken in the second that was not assumed in the first note, except that the assurances and promises Germany has made since the sending of the first note, with respect to vessels flying the American flag, are acceptable as a basis of amicable agreement. Having accepted those assurances and promises as affording means for the redress of the injury done by the torpedoing of the Gulflight, it is assumed that the formula to be made out of that case can be made to solve amicably the controversy resulting from the aerial attack on the Cushing. The second note to Germany contracts the controversy to the case of the Lusitania, and that contraction of it measures the achievement of the first note, and, also, brightens the prospect of settling peaceably so much of the controversy as remains.

As to the case of the Lusitania, there is an iteration of all that was asserted and demanded in the first

note; but no more. The function assigned to this note was to make it clear to Germany that the position assumed in the first note is unaltered and will remain unalterable. It reaffirms that "the lives of non-combatants can not, lawfully or rightfully, be put in jeopardy by the capture or destruction of any unresisting merchantman," and it reasserts the obligation of belligerent Nations "to take sufficient precaution to ascertain whether a suspected merchantman is in fact of belligerent nationality, or is in fact carrying contraband of war under a neutral flag." The assertion of this right and obligation is based on law and the customs of civilization. But they are sub-based on the instincts of humanity. The law is championed as the prompting of human conscience.

The questions Germany fabricated as a means of evading an answer to the first note are shown to be without warrant of fact or reasonable suspicion. The pretense that the Lusitania was armed is refuted, and then turned against its author. For if the Lusitania

had, by arming, forfeited the rights of its passengers, it would likewise have violated the laws and neutrality of the United States, and it would have been both the right and duty of Germany, if it had had the knowledge it has alleged in excuse of its crime, to inform the United States Government. Delicately but cogently, the point is made that Germany, to excuse the sinking of the Lusitania, confesses that it was recreant in its duty to the United States. After exposing the falsity of this pretense, built upon the perjury of a spy, the rest of the questions raised by Germany are characterized as "special circumstances of detail," which, even if they were true instead of false, would not relieve Germany of the obligations imposed by law and civilized custom. The pleadings of Germany are rejected for a double reason. First, because they are based on falsities, and, second, because they would be inadmissible, even if they were based on truth. Hence, the conclusion of this note is inevitably a restatement of what was the conclusion of the first: "The Government of

the United States therefore deems it reasonable to expect that the Imperial German Government will adopt the measures necessary to put these principles into practice in respect of the safeguarding of American lives and American ships, and asks for assurance that this will be done."

"The word "demand" is conspicuously absent. Where one might have looked for it, the word "expect" is found, followed by a request that what the United States "expects" of Germany shall be forthcoming. What may follow in the event the expectations of the United States are not realized is left to inference; but since the United States "very earnestly and very solemnly renews the representations of its note transmitted to the Imperial German Government on the 15th of May," the German imagination can not be very hard put to foresee what would result from its refusal to accede to the just and reasonable requirements of the United States.

This note, which has gone forth over the signature of Mr. Lansing, is virtually no more than the one

which went forth over the signature of Mr. Bryan. In the respects that it differs, it excels its predecessor. It is such a classic of diplomatic literature that it must honorably signalize to future times any name identified with it, however lustrous that name. It is resplendent both as an argument and as an appeal. Deftly it puts a noose around the neck of Germany. Germany is left the choice of drawing the halter, or, by inclining the head to the demands, escape its coils. Less than this note says and demands could not have been said and demanded without defaulting in duty to civilization and without stultifying the Nation. What it may bring forth is for the future to disclose; nor were it profitable, even if it were possible, to anticipate the answer. For, whatever the eventuality, the rights and the honor of the United States have been preserved in that perfect way possible only to one having a soul and mind fit for that high and heavy task. — Dallas News.

### LIV - VER - LAX ACTS SURELY, SAFELY

Just because you are feeling the ill effects of a torpid liver is no excuse for buying a harmful medicine that has brought physical decay to thousands. Calomel is dangerous and as everyone knows has very disagreeable and weakening after effects. Medical science has found a natural, vegetable remedy, GRIGSBY'S LIV-VER-LAX that thoroughly cleanses the liver and bowels without causing any bad feeling. Children can take it with perfect safety. Every bottle guaranteed. 50c and \$1.00 a bottle. None genuine without the likeness and signature of L. K. Grigsby. For sale by Spur Drug Co.

### "Here's My Check with Your Endorsement"

When you are asked to pay an account twice, how much better to be able to say that than "I have a receipt somewhere." ¶ With a checking account of your own and a fixed rule to use checks in paying all your bills, you can readily clear up such a difficulty. ¶ Have you a personal account at the

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# Grand Clearance Pre-inventory Sale

## OF THE LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY

that will bring glad tidings to every home in Dickens County. This sale will open Thursday, June 17th, and close Saturday, July 17th. We want to reduce our stock to the lowest limit to invoice. It's not for profits we are giving this sale, as it sounds the death note of gain. We want the cash, and not merchandise, to invoice. Our prices along many lines will be sensational. We have been selling goods cheap enough, but intend to offer big things during this sale; in fact our 16-inch price destroyers will be in evidence. While our stock is now complete, we advise you to shop early because at these prices the known kind of merchandise that is handled over our counters will be carted away by the ready value seekers surrounding Spur. We are advertising this Sale of Sales for 40 miles in every direction. We are expecting trade from a great distance. It will pay you to call your neighbors up over the phone and tell them of this great sale; the wonderful saving to them will be appreciated. You need the goods; we want the cash; the golden opportunity stands before you. Why pay 50 per cent more for goods? You know values; you know we back up what goes in print. Read this smothering avalanche of bargains that can't help but convince you that Cash is King, when with good judgement and energy combined.

### A. C. A. Feather Tick

This well-known brand always sells at 20c; some stores ask 25c per yard. Special

15c

### Shirtings and Cheviots

12½c and 15c values in fancy plaids, stripes or solid colors. The best made; 20 different styles; yd

8c

### Dresses! Dresses!!

Ladies' madras and gingham wash dresses, sizes 34 to 42, to close out at a great saving.

\$3.00 dresses \$1.50 dresses

\$1.95 95c

Less than factory price.

### Children's Dresses

Beautiful line children's wash dresses at great cut in prices in this sale.

65c dresses now \$1.25 dresses now

45c 95c

### Ladies' Shirt Waists

To close our line, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 waists, not the last year's bird's nest variety but this this season's creations; your pick

\$1.00

### Middy Blouses

Only a few of those popular mid-dys left. We have consolidated them into two lots; prices

75c and 90c

Extra good bargains.

### White Dress Skirts

We offer you a neat white button trimmed skirt, way less than you can buy the goods without making. We offer you two good values; prices

75c and \$1.00

### 40c Bleach Table Linen

Splendid value new 1915 designs. You can't pass this up; special

25c yd

### Special Value

Our entire showing of new spring wash dress goods in beautiful lace effects, organdies, lawns, rice cloths, voils, etc. Values, 12½c, 15c and 20c. You take your choice, per yard,

10c

### Men's Dress Pants

in all wool casmere worsted and fancy serges, ranging in prices from \$2.50 to \$5.00—a great line to select from at a saving of 50c to \$1.00 on former prices.

### Men's Work Pants

Two styles in men's work pants; best bargain you ever bought. Most all sizes. While they last

85c

### Men's Work Pants

Here is a hummer. One of the best made pants in town, regardless of price. Good heavy quality

95c

### Pulm Beach Suits

Men's all wool suits in light and dark shades, well tailored, correct styles. Values range up to \$7.00. Clearance sale choice

\$3.95

### \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00

values in men's High Art clothes, worn by good dressers, acknowledged the very best values made. We have the styles and qualities that please. The price we warrant and guarantee.

### Special, Saturday Only

1,000 yards fancy lawn, good quality, nice designs, fast colors; less than wholesale. We will sell this only 10 yards to each customer; must do this to protect our trade. 10 yards, Saturday only

35c

### Special! Special!!

50 pieces very best grade table oil cloth in all new fancy colors. While it lasts, per yard only

15c

### Mattress Tick Special

20 pieces good grade mattress ticking, cheaper than you ever bought it—less than mill cost. Per yard

5c

### Boys' Rompers

Big lot boys' rompers, worth 50c to 65c, all sizes, many styles; they must go; each

39c

### Special Sheeting Value

9-4 very best grade sheeting. Does this price sound good?

19c yd.

### Misses' Muslin Gowns

Age 8 to 16 years; embroidery trimmed; value 65c; special

39c

### Special in Calicoes

1,500 yards best grade in pink fancy, also light colored shirting prints; per yard

4c

### Men's Underwear Specials

25 dozen men's balbriggan undershirts or drawers, size 34 to 46, good values, during this sale each

25c

### Laces! Laces!!

100 pieces fine laces, ranging in values from 8c to 15c per yard. This lot on one table; choice, yd.

5c

### Ribbons! Ribbons!!

3 big ribbon specials, price cut to a saving of about one-half; choice

10c, 19c, 25c

### Boys' Union Suits

in Porousknit; size 26 to 34. Here is a real bargain

25c

### Our Regular Brown's Work Shoes

\$2.50 values, this sale at a great bargain

\$2.00

### Does This Look Good?

Brown's shop made work shoes, black or tan, single or double sole, none better in wear; special

\$2.95

### Special Clean-up

All our \$3.00 and \$3.50 ladies' white buck or canvas, in oxfords, sandals or pumps; you take your choice

\$1.75

### Amoskeg Outings

2,500 yards Amoskeg 12½c grade outing, in solid colors and fancy; as long as it lasts, per yard

8c

### \$2.25 Patent Leather

ladies' 2-strap or pumps, all sizes, 2½ to 7; won't last long; clearance price

\$1.69

### Ladies' Barefoot Sandals

Only a few pairs left; if we have your size, price

90c

### Beautiful Embroidery

We have graded a fine lot of embroidery; you can't fail to find what you want; choice, per yard

10c

### Check Gingham

Blue, brown, pink, black check apron gingham, 8c quality, during this sale

5c

### Misses' White Canvas Shoes

Rubber soles, size 12 to 2; regular price \$1.50; clearance

\$1.00

### Men's White Canvas Shoes

Our \$2.00 white canvas shoes, rubber soles; only a few pair left

\$1.45

### Axminster Rugs

Those beautiful rugs, real value \$4.50, clearance price

\$3.30

### Ladies' Umbrellas

Fast black, Paragon steel frame, worth \$1.50 in any store; clearance sale

\$1.00

### Best Grade Calico

Navy blues, light chinas, reds, grays and fancy; 100 styles; per yd.

4½c

### Bleached Crash

We offer you a full bleached toweling while it lasts, per yard

3½c

### Men's Work Shirts

10 dozen men's work shirts, our regular 50c value, special

40c

The above quotations of prices hardly does this sale justice because we have hundreds of other bargains that will cause you to wonder why we are so far below the other fellow's price. The secret of merchandizing means, first, to know a value; second, to know where to buy them---to have grit and determination to undersell, to give your trade their money's worth, make every claim good as a gold dollar. We will leave it to the people of this trading center if we haven't made good along these lines. Our business is doubling in sales. We appreciate every effect of our friends who continue to speak for us. Our friends over this country mean our capital; this stock we must keep above par; it is better than gold to us. Thanking the trade for their generous support, we ask you if in need of anything during the next thirty days we will save you a big thing on your purchase during this Pre-inventory Sale.

Greatest Hustlers  
in West Texas

# Love Dry Goods Company

The Price Makers  
Spur, Texas

**OUR PUBLIC FORUM**

**I---Introductory**

Through the Press Service of Agriculture and Commerce, the master minds of this nation will be invited to the public forum and asked to deliver a message to civilization. Men who achieve seldom talk, and men who talk seldom achieve. There is no such thing as a noisy thinker, and brevity is always a close companion to truth.

It will be a great privilege to stand by the side of men who can roll in place the cornerstone of industry; to associate with men who can look at the world and see to the bottom of it; to commune with men who can hear the roar of civilization a few centuries away.

Too often we listen to the rabble element of our day that cries out against every man who achieves, "Crucify him." Mankind never has and probably never will produce a generation that appreciates the genius of its day. There never will be a crown without a cross, progress without sacrifice or an achievement without a challenge.

This is an age of service, and that man is greatest who serves the largest number. The present generation has done more to improve the condition of mankind than any civilization since human motives began their upward flight. The Greeks gave human life inspiration, but while her orators were speaking with the tongues of angels, her farmers were plowing with forked sticks; while her philosophers were emancipating human thought from bondage, her traffic

moved on two-wheeled carts driven, and oftentimes drawn, by slaves; while her artists were painting divine dreams on canvas, the streets of proud Athens were lighted by fire-brands dipped in tallow.

The genius of past ages sought to arouse the intellect and stir the soul but the master minds of today are seeking to serve. Civilization has assigned to America the greatest task of the greatest age, and the greatest men that ever trod the greatest planet are solving it. Their achievements have astounded the whole world and we challenge every age and nation to name men or products that can approach in creative genius or masterful skill in organization, the marvelous achievements of the tremendous men of the present day. Edison can press a button and turn a light on multiplied millions of homes; Vail can take down the receiver and talk with fifty millions of people; McCormick's reaper can harvest the world's crop, and Fulton's steam engine moves the commerce of land and sea.

The greatest thing a human being can do is to serve his fellow men; Christ did it; Kings decree it, and wise men teach it. It is the glory of this practical age that Edison could find no higher calling than to become the janitor to civilization; Vail the messenger to mankind; McCormick the hired hand to agriculture, and Fulton the teamster to industry, and blessed is the age that has such masters for its servants.

**BUYS A FORD.**

C. W. Lowery, popular manager of the Red Front Drug Store, has added his name to Spur's large list of auto drivers and enthusiasts, he having purchased The Riter Hardware Company's Ford last week. He says the bloomin' thing isn't a bit bridle-wise, but expects to return from Colorado a Ford tamer, capable of making them eat out of his hand.

H. C. Taylor, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants.

Miss Hyacinth Grace is visiting relatives in Stamford this week.

**DARIUS**

The neigh of a horse made Darius King of Persia, the six contending powers for the throne agreeing among themselves that the one whose horse should neigh first should possess the kingdom. This ancient method of settling disputes among politicians could be revived with profit today. If our partisan factions and petty politicians could only settle their disputes by the neigh of a horse, the bark of a dog or the bray of a donkey, it would be a great blessing and would give our citizens a better opportunity to pursue the vocations of industry free from political strife.

Let those who pick political plums by raising rows and who flash swords dripping in the blood of industry understand that they cannot turn the public forum into a political arena and by a clash of personal aspirations still the hammer and stop the plow and that their quarrels must be settled in the back alleys of civilization.

**A TEST OF DEMOCRACY.**

In a recent issue of the World's Work the following editorial appeared, which is certainly worthy of consideration just at this time.

"The President's note to Germany ended with the sentence; 'The Imperial German Government will not expect the Government of the United States to omit any word or act necessary to the performance of its sacred duty of maintaining the rights of the United States and its citizens.'

"These are the calm and deliberate words of a man who recognized their full significance and chose them carefully. They are the words of a man who meant exactly what he said and who when that his words were actually voicing the thoughts of the nation for which he was acting. With a rare restraint born of the seriousness of the occasion, the people and the press awaited the Government's action. Almost unanimously from all parts of the country came the burst of deep indignation over the loss of lives on the Lusitania. Yet men and newspapers refrained from embarrassing the President. He was left free with his conscience and the confidence of the American people to meet the crisis which had been forced upon us. The way in which both the country and the Government met the test is a convincing proof of the fundamental soundness of American democracy."

**FREE PORTS BUILDERS OF COMMERCE**

CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE THEM PREFERENCE IN APPROPRIATIONS.

By Peter Radford.

This nation is now entering upon an era of marine development. The wreckage of European commerce has drifted to our shores and the world war is making unprecedented demands for the products of farm and factory. In transportation facilities on land we lead the world but our port facilities are inadequate, and our flag is seldom seen in foreign ports. If our government would only divert the energy we have displayed in conquering the railroads to mastering the commerce of the sea, a foreign bottom would be unknown on the ocean's highways.

This article will be confined to a discussion of our ports for the products of the farm must pass over our wharfs before reaching the water. We have in this nation 51 ports, of which 41 are on the Atlantic and 10 are on the Pacific Coast. The Sixty-second Congress appropriated over \$51,000,000 for improving our Rivers and Harbors and private enterprise levies a toll of approximately \$50,000,000 annually in wharfage and charges for which no tangible service is rendered. The latter item should be lifted off the backs of the farmer of this nation and this can be done by Congress directing its appropriations to ports that are free where vessels can tie up to a wharf and discharge her cargo free of any fee or charge.

A free port is progress. It takes out the unnecessary link in the chain of transactions in commerce which has for centuries laid a heavy hand upon commerce. No movement is so heavily laden with results or will more widely and equally distribute its benefits as that of a free port and none can be more easily and effectively secured.

**THE VITAL PROBLEM OF AGRICULTURE**

By Peter Radford.

There is no escaping the market problem and the highest development of agriculture will not be attained until it is solved, for a market is as necessary for the producer as land on which to grow his crop.

Governmental and educational institutions have spent \$180,000,000 in the United States during the past ten years for improving soil production and improving seeds and plants, but very little attention and less money has been given to the marketing side of agriculture.


The problem is a monumental one and one which will never be solved until it gets within the grasp of a gigantic organization where master minds can concentrate the combined experience and wisdom of the age upon it. It is a problem which the farmers, merchants, bankers, editors and statesmen must unite in solving.

The Farmers' Union stands for all there is in farming from the most scientific methods of seed selection to the most systematic and profitable plans of marketing, but does not believe in promoting one to the neglect of the other. We consider the work of farm demonstrators valuable and we ask that governmental and commercial agencies seeking to help us, continue to give us their assistance and advice, but we believe that their influence should be extended to the marketing side of our farm problems also.

We cannot hope to develop manufacturing by over-production of the factory; we cannot build up mercantile enterprises by the merchants loading their shelves with surplus goods and no more can we develop agriculture by glutting the market with a surplus of products.

Joe Curry was in town Saturday from his home five miles southeast of Spur and spent several hours here on business and greeting his many friends. Mr. Curry reports everything in fine shape throughout his section.

M. M. Morris, of near Afton, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.



**You Can Smile**

*in the face of a rainy day if you're comfortably sheltered from the storm.*

*Money in the bank will protect you in your hour of greatest need.*

**The Spur National Bank**

R. V. COLBERT, PRESIDENT  
C. A. JONES, VICE PRESIDENT

M. E. MANNING, CASHIER  
JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASHIER

**A Bargain in a Suburban Home**

*A 20-acre block, nice home and well improved, adjoining Spur, will be sold at an exceptional bargain.*

*This property is going to be sold at an early date, and if you are interested you had better see about it today.*

*Call at the Texas Spur office or see J. E. Counts.*

**There's no Getting Away**



*from the fact that we are Headquarters for Sash, Doors, Building Paper, Paints and Lumber of all kinds. Just unloaded a car of Doors, Windows, Moulding, etc. To look elsewhere is a waste of time---to buy elsewhere is a waste of money.*

**P. H. Miller**

**The War in Europe is Making the Prices High on Necessaries of Life**

MY PRICES ARE ABOUT THE SAME AS BEFORE THE WAR

**I Sell as Cheap, and Many Things Cheaper Than You can Buy Elsewhere.**

**CHAS. JAYE, DICKENS, TEX.**

**The City Garage**

GENERAL REPAIR WORK

Cylinders Rebored for Over-Sized Pistons.  
All work guaranteed.

**Oil and Gas**

**JACKSON REALTY CO.**

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

**Notary Public in the Office.**

James Mahon is assisting Charles Yates in guiding the destiny of the Red Front Drug Store while the manager, C. W. Lowery, is spending his vacation in Colorado. The boys seem to be getting away with it alright, too, and each evening report a heavy day's business and tell us how very tired they are as a result of the rush.

B. D. Glaspow went to Brownwood Monday to attend the commencement exercises of the high school at that place. Mr. Glaspow has two children in school there.

H. T. Garner and wife, of four miles north of Spur, were greeting friends and trading with the merchants here Wednesday.

# White Swan

Mrs. Housewife—

A few words with you about many things you buy at your grocer's

**First—What It Means to You to Buy Branded Goods—**

¶ Perhaps you don't realize it, but it's true that nearly every concern that puts up its goods in packages is doing it in an attempt to give you something cleaner, purer and better than you've been able to buy in "bulk."

¶ They brand it with a name because they believe enough in the goods to be willing for them to be known by name—they want you to know what to ask for next time, if you liked the last lot.

¶ Pretty much like the difference between the man who sends an anonymous letter (bulk goods) and the one who signs his letter (branded goods).

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Dallas, Tex.—Weighing 6,000 pounds, consisting of fifteen thousand parts and displaying twenty six separate and distinct mechanical and astronomical movements and valued at \$50,000, are some of the features of a wonderful clock to be exhibited at the State Fair of Texas this fall. The exhibit will be essentially educational—in line with the State Fair policy.

One wonderful feature of this unique exhibit is that all of the various mechanical workings are propelled by one weight. Four different kinds of time systems are shown—moon time, solar time, star time and decimal time. Ten dials show the exact time in ten of the principal cities of the world. A large globe represent-

ing the earth, revolves on its own axis from west to east. It has a band placed to show the exact time at any point on the earth; and shows the correct position of the earth to the sun. On the reverse side is another globe representing the heavenly constellations, all minutely propelled to their exact time.

Among other features, the clock shows various chronological cycles, the time when the Sun rises and sets and the phases of Moon, gives accurate weather indications, shows all phases of the planet system and the movement of the six planets—Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the Earth—around the Sun. It shows also the twelve signs of the Zodiac, divided into 360 degrees.

It has a wonderful announcing and striking apparatus—and its exhibition will be accompanied by lectures which will be highly educational and interesting.

**MAKE VALUABLE GIFTS TO STATE UNIVERSITY**

University Station, June 15—The collection of gifts on Texas history in the Library of the University of Texas has just been enriched by the gift of 25 volumes from the private collection by Hon. Frank C. Pierce, of Brownsville, Texas.

The following are the most important books of the collection: "The Texas Rangers," by Samuel C. Reed, Jr.; Humboldt's "Essai Politique Sur le Royaume de la Nouvelle Espagne, 5 volumes;" "A South-Side View of Slavery" by Nehemiah Adams; "Eagle Pass or Life on the Border," by Cora Montgomery; "History of South America and Mexico," published June, 1826; "A Journey Through Texas" by Frederick Law Olmstead; "The Slave

States of America," 2 volumes, by J. S. Buchinham; "Life and Times of Henry Smith, the first American Governor of Texas," by John Harvey Brown; and "Legislacion y Jurisprudencia Sobre Torrenos Baldois," by W. L. Orozco.

There are also a number of newspapers in the collection, the most important of which are twenty three numbers of El Correo del Rio Grande, published in Brownsville during 1866 and 1867.

Mrs. L. N. Throop, of Austin, has presented to the Texas University Library a number of newspaper of the Civil War period and the Texas Almanac for 1857 and 1858. The most useful of the newspapers are scattering numbers of The Navarro Express for 1860 and 1861, published at Corsicana by R. A. Van Horn.

**LYNN COUNTY VOTES PROHIBITION THREE TO ONE**

Lynn county voters last Saturday had an opportunity of saying by their votes whether or not they wanted saloons in the county and it appears from reports we have that they do not desire saloons. While we have heard no definite report in regard to the number of votes polled, we understand that the pros were over three to one winners.

Lynn county has been dry for several years and the election was held primarily for the purpose of getting the county under the new law which makes it a felony to sell liquor in dry territory. The man who sells booze in Lynn county opens the gate to the penitentiary for himself.—Ex.

Fresh bread is baked every day at the German Kitchen, there is none better. Try one loaf and you will always prefer the bread made in your home town. 32-tf

Mrs. O. O. Gray, of Dickens, is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. G. Potts, this week.

Sam Potts, who has been visiting friends in the Draper country the past two weeks, returned home last week.

A. S. Jackson, a prominent citizen of Dickens, spent several hours in Spur Monday on business.

**AN ENTHUSIASTIC BOOSTER**

T. A. Tidwell, of the East Side Barber Shop, returned Sunday from a visit to O'Brien. Mr. Tidwell says he is very glad indeed to get back to Spur, and that he is now perfectly willing to stay around these parts for some time to come. He reports Haskell county in a "blowed up" condition, and claims to have told the boys over there to shoot him if they ever caught him there again. He is one of the best boosters Spur has, and if we had a few more enthusiastic ones like him, the town would rapidly move to first rank among the cities of West Texas.

Mrs. J. E. Wedekind returned Monday from an extended visit to relatives and friends at Strawn and Carbon.

W. M. Stovall, a prominent citizen of Dickens, came over Monday and spent several hours in Spur on business and greeting friends.

Jeff Kennedy was in Spur Saturday.

**LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS;  
130 BILLS INTRODUCED**

Congressional redistricting bill died in the House when the Legislature adjourned sine die about one o'clock last Saturday morning. At that time the House was without a quorum and all efforts to bring in absentees had failed.

A resume of the session shows that a total of 130 bills were introduced. Seventy-three were in the House and 57 in the Senate. Forty-six were purely local bills.

The session was called primarily for the passage of the appropriation bills and the Gibson bill, but Governor Ferguson submitted later all the subjects of legislation on which the above named number of bills were introduced.

The following general bills were passed finally:

Permitting consolidation of interurbans, providing lines are not parallel or competing.

Making it unlawful to divest the natural flow of surface waters.

Allowing dock and wharf companies to issue stock and bonds under the authority of the Railroad Commission as railroads are permitted to do.

"Butcher bill," being intended to prevent sale of slaughtered cattle by marauders and cattle thieves along the border by requiring all persons slaughtering cattle to preserve brand record.

Setting aside a court order requiring the Sugarland Railroad to rebuild three and one-half miles of track in Fort Bend county.

Galveston Dry Dock bill. Permitting pay of \$2.50 a day for jail guards in counties over 25,000 population.

Providing for the appointment, by the Comptroller, of inheritance tax collectors.

Correcting act of the regular session so as to require notices of real estate sold under deeds of trust to be posted or advertised for three weeks.

Restoring penalty clause to act of the regular session making closed season on dove and quail March 1 to Sept. 1. Bill formerly passed provided no penalty.

Validating grants of land made by towns and cities organized under Spanish and Mexican authority.

"Prairie Dog Bill" requiring owners to exterminate such pests within two years.

Extending time for the payment of principle due on former school land.

Regulating co-operative savings and contract loan companies and placing them under the jurisdiction of the Insurance Commissioner.

Validating all common school districts heretofore created.

Extending by two years' time for the redemption of land sold by State for taxes.

Requiring cities of over 25,000 population to give firemen one day rest each week.

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The Aspermont Star pertinently inquires whether or not Stonewall County's capital city shall have an oil mill or an electric light plant to blow the whistle for the fire alarm. A good idea, but would it not be cheaper to install a fire bell?

Sheriff Conner, of Dickens, was transacting business in Spur Saturday.

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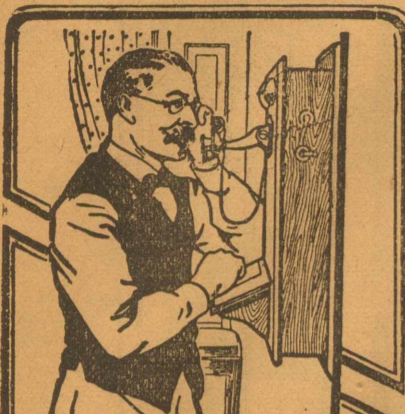
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## Items Over Dickens County BY CORRESPONDENTS

### AFTON.

Harvie Pool is on the sick list this week.

Little Ambry Loyd is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hale were Spur visitors Saturday.

Miss Mary Brock of Tongue river visited in Afton last week.

W. R. Stafford and family are visiting friends and relatives in Afton this week, making the trip in their new car.

Quite a number of Afton folks attended the singing convention at Croton last Sunday. All report a good time, and fine singing.

The new school building is going up with a rush under the supervision of Mr. Hooper of Paducah. Quite a number of workmen are on the job, and we expect to see it completed before many weeks.

The Mothers Club will give a play Friday night June 25th. An admission of 15 and 25 cents will be charged. Proceeds to go to the school library. All are invited to come, and we can assure you you will be well entertained.

### PRAIRIE CHAPEL.

James Hudson was at Croton Sunday.

Jacob Scott has been sick quite a number of days.

W. M. Austin has been transacting business in the New Hope community.

Henry Chalk and A. Stifer of Spur attended the singing convention Sunday.

Crawford Cobb, Eli Harkey and Dr. B. F. Hale and family were at the singing convention.

F. F. Henry and family, Mr.

Stuart and family and J. H. Dodson and family attended the singing convention.

Mr. Smith, who lives on Dockum, near the Dry Lake community, stated that Charley Byrd of Motley county had bought six sections of land in the West Pasture, and intended to stock it with cattle.

There will be a debate at Afton, beginning the 15th of July. The speakers will be Rev. A. P. Stokes, who has charge of the Roaring Springs Baptist Church, and W. B. Dodson of Sweetwater, Texas, a Methodist. It will continue some six or eight days.

Dickens County Singing Convention met at Croton the second Sunday, and the throttle was let wide open. This was one of the best conventions during its history. There must have been 500 present. Quite a lengthy program was carried out, which consisted of class songs, duets and quartets.

### BIG FREE SHOW.

The J. H. G. Medicine Company of Dallas, Texas, under the able management of Dr. Fred Gassaway, are in Spur this week with their big free show.

They carry the finest string orchestra traveling today in Texas, headed by that famous champion fiddler of Texas, Prof. Mat Brown.

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A few days ago a rather bashful young woman went into a store carrying three chickens. She inquired the price of chickens and at the same time put them on the counter. The clerk didn't know that the chicken's feet were tied and asked if they would lay there. She bit her handkerchief and said: "No sir, they are roosters."

O. W. Maddox, of several miles west of Spur, was in town Saturday and spent several hours here greeting his friends and trading with the merchants. Mr. Maddox is a firm believer in fine horses and was expecting a fine stallion, recently purchased on foreign market, to arrive Saturday.

Jno. Stephens, of the Red Mud community, was here Saturday on business and shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Stephens is one of the most prosperous farmers of this entire country and is very optimistic in regard to crop prospects this year.

Earl Sennings returned Tuesday from the Swanee College, in Tennessee, where he has been attending school the past year. His many friends in Spur are exceedingly glad to have him with them again.

Mrs. L. R. Barrett left Saturday for Montana where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives. She was accompanied as far as Plainview by Mr. Barrett, who returned to Spur Monday.

We are under obligations to Miss Delia Johnson, the popular saleslady of the Love Dry Goods Company, for valuable assistance in gathering local items for the Texas Spur this week.

Henry Dodge, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton community, was here Monday. Mr. Dodge was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

F. S. Hastings, of Stamford, manager of the Swenson interests in West Texas, was in and around Spur last week attending to business matters.

J. G. Curry, a prosperous and influential farmer of Crosby county, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his many friends.

Will Walker was in Spur Saturday from his farm home east of town and spent several hours trading with the local merchants.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over from Dickens Saturday and spent several hours in Spur on official business.

Jeff D. Harkey, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here on business.

Miss Olive Adams, of Gilpin, will leave Sunday for Abilene to attend the summer term of Simmons College.

Jeff Smith, of six miles east of Spur, spent several hours here Saturday on business and greeting friends.

Hon. W. D. Clay has our thanks for his aid in securing personal items for this week's paper.

Al Sullivan was in town Saturday from his farm home several miles east of Spur.

George King was in the city Saturday from his home four miles east of Spur.

B. E. Morgan, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

R. G. Brannen has accepted a position with Hogan & Patton.

## THEMISTOCLES

When Themistocles was asked by his host at a dinner party to entertain the guests by playing the lute, he replied that he could not play the fiddle, but that he could make a small town a great city. We have in this nation many politicians who are good "fiddlers," but they cannot make a small town a great city. We are overrun with orators who can play upon the passions of the people, but they can't put brick and mortar together. We need builders.

Let those who hunger and thirst for power understand that the highest glory of a statesman is to construct, and that it is better for a man that he should build a public highway than that he should become Governor of a state, and that he start a plow than that he become the author of a law. The true test of statesmanship is the plow and the hammer, so let those who would govern, first build.

May we call your attention to the advertisement of Stafford's Pharmacy, announcing reduced prices on various articles stocked by this popular drug store. Mr. Stafford tells us that he will in a short time move his business into the old Farmers and Merchants State Bank building, where he will be pleased to have his friends and patrons call on him.

T. C. Day, Magdalena, N. M., sends us a dollar for a year's subscription to The Texas Spur. Thanks, Mr. Day, and may many others emulate the good example you have set.

W. L. Powell, wife and little son, Archer Lanier, left the latter part of last week for an extended visit to their parents and other relatives at Granbury and Tolar.

Joe Grace, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace of this city, returned Wednesday from A. & M. College where he attended school the past term.

E. B. McLaughlin, a prominent farmer of the Lee County community, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.

For Sale—Yearling Jersey bull, A fine animal. Price \$25 if sold at once. J. E. Cherry, 7 miles southeast of Spur. 33-2tp.

W. M. Childress, a prominent farmer and influential citizen of three miles north of Spur transacted business here Saturday.

Boyd Williams returned last week from Baylor University at Waco, where he has been attending school the past year.

J. A. Murchison, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Draper community, was here Saturday on business.

Forest Squires returned Friday of last week from Breckenridge where he has been visiting relatives and friends.

A. K. Hall, manager of the Jones Lumber Company at Roaring Springs, was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

Mace Hunter, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of several miles east of town was in Spur Saturday.

W. C. Cartwright, a prominent farmer of four miles north of Spur, was a business visitor here Saturday.

S. R. Bowman, a prominent farmer of four miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Garner was in Spur Saturday from his home three or four miles north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hastings spent last week on their ranch in the west pasture.

Mrs. Hawley Bryant and children returned Friday from Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Squires are visiting relatives in Breckenridge.

Weiley Hall, of Plainview, was in Spur Sunday.

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# Jitney Bus Idea Spreads Over Country

## Rival of Trolley Car



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TYPE OF JITNEY BUS WHICH IS COAXING THE NICKEL FROM THE TROLLEY.

Innovation Has Met With Popular Approval Everywhere—Small Automobile Is Now Competing For the Jitney (Slang For 5 Cents)—Where the Word Originated—One Driver Averaged \$8 a Day.

ALL over the country has spread the jitney (which is slang for nickel) movement. North, east, south and west have been invaded by the jitney bus. Street car companies have become frightened as the new fad keeps eating into their receipts and at the same time promises to become a permanent institution.

There seem to be a great many ideas as to what a jitney bus really is. Its origin can be traced to Los Angeles, where a man, the possessor of a small automobile, saw crowded street cars pass, leaving numbers of passengers waiting for the next. The idea struck him that these neglected passengers would be willing to ride with him for the same fare charged by the company. His plan was well received, and he soon established a five cent run, taking people to their very doors. Others followed suit, and today in Los Angeles nearly 1,000 automobiles of every shape and description are doing a thriving business, and the trolley companies have tried to check their growth.

### Uses of the Jitney.

The uses of the jitney bus in the cities in which it now is are almost as various as the cities. It carries the business man to and from his work; it serves the purposes of the woman who wants to go shopping; it increases the vogue of the fox trot by making dancing parties more convenient and less expensive to get to; it is possible in some cities for the worker of the family to go home to lunch where time and other considerations used to prevent.

The jitney may be a specially built omnibus, a truck with cross seats nailed on, a limousine that has seen its best days or a touring car of any quality that has passed through previous conditions of servitude. It may even be new. The history of one small car used for this purpose in Kansas City is not without interest.

It was purchased a short time ago, new, by one Brown, a locomotive fireman. The car cost him \$522.90, and he promptly put it to work. He ran it in all kinds of weather and covered in five and a half weeks of jitting about 5,000 miles. At the end of that time he sold it for \$450. In this period, besides paying for his board and lodging—at a modest rate, to be sure—and paying for all the running and upkeep expenses of his five passenger machine, Brown put \$105 in the bank. All of which goes to show that there are more than paper profits in the jitney bus if it is run under fair conditions. Brown had average gross daily receipts of \$7.50 to \$8, with \$12.50 as his best single day.

### Spread of Movement.

In perhaps no country in the world save this could a movement like that of the jitney bus have developed from

a sporadic experiment to a widespread reality in less than three months.

Although there are probably many thousand jitney buses in operation in the country now, the business of jitney busing has not become standardized by any means. For this reason it is somewhat difficult to define it. In the first place, a jitney bus is not necessarily an omnibus at all. To be sure, the bus is being used to some extent, and multipassenger vehicles are being built and converted for the trade. But in its essence the jitney is any kind of automobile in a condition to run. Secondly, it carries passengers for hire, the amount of the fare being strictly limited to one jitney, or nickel. With these two limitations anything on wheels may be and, if the reports from many parts of the country can be trusted, is a jitney bus.

It is precisely this character which has given the jitney its rapid spread. Anybody who had an automobile, new or old, aristocratic or plebeian, big or little, or anybody with the wherewithal to acquire a car, could at once enter the jitney business if he were so minded. This is why jitneys have sprung up all over the land. It needed but the origination of the idea.

### Traction Interests Protesting.

From the fact that the jitney bus is so heterogeneous and so easy to put into operation has arisen the flock of perplexing questions which already surround it. In cities where six or seven weeks ago nothing like a jitney was dreamed of the local authorities are getting their heads together to devise means of regulation for fast growing fleets. Traction interests in many parts of the country are protesting vigorously against the invasion of their field. Realty associations are backing up the protests of the traction people on the ground that the prosperity and extension of the street car service go hand in hand with the development of real estate, which is not fostered by these jitney men. Taxicab companies and omnibus lines with franchises to protect are ranged against the jitneys solidly, and civic associations, accident lawyers, and safety societies are calling for the supervision and restraint of these newcomers to the city streets. Instances have already been brought

out to show that some of the fears behind the manifold protests are not without foundation. In one western city a jitney driver who was involved in an accident was found to be deaf and dumb, while in Los Angeles the financial and other irresponsibility of the drivers has been brought before the city council in striking fashion.

The whole question, to route or not to route the jitneys, is one of those still in the testing. To force the cars to stick rigidly to one street or series of streets would be to put them in a different category from that in which they began. The earliest jitneys bore the slogan, "Take you anywhere for a jitney," meaning that the limitations of rails and franchises were to be abolished and that with this twentieth century stagecoach you were to be able to go where fancy willed for the sum of 5 cents.

### Derivation of Word "Jitney."

As to the derivation and origin of the word "jitney" there have been claims that it was Russian, Japanese, English, African, Scot-French, Yiddish and negro. An explanation in the Seattle (Wash.) Times says:

"What is jitney? The question has been asked many times throughout the Pacific northwest since the invasion of trolley line territory by small motorcars. It would take a leavened exponent of slang to answer the question correctly. The word does not appear in ordinary dictionaries and its etymology is therefore a matter of doubt.

"Jitney is used by colored children and poor whites in the extreme southeastern portion of the United States for a nickel. It is just as completely a term there as lagniappe is in New Orleans—the latter meaning a gift to follow a purchase or the payment of a bill.

"From what appears to have been its source jitney has drifted into Louisiana, Arizona and New Mexico, and from it has come an allied term, 'jit man,' meaning to hold out change. The expression has reached the cities—before the arrival of the jitney bus—and in some places it is understood to mean a small piece of money, but usually it retains its meaning as indicating a five cent piece."

## New Jersey and Massachusetts Will Vote For Suffrage In the Fall

New Jersey and Massachusetts have been added to the states in which the voters are to decide next fall whether the franchise shall be given to women. New York and her neighbors thus will have a livelier election than is usual in the year before a presidential campaign. In all three states the suffragists, elated at their success in the "stronghold of conservatism," are planning vigorous campaigns.

In New Jersey the state senate passed the woman's suffrage resolution, comma and all, by a vote of 17 to 4. The assembly had already ratified it, and the question will be put before the voters in September. Fears for the comma, which was said to be missing when the resolution left the assembly, proved groundless. It was in the official copy introduced before the senate.

The views of the senators were split four ways, regardless of their votes. Senator Hennessy, Democratic minor-

ity leader, voted for it because he thinks women should vote, and others voted for it because, regardless of their personal views, they thought the question should go before the voters. Besides those who voted "No" in accordance with their views on the propriety of giving women the vote there was Senator Ramsey.

"If this question were to be submitted to the women of the state," said Ramsey, "I might favor the resolution, because I do not believe the majority of the women want the ballot. But this question will now be submitted to the men, and we know that the men will be easily influenced by the woman suffragists. I fear that the proposed amendment will be adopted."

In Massachusetts the suffrage amendment to the state constitution was passed by the house by a vote of 196 to 38. It had already passed the senate and will be acted on at the November election.

# Topics of the Sport World

By SQUARE DEAL

### Maisel a Speed Marvel.

Fritz Maisel of the New York Yankees, leading base runner of the American league last year, sighs for new worlds to conquer.

Not only does Fritz intend to hold his laurels, but is out to establish a record which will live in the game long after he has passed.

He accomplished the rare feat of stealing second, third and home in a game against the Athletics in Philadelphia recently.

In the ninth inning Maisel got on first base when he forced Marty McHale on an infield tap. Then he started running. He beat Lapp's throw to second by a city block, won a close decision at third and, as Harper wound up, made a dash for the plate. Harper was so taken aback by the daring of the runner that he hesitated just a fraction of a second before throwing. That fraction was fatal, for Maisel slid over safely.

### Carrigan Swears by Left Handed Pitchers.

Manager Bill Carrigan of the Boston Red Sox expects to depend largely upon his left handed pitchers during the first months of the season. He has Leonard, Collins and Ruth ready to do their share of the work, and Foster, Shore and Mays to help them.

Joe Wood and Vean Gregg are a couple of lame ducks who cannot be depended upon for some time. Carrigan will carry eight twirlers this season, he announces.

### Hank O'Day Defends His Face.

"My face may appear grumpy and crabbed. I may have a distant nature and a desire to keep to myself, but the dear public does not know how to analyze an umpire's face."

Hank O'Day, who supplanted the late Jack Sheridan as dean of baseball umpires, made this statement to a group of Hot Springs sojourners during the spring training season.

"A man may have the mobile and gentle features of a schoolboy," continued Hank, "but after he has squinted through a mask for a quarter century his features are bound to take on the look of a troubled man. In an average game of baseball an umpire makes about 300 decisions. A decision is called for on every ball pitched. In seventy-seven games of a season, therefore, he must make about 231,000 decisions.

"When you have stood there in the sun judging balls that come with blinding speed or with tantalizing curve or slowness it isn't any wonder that in

twenty-five years a man's face will become contorted with an anxious and sullen look. To tell you the truth, your face almost freezes that way. I may have looked severe and cross to the crowds, but really while having my hardest trouble with some player I have had to laugh quietly. The strain of it will alter an umpire's facial characteristic, but not his disposition if he is the right kind of a man."

### Boehling Back In Condition.

Washington fans figure that the chances of their team in the American league pennant race have improved with the rounding to of Pitcher Boehling. In a recent game against the



Photo by American Press Association. Pitcher Boehling About to Send One Over.

Athletics he allowed but two of this once hard hitting aggregation to reach third base. When Boehling is in good form he is one of the best pitchers in the American league.

### No Baseball Money For Wolverines.

The University of Michigan board of control in athletics has unanimously rejected the proposal to allow the students to play summer baseball for money.

### W. and L. to Play Indians Next Year.

Washington and Lee, which was unbeaten on the gridiron last fall, arranged a game with Indiana university in Indianapolis on Oct. 30, 1915.

# The Sunday School Lesson

SENIOR BEREAN REVIEW.

Golden Text.—I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep (Ezek. xxxiv, 15).

"The living God." The lessons of this quarter have made very clear the truth concerning the reality of God.

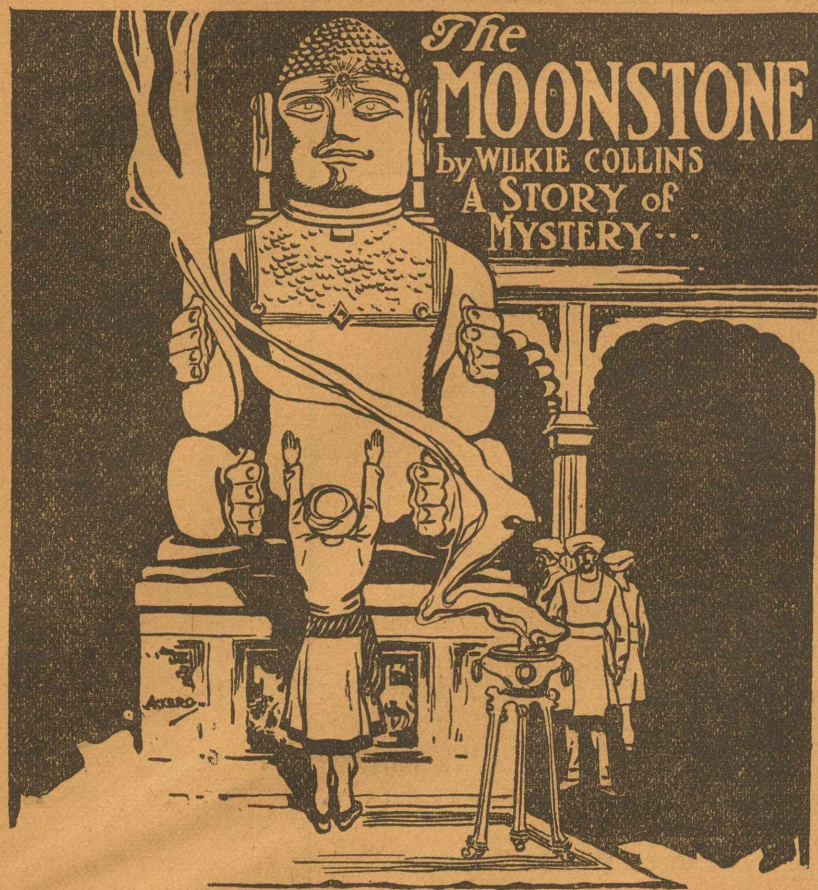
"Severe training." The Easter lesson has a message for every Sunday of the year. It is encouraging to know that God is near us and that he will never fail us. What honorable mention is made of the women who followed Jesus? How was their devotion rewarded? (Lesson I.) Samuel had taught the people many important truths pertaining to God and godliness, and there were many in Israel who held him in the highest honor.

Fidelity and disloyalty.—It was almost to be expected that a man of David's religious character would recognize the need of giving God the central place in private and public life. Almost the first thing that he undertook was to remove the ark of God from its obscurity in Kirjathjearim into prominence in the newly established capital at Jerusalem. What unfortunate incident happened to prevent this being done? What is the character of those who worship God in acceptable ways? (Lesson IX.) The good king David, who was regarded with affection and reverence by all his people, was by no means a perfect man. How did Nathan pronounce condemnation on David? (Lesson X.) It was nine months before he acknowledged his sin. His bitterness during this period when he was trying to live it down is strikingly brought out in Ps. 32. How is the divine forgiveness described in it? What gives us security in the midst of danger? (Lesson XI.) David was sorely tempted, but he did not resist, and so he fell into disgrace. The secret of resistance is found in effectual prayer, which gives us both understanding and power. What petitions were offered by the psalmist? How should we deal with the tempted? (Lesson XII.)

Deserved honors.—(Lesson VI.) David was now an outlaw, and he was called on to face many adventures. An ordinary man would have quailed before the difficulties, but he was not only exceptionally gifted; he also knew God, and it was this fact more than

anything else which explains the secret of his unusual behavior. How did David restrain himself and act with self control? What appeal did he make to Saul? (Lesson VII.) The long time of waiting and suffering was now to be over. He had shown praiseworthy endurance and patience during the years of misunderstanding and persecution. After the death of Saul at the battle of Gilboa David was divinely led to Hebron. What great event took place there? How did he commend himself to the men of Jabesh-gilead? Under what circumstances was he made king of Judah and Israel? (Lesson VIII.)

Lord God of life, send out thy light and thy truth that we may be led into ways of purity and peace to the honor of thy holy name.



### PROLOGUE.

The moonstone has first reposed in the forehead of an Indian idol. As centuries went by, ill luck following it, it passed into Mohammedan hands, but always through the ages three Brahman priests kept secret watch over it. John Hernecastle, an English officer, during the storming of Seringapatam, stole the stone, killing its guardians. Gabriel Betteredge, house steward for Julia, Lady Verinder, explains how the stone came into the house in which he serves. Master Franklin Blake, a nephew of Lady Verinder, had been sent abroad to be educated. On the day he was expected home Penelope, Betteredge's daughter, observes three Indian jugglers acting suspiciously. Franklin arrives earlier than expected, having eluded a dark stranger following him in London. Franklin has the diamond, which has been willed to his cousin Rachel as a birthday gift by Colonel Hernecastle. He puts the stone in a bank. The jugglers make a secret visit to the house. Rachel receives the moonstone on her birthday. Among the guests is Mr. Murthwaite, an Indian traveler. The next morning the diamond is missing. Superintendent of Police Seegrave is called in to investigate, and the three Indians are imprisoned.

### Sergeant Cuff.

WHILE we were still poking about among the chairs and tables the door of the bedroom was suddenly opened. After having denied herself to everybody, Miss Rachel, to our astonishment, walked into the midst of us of her own accord. She took up her garden hat from a chair and then went straight to Penelope with this question: "Mr. Franklin Blake sent you with a message to me this morning?"

"Yes, miss."

"He wished to speak to me, didn't he?"

"Yes, miss."

"Where is he now?"

Hearing voices on the terrace below, I looked out of window and saw the two gentlemen walking up and down together. Answering for my daughter, I said, "Mr. Franklin is on the terrace, miss."

Without another word, without heading Mr. Superintendent, who tried to speak to her, pale as death and wrapped up strangely in her own thoughts, she left the room and went down to her cousins on the terrace.

It showed a want of due respect, it showed a breach of good manners, on my part, but, for the life of me, I couldn't help looking out of window when Miss Rachel met the gentlemen outside. She went up to Mr. Franklin without appearing to notice Mr. Godfrey, who thereupon drew back and left them by themselves. What she said to Mr. Franklin appeared to be spoken vehemently. It lasted but for a short time and, judging by what I saw of his face from the window, seemed to astonish him beyond all power of expression. While they were still together my lady appeared on the terrace. Miss Rachel saw her, said a few last words to Mr. Franklin and suddenly went back into the house again before her mother came up with her.

Having ferreted about all over the boudoir without making any discoveries among the furniture, our experienced officer applied to me to know whether the servants in general were or were not acquainted with the place in which the diamond had been put for the night.

"I knew where it was put, sir," I said, "to begin with. Samuel, the footman, knew also, for he was present in the hall when they were talking about where the diamond was to be kept that night. My daughter knew, as she has already told you. She or Samuel may have mentioned the thing to the other servants, or the other servants may have heard the talk for themselves through the side door of the hall, which might have been open to the back staircase. For all I can tell, ev-

erybody in the house may have known where the jewel was last night."

My answer presenting rather a wide field for Mr. Superintendent's suspicions to range over, he tried to narrow it by asking about the servants' characters next.

I thought directly of Rosanna Spearman. But it was neither my place nor my wish to direct suspicion against a poor girl whose honesty had been above all doubt as long as I had known her. The matron at the reformatory had reported her to my lady as a sincerely penitent and thoroughly trustworthy girl. It was the superintendent's business to discover reason for suspecting her first—and then, and not till then, it would be my duty to tell him how she came into my lady's service. "All our people have excellent characters," I said. "And all have deserved the trust their mistress has placed in them." After that there was but one thing left for Mr. Seegrave to do—namely, to set to work and tackle the servants' characters himself.

One after another they were examined. One after another they proved to have nothing to say—and said it, so far as the women were concerned, at great length and with a very angry sense of the embargo laid on their bedrooms. The rest of them being sent back to their places downstairs, Penelope was then summoned and examined separately a second time.

My daughter's little outbreak of temper in the "boudoir" and her readiness to think herself suspected appeared to have produced an unfavorable impression on Superintendent Seegrave. It seemed also to dwell a little on his mind that she had been the last person who saw the diamond at night. When the second questioning was over my girl came back to me in a frenzy. There was no doubt of it any longer—the police officer had almost as good as told her she was the thief! I could scarcely believe him, taking Mr. Franklin's view, to be quite such an ass as that. But, though he said nothing, the eye with which he looked at my daughter was not a pleasant eye to see. I laughed it off with poor Penelope as something too ridiculous to be treated seriously—which it certainly was. Secretly I am afraid I was foolish enough to be angry too.

The next and last step in the investigation brought matters, as they say, to a crisis. The officer had an interview, at which I was present, with my lady. After informing her that the diamond must have been taken by somebody in the house he requested permission for himself and his men to search the servants' rooms and boxes on the spot. My good mistress, like the generous, high bred woman she was, refused to let us be treated like thieves. "I will never consent to make such a return as that," she said, "for all I owe to the faithful servants who are employed in my house."

As head of the servants I felt directly that we were bound, in justice to all parties, not to profit by our mistress' generosity. "We gratefully thank your ladyship," I said, "but we ask permission to do what is right in this matter by giving up our keys. When Gabriel Betteredge sets the example," says I, stopping Superintendent Seegrave at the door, "the rest of the servants will follow, I promise you. There are my keys, to begin with." My lady took me by the hand and thanked me with the tears in her eyes. Lord, what would I not have given at that moment for the privilege of knocking Superintendent Seegrave down!

As I had promised for them, the other servants followed my lead.

The search over and no diamond or sign of a diamond being found, of course, anywhere, Superintendent Seegrave retired to my little room to consider with himself what he was to do next.

While the police officer was still pondering in solitude I was sent for to see

Mr. Franklin in the library. To my unutterable astonishment, just as my hand was on the door it was suddenly opened from the inside, and out walked Rosanna Spearman!

After the library had been swept and cleaned in the morning neither first nor second housemaid had any business in that room at any later period of the day. I stopped Rosanna Spearman and charged her with a breach of domestic discipline on the spot.

"Mr. Franklin Blake dropped one of his rings upstairs," says Rosanna, "and I have been into the library to give it to him." The girl's face was all in a flush as she made me that answer, and she walked away with a toss of her head and a look of self importance which I was quite at a loss to account for.

I found Mr. Franklin writing at the library table. He asked for a conveyance to the railway station the moment I entered the room.

"Going to London, sir?" I asked.

"Going to telegraph to London," says Mr. Franklin. "I have convinced my

uncle that we must have a cleverer head than Superintendent Seegrave's to help us, and I have got her permission to dispatch a telegram to my father. He knows the chief commissioner of police, and the commissioner can lay his hand on the right man to solve the mystery of the diamond. Talking of mysteries, by the bye," says Mr. Franklin, dropping his voice, "I have another word to say to you before you go to the stables. Don't breathe a word of it to anybody as yet, but either Rosanna Spearman's head is not quite right or I am afraid she knows more about the moonstone than she ought to know."

"She came in here with a ring I dropped in my bedroom," Mr. Franklin went on. "When I had thanked her, of course I expected her to go. Instead of that she stood opposite to me at the table, looking at me in the oddest manner, half frightened and half familiar—I couldn't make it out. 'This is a strange thing about the diamond, sir,' she said in a curiously sudden, headlong way. I said yes it was and wondered what was coming next. Upon my honor, Betteredge, I think she must be wrong in the head! She said: 'They will never find the diamond, sir, will they? No! Nor the person who took it—I'll answer for that.' She actually nodded and smiled at me. Before I could ask her what she meant we heard your step outside. I suppose she was afraid of your catching her here. At any rate, she changed color and left the room. What on earth does it mean?"

I could not bring myself to tell him the girl's story even then. It would have been almost as good as telling him that she was the thief. Besides, even if I had made a clean breast of it and even supposing she was the thief the reason why she should let out her secret to Mr. Franklin, of all the people in the world, would have been still as far to seek as ever.

"I can't bear the idea of getting the poor girl into a scrape merely because she has a flighty way with her and talks very strangely," Mr. Franklin went on. "And yet if she had said to the superintendent what she said to me, fool as he is, I'm afraid— He stopped there and left the rest unspoken."

"The best way, sir," I said, "will be for me to say words privately to my mistress about it at the first opportunity. My lady has a very friendly interest in Rosanna, and the girl may only have been forward and foolish, after all."

This view, which I am bound to say I thought a probable view myself on reflection, seemed to relieve Mr. Franklin mightily. He folded up his telegram and dismissed the subject. On my way to the stables to order the pony chaise I looked in at the servants' hall where they were at dinner. Rosanna Spearman was not among them. On inquiry I found that she had been suddenly taken ill and had gone upstairs to her own room to lie down.

"Curious! She looked well enough when I saw her last," I remarked.

Penelope followed me out. "Don't talk in that way before the rest of the men, father," she said. "You only make them harder on Rosanna than ever. The poor thing is breaking her heart about Mr. Franklin Blake."

Going round with the chaise to the front door, I found not only Mr. Franklin, but Mr. Godfrey and Superintendent Seegrave also, waiting for me on the steps.

Mr. Superintendent proposed shifting his inquiries to the jugglers in the prison at Frizinghall. Hearing of this new move, Mr. Franklin had volunteered to take the superintendent back to the town, from which he could telegraph to London as easily as from our station. Mr. Godfrey, still devoutly believing in Mr. Seegrave and greatly interested in witnessing the examination of the Indians, had begged leave to accompany the officer to Frizinghall. One of the two inferior policemen was to be left at the house in case anything happened.

So they drove away to Frizinghall. I was ready enough, in the girl's own interest, to have a little talk with Rosanna in private. But the needful opportunity failed to present itself.

She only came downstairs again at tea time. When she did appear she was flighty and excited, had what they call an hysterical attack, took a dose of sal volatile by my lady's order and was sent back to her bed.

Half an hour before dinner time the two gentlemen came back from Frizinghall, having arranged with Superintendent Seegrave that he was to return to us the next day. They had called on Mr. Murthwaite, the Indian traveler, at his present residence, near the town. At Mr. Franklin's request he had kindly given them the benefit of his knowledge of the language in dealing with those two out of the three Indians who knew nothing of English. The examination, conducted carefully and at great length, had ended in nothing, not the shadow of a reason being discovered for suspecting the jugglers of having tampered with any of our servants. On reaching that conclusion Mr. Franklin had sent his telegraphic message to London, and there the matter now rested till tomorrow came.

So much for the history of the day that followed the birthday.

The Thursday night passed and nothing happened. With the Friday morning came two pieces of news.

Item the first: The baker's man declared he had met Rosanna Spearman on the previous afternoon, with a thick veil on, walking toward Frizinghall by the foot path way over the moor.

Item the second came through the postman. Worthy Mr. Candy had caught a chill and was now down with a fever. The last accounts, brought by the postman, represented him to be light headed, talking nonsense as glibly, poor man, in his delirium as he often talked it in his sober sense.

Breakfast had not been over long when a telegram from Mr. Blake, the elder, arrived in answer to his son. It informed us that he had laid hands, by help of his friend the commissioner, on the right man to help us. The name of him was Sergeant Cuff, and the arrival of him from London might be expected by the morning train.

At reading the name of the new police officer Mr. Franklin gave a start. It seems that he had heard some curious anecdotes about Sergeant Cuff from his father's lawyer during his stay in London. "I begin to hope we are seeing the end of our anxieties already," he said. "If half the stories I have heard are true, when it comes to unraveling a mystery there isn't the equal in England of Sergeant Cuff!"

When the time came for the sergeant's arrival I went down to the gate to look out for him.

A fly from the railway drove up as I reached the lodge, and out got a grizzled, elderly man, so miserably lean that he looked as if he had not got an ounce of flesh on his bones in any part of him. He was dressed all in decent black, with a white cravat round his neck. His face was as sharp as a hatchet, and the skin of it was as yellow and dry and withered as an autumn leaf. His eyes, of a steely, light gray, had a very disconcerting trick when they encountered your eyes of looking as if they expected something more from you than you were aware of yourself. His walk was soft, his voice was melancholy, his long lanky fingers were hooked like claws. He might have been a parson or an undertaker or anything else you like, except what he really was. A more complete opposite to Superintendent Seegrave than Sergeant Cuff and a less comforting officer to look at for a family in distress I defy you to discover, search where you may.

"Is this Lady Verinder's?" he asked.

"Yes, sir."

"I am Sergeant Cuff."

"This way, sir, if you please."

On our road to the house I mentioned my name and position in the family to satisfy him that he might speak to me about the business on which my lady was to employ him. Not a word did he say about the business, however, for all that.

Asking for my lady and hearing that she was in one of the conservatories, we went round to the gardens at the back and sent a servant to seek her. While we were waiting Sergeant Cuff looked through the evergreen arch on our left, spied out our roseroy and walked straight in with the first appearance of anything like interest that he had shown yet. To the gardener's astonishment and to my disgust this celebrated policeman proved to be quite a mine of learning on the trumpery subject of rose gardens.

"You seem to be fond of roses, sergeant?" I remarked.

"I haven't much time to be fond of anything," says Sergeant Cuff. "But when I have a moment's fondness to bestow, most times, Mr. Betteredge, the roses get it. I began my life among them in my father's nursery garden, and I shall end my life among them if I can. Yes, one of these days, please God, I shall retire from catching thieves and try my hand at growing roses. There will be grass walks, Mr. Gardener, between my beds," says the sergeant, on whose mind the gravel paths of a roseroy seemed to dwell unpleasantly.

"It seems an odd taste, sir," I ventured to say, "for a man in your line of life."

"If you will look about you, which

most people won't do," says Sergeant Cuff, "you will see that the nature of a man's tastes is most times as opposite as possible to the nature of a man's business. Here's a lady coming. Is it Lady Verinder?"

He had seen her before either I or the gardener had seen her, though we knew which way to look and he didn't. I began to think him rather a quicker man than he appeared to be at first sight.

The sergeant's appearance or the sergeant's errand, one or both, seemed to cause my lady some little embarrassment. She was for the first time in all my experience of her at a loss what to say at an interview with a stranger. Sergeant Cuff put her at her ease directly. He asked if any other person had been employed about the robbery before we sent for him and, hearing that another person had been called in and was now in the house, begged leave to speak to him before anything else was done.

My lady led the way back. Before he followed her the sergeant relieved his mind on the subject of the gravel walks by a parting word to the gardener. "Get her ladyship to try grass," he said, with a sour look at the paths "No gravel! No gravel!"

Why Superintendent Seegrave should have appeared to be several sizes smaller than life on being presented to Sergeant Cuff I can't undertake to explain. I can only state the fact. They retired together and remained a weary long time shut up from all mortal intrusion. When they came out Mr. Superintendent was excited and Mr. Sergeant was yawning.

"The sergeant wishes to see Miss Verinder's sitting room," says Mr. Seegrave, addressing me with great pomp and eagerness. "The sergeant may have some questions to ask. Attend the sergeant, if you please."

While I was being ordered about in this way I looked at the great Cuff. The great Cuff, on his side, looked at Superintendent Seegrave in that quietly expecting way which I have already noticed. I can't affirm that he was on the watch for his brother officer's speedy appearance in the character of an ass. I can only say that I strongly suspected it.

I led the way upstairs. The sergeant went softly all over the Indian cabinet and all round the boudoir, asking questions occasionally only of Mr. Superintendent and continually of me, the drift of which I believe to have been equally unintelligible to both of us. In due time his course brought him to the door and put him face to face with the decorative painting that you know of. He laid one lean inquiring finger on the small smear just under the lock, which Superintendent Seegrave had already noticed when he reproved the women servants for all crowding together into the room.

"That's a pity," says Sergeant Cuff. "How did it happen?"

He put the question to me. I answered that the women servants had crowded into the room on the previous morning and that some of their petticoats had done the mischief. "Superintendent Seegrave ordered them out, sir," I added, "before they did any more harm."

"Right!" says Mr. Superintendent in his military way. "I ordered them out. The petticoats did it, sergeant; the petticoats did it."

"Did you notice which petticoat did it?" asked Sergeant Cuff, still addressing himself, not to his brother officer, but to me.

"No, sir."

He turned to Superintendent Seegrave upon that and said, "You noticed, I suppose?"

Mr. Superintendent looked a little taken aback, but he made the best of it. "I can't charge my memory, sergeant," he said, "a mere trifle, a mere trifle."

Sergeant Cuff looked at Mr. Seegrave as he had looked at the gravel walks in the roseroy and gave us in his melancholy way the first taste of his quality which we had had yet.

"I made a private inquiry last week, Mr. Superintendent," he said. "At one end of the inquiry there was a murder, and at the other end there was a spot of ink on a tablecloth that nobody could account for. In all my experience along the dirtiest ways of this dirty little world I have never met with such a thing as a trifle yet. Before we go a step farther in this business we must see the petticoat that made the smear, and we must know for certain when that paint was wet."

Mr. Superintendent, taking his set-down rather sulkily, asked if he should summon the women. Sergeant Cuff, after considering a minute, sighed and shook his head.

"No," he said, "we'll take the matter of the paint first. It's a question of 'Yes' or 'No' with the paint—which is short. It's a question of petticoats with the woman, which is long. What o'clock was it when the servants were in this room yesterday morning? Eleven o'clock—eh? Is there anybody in the house who knows whether that paint was wet or dry at 11 yesterday morning?"

"Her ladyship's nephew, Mr. Franklin Blake, knows," I said.

"Is the gentleman in the house?"

[To be continued.]

**BAND CONCERT.**

The Spur Concert Band will give a concert Friday night, July 2nd, the place and price of admission to be advertised later. The boys are working hard in preparation for the Band Contest to be held at Post, July 5th, and will be prepared to give the people of Spur and vicinity a rare musical treat. Come out and help boost a good band in a good town. The following program will be rendered.

- De Malay (March)—Band.
- New Annapolis (March)—Band.
- Yankee Hash (Overture)—Band.
- Vocal Solo—Miss Irma Baker.
- Merry American (March)—Orchestra.
- September Morn Waltzes—Orchestra.
- Gem Polka (Cornet Solo)—C. Smith.
- Original Fox Trot—Orchestra.
- Ramshackle Rag—Orchestra.
- Vocal Solo—Mrs. Dickson.
- You Kissed Me (Hesitation)—Orchestra.
- Male quartet—To be supplied.
- Our Director (March) Band.
- Among The Lillies (Waltz)—Band.
- Male quartet—To be selected.
- Ida and Dot Polka (Duet)—J. Rogers and C. W. Smith.
- Muttering Fritz (A trombone revelation)—Band.

The Automobile fever is running high in Spur now, some people are not satisfied with Fords, and are looking at eight cylinder cars. The writer thinks he will wait till next year and get a 'flying machine' 'cause we haven't the money and also they may be selling six cylinders by the day next year and they will be cheaper that way.

Wanted—A woman to do housework. See J. I. Mecom, at section house. 32 2tp.

**READ THEIR AD AND SAVE MONEY**

We wish to call your attention to the full page ad of the Love Dry Goods Company in this week's Texas Spur, announcing their big pre-inventory sale. It will always pay you to read the bargain advertising of this enterprising store, because they always offer many rare bargains in any kind of high grade merchandise that you may need. The Love Dry Goods Company is a great believer in the use of printer's ink, and tell us that it is the most profitable investment that they can make. That advertising is really and truly a paying proposition is attested by the success these people are making in our city through the judicious use of advertising space in The Texas Spur. Again let us say that the time spent in reading their message can result in profit to you through the saving of several hard-earned and perfectly good dollars on your purchases.

As Hon. Jno. H. Stephens has decided to let the postmaster of Spur be selected by a vote of the people. I anxiously solicit your vote, I feel that I can fill the office and shall do my best to satisfy every patron. I want the office so that I may better support myself and son.—Mrs. Lela Evans.

Hon. E. Austin, county commissioner of the Afton precinct, was in the city Thursday of last week transacting business and mingling with friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. Mahon, of the New Western Hotel, is visiting relatives in Rotan this week. We wish for her a very pleasant visit.

Willie Wilkins, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday.

**RUN OVER BY WAGON.**

Oma Copeland, fourteen year old son of C. D. Copeland, was painfully if not seriously injured Thursday of last week when he was run over by a farm wagon heavily loaded with maize. The boy was driving the wagon and team to town when the accident occurred. We are glad to note that the boy is resting well and no serious results are anticipated.

A man was going down the road when he saw a Ford car in the top of a tree and a man, who was evidently the owner, standing in the road with a crank in his hand. He stopped and asked the owner how on earth the Ford got in the tree top, and the owner answered. "I was trying to crank the blamed thing and it flew off the handle."—Bartlett Tribune.

The editor and family are away this week visiting relatives at Cross Plains and also enjoying a fishing expedition on the Concho river in the vicinity of San Angelo. The readers will therefore please pardon the scarcity of local items and any lack of quality that may be evident in this week's paper, as these printers find themselves poor writers and very indifferent reporters.

H. F. Murray made a flying trip to Dickens Tuesday. While there he was awarded the contract to remodel and repair the county jail. He seemed to be unable to report any excitement in the county capitol city except that the commissioner's court was in session.

The J. H. G. Medicine Company has representatives in the city this week, who are conducting a free show on the vacant lots next to Sol Davis' Store. Their performances are good for a show of this character, and have been attracting large crowds every night.

M. H. House, of Anson, passed through Spur Tuesday en route to Matador, at which place he intends to spend a part of his vacation. Mr. House is a printer, and at one time was in the employ of ye editor when he pushed the pencil on a Central Texas paper.

Hugh Taylor, of Rotan, a cousin of our friend V. C. Smart, spent Tuesday night in Spur on his way home from a business trip to Roaring Springs.

N. Q. Brannen and family left Spur Tuesday for Jayton where they will spend a few days visiting relatives and looking after business matters.

Eddy Carnes, manager of the Paddle Ranch, near Clairemont, was in Spur Saturday in his new Dodge auto which he purchased recently.

G. J. Stearns, a prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Tuesday on business and greeting his many Spur friends.

Ed Hulse was in from his farm home twelve miles west of Spur Tuesday, transacting business and shaking hands with friends.

J. P. Gibson, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill community, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

Miss Irma Baker returned Tuesday from a visit to Girard. She reports a very pleasant trip.

Bob Collier and made a trip to the plains country Sunday, returning the same day.

Sam White of the White-Swearingen ranch, was seen in Spur Tuesday.



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**AUTO TRIP TO COLORADO.**

Ned Hogan, Roy Johns and C. W. Lowery left Sunday for a pleasure trip to Colorado, traveling a la Ford. They expect to visit Colorado Springs, Denver and other cities of that state, besides making the Ford climb Pike's Peak on high. When these gentlemen left they seemed to be anticipating a glorious time, and we hope they are not disappointed.

Mrs. W. H. Wilson, and daughter, Miss Hazel, came in Saturday to join her husband, who preceded them several days in their move to Spur. They are now comfortably domiciled in their home in the north part of town. This family comes to us highly recommended as a most valuable acquisition to our citizenship. We are glad to welcome them as citizens.

In order that Frank S. Hastings and wife might not be delayed in reaching the bedside of Mrs. Hastings' mother, who was very sick, and we are told, has since died, the Samford & Northwestern train was held here over an hour Monday while an automobile was sent to the west pasture of the Swenson ranch for them.

The Spur Auto Supply Company is remodeling the sheet iron building on Burlington Avenue, across the street from the Spur Hardware Company, preparatory to moving their garage. This will give them much roomier quarters, besides considerably lessening their fire risk.

Little Miss Katie Lois Walker arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker east of town Wednesday evening. She tips the scales at ten and one-half pounds, and the mother and baby are reported doing nicely.

Misses Kate and Nell Mahon, Davie Collins, and Messrs. A. E. Reeves, Wm. Andrews and M. L. Moody were visitors to Dickens Sunday evening.

Farmers in town this week from various parts of the Spur country report crops in the most flourishing condition that has been seen here in several years. This section always makes good, but this year promises to be the most prosperous ever.

**FOR SALE.**

A 5 room bungalow, good well, cistern, sheds, lots and 6 acres fenced and in cultivation, 7 acres in all, also small orchard, 1 mile west of Spur. Consideration \$1,250.00, part down, balance in good notes.—J. E. Day, Burley, N. M. 27-6mo

Harry Cates and Harry Lee announce their intention of leaving the latter part of the week for Kansas to assist the farmers of that state in harvesting the vast grain crop produced there.

John Selman and wife came in Wednesday from their home in the West Pasture and spent several hours trading with local merchants and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Sager-ton, have been visiting their son, Walter Smith, who has been quite sick, but is now very much improved.

Misses Nell and Kate Mahon and Mrs. Bobo made a trip to Dickens Springs Monday afternoon. They report a "large huge time."

Sure Corn Cure—Will remove corn for 50c, bunyon for \$1. Satisfaction guaranteed. No cure, no pay.—L. G. Garrett. 28-7tp.

Sam Orr, of Abilene, representing the Continental Gin Company of Dallas, was in Spur Wednesday.

J. E. Sheldon, postmaster at Roaring Springs, took the train here Saturday for eastern points.

Bert Brown, manager of the 24-ranch in Kent county, transacted business in Spur Monday.

Tom McArthur, of the Red Mud community, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Miss Eula Link, of Aspermont, is spending the week in our city.