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## UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION FOR TEXAS.

Attention of all workers in the card campaign is directed to the propaganda which is known as the work of alien enemies. News propaganda has reached Washington from every corner of the country. Efforts of our enemies is directed against the Food Administration. Housewives are being urged that the government intends to confiscate some or all of their preserved fruit, canned vegetables and other home products.

### THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO SUCH INTENTIONS

It has been reported of persons representing themselves as agents of the United States Government, at homes in various parts of the country, demanding to know of the housewife how many cans of fruit and vegetables she had put up, then claiming and carrying away the same from her store. These incidents have been utilized to frighten the wives and many women have expressed fear that their food stuffs would be commandeered for the government use if they signed the Home Pledge card. So persistent has this propaganda that Mr. Hoover himself has been forced to take notice of it and has issued a statement in which he says: "These and similar incidents should be watched for, and promptly followed to their source, that the authors of these rumors may be severely dealt with." We bespeak your earnest effort in the direction throughout your territory.

E. A. Peden,  
Federal Food Administrator for Texas.

### TO THE EDITORS OF TEXAS:

Houston, Texas, October 20.—Federal Food Administrator E. A. Peden, for the State of Texas, has been informed by U. S. Food Administrator Herbert Hoover, that the prevailing high prices in foodstuffs will meet with a gradual reduction from now on, and that if products are being sold at an extravagantly high rate by retailers the situation is not due to wholesale prices but exorbitant and unnatural prices fixed by the retailers, and prices wholly unwarranted.

At the present moment the Federal Food Administrator for the Nation has no constitutional or legislative right to assess prices for food products other than as pertains to industries doing a greater business per annum than \$100,000. In his message to Mr. Peden, Mr. Hoover states that for the time, the public must meet the high prices assessed by the retailers in their own way and by bringing effective pressure to bear.

It is the intention of the U. S. Food Administrator in dealing with retailers who continue to extort war profits to collect wholesale prices of all staples in 700 cities in the United States and publish them weekly for comparison with retail figures.

As an illustration of how the price to the consumer is keeping up, a statement issued by the administrator, said beef now is selling in Chicago at 12-1-2 cents a pound, compared with 16 cents in July, while the average retail price of round steak now is 31 cents, compared with 27 cents in July.

The miller's price for first patent flour in jute bags ranged from \$10.00 to \$10.70, but the average retail price is \$13.77 or, the administrator says, from \$1.50 to \$2. more than the wholesale figure warrants.

LOST: Somewhere between Miami and Canadian on the Hockaday Highway a black hand bag with personal effects. Finder please notify return to J. Ray Andrews, Amabile and receive reward.

## Roberts County Over Subscribes Quota to Liberty Loan.

We are indeed glad to report that Roberts County more than fully subscribed her quota of the second Liberty Loan. The Government ask us to subscribe \$31,500. We subscribed \$32,400, thus oversubscribing nine hundred dollars.

It appears that America has just awakened to the fact that we are in the rear. They have come liberally with the necessary money with a big over subscription of the five billion Liberty Loan asked for. This will certainly prove to the Kaiser that America stands ready as one to down autocracy. No harder blow could have been struck autocracy that for the American Liberty Loan to be oversubscribed. The Kaiser has called us a bunch of "Money Grabbers" and if we have been, then we have been grabbing it to lick him with.

We feel indeed proud of Roberts county and her loyal citizenship. The salesmen for the Liberty Loan were numerous and worked hard. It was not altogether men salesmen, but the ladies worked as well, and we dare say that the ladies sold as many bonds as the men. Mrs. W. E. Stocker was chairman of the ladies selling force, and they certainly proved boosters for the Liberty Loan. Possibly Mrs. Stocker has more sales credited to her list than any other individual in the county except G. G. Fletcher who wrote over half the total subscription of the county. Among the others selling toward the top were W. Coffee, J. B. Saul and J. V. Coffee. All of whom worked hard and with the great assistance rendered by others, succeeded in putting our subscription over the top. Saturday was certainly a busy day, and we can make a close guess and say that not less than fifty people quit their work and sold Liberty Bonds.

Roberts counties Liberty Bond owners are certainly numerous. We are glad they are. Twenty people subscribing for a thousand dollars worth of bonds gives the Kaiser a blacker eye than for one man to take two thousand.

Among our largest subscribers who strongly felt the need of raising the full quota, and who bought in amounts that soon count into real money were:

- T. M. Cunningham, \$5,000.00
- Henry T. Gill, \$2,000.00
- H. A. Gill and wife, \$2,000.00
- W. L. Mathers, \$1,500.00
- Locke Bros, \$1,250.00
- W. Coffee, \$1,000.00
- Byron Williams, \$1,000.00
- C. R. Cowan, \$1,000.00
- Geo. B. Morrison, \$1,000.00

Of the following list many of them took from \$300 to \$750, but possibly there were more bonds of \$50 and \$100 than any other denominations. Most every one in the county that was able financially able, bought a bond. There were some of our citizens who bought in the first loan and own a bond whose names do not appear in this list. This list is as near complete as it is possible to get in this county. (Employees of the Santa Fe who bought through the company are not listed here.)

### THOSE PURCHASING LESS THAN \$1,000.00

- J. M. Arrington; P. K. Burum; J. V. Coffee; Ollie Coffee; Christopher Bros.; M. M. Craig, Jr.; L. B. Cross; W. W. Davis; Will Dial; J. R. Durrett; W. E. Ewing; Mrs. L. F. Ewing; G. G. Fletcher; W. H. Ferguson; J. H. Hale; J. E. George; Florence Jackson; J. W. Lee; S. H. Massengale; J. A. Meade; Ila J. Murph; W. A. Meyer; H. J. McCuiston; Mrs. J. K. Mc-

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Total Amt. Purchased, \$32,400.00  
Number of people purchasing, 231.

### WHO'S WHO IN A LINE OR TWO.

A mighty busy fellow is Thos. Elmore Lucey, Poet-Entertainer, Actor, Satirist, Caricaturist, Song Humorist and sometimes editor The Missouri Mule, a humorous and literary Magazine that is different from any other periodical in the world. He fills 200 platform dates each year, contributes to various periodicals, attends to all his own correspondence, and finds an occasional moment to make short addresses at various civic and educational functions. At home he is extremely domestic, and his very practical wife has made their little domicile at "Lucyden" an oasis for the lyceum traveler. This home is enriched by thousands of attractive souvenirs of their travels. A fine library and much unique bric-a-brac. Having been schooled in journalism from the job of "devil" on an Arkansas country weekly to responsible positions in the Metropolitan press. He is thoroughly at home with the newspaper boys.

Mr. Lucy will give a full and complete program at the High School auditorium Friday night, Nov. 2nd. Tickets on sale all next week at the Jones Drug Store. This will be the first number of a winter lyceum in Miami. Get your season tickets now.

NOTICE. All my outstanding accounts which are not paid by Nov. 1st will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. Please make note of this and try to settle your account at once. J. R. Webster.

## DRAFT CLASSES ARE ANNOUNCED

Every Man Registered Will Be Placed in Particular Division.

The five classifications into which men awaiting draft will be divided, under the new regulations approved by President Wilson are as follows and show every man registered, to which class he belongs and in what order the different classifications will be called for service:

- Class 1—Single men without dependent relatives.
- 2—Married men (or widower with children,) who habitually fails to support his family.
- 3—married men dependent on wife for support.
- 4—Married man (or widower with children) not usefully engaged, family supported by income independent of his labor.
- 5—Men not included in any other description in this or other classes.
- 6—unskilled laborers.

### Class 2.

- 1—Married man or father of motherless children, usefully engaged but has sufficient income apart from his daily labor to afford reasonably adequate support during his absent.
- 2—Married men, no children, wife can support herself decently without hardship.
- 3—Skilled industrial labor engaged in necessary industrial enterprises.
- 4—Skilled farm laborer engaged in necessary agricultural enterprise.

### Class 3.

- 1—Man with foster children dependent on daily labor for support.
- 2—Man with aged, infirm, or invalid parents or grandparents dependent on daily labor for support.
- 3—Men with brothers or sisters incompetent to support themselves dependent on daily labor for support.
- 4—County or municipal officer.
- 5—Fireman or policeman.
- 6—Necessary officers or workmen in arsenals, armories and navy yards.
- 7—Necessary custom house clerks.
- 8—Persons necessary in transmission of mail.
- 9—Necessary employes in service of United States.
- 10—Highly specialized administrative experts.

### Class 4.

- 1—Married man with wife (and) children (or widowed with children) dependent on daily labor for support and no other adequate support available.
- 2—Marines in sea service or merchants or citizens in United States.
- 3—Heads of necessary industrial enterprises.
- 4—Heads of necessary agricultural enterprises.

### Class 5.

- 1—Officers of states or the United States.
- 2—Regularly or daily ordained ministers.
- 3—Students of divinity.
- 5—Aliens.
- 6—Alien enemies.
- 7—Persons morally unfit.
- 8—Persons physically, permanently or mentally unfit.
- 9—Licensed pilots.



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A man in Sheffield heard the news From a gang of Scandavian Jews, Who doped it a gink from Boreno Had a parrot who claimed to know, Of a very swell society dame Whose seventh child set up the claim. That her motherinlaws chauffeurs neice. Plainly stated in a printed peice That he has a son, who has a friend Who knows when the war is going to end.—Canadian Record.

Give up money, give up fame, give up science, give up the earth itself and all it contains, rather than do an immoral act. And never suppose that in any possible situation, or under any circumstances, it is best for you to do a dishonorable thing, however slightly so it may appear to you. Whenever you are to do a thing,

though it can never be known but to yourself, ask yourself how you would act if the world were looking at you, act accordingly. Encourage all your virtuous dispositions, and exercise them whenever an opportunity arises; being assured that they will gain strength by exercise, as a limb of the body does, and that exercise will make them habitual.— Thomas Jefferson.

### DISTRICT COURT NOTES.

A term of the Wheeler County District court closed at Wheeler last week. In the case of the State vs. Mrs. Cowan for killing her husband a few weeks ago, the defendant was given a five year suspended sentence. One other case resulted in a suspended sentence; and one man received a two year sentence.

Judge Ewing went to Le Fors Monday of this week and called court, but owing to the urgent need of farm labor to save the feed crops, all cases were continued by the Judge and court dismissed.



### BE A GOOD FELLOW FOR THE FUTURE.

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Don't forget to put three cents on your letters after today. Also put two cents on your cards. It is now necessary.

The Wheeler High School was suspended to-day, Friday, for two or three weeks in order that many of the students who are needed to help gather the crops may do so without missing school. The demand for farm laborers is heavy and very few are to be had. We are sure that this action of the trustees will meet with the hearty approval of the school patrons, for it is very essential that the feed and cotton crops be saved.—Wheeler Sun.

**TAX EFFECTIVE NOV. 1st.**  
 The internal revenue tax on amusement admissions will go into effect on the first day of November, 1917. Contrary to statements made in the daily press and in the various trade publications, last week, the time from which the amusement tax will date is November 1st, not December 1st. Officials in Washington were themselves uncertain as to the date. The lawmakers intention was December 1, but an engrossing error made the tax bill as passed by Congress and signed by President Wilson specially state that the tax shall be collected on and after the first day of November.

Here is a question that every young man and every girl should answer. What is my aim in life? Is the aim worth while? It is just as necessary for you to have a worth-while aim, as it is to have the aim. Have you set your mind on something that will be of benefit to you and to the world. We are coming to a day when specialized training is going to win life battles. The boy or girl who can do most anything, will not be worth as much as the boy or girl who can do one thing, but do that one thing a little better than anyone else. Set your mind on some accomplishment and work until it is reached. If you desire to be a housewife, study hard to make the best and most scientific housewife in the country; if you would be a nurse, a musician, or learn any other valuable accomplishment, set our task and begin. It is just as necessary for the boys as it is the girls to set their mark. Learn to do something scientifically. Learn to do it better than anyone has ever done it. Learn to do more with less effort and in less time. Put system into everything you do. System and efficiency will count more than anything else on earth. Don't live just because you are living, but live for an object and work to accomplish it and you will always be happy.

Very few homes are without an empty chair. Somebody has gone away to live at a training camp and that somebody is so sadly missed as the family gather around the fireside these days of early winter. But that somebody is not forgotten and it is of

him that the folks talk most. They wonder how he is. If he is well, if he is warm, if he is getting enough to eat and if he is making rapid progress in his new life. And the mother wonders is he is good and the father wonders if he is good and the father, est, upright lad as of yore. The father knows the many temptations in the path of the boy and hopes that his son is living as he should. Going a soldiering has a jolly sound, but the father knows that there are times when the way will be rough and the temptations many. How eagerly the boy's letter is read and re-read and how the whole family quote from that letter and how proud they are of their soldier. And then folks stop to ask after the absent one—for he is missed at home. Yes, there are vacant chairs in the home. There are lonely hearts in the land of the free and in the homes of the brave, but would you have it otherwise? The whole nation is looking at these vacant chairs and a whole nation is asking a kind Father's blessing on the soldier boys. It is a grand thing to have a son in training for his country's sake. It is a noble thing to raise a son to go forth and fight the battles for his father and his mother, his sister and his brother. It is something for the family to be proud of and it is something for the nation to be proud of. There is a glory about that vacant chair that can not be dimmed by absence nor by the years that must come ere the boy comes marching home bringing victory with him. The home that boasts a soldier is set apart as a sacred shrine and in that home the fires of patriotism and loyalty burn with a brightness that can not be dimmed tho the Hun try intrigue and plot to bring about dissensions and unrest in this fair land where our boys are patriots striving to defeat might, believing that right must and shall win. But it is not enough to sit at home by the fire and dream of the boy. There is work to be done at home. The boys must have support as well as love. They must have something to win the war with—they can't shoot without guns and ammunition. They must be fed and clothed. They must be paid. They must be taken care of if they are sick or wounded. They must be kept warm. And all this means money. It has been their part to go forth to battle—it is yours to contribute toward keeping the "pot boiling." Have you done your bit?—Higgins News.

Now that the Liberty Loan is over subscribed, lets go right into the food economy just as hard as we did into the Liberty Loan. Our Government ask us to save flour, sugar and meat. There are 121 million families in America who actually waste 121 million pounds of flour and meat almost every day. We are asked to waste nothing now. We are asked to actually save a pound of flour and a pound of meat each week. That is easy. If every family in America will actually do this, it will meet the deficiency in food supplies and the whole world can be fed. Your little pound a week wont amount to much by its self, but when 121 million families are doing the same thing you can see the total more clearly. Lets over-subscribe the food conservation just as big as the Liberty Loan was over-subscribed.

IT WILL PAY YOU to trade with J. W. WELLS, he has the goods.

We have arranged for a series of six interesting articles, "War Talks, by Uncle Dan," written by Mr. Howard H. Gross, president of the Universal Military Training League, of which this is the first. They tell in a graphic way why military training is of value, both to the nation and to the individual, and our readers will find them of unusual interest.

**WAR TALKS**  
 By UNCLE DAN  
 Number One

America Must Fight Hard or Germany May Win—Necessity for Military Training.

"Now, Billie," said his mother, "your Uncle Dan is coming tomorrow to spend a week with us on the farm, and if you want to know about the war, here's your opportunity. Uncle Dan is probably one of the best-informed men in the country." Billie clapped his hands and gave such a whoop that he awakened the baby, but what could you expect of a fifteen-year-old boy who is a living interrogation point and wants to know about war?

Uncle Dan arrived in due time and Billie watched for an opportunity. It came that evening after dinner when Uncle Dan had lighted a cigar and taken a seat on the porch.

"I'm mighty glad you came, Uncle Dan. I want to talk to you about the war. We have just put military training in our township high school, but we had a hard time to do it. The Joneses and the Groggs objected. They said the war wouldn't come over here. Grandma Jones said: 'They ain't no use to worrit, it will soon blow over.' Well, we put the training in just the same. You order heard Judge Brownell, the president of the school board, do the snickers up. He said unless we take off our coats and go to it, Germany may yet win, and if she does, she will take over the great British fleet as a war trophy and compel us to do what ever she wants to; that she could make us pay all the cost of the war; the Kaiser could tax us as he pleased and that we couldn't help ourselves. He could make every one pay over a part of what he earns; that he could make the farmers pay rent for their own farms, etc. Now, Uncle, what do you think of that?"

"Well, my boy," said Uncle Dan, "all that Judge Brownell says might easily come true and may unless we go quickly to the aid of the allies with large numbers of men and help them break the German line. Unless we can beat the submarines, they may prevent us from getting enough food to the allies to keep them going. In that case Germany would win. As matters stand today, our greatest need is trained men. If we had had several millions of men with military training in our industries and on our farms when the war came, who could have been called at once for service, I do not believe the Kaiser would have forced the war upon us. As it was, he had no respect for us, and now we are in it and must go through with it. But never again must we be caught so wholly unprepared.

"There is only one safe way," said Uncle Dan, "and that is to adopt permanently universal military training, apply it to every young man who is physically fit, say in his nineteenth or twentieth year. The training can be carried forward in the United States training camps that are now being established for training men called by the selective draft. As soon as these men vacate these stations, they should be filled by younger men, and this should be made the permanent policy of the country."

Billie's mother, Mrs. Graham, had overheard the conversation. She came out and said: "Really, Brother Dan, are you serious as to the dangers of our country? If it is as bad as that, it is high time for us to wake up and do something about it."

"Exactly," replied Uncle Dan. "It is better to wake up now than to be rudely awakened later. We may as well understand sister, that this is our war and we must win it or God help America. Everything that we have or hope to have—our liberties, our blessings, our opportunities are all involved in the great issue before us. Nothing must stand between us and winning this war. It is a question whether the peoples' right or the Kaiser's might shall dominate the world. If there ever was a holy war, this is it. We are fighting for world liberty. We are fighting for the freedom of humanity. We are fighting for the right of men to govern themselves instead of being governed against their will by a war-mad overlord. Perilous times are ahead of us. We must be prepared to make any sacrifice, to perform any service that may be required of us."


"Oh, Uncle Dan," exclaimed Billie, "may I bring my chum, Jimmie Collins, when we have our next talk? He is a bug on this war business and just crazy to see you."

"Certainly," said Uncle Dan, with a hearty laugh. "If we are to have more talks, I shall be glad to have Jimmie join us."

Billie clapped his hands and ran to the phone and told Jimmie to be over at seven o'clock the next evening.

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Chronicles of Dr. Phileas Immanuel, Soul Specialist  
By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

## THE WIFE OF IRA HOPKINS

I remember this conversation almost verbatim, because it was so appropriate to the incident which followed it. First, I will recount the conversation, which the visitor interrupted.

Although he was not admitted to practice medicine in America—for money, at least—Dr. Phileas Immanuel, the famous neurologist who had come from Greece to attend some conference or other, was frequently called upon to give his special skill to those who knew of his services gratis in cases of obscure nervous diseases. It had come to be understood that he could be consulted most evenings during the remainder of his stay, and on this evening he was expecting a visit from a gentleman who had sent him a rather urgent letter, making an appointment. Consequently Paul Tarrant and I ought not to have lingered. But the Doctor's conversation was always fascinating, and neither of us could tear himself away. Dr. Immanuel, posted before the fire in his consulting room, his hands beneath his coat tails, was haranguing us, and we were listening.

"You mean," interrupted Tarrant, "that if only the theory of reincarnation were admitted into the pharmacopeia, physicians would have a complete method of treating these cases of aphasia, amnesia, and secondary personality that you have been illustrating?"

"Not secondary personality," Tarrant returned the Doctor irritably. "There is no such thing. Say rather 'incomplete personality' or 'lumber room personality,' but not 'secondary personality.'"

"Put it this way," he resumed. "It is a favorite illustration of mine, but it is the best I know. Suppose that Mr. Lewis Waller, whose impersonation of Henry V. has made him a universal favorite, should be cast in the role of Hamlet. Well, now, perhaps he has eaten too much or too little, perhaps he has a bad cold or some mental trouble which temporarily upsets the co-ordinative faculties of his mind. Well, instead of beginning his famous soliloquy he begins the speech before the battle of Agincourt, in a moment of absentmindedness. Is that 'secondary personality,' Tarrant? Not at all. He has simply pulled Henry V. out of the lumber room of his memory in place of Hamlet."

"So it is in these cases that I have mentioned. These people who forget who they are, or imagine they are others—they are really one and the same individually, but instead of playing the parts assigned to them in this incarnation, they pull out some old part which they played fifteen hundred or three thousand years ago. We live!—I remember these words of the Doctor's vividly in the light of what followed them—"we live, my dear Tarrant, a very much deeper and bigger life than you or I have any idea of. It's the deeper life that counts, not this surface life with its conglomeration of chances and accidents. We live at once the whole life and the part life. The trouble with us is that we center our personalities in the superficial top layer."

Then followed an agitated ring at the bell, and a minute later the attendant was showing the patient in. Dr. Immanuel, like most big men, did not keep his patients waiting in order to magnify his own importance.

The man who entered was a well-dressed, handsome, aristocratic-looking young fellow of about eight and twenty. I started to make my adieux, but Tarrant, instead of accompanying me, went up to the visitor and greeted him cordially.

"Why, Morton, I haven't seen you for ages," he said. "Nothing serious, I hope, with you or Miss Digby, that brings you to our friend Immanuel?"

"You know each other?" asked the Doctor in surprise.

Tarrant smiled. "Jim Morton and I have lived on the same block for years," he answered. "I own most of it now, but there will always be space for Jim's house."

me—that she was married seven years ago—" Tarrant gasped and checked himself upon the verge of an exclamation. I saw his lips form the word "impossible," and he began shaking his head. "If it is true," cried Morton, "I don't know whether to be more sorry for myself or her."

"Now, my dear fellow, let us get at the story systematically," said the Doctor. "When did she tell you this?"

"Yesterday afternoon, when I was calling on her. We have been engaged three months and expected to be married in about six weeks' time. Miss Digby has never shown any signs of abnormality except that she is given to what is called 'day-dreaming.' Frequently she falls into a brown study which lasts a couple of minutes, and during that period she is entirely oblivious to what is taking place around her. But that is of no significance."

"Pardon me; it is of the greatest significance," replied the Doctor. "It is a true trance condition, of a limited kind. It is a process of auto-hypnosis—self-hypnotism, that is to say—which may reveal a great deal to the specialist. But proceed!"

"I had grown accustomed to these states, which do not occur with great frequency," continued Morton, "but yesterday I was a little piqued that one should occur at a time when she had given me reason to believe that—well, that she thought a good deal of me. And so I shook her gently, to bring her out of it."

"My dear Mr. Morton! You might have done serious harm. And then she made that astonishing statement to you?"

"She turned around and, without the slightest expression of shame or guilt, informed me that she was married, seven years ago, in the Harmony Hall, a low sort of dance hall across the Avenue, to a man called Ira Hopkins."

"What, Hopkins, the corner grocer?" shouted Tarrant, leaping out of his seat.

"Yes," answered Morton, overcome with emotion. "Of course, it was fantastic. An instant later she came out of her reflections and gravely told me that she loved me with her whole heart. I made some excuse, hurried out of the room, went home, and wrote that letter to you."

"And you have not seen her since?"

"No. I have written saying that I was called out of town on urgent business. What can I do, Doctor? I feel that I shall go mad."

"Have you spoken to this man Hopkins?" asked Tarrant.

"Of course not, you idiot!" answered Morton angrily. "Why, confound you, he has a wife and three children."

"Have you examined the marriage records?" asked Immanuel.

James Morton scratched his head in perplexity. "I never thought of that," he muttered shamefacedly. "It is common, among hysterical persons, for them to accuse themselves of all kinds of things," continued the Doctor kindly. "Now don't you rush off to the marriage bureau. Go out of town at once, as you have said, and stay away for a week. At the end of that time come back and you shall know the truth."

"A week!" cried Morton. "I can't wait a day. Why, you can find out in an hour."

"Hardly that," answered Immanuel quietly. "The old records are at Albany, you know."

"Three days, then."

"I said a week," replied the doctor forcefully. "If you cannot accept my proposal—"

"You promise to have the whole problem settled when I come back, then?"

"One week from tonight," replied the Doctor. And after a rather painful scene Tarrant and I got the poor fellow out of the room and took him to his home.

I heard nothing more for I think five days, except that Tarrant called me on the telephone the following morning and told me that he had stayed the night at Morton's house and had seen him off to the country early the next morning. On the evening of the fifth day, however, I received a telephone message from Immanuel, saying that Tarrant had been dining with him and asking if I could join them that evening. I found them talking earnestly together in the consulting room. But when I spoke of the case Immanuel seemed slightly embarrassed.

"The fact is," he admitted, "all depends upon the result of this evening's work; that is why I asked you to come in as a witness. I have had the marriage records examined and there is certainly none of such a preposterous union as is supposed to have occurred. But, as you may know, some of the records were destroyed in the Capitol fire, and it is possible that this was among them. I have made the acquaintance of Hopkins. He is a nervous little man with a placid wife and three lively children, and betrayed no embarrassment at the casual mention of Miss Digby's

same. Then, too, I took the liberty of visiting Miss Digby, representing that I was her fiancé's physician, and I think I have discovered the secret. The story of the marriage was totally false—but it is, in a sense, true. Literally she is not Hopkins' wife. Actually, she is. Her personality, as it appears in its present incarnation, repudiates all knowledge of the little grocer. But the wider personality, the real Miss Digby, is married to him."

"You mean that she was his wife in her last incarnation?" I asked, startled.

"Heaven forbid!" answered the Doctor fervently, and Tarrant replied "Amen!"

"No, this is the solution," explained Immanuel. "Seven years ago, when she was a girl of sixteen, Miss Digby went, with a girl friend of hers, to Harmony Hall, to hear an itinerant hypnotist—a veritable charlatan, one of those men who travel round the country, exhibiting the very ordinary phenomena of hypnotism to a gaping, ignorant public. The man invited Miss Digby to become one of his subjects, and, like a silly child, she was persuaded. He easily placed her under hypnosis, and then, having made her perform foolish antics, for the amusement of the spectators, and having possession of the name of Ira Hopkins—to obtain local data is part of these people's business—he assured her that she was his wife. That is all. Hopkins, if he was ever told, speedily forgot the circumstance, as did Miss Katherine. But you know what Scripture says about marriage. Miss Katherine, in her deeper personality, is the wife of Hopkins. Those fits of abstraction, common to many persons of temperament, represent a momentary lifting of the veil, an usurping of the wider personality into the shallower one which we

putting his tongue into his cheek.

"O, yes, I love him, of course," she answered.

"And how long have you been married?"

"Seven years, two months, and nine days," she said, without any apparent effort of calculation.

"Well, you ain't married any longer. You are divorced now. Do you understand?"

"Yes," she responded in the same helpless manner.

"Then what is your name now?"

"Katherine Hopkins."

"Quite impossible," interposed Melton brusquely. "Divorce don't go in the place she's in now. That's Gospel, ain't it? I warned you, and I know, for I've been on my job for the past ten years and more, and if you'd seen as much of human nature as I have, instead of follo'ing your book theories, you'd never have been fool enough to hand over that two hundred."

"Well, gentlemen," said the Greek, "that is all I was afraid of. The mischief is done and there seems no remedy."

"Unless," said Tarrant, "Morton is taken into your confidence and told just what the circumstances are. Surely, Doctor, no normal man would mind marrying a woman who believed she was another man's wife when she was hypnotized."

"That," answered Immanuel slowly, "is none of my business. If Morton chooses to marry Miss Digby under these circumstances, he must do so. But in my opinion the marriage would be no marriage at all—nothing but a legal agreement to live together."

"Good Lord, Immanuel, what ought to be done, then?"

"There seems to be no remedy," the Doctor answered. "If Hopkins were not married the only thing to do—if one wanted to be ethically correct—would be for her to go through the form of marriage with him and then separate from him. Now don't get excited, my dear Paul. I am giving you my opinion, and as a physician I cannot tamper with the truth. Personally, as a man, I think I should advise the couple to marry only—"

"Yes?" cried Tarrant eagerly.

"There is this to be said," continued Immanuel. "Marriage is much more than a mere legal agreement. You, as a member of your particular faith, do not consider it as a sacrament. I, as a Greek Catholic, do. But whatever our creeds may teach, the fact remains that marriage is something extending deep down under the surface layer of consciousness. It is something that intimately binds the larger, deeper, hidden self of the contracting parties. It is not only that this young lady is married to Ira Hopkins, Hopkins is also married to her. And though to the physical personality of Hopkins Miss Katherine is merely one of his customers, the deeper Hopkins knows."

"But how can she be morally married by the mere saying so of this—this gentleman?" protested Tarrant.

"Because," answered the Doctor, "the soul receives its impressions from the external personality, as the plant root through its leaves. It knows nothing of falsehood. Every suggestion made to it is accepted as true and must be transmitted into truth. You see now the consequences of tampering with truth, and the profound spiritual significance of our earthly actions."

"Good evening, gentlemen," said Melton, briskly. He had heard this dialogue, with manifest uneasiness, and now, picking up his hat he moved toward the door. Then Paul Tarrant started forward.

"Will you wait twenty minutes by that clock and then try again, for a hundred dollars?" he asked.

"I will," replied the quack. "But I warn you it won't go. You can't go against the Gospels, and there ain't no divorce recognized there—leastways, not for the mere saying it's so."

no when he speaks to the girl."

"We excused him willingly, and he drew Melton into a corner. I saw him count out a hundred dollars and saw the quack count them again and pocket them, as before. Then Tarrant began whispering, and Melton started back and stared at him, and suddenly broke into a broad grin. All the while Miss Katherine sat perfectly motionless upon the chair."

Melton came back. "Well, gentlemen," he said, "what Mr. Tarrant tells me puts another light on the subject altogether. If he hadn't thought of it and found out—good Lord! I'm sailing for Australia next month and you might never have found me again. And remember, Doctor, although you say you are the hypnotist at the hospital in Athens, neither you nor nobody could ever get that out of her mind—nobody but me, once I put it in. There's where I've got the whip hand over you, Doctor Immanuel. Think of all the wisest hypnotisers in the world trying and trying to rub out that stain, and only the one that put it there can take it out again. Am I right or wrong?"

"Unfortunately you are right, sir!" Immanuel answered.

"And I ain't holding you up for another penny. Now, Doctor, confess that we professionals ain't all as bad as you paint us."

He seemed really concerned about the reputation of his trade, this quack. I have known others just as sensitive.

By this time we were all in a fever of expectancy. Melton kept us waiting no longer. He drew up his chair again and, sitting down before the girl, took her hand in his.

"What is your name?" he asked.

"Katherine Hopkins," she replied quietly.

"When were you married?"

"Seven years, two months, and ten days ago," she answered, and Melton looked round at us.

"You see, gentlemen, another day has just come to an end," he said. "It was about this time I hypnotized her in Harmony Hall." He turned to the girl again.

"Your marriage wasn't any marriage at all," he said. "The man Hopkins, who you think is your husband, had already been married nearly two years at the time I married you to him. So it wasn't any marriage. Do you understand?"

"Yes."



SUDDENLY MELTON WENT UP TO HER, PLANTED HIMSELF BEFORE HER, AND PUTTING ONE HAND ON EITHER OF HER SHOULDERS, SAID IN A LOUD VOICE: "SIT DOWN AND GO TO SLEEP!"

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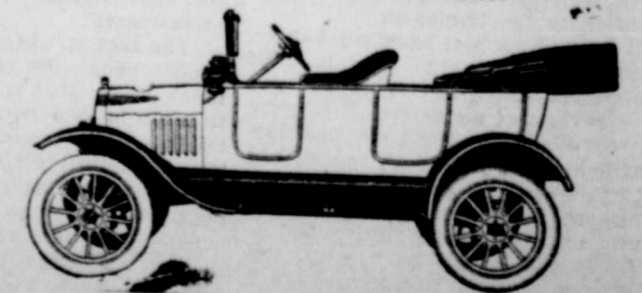
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Mrs. L. D. Priest left this week for Chicago where she will visit her son, A. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Hickman have rented the Thos. O'Loughlin residence across the railroad and will move to it at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Reynolds have rented rooms from Miss Cora McCluney and moved to them this week.

Joe Kubiek was severely hurt Tuesday about 1 o'clock when he was thrown from the delivery car to the ground. Ernest Black was driving and as the car turned a corner Mr. Kubiek was thrown to the ground. He was unconscious for several hours. He is feeling better today and will be able to be out soon. No bones were broken, but he was "skinned up" considerably.

H. M. Lomax was down from Groom yesterday, looking after some business matters.

J. E. George received a painful hurt in the back Sunday while lifting on a cow. He has been confined to his bed this week.

J. P. Murry made a business trip to Amarillo Tuesday.

S. E. Fitzgerald went to Amarillo Monday on business.

Geo. B. Morrison left Tuesday for California after spending a few weeks with his sons, Ray and Arch.

J. E. Hill, Manager for the Panhandle Lumber Company in the Panhandle was here Tuesday on his round of inspection of yards. Mr. Hill has been a great booster for the Liberty Loan and his yards all over the Panhandle subscribed liberally to it.

Pink Seitz was in the city last week and with his usual countenance of truth and veracity stated point blank that "he had been a hundred summers and falls in the Panhandle, and this was by far the windiest he had ever experienced."

J. R. Webster made a business trip to Mobeetie yesterday.

J. W. Wells went to Pampa Tuesday on business.

Mesdames Alfred McAfee and Weimer Tolbert are visitors this week at the A. B. McAfee home.

Mrs. G. G. Fletcher went to Memphis yesterday she is visiting relatives.

Byron Williams left yesterday for Childress where he and R. D. Duniven are receiving a bunch of cattle.

Dan Kivlehen expects to leave tomorrow for Electra where he will become an employee of the Miami-Electra Oil Company. They expect to begin moving the drill to their lease next week.

W. L. Mathrs and L. B. Robertson left Tuesday for Electra on business pertaining to the Miami-Electra Oil Company.

Dr. J. H. Kelley reports new arrivals for Jno. Cantrell, boy on the 25th, M. L. Leslie, Girl on 27th, and Ab Smith a girl on the 27th.

S. M. McKee was in yesterday from Mobeetie and ordered his name placed on our mailing list.

W. M. Sitton made our office a call this morning and ordered bills for a big sale he is preparing to have Friday November 16th at his place near Mobeetie.

J. H. Ford returned Wednesday from Dallas where he has been visiting a few weeks.

Members of the Womens Study Club were royally entertained at the country home of Mrs. E. W. Hogan last Friday. The drive from town in the cold wind sharpened our appetites until words would be inadequate to express how much we enjoyed the sumptuous dinner Mrs. Hogan had prepared for us. Club voted to donate \$10.00 to the Red Cross fund. P. R. Mission Society met Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Newman. Mrs. Newman and Mrs. Kivlehen hostess. A short program was rendered, after which delicious refreshments were served. Fifth Wednesday visitation day, no meeting. First Wednesday we meet at church.

Mrs. J. H. Waggoner of Cordell, Oklahoma who has been visiting her son, L. G. Waggoner left Tuesday for her home.

Mrs. E. M. McCracken was a caller at the Chief office last week and ordered the Chief sent to her brother, Albert Mallory, First Aero Squad, American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Will Reid came in last week and is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Reid of Mobeetie. Will has been in the U. S. Naval service for a little over four years, and comes back a much better looking man than when he went. He has spent most of the time in the Philippine Islands. He will report back to San Francisco the 8th of this month.

Mrs. W. R. Ewings returned Saturday from a weeks visit with her sister in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Christopher are at Memphis this week attending the M. E. Conference.

Mrs. N. S. Locke and Clarence Locke were hostess to the Home Progress Club Thursday afternoon. Mrs. B. F. Jackson was leader of the study. The Madonna in Art. The vote was unanimous authorizing the purchase of four Liberty Bonds, after which delightful refreshments were served.

MT. ZION NOTES.

Mr. Charlie Steveson of Wellington is visiting friends here this week. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hay, Mrs. S. M. McKee and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

Mrs. L. H. Hay gave a party Saturday night in honor of Mr. Steveson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Trew and children spent the day Sunday, with Mrs. Trews parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Nep Trew and daughter, called at the Matthews home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Corsey Ferguson spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. West.

W. C. Ring and family left last Wednesday morning for points in Eastern Texas.

Tom Trew has returned to his farm at Wellington.

Mrs. Ebenzer Dixon of the Dixon neighborhood spent Saturday night with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dear.

COUNTYLINE COUNTS.

The Misses Georgia and Gertrude Robinson spent the week end with their grandmother in Miami.

F. W. Gordon was up to his ranch Friday and Saturday, and reports his wife, who has been quite sick, much improved in health.

The Trustees have bought a fine new stove for our school house.

Miss Dessie Moore was home from the North Plains Sunday.

A crowd of our young people attended the pie supper at Laketon last Friday night.

There was a bad wreck at the Gordon ranch due to the cold wave which struck here Sunday. For particulars phone Mr. Ike Heare.

Some of our young people are planning to attend the pie-supper at Green Lake, Saturday, November 3. Hers hoping they have a good time.

L. G. Christopher was in our neighborhood Monday evening getting signers for the food pledge.

Countess.

JUNIOR CLASS

Nov. 4th 1917, 3 p. m.

Song No. 18.

Roll call, Minutes and Business.

Subject, Abraham the Man of Peace.

Scripture reading, Gen. 22: 1-3.

Leader, Lena Huber.

Prayer, Lena Huber.

Song, No. 21.

The Call of Abraham, Gen. 12: 1-5

Annie Neal.

A Wise Uncle, Gen. 13: 5-6. Allen Coffee.

Abraham the Faithful, Paper Ada Coffee.

Abraham's Call, Paper, Alice Lard.

Abrahams Prayer, Gen: 18: 23, Louise Hoffer.

Abraham and Isaac, Gen. 21: 1-8, Kathrine McGregor.

Song, No. 5.

Abraham and Isaac, Talk, Emogeen Johnston.

Abrahams faith and God's promise, Paper, Flora Philpott.

Song, Ada Humphries, Docia Graham.

Benediction.

AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY.

Remember that the meeting begins at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. It is very important that all members and friends of the church and of cause of religion should line up for the success of the campaign. We earnestly invite the co-operation of all the christian people and especially those who will be urged to assist us with the music. This is a time when all should stand together and make the fight against sin and wrong. A time when men should show their loyalty to God the Lord by trying to win others to Him and The Cause. Rev. G. P. Howard our efficient field man will be here to do the preaching and if we as christian people back him up with our prayers and active co-operation we shall see good results. Come all Chas. E. Pitts, Pastor.

If we volunteer to save the food supply we will not be put on a limited ration basis. If we do not volunteer, the government will force us to save. We can not afford to send our boys to fight and just half fed them. They must be fed even if we half starve. But if we conserve the food there will be plenty for all. It is better to volunteer to save food than be forced to do it. It must be done one of the ways. Which way are you going to do it?

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# "CONTRABAND"

A Romance of the North Atlantic  
By RANDALL PARRISH  
AUTHOR of "THE LADY OF THE NORTH," "MAID OF THE FOREST," ETC.

## M'CANN TRIES TO BRIBE THE CREW TO RETURN TO NEW YORK—HOLLIS IS FORCED TO MAKE HIM PRISONER.

Synopsis—Robert Hollis, who tells the story, is a guest on Girard Carrington's yacht, Esmeralda. It is supposed to be a "stag" party, and Hollis is surprised on discovering a woman, who evidently wishes to remain unknown, aboard. She merely tells him her name is Vera. Carrington tells his guests of the coming war, and that he is engineering a copper pool. The yacht is sunk in a collision and Hollis saves McCann, millionaire, and one of the party. Hollis and McCann rescue Vera and leave the ship in a small boat. McCann refuses to submit to the authority of Hollis, and the latter enforces obedience. The castaways are sighted by a ship, the Indian Chief, which takes them aboard. The vessel is badly storm damaged. All officers are dead. Bascom, the owner, says he is taking a cargo of ammunition to Germany. Hollis consents to take charge of the ship and continue the voyage.

### CHAPTER XI—(Continued.)

"The glass is falling rapidly," I answered, "and I suspect a storm is brooding behind that curtain; that is why I am so anxious to make all clear. What do you think of the crew?" She glanced aside toward the motionless negro at the wheel, and then at the men shuffling about their work. "I—hardly know; they—they look awfully rough and—and disreputable. Weren't some of them drunk?" "No doubt, yes. Don't worry, Miss Vera. Those things are frequent enough on shipboard. We will have these lads thoroughly tamed within another twenty-four hours. There is never a mutiny without some tender and a better cause. I am working under your orders, you know." She glanced up quickly into my face. "Under my orders? No, not that, Mr. Hollis. You told me it would be your choice; I merely granted permission." "Your permission was equivalent to an order. I so accepted it." "But that is hardly fair. Not that I regret the choice, for I could never have forgiven myself if my selfishness had ruined Philip Bascom. He is really an old friend."

"So I supposed; a very interesting man in spite of his misfortune." "He was, indeed, before that bullet wrecked him. It is sad; and to think that the one who shot him is actually on board—his guest." "Not altogether a pleasant thought to me," I said soberly. "For McCann is the kind to breed more trouble if he can find an excuse." "You do not consider the man dangerous?" "Not in the sense you mean. He will never attack openly, or permit himself to be known in any conspiracy. But he will have to be watched, nevertheless. He is the sort to harbor revenge, and as he feels hatred and distrust toward both Bascom and myself, we cannot be too careful. I shall have to tell Leayord the whole story."

"Yes, sah," I left him, and walked over to the rail, realizing keenly the position of peril into which I had drifted. With a loyal crew my task would prove no easy one; but with a crippled ship, and the men already on the verge of mutiny, the situation was almost desperate.

### CHAPTER XII.

#### The Crew Grow Ugly.

For a moment I remained forgetful of the presence of the girl on deck. There was but one course to pursue—at the very first evidence of disobedience I must assert full authority. There must be no hesitation, no sign of weakness. Even as this crystallized in my own mind, the girl's hand touched the sleeve of my jacket. "Supper is ready, Mr. Hollis," she said. "Are you not coming down?" "Very shortly. I will have the men knock off work, and leave the mate in charge of the deck." "What were you thinking about so earnestly? You actually forgot me." I glanced aside into her eyes. "Not guilty, Miss Vera; I was thinking of you, and of how I could get you safely out of this scrape. I do not say this to frighten you, Miss Vera, only, perhaps it is best for you to know the situation. The first thing necessary on this voyage is to show those fellows forward who is master aboard. But we've talked about it long enough now. I do not anticipate any locking of horns tonight for those lads will need to discuss plans among themselves first. Bascom will be waiting for you in the cabin, and I will join you presently."

I walked with her as far as the ladder, and watched until she disappeared. Forward I could perceive little outside the glow of the lanterns in the radius of which black, grotesque figures constantly passed and repassed. Occasionally a voice sang out some command, the words scarcely distinguishable. "Mr. Leayord!" I sang out. "Aye, aye, sir." "Let the men knock off work for the present, and send the second mate's watch down for supper. You will take the deck, and it will be better to have another hand aft here at the wheel." "Very well, sir."

I waited until he clambered heavily up the ladder and joined me, his huge figure outlined against the gleam of the binnacle light. "I was pleased to see the way in which the crew took hold, Mr. Leayord." I said quietly, "and that Olson set them so good an example." He crossed over to the rail and came back wiping his lips on his sleeve. "Olson is a good man, Mr. Hollis; you made no mistake when you chose him for second officer, but I never saw a worse bunch of sea scum in any fo'castle than we've got aboard here, sir."

"Tomorrow, sir, or perhaps tonight, as soon as they learn for sure the course we're steering. They are dead set against Hamburg."

"Why Hamburg, Mr. Leayord?" "Well, sir, I don't just know myself, for I was the bosun, and the lads never talked to me very freely. From all I've heard, however, it's largely caused by what that fat bloke yer brought aboard with yer had to say about this dirty war breakin' out. I don't know the duffer's name, sir; but I hear he claims to be a millionaire, an' is willin' to spend a lot o' coin, just to be took back ter New York. Cookie told me that he and the guy that goes by the name of Liverpool had quite a talk."

"Liverpool Red—yes, I've heard of him; he's the men's leader forward." "Likely so; but there's others of the same kidney. If I was you, sir, I'd have a talk with Olson when he come on deck again. He'll tell you more'n I can."

I stood silent a moment, staring out into the black void. "I presume, Mr. Leayord, I can confidently rely on your loyalty in case trouble develops?" "You sure can, sir."

"And Olson?" "He'll face it like a man; and although Masters is a bit of a fool, I'm guessing he can be counted on in a pinch."

"Are there any others?" "That's hard to say, sir, offhand. I haven't seen shipmates with them, or with any o' this crew long enough yet to size 'em up; but there are a few men forward who don't chum none with Liverpool's crowd. Olson would know 'em better than I."

"The sooner we learn exactly how we stand in this matter the better. I'll relieve you as soon as I have a bite to eat."

In spite of its general dinginess of paint and furnishings, the main cabin had a look of coziness and comfort as I entered from the black gloom of the decks. Bascom and Miss Vera occupied seats on one side, while Olson, washed and brushed into a state of rare discomfort, sat alone opposite. A slim, narrow-chested man, his weak mouth partially concealed by a straggling mustache, and who answered to the name of Dade, acted as steward, but the boy, Moon, was doing most of the work. I drew out the single vacant chair and sat down.

"Well," I said pleasantly, breaking the rather awkward silence, "I do not exactly know where we are going, but we are on our way." "The sea is rising, I judge," remarked Bascom. "There is every promise of a rough night, but nothing to worry over. Dade, why did you set the table only for four? There is another passenger aboard."

"He has refused to mess aft, sir." "Oh, he has! Well, possibly, I may have something to say as to that. Did he give any reason?" Dade endeavored to hide a grin. "Not exactly, a reason, sir," he answered softly, "but I took it from what he said that he was not overly proud o' the way he was marked up, sir."

I devoted a few minutes to the meal, but when Dade departed on an errand forward, decided I might just as well discuss the situation frankly. "I am beginning to fear," I said quietly, "that Mr. Fergus McCann intends to make us all te trouble possible, and is even now behind most of the dissatisfaction on board. Do you know anything definite, Mr. Olson?"

"The mate passed in his eating, with knife and fork uplifted. "I had not heard, sir. May I ask if he is rich?" "Quite so; he was a guest on the yacht Esmeralda. Now that I have answered these questions, Mr. Olson," and I stared into his rather emotionless face intently, "perhaps you will be kind enough to answer mine."

"I would know what I talk," he returned stubbornly. "He, this Mr. McCann, he offers ten thousand dollars to be put back in New York." "So that's his name! Who brought the word forward?" "Cookie, I think, sir. I overheard Jim White say that Mr. McCann had a belt on him with more money in it than they'd ever seen before in all their lives. The d—fool—I beg your pardon, miss—didn't know no more than to show it to 'em. Why, the sight of it fairly drove them two wharf-rats crazy."

"There's half a dozen men forward," he went on slowly, "who would murder their grandfathers, sir, to get hold o' all that coin. The rest o' the crew are decent enough fellows as sailormen go, but there's liquor aboard yet, and all this 'ere war talk has scared 'em against continuing the voyage."

"McCann told them?" "He told Cookie an' Liverpool, an' they circulated the news. 'Tis said we're chuck up with contraband, sir, an' that if we're took, every man jack of us will be chucked into an English or French prison."

"You expect a mutiny, then, Mr. Olson?" "I don't know what'll stop it, sir," he answered solemnly. "The men went aft ter sorter take your measure, sir, and hear what it was you proposed doing. They ain't had no chance to git together an' talk since, but it's my notion they're ripe enough for the job."

I looked him squarely in the eyes. "And how about you, Mr. Olson?" "Me, sir?" his lips grinned. "If I hadn't intended for to stay with yer, sir, I never would 'a' took the job." I reached out my hand, and our fingers locked. "Good; with both my officers loyal, we'll find a way out of this mess. Come with me into the captain's stateroom, until we see what we can find there useful."

"I disturbed things as little as possible, leaving any necessary research into Captain Hadley's private affairs to a later date, but sought with some anxiety through a roll of maps shoved behind the chest, Olson holding a lantern aloft, until I finally brought forth an old chart of the North Atlantic. We bent over this, outspread on the deck between us, and Olson's stubby forefinger traced the prickings of two voyages around the Orkneys into the North sea. The chart revealed, also, although in somewhat less detail, the German coastline. I was far from satisfied with this discovery, but nothing better could be hoped for. The total destruction of the charthouse forward made this find a godsend indeed, and we were fortunate in the fact that Captain Hadley preserved his old maps. Bidding Olson relieve the first officer, I remained there alone for some minutes familiarizing myself with the two charts, and outlining in my mind the safest course to pursue. As I sat there the rising wind began to hurl rain against the closed glass of the port, and I could hear the splash of the drops on the deck overhead. An

guess their purpose. Very well, there was no better time than now to start my task. Yet I had scarcely taken a step forward when I became aware that their secret conference was over, and that the two were separating. I could not positively determine the movement in the intense darkness, but I felt assured that one of the two men had moved forward, crouching along the rail, leaving the second man standing alone. Unquestionably the one thus left would be McCann.

I waited motionless until the fellow stealing away was well beyond earshot, and then advanced straight across the pitching deck. The fellow, taken quite by surprise, stared at my indistinct figure, unable to determine my identity until I spoke. There was that about his figure, black as the night was, which convinced me he was the man sought.

"Well, McCann," I said shortly, "you seem to prefer associating with the crew, rather than with your own class aft. What is the game?" "I was not aware there were any of my own class on board," he answered sneeringly.

"Perhaps you have not yet discovered who are on board. Do you chance to know who owns this vessel and cargo?" "Who owns them?" he laughed coarsely. "What difference does that make?" "It depends entirely on whether or not you have any decent manhood left in you," I said coldly, "and, frankly, I do not believe you have. However, the truth can do no harm, and we'll understand each other better. This ship and cargo are owned by Philip Bascom of Philadelphia."

"Bascom! By God! You don't mean it?" "But I do; and more than that, all his fortune is invested in this one enterprise; that is why I consented to assume command, and sail the Indian Chief across to Germany."

"There was a moment's silence. "Bascom," he repeated at last. "You learned this from the ship's papers?" "I learned it from his own lips—the man himself is on board."

He breathed heavily from surprise; then laughed. "Lord, this is some news, Hollis," he managed to ejaculate, "but surely you hardly expect me to be sympathetic, do you?"

"No, I hardly expect it," unable to disguise my intense disgust at his tone. "However, Philip Bascom is here, ruined by your persecution, crippled for life by the cowardly bullet—"

"Now, look here, Hollis," he broke in, "if you think I am going to stand for your bullying any longer, you're mistaken. It's my turn to talk."

"Yours! What will you talk with—money?" "Perhaps," he sneered, "and with men also. In the first place, I might as well tell you, I don't give a d— who owns this ship. Of course you gave me a jolt by saying that this man Bascom was on board, but, after all, that's nothing to me. We had our fight, and he learned the same lesson others have, that Fergus McCann is perfectly able to take care of himself. Now I'm ready to teach the same thing to Mr. Robert Hollis of Chicago. This is no small boat in mid-Atlantic, where you can bully me because of your physical strength. You made a mistake, Hollis, playing me for a fool. I've got your number already."

"You are quite sure of that?" "You bet I am, but I'm not going to say any more about it tonight. Tomorrow I'll talk with you again."

He turned away, the shrug of his shoulders picturing contempt, and a studied insolence which set my blood boiling. With the grip of one hand I flung him back against the rail, and held him there.

"No, we'll discuss it right now," I said sternly, "but I'll do the talking in your place. You haven't anything to tell me. I know what your plans are already. I know what you are attempting to accomplish, and I know your purpose. You have found a few ruffians forward who will take your dirty gold. To gain control of the others, you have played up the war scare. You think now that the time has come when you can act—is that so?"

He wrigged in an effort to break free of my grip, and I let go of him in utter contempt. "You would find out," he snarled angrily, "if I called for help."

"But you are not going to call for help, for if you even open your lips for that purpose, you are going to die right where you stand. Take that seriously, McCann. You are endeavoring to incite mutiny on board, and under the law of the sea, I can kill you for it. Now, I confess my feeling toward you is not a tender one, but there is going to be no bloodshed if I can avoid it. Where have you bunked?"



"I Was Not Aware There Were Any of My Class on Board."



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(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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DISKING A FIELD FOR CROP OF WHEAT.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)  
 "Make the seed bed fit for the seed. Do not 'intern' wheat worth \$3 or \$4 a bushel for seed purposes in a condition of soil impossible for germination."  
 That precaution is urged by the United States department of agriculture on all farmers who contemplate sowing the high-priced seed of a high-priced food this fall. To plant seed on poorly prepared land not only wastes the seed that does not germinate, the specialists point out, but it may mean the loss of an entire investment if a paying stand is not obtained.

**Right Condition of Bed.**  
 A seed bed for wheat must be firm, moist, and well compacted beneath with a mellow, finely divided upper three inches of soil, the specialists advise. If wheat is grown in rotation with oats or after wheat, the stubble should be plowed to a depth of at least seven inches immediately after harvesting the preceding crop of grain. The ground should be harrowed within a few hours after plowing and cultivation with harrow, disk, drag, or roller should be given as necessary thereafter until planting time. These operations are necessary to kill weeds, to settle and make firm the subsoil, and to maintain a soil mulch on the surface. The earlier the preparation of a seed bed for wheat is started the better the condition of the soil will be at planting time. Late plowing does not allow time for thorough preparation.  
 If a cultivated crop precedes wheat,

frequent cultivation given to this crop will preserve moisture and maintain a soil mulch. If level cultivation has been practiced, a good seed bed easily can be prepared by disking and harrowing after removing the crop. However, if weeds are present, it may be advisable to plow shallow, the disk preceding and following the plow.

**Conserving Moisture.**  
 Early plowing followed by thorough tillage aids in catching the water which falls and in conserving this and the water already in the soil for use by the wheat plants. The firm seed bed under the mulch thus made enables the young plants to make use of the subsoil waters which rise when there is a perfect union between the plowed soil and the subsoil. Sufficient moisture is thus assured for the germination of the seed and for the early fall growth of the seedlings, a very important consideration. Plant food is also likely to be more abundant in the soil when such methods are employed.  
 If the importance of thorough tillage were more generally recognized and proper methods of seed-bed preparation were more widely employed throughout the so-called humid areas, there would be less frequent losses from drought and better wheat crops would result, the department specialists declare. In this area the mistake is often made of thinking there will always be moisture enough present for a maximum crop growth, with the result that short crops often are obtained where more attention to moisture conservation would have assured good yields.

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**Concise Directions for Filling a Silo**  
**Everything Should Be Made Ready for Continuous Run When Cutting Is Begun.**  
 By L. B. BASSETT, University Farm, St. Paul, Minn.)  
 Silo filling is a hurry-up job in order to get all the growth possible and to avoid frost. Consequently everything should be made ready for a continuous run when cutting starts.  
 The cutter should be put in first-class shape, special attention being given to the knives and knife heads. An extra set of knives should be on hand. The blower, fan and both knives should run at the rated speed. Poor joints and a leaky blower mean more

**INSTRUCTIVE HINTS FOR THE ORCHARDIST**

**Big Tree Is Not Always Most Desirable—Learn to Outwit Disease and Insects.**  
 (By L. M. BENNINGTON.)  
 Plant apple trees five or six inches deeper than other fruit trees.  
 It is a mistake to assume that a big tree will always come into bearing sooner than a small one.  
 If too big the storms may cause them to be seriously injured before the roots have become thoroughly fixed.  
 A tree which is infested with insects will not thrive any better than a pig covered with lice.  
 The farmer who starts an orchard and has not studied the effects of spraying might as well save his time and expense. He will fail without spraying.  
 The Ben Davis makes a brave showing on the city fruit stands, but doesn't it cause prejudice among the ignorant against all apples?  
 An old broom from which most of the brush has been worn off will remove loose bark from the trunks of trees, and at the same time destroy many hiding places of insects.  
 A tree which is properly sprayed and cared for, however, seldom has any rough bark to remove.  
 Do not let the pears remain on the trees until thoroughly ripe, or they will become soft and mealy.

power and clogging. The cutter bar should be in good condition and the knives and bar properly adjusted to each other. If any extras are likely to be needed for the corn binder they should be on hand.  
 Authorities agree that the nearer ripe the corn is, if it contains enough water to make good silage, the sweeter the silage will be and consequently the more palatable; also the greater the amount of digestible nutrient it will contain. Roughly speaking, a majority of the ears should be dented. When large quantities are to be cut it is necessary to begin before the corn is at its best, otherwise the last cut will be too ripe.  
 Short-cut silage means greater silo capacity, less air space, and if the corn is a little dry, less likelihood of spoiling. Short cutting, also, means reduced capacity of the machine and more power. If the stalks are coarse and woody the waste is greater in long-cut silage. In fine stalked corn that is very green there is less difference between the long and short cut.  
 When corn is very dry from being overripe or frozen, it is often necessary to apply water to the silage in order to make it keep. Enough water should be applied to moisten thoroughly the whole mass. There is little danger of applying too much water.  
 Roughly speaking it takes one and one-half to two horsepower gas for every ton per hour of green corn cut one-half inch in length and blown 30 feet high. From this it will be seen that to cut ten tons per hour one-half inch long and blow into a silo 30 feet high will require approximately a 15 or 20 horse power gas engine. If the same amount per hour is cut one-fourth of an inch long it will require considerably more power.

**ESSENTIALS IN PLANT LIFE**

**Finer the Seed Bed the Quicker the Seed Germinates and the Faster the Plant Grows.**  
 Plants cannot assimilate food elements that exist in the soil until these elements are chemically changed or broken up. Bacteria, air, heat and water are the agents to do this. Only in the liquid form can plants feed upon soil elements. The finer the seed bed the quicker the seed germinates and the faster the plant grows, provided, of course, that the water supply is all right. Every act and condition that reverses this condition of the seed bed is a hindrance to plant growth.

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**Advice to a Son.**  
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