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Community Xmas Tree

Much work has been done on the Community Xmas Tree which will be had at the auditorium Monday night of next week. The tree will be beautifully decorated and electric lighted, so that it will not only be pretty to look at, but will lighted without the usual amount of fire danger. All presents presented to the committee Monday afternoon will be placed on the tree.

The committees have been bus getting everything in readiness and every child in the town will get a present. The Committee especially urges all to attend, and assure every child in the town that there will be a present there for them.

The Committee are also preparing a box for every soldier boy from the county. They have been having a hard time getting the correct address of all the boys, and have not gotten them all yet, but will send an Xmas box to all they receive.

Don't forget the big Red Cross Parade, starting at the Bank of Miami 6:15 sharp. Be on hand.

The following program will be had beginning at the auditorium at 7:30. Joy to the World.

Star Spangled Banner.

Orchestra

Christmas Carol.

High School Chorus.

Prayer.

Mother Goose's Christmas Visit.

Playlett.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN.

In order for the success of the Community Christmas tree it will be necessary for all to cooperate together and follow some definite plan. Since the writer has been selected as Chairman of the entire organization he begs to offer the following suggestions:

1. All committees should keep at their work until it is done. In no case should anything be taken for granted. The chairman of each committee will be expected to see that the particular work to which his or her committee was assigned is completed at the earliest possible moment. For instance the Soliciting Committee must have their work done before the Purchasing Committee can begin their work. The Purchasing Committee must finish their work before the Decorating Committee can do their work. So let all be busy at the job until it is done and then all will work smoothly.

All who wish to place any presents on the tree should see that they are securely and properly labeled and in the hands of the Decorating committee early in the afternoon Monday.

Everybody except the parties on the program is expected to meet on the street by the Bank of Miami at 6:15 Monday evening and march in order to the auditorium. At the head of the column will be carried the Red Cross Flag.

The following will report to me in front of the Bank of Miami at 6: p. m. J. E. George, L. G. Christopher, W. A. Dyer, W. F. Patton, C. Coffee and L. B. Robertson.

C. E. Pitte, Chairman.

You and your neighbors together may win a battle for America—you can SURELY help to save the lives of some of our boys. Great guns and many of them will do it. Squadrons of Tanks, moving steel forts, will do it. Help your country to buy them. Instead of giving gold pieces for Christmas, give this year United States War Savings Certificates. They are little \$5.00 Government Bonds bearing 4 per cent Compound interest. They cost \$4.12 during December.

They are better than gold, and when you buy them you aid your country. Won't you give them instead of gold pieces this Christmas.

Roberts County Red Cross Work

CHRISTMAS MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

Roberts County, has certainly reached the climax in Red Cross this week. The first days work netted a return of 600 members, and from 100 to 200 per day since Monday puts our total reported to headquarters this morning at 960. Our quota was 285 members. According to the Amarillo News of yesterday, Roberts was far in the lead of any county in the Panhandle in per cent.

There is yet to be heard from Polk Osborne and Chas. Thomas. Mr. Osborne phones in that he will have near 75 to report and Mr. Thomas will report something like 40, with possibly forty more scattering returns from the country and that many from the town. In all we will receive something near 1100 members in the county, or about 400 per cent over our quota. Practically all of the Panhandle counties are going over and many of them going 200 per cent or better, but our 400 per cent is going to beat anything in this part of the country.

The Red Cross is one of the greatest works and people all over the United States are subscribing as never before to anything. Reports from all the country show that the entire nation will over subscribe the goal possibly several times.

County Chairman Jackson and secretary McKenzie have done practically nothing but Red Cross work this week. There are many of our workers who have also given full time. Every individual in the county has responded liberally and many of them taking \$5. to \$10 memberships instead of the usual \$1.00. So far reported, only one party in the county acted indifferent to the workmen. He finally subscribed, but not with the usual good grace that people have been showing.

This campaign will close Monday of next week, and it will be the last chance to join the Christmas drive. No matter where you live be sure that your name is enrolled as a Christmas member.

LIEUTENANT COUSINEAU DIED.

Mrs. Jim Johnston received a message Monday that her brother, Albert Cousineau, a Lieutenant at Camp Bowie died from a relapse of pneumonia. Mrs. Johnston left Monday afternoon for Ft. Worth, and the remains have been shipped to Plainview for burial. Rev. Wilsford left last night for Plainview and funeral services will be conducted there today. Lieutenant Cousineau served our country during the Spanish-American war, and this war started, he volunteered his service. He has many friends in Miami, having visited here last winter for a few weeks. Our deepest sympathy goes to the bereaved relatives.

The Home Study Club met Friday afternoon at the hospitable home of Mrs. Dave Lard. Quite an interesting program on "Hooverism" was conducted by Mrs. Kinney, aided by a splendid paper by Mrs. J. L. Seiber and lively discussions, on "How I plan Three Meals a Day," by Mrs. Mead, Mrs. McAfee and Mrs. Lard. Delicious refreshments were served to following: Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Burks, Mrs. Mead, Mrs. McAfee, Mrs. Kinney, Mrs. C. S. Seiber, Mrs. J. L. Seiber, Mrs. Kay Morrison, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Dyer and Mrs. Joe Tolert as guest. We then departed for our homes with many hearty expressions of appreciations to our hostess for the delightful afternoon spent in her home. Press Reporter

Miami Boy Dies at Camp Bowie

A letter to the Chief from Roy R. Coffee, Co. G. 142 U. S. Inf., Camp Bowie, dated Dec. 16th, says:

"Our close friend and soldier brother, Tom Bacon, after a long spell of sickness, which developed in to pneumonia, was taken to the base hospital one week ago, and became worse and worse until last night when he left us for another world, leaving many friends here in our company as at Miami and other places.

Mr. Bacon was the second one from our company to meet death and one of the dozens from this division.

"There has been much sickness in camp of late, and to prevent so much sickness and so many deaths, quarantine has been put upon us, keeping us from riding street cars, going to picture shows, going to the Y. M. C. A. and will not allow us to crowd up in any building. Our winter clothing and bedding was given us. Christmas is near and General Gebber, (The high man of this camp) says that the quarantine will be raised soon.

The above message is indeed a very sad one to Miami people who knew Mr. Bacon. He left here only a few months ago and his many friends will be sorrow indeed to learn of his death. So far as we know, Mr. Bacon has no relatives in this county, and but for thoughtfulness of Roy we possibly would not know of this sad happening to one of our boys for some time. Thanks, Roy for your letter. We are sure the Miami people appreciate news from the camp, which is permissible, just as much as you boys appreciate news from home. We are all anxious about you boys in Camp and at the front, and you may rest assured that the home folks never forget you for one moment.

Some Army Figures

The beginning of winter finds the work of training going on at full blast in a hundred camps and stations.

Not far from half of the total men training are camped in the big National Army cantonments. In these the United States has 16 new cities, each as large as Sacramento or New Britton, or Davenport or Macon. 16 camps, nearly as big as the cantonments, but not built so durable, are housing the National Guard Divisions.

Two hundred and fifty thousand men have joined the regulars since the war broke out. There are seventeen regular army stations and camps being used for the training of these recruits.

Seventeen stations are engaged for the Navy, and marines are being trained out in three more.

Not all the aviation fields have been finished, but in a dozen of them, cool-headed young men are being taught to fight in the air.

Nine camps have just rounded off the second increment of officers for the Reserve Corps.

Five medical camps are in operation, and three more for engineers.

All of the large camps have been built in the last six months. The biggest of them, The National Army cantonments, were built in three months at a total cost of \$150,000,000. Only a little over twice as much was required to build the Panama canal, and that took ten years.

Something between six hundred and seven hundred million of feet of lumber went into the National Army cantonments. The figure for all the army camps is about one billion feet.

In the population the camps range from the 300 to 47,000. The men in a flying camp may know one another as men know one another in a small college. One of the larger cantonments, on the other hand, contains more than can be crowded into the Polo grounds or Comiskey Park.

A good average crowd for a world series game is 30,000. Such a crowd is enough to swamp a half dozen car lines. All the men in one of the national army cantonments would make a crowd half as large over.

Living conditions in the camp may not be quite up to the top of the High American standard. But it can safely be said that no large army of soldiers were ever housed so comfortably before. There will be no freezing this winter. Four of the cantonments located farthest north have steam heat. The rest have to put up with hot air systems. But an American army spent a winter at Valley Forge once without even a hot air system.

The latest official figures put the number of enlisted men in the armies of the United States at one million three hundred and sixty thousand. This is the force that has grown in eight months out of an army that on April first numbered only 110,000 men.

Most of them are still in the training camps. Many of them are not yet disciplined troops, fully equipped and armed for battle.

But there are, 1,360,000 of them already one of the biggest factors Hindenburg is reckoning with for a campaign of 1918.

To lead them there are over 80,000 officers. When the graduates of the second training camp get their first orders the number will be over 100,000—as many army officers as there were privates nine months ago.

The whole military establishment, with the marines and the auxiliary forces thrown in, numbers a million and a half. The expansion that has taken place is as if Grand Rapids had

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grown in eight months to be virtually as big as Philadelphia.

Since Xerxes led his million and a half of assorted Asiatics across the Hellsport, Europe has seen many a campaign conducted on the grand scale. American battles have been fought as stubbornly but with smaller forces engaged. There were 2,700,000 enlistments in the Federal army in the Civil war. But many of this number re-enlistments. The highest total engaged at any one time was reached in the last year of the war. Or March 31st, 1865, the Union army comprised 980,000 men.

For the Spanish American war an army of 275,000 was raised. Only 60,000 saw service.

The present American army is the largest armed force the Western Hemisphere has ever seen—unless the mound builders were more numerous than we have any reason to believe they were. If the whole army could be gathered together today and lined up in a solid infantry column, four abreast, it would reach across Ohio from Cincinnati to Toledo and on to the Michigan line.

A million and a half of men! It is as if the entire population of the state of South Carolina, or of the states of Nebraska and Wyoming put together—Men, Women and children—were suddenly to be converted into young men and clad in Olive Drab and organized into companies and battalions.

When Great Britton entered the war it was with a much smaller army. The First Expeditionary forces numbered barely a hundred thousand. The Kaiser called it a contemptible little army. Yet without its work, at Mons, Paris might have fallen. One hundred thousand men, and the encouragement they brought to the French, were enough to avert defeat in the first year of the war.

It is the hope of the allies that another new force, ten to twelve times as great, will be enough for the fourth year of the war to insure victory.

If it is not enough, America has the men and machinery to make a greater effort.

County Line Counts

Miss Helen McCauley entertained a large crowd at her home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Finch visited at the parental Russell home Sunday.

Miss Ethel Crowley is spending the Holiday vacation with her parents in

Canyon.

Mrs. G. C. Springer called on Mrs. J. Mann Tuesday evening. Mr. Mann is hauling feed to Stockstills this week.

L. G. Christopher was in our neighborhood Monday, soliciting Red Cross members.

The Misses Christophers served dinner to few friends Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Heare shopped in town Monday.

Mrs. M. McCauley left today for McLean, where she intends spending the Holidays.

Mrs. G. C. Springer and Master Burton took dinner at the V. B. Christopher home, Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Hollis, of the Laketon community, has been quite sick for several days.

Miss Mable Christopher of Miami spent the week end in Gray County.

Mr. Chas. Ehman and sister Miss Amelia were in Miami Saturday. Countess.

You can find anything Old Santa Claus has at the Model Variety store. Lots of toys, dolls, Books etc. Mrs. Joiner.

WIN THE BATTLE FOR CHRISTMAS.

If all the citizens in this territory who give gold pieces for Christmas, this year, instead, a United States War Savings Certificate, the Government can place great guns on the right spot, at the right time, to save American lives.

War Saving Certificate Stamps are \$5.00 Government obligations. They bear 4 per cent compound interest, and are the best investment in the world. They cost \$4.12 this December. The interest roll up just by keeping them. They are better than gold. Let us furnish you with them instead of gold pieces for Christmas.

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L. G. Waggoner, Editor and Owner.
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Contrary to our regular custom, the Chief will be published as usual next week. We usually take a weeks vacation during the holidays, but this year we are going to stay on the job and try to make the week count to help win. And furthermore, we believe it the duty of all, too at least out their holiday vacation and spending money as short as possible, and put the energy into the war.

Judge J. L. Lackey of Wellington, has announced his candidacy for Congress. If Judge Lackey can see where he has a ghost of a show beating Hon. Marvin Jones for Congress, we must admit that he has better eyesights than we.

Private James E. Buckner of Canadian died at that place last week. He was home on a furlough. Canadian showed her respect for the young man in a very creditable manner, and the consolation of the entire country surrounding is offered the bereaved family and friends.

So far as we are able to count, there is now only about ten single men left in the county who are registered. We have fifty boys in the service or called, and they are all single boys. The ten boys left will possibly make all of class one in the new selective draft. Should our quota be as large the next call as it was the first, there will be several married men in it.

We sometimes wonder if there is a place in the United States, or possibly the world where a fellow could go and get a few minutes rest from war talk. It matters not where or when you go, one thing certain is that if there is more than one present, they will be talking war. They are studying war, they are figuring on war and fighting the battles of past and future. The words of the Good Book says there will be Wars and rumors of wars. However it looks now like the rumors are about over and the real thing is up to the world.

Judge Hall said Sunday night, "There should be no party lines, no church lines, and no divisions of the American people." He is dead right, and we believe that we can say for Roberts County that she is observing no lines. The entire town turned out Sunday night, showed that there were no church lines drawn, that the churches were working as one, and if a fellow wanted to talk politics in this county he would have to get an outside audience. No one here would listen to him. Roberts county is as near a complete unit as any county we have heard from.

Miss Minnie E. Bishop, Field Secretary for the Northwest division of the Christian Service League of America. This League has for its purpose the caring and securing homes for helpless children. Although not widely advertised, this league has been caring for many children. They take special care in securing homes for orphan children, and are urging the childless homes of America to adopt American children. Mrs. Bishop is a very strong advocate of first finding homes for our American children before importing children. There are many American homes without children. There are many children without a home, and to bring these two together is the object of this league, and to urge every family that can care for a child to take one.

This idea of "Flying to Victory" that some of us have been dreaming of is going to take a full some of these days. The aeroplanes now being built in the United States are going to do their share in winning this war, but they will never win it alone on flowery beds of ease. The flying machine is very essential to modern warfare, but they are not going to take any trenches. If bombs and big shells could stir out the trenches our big guns could deliver the blow, but they cannot. The only way to take a trench is "Over the top and face the machine guns." You might let a thousand flying machine drop ten bombs apiece on a trench and if the occupants were in dugouts they would be unharmed. Locating a big gun or munition factory from the air is no small task, especially when you stay high enough to be out of danger. Then when it is located, dropping accurately a bomb on it is also another matter.

The day or two of bright sunshine puts a better feeling in the disposition of the people.

If you haven't joined the Red Cross, better look up a worker or go to our headquarters and place your name on the honor roll. Don't wait for some one to look you up and solicit. Your duty to join is as strong as the other fellows. Don't pass up this opportunity of sending a dollar across to help the wounded soldiers who is fighting your battle.

Every ounce of disloyalty to our government is being sounded out in the various drives we are having. When a fellow refuses to buy Liberty Bonds, refuses the Y. M. C. A., the Hoover Pledge Card, and the Red Cross, it is time he was being looked after. There is no excuse for a citizen of the United States to refuse them all. Aside from the untold amount of funds raised, these drives are sounding out all the people, and we will soon if not already have a complete line on every individual.

The seriousness of the war is growing daily in the minds of the American people. In fact we are just now beginning to realize what we are up against. Facts are facts, and there is no use trying to feel good over something that is actually serious. Reports now look like Germany is winning every day. They must be stopped and the time not far off in stopping them. Then we must whip. How long it is going to take, no one can answer. It may be five years, it may be fifteen. To us it looks like the job of whipping them in less than five years of real hard war could be indeed a very optimistic guess. Germany is going to take no bluff. If we win we must fight, and Germans are certainly real fighters. If we equal the occasion every American citizen, must get into the fight. Every child must do its part. Every person in the United States must feel that the weight of the war is upon him, and every individual must forget personal prosperity and personal happiness and throw every ounce of energy into the war. Nothing less than this is going to win, and when you think it will you have another think coming.

THE GREATEST GIFT IN THE WORLD.
 There will be many breaking hearts on Christmas day. Do your part at home—to save American lives keep American hearts from breaking. Do what you can to save a life for Christmas. Never again can you so greatly aid your country in so simple a way.
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JUNIOR B. Y. P. U.
 December 23rd, 1917, 3:00 p. m.
 Song No. 185, Roll call, Minutes.
 Subject, "The Christmas Story."
 Scripture reading, Luke 2: 7-20.
 Leader, Joan Cooper.
 Prayer.
 Song No. 172.
 Jesus the son of David, Math. 1: 1, Louise Hoffer.
 Math. 2: 2-3, Annie Neal.
 The Story of Jesus, Edna Jones.
 While the Shepherd watch, reading Kathrine McGregor.
 Song, Softly Night is Sleeping, Docia Graham.
 The Christ Child, reading, Aline Coffee.
 Obey the Wise Men, reading Leo Coffee.
 Song, Ruth Wellborn and Lena Huber.
 Benediction.
 Truly—What's the use of money, anyway, unless we win this war?

ate and manly. His awkwardness had disappeared. The change was wonderful and it was all to the good. Here is a photograph showing "before and after taking," and I am sure no patent medicine advertisement could beat it.
 "Well, mother and I were delighted. That was ten years ago, and Howard says the year he spent at the military academy was the best year of his life."
 "Now," said Uncle Dan, with great earnestness, "when such training does so much good, makes better citizens and at the same time fits a man to defend his country, why should not Uncle Sam furnish this training at the government's expense? The government has the right to call anyone to serve in case of war, and without training, a man is worth nothing as a soldier. Uncle Sam has splendid new training camps that will soon be available for the purpose, therefore, here is double reason why the Chamberlain bill for compulsory military training should be passed at once, so that every boy physically fit may have this training and not leave it for his parents to pay for. On account of the expense, not one boy in 50 can take the training now. I am glad that you can do so. These big crops and big prices, I find, make the farmers rather 'sucky,' and that the best is demanded by them."
 Billie was up with the lark the next morning, more excited and enthusiastic than ever. He had a plan. He knew Jimmie owned a colt worth \$100; that he would make almost another \$100 on his potatoes if they turned out well, and that he had from his previous savings, bought a \$100 Liberty bond. Billie's plan was to have Jimmie cash in and go with him. He was disappointed to find that Jimmie would still lack about \$300 of having enough to see him through. His lip quivering, he said: "I'm mighty sorry to leave Jimmie."
 Uncle Dan was silent a moment or two, then he asked Billie to go down to the orchard and get him some apples to eat on the train. While he was gone, it was arranged that Uncle Dan and Mr. and Mrs. Graham would advance the money necessary so that Jimmie could go. When Billie returned he was told about it. He ran to the phone and called Jimmie, saying: "Come on over, run just as fast as you can. I've got the greatest news you ever heard of."

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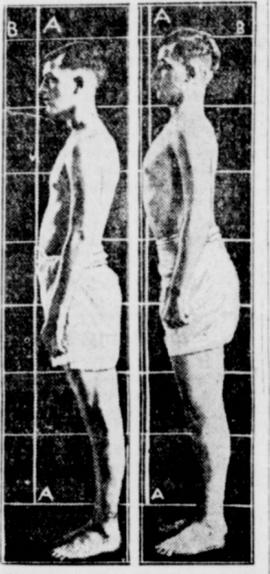
WAR TALKS
 By UNCLE DAN
 Number Six

Billie and Jimmie Will Take Military Training.

"I am mighty sorry, Uncle Dan, that this is your last night with us. Can't you stay longer? We boys are having a peach of a time," said Billie.
 "Well, if you get more out of it in the way of pleasure than I," said Uncle Dan, "you are going home."
 "Billie, I have been talking seriously with your father and mother about sending you to a military academy and they asked me to talk with you about it."
 "Whoopee!" Billie screamed, like a wild Indian.

"Now, hold your horses," said Uncle Dan, "and listen to me. You know I sent my boy, Howard, to one of these schools for a year when he was about your age. He was narrow chested, stoop shouldered, rather loose jointed; he had the big head and needed discipline and physical development. He was growing fast and I wanted him to be strong physically."
 "Say, Uncle Dan," said Billie, "I believe your description of Howard fits me pretty well, eh?"
 "Well," said Uncle Dan, "to be frank I think it does; you need the same thing. Howard did not like it at first. I am told for a few weeks he had 'rough sledding,' but after he found that the only way was to obey orders, he caught the spirit of the institution and liked it. We did not see him for about six months, then he came home for a few days. We were astonished at his appearance. He had gained about 20 pounds in weight, his muscles were as hard as nails, he stood as straight as an arrow, he was courteous, consider-

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Note the result of six months of military training. Compare lines A-A and B-B in cut.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS GREETINGS OF THE SEASON
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HOGS UTILIZE WASTE GRAINS

Modern Farm "Cafeteria" Gives Pig Chance to Make Hog of Himself in Short Space of Time.

In these days when labor is high and also scarce on many farms, the hog may afford "a way out." Hogs utilize refuse and waste grains, damaged grains, and garbage; garnering grain behind cattle or shattered grain in harvest fields; and utilizing slaughterhouse by-products and dairy by-products. They are also largely self-feeders. The modern farm "cafeteria" gives a pig a chance to make a hog of himself more quickly than he can by the hand-fed route, and it has the added merit of being the cheapest



Healthy and Vigorous Porkers.

way of producing pork. A sow when she is not developing a litter or nursing pigs, can in summer time be placed in a pasture and given very little grain. In winter, possibly the cheapest maintenance ration is a combination of grain and hay, such as corn, wheat, rye or barley, and alfalfa, clover, cowpeas or soy bean hay. The grain should be limited to one or two pounds per hundred pounds live weight per day. Sows should be given all the hay they will clean up.

MARKETING OF BROOD SOWS

Good Animals Sometimes Sacrificed When Little Forethought Would Cause Retention.

At this time the marketing of a sow that can be or has been bred is fairly comparable to "killing the goose that laid the golden egg." Although the fecundity of swine is well appreciated by farmers, at times sows are sacrificed when a little forethought would cause them to be retained. Breeding sows multiply five or six times as rapidly as other meat animals. They have an average litter of five or six pigs and may be bred twice a year, although three times in two years accords more with current farm practice. The litters increase in size, on the average, until sows are five or six years old. However, a large proportion of the sows are sold after producing one or two litters and before they have reached the period of greatest productivity.

VALUE OF SILAGE FOR SHEEP

Reduces Cost of Raising Animal and Supplies Succulence, Palatability and Variety.

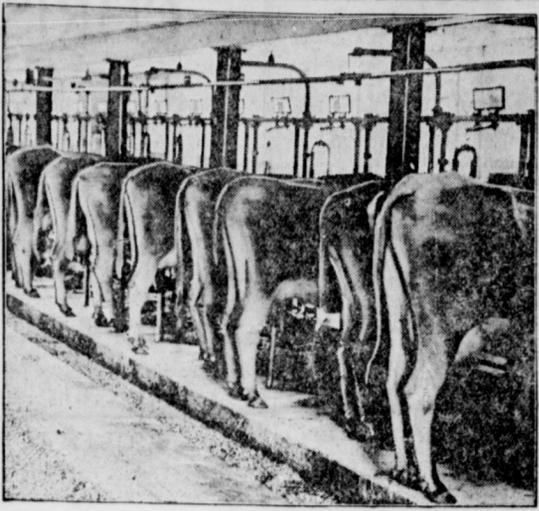
The addition of silage to rations for all classes of sheep reduces their cost and supplies succulence, palatability and variety. Likewise, rotten, moldy, sour or frozen silage should not be used. Pregnant ewes should receive from three to four pounds per head daily during the winter. This should be supplemented with two or three ounces per head daily of cottonseed cake and some hay. After the lambs are born silage increases the milk flow of the ewes. In the fattening of lambs and yearlings for market the cheapest gains have usually been made when silage constituted a part of the ration. Rams winter well on silage as a part of their feed.

HIGH QUALITY ALFALFA HAY

Very Necessary to Lower Cost of Carrying Brood Sow Through Winter; Feed in Rack.

Alfalfa hay of a high quality, which may be supplied in a rack, for brood sows is very necessary to lower the cost of carrying her through the winter. In the alfalfa hay we not only get a large amount of calcium which is so essential and which is deficient in wheat, bran, shorts and barley, but we get a large amount of protein of the right kind. She must not be expected, however, to live on alfalfa alone, as that is too bulky. It should be supplemented with a small allowance of concentrates daily. This may be in the form of barley, wheat, shorts, etc., or better than those alone a mixture of barley and shorts, for instance in equal parts.

COMFORT IN DAIRY BARN OF IMPORTANCE



INTERIOR OF WELL-EQUIPPED MODERN DAIRY STABLE.

(By W. M. KELLEY.)
Good stable management is an important factor in determining the profits from the dairy herd during the winter. The first essential is that the cows be comfortable, because a cow kept otherwise can never do her best.

She must have a comfortable place to lie down, stand up, move and stretch her limbs and lick herself all over the body. She must have sunshine and plenty of light. She may have pure air to breathe, and this means that the stable must be provided with some system of ventilation to give a frequent change of air.

This need not be expensive, only a little forethought and a few dollars' worth of material and labor. She must have good pure water at least twice a day, or better still, have an automatic water basin at her side.

The stable should be cleaned daily, and be thoroughly disinfected. The ceiling, floor and sides should all be smooth, and of concrete construction, and the fixtures largely iron. It is not expensive, and they are sanitary and permanent.

Large, smooth, concrete mangers for feeding are about the best we know of today. Judgment and common sense must be exercised in the methods of feeding and handling cows. Fixed rules in feeding are not practical.

Best Feeding Methods.
Overfeeding is wasteful; underfeeding is unprofitable. The cows must be well nourished at all times, but if given more than they need for maintenance and production, they waste it as a rule.

Never stir up dust or foul odors at milking time. If you do, a lot of it is sure to get into the milk.

Whether to feed the cows just before milking is a much debated question. It is not at all dangerous to feed them a little grain, provided you stir up no dust or disagreeable odors.

As a rule, the cows will give down their milk more freely when they have contented minds, and a little of the

right kind of feed goes a long way toward bringing about this contented state of mind. Never clean the stables just before milking, for it will stir up a tenfold odor than any feed the cows will eat.

Conserve Soil Fertility.
If there is any question before the farmers of this country of more importance than that of conserving the soil's fertility, I am not cognizant of it.

The most important business of dairy farmers is to increase the quantity of manurial substances and apply it where it is most needed.

All of the manure, both liquid and solid, should be saved and applied to the land. I believe it is best to haul it from the stable to the field and apply it as fast as made.

When all the liquids have been saved by the use of absorbents, large amounts of manure may be made and, if it is hauled to the fields direct from the stable, these liquids will drain into the soil to the depth of the furrow sliced, and there will be little loss from exposure.

In addition, the cows will not be wading knee-deep in the mire and filth every time they are turned out in the yards for water and exercise. Most of the work comes at a time when other farm operations are slack; and the soil, besides enriched, plows easier and works up better during the whole of the next season, on account of being porous by being covered with manure during the winter.

Time to Haul Manure.
When hauling manure from the stable to the field, we plan to haul the farther fields while the ground is frozen, and close to the barn while soft and muddy.

There is no reasonable excuse for a dairy farmer to allow more than one-third of his manurial fertility to wash away in a dirty, filthy barnyard, and spend one or two weeks during the busy season in the spring to haul it across the muddy fields to get it on his land.

WINTER KILLING OF TREES EXPLAINED

Loss of Moisture Results in More or Less Drying Up of Tissues of the Plant.

(By C. B. WALDRON, Missouri College of Agriculture.)
It is commonly supposed that if trees are given a sufficiently moist soil during their growing period that their winter condition in this respect is a matter of little importance.

As a matter of fact, trees are giving off moisture at all seasons of the year though to a much less extent, of course, in cold weather. During the warm sunny days in winter there is a considerable loss of moisture through the twigs and except in very severe weather the roots are able to furnish this loss though the soil about them be frozen. The ability to do this is naturally less if the soil be dry or frozen very hard. In that case the loss of moisture results in a more or less complete drying up of the tissues of the plant and this often results in the death of the tree.

What is known as root killing may in some instances be due to the immature or unripe condition of the plant when winter begins, but in most cases root-killing follows dry seasons.

If the soil has been kept moist by cultivation or mulching the trees are safe but if the soil is dry it should be thoroughly wet before freezing and then mulched with old straw, chaff or stable manure to prevent drying out.

The mulch delays freezing and this in itself is an important item, as it is the long continued frozen state of woody plants that injures them to a fatal degree.

A moist soil, then, kept in an unfrozen condition as long as possible is the surest means to prevent winter killing of trees.

Prevent This Loss.
Rats destroy grain when newly planted, while it is growing, in shocks, stalks, mow, crib, granary, elevator, car, or ship.

EXPERIMENTS WITH CROPPING SYSTEMS

Results Obtained at Missouri College Show That Rotation and Manuring Pays.

Experiments at the University of Missouri college of agriculture with various cropping systems in rotation with and without manures have given the following results:

1. Crop rotation has been as efficient in maintaining a yield of corn during the 25-year period as the addition of seven tons of manure annually where corn has been grown continuously.

2. Very heavy applications of commercial fertilizers on all crops of a six-year rotation have maintained the corn yield at approximately the same level as the application of seven tons of manure annually, although the cost of fertilizer has exceeded the value of the increase, the manure has brought a net return.

3. Continuous timothy, manured annually seven tons per acre for 25 years, has brought the largest annual net return, \$9.55 per acre, of any of the systems used, where both cost of production and cost of treatment are considered.

On the last basis continuous timothy without treatment netted \$5.19 annually, a rotation of corn, wheat, clover netted \$2.97 annually, without manure, and \$4.87 with seven tons of manure annually. Continuous corn without manure lost \$2.29 annually, corn manured, 41 cents annually, while continuous wheat heavily fertilized lost \$11.30, and a six year rotation heavily fertilized lost \$11.47.

4. All crop rotations brought a net return; the manured rotations averaged much higher than the unmanured. Thus, these experiments show that rotation combined with manuring pays.

Grind Grains for Cows.
It is always desirable to grind all grains for the dairy cow because of the large amount of feed that a cow must digest in order to produce well.

POULTRY FACTS



DUCKS FOR GENERAL FARMER

Where One Is More Interested in Obtaining Eggs Than Market Fowls, Runner Is Best.

For the general farmer who is more interested in obtaining eggs than in producing green ducks for the market, the Runner is a good breed. This duck holds the same relative position in the duck family that the Leghorn does in the chicken family. It lays



Fine Flock of Youngsters.

a good-sized white egg, considerably larger than a hen's egg, and is declared to be a small eater, a good forager, and hardy.

The fattening ration, which should be used for two weeks before killing, consists of three parts, by weight, of cornmeal, two parts of low-grade flour or middlings, one part of bran, half part of beef scrap, 10 per cent green feed, and 3 per cent grit. This mash is fed three times daily. The green feed is sometimes left out of the ration during the last week of fattening, as it tends to color the meat, but it is easier to keep the ducklings in good feeding condition if it is included. Billed fish is sometimes used in place of the beef scrap, but this should be discontinued two weeks before the ducklings are killed, in order not to impart a fishy odor to the bird when served.

RIGHT DUST BATH MATERIAL

Road Dust Has No Particular Advantage Over Any Dry Earth—Light Sand Is Favored.

The supplying of material for dust bath during the winter months must not be overlooked. While road dust is all right if gathered where there is but little filth, it has no advantage over any dry earth for this purpose. There is probably nothing better than light sand, which if gathered when thoroughly dry or dried by the fire, can be stored under cover and can be handled any time during the winter, when a fresh supply is needed. If a dust bath can be placed where the sun will shine into it the hens will make all the more use of it.

NO REMEDY FOR BLACKHEAD

Free Range and Care Not to Overfeed Are Important Factors in Raising Turkeys.

Of the infectious diseases of turkeys, blackhead is the most destructive. It is notable that whenever the climate and range conditions are such as to permit of the turkeys foraging for most of their feed from the time they are hatched until they are marketed, cases of blackhead are infrequent. No positive cure for blackhead has been found, but free range and care not to overfeed are very important factors in raising turkeys successfully.

WINTER FEEDING FOR EGGS

Poor Practice to Stuff Fowls Full at Their Morning Meal—Get Out of Condition.

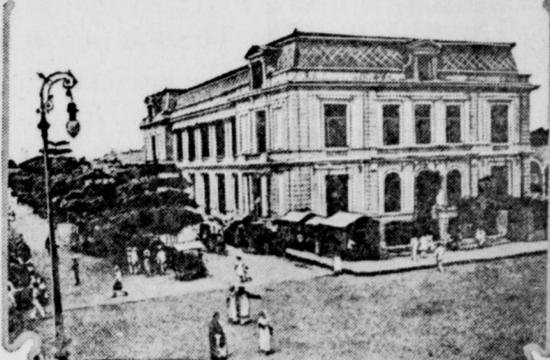
If you want eggs during the winter, don't stuff the birds full at their morning meal. When the hens fill up first thing in the morning and then go back to loaf on the roosts, you'll get fat fowls, but you won't get many eggs. In a short time they will be out of condition "if you don't watch out."

GRIT SUPPLY IS NECESSARY

Especially Important in Winter When Fowls Have Little Opportunity for Forage.

A good supply of grit is necessary especially in the winter when the birds have little opportunity for outside foraging. The grit is the fowl's teeth and plenty of it is necessary to insure a strong, vigorous condition.

YUCATAN'S BUSY CAPITAL



The Federal Palace, Merida.

SAILING into a foreign port at the break of day appears to be a favorite custom with the average sea captain, and the occasion to which we write was no exception. For several hours our ship's course had been guided by flashes from the friendly lighthouse, and the latter we knew stood on the Yucatan shore at Progreso. The morning broke calm and peacefully over the tropical waters of the gulf, and soon the movement of anchor chains automatically announced that the limit had been reached—the limit of deep water—and five miles away lay Progreso, one of the world's most important shipping centers of henequen or hemp.

Going ashore at Progreso is rather an exciting novelty if not a dangerous experience, writes William A. Reid in the Bulletin of the Pan-American Union. The sea is alive with sharks, and they are darting here and there about the big ship, to the consternation of the stranger. The clear waters which bathe this shore seem to accentuate the size of these monsters, and while the visitor shudders the boatmen on the ship's tender, as we are bounding shoreward, announce that arrangements may then and there be made for a shark-fishing excursion later in the day.

Progreso from the sea presents long rows of houses flanked on either end by miles of sandy beaches, while a tall lighthouse about the center of the port dominates the surroundings. The general appearance is attractive, and even more so when we notice tidy buildings and the cleanly clothing of even the laboring class. The time was August when we arrived in Progreso—about the very worst season of the year for the foreign visitor in Yucatan; but business matters do not wait for the most propitious occasions. As a matter of fact, the winter season in the United States furnishes the best time climatically for visiting Yucatan.

Few Sights to See in Progreso.
Sightseeing in Progreso does not detain the visitor. But the port with its 5,000 people is usually a busy one, as the bulk of the vast henequen crop passes via Progreso to world markets. The smaller ships calling for cargo manage to draw much closer to port than the big ocean vessels; but when the long-talked-of piers are constructed several miles out into the roadstead the handling of the country's commerce will be greatly facilitated.

In the shipping season the town presents unusually active scenes with its trucks, mules, and men. One might imagine himself amid the cotton bales at New Orleans, so much do henequen and cotton resemble each other in the method of shipment and size of bales.

By and by the day grows warmer, and one is glad to board the train for Merida, 30 miles southward. Traveling on this three-foot gauge road is cheap, being only about two cents a mile for the best accommodation offered.

Slowly through the suburbs of Progreso our train steams, but soon we are moving rapidly over a level country with a dry and parched appearance, abounding in shrubs, cacti, and coarse grasses; but to this condition Yucatan owes its vast revenue derived from the marvelous little maguery plant and its product. Here and there are breaks in the barrenness and we catch sight of swamps with lilies and other water plants, a relief to look upon.

As our train proceeds, with stops at little stations en route, the cars are better filled, and at the same time opportunities are afforded for getting close glimpses of the henequen workers and their fields of maguery plants that lie in view from the car window. Long before sighting Merida the landscape becomes dotted with windmills, and when finally the capital city is reached one can almost imagine himself in old Holland or Barbados, about the only difference being that Yucatan has the modern-style mill. These windmills explain that Merida, like other regions of the country, must pump water from beneath the surface, so few are the lakes and streams.

Driving About Merida.

After being made comfortable in one of Merida's hotels we start out to view the city. There is no lack of vehicles and the stranger is literally swamped with proffers of a "delightful drive." Most of these small carriages, generally drawn by a single pony, have rubber tires, and many are kept conspicuously clean and inviting looking, despite the dust of the suburban sections of the city.

Merida today claims 62,000 people; and among its residents are numerous families of wealth which have acquired riches in connection with the maguery and the production of henequen. Merida, while not as old as the port of Sisal, dates from 1542, when a settlement was founded by Francisco Montejo on the site of the ancient Maya city of Tihoo. Today one of the most interesting buildings to be seen in Merida is the casa Montejo, still well preserved after weathering the sunshine and storms of centuries. Another edifice which every visitor should see is the cathedral which was started in 1561 and not completed for nearly 40 years.

For those fond of seeing relics of bygone ages a visit to the museum will be full of interest, and especially so if some of the ancient Yucatan ruins are to be seen and explored. In the former one may inspect articles and curios that have been collected from the ruins and preserved—really a link connecting the art and trade of past centuries with present people.

Merida, commercially, industrially, and socially has greatly improved during recent years. Streets and avenues have been paved with asphalt, electricity has been provided, labor-saving machinery introduced, and otherwise life and conditions have been modernized.

Climatically, Merida is hot, but healthful. During the hours of mid-day the sun's rays are extremely unpleasant and the stranger is told to keep in the shade. Cool breezes from the surrounding seas, however, often temper the heat of the whole peninsula. The months of March and April are regarded as especially trying to the newcomer in any part of Yucatan; winter by far is the best season for visiting the country, and during these months the excursion to the famous ruins existing in several different parts of the peninsula can be made with a fair degree of comfort. The temperature in Merida ranges from about 75 degrees to 95 degrees Fahrenheit.

Volan the Popular Vehicle.

The visitor in Merida for the first time will be interested in a native vehicle known as the "volan," which might be aptly termed a half brother of the famous calash of Quebec. The volan has two big wheels and is usually drawn by three ponies working abreast; it is provided with easy-riding springs, a thick mattress floor covering offers a soft seat on the floor of the vehicle, while a top with side curtains protects the traveler from the sun's rays. Highways in Yucatan have not greatly improved with the degree of the prosperity of the land, and the volan seems to be a popular method of cross-country transportation. The stranger out of curiosity, if for nothing else, usually goes for a ride in this rather novel means of travel.

Mingling with the business men of Merida provides excellent opportunities for studying the commercial side of affairs; and I found many of these gentlemen willing to talk freely about Yucatan's future outlook. One of the first things which seems to have impressed itself upon the average resident is the improved condition provided for the laboring classes, such as higher wages for work and generally more freedom of action than formerly. Better wages out on the henequen plantation is of course reflected in the business activities of Merida, for the latter is not only the capital of the state but a place in which everything centers. The working day has been reduced to eight hours, and for this time the henequen laborer is paid the equivalent \$1.50 to \$3; five days of the week are reserved for rest and recreation. On the larger plantations schools have been opened at the expense of the landowner, and numerous improved sanitary regulations are in force.

If the stranger tarries in Merida he is likely to have opportunities for seeing something of the home life of the people. Even during a stroll along the best residential streets a glance into open-door patios reveals charming flower gardens and a degree of comfort and refinement not noticeable from outward appearances of the average private home. Many of Merida's citizens are hospitable to a marked degree, and when the foreign visitor finds favor and is invited to the family circle he is on the road to many enjoyable functions.

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No. 6. The southeast quarter section 21 in Blk. K-11, Deaf Smith county, located 4 miles south of Adron, farm well improved, has a 4 room house, barn and out buildings. Good well and wind mill. 110 acres in cultivation. Price \$16.50 per acre Terms \$2,000 cash, balance in five yearly payments. 5 per cent Commission to agents.

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Witness M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the County Court of Roberts County.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office, in the City of Miami, this 5th day of December, A. D. 1917.

M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk County Court of Roberts County.

A true copy, I certify:
 O. B. Hardin, Sheriff Roberts County.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
 The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Roberts County.

Greeting:
 You are hereby commanded to summon T. J. Reeves by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 31st Judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in the said 31st, Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 31st, Judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District of Roberts County, to be holden at the Courthouse thereof in Miami, Roberts County, Texas, on the second Monday in February, 1918, the same being the 11th day of February, 1918, then and there answer a petition filed in said Court on the 26th day of November, 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 538. Wherein Thos. Cook is plaintiff and T. J. Reeves is defendant, said petition alleging:

1st: That heretofore to wit on the 1st day of October 1911 defendant made, executed and delivered to plaintiff his three several promissory vendors lein notes for the sum of \$600.00 each, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid and due one year, eighteen months and two years after date respectively payable to the order of Thos. Cook, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date until paid and providing that all past due interest on each note shall bear interest from the maturity thereof until paid at the rate of 10 per cent per annum until paid and stipulating for 10 per cent on the amount of principal and interest then due as attorneys fees in case suit is brought on same or if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, whereby defendant became bound and liable to pay and promised to pay plaintiff the sum of money in said notes specified together with all interest and attorneys fees due thereon

according to the tenor and effect thereof

2nd: That said notes were given for a part of the purchase money of the following described real estate and premises situated in the County of Roberts and State of Texas to wit: The south 1-2 of section No. 200, Block No. 42, Abstract No. 759 and containing 320 acres; that said property was heretofore to wit: on the 1st day of October 1911 conveyed by plaintiff to defendant by his deed of writing of that date in consideration among other things of the three notes herein described and that in said deed of conveyance a lien was reserved thereon to secure the payment of said notes; that each of said notes are due and unpaid and defendant though often requested has failed and refused to pay said notes, each or either of them, or any part thereof, but the same remains still due and unpaid. That said notes have been placed in the hands of Coffee and Holmes attorneys for collection and plaintiff has contracted to pay them the 10 per cent attorneys fees stipulated therein which amount is a reasonable compensation for their services.

3rd. Plaintiff says that before the last of said notes were due, to-wit: on or about the 20th day of July 1913 the foreclosure of his lien on the above described land and premises the said defendant removed from the State of Texas to the State of Oklahoma and from there to Canada and has at all times been since said notes became due without the limits of the State of Texas so that the statute of limitations has not run against said notes.

Wherefore plaintiff prays the court that defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition, that he have judgement for his debt, interest, attorneys fees and costs of suit and for the same be decreed to be sold according to law, that the sheriff or other officer executing said order of sale shall place the purchaser of said property sold under order of sale in possession thereof within thirty days after the day of sale and for such other and further relief special and general in law and in equity that he may be justly entitled to.

Coffee and Holmes, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Herein fail not, but have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the District Court, of Roberts County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in the City of Miami, this 30th day of November, A. D. 1917.

M. M. Craig, Jr., Clerk of the District Court of Roberts County.

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Geo. Clark and H. M. Lomax of Groom are in the city today.
Red Murry came in last night from Camp Bowie on a ten days furlough. He reports that Earl Mead and Dee Lard will be here Friday, and possibly Jean Martin. Red says camp life is not so bad, and they receive good treatment. He is very glad to get home for a few days.

Judge J. M. Grisby of Ochitree came in last night and is spending the day with old friends in Miami.
Noah Nation who has been working for Bub McCuiston received a telegram Saturday to come to Ft. Worth to join the army.

Mr. and Mrs. L. U. Pennington leave this week for Cook County for Christmas.
M. R. Coffe and W. N. Durham of Moeite were over last night to meet Pete Long who is coming in from a Missouri Military school to spend the Holidays.

Mike Cornett of White Deer was down yesterday looking after business.
The Home Progress Club met at the N. S. Locke home on December 13th, with Mrs. C. E. Pitts and Mrs. N. S. Locke as hostess. Mrs. Clarence Locke led the study, on American Art. An interesting note was that more members were present than usual. We have suspended our meeting for a time.

F. P. Reid brought in a big load of Christmas turkeys Tuesday.

J. C. Chamberlain passed through Miami Monday enroute to Henrietta to spend the Holidays.

Mrs. E. M. Gossett was shopping in the city Tuesday.

Mason Davis was in Wednesday from their ranch in Gray County.

Mrs. S. M. McKee of Mobeetie was among the Miami Christmas shoppers yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pet Donovan from near Mobeetie was in this week purchasing Xmas supplies.

Mr. Mamie Kuehn returned Saturday from Canadian where she has been visiting friends.
Among the soldier boys expected home to spend Xmas is Dee Lard. Several of the boys will likely get a few days off and come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wells made a business trip to Pampa yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Jess Dial came in this week and will spend the Holidays at the D. K. Hickman home.
Albert Converse was in the city Tuesday looking after Christmas shopping.

The Local Exemption board have received notice that they will be allowed a Chief Clerk for the coming Questionnaire work, and W. S. Martin has been appointed to fill the place. Mr. Martin will be employed part time, and will receive pay from the government for his work.

Clyde Mead and Flake George received notice this week that they had been accepted in the Officers Training Camp, and will report to the Kansas Headquarters on January 5th. Roy Sewell has not received notice yet whether or not he was accepted.

M. W. Earle of Davidson, Oklahoma visited his daughter, Mrs. M. O'Loughlin last week, and left Sunday night for his home.

Mrs. Herman Suttles left first of the week for a visit with her parents at Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Chisum were down from Pampa Sunday and visited with relatives and friends.

Miss Edna Cole of Colorado visited her brother, Prof. Lloyd Cole of the Miami Public School Sunday.

C. M. Hocket left last Sunday night for Electra where he will begin work for the Miami-Electra Oil Company. He expects to spend the winter there.

Eld. O. M. Reynolds preached Sunday morning at the Church of Christ and Sunday afternoon at the Laketon School House. He will be here again next Sunday. Friday night a teachers meeting will be held at the church in connection with choir practice. All members of the congregation are urged to be present Friday night at 7:30 and others interested in singing or Bible teaching have a warm invitation.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stump left this week by automobile for Houston. They will either spend the winter there, or go further south, and return to Miami when flowers bloom. They expect to go by San Antonio where they will visit Mrs. Stumps son, Dave Keen, in the training camp.

Mrs. J. W. Harrah received the sad news of the death of a sister, Mrs. C. H. Stuller, who died at Portland Oregon, December 9th. Mrs. Stuller is known to many of the old-timers of this county, having lived here in the early days.

W. P. Thornhill was in Saturday and renewed for the Chief and Dallas News. Mrs. Thornhill is one of these lucky fellows, and when he married, about a year ago, succeeded in getting a woman that could make him a living. (We did too W.P.) Mrs. Thornhill started in thirteen months ago with nineteen children. She has kept close tab on them, and during the thirteen months sold over \$200 worth of chickens and eggs, and has a good bunch of chickens left. An industrious woman with a bunch of chickens and a milk cow can very easily keep the table supplied.

Clarence Finch left last week for a few weeks stay in the Central part of the state.

District Attorney, E. J. Pickens left last week for New York where he will visit his mother during the Holidays. He expects to return soon after the Holidays.

Mission Society met at the usual hour.

Opened by singing song No. 105. Prayer by Mrs. Certain. Roll call and reading of minutes. Number of present 9.

Missionary lesson lead by Mrs. Severson.

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WAR TALKS

By UNCLE DAN

Number Five

Jimmie and a German Boy Clash— Must Do Three Things to Save Country.

It was a warm evening, so Uncle Dan went out to a lawn seat under the spreading branches of the great tree that suggested the farm's name of Oak Hill. Billie and Jimmie had been laughing for him, so Uncle Dan was captured by the boys on short order.

"Say, Uncle Dan," Billie began. "We had a red-hot argument at school yesterday with Carl Newman. Carl said that German schools were miles ahead of our schools and that no one could come up to the educated German. Well, Jimmie got hot under the collar and handed it back to him good and plenty. Jimmie said if their education taught them to torpedo Lusitanias, sink hospital ships, murder hundreds of women and children, make slaves of the Belgians, poison wells, destroy fruit trees and commit all sorts of crimes, then we did not want that kind of education here. What do you think about it, Uncle Dan? I told Jimmie you spent a lot of time in Europe and knew all about schools, so give us your opinion."

"Well," replied Uncle Dan, deliberately. "The German schools are very thorough; they furnish exceedingly valuable and practical instruction. The industrial training given there is probably the best to be found. The schools as a whole, however, in my opinion, appeal to the head only, and never to the heart. The aim and trend is to make the individual blindly submissive to the Prussian plan of world dominion; they teach that it is the destiny of Germany to rule the world, and that to the glory and advance of Germany, in this plan, all things must give way; that the Kaiser as head of the state, can do no wrong if he carries forward the plan of world control. Some of the greatest teachers and preachers even defend and justify her heartless crushing of Belgians and the many other atrocious crimes she has committed in this war. Thank God, our American education reaches both the head and the heart. It is an education with a soul, and we must maintain the high ideals we have fixed. In a word, in Germany, the people are taught that they exist for the government, while here the government exists to serve the people."

"Just wait a minute," interrupted Billie. "Say that over again slowly, so I can write it down."
Uncle Dan, smilingly, complied.
Billie exclaimed: "Now, we will hand that nut out for Carl to crack. Carl, you know," continued Billie, "has a very smart father who keeps him posted on the German arguments. Carl said our government was only an experiment anyway; that it would not last twenty years, and that it might burst up any old time. Jimmie asked him if Germany was so mighty good, why they did not go back there to live."

"Our government will go on forever, won't it, Uncle Dan?"
"Now," said Uncle Dan, "you are raising a big question, and one that has troubled me for years. Our government is still in the experimental stage; in fact, it is the greatest experiment ever undertaken, and if popular government is to be successful, a few things must be done, otherwise, to paraphrase the great Lincoln, the government of the people, by the people and for the people, will perish. It is my firm conviction," said Uncle Dan, in a very impressive manner, "that if our country is to go on, as we hope and pray, we must very quickly do at least three things, and I will name them in the order of importance as it appears to me:
"First, adopt compulsory universal military training of all young men physically fit before they reach the age of twenty years.
"Next, require that every foreigner who comes here to live must, within a reasonable time, say a year, declare his intention of becoming an American citizen and take the necessary steps to do so, thereby, from that moment, assuming all the obligations of citizenship of our country, and that means he must defend our flag upon equal terms with our native born, and if he is not willing to do this, he should be sent back from whence he came."
"That's the stuff," exclaimed Billie.
"And, finally, enact such legislation as will make voting compulsory. Popular government is based upon the participation of all and the rule of the majority, and democracy cannot continue and be successful unless we live up to the spirit of the institution."

"The first step, however, is the passing of the Chamberlain bill for universal military training. If you will get the leading citizen, and especially the editor of your paper, to write personal letters to your congressman and both senators, urging their support, it will help enormously."
"I see by the morning papers," said Uncle Dan, "that the Rotary clubs of the entire country, the liveliest, most efficient organization to be found, have unanimously decided to get back of the Chamberlain bill and give it loyal and enthusiastic support. They will work with the Universal Military Training league to accomplish this important piece of legislation, which will do more than anything else to make us a real nation with a common viewpoint, bring us back to sane living, and teach us the patriotism of service."

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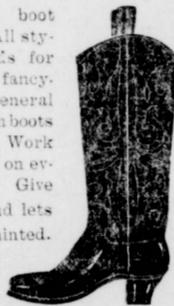
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CHAPTER XX—Continued.

"You showed forged papers?"

"Aye; that was easy enough; you never supposed I was such a fool as to overlook that, did you? We are from St. Johns to Liverpool, with a miscellaneous cargo. The fellow swallowed my yarn as though it was sugar candy. And the best of it is, that is the only war vessel patrolling these waters; we have a cinch."

"Not without me," I answered calmly, after a pause in which my mind gripped the situation. "The telltale compass shows you are three points off your course now. I'll talk with you, McCann, but if I continue to navigate this ship it will be at my own terms, and you'll either give me what I ask, or we'll fight it out here and now."

"What are your terms?"

"I took time to think, determined to demand every concession I dared ask, assured that I held the winning hand."

"Well," I said finally, "this coast to the west of us is no joke at any season of the year, and there are sea currents along here to fool any seaman. You can take the chances if you want to, but it is my belief you fools will have this ship on the rocks within twenty-four hours, if you trust in blind reckoning."

"D— it," I said out Liverpool hoarsely, "we don't need no sermon on the dangers of the deep. Stow the gaff, an' tell us what yer want."

"I will," I snapped back. "The freedom of the ship for both myself and Miss Carrington. Our meals are to be served privately, and the lady is not to be addressed by any one of you."

"My Gawd," exclaimed a muffled voice, "you don't want much! Who are you, the czar of Russia?"

"I am the rightful captain of this ship," I returned stiffly, "and the only man on board capable of navigating her. You can accept my terms, or leave them; and those are not all. McCann, I am talking to you, not that sea scum."

"All right; go ahead. What else?"

"I am to retain this revolver for protection, and the key to my stateroom; Miss Carrington is also to retain her key. When you men desert ship, which I know you plan to do, the Indian Chief is to be left in seaworthy condition. That's all."

"Enough, I should think. You must consider your services indispensable. However, I accept the terms, providing you agree to do what we ask in return."

"That I navigate the ship to within fifty miles of St. Johns; notify you when we reach that point, and give you correct sailing directions."

"That is what we want."

"Good; I accept. Take your men out of the cabin."

I stood motionless, still gripping the revolver in one hand, listening to every sound the other side of the closed door. There was a muttered discussion, the words mostly inaudible, although I heard enough to convince me that McCann was urging acceptance of my conditions on the ground that it would be impossible for me, alone, and under surveillance, to add to their danger. Some words were added in so low a tone as to fall to reach my ear, but whatever they were, they evoked a laugh, and seemed to restore the dissatisfied to better humor. Liverpool took sides with McCann in the dispute, and the two united must have prevailed, for the men finally dispersed, and we could hear their heavy sea boots tramping up the stairs.

Relieved of the strain, I turned to meet the questioning eyes of the girl.

"That—that was better than fighting—wasn't it?" she asked almost anxiously.

"Yes; I lost my head for the moment, and could only think of reaching deck, and shouting an alarm to the cruiser."

"It was too late for that."

"Yes; we know it was now, and probably I would never have reached there alive. I am very thankful to you."

"To me!" Her lips smiled, although her eyes remained grave. "Why, I merely opened a door—besides, even that act was supremely selfish."

"I cannot conceive how."

"You do not? Yet surely you can realize what it would mean to me to be left alone on board—with Fergus McCann. I do so despise the creature that I shrink from even looking into his eyes. It—it was to avoid meeting him again that I locked the door."

"He talked with you, then?"

"Yes, at the table. We were alone for a moment, and it was his manner which frightened me rather than any words said. I left the table without speaking. He—he followed me, however, and tried my stateroom door."

"Saying nothing?"

"No; it was locked, and—and he laughed and went away."

"I suspect the man is almost as much afraid of you as you are of him," I said quietly, "and is puzzled what to do with you."

"Afraid of me—why?"

"Well, if you were not aboard, his problem would be a much easier one to solve. The lives of none of the rest of us would weigh much in the calculation."

"And you think my life does?"

"Undoubtedly. McCann is a villain by nature; he was born with criminal instincts, which have no wise been changed by the possession of wealth. But he is fully awake to the peril of his position. The fellow is a coward back of all his bluff, and I do not think his criminal instincts are bloodthirsty. But he has drifted into a desperate situation, from which he must extricate himself at any cost."

"You mean—oh, not that?"

"I mean there is but one sure solution—dead men tell no tales."

CHAPTER XXI.

A Plan to Save Ourselves.

She stood with hands clasped, and parted lips, her eyes wide open with unconcealed horror, for the moment unable to utter a word.

"You—you actually think that, Mr. Hollis? You mean he would be willing to—murder all on board to protect himself?"

"If assured such an act would bring safety, I do not believe he would hesitate at even that crime. To be perfectly plain, Miss Vera, it is my judgment that your presence on board presents the only problem unsolved."

"My presence! Why, he has no cause to fear me. No one knows where I am. If I never appeared alive again, not a soul could ever account for my disappearance."

"True, and probably McCann is fully aware of these conditions. But he wishes you alive, not dead. That is what makes the problem."

She crossed the narrow space of deck, and grasped my coat in her fingers.

"Oh! this is too terrible! He—he cannot imagine it possible—"

"And why not?" I interrupted. "He is all-powerful on board. He judges the virtue of others by his own standard. He dreams that you might even make that bargain to preserve life."

"That I would marry him?"

"Marriage would seal your lips; would win him safety, and also your subjugation and wealth. It is a stake worth playing for, surely."

"And the others? What would be the fate of you and the others if I made that hateful bargain?"

"In no way different, I imagine, from what it will be if you refuse," I said soberly—and my hand closed on hers. "McCann has no intention that we shall ever put foot on shore. He would be a fool to permit such a thing."

"You think it all planned out?"

"In detail; McCann, Liverpool and White know exactly what they intend doing. Their questioning of me, and their scrutiny of the chart, convinces me of this. I even believe now I could name the other men of the crew who will be in their boat, when they abandon ship—Dugan, Dubois, Sachs and the negro, Watson, with perhaps two others I am not so sure of. Why, Miss Vera, you heard what I was compelled to assent to a moment ago. I am to pilot the Indian Chief to within fifty miles of the harbor of St. Johns, timing our arrival at that point to some hour of the night. I am to give McCann notice of our arrival there, and furnish him with exact sailing directions to complete the course. This means that the crew expect to abandon the ship there, and take to the boats. There are enough remaining in good condition—and just enough—to carry them all, but the Indian Chief will be left with none to rescue those of us who are left on board in case of accident to the vessel."

"And you anticipate accident?"

"I believe the ship will be deserted in an unseaworthy condition—either with her bottom pierced, or her sea-cocks open; and that those of us left aboard will be so confined as to be practically helpless to save the vessel from going down."

"And the men in the boats will get ashore, scatter and never be heard from again. No one will ever learn what became of the Indian Chief, or that we were aboard?"

"The French cruiser will report having spoken us at sea. That will be the last word. The truth will never be made clear. Our fate will be another sea mystery, never explained."

"Some of the crew might talk later—in liquor."

"There is always that danger, and McCann is farsighted enough to guard against it as far as possible. The boats will easily become separated in the darkness. If the others are ever picked up, it will be accidentally by some ship at sea—and there are almost no ships in this ocean. There are few laws in the plan, as I have figured out."

She did not answer, her eyes on my face, her expression exhibiting the horror she felt at this vivid picture which I had drawn. Then she slowly, gently withdrew her hand from my grasp, sinking into a chair, her head bent forward.

"You—you really believe they actually plan to do all this?" she asked at last. "And what—what about me? You suggested that—that marriage might save me from this fate. Do you think so ill of me as to imagine I would ever consent to such a bargain?"

"What I may imagine has nothing to do with the case, Miss Vera. My thought, and that of Fergus McCann, is not liable to be the same on any subject. The only hope he can have of ever winning you is through threat. He possesses power and can assault you with deadly peril. It is my belief that he contemplates doing so."

"That he will offer me choice of marriage with him, or death?"

"Yes; it will not be put in just so brutal a form, for the fellow has a certain polish over his villainy, but it will mean that."

"Loan me the revolver?"

"For what purpose?"

"To kill the brute, if ever he dares such a proposal. Mr. Hollis, I would die before I would ever permit his touch! Marry him to save my life! Why, I am so ashamed I cannot look you in the face; cannot even find words to express my detestation of such a suspicion."

I stepped forward, and my hand gently rested on the bowed shoulder.

"My dear girl," I said earnestly, "look at me, and believe my words. Lift your eyes; I want you to read the truth in my heart. It is not your life alone; it is mine also, and the lives of nearly all the others aboard, which are at stake. For the sake of us all I am going to ask of you a sacrifice."

There had been a mist of tears in the uplifted eyes, but as I paused this had vanished.

"A sacrifice?" she stammered. "That I marry that man?"

"God forbid! No; but that you encourage him to think it possible."

"Oh, I could not—I could not! Do not ask that of me."

"But listen," I urged eagerly, forgetful of all else in the earnestness of my plea. "Vera, listen before you make decision. The only possible hope lies in the freedom of one of us aboard. I can so juggle figures as to keep the ship safely at sea for another day and night, but no longer."

"Someone must be free to act and plan. I cannot, nor any of those men confined amidstships. By winning McCann's confidence; by seeming to yield to his desires, you will be allowed freedom on board. You can demand it as the price of your surrender. All else must depend on your woman's wit."

"But—but could I convince the man of my sincerity? I—I detest him so."

"He will want to be convinced; your mere consent will satisfy him. You must not look at this from your standpoint. He is conceited and cowardly. To save his own life he would be guilty of any treacherous act. He will judge you by his standards. There will be no necessity for any pretense at love; you need not even permit him to touch you. Merely allow him to believe that fear makes you an unwilling victim."

"You—you actually wish me to do this—play this hideous part?"

"Only because of our desperate situation; we must fight with the only weapon at hand. There is no other

force once you are ashore. I do not count that a serious danger—only he must not suspect your purpose until too late to prevent his interfering with your action. Nor will you be unsafe with him in the open boat, for the two of you will not be alone. Your greatest peril will be while aboard this ship, and completely in McCann's power."

"The open boat will not be long at sea?"

"Not to exceed a few hours probably; Liverpool and White are seamen enough to see that it is equipped with a sail, and if the wind be favorable, they will make land quickly. But there is even a chance that you need not take this risk."

"What chance?" the full measure of her emotions finding evidence in her voice.

"If Leayord or Olson could be secretly released, or even if you could be assured that I was free to attain the deck at the proper moment, and thus able to release these others, we might best play a bold game. By urging some excuse you could delay leaving the ship until after all the mutineers were over the side, and in the boats. McCann might remain on board with you, but he would be only one man to handle. Once we had control of the ship, we could defend the decks, and prevent those ruffians from returning on board, at least until they surrendered all arms, and agreed to such terms as we offered."

"That—that would be a most desperate expedient," she said dejectedly, "its success doubtful. You would be terribly outnumbered, and without weapons."

"I do not see it so. Outnumbered, yes; but with every advantage of position. Those fellows could not clamber up the side, unless it be one at a time. Besides, the major part of the crew are doubtless mutineers against their will, and would be glad enough to return to duty if promised protection. I doubt if there be three revolvers on board. I have one of these, and McCann carries another. Really the plan looks feasible to me."

She arose and crossed over to the open port, gazing out in silence across the waste of waters, the wind lifting strands of her ruffled hair. She remained there motionless so long I became impatient.

"Have you no answer to make?" I questioned at last. "You think the scheme impracticable?"

"No; it is not that," but without changing posture or glancing about, and I felt there was a deadness in her voice, far from encouraging. "But—but I do not like the part assigned to me."

"You fear you might find it difficult to carry out the deceit?"

She turned and faced me, and there were tears in her eyes, which she swept indignantly away with a swift gesture.

"You have used the right word," she exclaimed, no longer hesitating in speech. "I am not accustomed to deceit. Mr. Hollis; I have never learned how to lie, or conceal my true feelings. I am not afraid physically; it is not that; but you ask me to permit this fellow to make love to me, and I am to encourage his hopes, and pretend to yield to his advancements. You ask me to lower my womanhood, to take my place on a level with a girl of the streets, and pretend to sell myself for a price. Is this your conception of my character?"

It was as though she had slapped me in the face, yet I was ready, half anticipating she might assume this position.

"No; but I believe you willing to sacrifice your conception of what ordinarily seems right to save this ship, and the lives of those aboard; to preserve Philip Bascom's fortune. There need be no love making, no pretense at love. You seemingly yield to force, surrender to fear; that would be the only way in which McCann would expect to gain your consent."

"You—you wish me to do this?"

"It appears to me as our only hope."

"And if I do, you will not despise me? You will not feel my action unwomanly?"

"I feel that of you! Never; why, it would be impossible for me to conceive of your acting unwomanly!"

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"Then I will try," she said simply, her eyes uplifted to mine.

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"Because—because I had to know. It does not even yet seem right to me—altogether. I—I could not do such a thing unless you approved."

"You have faith in me, then?"

"Yes—yes; I—I believe in you."

"And you mean you would have refused to take such action if I had not urged it upon you, and had failed to assure you that doing so would in no way lower my respect for you?"

Her eyes flashed up questioning into my face, only to be instantly lowered again.

"Yes."

"Not even to save your own life?"

"I have always felt there were conditions more to be dreaded than death," she answered slowly. "Mere association, such as you describe this adventure to be, with Fergus McCann, may not be such a condition—yet I shrink from it. I have chosen my course, not because it may preserve my life, but for the sake of the others helpless on board this miserable vessel; because of the crippled man locked in his own cabin; because of the mother praying for him in Philadelphia. Oh! Mr. Hollis, can you not understand?"

"Vera, why do you question me like this? Why should you hesitate, doubt, when you realize, as you must, that only through you, and your power over McCann, Philip Bascom's life and fortune can be saved?"

"Because I would not save them at the cost of your respect."

"Mine! You think that of me?"

"Yes," she said, and now her eyes met mine frankly. "I think that of you, Robert Hollis."

This avowal, quietly, honestly spoken, sent the hot blood tingling through my veins, yet left me for the

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"No wonder he scorned the small change. What's money to a man who can collect all the left-over bread and beefsteak and potatoes and everything."

To Study Industry.

A laboratory to be created at Helsinki, Finland, for the study of technical industrial problems, will be supported in part by the government, but largely by a number of private concerns.

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Tough Luck.

First Soldier in the Trenches—Aint that just my luck?

Second Soldier—What's the matter now?

First Soldier—With all the pretty girls there are in the states knitting sweaters for soldiers I have to draw one with a note pinned to it saying it was knitted by a man.

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but like counterfeit money the imitation is not the worth of the original. Insist on "The Creole" Hair Dressing—It's the original. Darkens your hair in the natural way, but contains no dye. Price \$1.00.—Adv.

The Golfer's Handicap.

"I wouldna say MacTavish canna learn the game," remarked Sandy, as they trudged home from the links; "but it will be difficult for him."

"Aye," agreed Donald. "At times he will be like to burst, what w' be long sacrelegious and tongue-tied." Everybody's Magazine.

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for any case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE.

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"John, dear," said Mrs. Youngblood, "I wish you'd bring home a chest protector."

"A chest protector? What for?"

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The Place of the Nativity

In a place built, like Bethlehem, in many cases against the soft limestone rock it often happens that the existence of a cave where the house was to be was a great attraction since it offered a ready made, dry, above ground cellar as well as a specially suitable spot for the household animals and for a storeroom. It would seem that Joseph was at last able to get room in some such back portion of a house, and there, we are told, Mary bore her divine Son.

A cave below the high altar of the Church of the Nativity is now shown as the very place where this august event transpired; a little recess, shaped like a clam shell, its floor of marble wrought into a star in the center, bearing in Latin the words, "Here Jesus Christ Was Born of the Virgin Mary." A row of lamps hangs round the outer edge, the right to attend to them being a jealously watched matter, each of the ancient churches, the Greek, the Latin, the Armenian and the Coptic, having one or more of these under its care.

The evidence for this site is so strong that most persons accept it as sufficient, reaching up, as it does, to within living memory of the days of the apostles. But even if this be an illusion the fact remains that in this petty village the Saviour of the world was made man for our redemption. No wonder that we read of the anthem of the angels, for surely nothing could draw forth the interest of the heavenly population like the exceeding grace God was showing to sinful man.

The scene of the visit of the shepherds is pointed out as on a rough slope, facing the village, at some distance to the east, Bethlehem lying far above on its mountain seat. One can follow the shepherds in their journey to see the unspeakable wonder. They would go along the rich valley of Boaz and then up the terraced hill by a path still in use, nor is it uninteresting to reflect that, while simple shepherds were led by angels to the manger, the high priest and the great of Jerusalem, so near, slept through that most illustrious night of all history, quite unconscious of what had happened. But we know of it, and may God grant that if we cannot go with the shepherds to Bethlehem we may one day go to the right hand of God and worship him there, who that night lay a little child in Mary's arms.—Dr. Cunningham Geikie.

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The wide wandering of a parcel was described by a soldier now stationed at Egypt. Writing to his mother, he says: "I received a parcel last week which I think was posted in South Africa, somewhere about September, 1916. It had gone to the Hants' in France, thence to four hospitals, which sent it to Blighty and to two hospitals there which forwarded it to the officer in charge of records, Warwick. He in turn sent it to the officer in charge records, Exeter, then Exeter, and lastly to Egypt. Jolly lucky to get it after ten months, don't you think so? It contained a good soft hat, a pair of socks, three khaki handkerchiefs, boracic powder. The address of the sender was obliterated and the postmark a smudge."

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"Fate plays queer tricks on a man," remarked Mr. Twobble.

"No doubt."

"I always thought I would propose to the woman I would marry where there was a sheen of silver and cut glass, and shaded lights were softly glowing and behind a screen of palms an orchestra was playing a Hungarian waltz."

"Yes?"

"As a matter of fact, I proposed to Mrs. Twobble in a jitney bus."

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Probably had often heard his parents talking of wheatless days. Having to go to a party with them the other day, and having arrived home late, he was pretty tired. In the morning his mother called to him to get ready for school, he said: "See, ma, when is schoolless day?"

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Sermons for Sleeplessness.

and Rosebery once mentioned to Mr. Creighton that there were when he could not sleep.

Bishop remarked: "Well, my I never suffer from sleeplessness for whenever I feel weary, I better read a sermon; and I am off very few seconds."

"By lord," replied Lord Rosebery, "two evils I will choose the one. Much rather would I go with sleep than read a sermon."

Outmatched.

"You think the widow is setting up at him?"

"She tells me he is clever but she."

"Why? If the widow finds him false, he must be clever."

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"Don't Open Until Christmas!"

My Love hath sent a gift to me, But though that gift I long to see, The packet's label says me nay— "Don't open until Christmas day."

Till Christmas day—how long to wait And pine, yet hold inviolate The ban, too strict for Adam's clay. "Don't open until Christmas day!"

On Christmas day shall I be here To joy in that which now were dear? And must I heed these runes that say, "Don't open until Christmas day?"

Should Time, the churl, have power to hold In check each word, each deed of old! Through this decree of drear delay, "Don't open until Christmas day."

For there be hearts—and purses, too— Locked fast to Love the long year through By that same word, which fools obey, "Don't open until Christmas day."

Ah, Love, the sages all allow The time for any joy is now! Then charge me never more, I pray, "Don't open until Christmas day!"

—Arthur Guiterman in *Life*.

The Golden Christmastide

UNDER the far blue Syrian sky Was born the Conqueror of Death, Who bore credentials from on high In Bethlehem and Nazareth. Then came the new and better times; One lone star signaled far and wide, And now we ring melodious chimes To mark the holy Christmastide.

Come young and old from every side; Come rosy maid and gentle swain, It is the holy Christmastide That joyously we meet again. The holly hangs upon the door. It is no time for work or woe. Now jollity commands the floor, And joy comes with the mistletoe. Bring in the Yule log's ancient fame, The souse'd bear's head, a rich repast. Let sorrow go the way it came; Let care be to oblivion cast. The sweet clear voices sound without Sackbuts and shavem make wholesome glee. Twined is the bear's head round about With garlands rich and rosemary.

And now the foaming wassail bowl Shall bring us comfort and delight. This is the season of the soul, From golden morn to starry night. Naught care we for the piercing cold, The drifted snow or raging blast. For Christmas never shall grow old From cons new or centuries past.

Quaint mummings mingle in the scene Where pudding mates with Christmas pie. The rooms are thick with evergreen, And happiness lights every eye. Let Fortunatus turn his horn Of basket loads to famished need, For on this day the One was born Who kneed no mark of class or creed.

Then welcome, merry Christmastide, Another hour before we go. The rosy girl close at our side We'll kiss beneath the mistletoe. Deep, mellow bells salute the air With benisons sent far and wide. Good will and joy go everywhere Upon the golden Christmastide.

—Joel Benton.

One Christmas Pudding

Perhaps the most heroic attempt to keep Christmas in conventional fashion under unconventional conditions was that made by the late Lord Wolsley, when a young officer, in the trenches before Sebastopol during the Crimean war sixty years ago. He and his comrades decided that the Christmas should be honored and that there should be a plum pudding. The "pudding" was compounded of biscuit, grease and such fruit as could be obtained, the ingredients being mixed in a fragment of a Russian shell. Wrapped in a cloth, it was boiled for some hours, and a tasty reminder of the great festival was eagerly looked forward to by the hungry officers. But before the pudding was considered "cooked" orders came transferring Wolsley and his tent companions to a distant part of the works.

Should they leave the pudding until their return or eat it as it was? They were hungry, and the latter course was decided upon. The "pudding" was duly sealowed, and away they went in obedience to orders. Late that night Wolsley was troubled with internal disturbances that necessitated the doctor's kindly ministrations. It seemed, said the future field marshal, as if pieces of Russian shell were rolling against each other inside. It was the only pudding, the first and last, he ever made.



THE SWEETEST OF ALL.

Christmas is a jolly day, but let us not forget that it is Christ's birthday and that to make someone else happy is the sweetest thing of all.

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Why use ordinary cough remedies, when Boschee's German Syrup has been used so successfully for fifty-one years in all parts of the United States for coughs, bronchitis, colds settled in the throat, especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectoration in the morning, gives nature a chance to soothe the inflamed parts, throw off the disease, helping the patient to regain his health. Sold in all civilized countries. 30 and 90 cent bottles.—Adv.

Knew Her Bible.

Governess—Dorothy, won't you give your little brother part of your apple? Little Dorothy—No. Eve did that, and has been criticized ever since!—Judge.

Something to Talk About.

To be popular, better not talk much about yourself unless you have just returned from the North Pole or somewhere.

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and constant use will burn out the scalp. Cleanse the scalp by shampooing with "La Creole" Hair Dressing, and darken in the natural way, those ugly, grizzly hairs. Price, \$1.00.—Adv.

Dandies by Order.

The English infantryman, as he appeared in the days of George II, would have looked askance at such a garb as khaki, observes a correspondent. When he went into the battle of Fontenoy he was resplendent in a loose scarlet coat, with skirts looped up at the sides to give a certain amount of freedom to the legs. A long and close-buttoned cloth waistcoat, blue breeches, long white gaiters, and a conical headpiece of cloth completed the uniform, the coat collar being open at the chest to show a white shirt.

The Prussian foot-soldier of the time was clad on the same lines, and so that his powdered head might be kept in fitting order his kit was supposed to include a curling-iron, a comb, a powder bag with puff, and a supply of pomade and tallow. His hair had to be greased, curled and powdered, daily, his pig-tail tied, and the cock of his hat set right.

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WOMAN'S CROWNING GLORY

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About Three Months.

"Have you been married long?" "Only ten cooks."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Reality.

Patience—And her color—isn't that artificial? Patience—Oh, no. That's real paint.

Think Twice.

Before turning things over in the field turn them over in your mind.

The German rat is frantically trying to figure what became of the hole by which it entered the trap.

THE NEW METHOD

(By L. W. Bower, M. D.)

Backache of any kind is often caused by kidney disorder, which means that the kidneys are not working properly. Poisonous matter and uric acid accumulate within the body in great abundance, overworking the sick kidneys; hence the congestion of blood causes backache in the same manner as a similar congestion in the head causes headache. You become nervous, despondent, sick, feverish, irritable, have spots appearing before the eyes, bags under the lids, and lack ambition to do things.

The latest and most effective means of overcoming this trouble, is to eat sparingly of meat, drink plenty of water between meals and take a single An-u-ric tablet before each meal for a while.

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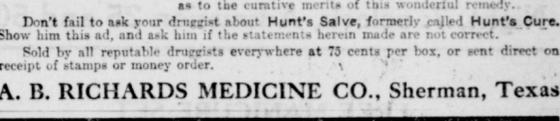
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Her name was Sister Billy and she had two big sisters whose habit was to have beaux on Sunday afternoons. Some of the beaux seemed to seek the approval of Sister Billy and would converse with her affably during their visits. No one's feelings were hurt. Billy was only four. One day her sisters watched her strolling in the garden with a young man. They seemed absorbed in each other, but Billy was doing all the talking. They watched the pair for several minutes, and in all that time the young man did not speak, nor did he for one second change his attitude of eager attention. Both sisters were dying with curiosity.

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Sister Billy's eyes dropped and she faltered: "I was saying the Lord's Prayer to him."

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Everybody admits that it is foolish to cry over spilt milk, but most of us go round with long faces over something that happened yesterday that we couldn't avoid.—Exchange.

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DIVISION PUBLICITY OFFICE.
90th Division, U. S. A.
Camp Travis, Texas, Dec. 15, 1917

The soldiers of Camp Travis know that Christmas is coming and so do the employes of the big postoffice that handles the mail that is sent by, or sent to the soldiers of this camp. To the end that the things sent the soldiers at Christmas time may be delivered in the best possible manner, the following rules should be followed:

Under the general captain of "Eats" all sent should be packed to stand the trip. Food packed in such flimsy containers as shoe or hat box, is wasted, if sent through the mail. Only the heaviest kind of cardboard, or better still, light weight wooden boxes should be used in packing eatables.

Don't sent liquids through the mail, unless in liquid proof containers. Glassware must be in wood or double faced corrugated paste board boxes, well packed.

It is absolutely necessary to place the correct and complete address on every package. The address must be legible, and it must show the organization to which the soldier belongs. An address of simply Mr. John Smith, Camp Travis, Texas, is almost worthless, for there may be several John Smiths. But "Private John Smith, Co. A., 359th Inf., Camp Travis, Texas," enables the postoffice authorities to locate the party for whom the mail is intended at once. It should be remembered there are less than a dozen cities in Texas with as large a population as Camp Travis and it takes the strongest kind of cooperation on the part of all parties to insure that mail matter reaches the soldier it was intended to reach.

The postoffice authorities permit requests "Do not Open Until Christmas," or words to that effect to be placed on the outside of packages. The name of the sender should also appear.

But above all see that Christmas

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Roy Coffee.
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Charlie Wells.
Atlas Stallings.
Henry Chisum.
Jack Murry.
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The fight against disease at Camp Travis never ceases night or day. Every little thing that will be of assistance in this guard against ill health is given prompt and thorough attention. Just to show to what ends this fight is being carried, a General Order has been issued by Division Headquarters requiring all barbers employed at the various shops in the camp to wash their hands with soap and water before attendance upon each man. Towels used in a barbers shop on one man, must not be used again until they have been laundered. All shaving cups and shaving brushes must be scaled after each shaving.

Incidentally it may also be stated that in many of the organizations, a flat rate of \$1.00 a month per man is made, which entitles the soldier to receive two shaves per week and two hair cuts per month. This arrangement is not compulsory, but the cheapest of the service has caused practically whole companies to enter into such an agreement. It may also be mentioned that since beginning life at Camp Travis, the general desire for neatness and cleanliness in many of the soldiers has grown with rapid strides. A well trimmed head or hair and a cleanly shaven face are more in keeping with the uniform than a stubby growth of beard and a collection of disheveled hair. No man can be a good soldier in every sense of the work and be slouchy in his personal appearance.

For the benefit of those who may visit relatives and friends at Camp Travis it should be stated that the best time to come to San Antonio is on a Saturday. The next best time is on Wednesday. The reason for this is that on Saturday afternoons and Sundays the soldiers not on duty, such as guard or the like—are free to do as they like. The same is true on Wednesday afternoons. There is so much to learn that all the other time of the soldiers is practically taken up in training. Christmas furloughs will be very few and given only in exceptional cases. War is no respecter for holidays or feast days and every moment must count for advancement in the making of a soldier.

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