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FRIDAY, JUNE 1911

OUR CORRESPONDENCE

Noodle Notes.
 June 14—The farmers are all about up with their crops and are waiting for a rain
 Cotton is growing nicely.
 The thresher is in our community now. Wheat is averaging about 10 bushels to the acre.
 A B. Ely and a crowd of young folks from Noodle attended the children's day at Kale Sunday.
 Rev. Gentry and Underwood stayed at the home of W. Roundtree Friday night. The latter is to hold a meeting at the Horn school house next Sunday.
 Mrs. Reese and Cann Hatfield visited their son and brother, Newt Hatfield of Waco a few days week before last.
 F. A. Polly and F. Deutschman had business in Merkel Wednesday. Blue Rose.

Salt Branch News.

June 14—There was a nice crowd out at Sunday school and also at the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night.
 Grandma Hays left Saturday morning for O'Brien on a visit to her grand daughter, Mrs. Lillie Link. We wish her a pleasant visit and a safe return.
 Grandma Allen left Saturday night for Titus county to spend the summer with her daughter.
 Misses Selena and Olive Teaff were the guests of Misses Oma and Ida Taylor Sunday.
 Miss Gardie Higgins and brother Jess enjoyed ice cream at the home of Will Barker Saturday night.
 Miss Ruth Allen took dinner with Miss Alma Hays Sunday.
 Miss Ocie Teaff was the guest of Miss Annie Higgins Sunday.
 Miss Lois Smith was the guest of Miss Lyda Beavers Sunday.
 Misses Gertrude Higgins and Dewey Floyd took dinner with Maggie Allen Sunday.
 Cartha Lyles and wife took supper at S. W. Taylor's Sunday night.
 Misses Willie and Mollie Hardy, Lyda and Nina Beavers spent a very pleasant evening with Miss Dewey Floyd Friday, it being Miss Dewey's 13th birthday. They all left at a late hour wishing Miss Dewey many happy returns of the day.
 W. B. Beavers and wife spent a few hours very pleasantly at the home of Will Higgins and wife Sunday afternoon.
 Miss Ona May McMurray took dinner with her cousin, Miss Olive Rogers, Sunday.
 The prohibition club was organized here Friday night with W. B. Robertson president, W. B. Beavers secretary and 52 members enrolled.
 Mr. Wheat returned last week from north Texas where he has been for the past several weeks.
 Lyda Beavers took supper with Miss Essie Floyd Sunday night.
 Several from this place attended the prohibition lecture at Warren Tuesday night.

Nubia News.

June 14—The farmers are seeding a rain.
 T. J. Toombs went to Nubia Monday.
 Mrs. Jim Perry visited Bud Perry Saturday.

The New Iceless Soda Fountain

Did you ever see one? Water freezes without ice and all drinks are just as COLD as freezing water. We serve the best Ice Cream that's made in Texas. It's Boedeker's, and by test the best. Private parlors for ladies. Ice Cream and Limades are our specialties. Come to see us when HOT.

RUST & MCCAULEY DRUG COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. Cook of Doran passed through our community Friday.
 Miss Sallie Toombs of Riney community was in Nubia Saturday.
 A. L. Stanley went to Merkel Saturday.
 Mrs. T. J. Toombs of the Riney community was in Nubia Tuesday.
 Hosea Davenport spent last week with his parents in Nubia.
 Oscar Walker of Center Point visited his father T. J. Walker Tuesday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Rolan Toombs went to Nubia Saturday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hensly was in Nubia Friday.
 Miss Gladys Christopher of Merkel attended preaching at Nubia Saturday evening.
 Roy Cox and Miss Hattie Hunter attended prayer meeting here Sunday night.
 Miss Cara Campbell attended church here Saturday afternoon.
 Mrs. Luellar Atwood and sister Miss Hattie Hunter was in Nubia Monday.
 Mrs. Henry Parter and children visited her grandfather, T. J. Walker Tuesday.
 T. J. Walker visited his daughter Mrs. McClane Monday.
 The Sunday school was called in on account of the superintendent leaving. Green Back.

June 14—D. L. Boyd and family and Dixie Blair visited A. W. Hunter Sunday.
 Ernest Moore, Will Toombs, Claude Hannah and Hosea were pleasant callers at A. L. Stanley's Sunday evening.
 Roy Cox of Sidney visited here Saturday and Sunday.
 Arthur Clark and sister Lela, Ora Bland and Z. T. Lamar attended church here Sunday.
 Several from here are going to attend the children's day at White church Sunday.
 Grandpa Walker is visiting near Center Point this week.
 There will be preaching here Saturday night and Sunday night. Nemo.



Fresh Groceries

As Fresh as Summer Roses In Early Dew.

Such are the groceries sold at this store. The delicate aroma of the coffee, the delicious taste of the butter—all the appetizing points of good sweet—clean food are carefully preserved at this grocery. Even our canned and carton goods are kept in lowest quantities that they may be constantly renewed. Everything pure and clean—cleanliness is next to godliness here. All our groceries are as delightfully fresh as a wild rose sparkling with dew on an early summer morning. Let a trial convince you. Send or phone an order and a messenger will call.

B. C. GAITHER & SONS
 The Reliable Grocers

No. 7481

STATEMENT

Farmers & Merchants National Bank OF MERKEL

At Call of Comptroller, June 7th, 1911

RESOURCES

Loans	\$ 77,688.19
U. S. Bonds	6,250.00
Premiums on Bonds	200.00
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures	4,400.00
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
CASH	68,743.76
Total	\$157,594.45

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits	25,397.13
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	None
Rediscouts	None
Other Borrowed Money	None
DEPOSITS	100.94
Total	\$157,594.45

The above statement is correct.
 T. A. JOHNSON, Cashier.

Capital and Surplus \$50,000
 Organized November 1904

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Crowell Notes.
 June 14—Chopping cotton is the order of the day.
 J. E. Bray and family visited J. W. Cook's folk's Sunday last.
 Mrs. J. T. Hirsch and daughter were in Crowell Monday.
 Miss Estel Kid visited Miss Geitruide Bryson last Monday.
 Olin Cook and J. T. King and several more went plum hunting last Saturday.
 Walter Tod and Miss Laura Johnson visited A. T. Johnson Saturday night and Sunday.
 Mrs. Mathis Stagal visited her mother Mrs. Zebet of Crowell Thursday night.
 Miss Jewell Langelo and little Bertha Fox were in Crowell Friday.
 Ray Fox and Delmer Hush spent last Sunday with Olin Cook.
 There will be all day singing at Beaver next Sunday. All are invited to come and bring baskets well filled.
 Miss Tallie Maddox visited Miss Mary Cook Saturday night. Myrtle C.

I Want a Good Farm.
 I own controlling stock in the best manufacturing plant in Texas. Making wovenwire fencing, only one in the south; bears a good profit, no money necessary to operate. Other business demands my attention and I want to retire. \$7,500 will handle. Write for particulars. G. E. Blewett, Fort Worth, Texas. 4td

Hon. W. J. Cunningham of Abilene addressed a large crowd of the citizens of Merkel and surrounding country at the tabernacle Saturday evening in defense of statewide prohibition. The audience seemed to be entirely in sympathy with his line of argument judging from the hearty applause he got when he would drive and clinch a point. He doubted the sincerity of the anti who would vote against statewide prohibition and claim that if it was local option he would be for it. After the speech Mr. Lasley made a short talk asking the people to contribute to the campaign fund. About \$30 was raised.

The woman of today who has good health, good temper, good sense, bright eyes and a lovely complexion, the result of correct living and good digestion wins the admiration of the world. If your digestion is faulty Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will correct it. For sale by all dealers.

Era and Ira Hargrove came in from Oklahoma Monday to attend the bedside of their mother who is seriously ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler in south Merkel.

J. S. SWANN, President
 T. J. WILLIAMSON, Vice-Pres.
 R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier
 B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cashier

No. 366

The Farmers State Bank

TRENT, TEXAS

Statement as Reported June 7th, 1911

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$32,798.06
Overdrafts	None
Interest Depositors Guaranty Fund	265.97
Banking House, Fur. and Fixtures	5,600.00
Stocks and Bonds	267.97
Cash and Exchange	17,400.28
Total	\$56,332.27

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$15,000.00
Surplus and Profits	3,219.05
Bills Payable	2,500.00
Deposits	35,603.22
Total	\$56,332.27

The above Statement is Correct.
 R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier.

Deposits June 7, 1911.....\$35,613.22
 Deposits June 7, 1910.....18,544.26
 Increase.....\$17,068.96

Notwithstanding the adverse conditions in this vicinity for the past year this Bank has made an increase in its deposits of over 95 per cent. solicit your business on the merits of this statement, and on our ability to handle your business satisfactorily. THIS IS A GUARANTY FUND



GASOLINE STOVES

If your husband had to cook over a hot stove these days you wouldn't get much to eat until there was A GASOLINE STOVE IN THE KITCHEN

The extra heat that the range makes not only is comfortable, but it is wasted, and the wasted fuel will gasoline stove this season.

When you realize the truth of this and stop to think next year you can have the use of the gasoline stove besides the saving it effects doesn't it seem poor and useless discomfort to be without one?

Once you use one of ours you will never go away in hot weather.

West Texas Hardware

IT IS SAFE IN A NATIONAL BANK
CORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF TEXAS

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Safe and Satisfactory

In the conduct of our business and treatment of our customers we strive to be worthy of our name---The Old Reliable. Liberal but conservative, always dependable

C. L. BARKER, Pres. J. E. FAUCETT, Cashier

LOCAL AND PERS

The Tailor has fits for a body.
 W. D. Woodroof went to Abilene Monday.
 Birthday presents at Rust & McCauley's. Cut glass, silver novelties and china.
 Arthur Browning came in Tuesday to visit home a few days.
 Clean men should wear clean clothes cleaned by the City Tailor.
 R. O. Anderson, cashier of the Farmers State Bank of Trenton, was in Merkel Wednesday.
 Alfalfa hay and all kinds of feed stuff at the Cash Store. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.
 Misses Mary Reed and Nell Tracy are visiting their uncle, Jack Barnes at Westbrook.

Bring us your wheat and oats and get the highest market price. Gaither & Sons.

Prof. John Montgomery and W. J. Rogers of Mulberry were in town Wednesday.

Our prices are right on wedding presents and birthday presents. Come and see them. Rust & McCauley's.

Miss Ella Sears of Honey Grove who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Butler returned home Wednesday.

Don't make your wife press your suit with a 7 pound iron. The work is too hard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Farmer are visiting their children at Sweetwater.

Try a sack of Mountain Flour, the best for light bread and biscuit. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Company.

S. T. Howell of the country was in town today and says crops are looking good but of course will have to have some rain in a few weeks.

Wedding presents of the most appropriate and up-to-date kind. Prices \$1 to \$100. Everything neat, nobby and new. Rust & McCauley Drug Co.

Mrs. V. A. Smith who has been teaching in Fort Worth stopped a few days to visit Mrs. J. D. Gaither in Merkel and left Tuesday for her home at San Angelo.

Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Lintment does not burn or blister, relieves pain quickly and flies will not bother the wound. For sale by all druggists.

W. H. Dickson was called to Cleburne Sunday night on account of the death of his uncle Col. Campbell Dickson.

Try Van Camps Condensed Milk for making ice cream. Its as good as pure Cream and cheaper. You can get it by phoning 170. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

H. B. Wheeler has been to Sweetwater this week where he bought and shipped a car-load of cattle to market.

As a household remedy for cuts, burns, bruises, piles, pain and soreness of all kinds, Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Lintment, 25c size, has no equal. If not satisfactory, money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

Mrs. G. F. West, Zora and Paul returned Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives in Augusta, Ark.

We have fresh vegetables most every day, phone 170 your order and it will have prompt delivery. Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

All druggists sell Dr. Cox's Barbed Wire Lintment, 25c, 50c and \$1 bottles. Guaranteed to heal without leaving a blemish, or money refunded.

Miss Fort Smith and brother of Blooming Grove are visiting their sister, Mrs. Arthur ton.

The City Tailor was your.

DOCTORS

ADKISSON & MILLER

Physicians & Surgeons

Special Office Treatment for Diseases of Ear, Nose, Throat, and Chronic Ailments

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Dr. M. ARMSTRONG

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON
 Office with Armstrong & Co.
 Office Phone 105. Residence Phone 12

Dr. S. L. DAVIS

DENTIST
 Office Over The F. & M. National Bank
 MERKEL, TEXAS

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COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW
 in State and Federal Land and Collection
 Law a specialty.
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Real Estate, Fire, Accident and Tornado Insurance Agent
 Notary Public.
 Office up stairs in First National Bank building

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 Real Estate, Fire, Life and Accident Insurance Agents
 Respectfully Solicit Business
 Notary Public
 Office-over Farmers and Merchants National Bank
 Merkel, Texas

Abilene Steam Laundry

H. M. WARREN, Agent

Baskets shipped Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, returned Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Work called for and delivered promptly or received at the City Barber shop. I will appreciate your patronage.

H. M. WARREN

Phone 48 In City Barber Shop

Electric Bitters

Succeed when everything else fails. Suffering from nervous prostration and female weaknesses they are the supreme remedy, as thousands have testified. **FOR KIDNEY, LIVER AND STOMACH TROUBLE** is the best medicine ever sold over a druggist's counter.

FARMER, STOCKMAN

ATTENTION

Is your horse, mule or cow sick? If so we will give you money back for any case you fail to cure with any of Watson's celebrated line of Veterinary Remedies. Sold and prepared by Rust & McCauley Drug Co., Merkel, Texas.

JACKSON Lands and Loans

TO MERKEL FARMERS:

In the future I will devote all my time and energies to the real estate business and will endeavor to make my services of benefit to both buyer and seller. By mutual agreement the partnership with Mr. L. H. King has been dissolved and I bespeak our appreciation of your favors and ask a continuance and division of same between us in the future. In the past sixty days we have sold about \$50,000 worth of Merkel country lands and our new arrangement was not prompted by a lack of business but rather by the belief that we can better serve the interests of our clients and individual interests by the conduct of our business on our own separate and individual resources and responsibilities. Unless otherwise desired by the owners each of us will retain our large list of lands and business properties and give the same our very best attention. Our spacious and conveniently arranged offices in the West building will be retained and used by Mr. King and I will advise you through this medium when I can find a location for my business. In the mean time let me have a share of your favors and when my services can be of any benefit to you and your interests please command me.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. JACKSON AT MERKEL

L. H. King, Real Estate Farms, Ranch Land, Loans

It is my desire to say to my friends and the people in general of Merkel and the Merkel country that never before in the eleven years that I have been operating in the real estate business have I been in a better position to serve the people who intrust any business to me than I now am. I have gotten acquainted with you, I know your properties, I know their values, I know how to represent your interests to a buying public and at the same time I know how to protect the interest of the buyer whether he or she be a home seeker or an investor.

Through a mutual agreement between me and Mr. Jackson the firm of King & Jackson has dissolved and I will retain the office occupied by us in the West building on Edwards street. This dissolution of the firm of King & Jackson, as I have said before is by a mutual agreement, as each of us believe that we can serve our individual interest and that of our clients to a better advantage by operating separately.

During the last 45 days we have sold the following properties:

Steve Kenny farm, 135 1/2 acres
 Old Patterson farm, 185 acres
 J. E. Faucett farm, 320 acres
 Selmer Russel farm, 320 acres
 T. J. Coggin farm, 640 acres
 W. H. Alexander farm, 160 acres

One house and lot here in town, besides we have sold other property during this time not located in the Merkel country. Now this should be conclusive evidence to you that each of us know how to deliver the goods in real estate deals and I thank you for the manifestation of confidence and patronage in the past and up to the present time and shall do my part to retain your confidence and I solicit a continuance of your patronage.

Yours sincerely,

L. H. KING MERKEL, TEXAS

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Groene's Art Store. Open 8 to 6; and 8 to 10 on Saturdays.

W. T. Potter went to Ballinger Wednesday on business.

If your clothes are dirty you don't look good. The Tailor.

Misses Stella and Strossy Martin are visiting in Midland.

We will pay you the highest market prices for your grain. B. C. Gaither & Sons.

Mrs. Barlow went to Sweetwater Tuesday to visit her sisters.

If you don't believe The Tailor is game come around and he will clean you up.

Mrs. Edwards is visiting in Midland this week.

Wheat and Oat Bags and Binder twine at the lowest price at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Mr. & Mrs. McFarland of Eskota who have been with T. E. Paylor and wife for several days returned Monday.

The uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has made it a favorite everywhere. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. A. M. Davis.

Mrs. A. M. Davis, mother of Eugene Hargrove and Mrs. Burl Wheeler died Wednesday evening at 4:30 at the residence of her daughter. She had been sick for some time at Holloway, New Mexico but on account of the high altitude was brought back to Merkel several weeks ago. She was 50 years old and a member of the Methodist church at this place having been a resident of Merkel for years previous to moving to New Mexico. She leaves six children, a husband and many friends to suffer the loss. She was buried Thursday in Rose Hill cemetery. The Mail extends sympathy to family.

Sore Nipples.

Any mother who has had experience with this distressing ailment will be pleased to know that a cure may be effected by applying Chamberlain's Salve as soon as the child is done nursing. Wipe it off with a soft cloth before allowing the babe to nurse. Many trained nurses use this salve with best results. For sale by all dealers.

Capt. J. H. Oliver who has been looking after his railroad contracts for several days is at home.

Whose phone is 48? The Tailor

Through a letter from Mrs. L. R. Porter to a friend in Merkel we learn of the death of her mother at Smith Grove, Ky., on the 3rd day of June. It had been just two months since the death of her father who had been an ordained Presbyterian preacher for 60 years. The Mail sympathizes with her in this trouble.

Anyone needing a second-hand folding upright or mantel bed will save money by seeing what we have to offer. The Furniture People—Behrens-McMillen Company.

J. W. Childress a prosperous farmer who lives three miles east of Merkel was in town Saturday and reports that his crop so far is looking all right. Mr. Childress has been in the west several years and when it don't rain get a little blue but don't say much because he knows how unpopular a knocker is in this country.

We want your chickens and eggs every day in the week, highest cash price. Kent Street Grain and Grocery Co.

Whooping cough is not dangerous when the cough is kept loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It has been used in many epidemics of this disease with perfect success. For sale by all dealers

The faculty of the Merkel school for the next year is complete except a music teacher for the south side and are R. L. Krigbaum superintendent, B. M. Black, principal high school, J. N. Routh principal Northside building, Miss E. Love Hawkins, Miss Bessie Medlen, Miss Leila Nisbett, Miss Minta Maxey, Miss Jewel Garrett, Miss Myrtle Conner, Miss Mattie Murphy, Miss Ora Long, Miss May Valentine, Miss Willie Valentine, Miss Maude Jenkins, Miss Laura Jennings music teacher north side.

We will give a can of JACK FROST Baking powder FREE with every sack of LIGHT CRUST FLOUR sold this and next week. Order a sack and have good bread, you couldn't fail with this brand of Flour and Baking Powder. For sale only at Merkel Dry Goods and Grocery Company.

Dr. Cox's Painless Blister, price 50c. Guaranteed to blister without pain or money refunded. For sale by all druggists.

Miss Alice Williams of Abilene is visiting in Merkel.

Go to the City Barber Shop for first-class work. West & Evans, Proprietors.

BLADDER REMOVED IN REMARKABLE WAY

A year and a half ago I was taken with a severe attack of kidney trouble that pained me to such an extent that morphine had to be given me. Was attended by a doctor who pronounced it as stone in the bladder and prescribed Lithia Water. I took Lithia Water and tablets for some time and received no relief from them. I stopped taking medicines for some time and having some Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root in the house, I decided to try it and felt much relieved; while taking the second bottle commenced to pass gravel in urine until I had passed in all at least a half a dozen or more and have not suffered the slightest since and in all have taken one bottle and a half and feel very grateful to Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root.

Yours very truly,
H. W. SPINKS,
Camp Hill, Ala.

Personally appeared before me this 6th of August, 1909, H. W. Spinks, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that same is true in substance and in fact.

A. B. LEE,
Notary Public.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You
Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. For sale at all drug stores. Price fifty cents and one-dollar.

POOR RETURN FOR CHIVALRY

Incident That Probably Has Forever Discouraged Kind-Hearted Mr. Jones.

Chivalrous Mr. Jones purposely dropped a fifty-cent piece at the foot of a poorly dressed woman who passed through the Subway turnstile loud ly lamenting that the ticket agent had cheated her out of a half dollar, then he picked the money up and gave it to her.

"Excuse me, madame," said Mr. Jones, "I think you dropped this."

"Oh, no," she said, "it can't be mine. Perhaps you dropped it, your self."

"Oh, no," said Mr. Jones. "It is yours, I am sure. I picked it up just as you passed."

She took the money, and hurried after another man who had passed at the time the money dropped.

"Excuse me sir," she said, "I think you lost this."

"No," said the other man, and boarded a train that was ready to start.

"—!" said chivalrous Mr. Jones.—New York Times.

DOCTOR PRESCRIBES CUTICURA REMEDIES

"I wish to let you know of a couple of recent cures which I have made by the use of the Cuticura Remedies. Last August, Mr. — of this city came to my office, troubled with a severe skin eruption. It was dermatitis in its worst form. It started with a slight eruption and would affect most parts of his body, thighs, elbows, chest, back and abdomen—and would terminate in little pustules. The itching and burning was dreadful and he would almost tear his skin apart, trying to get relief. I recommended all the various treatments I could think of and he spent about fifteen dollars on prescriptions, but nothing seemed to help him.

"In the meantime my wife, who was continually suffering with a slight skin trouble and who had been trying different prescriptions and methods with my assistance, told me she was going to get some of the Cuticura Remedies and give them a fair trial. But as I did not know much about Cuticura at that time I was doubtful whether it would help her. Her skin would thicken, break and bleed, especially on the fingers, wrists and arms. I could do nothing to relieve her permanently. When she first applied the warm baths of Cuticura Soap and applications of Cuticura Ointment she saw a decided improvement and in a few days she was completely cured.

"I lost no time in recommending the Cuticura Remedies to Mr. —, and this was two months ago. I told him to wash with warm baths of the Cuticura Soap and to apply the Cuticura Ointment generously. Believe me, from the very first day's use of the Cuticura Remedies he was greatly relieved and today he is completely cured through their use. I have great faith in the Cuticura Remedies and shall always have a good word for them now that I am convinced of their wonderful merits." (Signed) B. L. Whitehead, M. D., 108 Dartmouth St., Boston, Mass., July 22, 1910.

Charged.

Willis—He calls himself a human dynamo.

Gillis—No wonder; everything he has on is charged.—Judge.

JAMES BRAID SAYS:

No Athlete can do himself justice if his feet hurt. Many thousands are using daily, abroad and in this country, Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to be shaken into the shoes. All the prominent Golfers and Tennis Players at Augusta, Pinehurst and Palm Beach got much satisfaction from its use this Spring. It gives a restfulness and a springy feeling that makes you forget you have feet. Allen's Foot-Ease is the greatest comfort discovery of the age and so easy to use. It prevents blisters or puffing and gives rest to tender or swollen feet. Seven before the public, over 30,000 copies. Don't go on your vacation without a package of Allen's Foot-Ease. There, 25c. Don't accept any sample sent FREE. Address: Allen's Foot-Ease, Le Roy, N. Y.

SERIAL STORY

ELUSIVE ISABEL

By
JACQUES FUTRELLE

Illustrations by M. KETNER

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SYNOPSIS.
Count di Rosini, the Italian ambassador, is at dinner with diplomats in the national capital when a messenger brings a note directing him to come to the embassy at once. Here a beautiful young woman asks that she be given a ticket to the embassy ball. The ticket is made out in the name of Miss Isabel Thorne.

CHAPTER II.

Mr. Campbell and the Cable.

Just as it is one man's business to manufacture watches, and another man's business to peddle shoe-strings, so it was Mr. Campbell's business to know things. He was a human card index, a governmental ready reference posted to the minute and backed by all the tremendous resources of a nation. From the little office in the Secret Service Bureau, where he sat day after day, radiating threads connected with the huge outer world, and enabled him to keep a firm hand on the diplomatic and departmental pulse of Washington. Perhaps he came nearer knowing everything that happened there than any other man living; and no man realized more perfectly than he just how little of all of it he did know.

In person Mr. Campbell was not unlike a retired grocer who had shaken the butter and eggs from his soul and settled back to enjoy a life of placid idleness. He was a little beyond middle age, pleasant of face, white of hair, and blessed with gulleless blue eyes. His genius had no sparkle to it; it consisted solely of detail and system and indefatigability, coupled with a memory that was well nigh infallible. His brain was as serene and orderly as a cash register; one almost expected to hear it click.

He sat at his desk intently studying a cable despatch which lay before him. It was in the Secret Service code. Leaning over his shoulder was Mr. Grimm—the Mr. Grimm of the bureau. Mr. Grimm was an utterly different type from his chief. He was younger, perhaps thirty-one or two, physically well proportioned, a little above the average height, with regular features and listless, purposeless eyes—a replica of a hundred other young men who dawdle idly in the windows of their clubs and watch the world hurry by. His manner was languid; his dress showed fastidious care.

Sentence by sentence the bewildering intricacies of the code gave way before the placid understanding of Chief Campbell, and word by word, from the chaos of it, a translation took intelligible form upon a sheet of paper under his right hand. Mr. Grimm, looking on, exhibited only a most perfunctory interest in the extraordinary message he was reading; the listless eyes narrowed a little, that was all. It was a special despatch from Lisbon dated that morning, and signed simply "Gault." Completely translated it ran thus:

"Secret offensive and defensive alliance of the Latin against the English-speaking nations of the world is planned. Italy, France, Spain and two South American republics will soon sign compact in Washington. Proposition just made to Portugal, and may be accepted. Special envoys now working in Mexico and Central and South America. Germany invited to join, but refuses as yet, giving, however, tacit support; attitude of Russia and Japan unknown to me. Prince Benedetto d'Abuzzi believed to be in Washington at present has absolute power to sign for Italy, France and Spain. Profound secrecy enjoined and preserved. I learned of it by underground. Shall I inform our minister? Cable instructions."

"So much!" commented Mr. Campbell. He clasped his hands behind his head, lay back in his chair and sat for a long time, staring with steadfast, thoughtful eyes into the impassive face of his subordinate. Mr. Grimm perched himself on the edge of the desk and with his legs dangling read the despatch a second time, and a third.

"If," he observed slowly, "if any other man than Gault had sent that I should have said he was crazy."

"The peace of the world is in peril," Mr. Grimm, said Campbell impressively, at last. "It had to come, of course, the United States and England against a large part of Europe and all of Central and South America. It had to come, and yet—"

He broke off abruptly, and picked up the receiver of his desk telephone. "The White House, please," he requested curtly, and then, after a moment: "Hello! Please ask the president if he will receive Mr. Campbell immediately. Yes, Mr. Campbell of the Secret Service." There was a pause. Mr. Grimm remained silent.

maculate person from the... and took a chair. "Hello! In an hour? So much!"

The pages of the Almanac de Gotha fluttered through his fingers, and finally he leaned forward and studied a paragraph of it closely. When he raised his eyes again there was that in them which Mr. Grimm had never seen before—a settled, darkening shadow.

"The world war has long been a chimera, Mr. Grimm," he remarked at last, "but now—now! Think of it! Of course, the Central and South American countries, taken separately, are inconsequential, and that is true, too, of the Latin countries of Europe, except France, but taken in combination, under one directing mind, the allied navies would be formidable, at least. Backed by the moral support of Germany, and perhaps Japan—! Don't you see? Don't you see?"

He lapsed into silence. Mr. Grimm opened his lips to ask a question. Mr. Campbell anticipated it unerringly:

"The purpose of such an alliance? It is not too much to construe it into the first step toward a world-war—a war of reprisal and conquest beside which the other great wars of the world would seem trivial. For the fact has at last come home to the nations of the world that ultimately the English-speaking peoples will dominate it—dominate it because they are the practical peoples. They have given to the world all its great practical inventions—the railroads, the steamship, electricity, the telegraph and cable—all of them; they are the great civilizing forces, rounding the world up to new moral understanding, for what England has done in Africa and India we have done in a smaller way in the Philippines and Cuba and Porto Rico; they are the great commercial peoples, slowly but surely winning the market-places of the earth; whenever the English or the American flag is planted there the English tongue is being spoken, and there the peoples are being taught the sanity of right living and square dealing."

"It requires no great effort of the imagination, Mr. Grimm, to foresee that day when the traditional power



"If Any Other Man Than Gault Had Sent That I Should Have Said He Was Crazy."

of Paris, and Berlin, and St. Petersburg, and Madrid will be Henry-combed by the steady encroachment of our methods. This alliance would indicate that already that day has been foreseen; that there is now a resentment which is about to find expression in one great, desperate struggle for world supremacy. A few hundred years ago Italy—or Rome—was stripped of her power; only recently the United States dispelled the illusion that Spain was anything but a shell; and France—! One can't help but wonder if the power she boasts is not principally on paper. But if their forces are combined? Do you see? It would be an enormous power to reckon with, with a hundred bases of supplies right at our doors."

He rose suddenly and walked over to the window, where he stood for a moment, staring out with unseeing eyes.

"Given a yard of canvas, Mr. Grimm," he went on finally, "a Spanish boy will weave it, a French boy will paint a picture on it, an English boy will build a sail-boat, and an American boy will erect a tent. That fully illustrates the differences in the races."

He abandoned the didactic tone, and returned to the material matter in hand. Mr. Grimm passed him the despatch and he sat down again.

"Will soon sign compact in Washington," he read musingly. "Now I don't know that the signing of that compact can be prevented, but the signing of it on United States soil can be prevented. You will see to that, Mr. Grimm."

"Very well," the young man agreed carelessly. The magnitude of such a task made, apparently, not the slightest impression on him. He languidly drew on his gloves.

"And meanwhile I shall take steps to ascertain the attitude of Russian and Japanese representatives in this city."

Mr. Grimm nodded.

ing some... perfection of the deliberate indifference with which Mr. Grimm masked his emotions. In his admiration of this quality he quite overlooked the remarkable mask of benevolence behind which he himself hid.

"And the name, D'Abuzzi," he remarked, after a time. "What does it mean to you, Mr. Grimm?"

"It means that I am to deal with a prince of the royal blood of Italy," was the unhesitating response. Mr. Grimm picked up the Almanac de Gotha and glanced at the open page. "Of course, the first thing to do is to find him; the rest will be simple enough." He perused the page carelessly. "I will begin work at once."

CHAPTER III.

The Language of the Fan.

Mr. Grimm was chatting idly with Senorita Rodriguez, daughter of the minister from Venezuela, the while he permitted his listless eyes to wander aimlessly about the spacious billiard room of the German embassy, ablaze with festooned lights, and brilliant with a multi-colored chaos of uniforms. Glimming pearl-white translucent in the mass, were the bare shoulders of woman; and from far off came the plaintive whine of an orchestra, a pulsing sense rather than a living sound, of music, pointed here and there by the staccato cry of a flute. A zephyr, perfumed with the clean, fresh odor of lilies, stirred the draperies of the archway which led into the conservatory and rustled the bending branches of palms and ferns.

For a scant instant Mr. Grimm's eyes rested on a young woman who sat a dozen feet away, talking in playful animation, with an under-secretary of the British embassy—a young woman severely gowned in some glittering stuff which fell away sheeringly from her splendid bare shoulders. She glanced up, as if in acknowledgment of his look, and her eyes met his. Frank, blue-gray eyes they were, stirred to their depths now by amusement. She smiled at Senorita Rodriguez, in token of recognition.

"Aren't they wonderful?" asked Senorita Rodriguez with the quick, bubbling enthusiasm of her race.

"What?" asked Mr. Grimm.

"Her eyes," was the reply. "Every person has one dominant feature—with Miss Thorne it is her eyes."

"Miss Thorne?" Mr. Grimm repeated. "Haven't you met her?" the senorita went on. "Miss Isabel Thorne? She only arrived a few days ago—the night of the state ball. She's my guest at the legation. When an opportunity comes I shall present you to her."

She ran on, about other things, with only an occasional remark from Mr. Grimm, who was thoughtfully nursing his knee. Somewhere through the chatter and effervescent gaiety, mingling with the sound of the pulsing music, he had a singular impression of a rhythmic beat, an indistinct tattoo, noticeable, perhaps, only because of its monotony. After a moment he shot a quick glance at Miss Thorne and understood; it was the tapping of an exquisitely wrought ivory fan against one of her tapering, gloved fingers. She was talking and smiling.

"Dot-dash-dot! Dot-dash-dot! Dot-dash-dot!" said the fan.

Mr. Grimm twisted around in his seat and regaled his listless eyes with a long look into the senorita's pretty face. Behind the careless ease of repose he was mechanically isolating the faint clatter of the fan.

"Dot-dash-dot! Dot-dash-dot! Dot-dash-dot!"

"Did any one ever accuse you of staring, Mr. Grimm?" demanded the senorita, banteringly.

For an instant Mr. Grimm continued to stare, and then his listless eyes swept the ballroom, passing involuntarily at the scarlet splendor of the minister from Turkey.

"I beg your pardon," he apologized, contritely. There was a pause. "The minister from Turkey looks like a barn on fire, doesn't he?"

(TO BE CONTINUED)

World's Greatest Oil Well.

The scene in the Potrero del Llano district, a few miles above here, where the biggest oil well in the world has been active since January 3, 1911, cannot be adequately described. Imagine a solid column of oil shooting to a height of more than four hundred and fifty feet from a hole in the earth, with a mist of minute globules carried by the wind for more than ten miles settling down upon the vegetation and forming pools of oil within that radius; then a great lake of the fluid four miles long by three miles wide and formed by means of an earthen dam hastily thrown across a natural reservoir, and at the lowest depression of the bank of this lake a channel several feet wide leading into the Tuxpan river, through which the overflow of oil from the wonderful geyser is constantly going to waste.—Tuxpaw (Mexico) Dispatch.

Took the Warning.

"Charles," said a sharp-voiced woman to her husband in a railway carriage, "do you know that you and I once had a romance in a railway carriage?"

"Never heard of it," replied Charles in a subdued tone.

"I thought you hadn't; but don't you remember it was that pair of slippers I presented to you the Christmas before we were married that led to our union? You remember how nicely they fitted, don't you? Well, Charles, one day when we were going to a picnic you had your feet up on a seat and when you weren't looking I took your measure. But for that pair of slippers I don't believe we'd ever been married."

A young unmarried man, sitting immediately took down his feet from a seat.

A Right Judgment

By REV. A. E. ANDRE
Pastor of Elm Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

TEXT—And we know that we are of God, and that the whole world lieth in wickedness.—John 5, 19.

Christ himself appeals to us, as he did to the Jews of old when he says: "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge the righteous judgment."

And well we need to heed the appeal. To judge by appearance is a most common weakness. Of all historical characters who have been subjected to the misjudgment of his fellow men does not Christ stand emphatically marked as the Misjudged One? Misjudged by his townsmen, misjudged by the spiritual leaders of his time, whose duty it was to have watched the signs of their times predicted by the prophets and so clearly fulfilled before their own eyes that he that runneth might read, and yet the majority failed to recognize the Anointed One.

Misjudged by scribes, Pharisees, the Sanhedrim with two notable exceptions, he did not even escape the total misjudgment of his own disciples and his own kin.

Not only did Christ's contemporaries fail to judge the righteous judgment. Others of other times, yea, even of our own, have shown the same lack of judgment. With the Jews as a nation and within the church, among the gentiles, though on different lines, misjudgment of Christ, that somber specter of unbelief, has tacitly adhered throughout the ages as a doleful heirloom.

Mary, in her lack of appreciation of the divinity of her child, fails to judge a righteous judgment when she found him in the temple questioning and hearing, and receives as a rebuke: "Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?"

The scribes saw in him only the carpenter's son and, arrogant in their classical pride, asked, with supercilious contempt, "Whence hath he then this learning?"

The Pharisees, blinded by their self-righteousness which amounted to self-worship and created around themselves an air of exclusive sanctity in nothing second to the caste feeling of the Brahmin, seeing Jesus "receiving sinners and eating with them," and judging by appearances, saw in him only one of the puebel aspiring to a thing beyond his reach and ken and said: "Praise God, we know that this man is a sinner!"—John 10:24.

The priesthood, who, with the Pharisees only added burden to burden upon the people, without aiding them with their smallest finger, as well as the Sanhedrim as a whole, looked upon this Jesus who did well, helping all, as one playing to the galleries for ulterior purposes; a usurper and an interloper within.

The Jew of today judges most harshly of him who has done most to exalt the nation whose only excuse for existence is that he, the despised one, should come through it, for the despising of whom they are today despised, but through whom they shall see him whom they have pierced and acknowledged him the Messiah.

The Mohammedan judges of him as the prophet whose term has expired only to be supplanted by another.

The Unitarian, the Theosophist, the Brahma Sumaj, Reformed Buddhist and others of a similar stamp, agree in assigning to Christ a place in their systems as a good man, the best man, a teacher, a model, a prophet, yea, even a God, lacking in judgment and failing to judge the righteous judgment.

And why? For, says Jesus, "Ye judge after the flesh."—John 8:15. Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned. God is a spirit and those that worship him must worship him in spirit and truth. Only those who have been spiritually regenerated, thus having received the spirit of God, can judge a righteous judgment of the person and divinity of Jesus Christ. No man can say that Jesus is the Lord but by the Holy Spirit."—1 Cor. 12:3. "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ who denieth the Father and the Son."—1 John, 2:22.

Is then Christ misjudged by all? No, blessed be God, he has yet a remnant preserved unto himself, "7,000 knees who have not bowed unto Baal."

Then asked Jesus of them, "Whom say ye that I am?" And Simon Peter answered and said, "Thou art the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered and said unto him, "Blessed are thou, Simon Barjona, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it into thee but my father which is in Heaven."

The man who was born blind, healed by Jesus, driven out of the synagogue by the blinded priests and Pharisees, judged a righteous judgment and acknowledged and worshipped Jesus as the Son of God.—John 9.

Jesus himself said (John 10), "I am the Son of God, and furthermore the Father and I are one, he who seeth me seeth the Father."

At his baptism and at the transfiguration God himself by a voice out of Heaven bore him witness. This is a sure saying worthy of all acceptance. Let us ask of him and he will give you the spirit who will lead you into all the truth as it is in Christ Jesus.

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His Disqualification.

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COMES A TIME

When Coffee Shows What It Has Doing.

"Of late years coffee has disas with me," writes a matron from N. Y.

"Its lightest punishment, make me 'loggy' and dizzy, it led to thickened up my blood."

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MRS. W. H. DICKSON, EDITOR

Coggin-Crouch Wedding.

The most notable of the season and one around which was centered the social interest of Merkel was the marriage of Miss Jewell Coggin to Mr. Axel Guy Crouch of Oklahoma City at the Methodist church Wednesday evening, June 7.

The church could not have presented a more beautiful appearance than with the elaborate decorations of pink and white flowers, trailing vines, banks of ferns and palms, the result of arduous but artistic work of friends. The chancel rail was covered with green interspersed with pink and pink flowers. In front of the altar was a massive arch from which was suspended the wedding bell, under which the bridal couple stood. A white satin kneeling pillow was placed in front of the chancel rail. Streamers of the bride's chosen flowers were extended from the arch to the chandeliers on either side of the church and back over the altar caught in festoons over the palms where Miss Inice Moon presided over the piano. Just preceding the ceremony Miss O'Briant appeared among the palms and sang "Call me Thine Own."

At the stroke of eight, as the mendselohh wedding march was rendered, the bridal party entered. The ushers, Misses Annie Lou O'Briant and Pet Sears leading the way, followed by the bridesmaids, Misses Mossie Sears and Tillie Moser, then came the maid of honor, Mrs. Zora Coggin, next were the little flower girls, Eula May Coggin and Lenora May Williams, sister and cousin of the bride. They were daintily gowned in white and pink ribbons, these little fairies scattered rose petals in the pathway of the bride, who entered leaning on the arm of her father, T. J. Coggin. She was a perfect picture of loveliness in a white brocaded satin gown with pearl trimmings, the long sweeping veil was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of bride roses from which fell a shower of the lilies of the valley. The groom and his best man, Otti Coggin, the bride's brother, awaited their coming at the altar.

The beautiful and impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. A. M. Martin.

The colors were carried out in the costumes worn by the young ladies in the bridal party. Each was robed in white, wearing a wreath of pink flowers or ribbons and carrying bridesmaid roses and pink carnations.

The bride in this wedding is one of Merkel's most popular and beloved girls, a jewel most rare. The groom is a prominent young business man of Oklahoma City.

Immediately after the ceremony the newly wedded young couple and the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride's parents, where a few friends had assembled to enjoy the hospitality always received at this typical southern home. An informal reception was held in which the wedding colors were much in evidence. An ice course was served, carrying out the colors in the pink and white brick cream and angel food. Many beautiful bridal presents were admired. Hundreds of friends had shown their love and esteem for this popular young couple. Many of the gifts had already been packed. They will adorn the Crouch home in Oklahoma where a cordial welcome awaits all their Merkel friends.

The maid of honor's bouquet of carnations was used to test the fate of the young ladies present. Miss Pet Sears carnation contained the dime, the ring went to Miss Annie T. Daniel. Miss Mossie Sears is the proud owner of the thimble, while the button passed into the keeping of Miss Annie Lou O'Briant.

The bride's going away frock was a handsome tailored suit of black and white. Mr. and Mrs. Crouch left on the 11:18 p.m. train for their home in Oklahoma with the congratulations and good wishes that were showered on them by many friends who accompanied them to the station to bid them goodspeed.

Wednesday evening June 7 a picnic crowd went out to Mr. Teaff's where they spread their supper under the bright rays of the moon. The party was composed of the young people from the different classes of the Baptist church and were chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Britian. Those present were Misses Pipes, Rister, Merritt, Warren, Sutphen, Rister, Banner, Howard, Haley of Matarador, Dollie, Ova, Dovie and Mary Teaff, Ina and Maggie Wheeler, Moore; Messrs. Lofton, Dean, Nelson, Cordill, Cordill, Sublett, Hicks, Clyde and Barney Garrett, Collins, Merritt, Ferrier, Picklesimer, Scott of Abilene.

Thursday evening a sun-light, moonlight picnic crowd went out to C. L. Teaff's tank where they had a most enjoyable time, games were enjoyed and supper was served. The

crowd went out on floats. The personnel: Misses Warren, Moon, Britton o' Cisco, Lowrey, Gladys and Mattie Christopher, Stallings, Allie, Jackie and Mary Jennings, Rust, Fay and Fannie Douglas; Mesdames Jennings, Shelton, Elliott and Simpson, C. L. McNeese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Angus.

Miss Tillie Moser of Dallas was the honoree at a chicken fry Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson. Miss Moser left at 11:18 that evening for her home. The guests included: Misses Moser, Sears, Coggin, O'Briant, Haley; Mesdames Sinclair, Gaither, Britain; Messrs. Gaither, Britain, Faucett, Coggin, Coffey of the Davis Mountains, Davis.

The Baraca Class of the First Baptist church met in regular business session Tuesday night at the home of J.A. Collins and besides the regular business officers were elected for next term as follows: J. T. Warren, teacher; Robert Hicks, president; Elbert Dean, vice-president; Miller Elliott, secretary and treasurer; Jack Walker, assistant. After the business was completed the boys were delightfully surprised, the Philatha class had by some unknown means discovered that the boys were to have ice cream and cake so they "budded in" and both classes were soon enjoying the hospitalities of this home. Those present: Misses Merritt, Swann, Cash, Warren, Allen, Sharp, Ina and Maggie Wheeler, Eugenia and Carroll Rister, Sadie and Annie Collins; Messrs. Lofton, Merritt, Hicks, Elliott, Walker, Swann, Garr tt, Collins, Elbert and Floyd Dean; Mr. and Mrs. Britain and Sunday school Supt. J. T. Howard.

On Saturday night June 17 the Baraca class of the Methodist church will hold its regular semi-monthly business meeting at the home of J.E. McDonald. There are many matters of importance to be discussed and if you would know what the class is doing and have a voice in her affairs be with us Saturday night. You are earnestly requested to be present. Simpson Christopher, Pres.

On Friday evening Miss Bera Stallings entertained a few of her friends in an informal way with a miscellaneous shower for Miss Lillian Howard, a bride-to-be.

The grassy lawn had been transformed into a beautiful Japanese tea garden. Rugs and floor pillows were arranged into cozy nooks and corners. The moon was beautiful, she shed her soft light over the merry fun makers, being most radiantly draped in a gay "rainbow" gown. A vine-covered well surrounded by flowers attracted the attention and excited much curiosity. The little moss covered oaken bucket recalled the beautiful lines "The old Oaken Bucket, the moss covered bucket, the iron bound bucket that hung in the well."

The guests were invited to come to the well to look into the future. As each drew a red heart from the bucket she read its contents to all by the light of the moon. In Miss Sophie Howard's heart was hidden the ring. The button was holding fast to the heart drawn by Miss Margie Saffle, while the thimble will help Miss Faye Lowrey make her own way through life. The dime told of great riches for Miss Ova Teaff. Miss Howard was then conducted to the well to try her fate. She received the "shower drops" as they were drawn one by one with the windlass that overhung the well. Each "drop" expressed the loving kindness and thoughtfulness of some friend. A delicious ice course was served to about thirty guests.

A large crowd of young people were invited out to the country home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buford 2 miles north of town Saturday evening when Mrs. Buford honored her son Rush and Miss Winnie Sandlin with a joint birthday party. Arrangements were made to entertain the young people on the porch and lawn, snap was played with other outdoor games. The breaking of candy proved a delightful feature of this well appointed party. Between 50 and 60 were present. The crowd from town went out in buggies and surries and reported a pleasant time.

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B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject for Sunday June 18, "Hatred." Leader, Miss Flay Gunn. Scripture reading, Pa. 23:1-6. Prayer. Definition of hatred—Grady Collins. Prayer. What hatred leads to—Miss Eva Cash. What christians should do instead of hating others—Miss Maxie Banner. Song. Dismissal.

League Program June 18.

Subject "Spiritual Gifts and their use in the Mission Fields." Leader, G. W. Hawkins. Song, Holy Spirit Faithful Guide. Lord's Prayer in concert. Song, No. 45. Scripture reading, Rom. viii:1-16. Prayer by leader. Song, No. 41. Simplicity of spiritual gifts—Miss Jessie Sutphen. Using spiritual gifts becoming—Miss Genevieve Rust. Source of spiritual gifts—Ulysses McNeese. Special manifestation—Frank Smith. Improvement of spiritual gifts—Stanley King. Greatest of these—Miss Lizzie May Freeman. Sentence prayers by Leaguers. Duets—Dora Lee Potter and Roxie Moon. Address by T. A. Johnson. Miscellaneous. Announcements. Benediction.

T. J. Walker of Nubia.

On May 20, T.J. Walker of Nubia celebrated his 81st birthday and all of his children were present but one. He has seven children, 38 grand children and 16 great grand children. Mr. Walker was born and reared in Polk county, N. C. Came to Texas 41 years ago and settled in Williamson county, afterwards lived in Hamilton county but has lived in Taylor county for about 15 years. After taking three votes North Carolina made the ordinance of secession unanimous and furnished as many or more troops to the southern cause than any other state and Mr. Walker enlisted in Co. B. First South Carolina Artillery and got some taste of what war meant at Fort Sumpter. Was wounded on James Island June 4, 1864 in an attempt to retake a battery. Had six brothers in the army, all got back home but one who was killed in the battle of the Wilderness.

He takes great pride in telling that he was born in North Carolina and that he fought in the confederate army and especially glad that he did not get killed. One instance of patriotism he remembers was the case of the Patterson sisters who tore up their silk dresses to make a confederate flag. Thousands of these southern heroines lived in those days whose names never appeared on the pages of history.

Mr. Walker also has the enviable honor of having never been in a saloon to take a drink and was never arrested nor charged with the violation of the law either military or civil and he further says that he never swore profanely in his life. What a valuable legacy to leave his children. May they and all his posterity emulate his example.

Mr. Walker is now living with his fourth wife and is as hale and jovial as the average man of fifty. He says he is ready to die but expects to live right on enjoying this life to the very last minute.

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An Explanation.

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We have always voted for prohibition, in fact have been on the moral side of every question according to our way of looking at them, and have always been willing to accord to other people the same rights, without impugning their motives or abusing their views. Then, our only reason for not publishing whatever may be handed in by any local citizen is lack of space to do it in an impartial way.

Miss Lillian Howard and Rufus Grisham of Hamlin were quietly married Wednesday evening at the residence of J. T. Howard, the bride's father, Rev. J. H. Saffles officiating a report of which by our society editor will appear in our next issue.

Sam Gant on route 3 called at our office one day last week and spent a few minutes in a social chat and before he left we got his address and agreed to send him the Mail every week. We enjoy such visits.

Mrs. H. M. Rose's grand mother, Mrs. Hale and her mother, Mrs. Wilson of Stephenville and her aunt, Mrs. Holcomb of San Angelo who have been visiting her for several days returned Tuesday.

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Ira Shafer was in town Monday and reported that his father could not get along without the Mail. So we added him to our list.

An automobile crowd consisting of C. L. Barker, J. H. Oliver, J. D. Gaither and Ross Ferrier went to Blackwell Thursday on business.

Miss May Derstine and Mrs. Newberry took in the childrens day exercises at Kale Sunday and report lots to eat and an enjoyable day from the items we see on it and the report we get of how well it was rendered we are sorry that we did not hear it sooner.

Diggs Jennings stopped over on his way to New Mexico and spent a day with his mother. Will stop again on his return.

Forest Gaither is at home from Georgetown School.

After The Grippe

"I am much pleased, to be able to write and tell you for what Cardui has done for me," writes Mrs. S. J. Gilliland, of Siler City, N. C.

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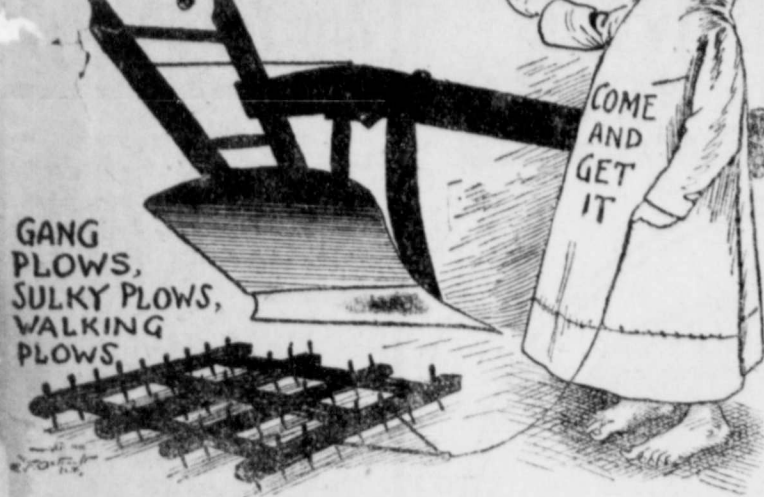
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"My wife would have been in her grave to-day," writes O. H. Brown, of Muscadine, Ala., "if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery. She was down in her bed, not able to get up without help. She had a severe bronchial trouble and a dreadful cough. I got her a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, and she soon began to mend, and was well in a short time." Infallible for coughs and colds, its most reliable remedy on earth for desperate lung trouble, hemorrhages, la grippe, asthma, hay fever, croup and whooping cough. 50c, \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by H. C. Burroughs.

Mental Processes of Genius.

The distinguished French mathematician and physicist, Prof. Henri Poincare, has been made the subject of a curious psychological study by Doctor Toulouse. The most singular thing shown by his observations, Doctor Toulouse thinks, is that Poincare's discoveries have not been reached by concentration of mental effort, but have often come to him spontaneously, when his thoughts have been turned in quite different directions. Nevertheless, the mental concentration occurs, and the great mathematician, while engaged in his work, often becomes unmindful of matters of every-day life. For the faculty of suddenly conceiving new ideas when the thoughts have been turned away from the particular subject to which they refer, Doctor Toulouse proposes the name of "autoconduction." He regards it as especially characteristic of mathematicians.—Youth's Companion.

Lightning Kills Few.

In 1906 lightning killed only 169 people in this whole country. One's chances of death by lightning are less than two in a million. The chance of death from liver, kidney or stomach trouble is vastly greater, but not if Electric Bitters be used, as Robert Madsen, of West Burlington, Ia., proved. Four doctors gave him up after eight months of suffering from virulent liver trouble and yellow jaundice. He was then completely cured by Electric Bitters. They're the best stomach, liver, nerve and kidney remedy and blood purifier on earth. Only 50c at H. C. Burroughs.

FEW PERSONS SAW THE JOKE

Wholesale Order for Humming Birds' Tongues Surprised New Yorker and Caused Protests.

Something like two years ago the manager of a New York hotel was surprised by a request from San Antonio, Tex., for him to send down there all the humming birds' tongues he could buy in the market. He realized that somebody was the victim of a practical joke, but not until yesterday did he get the details, when the man responsible turned up in New York. The joker gave this explanation:

"The manager of one of the hotels down there is an Englishman. As president Charles W. Elliot of Harvard was about to visit the town preparations were made to give him the very finest banquet that could be put together. The manager came to me and asked me to suggest some rare dish that would be sensational. I suggested humming birds' tongues.

"By Gawge, that's just the ideal, he said, 'but I say, old chap, where shall I get them?' I told him they were plentiful in the neighborhood of Tampico and at his request dictated a request to a friend down there to get as many humming birds' tongues as he could and send them on. The Englishman's idea at first was to cook them and have them on the table as a sort of centerpiece, with each guest to be allowed a taste, but he changed his mind and decided to serve them at each plate. That's why I got him to telegraph to the hotel manager here.

"Well, sir, I must have got as many as 1,000 letters from members of the Audubon Society protesting against the wholesale slaughter of the birds, and some letters came from abroad. So there were other persons besides the Englishman who did not see the joke. He has not yet caught on."

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German East African Caves.

A remarkable system of subterranean caves in German East Africa has been discovered and partly explored by Father Ambrosius, a Roman Catholic missionary, and Herr Thurmann, a German official.

The caves are situated in the Matumbi mountains and natives never ventured farther than a small grotto, the first one encountered, as they said an evil spirit dwelt within. The two explorers discovered a hole at the end of this grotto which led to a great cavern 3,300 feet in length, filled with deep pools in which strange eel-like fish lived. Stalactites and stalagmites twenty-five feet in length were plentiful here.

Further searches resulted in the discovery of other huge caves at deeper levels. A second level lay 150 feet deeper, a third sixty feet below the second, and a fourth ninety feet below the third. From this the explorers had to retreat, as thousands of bats attacked them, and their lanterns were in danger of being extinguished by these creatures.

A Peek Into His Pocket

would show the box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve that E. S. Loper, a carpenter, of Marilly, N. Y., always carries." I have never had a cut, wound, bruise, or sore it would not soon heal," he writes. Greatest healer of burns, boils, scalds chapped hands and lips, fever-sores, skin-eruptions, eczema, corns and piles. 25c. at H. C. Burroughs.

Fighting the Mongoose.

In Jamaica there is a premium on the head of every mongoose. Like the English sparrow, the Indian mongoose was imported to Jamaica to drive out snakes, but the agent became, in turn, a pest itself, and the mongoose, in addition to killing snakes, killed chickens and practically every small thing that came within its reach. Consequently, its doom was sealed and a price set upon its head. The United States was forced to follow, and the mongoose can only come into this country by the smuggling process, unless directed to a zoo.

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Joke on Policeman.

A Dublin eccentric a short time ago entered a purveyor's shop and bought a ham. Having paid for his purchase, he requested that it should be hung outside the shop door, saying that he would call back for it. The customer then paced up and down outside the shop till a policeman came in sight, and just as the man in blue caught his eye he grabbed the ham and bolted. The constable, however, soon collared the thief, as he thought, and hauled him back to the shop. Having explained the nature of the alleged crime to the shop assistant, he asked the latter to charge the offender. "But," said the assistant, as he realized the joke, "it's his own ham! He was quite at liberty to take it in any circumstances he chose."

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to neglect liver trouble. Never do it. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills on the first sign of constipation, biliousness or inactive bowels and prevent virulent indigestion, jaundice or gall stones. They regulate liver, stomach and bowels and build up your health. Only 25c at H. C. Burroughs.

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"John," asked Mrs. Dorkins, "what is a 'political con game'?"
"Why, it's—a frame-up, you know."
"Yes, but what is a frame-up?"
"A—er—piece of bunk, of course; can't you—?"
"What is a piece of bunk?"
"Oh, shucks!" exclaimed Mr. Dorkins. "What's the use of trying to tell a woman anything about politics!"

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just exactly the cause of your rheumatism, but you know you have it. Do you know that Ballard's Snow Liniment will cure it?—relieves the pain—reduces the swelling and limbers the joints and muscles so that you will be as active and well as you ever were. Price 25c 50c and \$1.00. Sold by H. C. Burroughs.

Old Friend Missed.

Among those who visited the Astor library, before its doors were closed for the last time to the public, was an elderly, neatly clad man, who had been a regular patron of the place for years. He said to a man who saw him lingering in the vestibule: "Going uptown is a good move, no doubt, for the library, and the new quarters are of course much superior to those, but some of us feel bad about it. We were at home here. We were even accustomed to the drafts and knew where to sit to avoid them. We're too old to get used to the new place, and it costs five cents to get there. Too bad!"—New York Press.

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Wife—Darling, I want a new gown.
Husband—But you had a new one only a short time ago.
Wife—Yes, and my friend Ellen is to be married, and I can't wear the same dress I wore at her last wedding.
—Fliegende Blaetter.

HEARD IN A SOUTHERN HOTEL

Little Girl Explains That Young Lady is "Her Papa's New Step-wife."

It is said to have happened in a southern hotel, where those who seek perpetual spring spend the winter. The usual number of idle and curious old ladies sat upon the great veranda, discussing everybody but themselves, and attention was suddenly attracted by a handsome couple that passed through the hotel corridor, followed by a little girl, who, small as she was, appeared to be too old to be the daughter of the lady in the case. The handsome couple entered a motor car, and, waving an affectionate goodbye to the little girl, sped out of the hotel grounds with a loud whirr and disappeared up the distant roadway. The little girl watched them until they were quite out of sight, and then turning around she sought out a chair not far from the group of gossips. It was not long before her loneliness was noted by one of the ladies, who called out a pleasant greeting.

"I don't think I have seen you here before, my little girl," she said, with a gracious smile.

"No, ma'am," said the little girl. "We only got here last night."

"And do you like it here?" she was asked.

"Very much," she replied. "It's lovely here."

"And you didn't go motoring with your papa and mamma, did you?" said the good lady, subtly.

"No, I don't like motor cars," said the child. "It makes me seasick to ride in them."

"Your mamma is a very young looking lady to have so big a child as you are," said the good lady.

"She isn't my real mamma," said the child.

"Oh, indeed," said the good lady.

"No," said the little one, gravely. "She's my papa's new stepwife."—Horse Shoe Dood Gastig, in Judge.

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Toothless Saws.

Toothless saws have been in use cutting armor plate for a number of years. The theory of the disk is abrasion by local fusion, causing the very high speed of the disk, causing so many thousand inches of surface to impinge on the metal undercut that the material acted upon is heated at the point of contact to a temperature approaching, if not equal to, the fusing point. It appears as if a very small portion of the metal being cut immediately in the neighborhood of the point of contact is first melted and at once rubbed off, thus exposing a fresh surface to the frictional action, and that this process goes on continuously while the disk is working. The temperature of the disk must necessarily be much lower than the work in contact with it, owing to its large surface area, and when it is considered that all the frictional energy of the rotating disk is concentrated on an extremely small area of contact in the material subjected to its action the results obtained are not so surprising as appear at first sight.—Cassler's Magazine.

A Vital Point.

The most delicate part of a baby is its bowels. Every ailment that it suffers with attacks the bowels also endangering in most cases the life of the infant. McGee's Baby Elixir cures diarrhoea, dysentery and all derangements of the stomach or bowels.

Courteous to the Last.

A visitor to the jail in a New England city was much impressed by the manners of the few prisoners.

"They seem so gentle and so polite," she said. "I know there were no hardened criminals here, but I was not prepared for such courteous, even cordial receptions."

"Oh, they're cordial and courteous, all right," said the jailer, "but I'd rather have less manners, myself."

"You would!" and the visitor was evidently shocked.

"I would, ma'am," repeated the jailer. "Six months ago one of the politest men I had here escaped one night, and left a note for me saying, 'I trust you will pardon me for the liberty I take.'"

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The Cure for Pneumonia

by Pitt P. Hand

The STORY OF A NEW TREATMENT FOR THIS DISEASE WHICH HAS FAILED FOUR TIMES IN FOUR HUNDRED TRIALS

PNEUMONIA now has its anti-toxin. It has been tried in four hundred cases with only four failures to cure, and those four were in extremes when first treated. And, in many instances, with pneumonia traveled its brother assassin, typhoid fever. It has been tried out in a new, raw country where pneumonia comes at its most violent and collects its heaviest death toll, but, even under these extreme conditions, it has been tried and apparently proved.

Broadly the remedy is simple. A culture of the germs in a patient are taken. From each a vaccine is developed, and an anti-toxin, made by mixing the vaccines in the exact proportions in which the germs are found in the body, is injected in very large doses. Moderate doses are regarded as ineffectual, merely serving to further entrench the sensitive germs. But, by this remedy, they are not left standing room. They are cleansed from the body as with a hose.

The three germs which combine to kill pneumonia patients are pneumococcus, the direct cause of pneumonia; staphylococcus, which is responsible for localized abscesses and abscesses; and streptococcus, which causes erysipelas and blood poisoning and is ever ready to attack the weakened human structure. Each of these germs develops a metabolic fluid which can be transformed into an anti-toxin. As the doctors put it, the "remedy is auto-genous." Combine these self-created enemies, and send back an army of them, and the germs are annihilated. That is why all the two thousand cases treated have recovered. Once the anti-toxin was administered, the germs did not have a ghost of a chance.

This way to meet pneumonia's swift thrust is the discovery of Dr. August Francis Schafer, a country practitioner of Bakersfield, California. If Dr. Schafer had been in Paris, instead of an oil town in the depths of California, we would have been electrified by his discovery two years ago. As it is, he waited until he could bring it forth with its record of two thousand cases before he even took into his confidence the nearest medical society. Without those two thousand cases doctors would have been free to doubt. With them he has met the professional requirement of an infallible remedy.

How has he done it? How could a country doctor discover what all the laboratories of Europe have failed to reveal? These are natural questions. But it was not a fluke. The discovery was not made by accident. Dr. Schafer studied disease germs diligently for ten years and developed a laboratory not matched in the hospitals of San Francisco before he injected his anti-toxin into a human being. Then he tried it on himself to make sure that it was harmless. He is a scientific student, with a thorough knowledge of medicine and surgery. He would have worked out his theories anywhere. The accident lay in the fact that he lived in Bakersfield.

The Pneumonia Test.
 No more severe test could have been given the anti-toxin than Bakersfield has afforded in the past two years. In that district pneumonia accompanies most diseases, often in the duplex form in ten per cent. of the cases abscesses develop in the lung, or pus accumulates in the pleural cavity. Moreover, it comes swiftly and strikes suddenly. The oil rushes have built towns in a night. Rapid change, exposure and bad water have been followed by typhoid and pneumonia. Men have gone to bed feeling badly and never seen the end of the next day. They have fallen in the streets as if stricken with a plague. But for two years now most of the physicians in that part of the country have been inoculating their patients with serum provided by Dr. Schafer, and, contrary to the experience of all previous rush settlements, there has been no epidemic of pneumonia.

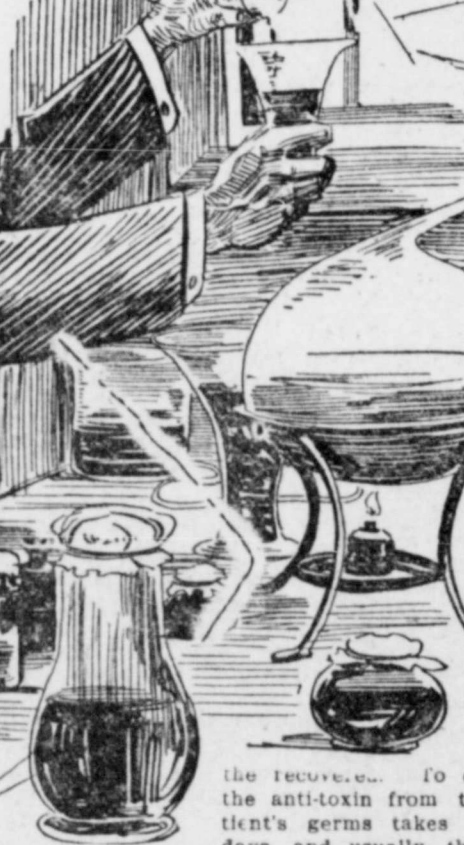
Extreme cases have been the rule in Dr. Schafer's practice. Even after all hope has been given up, he has pulled patients through. Among the pneumonia cases cured by him, before he took the world into his confidence, were:

Two infants.
 Twenty children from two to eleven years old.
 Eight chronic alcoholics, three of whom had delirium tremens.
 Sixteen cases with measles as well as pneumonia.

Three with blood poisoning in their hands and legs in addition to pneumonia.
 Three with peritonitis complications; and
 Twenty-two patients over sixty years old.

Among eighteen cases of duplex lobar pneumonia was a man of ninety-two, an almost unprecedented recovery. There were, besides, two cases following operations at childbirth, one three and the other six days after. The second woman was in desperate straits when Dr. Schafer saw her. She had a pulse of 180, when it could be palpated at all and her temperature was 108.8. But

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the recovery. To develop the anti-toxin from the patient's germs takes several days, and usually there is no time to waste, so in his Bakersfield practice Dr. Schafer worked out a rough formula which was found to be effective in local cases. He prepared what he termed a "mixed infection," which is worth knowing about for the lives it has already saved. As far as experiments have gone, it might be called the pneumonia anti-toxin. It is composed of equal portions of the counter-irritants to the three germs predominant in pneumonia. This mixture was the result of long experiment and is unquestionably a certain remedy for pneumonia in Bakersfield.

It is made by stimulating the artificial growth of the three germs by ordinary laboratory methods until the metabolic fluid thrown off has progressed sufficiently, when the cultured mass is incubated, macerated and disintegrated. The mixing of the resulting vaccines requires great skill.

This stock anti-toxin will probably prove to be valuable anywhere. In the first few days following the announcement of the remedy in January of this year, when San Francisco physicians could only believe it the work of a quack, Dr. Henry Spiro took a chance with it in a desperate situation, with astonishing results.

"A pneumonia patient was apparently dying," he explained afterwards, "and, in what seemed his last breath, he begged for any relief. But I could do nothing for him, except try the new Schafer remedy. And so, as a last resort, I injected into his veins twice the amount of the anti-toxin Dr. Schafer prescribed.

"An hour later he showed improvement. Before night he was out of danger. In eight days he walked from the hospital. In much less serious cases it would ordinarily have taken him at least three weeks."

The charts and records of this case are in St. Francis Hospital, San Francisco.

In practice the stock anti-toxin has been used, but, unless the patient has shown immediate benefits, cultures have been taken and special preparations made in which the anti-toxins have been mixed in the exact proportions in which the germs were found in the body. And, in every case in which this has been done, the patient has promptly rallied and got well.

Two years ago Dr. Schafer took into his confidence four other physicians in Bakersfield. One of them, Dr. N. N. Brown, alone treated over a thousand cases without a death. Some of them were for publishing the discovery to the world. They said Dr. Schafer was hiding his light under a bushel. But Dr. Schafer was against it. He knew that if he had a real, enduring light, it would shine out from under the bushel.

First it became known in the surrounding country that Bakersfield was the place to go to and be cured. Then the news gradually spread, and cure after cure made the light burn brightly under the bushel. But it was not until this winter that it attracted the attention of San Francisco physicians. Several, after listening to tales of seemingly impossible cures, went down to Bakersfield, dubious but curious.

Among these visitors was Dr. Frederick Fehleisen, a scientific bacteriologist who discovered the micro-organism which causes erysipelas. He remained two weeks, and at the end of that time

returned enthusiastic. After some difficulty he was able to persuade the San Francisco Medical Society to invite Dr. Schafer to deliver an address. The facts of Dr. Schafer's cures were unbelievable, but the audience could not help being impressed by the intense, dynamic aspect of the man. They might doubt the possibility, but they could not doubt Dr. Schafer's earnestness. Against their will they had to take him seriously. When the meeting closed, they arranged for a clinic at the Southern Pacific Hospital, where Dr. Schafer, in the presence of the chief surgeons of the biggest hospitals, agreed to cure every case that was brought before him. He accepted them as they came and the worst was reported cured in eight days. In other words, he was given a trial before a competent jury, and proved his case.

At the February meeting of the San Francisco Medical Society Dr. Schafer was to speak at length and the hall was crowded, but there were many physicians present who had not had a first hand opportunity to study Dr. Schafer's methods and, although he was supported by men whose medical reputations were above reproach, they refused to permit the society to endorse him. They held that it was a matter for each member to work out in his own practice. The address was never delivered, but, meanwhile, lives were being saved every day by the use of the anti-toxin.

During that trying month in San Francisco Dr. Schafer was careful not to advance a single claim. He merely showed the results of his experiments and let them speak for themselves. To medical men he was quite open, but a mystery surrounded him because he refused to talk for publication. He refused because he felt the delicacy of his position. As he himself expressed it, he was "the victim of the magnitude of actual accomplishment." It would have been very easy for him to have acquired the reputation of a charlatan. But he is entirely saved from that by the fact that he has been furnishing his anti-toxin free from the beginning. Far from making money out of his discoveries, he has sunk his small fortune of \$40,000 into his laboratory work and at one time, about five years ago, just before he clinched his discoveries, he went deeply into debt. Even at this is being written, he is preparing three hundred samples of his serums which are to be sent to leading physicians and surgeons in all parts of the United States. With them Dr. Schafer has agreed to leave the final verdict as to the value of his remedies.

Other Tests.
 Pneumonia is not the only disease Dr. Schafer has cured, but it has attracted most attention on account of its seeming infallibility. Back of the remedies lies a new theory of medicine. Its principle is revolutionary. It disregards many cherished medical ideas. But it gets results. Little as they have been able to understand it, many of the best physicians and surgeons in San Francisco have recommended it.

"Regardless of all doubts and theories," said Dr. W. B. Coffey, the Southern Pacific surgeon, "I have seen real men who have been made well by it."

Other diseases in which Dr. Schafer has brought permanent cures with his anti-toxins are scarlet fever, rheumatism, diphtheria, typhoid fever, dysentery, erysipelas, tetanus and certain forms of tuberculosis.

With that list let us stop and take breath. Altogether the various anti-toxins Dr. Schafer has produced have been used in 4,500 cases with only ten deaths. Of the 150 people treated in San Francisco only three died.

This comes pretty nearly being a panacea. Do you see why Dr. Schafer is so canny with his remarks? Suppose he had announced he could cure anything. He would have been promptly discredited. But when you come right down to it, Dr. Schafer is convinced that he can cure anything. The only disease he has encountered in his practice which he has not been able to cure entirely is tuberculosis. But even that has yielded, except in severe cases.

It is Dr. Schafer's expressed wish not to lay too much stress on tuberculosis. He fears too great credence. He does not wish to raise hopes. Nor does he want to have his office in Bakersfield besieged by tubercular patients. At the present time he is planning to have his anti-toxins available in every community, where any doctor can administer them. He is firmly convinced in his own mind that he has brought a great boon to humanity, and he wants all humanity to have the advantage of it. There is to be no patent, no restriction of any kind on the development or use of his remedies. That is one of the reasons why those who have become acquainted with his work in California believe in him so completely.

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