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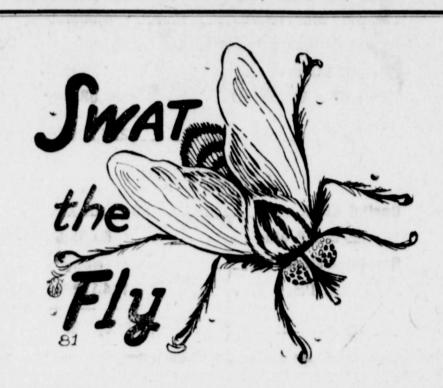
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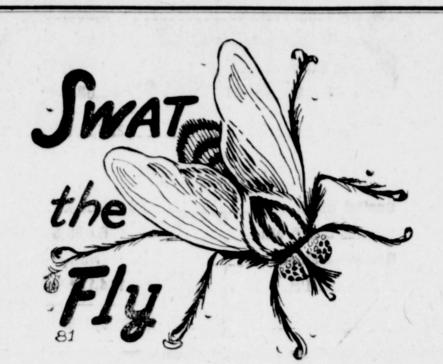
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RESOURCES

Loans	\$117,138.96
Overdrafts	
Banking House	9,500.00
Other Real Estate	2,938.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Interest in Guaranty Fund	1,091.16
Revenue Stamps	33.58
CASH AND EXCHANGE	90,034.45
Total	\$225,236.15

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 35,000.00
Surplus and Profits	6,063.5
Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	184,172.64
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In calling attention to this statement we wish to impress the fact that this Bank commenced business in 1912 and now has over One Thousand Individual Accounts, making the largest Individual Deposits in Merkel.

We have no City or School funds nor due to Banks among our deposits. We have a large cash reserve and want some good acceptable loans. We are willing and able to serve you.

We solicit your account.

J. S. SWANN, President. JOHN SEARS, Vice President R. O. ANDERSON, Cashier B. C. MOORE, Asst. Cash.

BUTMAN

As the writer has been reprimanded for indiligence in sending his dots in on time, he promises to endeavor with assiduity to be more punctual Mrs. R. S. Palmer Thursday. henceforward.

Mr. Mack Cordill, the moving picture man, came in Sunday with a smile on his face that was a part of him, and very necessarily so, for along with him came a wife which he wooed and won while away. We wish them much

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Remember the literary at Nubia Friday night.

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Thanks to Wilson for that note. His name is not Timorous in spite of the jingoes.

Whooping Cough.

"About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treated and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dairymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers. adv

COMPERE

The farmers are all about through planting-need rain bad

Health of our community is improving with the exception of W. N. Moore who is very poorly.

Rev. Tucker of Tye filled his appointment here Suuday. He preached to quite a crowd. Several from other communities were here and we heartily invite them back again.

Miss Myrtle Farris of Noodle entertained quite a number of friends Sunday with a fine dinner. Eugene Spurgin and Miss

Superintendent Cunningham and wife were in our midst Frimade a fine lecture on "Education" which was very much enjoyed by those present.

T. Beasley has returned to his sale by all dealers.

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We are proud to see Mrs. Shannon able to be up. She was able to visit her daughter

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Jeff Henry and Earl Smith visited in the Shinnery this week buying cattle.

Biliousness and Constipation.

For years I was troubled with biliousness and constipation, which made life companied by Elder Cypert, to miserable for me. My appetite failed attend the Baptizing at 4:30 me. I lost my usual force and vitality. o'clock. Pepsin preparations and cathartics only made matters worse. I do not know where I should have been today had I with plows and hoes, to stay the not tried Chamberlain, s Tablets. The tablets relieve the ill feelings at once, Goode motored to Merkel Saturstrengthen the digestive functions, day night. Mesers. Charlie Bankhead and purify the stomach, liver and blood, helping the system to do its work Jesse Tucker and families went naturally. - Mrs. Rosa Potts, Birmingfishing last Saturday. They as- ham. Ala. These tablets are for sale

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Noodle spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Wilner Grayson reported no bettes.

gave Miss Nancy Green a party eighteenth birthday. A number of Noodle young

people spent Sunday night with Misses Lettie and Beulah Green.

We are glad to report the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ebric Wheeler sufficiently recovered parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson Sunday.

Miss Nancy Green and Tnelma McCright spent Sunday with friends at Noodle.

Grayson school closed Friday and Mr. Jones and most of his pupils with some visitors spent the day on Sweetwater Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler ping in Merkel Suturday. of Noodle visited in this commu-

nity Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson were shopping in Merkel Satur-

Chamberlain's Liniment.

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains sick list. Anna Bell Moore were among and like ailments. It is a favorite with the number who went from this people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it: "I have found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I day evening. Mr. Cunningham have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as my myself for upwards of 20 years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For

NOODLE

Little Merril Thompson is very ill at this writing.

The mumps are still raging. There are several cases in our community yet.

Mrs. Green of near Hamlin is spending the week with her son, R.W. Green and family.

Elder Bankhead of Merkel filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday, having one to obey the Gospel Sunday night. Elder Bankhead returned Monday afternoon, ac-

Misses Maude Ferguson, Bertha Ely and Juanita Thompson. Mesers. Lucious Ely and Leldon

There were a number of young people of this place spent Sunday with Misses Lettie and Beulah Jones f Shiloh.

Kale attended services here Sun- Mrs. Parten received of the acciday.

The Noodle High School will close Friday. The commencement exercises will be held the Rev Richards of Putnam following night. Everybody in-

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grayson, Stith were the guests of Mr. and ing her about the arms, face and

A number of girls enjoyed an entertainment at Miss Bertha

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ely of Stith were in our community

Little Gertrude Cook who has been sick for the past week is

W. J. Bicknell and family were Saturday night in honor of her the guests of J. E. Jones and family of Shiloh Sunday.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives that it was able to visit its grand- Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents-

Sunday school at Riney is progressing nicely.

Annie Lee Roland is on the sick list this week. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Barnes

and daughter, Cleo, were shop-Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Jones spent

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Harmon and Annie Hensley of Nalley Creek visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A.

Lilly, the past week. Mrs. Carl Brabbins is on the

The farmers are getting along fine now with their work Some say they are needing rain again.

lain's Salve. It will allay the pain almost instantly and quickly heal the injured parts. For sale by all dealers.

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. 25c.

German millet seed for sale at the Bob Martin Grocery Co. etts.

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

to sufficiently nourish both body and brain during the growing period when nature's demands are greater than in mature life. This is shown in so many pale faces, lean bodies, frequent colds, and lack of ambition.

For all such children we say with unmistakable earnestness: They need Scott's Emulsion, and need it now. It possesses in concentrated form the very food elements to enrich their blood. It changes weakness to strength; it makes them sturdy and strong. No alcohol. Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J.

Young Lady Dies of Burns.

Mrs. W. Parten of this city received information the 14th of this month telling her of the tragic death of Miss Beryhl Long, her niece, of Deming, New Mexico.

Miss Long, who has visited in Merkel on several occasions, the last visit being about four years ago, was in El Paso attending a business college when she was fatally burned, the effects of which she never recovered from enough to permit removal to her Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Walker of home. According to information deut, Miss Long was cleaning a eilk skirt in gasoline by ruboing the garment between her hands. The friction of the silk caused it to ignite. The explosion which followed completely enveloped the young lady, fearfully burnbody. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J Long, and sister, Miss Ione, were called to El Paso at once, being with the young lady at the time of her death, the 14th of this month.

The many Merkel people who are acquainted with the family will deeply regret to learn of this unfortunate accident and tragic

Stabs at the Funny Septence.

The following solutions as correct punctuations of the sentence appearing in last week's Mail have been received :

That that is, is; that that is not, is not. Is not that it? It is -J. G. H.

That that is, is, that that is not, is not, is not that it? It is -Mrs. R. H

That that is, is; that that is not, is not. Is not that it?

lt is .- H. R. That is. That is not. That is not is not that. Is that it. Is is .- Mrs. F. G.

That, that is, is; that that, that is not, is not; is not that it? it is .- Mrs. C.

Each of the above sentences are seemingly punctuated correctly but yet they are lacking in the exact punctuation.

Editor's Note-Mrs. F. G. you left out part of the sentence.

Mrs. C. you had one too many "that's" in addition to missing the punctuation.

The Quinine That Does Not Affect The Head

You are losing money if you are not trading with J. A. Duck-

Bargains

We have just received another lot of Bargains. It will pay you well to look over this list carefully and compare prices. It means a Big Saving to You.

Just received another lot of Best Grade Matches, 2 boxes for 50; per dozen......30c Child's Rompers, good grade and well made, sizes 2 to 6, Large Bed Sheets, size 72x90 inches, regular \$1.00 value, our price 69c Ladies new Middie Aprons, regular price 750, our price. 50c Don't fail to see our children's White Dresses, 50c to .. \$3.50 LADIES' HATS MUST GO-Choice any Hat, worth up to \$5 00, only 85c Ladies' Kimonas 85c to\$1.95 Children's Embroidery Trimmed Drawers, only10c Ladies' House Dresses95c Most up-to-date line of Ladies' Waists in Merkel, 25c to. \$1,25 You will have to hurry as these bargains will not last long.

Bring Us Your Chickens and Eggs If you don't trade with me we both lose money

A. DUCKET

THE PRICE IS THE THING

THE

Home Furniture Co.

FURNITURE

and

COFFINS

Advertised Letters

Duke, Mrs. Ada Hunter, E. P. Stibbling, C. W. Ramos, Emiterio These letters will be sent to the

dead letter office May 29, 1915. H. C. Williams, P. M. Merkel, Texas

I will stand my registered jack, Toby, at my place 3 miles southeast of Merkel. J. H. Couch.

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Short Orders Service and Satisfaction

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A classy and up-to-date Drug Store that takes pleasure in catering to your every want in

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THE STAR STORE TAILOR SHOP

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Don't fail to see J. A. Duckett's ad in this paper.

Paint, varnishes, enamels, putty and glass at Mrs E. M. Rusts. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain were in Sweetwater Sunday.

The Home Furniture Company for furniture and coffins.

in Sweetwater Sunday.

Pure California honey, new crop, at Bob Martin Grocery Co. Mr. and Mrs. Calvert and children visited relatives here Sun-

Firestone auto tires. G. F. WEST CO.

Miss Gladys Walls of Europe, Miss Pet Sears.

Bring me your eggs and butter. W. F. Hamlet.

Miss France Burroughs has returned home from Sweetwater.

Miss Gladys Bell is in Abilene this week visiting her sister, Mrs. brooms at J. A. Ducketts.

Joe Shelton. for furniture and coffine.

Mies Maggie Wheeler is at home from Benjamin where she taught school the past year.

FIRESTONE means better auto tires. Get them from G. F. WEST COMPANY.

Misses Ethel and May White of Abilene were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Britain.

New California honey, new

erop, at Bob Martin Grocery Co. Mre. J. J. Harkins of Roscoe

apent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Will Boney. Robbin Red Breast meal at

G. M. Sharp's. Mrs. W. H. Sorelle of Eskota

came in Monday to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Sett.

Don't forget to tell your friends where to buy their groceries. W. F. Hamtlet.

Miss Venona Hamblet was called to Wichita Falls Sunday by the illness of her sister, Mrs. W. M. Searborough.

Mrs. West Edwards and son, Oren, of Midland, and Lucile, where Mrs. Edwards will spend of this week. some time with a daughter.

C. C. Sharp of Stephenville was here Monday and Tuesday visiting his son, J. P. Sharp, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark were and family. The Stephenville citizen would remain only two days in Merkel, having business at home that demanded his speedy return.

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Rose and The most miles per dollar- little daughter, Ona Fay, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Fitts and Mrs. W. H. Dickson motored to Sweetwater ate of calcium derived from limestone Sunday. Mrs. Rose went for their load in the form of sinter, or Mise, came in Tuesday to visit treatment and expects to be tufa. This process can be observed at her eyes - treated.

were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hancock Saturday evening. Fish marbles," of which the Mexican "onyx"

Better get one of those 20 cent

Ollie J. Shafier, who has been even mud and clay. The Home Furniture Company attending a school of dentistry at Atlanta, Ga. during the winter months, returned home last week to spend the summer with his Sat-Hathor-Ant in the twelfth Egyp- of Merkel, was the purchase of a

prices at C P Stevens' store

has been in Dallas for several years, passed through here Wed. seen, the settings of the stone being nesday enroute to Sweetwater to gold amulets of unique workmanship. visit her sieter, Mrs. A. L Hogue

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

Mesdames E. L and W. L. en route. Woodroof and their children are health following an investigation of at home from Belivue where the drinking water supplied on trains they visited their parents, Mr. in that state. The board reported that also to conduct such business and Mrs. J. B. Wright.

Try a sack of seymour Best flour from G. M. Sharp'e Grocery.

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

Miss Velma Stephenson of Tuscola, who has been here visiting Miss Jewell Tipton, left Wednesday for her home.

Good binder twine at good prices at C P Stevens' store.

Grain Harvest Open

What seems to be one of the buildings by fire. daughter of Wesley Edwards of earliest cases of grain harvest in this place, left Wednesday for this section of the country start-California and other western ed when the reaper began to states. Before returning home hum in the oat field of J. A: they will visit in Portland, Ore., Woodard, of route 1, Tuesday

> The oats were of exceptionally good quality and have already been placed under shelter by the owner to await thrashing time.

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, Sc. \$1.00

Origin of Onyx.

When waters charged with carbonare allowed to evaporate they deposit away for several days having her many thermal and "petrifying" springs and also in the formation of stalactites and stalagmites in limestone caverns. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. McMillen In this way large masses of compact Ash Bros. Produce Co. carbonate are formed, some of them of great beauty. The so-called "onyx ing and a camp lunch, with ice is a familiar example, are formed in German millet seed for sale added, made the evening pass this way. Some rock of this class is stalagmitic, in caverns, and some of it is formed by springs. Its variations in color and texture, to which its ornamental character is largely due, are commonly produced by impurities or inclusions such as oxide of iron, or

Ancient Gems for Museum.

An amethyst necklace, believed to parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. tian dynasty, is on its way to the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, according to a letter received by W. G. Winslow Good binder twine at good of the Egyptian Research Account so-

Dr. Flinders Petrie, the field secre-Miss Gertrude Thornton, who tary of the society, who has forwarded the necklace, says in the letter that it is one of the finest he has ever

Impure Water for Travelers.

Evidently it is difficult for people who travel to obtain pure water while by the Minnesota state board of for the purpose of electing of the 61 sources from which the railroads draw their water only 29 were found to be satisfactory. Thirty-two were found to be liable to pollution and 17 analyses showed that pollution had already taken place.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Sharp were in Sweetwater Sunday.

Good binder twine at good prices at C P Stevens' store

F. M. Cordill left Tuesday for points east where he will be for

Twilight pie peaches in gallon cans at G. M. Sharp's.

Mrs. Jennie Carvin of Oenaville spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Will Boney.

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

Mrs. Josie Clark of Fort Worth came in Tuesday to visit her daughter, Mrs. E.F. Stanley.

Mrs. Edwin SoRelle of Eskota came in Tuesday to visit her brother, F. E. Allyn and wife.

Good binder twine at good rices at C P Stevens' store

Mrs. W. V. Cranford left Tuesday for Eastland to visit her sister, Mrs. Morris. Mrs. Cranford will be away for about ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Calvert of Sweetwater were in the city Sunday visiting the family of Mrs. J. C. Calvert.

Rev. L. B. Owen and W. A. Scott returned Tuesday morning from Houston where they attended the Baptist Convention recently held in that city.

Cozy Fri. and Sat. 5 and 10.

Forest Y. Gaither was in the city of Sweetwater Sunday, and incidentally while he was there watched the destruction of the Commercial hotel and adjoining

Conklin, self-filling fountain pens just the thing for a graduation present. There is nothing more useful than a good fountain pen. I have the good kind, every one guaranteed. \$100 to \$5 00. At Mrs. E. M. Rust's.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark and Mrs. O. W. Walker left Wednesday morning for Fort Worth to see Lawrence Walls. brother of Mrs. Clark, who was badly injured in Oklahoma last week by having his left leg caught in a hay baler. The injured man was brought to Fort Worth for treatment and was reported to be resting fairly well Wednesday.

Chicken At Good Prices

We will pay 18 cents per pound for broile s and nine and one half cents per pound for good hens. We want your chickens.

New Oats For Sale

New bundle oate, well headed and clean, at three cents per bundle for the next few days only, if taken in the field. Phone or see J. A Woodard, Rt 1

New Car Sales.

One sale omitted from last week's issue of the Mail in keeping tab on the new automobiles Chalmers six by R. O. Anderson.

Another sale was made this week by Agent Manley of the Franklin Motor Co., to C. M. Largent and Mr. Largent is now enjoying the luxury of a Franklin Six, air-cooled automobile, which is a beautiful car.

Masons to Meet Saturday.

Saturday night the local Masons will meet in regular session officers for the ensuing year and and matters as may pertain to the order.

On invitation Rev. Tucker will deliver a Masonic sermon in Merkel Tunday week. The place has not been selected yet but will be announced in the Mail FOUT druggist will refund money if PAZO DINTMENT fails to cure any case of ltching Elind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first ap dication gives have and Rest. Soc.

Merkel A. F. & A. M. Lodge are requested to be present Saturday night.

Wesley Edwards. W. M.

No. 7481

Statement of Condition

Farmers & Merhants **NATIONAL BANK**

of Merkel

Close of Business Saturday May 1st, 1915

RESOURCES

Loans	\$100,743.56
Overdrafts	NONE
U. S. Bonds-Par	10,250.00
Stock in Federal Bank	1,500.00
Five per cent Redemption Fund	312.50
Furniture and Fixtures	3,600.00
Real Estate	6,500.00
CASH AND SIGHT EXCHANGE	131,450.01
Total	\$254.356.07

LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus and Profits-Net	32,870.29
Circulation	6,250.00
Bills Payable	NONE
Rediscounts	NONE
Other Borrowed Money	NONE
DEPOSITS	190,235.78
Total	\$254,356,57

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with cash on hand and in other banks of over \$131,000.00; a surplus fund larger than our capital, amounting to \$32,870.00, and total DEPOSITS over

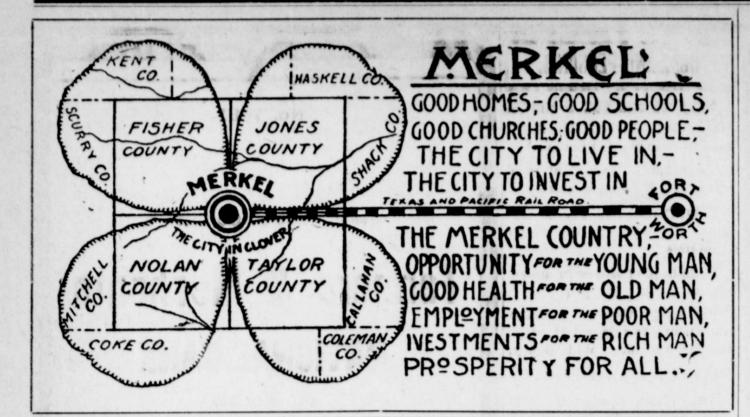
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we invite your account on the basis of our ability to take care of it.

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THE TRANSYLVANIA SCARE

Scary headlines. "Submarine Fires, But Misses Transylvania." This should give those who are trying to force the nation's hand something more to talk about. So far as reports go only few passengers on this big ship saw the torpedo when it passed forty feet astern of this big boat, not an officer is credited with having seen the German torpedo.

This sounds much like manufactured news. while the fact that the boat took a zigzag course after entering the danger zone was natural and a policy all fast steamers no doubt pursue while in the danger zone.

Another seary part of the Transylvania story comes in where the informers did not impart their information to other passengers for fear of creating unnecessary excitement. All of which is easy to swallow. Logically it seems that if a few passengers aboard this big floating palace had seen a submarine and a moment later watched

shot might ring true to its mark and that all ever unless they are fortunate to have a pass. might get lifebelts, a esson taught in the sinking of the Lucitania. But no, these informers did Dallas will call a mass meeting in attempt to not tell other passengers, they calmly went to the get Billy Sunday services. The mass meeting captain and reported their knowledge, "after will call for about \$50,000 if it follows in the footwhich the boat took to a zigzag course of alarm- steps of Philadelphia. ing nature." Some story, this attempt on the

credit this report, for it may be true, but to our space will be worth while. way of reasoning it is a cock-and-bull story intended to excite more prejudice in the American mind against the fighting Germans. "Hoo der of with all these scrappers hitting below the belt. President" and protect American lives wherever our eyesight too easily.

PASTED PARAGRAPHS

In The Time of The Big Water.

Old Noah crawled out of the hay. And to the deck he made his way; He looked around and to his son He said: "I see the wets have won." -Cincinnati Enquirer.

And Ham, his son, said: "Look here, dad, The whisky business is quite bad; Russia's dry, England's on the brink, Where can a fellow get a drink? -Birmingham Age-Herald

Then Shem, he shut his weather eye And to his brother made reply; "Look sharp, old chap, and you will find The tiger that we saved is blind." -Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Then up rose one whose name was Shem (With water-colored diadem) And said: "This moisture from the sea Is plenty good enough for me "

-Nebraska State Journal.

But Noah said, said he: "Not I-I want a drink when I am dry; About three fingers of the stuff-I think two camels are enough." St. Louis Post Dispatch.

But Japhet through the porthole gazed As 'cross the heav'ns lightning blazed, He winked and said unto the dragon: "We're on the 'rig'nal water wagon." Fort Smith Timer - Record.

RECEIVES PRESS APPOINTMENT

its torpedo dash through the water barely miss. From the office of Governor Ferguson to the ing the ship, they would have informed every editor of the Mail comes a greeting in appointive person on board the ship as a matter of self pro- form to the International Press Congress at San Francisco July 5th to 10th inclusive.

Self preservation is the first law of nature. To The appointment as a delegate to this is apprethis the parties who claimed to have seen the tor- clated by the writer, whose great ambition now is pedo would have clung if this report had been to keep business going sufficiently to elimitrue. To their friends the news would have been nate the financial objection that always opposes communicated immediately for fear that the next members of the press from making any trip what-

Spring time is here and we haven't fished yet. The Mail is not making a direct attempt to dis- Maybe so soon, and when we do the story in this

America first. Is about the best we can think

possible but do not let the wool be drawn over | Swat the presidential possibility bees. Ditto

those with gubernatorial ambish.

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and keep out of the hole. Buy second and fourth Friday nights each month in these columns in them and see if I can't save you of each month.

Best Flour in town \$3.90 Good Flour..... 3.70 Meal 80c 25 pounds Sugar......\$1.60 10 pounds Lard 95c 10 pounds Cottolene.....\$1.30 Come and get them while they 14tf Walter Clark.

New Perfection means the Noodle. S. H. Meeks. highest quality in coal oil cook. ing stoves. If you have not investigated the merits of the new Fireless Cooker oil stove please do so at once. We are always a disordered condition. They have al- health." For sale by all dealers, adv glad to show you whether you ways acted quickly and given me the buy or not. G. F. WEST CO.

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A few full blood Duroc Jersey

W. O. W.

W. M. Elliott, C. C. S. Hamilton, Clerk

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zation of Rural Letter Cartiers with the improvement of the rural delivery service in every way possible; the educating of ural patrons in the use of the service, the building and maintenance of good roads, together with the guarding of selfish interests to that degree that is reasonable expected of every man that claims to be an American citizen, as its principal objects in

It hopes to have all rural patrons as wel as all county and state officials as honorary members. Patrons ask your carrier about the R. L. C. A. Write what you think about the rural delivery service and hand it to your carrier or mail it to me and let's see how much interest we can get stirred up and how much good we can derive from getting better acquainted and studying

one another's needs more. As Association Editor I ask anyone to write me what they think of the R. F. D. Service or on the subject of "Good Roads." If this editor honors us with space, we have agreed to have Pay cash for your groceries Merkel Camp No. 719 meets an article appear at least once the interest of the principles above set forth. Addre-s all your articles to me as Association Respectfully,

Price Bankhead, Association Editor, Merkel.

Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, Chamberlain'e Tablets. She says: "I "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets found them pleasant to take, also mild off and on for the past six years when- and effebtive. In a few weeks' time I

whose achievements at the he terms "aerial insanity" that, Ladies silk hose 25 cents at Panama-Pacific Exposition have it is declared, outdoes anything pigs, six weeks old, male or fe. J. A. Ducketts. The Price is The won him world-wide fame and ever attempted by any aviator what you are taking, as the formula is printed on every label, showing it is Quinine and Iron in a tasteless form. The Quinine drives out malaria, the Iron builds up the system. 50 cents of taken at once. J. T. Warren. G. M. Shrap's.

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Er Paso Texas August 19th 1914

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At that time .. two years ago . you put in your

our gear lubrication on kilns and sociers was

use of "Crater compound" on our kiln gears, beg to say that

for two years we tried to lubricate them with yours and other

"Crater" and I doubted the advisability of attempting to run the main girth gear any longer, but am pleased to say that

the wear was stopped almost completely by the use of "Crater The same gears are running today with promise of a long time

You can see the value of this, as this gear and pinion

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Yours truly.

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flying game since 1910 and in desired relief," writes Mrs. F. H. Noted Flyer Will Appear at State Fair. connection with his regula flights Art Smith, the famous aviator gives a demonstration of what

Texas, October 16 to 31. Smith flights each day during the Fair. has a record of thirty consecutive On six nights during the 1915 loops in one flight. He went to meeting he will give his wonder-I am standing the Britain jack N. Y., was a victim of sick headache San Francisco from Chicago to fully spectacular night flights. at my place 21/2 miles east of and despondency, caused by a badly become exposition flyer following On these occasions his machine weakened and debiliated condition of the tragic death of Lincoln is brilliantly illuminated and as her stomach, when she began taking Beachey. Soon after his arrival he makes his sensational loose at the exposition he demonstrated he throws into the air fireworks by his daring that he was a of many different colors. The ever my liver shows signs of being in was restored to my former good worthy successor to the intrepid effect is exceedingly beautiful Beachey. He has been in the and promises to be a big feature

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Will Merritt Entertains.

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Friday evening a crowd motored to Abilene to witness the Rose Maid. Afterwards they enjoyed a luncheon. The guest list included Misses Ruby and Elva Payne, Evalyn Williams, of Japanese lanterns. The guests catarrh, hay fever, swelling sore Fannye Moore, Laura Winters, Annie Burnett and Zula Huffaker Messrs. Choc. Jones, Dee Grimes W. L. Dilz, J. C. Mason and H. C. Burroughs.

The regular meeting of the W. Mr. Hood. C. club met Monday afternoon A social half hour was enjoyed with Miss Ina Mae Adams on by all in conversation and music. Elm street. The business period This was followed by an amuswas devoted to perfecting the ing and very interesting game organization. A luncheon was quiz. The race was very close served on the lawn. Croquet out first prize was won by Louis was played. Miss Winnie Sharp Miller and the booby by Mr. and a jolly bachelor were visitors. Hood. The most exciting feature The next meeting will be with was the matching of the post Miss Elzy Sharp. The new mem- carde. After all cards were bers will be initiated.

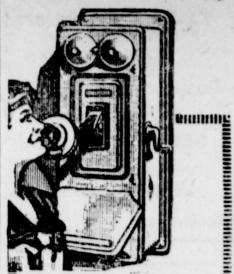
Cut flowers added to the attract- the guests departed. iveness of the reception room At high noon a daintily served dinner, perfect in all its appointments, was enjoyed by Misses Paynes, Fletcher, Jinkens, Huffaker. Mesers Diltz, Burroughs way. and the host.

On Sunday May 16 Mr. and flour? G. M. Sharp. Mrs. J. Teaff entertained with a lovely appointed dinner in honor of their daughter, Miss Olive. Covers were laid for Misses Mary and Dovie Teaff, May and Agnes Lassiter, Willie Swann, Nell Tracy. Mr. and Mrs Earl Lassiter.

At six thirty o'clock the girls of the Senior class assembled to a slumber party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McDonald, the City of Merkel. The girls were laughing and joking when they were suddenly

Trent Juniors Entertain Seniors.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. C. May 14. The parlor, reception and the same are hereby repealed. hall and dining room were beautiful in its color scheme of white and gold. Also beautiful cut flowers added fragrance and charm to the decorative scheme. The porch and lawn were fur- 18th day of May, 1915. niehed with rustic seats, above Attest: which hung in gay coloring the



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outlines of an equilateral triangle remedy for sunburn, tan, freckle were welcomed into the recep- lips, insects bites and all inflamation hall by O. D. Robinson, tion at Mrs. E. M Rust. chairman of the reception committee. They were greeted at here visiting her parents, Mr. the parlor by the pupils of the and Mrs. R. H. Collins, returned Junior class with their teacher, to ber home at Bagwell Wednes-

matched hey were ushered into the dining room where delicious Choc Jones honored a few ice cream and cake were served. friends Sunday at the Jones Nothing was spared which might home. Mrs. Jones and Miss Ruby add in any way to the pleasure seleted in entertaining the guests of the guests. At a late hour kel and providing a penalty.

> This was the first annual reception of the Junior class in any person operating a motor vehicles compliment to their brothers and on the public streets and alleys of the sisters in the Senior class and City of Merkel to drive the same at a was a complete success in every greater rate of speed than twelve miles One Present.

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City Ordinance.

hibiting the tieing or staking for in operation, moving or standing. walks of this city.

Section 1. That it shall hereafter be vehicle. for grazing purposes any horse, mule, motor vehicle or horse drawn vehicle interrupted by Mrs. McDonald jack, jennet, cow, calf, ox, sheep or on any public street or alley in this city who invited them into the dining goat on any public street or side walk shall keep to the right of such street room where a bountiful dinner within the corporate limits of the City or alley while driving on the same so was served. Later music, games of Merkel, and it is hereby made the as to allow all other vehicles to pass to and kodaking was enjoyed by duty of the City Marshal, or other the left, except at intersections of person charged with or performing the Misses Mamie Ellis, Almeda Har- duties of pound master in this city, to driving any such vehicle shall, as near ris, Willie Swann, Zoe Weet, take any such animal so found tied or as practicable, keep such vehicle in the Mary and Jackie Jennings, Mol- staked on any public street or side walk middle of the street while crossing friends here who will deeply relie Hall, Beulah Garrett, Willie within the corporate limits of this city such intersecting street; and all motor gret to learn of her death. Toombs, Olive Teaff and Nell and to impound the same as provided vehicles when stopped on any public One of the most enjoyable shall not apply to any such animals when tied or staked on any public alley ness part of this city shall not turn the social features of the year was of this city for grazing purposes, or to same except at intersection of streets. the reception given by the pupils the grazing of any such animal on the of the Junior class in honor of public streets and sidewalks of this city any of the previsions of this ordinance when such animal is securely held by the owner thereof or by some person meanor, and upon conviction thereof be under his direction and control. T. Beckham was made a scene | Sec. 2. That all ordinances and parts | nor more than One Hundred Dollars.

of beauty on Friday evening, of ordinances in conflict herewith be Sec. 3. This ordinance shall be in hereby repealed. force from and after its passage and

> Passed this 18th day of May, 1915. J. J. Stallings, Mayor. Approved and ordered published this

> > J. J. Stallings, Mayor. City Secretary.

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City Ordinance.

An ordinance regulating the speed and operation of motor vehicles and the driving of such vehicles as well as all horse drawn vehicles on the public streets and alleys of the City of Mer-

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Merkel.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for per hour within the business portion of said city, and at a greater rate of speed than fifteen miles per hour in all other portions of said city,

Sec. 2' It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any motor vehicle on the public streets or alleys of the City of Merkel unless the same is provided with a "mufler" and the same is kept An ordinance entitled an ordinance pro- closed during the time such vehicle is

grazing purposes of certain animals Sec. 3. It shall be unlawful for any upon the public streets and side person to operate any motor vehicle on walks of the City of Merkel, and any public street or alley of this city directing the taking up and impound- between the hour of 30 minutes after ing of the same when so tied or sunset and 60 minutes before sunrise staked on the public streets or side unless such vehicle be provided with, and has burning, good and sufficient Be it ordained by the City Council of lights as headlights of such vehicle with a red light as a rear light of such

unlawful for any person to tie or stake Sec. 4. Any person operating a in City Ordinance No. 42 relating to street in this city shall be stopped with the impounding of such stock when the front of such vehicle near the curb found running at large within the city of such street and on the right hand brighter. Mre. E. M. Rust will limits. Provided, that this ordinance side of such; and any person operating tell you about LIV-VER-LAX. shall not apply to any such animals or driving a motor vehicle in the busi-

Sec. 5, Any person who shall violate shall be deemed guilty of a misde-Sec. 6. That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are

Sec. 7. This ordinance shall take Jno. M. Westenhouver, Creneffect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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SYNOPSIS.

Sudora is left an orphan at an early se. Her father is killed in a gold mine. Zudora and the fortune from the mina, which grows to be worth \$20,000,000, are left in the guardianship of Frank Keene, Zudora's mother's brother. Zudora, giving promise of great beauty, reaches the age of eighteen. The uncle, who has set himself up as a Hindu mystic and is nown as Hassam Ali, decides that Zuora must die before she can have a hance to come into possession of her noney, so that it may be left to him, the ext of kin. Hassam All sees an obstacle to his scheme in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for whom Zu-lora has taken a fancy, and he comhands the girl to put the man out of her nind. Zudora insists that if she cannot carry Storm she will marry no one.

"Well, well," says Hassam Ali, "if you take such a stand I'll compromise. my next twenty cases and you can marry him; fail in a single case and you must renounce him."

Zudora, using the knowledge gained from years of association with her uncle, unravels a baffling mystery and wins her first case—a case in which John Storm is saved from being convicted of a murder instigated by Hassam Ali himself.

Zudora and Hassam Ali visit Nabok Shan's house, where sleep overcomes every one whenever Nabok attempts to marry a princess. Storm, seeking Zudora, is made a prisoner. Zudora folls Nabok Shan, restores the princess to her original lover and saves Storm from death.

A maker of diamonds tells Hassam All his secret. Storm informs Zudora that his life is being attempted frequently. Storm suspects Hassam Ali. Storm is arrested for stealing the diamond maker's gems, but Zudora discovers the real thieves-a pair of mice.

The negro help employed on Storm's father's farm are fleeing because a great skeleton hand appears at night upon a hill near by. Storm is baffled in his inestigation, but Zudora learns that her uncle has employed Jimmy Bolton, a half witted man, thus to annoy Storm's parents. Zudora finds Bolton operating a big magic lantern and is attacked by Storm opportunely appears and saves her from Bolton

Hassam All asks Zudora to find a gem lost by two mysterious old men. Zudora gets a photograph of the gem and it burns in her hand. An old house is mined by Hassam Ali and the old men. Storm and Zudora are lured there and narrowly escape destruction when the house blows up.

CHAPTER VI.

The Case of the McWinter Family. N a room in an ordinary dwelling a woman sat before a sewing machine. The low hum of it filled the room with a murmur like that of many bees,

The woman's husband, seated at a table near by, was reading and smoking, and he looked up absently each time the humming ceased temporarily. He scowled, shifted and reshifted his

"Are you crying again?" he growled, laying down the pipe. "I'm getting tired of your constant snivel-snivel." He rose and walked over toward her threateningly. He shook a finger under her nose.

"That man has got to get out of this house or I'll know the reason why. He bothers me every time I look at him. I tell you he's got to seek another boarding house. I don't want his hangdog face around any longer.'

"Hangdog!" she protested. "That's what I said. There'll be a rumpus if he doesn't hike."

"You are wrong-you are wickedly wrong," said the wife. She wiped her yeyes on her apron. "Just because he speaks kindly to me and pets the child you act like an insane man. I've slaved for you. I've done everything a woman could. What do you do? You sit and read all day."

"That's a lie!" the man roared. "I'm not an ordinary workman, and there's very little demand for my work." "So I've noticed," dryly.

"I don't want any back talk. All 1 say is that man Smith has got to get out. I won't have him on the premises after his week is up."

The tears began to run down the woman's cheeks again. "You were a difterent sort of man before you took to

Your whining 'd send any man to drink. But you two are always whispering, and when I show up you break apart and begin to talk of the weather.

"John McWinter!" she cried with passionate indignation.

Maybe you think I'm a fool?"

"That's right; work up the injured took. But the martyr stuff doesn't go with me. Sally. I've got eyes, and I've been using them. He goes at the end of his week, and that's all there



"Don't, don't!" pleaded the wife

le to it. He's got the child running around after him as if he and not I was the father."

That's because he is always kind to her and never strikes her unjustly, as you do."

bis own offspring, I'd like to know?" "If she gets in your way you box ber ears. If she does not come in the machine. From another part of stantly when you call her you use the the house came the happy laughter of

pot loving you as you expect?" For herself she did not care; she had 'ing a cupful of strong coffee and stole no illusions left, but where her child along the road toward the woods. was concerned she was something of where he finally came upon a shack. ess. She did not want the fairy It was rather peculiarly constructed.

one's head before her time.

The man who was the innocent cause shaking it and muttering: of this conjugal arraignment came in. day faithfully and welcomed the com- night. You'll go before." ing of evening.

He nodded pleasantly. He saw the red eyes of the woman, squared his in an amiable mood. It was so unlike shoulders for a moment and passed on. "Humph! I notice that you don't

snivel while he's looking at you." "How can you talk to me like that?" "I'll talk to you as I please."

"You are always in the house. You are watching every move I make as if I wasn't a good woman. When I married you I loved you. You were an analytical chemist who every one said would make a mark in the world, but drink has thrown you on the reefs. And sometimes I hate you!"

He caught her by the shoulder and swung her out of the chair and raised his arm.

"Here, here, McWinter!" cried a voice from the doorway. "None of that while I am in the house. You ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

"This is my woman. I'll strike her if I want to."

"Oh, will you?" The boarder sprang forward and caught the upraised arm, giving it no gentle wrench as he bore down upon it. That was enough for McWinter. With a snarl like a wolf he closed in. Almost instantly his back met the floor with a resounding thump.

"Don't! Don't!" pleaded the wife. "It will only make matters worse. You him after a debauch. But she was can't help me, Mr. Smith. Please go!"

haven't any use for a wife beater." "You'll leave this house Saturday," said McWinter, picking himself up slowly. "Saturday night, and then you and your truck for the sidewalk. I've stood all I'm going to stand. Maybe you think I'm a fool, but I know what

The beaten man slunk out of the house, cursing under his breath.

He realized that he would never get any satisfaction out of Smith in a



'I guess that'll fix you."

game of tisticut's; the latter was too strong for him. He'd get him where he wanted him some day, and that day wasn't going to be far off either.

He did not come home until midnight. He grinned drunkenly in the mirror as he vanked off his tie and col-

He wasn't a chemist for nothing; Smith would see. McWinter was a

madman, and nobody suspected this The next morning be remained in

bed with a splitting headache. As Smith started out for his day' work he caught up the child and swung her aloft. She gurgled with happiness. Then he kissed ber and

set ber down. "I'm going to bring you that stick of candy tonight."

"Goody, goody! Cau I eat it, mam-"Yes, dear." To the man she said:

"How long? How long?" "Keep a stiff upper lip, Sally. We'll straighten out this muddle in time. It looks to me like McWinter isn't quite right in his upper story. If we could get him away from his whisky there might be a chance. But he's an Indian when he's boozed up. They say at the laboratory that they'd be glad to give him steady work if they could

trust him." "Sometimes I've been wicked enough to wish that be was dead."

"None of that kind of talk, little wo-

"You've been so good to us!" "Who wouldn't be? Remember, now, mum's the word. Keep him in a good humor as much as you can, and when the time comes we'll light out and let the foot shift for himself."

McWinter crawled out of bed about his wife spoke to him be did not answer. She sighed and returned to her ewing machine.

But for the child she knew that she must have given up the struggle long igo. She did not want any shadow to fall upon that pretty childhood.

Her own had been unhappy enough. and she was determined that the little one should not be distillusioned before her time.

Sometimes the machine stopped, and the woman gazed into the blue arch of heaven. To wish any one dead, no hasn't a man got a right to correct matter how cruel he might be, was

Clickity-clickity, clickity-clickity, sang whip. Can you blame the child for the child.

McWinter left the bouse after drink-

tale beliefs knocked out of the little There were no windows, and the door tions in making his daily inventory have been an echo to that made by the was abnormally thick.

"Stop sniveling. The man's coming. The man went inside and remained It'd be just like you to play the beaten there for half an hour. When he came in existence. He was greatly perwife when he comes in. Perhaps it out he appeared to be in good humor. turbed. wouldn't be a bad idea to give you a An alienist might have been disturbed whack once in awhile. Then maybe by the expression in the man's eyes. that he had touched the bottle. That you'd have something to snivel about." McWinter raised his fist toward town.

"Spoon about my house, will you? his laboring man's lunch basket under luterfere in my affairs, buh? You his arm. His expression was that of wait, Mr. Smith. You just wait. Maya man who had done his work that be you won't have to leave Saturday

Then he trudged back home. His wife was greatly surprised to find him



The Two Men Set Off on Their Hunting Trip.

glad enough to accept it at face falue, "All right, Mrs McWinter, but I being an bonest and simple minded woman.

McWinter did odd jobs at the chem ical laboratory in the village. He was an expert in certain departments, and occasionally the chief chemist risked the chance of sending for him.

It was noticeable that the derelict worked faithfully on these days, with the hope of continuous employment. When afternoon came a telephone call arrived with it, and McWinter hurried off to the laboratory, rather pleased, too, to find himself tempo-

beartily. The same amiability he bad shown to his wife be now exhibited in a lesser degree toward Smith, who was rather astonished at the sudden turn of af fairs.

rarily placed over the man be hated so

"I'm sorry I lost my temper, Smith," said McWinter, rather solemnly. "But my nerves have gone to smash, and I'm imagining all sorts of things." "Don't let that worry you." replied

Smith, only too glad to bury the batch

We all lose our tempers once in awhile. But you ought to be a little more careful of that wife of yours." "I know it"-humbly, all the while black murder in his beart. "We'll let

bygones be bygones and go out some day for a bunt like we used to. There's nothing better than a good rabbit stew. and Sally knows how to cook it." "I'd like nothing better," said the

other man, believing in his heart that this new friendly attitude would aid in making one poor woman a little bappier.

"I said something about you going on Saturday night. You just forget it." "All right," said Smith.

At 5 o'clock McWinter left the lab oratory and wended his way to the mysterious shack in the woods. For an hour he experimented with a peculiar sort of contrivance and from time to time gave vent to a diabolical chuckle. The man may have been a monomaniae, but that was never to be

The thick door seemed to please his faucy immensely. An enormous spring



10 o'clock, ugly and taciturn. When His Enemy Sinking Helplessly to the Floor.

was adroitly hidden by the hinges such as would close the door violently and make it difficult to open without livsboil exertion.

The concussion was bound to shake everything up the shack. Near the cellng was a small platform about six nches square. He propped open the foor, took an empty bottle from his pocket and praced it upon this plat-

When he does ned the door the slam of it topped the notife from its perch, and it broke thto a thousand pieces on he stone sant being

"I guess that'h fix you. I guess that'll show you whose house you're marding in you suake." McWinter loosened the spring so as

o open the door and passed out. The tonowing morning the clerk to the laboratory whose business it was to account for all the deadlier concoclaughed and his laughter might well

found a bottle missing, and this bottle man who had built this windowless contained one of the deadliest fumes shack.

seemed to be the end of the affair.

On Sunday Mrs. McWinter's face was brighter than it had been in weeks. Her husband seemed to be an entirely different man. He had softened so far as to tell a

comic story, and you may be sure that already too weak. Smith and Mrs. McWinter laughed heartily over it.

their hunting trip. And only one of them returned alive.

Smith came back alone and was rather surprised to find neither Mc-Winter nor the dog. They had separated in the woods near the shack, of which Smith apparently knew noth-

McWinter was missing all the next day. Tuesday morning they found him

in the shack strangely dead. A very peculiar case confronted the local authorities. There was one thing quite plain to them, however, and that was McWinter had been murdered in most cunning and diabolical manner. Naturally the coroner's inquest drew the net about Smith's feet. He had gone out hunting with McWinter and was the last man to see him alive.

Then came the clerk, who swore that the bottle found in the shack was identical with that stolen from the laboratory where both men worked.

Smith, despite all protests, was held for the grand jury on the charge of murder in the first degree.

Other facts began to circulate. Some one had heard McWinter accuse his wife of being too friendly with Smith, and out of this calumny raised its ugly head.

Here and there men began to mutter about Judge Lynch, and Mrs. McWinter was shunned by all those who had posed as her friends.

A few days before the trial began Hassam All was poring over his crystal. Near by sat Zudora, reading and

gathering her arguments from the book | ried out a certain volume of the polshe held. The bell was heard to ring. son.

ushered in by the Hindu servant. To ra and Mrs. McWinter were both start-Hassam All's cold eye this client did ing out for the shack at the very mo-McWinter's tale caught the sympathy Ali.

purely circumstantial evidence, and that



"What a Thick Door!"

is usually the most puzzling to solve. If I succeed it will add another step toward my twenty cases."

"Suit yourself," carelessly. "But, remember, if it turns out to be an ordinary case it will not count."

"I accept that risk." Zudora, in accordance with her agreement with her lover, John Storm, wrote him explaining about the case and asked him to meet her at the Mc-

Winter house the following afternoon. When the two arrived in the village they found the suburbs in turmoil There had been, they found, a punitive expedition against the jail that held Smith, but it had been frustrated. "This is going to be interesting.

John," said Zudora. "I've an idea I'd like to plead for the poor-devil. I never realized how many kinks there were in life until you en-

tered this detective business." "The unexpected is always bappening. On the face of it, this man Smith looks guilty. The very fact that the woman is eager to save him has a suspictous augle. But, for all this, we

may find bim innocent as a child." Meantime Hassam Ali had not been to further his schemes. To be sure, he had signified his utter lack of interest

wink his niece. So quietly and unobserved be made secret investigation of the shack. It strongly, and after a few moments the did not take his remarkably keen eyes long to discover what had taken place.

Here was a criminal who had fantastic ideas. If this infernal contrivance had served one man's purpose it might readily serve another's.

Clever, abominably clever!

So be contrived to separate Zudora and Storm and bring the latter to the shack. He wrote frankly, signing his own name and declaring that it would not be safe for Zudora to go deeply into this case, as there was more to it

So Storm concluded to meet Hassam All at the shack and find out what he had to say. He promised nimself that | since." be would be cautions and watch every move of his enemy.

than could be seen on the surface.

Everything was ready for him, but again Hassam Ali was overanxious. He set one of the bottles he had found tracks set her thinking deeply. in a cabinet on the little platform near the celling. Welcome, Mr. Storm, welcome! He

steps. Slyly he looked out and observ- road a bit where a wagon was visibly

He asked Smith, but Smith denied ed the unsuspecting attorney. Good! But something slipped. The spring moved too soon or Hassam Ali had not pulled it back far enough. The door slammed violently.

There came a tinkle of breaking glass, and Hassam Ali struggled desperately to pull the door open. He was

his journey at a run. It took all his The two men shouldered their guns, strength to force the door, which imwhistled for the dog and set off on mediately closed again when he was inside. He saw dimly his enemy sinking helplessly to the floor, and almost instantly it seemed that the walls of the shack had begun to revolve.

Fumes! He stumbled desperately toward the door, but could not reach it. Doubtless the only thing that saved Hassam Ali, or Storm for that matter,



The Eager Girl Pointed to the Little Platform.

The two had been talking about Mes- was the second opening of the door, mer and Cagliostro, and Zudora was which let in a gust of pure air and car-

A few moments later a visitor was Fortunately for both of them Zudonot suggest any future profit, but Mrs. ment the door closed upon Hassam

Mrs. McWinter dreaded to see the "I will take this case, uncle," she fatal shack again, but Zudora insisted. volunteered. "It interests me. It is She must see the shack and everything in it if she was to aid Smith in the slightest degree.

> After Mrs. McWinter had fully explained the conditions Zudora was quite confident that the man Smith was innocent, no matter how deeply dreumstantial evidence had involved She also felt instinctively that the

widow was holding something back. "There it is," announced Mrs. Mc-Winter, with a shudder. "Why, there are no windows in it!"

"I know it. My husband built it For what purpose I cannot say, unless it was to experiment in." Mrs. McWinter began to cry.

"There, there," said Zodora. "From what you have told me I don't think that busband of yours was worth

tears. "But I have not told you all."

"Well, what more is there to tell?" "The man accused of my busband's death was never my lover. He was my brother!"

"Good beavens! Why didn't you tell that to the coroner?" "I dared not. I dared not tell even

my busband that."

"Why?" "My brother is an escaped convict Again it was circumstantial evidence He suffered in another man's place For two years he has lived quietly here, and the police have lost all track of him. He was sentenced for five years and escaped during the first year of his term. If I had taken my husband into my confidence he would have enjoyed nothing greater than exposing

"You can trust me with your secret. He would be totally lost if the people knew this. Well, there's the shack

What a thick door!" Reaching it, she tried to open it. It refused to budge. She called to Mrs. Mc Winter, and the two of them suc-

ceeded in pressing it back. "Hold it!" cried Zudora, reaching for idie. He was going to lose no chance a log pear at band. With this she was able to hold the door.

Then she saw Storm and Hassam All in the case, but that had been to bood- lying senseless on the floor. She snifted and for a moment felt dizzy. The fresh air, however, came in

> two men dazedly opened their eyes. Zudora helped them both outside. shaking them roughly. It took a quarter of an hour to bring them around to anything like normality. Whatever

> Zudora, believing it wise to close the door again, was about to cast aside the log when her eye was attracted by a tuft of coarse hair caught in a splinter.

Storm thought of the affair he kept to

asked the frightened woman at her side. "Yes. But be ran away the day my busband died, and no one has seen him

"Did your busband have a dog?" she

Zudora again studied the log thoughtfully. The earth about was soft, and presently she discovered the footprints of a dog. The tuft of hair and the

"Was your man quite right?" she asked, touching her forehead. "How do you mean?" "I mean did be act queerly at times?"

"Why, now you come to speak of it, yes. I thought he was just erratic."

"Here's a bit of good luck," said Zu-By and by he heard hurrying foot- dora suddenly. She pointed down the approaching. "He'll be able to give us a lift back to the village. I want to see the authorities at once. I've an idea how your busband came to die." "How?"

"All in good time." Zudora hailed the farmer. Ke would gladly give them a lift. "These two men," said Zudora, indicating John and Hassam Storm heard the door. He concluded Ali, "have met with an accident. Help me get them into the wagon." "In a jiffy, miss!"

The exhausted men were bundled into the wagon, and the farmer touched his team with his whip.

At the outskirts of the town they came upon a mob. It was very disorderly. In the midst of this mob was a pale man securely bound.

"My brother! They are going to lynch him!" cried the widow wildly. It looked that way to Zudora too.

There was one thing for her to do. Into this mob she resolutely pushed her way. The excited men stepped aside grumblingly.

"Men, even if this poor man was guilty you are acting like a pack of wolves. He is innocent. I can tell you how John McWinter came to his death. He died in a trap he had set for this very man you would hang. His own dog was the cause of his death!"

"His dog!" "Come, come; this is no time for fairy stories. String him up, boys, be-

fore the police nose in!" Smith was backed against a tree. "I warn you that you will be committing murder. Give me one hour. and if I cannot reasonably prove that Smith is guiltless, why, I engage to stand aside and watch you hang him."

men pause. "And I'll help you pull the rope!" shouted the sheriff, quick to recognize the value of a respite.

"Choose six among you to follow

This declaration made the more sober

me," said Zudora, "or as many as you wish." "We'll all go; Smith too!"

That settled it. The mob began to surge along the road at a dog trot. If this girl could prove what she said. why, Smith could go; if not there'd be enough trees near the shack to serve

their purpose. When the eager girl exhibited the bottles and explained what was in them, pointed to the little platform and then to the door with its spring a calm began to settle upon the bloodthirsty men.

"To hold the door open against the pressure of the spring it was necessary to prop this log against it. McWinter and Smith had gone out hunting. Suddenly Smith missed McWinter, who was, in fact, arranging the details of the trap. McWinter's dog evidently got in his way, and he kicked it. The dog in its endeavor to escape a second kick bumped against the log. shutting McWinter in the shack and causing the poisonous fumes to be liberated. My uncle has already proved this

fact to his satisfaction." Hassam All nodded gravely. There was nothing else for him to do. Storm stared at him ironically for a moment "But there is something else to add," went on Zudora, now satisfied that she

bad won the interest of the mob. "McWinter had laid this trap for Smith himself. He was an insane man, and none of you ever suspicioned



can!"

prison.'

"He is innocent." this fact. He imagined all his troubles. Smith had absolutely nothing to do with them. Now bang him if you

The mob quietly took itself off, vastly shamed and chastened, and Smith soothed his sobbing sister, his eyes full of gratitude.

"You're a wonderful little person, Zu-

dora," whispered Storm. "Am I? Take me back to town. I am tired. And there's more to do. I've got to free Smith again-from

But the death of the real culprit did

that, and Smith walked the earth again a free citizen.

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A Ruse That Failed. Comedian - While Ravenyelp was traveling in Italy be thought it would be a great press agent stunt to get himself captured by bandits and beld for

Soubrette-How did the scheme work? Comedian-Robbers captured him all right, but when they found he was an actor they made him work for his board.-Judge.

Bad conduct soils the finest orna me more than fith,-Plautus.

My Travels Around The World

AND VIEWS OF THE PRESENT FOREIGN SITUATION

By ERNEST C. COUNTS

(Continued from last week)

the Red Sea and Suez Canal.

age only concrete walls keep horribly mangled but they are As Paris is a fortified city it have been fighting the Russians back the sands of the great cheerful though they suffer. Arabian desert, a fortification of Hour by hour, and day by day. tory or you are given a quick sion of words.

Cross banners on their arms has been preparing for this would come aboard the train struggle for years and years and

soliciting for the wounded. No passenger was overlooked. The In February of the present year words "Pour Les Blesse," mean-I began preparations to return to ing "For the Wounded," were Merkel, taking as my choice of all they used, but no Frenchman courses the one that led through fails to contribute. They may Europe, my friends advised me not give but a penny but they alagainst such an undertaking ow- ways give something, so firm is ing to the great danger of sailing the cause rooted within their under an Allied flag through hearts. From the time I reached mined waters and portions of the Marseilles everything showed sea frequeted by German submer- that the war was on. You did gibles and for once I decided to not have to ask. It was here, return home without completing there, everywhere, signs of disthe trip I set out to make when I tress and suffering. At all landed in El Paso without money. French towns the absence of By chance I missed the Pacific young and middle age men was ocean going steamer I had in- noticeable. In fact, they were tended to sail on and then made not there. If you saw one he up my mind to continue my was on crutches or otherwise course. I sailed from Shanghai disabled. In the far east the March 7 on my voyage home, white man never does manual touching at Hong Kong, Singa- labor but on reaching France I pore, Mallaca, Colombo, through found the women at work in every walk of life. On reach-One thing that attracted my ing Paris I saw young girls not attention while passing through over seventeen or eighteen years the Suez Canal was the immense of age cleaning the streets, runsand bags carried by each boat. ning street cars, driving cabs These sand bags were placed on and autos. They were beautiful one side of the bridge of the women but beneath their beauty is not to be be beaten at that was necessary for me to secure a boats and on inquiry I was in- you could read in deep written point for he has stored thousands permit to leave the place. No formed that when the Turks lines the effect this war is hav- and thousands of beeves in cold person passes without the lines first cast their lot against the ing on France. The enormity of storage for years, knowing that of the town without such a per-Allies that several pilots and the slaughter of human lives is eventually his army must have mit. Having secured this permit boat officers had been shot by terrible and beyond explanation, plenty chow. No fear, brother, through the aid of the American Turk snippers while the boats Fine hotels, public halls and the Germans will never starve." Consul at Paris, I started for were passing through the nar- homes are crowded to overflow- I also found that with the Ger- Boulogna, a town on the straight rows of the canal. These sand ing with wounded. In windows mans in possession of one-fifth of of Dover and less than fifty bags now serve as a protection along the streets I could see France and nineteen-twentieths miles from Dunkirk or Belgium. for the boat pilot, which is es- young men swathed in bandages. of Belgium that they had lived In Paris I saw numerous, yes sential, for should anything hap- Those who were able to be about from the resources of those thousands of German prisoners pen to a pilot to cause him to seemed eager to recover suffi-countries. The portion of France of war, and on my way to the lose control of the ship while ciently to return to the firing they now hold is the richest in northwest encountered train load navigating this narrow channel line. The poor fellows are the land and crops were abund- after train load of German the boat might be grounded be- maimed in every conceivable ant when the Germans came. prisoners being carried to the fore another officer could take way. Some have lost both lower They have not yet been forced to rear for detention. As explained his position at the helm of the limbs, others their arms, some fall back wholly upon their own to me these very Germans who boat. Along this narrow pass have portions of their faces resources.

nature against the Turks in long funeral processions are bringing seige forces against the passing. Probably some comcanal. To avoid attacks from manding officer has been killed the persistent Turks, troops have and his body returned home for O been stationed every mile along burial. Before the corpse goes the canal from one end to the a detachment of the Royal other. It was along this course Guards for all honor possible is a that I willingly changed my bestowed upon those who fall mind about visiting the Pyra- upon the field of honor. When mids and Bethlehem for fear such a funeral passes all business that the blood thirsty Turks temporarily stops. Every Frenchmight mistake me for a "Blasted man lifts his hat until the cor-Englishman." Leaving the Suez tege is gone. This honor is Canal and Port Said I next shown even to the private who landed at Marseilles, France, at has given his life out along the which place I was forced to go river Marne where the big fightbefore the American Consul who ing is in progress now. These took me to the French Perfecto funerals are most impressive and to have my passport vised for every Frenchman is a patriot the continuation of my travels and his patriotism is greatly through France. This work of supplemented by the crying of having my passports properly some mother, wife or sister who signed took more time at differ- is seeing her son, husband or ent points than I was able to brother to his last resting place. spend in seeing the sights of the Everywhere you see women countries I visited. Travelers in dressed in black. Their eyes on the east now are asked thou- are dimmed with tears and the sands of questions concerning war goes on. The awful cartheir destination, nationality and nage is hourly stripping the business and the answers they country of its youthful manhood, give must be entirely satisfac- a sight touching beyond expres-

chance to explain. The first ex- At the City Hall in Paris I saw 2 perience I had of this kind was an immense bulletin board. Men on leaving Hong Kong which is were busy there day and night. a British province. My name Their work is to write down the sounding German evidently names of those killed the precaused the British Inspector vious day at the front, and be-General to make his questioning fore this board stands thousands Z more thorough and after having and thousands of women frightanswered all his questions in a ful that the name of some of satisfactory way he inquired as their loved ones will be the next to my nationality. I told him I to appear. At this place all 02 was a German on my way to the deaths are reported within a few Z front. He then smiled and told hours and the assemblage that me to pass on, noticing that my carefully scrutinizes the list passport portrayed the American comes and goes but never ceases Eagle, my picture and the to be. While in the city I talked on flourishing signature of the with a French soldier back from American Consul from Shanghai. the front, a man who for a short Getting my passport properly while was being relieved of duty of vised at Marseilles, I started for at the firing line. To him I Paris. Even from the beginning asked as to the possibilities of the evidence of the work of the the English view of starving the Red Cross Society could be seen. Germans into submission. His At every stop between Marseilles was a different view. "Have no and Paris small girls with Red fear," he said. "The Kaiser False Economy

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week. With the German cap- now is. hibit no special hatred toward ities which seems almost unan the French or Belgians but they swerable is in relation to her certainly have it in for the Eng- guarantee along with the othlish, who they believe practically er great powers for the absoresponsible for having drawn lute neutrality of Belgium and Russia and Japan into the con- China. It is a question of imporflict against them. This hatred tance and food for thought. predictions is that we have not gium's neutrality England gave yet heard all from the German this as her reason for going to especially on London, by this located in the Chinese province type of air crafts before the war of Tsantung; England sent thouis over and that the city of Lon- sands of soldiers from India during the entire trip we were and promise that Japan was gothe front while others were act- Tsing Tao? Well, I don't think. was incessant. Day and night know what the other hand con-

fighting we stopped for a short east and are acquainted with the time. Arriving at Amiens we situation. found the first British troops On leaving London, I crossed who were in charge from there England by rail, going to Liverto the northwest. En route we pool with the expectation of sailcrossed near where the big ing on the Lusitania for New battles along the Marne were York. The Lusitania sailed, howof an awful struggle were evi- Liverpool and my voyage home dent. From Boulogna I crossed was on the English steamer Methe Straight of Dover to Folkes- gantic. We sailed from Liverton and there enter on English pool at 11 o'clock at night, evsoil and thence to London where ery light on board the ship was

I spent four days. tirely different to what I found throughout the night guiding us in France. The English were and watching over the safety of boastful of the outcome and ev- those on board the Megantic. erywhere were placards calling These convoys remained along the men to arms for the King side until far up into the followand Kitchener. The evidence of ing day, some were in front, the awful struggle was not to be some at the side and others proseen and few of the civilians of tecting the rear, every ship keepthat country really know of the ing a close lookout for hostile vesproposition their country is up sels, especially the dreaded unagainst. Newspapers of the city derwater type. In the afternoon in giving accounts of the fighting the convoys began to drop away rarely ever mention a defeat of but we were constantly in touch the Allies and when retreats or with other British battle ships defeats are met with it is ex- for hours and at all times until plained as a retreat for strategi- far away from England were in cal reasons. The English and touch by wireless with other ves-French fighting forces probably sels that would have rendered lion men at any one time, so ship encountered a submarine. thoroughly entrenched as they Each night during the voyage are, reserves above this amount all lights were out and all port need not be in action.

The same conditions no doubt ray of light could be seen about exists with the Germans who the ship until we were within exists with the Germans who the ship until we were within the had ample time to firmly two days' sailing of New York. entrench themselves in Belgium I reached New York April 30, and France. I have it from re- the day the Lusitania sailed for liable sources of members of the Liverpool on her fateful journey. French and English armies in Thanks for having completed France that miles and miles of my trip around the world safely concrete trenches have been con- and being at home again with structed along the front and my many Merkel friends. when one side is routed from one trench they only have to fall back another hundred yards or o so and they are again firmly entrenched behind contrete walls. These facts do not seem to be considered seriously by the populace of England as they are in of the liver and stomach. Get it France and business is more nor- from Mrs E. M. Rust. mal in the Islands than on the Continent. With the almost imo pregnable entrenchments of both factions in France I predict that there will be no big moves in this section. They will just continue to remain there and fight from day to day, killing men by the hundreds and thousands until some now unseen event brings the nations at war to a standstill.

The ordinary Englishman sees nothing but victory as such reports are fed to their people con- E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive St., St. tinuously, and until recently Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

in the Carpathian mountains America news was principally only a few days before they were British censored. It is commontaken by the French. The Ger- ly believed among those who are man system of railways touch- conversant with England's polling their fighting bases being so tics in this war that she has complete it is possible for the spent over a million dollars in insoldiers of the Kaiser to throw fluencing press reports favorable. their forces against the Russians to the Allied cause. This is no one week and have the same men doubt the reason of America be back at the throats of the French ing more pro-allied at the beginand English during the next ning of the war than the country

tured soldiers they seem to ex- One question as to English pol-

is everlasting and another of my When Germany violated Bel-Zeppelin dirigibles. Easterners war with Germany, but in China expect to hear of extremely dis- when Japan opened hostilities on astrous raids on England, Tsing Tao, the German colony don will be ruined. The railway across Chinese soil to assist the lines throughout this part of the Japs violate the neutrality of country are double-tracked and China, only with the assurance constantly passing trains loaded ing to return this province to with wounded soldiers returning China on capture from the Gerto the hospitals. Other trains mans. Will Japan give China were hurrying fresh troops to back this province surrounding ing as carriers of the dead from It seems that England has played the field of action. The work a policy of not letting one hand, it goes on without a moment's tains. As I said before, these ideas are not only mine, but the At a small town only sixteen sentiment of the majority of miles from where they are now those who have been in the far

fought and everywhere the signs ever, the day before I reached out and a convoy of warships In London conditions were en- and torpedo boats could be seen never exceed one and a half mil- immediate assistance had our

holes closed. Not a flicker or

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