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COURAGE.

Let the man who has to make his own fortune remember this maxim: Attacking is the only secret. Dare and the world always yields, or, if it beat you scmetimes, dare it again and it will succumb .- Thackeray.

What She Made Him.

The head of the house glanged at a bill from his wife's dressmaker.

"When I proposed to you, less than two years ago," he said. "I was rather wild, and you said you considered it your duty to marry me for the purpose of making something of me. did you not?"

"Yes, Henry," answered his wife, "Well," he continued, "your efforts have not been in vain. You have suc-

ceeded." "I'm so glad." she said. "What have I made of you, dear?"

Once more he glanced at the bill. "A bankrupt." he replied, with a deep sigh

Homeliness Explained.

Mr. Fitznoodle was asked the other day how he could account for nature's forming him so ugly.

"Nature was not to blame," said he. 'When I was two months old I was considered the handsomest child in the' neighborhood, but my nurse swapped me away for another boy just to please a friend of hers whose child was rather homely looking."-Kansas City Star.

Her Request.

He-I want to tell you a joke about mistletoe. She-Be sure it isn't over my head .- Cornell Widow

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WRONGDOING.

If society is to be further up-

lifted, if it is to be kept from

slipping back, it must hold firmly

to the right of saying that

wrong is wrong, no matter who

commits it or how guilty others

may be. If there can be no re-

sponsibility and no condemna-

tion till we get a perfect world

there can be no way of holding

the world up to the level whom

Medical Dilemma.

much as you do; on the other hand, he

may go about and say that you don't

know any more than he does."-Chica-

The Lure.

that he's dissignted ?" "But his fortune

isn't."-Roston Transcript.

"How can she marry him, knowing

go News.

it has already reached.

ANNOUCEMENTS OPPORTUNITIES. Subject to the Democratic Pri-Make the most of the oppormaries of July, 1916 tunities within your reach. Is your present experience hard to For Legislature bear? Yet remember that never (Capt.) J. T. TUCKER again, perhaps, in all your days N. D. COBB will you have another chance of For District Judge the same. Do not fly the lesson, JOE BURKETT. of Eastland but have a care that you master W. P. MAHAFFEY it while you have the opportun-D. K. SCOTT, of Cisco. ity .- Edward Carpenter. F. S. BELL, of Baird Callahan County Nelson as a Courtier. For District Clerk Nelson was the hero of England J. N. ROUTH even in his own time, but not ap-H. O. DRUMMOND parently of the court. Samuel Rogers recounts a conversation with him For District Attorney N. N. ROSENQUEST (Re-election) which appears in the life of the poet by R. Ellis Roberts. "I heard him W. J. CUNNINGHAM once during dinner," says Rogers, "utter many bitter complaints (which For County Judge Lady Hamilton vainly attempted to E. M. OVERSHINER check) of the way he had been treated **Re-election** at court that forenoon-the queen had not condescended to take the slightest For County Clerk J. D. HILTON. Re-election notice of him. In truth, Nelson was hated at court: they were jealous of For County Attorney him." But then it must be remem-W. H. GRAHAM bered that Rogers was renowned as a For County Superintendent particularly ill natured gossip. J. S. SMITH, Re-election Submarine Wonders of Hawaii. C. E. SIMS Nowhere in this wide world are there ARTHUR JONES such rainbow fish as in Hawaii, of every color and shade and hue. If there For Treasurer: is any tint or grandeur of tints in the J. A. BOYCE prism that is not reflected in the scales AUSTIN FITTS of the finny tribes in the waters around the islands I should like to see it. A For Tax Assessor W. T. (TOM) ST. JOHN Re-election visit to the Honolulu aquarium (far superior as it is to the world famous one in Naples), or to the Coral gardens, JOHN H. VANCE. where we see the fish through a glass L. R. (Roy) PARMELLY bottomed boat, disporting themselves J. S. PATTERSON in their own front yards, so to speak, is well worth while.-Christian Herald, For Tax Collector: G. B. (BLUE) TITTLE A Trick With an Egg. W. F. DILLARD. Re-election Place two V shaped wineglasses of For Public Weigher at Merkel the same size near the edge of a table. J. M. (Jim) TOOMBS In the right hand one put an egg, just fitting the rim of the glass. Hold the **Re-election** For Commissioner Precinct No. 2. bases of the glasses firmly down, the top rims touching each other. Now with a quick, sharp breath blow upon the line where the egg and the glass For Justice of the Peace meet. The egg will jump to the other W. W. WHEELER glass. With a little practice this can be done every time. Be careful to blow in a line with the left hand glass, or Jones County Announcements the egg will jump in the wrong direction and land on the table.

Puffs. "Miss Footlittle's reputation and her

T. R. LASSITER (Re-election)

For County Attorney J. L. (Lee) CEARLEY

Re-election

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Origin of Pajamas.

Pajamas are garments which Europeans adopted from the Mohammedans of India. The name means simply leg garments, and earlier generations in India knew them as "long drawers" and "mogul breeches." It is only of recent years that they have sprung into almost universal use in England in place of nightshirts-which some one characterized as equivalent to adopting trousers in place of frock coats-but references to the garments have been traced as early as 1828.

"Peejams." "pigammahs" and "piajammah" were some of former variants in use, and Thackeray wrote of them as "peijammahs." The standard spelling is only a recent agreement.

Record Iceberg.

The largest iceberg ever met by a liner was nine miles long and 300 feet above the water in height.



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Machine

which does the stitching on our shoes young doctor, "when a patient comes transforms them into new footwear. in and diagnoses his own case ex-No hand work can equal it in regularity actly?"

and evenness of stitching. Send us a pair of your old shoes as a test of the experienced physician. "you must use magic work of this machine. We do it your best judgment of human nature. in half the time and twice as well as If the patient is one kind of man he ny cobbler.

J. A. BROWN

Pity the Congregation.

An old Scotch minister told his asistant that he felt more fatigued hearing him than in preaching himself. The assistant replied that he experienced a similar feeling when his senior was in the pulpit. "Then," rejoined the minister, "I

peety the folk that have to hear us baith!"-Youth's Companion.

Valuable Advice.

"You are always asking me for advice, but you never seem to take any that I give."

"I know it. You see, I am frequently in doubt before I consult you as to what is the best thing not to do." mail on receipt of \$1. One small

Palestine Valley. Palestine contains the deepest valley.

which is between 13,000 and 14,000 feet below the sea level.

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ELITE CONFECTIONERY

Last Revolutionary Survivor. The last survivor of the Revolutionary war was John Gray, who died in Noble county, O., aged 104 years, on March 26, 1868. He came to the Buckeye State early in its existence. For some years before he died he drew an annual pension of \$500 from the government. General John A. Bingham congress for this. Gray's father was all irregularities of the kidneys killed at the battle of Stillwater, and and bladder in both men and he took his place in the army, being

women, regulates bladder troub- ed through the remainder of the war. les in children. If not sold by His, military record is on file at the your druggist, will be sent by office of the state commissioner of sol-



To be healthy at seventy, prepare at forty, is sound advice, because in the strength of middle life we too often forget that neglected colds, or careless treat-ment of slight aches and pains, simply undermine strength and bring chronic weakness for later years.

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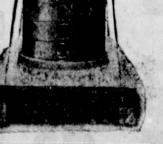
complexion are very much alike." "Meaning that they are both brilliant, eh?" "No; they are both made with a puff."-Exchange. The Dog's Tail. Why is the center of a tree like a dog's tail? Because it is farthest from

For Constipation

the bark.

Mr. L. H. Farnham, a prominent druggist of Spirit Lake, Iowa, says Chamberlain's Tablets are certainly the best thing on the market for constipation." Give these tablets a trial. You are certain to find them agreeable and pleasant in effect. For sale by all dealers.





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or see F. L. Wood, Merkel, Texas Increase In City Noises.

The motor horn and the taxi whistle have banished the rather surprising reputation for quiet which London held among many foreign visitors a decade or two ago. In 1896, again, the London of the early ninetcenth century was described in John Ashton's "When William IV. was King" as "a very noisy city"-evidently in contrast with the comparative silence of his own time. But the noises he conjured up from the past-the watchman's call, the shrieks of the milkwoman, the chimney sweep, the newsboy and the venders of fish and cat's meat, the bells of the muffin man and the footman-were as nothing

to the piercing mechanical noises of to day.-London Opinion.

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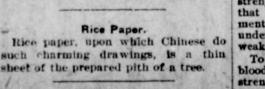
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Sitting at my desk one balmy spring morning, rather than work I looked out through the open window.

At a window opposite a woman perhaps midway between twenty-five and thirty sat at a typewriter writing letters from stenographic notes. She was dressed in mourning.

A sign of widowhood furnished food for a story that I was weaving, with her for the heroine. She was refined boking and comely. Quite likely her husband had left her in poverty, and the was eking out a miserable existence by hammering a typewriter from morning till night. I wondered if the sleek looking man I saw in an adjoining room, who seemed to be the manager, had a wife and if he would not fall in love with the widow and make her comfortable. But when he arose from his desk and stood with his hands in his pockets looking out through the window I changed the direction of my romance and hoped If he did fall in love with the widow she would refuse him, because I did not like the expression on his face. There was something malignant in it.

. . . My story seems to be coming out as I first planned it. While I was dreaming this afternoon, instead of attending to business, as I should have done, the man in the next room to the widow tapped a bell. The young widow arose and, taking up her stenographic implements, disappeared to reappear in his room. Taking a seat beside him, she took down several different dictations. Then when she was about to leave he said something to her that caused her to resume her seat.

From his averted gaze and the expression on the man's face I knew that he was making love to her. And I also knew from something. I knew not what-but any woman will understand what I mean-that there was no response to what he was saying. When he ceased to speak she arose and he took her hand, but she gently drew it away and, without a word, left the room. At her own window she faced me just long enough for me to see that she was not pleased. .

I have now been watching the widow for a week, and it is evident that she can marry any of the men connected with the office she chooses, for they all seem to be in love with her. I don't biame them, for if I were a man, and lain's Cough Remedy a trial and you not miserably poor, as I am, I would march straight over to the office where she works and propose to her myself. What troubles me is that she won't

do what I want her to do. I have beard from authors that their characers are at times very obstinate, and



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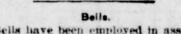
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Go Light on Buckshot.

Buckshot should be relegated to the past along with the buffalo gun and the market hunter's "cannon." It will inflict a painful wound upon deer and yet will not kill except at very close quarters. Even the poorest shot can usually score a hit with buckshot, and he will in nine cases out of ten be tempted into "letting her have it" when the game is absolutely out of effective range. About the only useful purpose for which buckshot can be recommended is in self defense against a human enemy at close range .- Outing.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

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The map of Europe has been changing ever since there has been any historical record. There have been times when changes have been expected that have not occurred. One thing is noticeable-no nation in Europe has thrown off a foreign yoke.

Sixty years ago Hungary was in a position of antagonism to Austria Louis Kossuth came to the United mecca of all peoples who desired to be made free, to raise funds to prosecute a revolution against the other wing of the dual empire. He was treated liberpeople and returned to Hungary. What became of the money raised at that time I do not know. What every- evening and afternoons. body does know is that Hungary is still a part of the empire of Austria-Hungary.

I am of Hungarian parentage, but I in sympathy with the movement to achieve independence for his fatherland and was a member of a revolu- morning walk on the Avenue. tionary society organized for that purpose. This story which I am about to relate he told me when I was a boy. "The society to which I belonged,' he said, "was organized for the pur pose of bringing about a rising of the Hungarian people against the Austrian government. Of course we were a se cret body. I determined to learn the plans of the government concerning Hungary, and to do this I offered my services to the prime minister as a spy on the revolutionists, revealing to him that I was a member of a circle whose object was to achieve the independence of Hungary, and I had joined the society with a view to obtaining their plans. I succeeded in winning the minister's confidence and anticipated getting much valuable information.

"The danger in all this was that uness I made known to the circle my inentions I was likely to be considered a traitor to them. If I told them what I was doing I was liable to run against some one among them who was endeavoring to accomplish for the government what I was desirous of doing. for the circle. If so I would be im-

government. "I concluded to place in the hands of one member of the circle-Shimsky

was his name-evidence to prove that I was working in the interest of Hungary, but charged him not to produce Indeed, it consisted of papers in a sealed package the nature of which he did not know. He and I had long been friends, and I felt sure that he was

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find many novelties which has as delicate colorings. There is a ally by the freedom loving American ets, and other weired effects, and is laced over the bust and held in are relegated to the house for place with shoulder straps. There are any number of inter-

The Morning Walk on the Avenue esting sleeveless coatee or three-One is gratified at the simple. piece dress effects which strongtrim street suits and the smart ly appeal to many. These are of that is your trunk?" was born in America. My father was little frocks of taffeta and other taffeta or satin, and are to a silks which greet our eyes in a



SIMPLE, TRIM STREET SUITS An Unfortunate FOR SPRING AND SUMMER Blunder By F. A. MITCHEL When the world war broke out there were the usual quantum of American summer tourists in Europe

Frederick Jackson was one of these New York, April.-Although dour silk, it has a full gathered Americans near the seat of war, bethe fashions are still undergoing skirt of the plain blue, and a ing at Thun, Switzerland. He made a changes-and before summer is quaint corsage and bustle effect bolt to get through France to the sea. fairly here, we shall probably of the Pompadour silk, in its soft so that he might embark for home. He was unable to register his trunk any farther than Berne and on arriving at States, which was in those days the yet not put in an appearance- quaint laced bodice which lends that city began a hunt for it. Apfor street wear, at least, styles a dainty touch. The sleeves and proaching a pile of baggage, he saw are established. The panniers, body portion of the waist are of his trunk-at any rate, it had his inbustles, ruffles, wired hip pock- white lawn, and the belt girdle itials on it-and was about to claim it when a lady exlaimed:

"There it is! Bring it along quickly, I shall be left."

She pointed to Jackson's trunk, a porter shouldered it and was about to carry it away when Jackson interfered. Beg pardon, madam. Are you sure

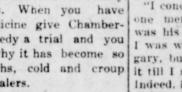
"Certainly. Don't you see my initials great extent replacing the short on it-F. E. J.?"

"Those are my initials, and I am quite sure that is my trunk."

"Go on, porter," said the lady, and off they went, leaving Mr. Jackson gaping after them. He was about to follow them to regain his trunk when frocks, both of silk and wash fa- an official pointed to another trunk brics, is the girdle. This is made with the same initials on it and asked of ribbon, one of the flowered or if it were not his. Jackson was puzzled. No matter how familiar one is figured taffetas, an attractive with his trunk be cannot be certain unless there is some familiar mark on it. However, it was evident that there were two trunks with the same initials on them, and Jackson argued that this suede, patent leather, buckskin, one was either his or hers. So he claimed it and directed a porter to shoulder it and go for the train.

The episode occurred on Aug. 2, 1914. dle now measures at least four A week later Jackson crossed the Enginches in width at its narrowest lish channel, the vessel having darkened lights to escape German warcraft, point, and at its widest, often and landed safely in England. There from nine to twelve. The widest he waited two weeks for a passage to New York.

When the ship was well out to sea Jackson one morning left his statethe front of the skirt. In some room somewhat peculiarly attired. He had on a rutiled collar, and his necktie was a broad blue ribbon. In the cabin up on the corsage and down be- he met a lady in a pair of masculine low; this of course is nothing spats-much too large for her-a man's more or less than the quaint, fas- choker and a blue speckled cravat ornamented with a mosaic pin resembling one Jackson had bought in Rome. The man and the woman stopped and looked at each other- with marked interest. Jackson raised his cap politely. "I believe, sir," said the lady, "that you are the man who claimed a trunk at Berne which I believed to be mine." "I am."



now I find a case in point. There is a man who I think would make her a good husband. He comes in to the office evidently on business and never fails to get a few words with her. She treats him with great consideration. but I can see from the expression of his face-he always faces the window when he talks to her-that her replies to what he says are disappointing.

This morning there was a scene between the manager and the widow. He said something to her that sent her out of his room. He followed her to her desk, where she was putting on her wraps, and he doubtless apologized, for she took off her hat, which she had put on, and was evidently pacified.

.

It is my opinion that the reason the widow won't marry any of her suitors is that her heart is buried in a grave. I wish she would marry my favorite, but she evidently gives him no encouragement. He stood in one of the windows facing me this morning, and I so longed to give him encouragement to persevere that I looked it, and I'm afraid I smiled.

. . . I am very much displeased with myself. The widow's suitor at whom I smiled encouragement came into the office this morning, and I'm sure he made a pretense of business in order to see me. The manager brought him up to me and introduced him. saying to me that he had recommended me to the man as one who would do some work for him. The stranger was very polite and has a winning way.

. I shall never make a novelist, that's certain. My story of the widow turned out entirely different from what I intended It was all her fault. The man I wanted her to marry she would not have, and what do you think? 1 had to console him by marrying him myself. It seems that I was entirely mistaken in my assumptions with regard to him. He was a cousin of hers. though more like a brother. He says that he one day caught sight of me at my window and after that used to come to see his cousin in order to see me. I tell him I can't swallow that,

But the widow. Fate was doing things without my knowledge. One morning a man in the uniform of an officer of merchant marine burst into her room and caught her in his arms. seemed to be in a swoon for a ilme: then she cried over him and 65 years."writes Jul. Grobein, Houston coressed him, and I was sure he was Texas. For sale by all dealers. ber husband come to life.

And so he was. His vessel had been wrecked somewhere on the African coast, and all on board had been either ost or made slaves. It was a long file before he attained his liberty, to that he had been reported dead. That was the last I saw of his wife a typewriter, though now we are at friends.

Bells have been em tion with religious worship since the early days of Egypt. Cymbals and hand bells and small crotals served for the festival of Isis. Aaron and other Jewish high priests wore bells of gold upon their raiment. In camp and garrison the Greeks employed bells. The Romans announced the hour of bathing by their melody. Copper and tin. the old composition, is still regarded as the best bell metal. Steel has been tried, but does not make a successful

bell. Glass bells are mellow and beautiful in tone, but the material is too fragile. The one metal which is impossible is that which everybody imagines makes the best bell-silver.

Splendid for Rheumatism

"I think that Chamberlain's Liniment is just splendid for rheumatism" writes Mrs. Dunburg, Eldridge, N. Y. "It has been used by myself and other members of my family time and time again during the past six years and has always given the best of satisfaction." The quick releif from pain which Caam berlains Liniment affords is alone worth many times the cost. For sale by all dealers.

Marriage In France.

In France a man under twenty-five and a girl under twenty-one cannot marry without the consent of their parents if they are alive or of the survivor if one is dead. If both are dead the grandparents must be consulted if living. Even the would be bridegroom over twenty-five and the bride over twenty-one must ask the parental benediction. Over thirty and twenty-five they must give their parents or their representatives a month's clear notice of their intention to marry.

Told That There Was No Cure for Him.

'After suffering for over twenty years with indestion and havidg some of the best doctors here tell me there was no cure for me, I think it only right to tell you for the sake of other sufferers as well as your own satisfaction that a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets not only releived me but cured me within two months although I am a man of

Teacher-What is the feminine of nobleman? Smart Girl Pupil-Heirem! -London Tit-Bits.

Cures Old Sores, Other R los Wen't Cure Sc. Sic. 11 00 aid and Heals at the

rue to Hungary "Through the prime minister I learned

inst what provision had been made by the government to suppress any rising on the part of Hungary and, more than this, what prominent Hungarians were playing false to the Hungarian cause. Then suddenly I met with a misfortune. Shimsky was arrested as a plotter against the Austrian government. And a second misfortune followed immediately. A few days after Shimsky's arrest our society held a meeting. and I was not only accused of being traitor, but of having given the inormation that had caused his arrest. "It happened that another member of

I was playing. One Raminye, while pretending to be working in the interest of the government, had learned that was in the confidence of the prime minister. Raminye at once reported the matter to the society. They constituted themselves a court to examine into the charge.

"The evidence of my true position had been given only to Shimsky, and be had been arrested and his papers confiscated. If he had placed mine with the others I was surely lost. I could not convince the circle that I was true

to them, and the government would have conclusive proof that I had been a spy on their movements. If I escaped the circle I would fall by the government.

"All I could say to the circle was that I had deposited proofs of my loyalty to Hungary with Shimsky. If the government was not in possession of them and they could be found, I was saved. If not, the government would put me out of the way.

"The circle at once considered what mitted to hear their deliberations. They decided that there was a strong probability that the government had the papers I had deposited with Shim probability be the features of sky, that I would be arrested and my arrest would be very dangerous to the society. I was called into the room where the deliberations had taken sport materials. place and banded a sum of money which I was told I was to use in im-

mediate flight. "I left the meeting within ten minutes of receiving this command and, in disguise, made my way into Italy. Of the simple one-piece frock of There I felt comparatively safe, but of silk to let it disappear from Austria then held northern Italy, and until I had left that country I was not sure of immunity from arrest. I was I reached this country that no one accused of a political offense could be

extradited. My father married an American and never returned to Hungary. I never heard him say whether the papers he had deposited with Shimsky fell into the hands of the government or not. Since he had fled the country the gov-

Adaptation of a Poiret Model

The jackets of the serge, gabardine, and novelty wool suits are hip or knee length, fitted well through the shoulders and at the waist, which is usually a trifle raised, and are finished with full basques. The skirts, many of them, are of the circular gored models, and hang full and gracefully from the top of a high inside belt. The effect of these the circle was playing the same game jackets, worn with this type of skirt, or with one of the numerous pleated models which are equally popular, is exceedingly smart; and more to the point, perhaps, most becoming to almost all types of figure.

> Styles Which Conceal Either Slenderness or Avoirdupois

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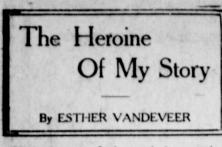
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Sitting at my desk one balmy spring morning, rather than work I looked out through the open window.

At a window opposite a woman perhaps midway between twenty-five and thirty sat at a typewriter writing letters from stenographic notes. She was cressed in mourning.

A sign of widowhood furnished food for a story that I was weaving, with her for the heroine. She was refined moking and comely. Quite likely her husband had left her in poverty, and the was eking out a miserable existence by hammering a typewriter from morning till night. I wondered if the sleek looking man I saw in an adjoining room, who seemed to be the manager, had a wife and if he would not fall in love with the widow and make her comfortable. But when he crose from his desk and stood with his hands in his pockets looking out through the window I changed the direction of my romance and hoped if he did fall in love with the widow she would refuse him, because I did not like the expression on his face. There was something malignant in it. . .

My story seems to be coming out as I first planned it. While I was dreaming this afternoon, instead of attending to business, as I should have done, the man in the next room to the widow tapped a bell. The young widow arose and, taking up her stenographic implements, disappeared to reappear in his room. Taking a seat beside him, she took down several different dictations. Then when she was about to leave he said something to her that caused her to resume her seat.

From his averted gaze and the expression on the man's face I knew that he was making love to her. And I also knew from something, I knew not, what-but any woman will understand what I mean-that there was no response to what he was saying. When he ceased to speak she arose and he took her hand, but she gently drew it away and, without a word, left the room. At her own window she faced me just long enough for me to see that she was not pleased. .

I have now been watching the widow for a week, and it is evident that she can marry any of the men connected with the office she chooses, for they all seem to be in love with her. I don't not miserably poor, as I am, I would march straight over to the office where she works and propose to her myself.

What troubles me is that she won't do what I want her to do. I have heard from authors that their characters are at times very obstinate, and



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Go Light on Buckshot.

Buckshot should be relegated to the past along with the buffalo gun and the market hunter's "cannon." It will inflict a painful wound upon deer and yet will not kill except at very close quarters. Even the poorest shot can usually score a hit with buckshot, and he will in nine cases out of ten be tempted into "letting her have it" when the game is absolutely out of effective range. About the only useful purpose for which buckshot can be recommended is in self defense against a human enemy at close range.-Outing.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

parts of the United States and to many foreign countries. When you have need of such medicine give Chamberblame them, for if I were a man, and lain's Cough Remedy a trial and you will understand why it has become so For sale by all dealers.

> Bells. Bells have been employed in associa tion with religious worship since th early days of Egypt. Cymbals and hand bells and small crotals served for the festival of Isis. Aaron and other Jewish high priests wore bells of gold upon their raiment. In camp and garrison the Greeks employed bells. The Romans announced the hour of bathing by their melody. Copper and tin. the old composition, is still regarded as the best bell metal. Steel has been tried, but does not make a successful bell. Glass bells are mellow and beautiful in tone, but the material is too fragile. The one metal which is impossible is that which everybody imagines makes the best bell-silver.



The map of Europe has been changing ever since there has been any historical record. There have been times when changes have been expected that have not occurred. One thing is noticeoff a foreign yoke.

Sixty years ago Hungary was in a position of antagonism to Austria. Louis Kossuth came to the United made free, to raise funds to prosecute a revolution against the other wing of the dual empire. He was treated liberthat time I do not know. What everybody does know is that Hungary is still a part of the empire of Austria-Hungary.

was born in America. My father was little frocks of taffeta and other taffeta or satin, and are to a in sympathy with the movement to achieve independence for his fatherland and was a member of a revolutionary society organized for that purpose. This story which I am about to relate he told me when I was a boy. "The society to which I belonged,' he said, "was organized for the purpose of bringing about a rising of the Hungarian people against the Austrian government. Of course we were a secret body. I determined to learn the plans of the government concerning Hungary, and to do this I offered my services to the prime minister as a spy on the revolutionists, revealing to him that I was a member of a circle whose object was to achieve the independence of Hungary, and I had joined the society with a view to obtaining their plans. I succeeded in winning the minister's confidence and anticipated getting much valuable information.

"The danger in all this was that uness I made known to the circle my inentions I was likely to be considered a traitor to them. If I told them what I was doing I was liable to run against some one among them who was endeavoring to accomplish for the government what I was desirous of doing From a small beginning the sale and for the circle. If so I would be imuse of this remed has extended to all mediately arrested and shot by the government.

"I concluded to place in the hands of one member of the circle-Shimsky was his name-evidence to prove that I was working in the interest of Hungary, but charged him not to produce popular for coughs, cold and croup it till I should call upon him to do so. Indeed, it consisted of papers in a sealed package the nature of which he did not know. He and I had long been friends, and I felt sure that he was

FOR SPRING AND SUMMER One-Piece Frocks of Taffeta and Other Soft Silks Also Popular. Hip or Knee Length Jackets Favored

New York, April.-Although dour silk, it has a full gathered able-no nation in Europe has thrown the fashions are still undergoing skirt of the plain blue, and a ing at Thun, Switzerland. He made a changes-and before summer is quaint corsage and bustle effect bolt to get through France to the sea. fairly here, we shall probably of the Pompadour silk, in its soft so that he might embark for home. He find many novelties which has as delicate colorings. There is a States, which was in those days the yet not put in an appearance- quaint laced bodice which lends that city began a hunt for it. Apmecca of all peoples who desired to be for street wear, at least, styles a dainty touch. The sleeves and proaching a pile of baggage, he saw are established. The panniers, body portion of the waist are of his trunk-at any rate, it had his inbustles, ruffles, wired hip pock- white lawn, and the belt girdle itials on it-and was about to claim it ally by the freedom loving American ets, and other weired effects, and is laced over the bust and held in people and returned to Hungary. are relegated to the house for place with shoulder straps. evening and afternoons. There are any number of inter-

The Morning Walk on the Avenue One is gratified at the simple. I am of Hungarian parentage, but I trim street suits and the smart ly appeal to many. These are of

> silks which greet our eyes in morning walk on the Avenue.





When the world war broke out there were the usual quantum of American summer tourists in Europe. Frederick Jackson was one of these

Americans near the seat of war, bewas unable to register his trunk any farther than Berne and on arriving at when a lady exlaimed:

"There it is! Bring it along quickly. I shall be left."

She pointed to Jackson's trunk, a poresting sleeveless coatee or threeter shouldered it and was about to carry it away when Jackson interfered. piece dress effects which strong-"Beg pardon, madam. Are you sure

that is your trunk?" "Certainly. Don't you see my initials great extent replacing the short on it-F. E. J.?"

"Those are my initials, and I am quite sure that is my trunk."

"Go on, porter," said the lady, and off they went, leaving Mr. Jackson gaping after them. He was about to follow them to regain his trunk when an official pointed to another trunk brics, is the girdle. This is made with the same initials on it and asked if it were not his. Jackson was puzzled. No matter how familiar one is figured taffetas, an attractive with his trunk he cannot be certain un-Oriantal silk, or a metal embroid- less there is some familiar mark on it. However, it was evident that there were two trunks with the same initials on them, and Jackson argued that this one was either his or hers. So he claimed it and directed a porter to shoulder it and go for the train. The episode occurred on Aug. 2, 1914."

A week later Jackson crossed the English channel, the vessel having darkened lights to escape German warcraft, point, and at its widest, often and landed safely in England. There from nine to twelve. The widest he waited two weeks for a passage to New York.

When the ship was well out to sea Jackson one morning left his stateroom somewhat peculiarly attired. He had on a rutfled collar, and his necktie was a broad blue ribbon. In the cabin he met a lady in a pair of masculine low; this of course is nothing spats-much too large for her-a man's choker and a blue speckled cravat ornamented with a mosaic pin resembling one Jackson had bought in Rome. The man and the woman stopped and looked at each other-with marked interest. Jackson raised his cap politely. "I believe, sir," said the lady, "that you are the man who claimed a trunk at Berne which I believed to be mine." "I am."

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now I find a case in point. There is a man who I think would make her a good husband. He comes in to the of-Sce evidently on business and never fails to get a few words with her. She treats him with great consideration. but I can see from the expression of his face-he always faces the window when he talks to her-that her replies to what he says are disappointing.

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This morning there was a scene between the manager and the widow. He said something to her that sent her out of his room. He followed her to her desk, where she was putting on her wraps, and he doubtless apologized, for she took off her hat, which she had put on, and was evidently pacified.

It is my opinion that the reason the widow won't marry any of her suitors is that her heart is buried in a grave. 1 wish she would marry my favorite. but she evidently gives him no encouragement. He stobd in one of the windows facing me this morning, and I so longed to give him encouragement to persevere that I looked it, and I'm afraid I smiled.

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I am very much displeased with myself. The widow's suitor at whom I smiled encouragement came into the office this morning, and I'm sure he made a pretense of business in order to see me. The manager brought him up to me and introduced him, saying to me that he had recommended me to the man as one who would do some work for him. The stranger was very polite and has a winning way.

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I shall never make a novelist, that's certain. My story of the widow turned out entirely different from what I intended. It was all her fault. The man I wanted her to marry she would pot have, and what do you think? I had to console him by marrying him myself. It seems that I was entirely mistaken in my assumptions with regard to him. He was a cousin of hers though more like a brother. He says that he one day caught sight of me at my window and after that used to come to see his cousin in order to see me. I tell him I con't swallow that. But the widow, Fate was doing things without my knowledge. One morning a man in the uniform of an officer of merchant marine burst into her room and caught her in his arms. She seemed to be in a swoon for a coressed him, and I was sure he was Texas. For sale by all dealers, her husband come to life.

And so he was. His vessel had been wrecked somewhere on the African const, and all on board had been either ost or made slaves. It was a long efore he attained his liberty, to that he had been reported dead. That was the last I saw of his wife a typewriter, though now we are at friends. all a start of the startes

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"I think that Chamberlain's Liniment is just splendid for rheumatism" writes Mrs. Dunburg, Eldridge, N. Y. members of my family time and time again during the past six years and has always given the best of satisfaction.' The quick releif from pain which Caam berlains Liniment affords is alone worth many times the cost. For sale by all dealers.

Marriage In France.

In France a man under twenty-five and a girl under twenty-one cannot marry without the consent of their parents if they are alive or of the survivor if one is dead. If both are dead the grandparents must be consulted if living. Even the would be bridegroom over twenty-five and the bride over twenty-one must ask the parental benediction. Over thirty and twenty-five they must give their parents or their representatives a month's clear notice of their intention to marry

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"After suffering for over twenty years with indestion and havidg some of the best doctors here tell me there was no cure for me, I think it only right to tell you for the sake of other sufferers as utes of receiving this command and, in well as your own satisfaction that a 25 disguise. made my way into Italy. Of the simple one-piece frock of cent bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets There I felt comparatively safe, but of silk to let it disappear from cent bottle of Chamberlain's Tablets not only releived me but cured me within two months although I am a man of time: then she cried over him and 65 years."writes Jul. Grobein, Houston

> Apt. Teacher-What is the feminine of

nobleman? Smart Girl Pupil-Heirem! -London Tit-Bits.

Cures Old Seres, Other Remedies Wen't Cure, this and Heals at the sau

"Through the prime minister I learned ust what provision had been made by the government to suppress any rising on the part of Hungary and, more than this, what prominent Hungarians were playing false to the Hungarian cause. Then suddenly I met with a misfortune. Shimsky was arrested as a plot-And a second misfortune followed immediately. A few days after Shimsky's arrest our society held a meeting. and I was not only accused of being a traitor, but of having given theeinformation that had caused his arrest. "It happened that another member of I was playing. One Raminve, while pretending to be working in the interst of the government, had learned that

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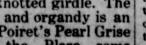
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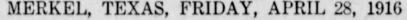
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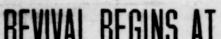
Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Jackson of Fort Worth were killed by a Katy switch engine in Fort Worth Monday night. Among the first to arrive at the scene was W. C. Pool, a dairyman living nearby. Pool was the first to reach the bodies. He almost stumbled over Jackson, who called to him, "Look out!"

Although Jackson's left leg had been crushed at the hip, his right ankle nearly cut off, his chest and the back of his head crushed, he was fully conscious. Responding to Pool's questions To the Precinct Chairman of the he gave his name and address and he inquired how Mrs. Jackson was faring and whether anyone had telephoned for a doctor. Pool then went to Mrs. Jackson. ty bound cords about her legs. hurry her away from there.

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Each Man is a Champion in His Line and Will Rope Fifteen Goats Against Time, The Winner to Take the Prize Money === Two Other Features Will Mark the Event of the Day

PRECINCT CONVEN TION IS CALLED

Democrotic Party of Taylor County, Texas:

You are hereby advised that a Precinct Convention is called for May 6th, at 2 o'clock p. m., to be He and others in the rescue par- held at the voting box in your precinct, for the purpose of sewhich had been crushed and lecting delegates to the county were bleeding. She talked a convention to be held at Abilene little, but answered no questions. on Tuesday, May 9th, 1916, for She told the men that she had the purpose of selecting deletwo children and begged them to gates to the State Convention to den City, in a contest of roping fif- Merkel from another city by agree-

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The Contest Will Start at 2:30 in Afternoon Preliminaries will Start Promptly with Amateur Goat Roping Contest

"RED" DRIVER WILL MOUNT "BLUE JAY"

WHICH IS NOW OWNED BY GEO. WEIR

What will be the greatest exhibition rope goats but believes he will be of skill in fast roping is scheduled for able to give as good an account of this city next Monday afternoon when himself in this match as if he were George Weir, champion steer roper of roping steers.

This event has been transferred to

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W. W. WHEELER IS

CANDIDATE FOR J.P

Judge Wheeler has been a cit- the occasion and well selected. izen of Taylor county 26 years and Member John Pate assosiated of Merkel 24 years. We doubt with Chas. West gave a graphic that any other man in the Merk- report of the supper furnished by el country is more widely known ladies in the following words: than he, he having been before Pate-"A doggoned good supper the people as a public man for and a fine time." West-"Some be held in San Antonio, Texas, teen goats each for a purse of \$1,000. ment of those managing the contest, almost 20 years. During that grazing."

time he served the people of Horetofore these annual events courts. Later he served four members and their families. Committee from Texas to nom- ted by the two great ropers as the test will be held during the main years as Mayor of Merkel and Several out-of-town speakers event to give Weir and Holder and held that position of trust when who were scheduled to be on our city water works were in- hand were unable to attend, Rev. their mounts time to rest. In addition the noted pitching horse "Blue Jay' stalled.

now owned by George Weir, will be here with the present selection of "Red" Driver of Midland, Texas, to mount him. "Blue Jay" has gained lic and promises that if elected trip at the last moment.

will take the pledge that they in-tend to vote in the July Primar-tend to vote in the July Primar-

An annual love feast of the Rebeccas and Odd Fellows lodges was held Tuesday afternoon with great success despite the rain that fell intermittingly during most of the evening.

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In all over 100 Odd Fellows, their wives and daughters and members of the Rebecca Lodge were present. Arrangements had been made for over three times this number but many were unable to attend due to the inclemency of the weather. H.

M. Rainbolt acting master of We are authorized to announce ceremonies is a reported maintalks being highly appropriate to

Merkel Precinct four years as have been held in form of a County Commissioner and six basket picnic, the change in cusyears as Justice of the Peace and tom being in order to furnish betgave general satisfaction in his ter accommodations of attending

Chas. N. Hearon of Abilene hav-Mr. Wheeler stands for all ing arranged to come in an auto that is for the good of the pub. but was forced to give up the



ILTITAL DECINO AI

The public is cordially invited to attend the revival services which begins next Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The day services will be at 10:00, evening services at 8 o'clock.

We have secured the assistance of Rev. J. W. Hunt of St. Pauls Methodist Church Abilene. He will do the preaching. Bro. Hunt is one of our best preachers. I trust that you can arrange your affairs so that you can be at every service. The cooperation of all Christain people to attend the services, to lend your influence for the interest of the meeting is earnestly solicited. If you can sing we want you to become a member of the choir and help in the song service.

M. C. LEAGUE MEETS ON MONDAY NIGH

Monday night will be the first regular meeting of the Merkel Commercial League, and all committees are especially urged to be present at this meeting.

In addition to the need of the presence of the committeemen. the entire membership, which night, is asked to be on hand for the short business session that will be held.

See Mr. Ferguson at the Cem- ious officers of the America tery and have him clean your command. lot. Charges reasonable.

Pure Texas honey, \$1.25 per gallon. Bob Martin Grocery Co. Corn chops, bran and shorts. Largent.

G. M. Sharp.

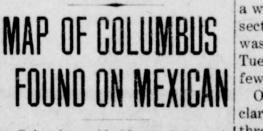
For lunch, dinner, and evening your guests--Burroughs.

ies, and who are voters in your precinct and at the voting box where such convention may be held. You are entitled to select

one delegate for every 25 votes cast for Governor in the last election. As soon as the convention is over mail to me a list of feated him in the only contest he lost. this event is given in a page space your delegates, in order that I may have them in my possession Tuesday morning, May 9th.

A session of the Executive Committee will be held immediately after the County Convention Tuesday, May 9th. All members of the committee will please be present in order that we may determine what shall be done about the second primary.

Dallas Scarborough. Chairman Taylor Co. Democratic Executive Committee.



Columbus, N. M. April 24.-A detailed map of Columbus and the military reservation here, found on the body of a Mexican killed in a sortie across the front-

ier following the raid, has been brought to light, according to a story brought to the border to day. The map is now said to be in the possession of officers of of the Thirteenth calvary, at the will be canvassed before Monday front. The map, according to story, showed the roads leading into Columbus and location of the principal business houses and designated homes of yar-

Several tons of milo maize. have scales for weighing. C. M. 28tf

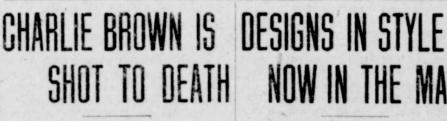
Now is the time to consider entertainment and at all other commencement gifts. Our stock times serve Alta Vista Cream to affords many suitable presents have something there every day and the quality of our drinks and for the occasion--Burroughs.

made up the \$1,000 purs GEORGE WEIR.

George Weir, formerly a resident of riders in the Midland country, and this city, is the present holder of the will give, "Blue Jay" a "rakin" from record for roping steers. In twelve tip to tail, or else stay seated on what contests in which he entered in the is said to be the worst pitchin' hoss Northwest in 1915, he won first mon- ever scratched in Texas, ev in eleven, his brother having de-A fuil and complete discription

Weir has not made it a profession to the fourth page of this paper.

It is very probable that all Merkel stores will close during the contest, as all morehants who have been approached on the subject have agreed to the closing. There are several who have not been seen, however, and until this is done the closing is not assured.



Abilene, April 26-Chas. Brown a well to do farmer of the Potosi cial interest to the ladies who G. M. Sharps. section, southeast of Abilene, read the Mail is a recent section was shot shortly before 4 o'clock we have added giving cuts and Tuesday afternoon and died a descriptions of late styles of few hours later.

Officers who investigated de- ladies, misses and children. elared that he was shot two or These style showings are rethree times in the head and then ceived direct from New York and beaten over the head with some in every case will be the very instrument, probably a pistol.

When he was killed Brown was to obtain. If this new section plowing in the field not far from meets with the approval of fair his house. When he was at- readers of the Mail we will great tacked his team became fright- ly appreciate your comments on ened and ran away, and workers same, thereby giving us an opin a nearby field told officers that portunity to know whether to they saw two men running and continue the service or not. thought they were trying to which will be published every catch the horses. Brown ran other week if not in every issue severel hundred yards before he of the Mail. was finally killed, something over a dozen shots being fired at him,

according to statement of one witness.

a look at our line of Toilet arti- went at the Baptist Sanitarium cles. We have every thing for in Dallas. the most fastidious--Burroughs.

Mrs. E. L. Rogers has returned from a visit with her father at Water Valley, Miss.

Watch our window, we will the cleanliness of our fountain, that will interest you -- Burroughs. Ice Cream--Burroughs.

hurricane deck. and that his official acts will be mount his Driver is said to be one of the best fair and impartial.

> We ask that you give Mr. Wheeler due consideration before casting your vote.

A message to H. T. Merritt from Canyon, Texas, Monday announced the birth of his grandson J. C. Baker, Jr., which occurred at 2:30 that afternoon.

Spring time. Your trip will not be complete without a kodack and supplies. Let us arrange these items for you -- Burroughs.

Plenty Cream and Pearl meal wholesale and retail. G. M.Sharp morning.

The Miss Adkissons of Medina, Tenn., are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller.

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R. SAFE

What we deem will be of spe-Car choice Noth Texas hogs at

Anson, April 26-County Atlatest descriptive matter possible torney Clearly and Deputy Sheriff Hudson returned last night from Leuders where they were called to investigate the disappearance of \$403.00 from the Co. and the Express Co. operating on the Central. The money

Mrs. Templeton Operated on Mrs. A. D. Templeton was re-

dition the first of the week fol- arrest at an early date. When in town drop in and take lowing an operation she under-

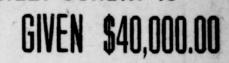
spring and summer wearables for

Someone who has Mr. Cash's Mrs. Templeton's many Merk- coat, overcoat and watch chain el friends eagerly look forward please return Mrs. Cash. 28t1 for her complete recovery.

Throughout the season notice condition at Burroughs.

received. G. M. Sharp.

Notice



Baltimore, Md., April 24-Baltimore's gift to Billy Sunday will be \$40,000. He left today with certified checks representing \$32,500 and the amount necessary to make \$40,000 will undoubtedly come from the collections taken in the churches. Amid the wildest scenes of enthusiasm displayed in the city for many years, Sunday bid a last farewell to Baltimore this

So great was the jam of struggling humanity at Union Station to see for probably the last time the noted evangelist that it became necessary for the police to carry him through the surging throng to the train platform.

Fresh Peaberry coffee at G. M. Sharps.

DURING THE WEEL

Another fine rain the third one within the last few weeks has safe of the Texas Central R. R. fallen over the entire trade territory bordering this city.

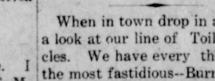
With the excellent season now was taken from the safe between furnished farming persuits the Saturday afternoon and Monday. assurance of early crops seems The safe was unlocked and the inevitable. Reports that some money secured and the safe re- cotton will have to be planted locked. The officers believe they over have reached us while others ported in somewhat critical con- have a clue that will lead to an will be greatly benefitted by

having another good season on their late planted feed stuffs.

Breeders Notice

My jack will make the season at Mr. Beard's on Bettus Heights. \$10.00 to insure living colt. Pre-Your favorite cigar in perfect caution will be taken but will not be responsible for accidents. See some of his colts at my Car White Wright flour just house 2 miles N. W. of town. R. A. (Bob) Sadler. 2843

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A Forgotten Existence By ELEANOR MARSH

was traveling on a railway train. Suddenly I felt a sharp pain in my head. Then I lost consciousness. When came to myself I saw several persons anding about me, one, a woman, with bottle of smelling salts in her hand. I tried to recall where I was going. I could not. Then I tried to recall from where I had come. I failed in this too. Doubtless I appeared dazed to those about me, for a woman said:

"She'll come all right presently. Give her a chance to collect her faculties." After I had been asked a few questions I gave those about me to understand that I wished to be left alone, and one after the other they went to their seats. Then to my horror I found that I didn't know my own name. I didn't know my parents' name nor who ture. A winning smile began to play they were. Everything beyond the about his lips the moment he spoke present was lost in oblivion.

t would. But it did not. I looked in about the terrible war that was going my purse and found tickets to a city and bank bills to the amount of \$24, ter. Nevertheless he assumed that besides some silver. I searched among they sympathized with the German a few slips of paper hoping to see my name. There was not a word to sug- at least as large a population of Gergest who I was.

Not caring to go into a large city in such a condition I got off at a suburban raved some one to speak to and preferred these innocents to any one else. The gate was open, and I entered the yard, calling to them to come to me. They did so, and I put an arm about each of them. I talked to them and they to me. I cared not what was said. I felt comfort in their company. 'Papa!'

One of the children looked up at some one entering the gateway. I folowed the direction of her glance and aw a man about to enter. There was other. He was liable to be clutched something so kindly in his face that I by death. felt impelled to tell him my trouble and ask his advice as to what I should lo. He listened to me, asked me a few juestions, then said: 'Come into the house and we will

what can be done for you." His household was run by an elderly woman. There was also a nurse for he children. He told the former to give me a room for the night, and he and I and the children dined together. After dinner he informed me of steps discover my identity, suggesting that I room. examine my clothing to discover if He released her, and she withdrew. there was a mark that would help us! He knew well what her object had After dinner I went to my room and been



A young man within the German lines in Alsace knocked at the door of a cottage. A girl came to the door, and he asked her if he might be accommodated for the night which was coming on. She called to her mother in the German tongue. The young man knitted his brows. He had expected to find French inmates.

The mother came and spoke to the stranger, speaking French with a German accent. He told her that he was traveling and since there was no other house near either she must admit him or he must bivouac for the night. She consented to admit him. The young man was about twentytwo years old and handsome as a picto the girl, and his eyes indicated his Would it all come back? I believed admiration for her. He said nothing on nor did his hostess or her daughcause. For France's lost province has mans as French. As to the young man, he was plainly French.

Now, though these persons did not station. It was springtime. I passed talk about the war, it was evident that snug cottage, in the grounds of the visitor, being a Frenchman within which were two little girls playing. I the German lines, was living with a sword suspended over him. True, the country near about was not occupied by troops except in small bands, but any German soldier meeting a Frenchman there would require him to give an account of himself. At bedtime the stranger took a candle and went to the room that had been assigned him. ocked the door after him and went to bed, but not to sleep. There was that on his mind that precluded sleep. Life was on the one hand, death on the

> The girl about midnight, armed with a pair of pliers, went to the guest's door and, feeling with her implement for the end of the key, finally succeeded in turning it. Opening the door, she stole into the guest's room and to a chair beside the bed on which he had put his clothes. She was about to withdraw them when she felt a hand on her wrist.

"Let me go." she said in a low voice. "Certainly," said the visitor. "You he proposed to take on the morrow to have doubtless made a mistake in the

in trying to take his clothes.



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made the examination. There was nothing to give any clew.

Mr. Seagrave, the gentleman, telephoned an advertisement to a newspa- to the entente allies. per in the city describing me and the incident connected with me. He said to breakfast and bade the girl good he thought my relatives would be on the lookout for such a notice and I ning smile. She did not respond, eviwould hear from them very soon. He dently steeling herself against him. also gave me permission to remain in his house till I was claimed or my memory returned. I had enough money to pay my board for two or three weeks, but after that I would be penni-

Time passed and no one claimed me. wondered if I had any relatives. I indged that I was about twenty-one years old. Had I been married? If to my husband would doubtless move heaven and earth to find me.

When three weeks had gone by I tendered Mr. Seagrave my \$24 for my keep and told him that it was all I had. He offered to discharge the nurse and make me the governess of his children. I gladly accepted.

A doctor who was called in to see me said that he was of the opinion my loss of memory had been occasioned either by a former sickness or trouble. I showed no sign of having been ill. and there was no evidence of a past trouble.

What I had been I knew not. I knew that 1, was very happy in Mr. Seagrave's home. I loved the two little girls, and I grew to love him. A widower, be naturally pined for a woman's companionship. I had not been am capable of sacrificing my feelings in his house a year before he asked to my duty." me to marry him.

Alas! I knew not whether or no I was free to marry any one. There was a long struggle between my desire to be his wife and to mother his two dear little girls. He seemed to have made up his mind to take the chances himself, and at last I consented. We were married. He, I and the children were happy.

About two years after my marriage awoke one morning after a long sleep my former self. It was a horrible awakening. I had married a man who had treated me brutally, and after a terrible scene I had caught up what money there was in the house and left him. He had married me in opposition to his parents' will and had thus given up a fortune

I told Mr. Seagrave that my memory had returned, that our marriage was not legal. He bade me be comforted, that all would come out right. I gave him information to guide him. and he proceeded to look up the case. One day soon after this he came home and took me in his arms, evidently very happy. He told me that my former husband had died and that his father had advertised for me. I went to see him, and he said he had sought me that he might make amends for his son's cruelty. He was very rich and at once settled a part of his fortune on me. When he died I received the rest.

in his pockets would be found papers containing information he was taking In the morning when he came down

he suspected he was a spy and that

morning his face wore that same win-When he started on his journey she bad on her hat and coat and gloves: "I am going with you," she said. "I am delighted."

"You are a spy, and I intend to turn you over to the first German officer we meet.

"Oh, no, you won't!" "Why not?"

"Because they would stand me up and shoot me.

"I have considered all that." "But when it comes to seeing me shot down you will regret what you have done."

All this the Frenchman said with that same irresistible smile on his lips. "Give me the papers you are bearing and you may go free for all me." "It is beyond your power to free

"Why so?" "You have made a prisoner of my

heart, and my heart will not be released. It was evident that the shot had hit. The girl was winged. But she was

not ready to surrender. "My feelings may drive me one way, but my duty is driving me another. I "Then do so,"

The only weapon he carried was a revolver. Taking it from its holster at his hip he tossed it to her. It fell at her feet. He folded his arms and stood looking at her with that smile which was having the same effect upon her that the eye of a serpent would have on a bird.

"Do your duty to your fatherland. The papers you wish are on my person, but you shall not have them without first killing me."

She was not yet conquered. Taking up the weapon she cocked it, advanced to within a few feet of him, put the muzzle against his breast and said: "Give me the papers or I will sacri-

fice you to my duty." "I love you," was his only response. "Once more, give me the papers."

"Once more, I love you." They stood, the eyes of each fixed on hose of the other. The battle waxed hot, but not with weapons of death. It was a fight of love against duty. Without that smile duty might have WOD.

Presently he saw victory for himself. lefeat for her. Disregarding the weapon pressed against his heart he extended his arms, her hand sank slowly. he encircled her. drew her to him and kissed her.

When he went his way with his pupers she returned to the house. Her sense of duty had given place to to all absorbing love.

BREEDING NOTICE

With my combination horse, Gerald, and stylish black Spanish Jack, Tom, also Jersey Bull and Duroc Boar. I ask a share of your business. All care will be taken but not responsible for accidents. Office Boyce Bldg.

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BREEDERS NOTICE "DAN"

The Thoroughbred Kentucky Trotter stallion will make the season at Trent this year \$10 to insure living colt. Will use every precaution but will not be responsible for any accidents. CAL. HAMNER

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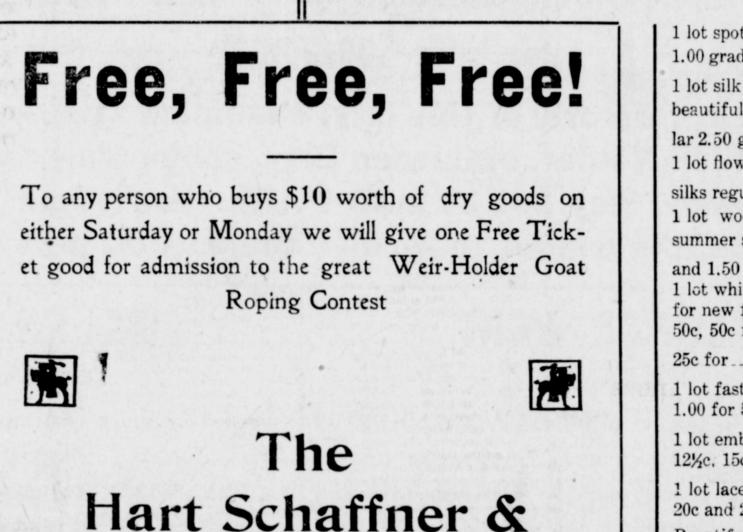
Matinee and Night

Come to Merkel Saturday and Monday FORTWOREASONS

On both these days the price-making at Woodroof's will mark the establishment of new values in prices, while on the latter of these two days you can avail yourself of the opportunity of seeing the world's greatest ropers in action. Don't fail to visit our store on both these days, and you certainly must not miss the treat this great roping contest will afford.

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Ladies and Misses' Shoe Dept.

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	25c for	.15
	1 lot fast colored dress goods 1.00 for 50c, 50c for 25c, 25c	.15
	1 lot embroidery, per yard, 12½c, 15c and 20c	.10
	1 lot lace, per yd. 12½c, 15c 20c and 25c all	.10

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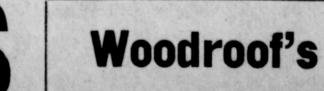
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The EFFECT OF THE WAR ON DRY GOODS

Never before in the history of the present generation have conditions abroad been so violent as to materially effect the markets of the entire world. These effects have greatly advanced every description of dry goods, shoes or wearables. Dies have taken the greatest advances ever known, due to the great difficulty of importing raw chemicals from Europe, and even now these advances are effecting every man, woman and child in the United States. You cannot expect to continue to receive the low prices in dry goods heretofore given the general public, and every customer of this store is reminded that the above special offers we are making are much below what they are worth at the present. For this reason we urge that you avail yourself of the price-making at Woodroof's, for such is imperative to your good judgment in values and quality. Do not wait until it is too late, but now while we are in position to serve you with the very smallest figures in prices,





GREATEST ROPING CONTEST EVER **STAGED IN WESTERN TEXAS** Merkel, Monday, May 1st

S1,000 PURSE TO THE WINNER S1,000. Two World Renowned Champions Meet in a Finish Contest for Roping =Supremacy=

George Weir, formerly of this city, champion steer-roper of the world, will meet Allen Holder, of Garden City, champion goat-roper, at Merkel, Texas, Monday, May 1st, at 2:30 P. M., each man to rope 15 goats against time, the winner to receive the \$1,000 purse.

GEORGE WEIR

OF MERKEL, TEXAS

who won every goat=roping contest he entered last year, 21 seconds, and a winner of eleven out of twelve contests he entered last year in steer-roping. The former resident | the man who will attempt to defeat George Weir for this purse of \$1,000. It is an established fact that Holder did of this place is now pitted in a new game of roping goats not lose a contest during 1915, and his meeting with Weir against the champion goat-roper of all contests. Weir has been practicing for this event and this exhibition of will be the first time these two rope artists have ever met skill will be worth traveling hundreds of miles to see. to contest their ability.

ALLEN HOLDER

OF GARDEN CITY, TEXAS

Champion speed steer roper of the world, with a record of Reputed champion goat roper of the world, and a man

Weir Will Rope and Tie Fifteen Goats Againt Time

Holdcr Will Rope and Tie Fifteen Geats Against Time

Merkel, Monday, May 1st

Three Events During the Evening

AMATEUR GOAT-ROPERS CONTEST --- Free for all to enter. Entrance fee \$2.50, prizes to be divided 60, 30 and 10 per cent. This contest will be held during the time the main contest is going on in order to give the main contestants time to rest and to allow their roping horses time to rest.

BLUE JAY WILL BE MOUNTED --- Probably by "Red" Driver, of Midland. This is a secondary attraction to the main event, but will be a great attraction within itself. The management of the contest has gotten the best rider possible for this occasion. Blue lay is now owned by George Weir and is under new management.

BE HERE WITHOUT FAIL

This positively will be the greatest event ever pulled off in any part of Texas and will give people of all the western part of the state an opportunity to see two of the greatest ropers of the world in action. MERKEL IS VERY FORTUNATE JUST NOW in securing this match. It was got ten up by agreement between Weir and Holder, and this city has been selected as the best place in which to have the contest. GOOD CONNECTIONS ON RAILROADS-People reaching here from the east and west over the Texas & Pacific should arrive not later than on No. 5, west bound, Monday morning, or on No. 4, east bound, T. & P. passenger the same morning. Good accomodations for all visitors and Merkel extends a welcome to the entire state to visit this, the most scientific event of the year.

ADMISSION FEES TO CONTEST FOR ALL THREE EVENTS: ADULTS 50C, CHILDREN 25C Merkel, Texas, 2:30 p. m.

MAY 1st, 1916

The Merkel Drug Company

Composed of a partnership of H. K. Shepperd and J. W. Grafford

-ANNOUNCE-

The complete and full purchase of the entire stock of Drugs, Jewelry, Sundries and Notions formerly belonging to Mrs. E. M. Rust, the successor of the Rust & McCauley Drug Company. We will continue the business at the same location, and being comparative strangers in the Merkel country, we extend a to all people of this section to visit our establishment and become acquainted. The exclusive management of the store is under direction of Mr. Shepperd, a registered druggist formerly with the Adolphus Pharmacy of Dallas, who will take a delight in attending carefully to your wants.

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SHILOH.

Prof. and Mrs. Thompson gave their pupils an Easter Egg hunt Friday afternoon. All report an enjoyable time. Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Winter's were Trading in Merkel Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Phillips are the proud parents of a fine haby bey which came to bless their house April 19th. Sinclair was all smiles Sunday.

The Misses Hairs, Tabors and linwels . Messrs, Hail, "abors, Hewel, Tyner and Cognurn motored to Castle Peak Sunday afternoon. These young people are to be congratulated for attending Sunday school before going away on their pleasure trip.

Mesdames. J. H. Grayson and Chas. Seago were visiting in Noodle Monday afternoon.

Miss Gladys Reeves spent Sunday with friends at Newman. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves motored to

Merkel Saturday. There was singing at the church on

Sunday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Brown and children, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald and children stones by Jacob and his brethren, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will

Mr. and Mrs. Woods and Miss Ruth Pomroy, near Sweetwater creek, took supper Sunday with W. B. Reeves and

family Mrs. Eeavers and daughter, Miss

Lyda, were shopping in Merkel Wednesday of last week.

DON'T BE MISLED

SMILES. smile is a joyful sight. We

Christianity wants nothing so the world as sunny people .- Henry Drummond.

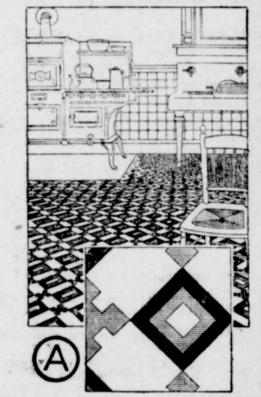
The Word "Mizpah." The word "Mizpah" is the name of several places in Palestine. The one with which its connection is best known, however, is the heap of stones and the pillar set up by Jacob and his brethren as a witness of the covenant between Jacob and Laban. The hear of stones were a boundary and also an altar. The use of the word "Mizpah" as an inscription for memorial rings is based on words occurring in connection with the setting up of the the covenant with Laban-"The Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent one from the other."-New York Times.

She Meant an Escalator.

It was a Brooklyn Mrs. Malaprop who said "there ought to be an osculator at every elevated road stairway." A daughter (in high school) silenced her erring lips with a respectful kiss .-Brooklyn Ragle.

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A Healing Salve for Burns, Chapped Hands and Sore Nipples

nipples and chapped hands Chamberlain's Salve is most excellent. It allays the pain of a almost instantly, and un- The O less the injury is very severe, heals the parts without leaving a scar. Price, 25 cents. For sale by all dealers.

One of Three Worst Wives. St. Giles. Camberwell, is the burial place of Mrs. John Wesley, wife of the famous preacher. Southey grouped Mrs. Wesley with the partners of Socrates and Job among the three worst wives in history, and she seems to have deserved the distinction. One of Wesley's friends, says the London Mirror, records having seen him dragged round the room by his hair by the powerful virago, and she seems to have made the poor man's life a misery for twenty years. At last, to his great relief. she decamped, carrying

As a healing salve for burns, sore away many of his papers simply to annoy him, and he saw her no more. She died in October, 1781.

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Merkel Citizens Shoule Read and Heed This Advice.

Kidney trouble is danSerous and often fatal.

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A Merkel citizen's statement forms convincing proof. It's local testimony-can be inves-

igated. Mrs. M. A. Warren, El Paso St., Merkel, says: "I had a great deal of

trouble with mo back and could hardly turn without a sharp catch across $m\delta$ your inquiries and sell you the kidneys. I felt worn out and languid best of seed worth the money. nearly all the time and became very The Sweetwater Grain & Seed nervous. Another in the family had found Doan's Kidney Pills fine, so I started to use them. They helped me and I kept up the treatment until I was cured."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy-get

Doan's Kidney Pills-the same that James Baker, Trent, Texas. Mrs. Warren had. Foster-Milburn Co., Btffalo, N. Y.

"Marrying For a Home." Marrying for a home or any sort of marriage as a means of support may horses and mules for sale, also be considered by some as a part of the business of marriage, but generally speaking it is a risky business-a wild speculation in which the girl pays very dearly for something she is not likely to want when she gets it and in many cases will rid herself of on short no-

tice. And the price she pays is not only ber youth and whatever charm and ambition she may possess, but a poor, miserable, broken life.-Bailey Millard in Woman's World.

Imitative Monkeys. Monkeys never wash or bathe, though they have, as a rule, every chance to do so. Possibly experience has taught them to be afraid of crocodiles, which are pretty generally distributed on a number of Indian monkeys watched a party of Europeans in a boat who seen to come to the river side and go through the form of washing their bits of stick.

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And Build Up The System Take the Old Standard GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC. You know 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 ous. G. M. Sharp.

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We have some good work horses and mules for sale, also Mercantile Co.,

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Try the famous Wamba coffee

Make yourself at home in our Rest Room chiens In Mille mach Undertaking_License No. 392

Guarded His Beard.

As Sir Thomas More laid his head on the block he begged the executioner to wait a moment while he carefully placed his beard out of reach of the ax, for, he said, "it hath not commit. square near the hotels. No ted treason." which reminds one of the charges to tourists and visitors story of Simon Lord Lovat, who the day before his execution on Tower hill bade the operator who shaved him be cautious not to cut his throat, as such an accident would cause disappointment to the gaping crowd on the morrow.-English Magazine.

A Bargain is the Ihing

and A. L. Jobe's Bargain store is the place to get it in boys and youths suits, men and boys hats, shoes and shirts. If you have the big head I can fit you in a hat. Shirts from 17 to 20 in collar, worth \$1.50 selling at 50 cents, get one now.

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One thoroughbred shetland one team of three year old mules pony, absolutely gentle for childto let out for their feed. Anchor dren to drive and guarenteed safe. Also set of harness and surry. See me if interested. W.

Parten.

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accessories and tires. Our readers are especially invited to call on them while in Sweetwater. -Adv.

When driving go by the cemetery and give Mr. Ferguson an order to clean your cemetery lot. He is there at all hours of the day and his charges are raasonable.

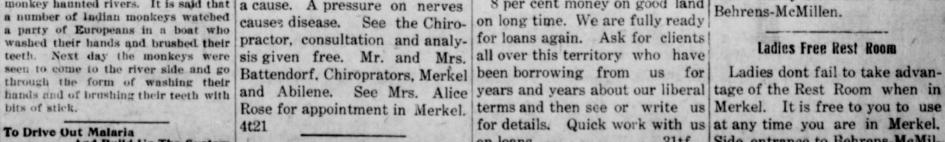
The Bob Martin Grocery Company received a fresh car of Baker Boy flour this week. Order a sack.

Be sure and visit Duckett's new Variety Store next door to Behrens-McMillen.

Ladies Free Rest Room

Ladies dont fail to take advan-Side entrance to Behrens-McMillen Furniture Co.

Plenty of meal, bran, shorts that made Houston, Texas, fam- from the Bob Martin Grocery and mixed feed. Bob Martin Grocery Company.



Mrs. Groene Entertains

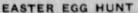
EVELYN WILLIAMS, EDITOR

Mrs. H. F. Groene entertained the members of her junior to hide the eggs were Misses Charley Sunday School class last Friday afternoon at her residence. tunate one in finding the greatest Games of all kinds were indulged in and of course so near Easter the party would not be and the number being so large gotten by the little ones. we will not try to mention the names.

Sunrise Breaklast

but of pleasure in the dim back ground the young lady teachers of our town fared forth last Needless to say at the end of the breakfast the usual camp meal the evening. of bacon, fried eggs, coffee etc., being served. After breakfast were enjoyed until about ten tion them in the next issue. when the party returned to town Hogan, Mae White, Winnie War- ment. ren. Beulah Burkett and Susie Creath.

signed from his position as R. F. the successful sales, D. carrier, allowing his place in



Last Saturday afternoon near the site of the old North Side school building, Murphy Thomas and Maurine Cobb entertained some sixteen girl friends with an egg hunt. Rosie, Laney, Lilly Pratt and Johnnie Sears, Gladys Milligan, Florine Brewster, Lucile Edwards, Mary, Eula and Mossy Sears, Lola Armstrong, Mary Elizabeth and Ethel Williams, Ruth and Nellie Holloway were those entertain-The chaperones whose duty was Belle Thomas, Josie Smith and Stella Watts. Mary Eula Sears was the fornumber of eggs.

LITTLE FOLKS PARTY.

On last Saturday afternoon Mrs. J. complete without eggs hidden S. Burkhead gave the wee ones of her neighborhood an Easter party. Those away all over the lawn for the who were present to join in the fun little guests to search after. The were Mildred and Ola Smith, Ruby refreshments of various kinds of and J. B. Jr., Warnick, Hazel and Venice Bell, Florence, Bertha and Jack bon bons and sweetmeats were Jr., Burkhead, And again on Sunday passed to the children while they this same little group were invited to the residence of Mrs. Marvin Smith were on the lawn. It was Mrs. to enjoy an egg hunt there. So much Groene pleasure to have about "good times" were crowded into these thirty guests on this occasion two little gatherings that one can be sure they shall not soon be for-

On last Thursday evening, after the picture program, some ten couples remained at the Cozy for a few hours' rancing. Music for the evening was furnished by J. F. Harrison and the Up at five A. M. with all tho'ts dancing was so fascinating that the wee small hours came before the guests were ready to depart. -

With spring opening so beautifully all kinds of outings are now the order Saturday morning for a sunrise of the day. Monday evening after breakfast at Warren's tank. six-thirty closing hours, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Angus and daughter, Maurine, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. L. W. seven mile drive all were ready Woodroof, drove to Warren's tank to join in the preparation for where a picnic supper was enjoyed. The return to town was made late in

If any of the Easter week social gatherings have been left out of this kodaking, shooting and fishing issue, please report it, that I may men-

The Ladies Aid of the Methodist The young ladies composing this Church enjoyed a social meeting Monbreakfast party were: Misses day afternoon with their president, Mrs. H. C. Burroughs. A volunteer Nellie Bly Lankford, Mary Lena program was the main pleasure, and Mongly, Willie Carr, Zelma it was most excellent. Fifteen members were present at this meeting. Fletcher, Daisy and J. Verna Fruit punch was served as refresh-

CHURCH AID SALE.

The sale of lingerie held by the young ladies of the Protheus Class San Jacinto Day was celebrat- Saturday afternoon at the Benrens-McMillen rest room, was a decided ed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. success. Quite a variety of dainty O. J. Adcock on last Friday by garments were on display and sold the advent of a fine boy into the well. In fact, Mrs. Bullock, teacher of the class, reports only a few pieces home. As result of the occasion not sold at the afternoon close. These Mr. Adcock has temporarily re- young ladies are to be praised for the daintiness of their display as well as



goodies that just m-e-l-t in your mouth light, fluffy, tender cakes, biscuits and doughnuts that just keep you hanging 'round the pantry-all made with Calumetthe safest, purest, most economical Baking Pow-der. Try it-drive away bake-day failures."

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Spring Love

By ETHEL HOLMES

Poets have sung of love in the spring for centuries. No one ever read a poem of young love in autumn; certainly not in winter. It comes with the budding leaves, and it also comes with propinquity. Place a young girl near a young man on a warm, sunshiny day in April or May, or the young man near the girl, and love is just as sure to bud in their hearts as feaves on the trees.

It is singular how many different self in these youngsters. In many cases one would suppose that they had other. Sometimes contempt, but never indifference, though there is nothing they attempt to show more than this. A case in point

Benny Apherson had reached the age when a boy is especially particular as to his cravats. He was admiring himself in a pier glass upon donning his new spring suit and his first silk hat. Olivia Treadwell had just passed the age when her mother studied the advertisements for bargains in misses' apparel. On the very day that Benny put on his "tile" and Ollie donned her first woman's frock they saw each other for the first time. Behind the Treadwell home was a garden, and against the farther end of the garden was the rear of a house into which had recently moved the Apherson family. On this beautifully bright spring morning Miss Ollie, from the rear drawing room of her home, espied Benny in the rear drawing room of his home admiring before the pier glass his new plug hat. He bowed to his image, taking off his bat to an imaginary lady, walked past the glass, first showing one side then the other. smirked at himself-or, rather, at the imaginary girl-showed a dignified superiority, indeed, practiced all manner of ways of attracting, even of crushing her. While so engaged he evidently heard some one approaching, for he hurriedly placed the hat on the window sill and passed out of Ollie's sight All this Miss Ollie observed, unobserved herself. As soon as the young Apollo disappeared she was seized with a terrible temptation. The gardener was engaged in removing the flowers from the conservatory and placing them in the garden without. Having planted a large number, he watered them with the garden hose and had gone somewhere else, leaving the hose on the ground. There was the shining hat balanced on the window sill, there was the hose and there was the girl. The result was what was to have been expected. The girl went down and out into the garden and began to put ere water on the already well wa tered plants, casting from time to time furtive glances at the rear window in which Apollo had placed his hat. Having satisfied herself that no one was looking, with assumed carelessness she diverted the stream from one flower bed to another, and in doing so the stream struck the hat. It disappeared from view. Unconscious apparently of what she had done, Miss Ollie continued to water the flowers for a few minutes, then dropped the hose and went into the house The young lady deceived herself if she thought she was unobserved. Benny from an upper window had caught sight of her in the garden watering the flowers. Now, a gir! watering flowers on a bright spring morning. even with a garden hose, is a delectable sight. Benny stood back from the window, far enough to be out of sight. took up a pair of opera glasses and flashed his eyes on Miss Treadwell. seeing every intent in her features as well as if he had been close beside her. When she diverted the stream from the flower beds he saw a look of mad licious mischief on her face and wondered. Later, when he went downstairs for his hat and saw it on the floor, its beautiful sheen ruined by a drenching, that look was explained. If any one had told Benny that his feelings toward his neighbor were not a concentrated desire for revenge, that they were instead the opening of the love bud in his heart, he would have laughed sardonically. While he was gazing on the ruin before him he was trying to think of some method of crushing the perpetrator. No appropriate method occurred to him at the time, and when next he saw Miss Treadwell she was in the garden nipping the flowers to make a bouquet. looking so attractive that he wished he were with her instead of separated from her by a wall and the absence of an acquaintance. He hoped she would look up at him, but since she did not he coughed to attract her attention. Now, if Miss Ollie had not been alrendy conscious of Mr. Apherson's presence his ruse would have succeeded. Since she was conscious of the fact that he was admiring ber, she went on plucking the flowers without manifesting the slightest curiosity in the premises. This is not a love story, it is simply an exposition of certain apparent in consistencies pertaining to spring love in spring age. Mr. Apherson made Miss Treadwell's acquaintance, and there was an affair between them, but of the kind usually denominated "puppy love." it was nipped by the young ady's mamma, who packed her off to boarding school Before she married she experienced several more such affairs, most of them hatched in the spring.

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave

Up in Despair. Husband

Came to Rescue.

from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock

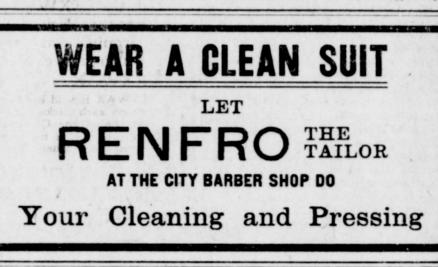
in my left side.

After Four Years of Discouraging I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its Catron, Ky .- In an interesting letter tiring me, and am doing all my work."

If you are all run down from womanly ways this spring disease manifests it- writes as follows: "I suffered for four troubles, don't give up in despair. Try years, with womanly troubles, and during Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped been seized with an aversion for each this time, I could only sit up for a little more than a million women, in its 50 while, and could not walk anywhere at years of continuous success, and should all. At times, I would have severe pains surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what The doctor was called in, and his treat- it will do. Ask him. He will recomment relieved me for a while, but I was mend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

soon confined to my bed again. After Write to: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book. Home Treatment for Women." sent in plain wrapper. Jee





this position to be filled by a substitute in order that he might

night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith, after a son, T. M. Smith, have returned to Stanton,

Mrs. E. M. Rust spent the Easter week-end the guest of Abilene friends. She was driven home Sunday afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. G. B. McCauley.

His Line Was Spinach. Applicant for Job on Agriculture Pa-

in growing things? Applicant-Why, er-I grew a small beard once.-Flor-Ida Times-Union.

THERE'S A RISK

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ned by the small girls that one had remain at home with his family. to be carried over for Monday afternoon. This was given in the J. W.

MRS. ANGUS ENTERTAINS.

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close.

On last Friday evening Mr. and ings in their rooms at school. Mrz. M. D. Angus entertained a few

friends at their residence on Rose Editor-Have you had any experience those present. Pink and white roses Duckett. were used in the decorations and in . the refreshment plate of brick cream with angel food cake, the same colors were used. The guest list reads: Messrs, and Mesdames R. O. Anderson, E. M. McDonald, L. W. Wood-

roof and Mrs. Austin Boyd; Misses Maud Martin, Beulah Burkett, Win- Burroughs. Messrs. Emmet, Grimes, Earl Baze, Lytton Howard, W. L. Diltz, Jr., and Master Fred Boyd.

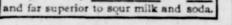
BIBLE CLASS ENTERTAINS.

One of the largest social gatherings neident to the Easter tide was that given by the Eusiness Men's Class of the Methodist Sunday School, honoring the King's Daughters. At 8 o'clock Monday evening about seventy-five guests assembled in the main auditorium of the church. With the president, T. A. Johnson, presiding, the following program was given:

Address of 'welcome, T. A. Johnson; response, Mrs. W, P. Garvin. Short talks were then made by Dr. O. F. McMaster, Rev. W. P. Garvin and Dr. W. B. Foster. These were along similar lines, urging the men in their work to widen fields and greater activies. With these musical numbers were intermingled; songs by the entire assembly and special violin and and son, accompanied by J. F. Harrison. After the program the east room of the church, which had been arrangabundance of cream and cake was in waiting for all present. The gentlemen are to be congratulated upon the men are to be congratulated upon the success of their initial social evening Warren Brothers and the ladies pronounce it one of the

they have ever attended.

Mrs. J. E. Pitzer, Jr., is in Bryan, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Trant. Mr. and Mrs. W. Z Harris, who for several years have made their home n Dallas, are again to make their ome in Merkel.



PLAY WELL RECEIVED.

At the High School auditorium Fri-Miss Genevieve Rust who has spent Teaff pasture. Velma Holloway, as- day evening a program by Abilene several weeks at the Rudd ranch sisted by her sisters and mother was home talent was given under the ausnear Maryneal, returned home Sunday hostess for the afternoon and the fol pices of the Freshman Class of the lowing were her guests: Ona Fay Merkel High School. The play for Rose, Quida Shannon, Lennette and the evening was, "The Little Heroine Maurine Louise Walters and Ruth of the Revolution," under the direcprotracted stay in the home of their Jones. After the search for eggs, tion of Mrs. Mershaw. An audience of which were hidden by Nellie and Ruth moderate size attended this program Holloway, a frolic on the creek banks The young performers were splendid brought this really true outing to a in their parts, the older ones not so good, as they seemed unfamiliar with their lines. The Freshman Class will use the proceeds for better furnish-

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Duckett and instreet. Tables arranged for forty-two fant daughter of Snyder, are visiting per-Any chance to get on this sheet? made the time pass pleasantly for the families of J. H. Harris and W. P.

> Mrs., H. A. Reading of Abilene has recently visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Anderson.

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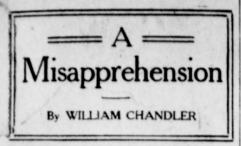
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Being delayed in the town of Acland, where I had gone on business, on account of the absence of the man I had gone there to see, I asked the clerk of the hotel where I stopped if there was a free library in the place. He directed me to one of the most attractive little buildings I ever saw, in the center of a grove. I went there and nosed over the fiction shelves for awhile and finally took down a novel.

On turning the leaves a bit of paper fitted to the floor. I picked it up and. seeing some words written on it in pencil, read them:

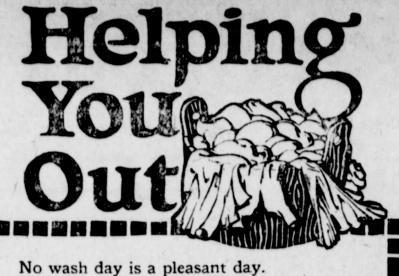
Ten years today since Frank left us, and I am no more reconciled to his ab-sence than the day after his departure. Oh, the long, long, weary day! ALICE.

Now, there was something in this that fitted me. My name is Frank Tisdale. Twelve years before I had accepted a position in a commission house in Hongkong and gone out there to make my fortune. I returned on a visit after eight years' sojourn in Chiand never went back. I was twenyears old when 1 left home, and among the girls to whom 1 said goodby was one Alice Ringold. But I was not aware that I was any more to her than any other young man.

I took the book and the paper to the librarian, telling her that I had found the one in the other. She said that returned books were apt to have a variety of articles in them, usually put there in lieu of a book mark. I asked her if such articles were returned, and her reply was. "Sometimes." I requested that if she returned the paper I had left with her to the person who had written it she would let me know. I left with her a postage stamp and my address.

Not very long after my return to my home I received a letter from the Hbrarian announcing that she had found the Alice whose name was appended to the writing on the paper I had discovered. The lady had dropped it into the book which was lying open on a table, some one else had closed the book, and it had been returned to the library with the slip in it. The librarian gave the name, Alice Rin-

Now, I had passed the age of thirty, supposing that no woman had shown any predisposition toward me. 1 waon the verge of middle age, with no one to care for me, and now accidentally I had discovered that a girl from whom I had parted a dozen years before had been mine for the asking during the whole of that period. I remembered Alice Ringold, a shy little thing.



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Just Like a Woman. "That clock is two hours slow," said the man of the house when he came home at his usual time and found the dinner not even started.

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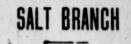
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Hoar and Evarts.

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Inconsistent.

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A Carlyle View.

Carlyle compared the advance of the world to the progress of some drunken man who, reeling from one side of the street to the other, slowly and at the expense of much wasted effort finally arrives at his destination.

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Good as His Word.

"Look here, this inclosed car you sold me for as good as new rattles terribly."

"But, my dear sir, I told you it was a rattling good bargain."-New York Sun

Why Bixby Doesn't Go. "Bixby sent the minister ten reasons for not going to church, but he left out the main one." "What is that?"

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The Married One-Raycer says he has a two-year-old that can do a mile "Nora"-he began in a supplicating in 2:10.

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Advertised Letters.

Chambliss, Miss J. T. Dennis, Mrs. Joe Hakit, Mrs. Fred Jones, Pearl O'Neal, Roy Reamy, Mattie Westmoreland, Hobart These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 10, 1916. H. C. Williams, P. M.

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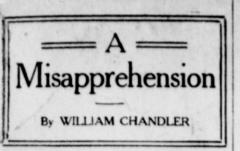
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On turning the leaves a bit of paper fitted to the floor. I picked it up and. seeing some words written on it in pencil, read them:

Ten years today since Frank left us. and I am no more reconciled to his abence than the day after his departure. Oh, the long, long, weary day! ALICE.

Now, there was something in this that fitted me. My name is Frank Tisdale. Twelve years before I had accepted a position in a commission house in Hongkong and gone out there to make my fortune. I returned on a visit after eight years' sojourn in Chiand never went back. I was twenyears old when 1 left home, and among the girls to whom 1 said goodby was one Alice Ringold. But I was not aware that I was any more to her than any other young man.

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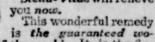


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Hoar and Evarts.

On one of his later birthday anniversaries Senator Hoar wrote to William M. Evarts and congratulated him upon his length of years. In his reply the aged lawyer said it brought to mind an old lady in New England who had her to dance. I'm minded to go and occasion to write to a friend about ask her myself." some matter of trifling importance and when she had reached the end of the thirteenth page awakened to the fact that she had been rather diffuse and added, "Please excuse my longevity." -Boston Globe.

Inconsistent.

A man who took his infant daughter to be baptized told the clergyman to call her Venus. "But I refuse to call her Venus,"

said the clergyman indignantly. "Venus is the name of a pagan goddess." "Well, how about your own girl, Diana?" said the man.-London An-

A Carlyle View. Carlyle compared the advance of the world to the progress of some drunken man who, reeling from one side of the street to the other, slowly and at the expense of much wasted effort finally arrives at his destination.

The Swedish Law.

In Sweden the testimony of a child under sixteen years of age will not be ceepted in court. Cutting Expenses.

Knicker-Are you cutting down expenses? Mrs. Knicker - Yes; I am paying only half the bills .- Puck.

How She Liked Him. "Well, Maggie, you're a year married. How do you like your husband?" "Sober. mum."-Houston Post.

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and I'll give yon s Nora went to the ball with Pat and rests against a neighboring rock. All on the way told him that she knew a these rugged and massive pieces bor- girl who that morning had received a legacy of £2,000 by the death of an uncally the curious bowlder is known as cle in Ireland. Pat asked who was the girl, and Nora gave him to understand that she was Kathleen Clancy.

During the evening Pat did not refer to the answer to his proposition. Kathleen, not being a very pretty girl, was something of a wall flower. "I'm sorry for the poor girl," said Pat, "sittin' around with no one to ask

"That's right," said Nora. "She'll appreciate the attention.

Pat asked Kathleen to dance and, having danced with her once, he concluded to ask her again. Meanwhile Mike O'Connor danced with Miss O'Rourke. He asked her to dance with him again, but she declined. To do so would not have accorded with her plan. When Pat and Nora were going home from the ball, instead of pressing her for an answer to his proposal, he said

to her: "Nora, I don't like your dancing with that miserable fellow, O'Connor.' "I only danced with him once."

"That's enough. You shouldn't have danced with him at all." "I'm sorry," said Nora, with appar

ent penitence. When Pat left her at the door she said to him:

"I suppose you don't want the an wer you said you were lookin' for?" "Not tonight. I'm thinkin' about your dancing with that spalpeen O'Connor. Maybe I'll get over it in time."

"That won't do you any good, for 1 won't get over what you've done this night. It's not Kathleen, whose uncle in Ireland has died and left her \$10,000. but my own uncle has left that money to me. I told you it was Kathleen to

see if you could be switched off by a bait of a legacy, and I've found that you don't value me so much as the fortune. Good night and goodby." "Nora"-he began in a supplicating

tone, but he got no further. for she shut the door in his face. When Nora and Kathleen met again Nora learned that Pat had not men-

tioned the legacy, but he had asked Kathleen to go to a ball with him to come off a week later. Then Nora told her friend that inasmuch as she had helped her to find out that the man she had thought of marrying could be so easily turned away from her she would keep her promise to give her something pretty. When she received her fortune she presented her friend with a set of furs.

Nora married Mike O'Connor, and under her tutelage in careful expenditure of moneys he became prosperous. Kathleen was dropped by Doolan, who was beside himself with chagrin when he learned how he had been tricked. He never forgave Nora O'Rourke for having fooled him, but what she had done made her really more desirable.

fine theater.

Tar Water.

Tar water was a cure-all in the eighteenth century. It was prepared S. F. Haynes. by pouring a gallon of water on a quart of tar, and the dose was half a pint in the morning and a second glass west Merkel where I now live. in the afternoon. Its use became so fashfonable that a contemporary noted, "It's as common to call for a glass FOR SALE-My home at a barof tar water in a coffee house as a dish of tes or coffee."

The Oil In Tobacco.

Although the Havana or Havana seed tobaccos are low in nicotine, they are high in oil. The settlement in a pipe stem or the brown stain obtained Hall. from blowing tobacco smoke through the meshes of a handkerchief is not nicotine, as commonly supposed, but is in reality tobaco oil, nicotine only being obtained in extract by an elaborate process of distillation and double distillation. The oil in cigar tobacco prevents the smoke being inhaled, as it would cause a strangulation and painful irritation.

Good as His Word.

"Look here, this inclosed car you sold me for as good as new rattles terribly."

"But, my dear sir, I told you it was a rattling good bargain."-New York

Why Bixby Doesn't Go. "Bixby sent the minister ten reasons for not going to church, but he left

out the main one." "What is that?" "He stays away because his wife

doesn't make him go."

Not Guilty. "Do you assimilate your food. aunty?" "No, sah. 1 buys it open an" honest, sah."-Baltimore American.

The Limit. The Married One-Raycer says he has a two-year-old that can do a mile in 2:10.

The Bachelor-I've heard many stories about precocious babies, but that one is the limit .- Puck.

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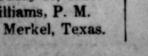


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