STEVENS WINS AT

that he was allowed to enter, ors to be present also. He not only won in these five ious record having been 23 3-5 Company. seconds.

He won first in the 100-yard dash, the 220-yard dash, the 440-yard dash, the running UL broad jump, and in the 12-pd. shot put.

Stevens is going to Austin to enter the state meet. Merkel people and business men can get no better advertisement than to send Stevens to the State, where he is sure to win several first places. Other towns send their atheletes to the State Meet and pay their expenses. you feel this way about this matter, study it over, and be tready to respond when approaday night, April 20, was the hardly looks familiar at all, yet afternoon. Finder please bring the stand helpind her best meeting the Boy Scouts they found many good old frito the Mail office. athletes as well as any town. What do you say?

THE SAN ANGELO

of the creamiest country on ation for the tenderfoot class Houston, Galveston, Dallas and death of my wife. Respectfully, earth, will participate in San and the oath was also given. Fort Worth. Angelo's hospitiality, May 21, was given last Friday night, 22, and 23, on the occassion of pledged scouts. This signifies the fifth annual convention of making about thirty boys full the West Texas Chamber of that the Boy Scouts of Merkel Commerce. More than 40 brass are fully organized. bands will be here during the idea of the training a boy must three days to dispense music, receive in the Boy scouts, we \$2,000 in cash prizes.

More than \$120 is the purse follows: hung up for entries in cowboy best: and other races and bronco bust to my country, and to obey the ing .These events will be stag- scout law; ed at Fort Concho park on the 2. To help other people at all evening of the third day. Water times; fights between teams of fire- 3. To keep myself physically men will be attractions on the strong, mentally awake, and business, streets for cash prizes, morally straight. San Angelo and Ballinger have Is it not interesting to note man, and this report does not already "hooked up" with Stam- the vein of high moral sense of to the period from April 19 ford and Abilene probable con- duty and uprightness in this would likely bring the total for tenders, with others to enter. cath? Every body knows that would likely bring the total received an organization that has for its West Texas is no dry country.

The West Texas Pageant of things over. Progress wil lbe a grand extravaganza in which more than 75
p. m. at Scout headquarters.—

Scouts, remember the meettering.

all kinds were never more flatTerritory, Ruth Boden.

2. Why save the city,
ie Dye. resenting as many West Texas towns and cities, will take part. Mrs. Shirley A. Wells and To whom it may concern:

on the evening of the third day with Mrs. Wells father, J. M. with a mammoth banquet for 4, Ashby and family. 000 in the open air near the Tom Green County courthouse. convention will be decided .

paring to bring along with its baby . May God's richest blessdelegation, stunt-pullers, bands, ings rest upon each one of you noise devices. The Madri Gras is our prayer. Mr. and Mrs. of New Orleans will be a back Herman Doan. number in comparison with the stunts and mirth that will be

Those who want to camp out during this occassion.

PRESIDING ELDER HERE NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. M. C. Hays, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, announces to the Methodist people as well as to the general public, that on next

events, but lowered the state A car of Bewley's Best Flour Dr. R. I. Grimes of Merkel, ing of May 21st. record on the 220-yard dash on the way. Also will soon have who was called to administer to As stated above, Bishop by one-fifth of a second. Stev- a car of Oats and Corn. Get the injured, stated that the Boaz, is one of the most able Go to John S. Hughes Grocery these young people have preens made the 220-yard dash in what you want off the car and home of Mr. and Mrs. West and and distinguished men of the for your Home Made Lard. 1tp sented this pageant. 22 2-5 seconds, the best prev-save money. Hughes Grocery all household furniture were a entire south, and his coming to

the occassion.

gave us a splendid talk and ure to meet again. every scout was helped by it. On their trip they were also There are three classes of the accompanied by Messrs. W. P. In behalf of the Missouri bring some one with you. CONVENTION

Scouts, namely; the tenderfoot and G. W. Moore, brothers of State Life Insurance Co. and class, second class and third Mrs. Toombs, and who remains his agent, T. L. Grimes, I wish day we add several new members of State Life Insurance Co. and class. Before a boy can become ed for a day or so's more exto express my appreciation for bers to our roll, but there is also the prompt settlement which a scout of either of these class- tended visit. San Angelo, April 23rd-Ten es, he must pass the examina- Mr. R. L. Bland left first of was made in five days from the thousand West Texans, cream tion of that class. The examin- this week for a business trip to time complete proof of the ional features for this week for the received many inquire of the creemiest country on ation for the tenderfoot class II. It. E. Bland left lirst of was made in five days from the planning a number of educat- "I have received many inquire of the creemiest country on ation for the tenderfoot class II. It. E. Bland left lirst of was made in five days from the planning a number of educat-

and incidentally to contest for will quote the scout, which is as

On my honor, I will do my

test. The city standpipe ,160 standard an oath like that can now, especially the Merkel with water to furnish pressure for this gory battle with water.

Scout Scribe.

EXTENDS THANKS .

Practically every town is pre- and death of our dearly beloved

obtained here during the three And an opportunity to fish in the deep blue holes of the Con-Arrangements have been made cho will be afforded. All eyes to accomodate all who can come, be turned toward San Angelo

HOME DESTROYED TWO ARE HURT

their lives.

1tp total loss. He stated that the Merkel upon this occasion, will considerably a right new Ford one. belonging to Mr. West.

VISITS OLD HOME

turned Tuesday night from a conditions in that country as A large crowd was present at visit with friends and relatives he found them. He will no in Denton , Dallas and Collin doubt have a great message for preaching service last Sunday county. And while it had been the young men and young lady night , which was in honor of many years since they had vis- graduates of the 1923 class of the Boy scouts of Merkel. The ited the scenes of their home the Merkel High school. Merkel band gave splendid mus before coming to this country, Why not Merkel send hers? If ic, and the sermon ,Bro. Rogers | Jncle Tom informs us that they LOST—An ear screw, some preached was certainly fit for enjoyed their trip very much; where between Gaither Building The Scout meeting last Frierous changes, and the country the Magnolia station Saturday have ever had. Judge Cummings ends with whom it was a pleas-

The rainfall for Merkel durstunts, such as potato, cigar 1. To do my duty to God and April, up to and including the Singing Association will meet ian Endeavor societies is that delivery services and to meet nineteenth is as follows:

January, 2 inches, February, 29th. April, 8 1-8 inches.

Black, the weather bureau in the day's proceedings. cover the period from April 19 would likely bring the total for

Sponsors will be special guests | Mrs. Shirley A. Wells and To whom it may concern: city.

of the city during the three phis Townsesses arrived in Mer. This is to certify that we the 1st. and 2nd divisions, Selena is a good place in which to do be can attain both of these definitions. Merkel, Texas, April 21, 1923 . of the city during the three phis Tennessee, arrived in Mer-undersigned owners of the Teaff. Grimmett Estate of Merkel 3rd division, Maude Hardy. Texas, hereby certify that we 4th division and conclusion, appoint Mr E. D. Coats as our Rev. Parrack. agent to secure buyers, abstract to be present at 6:45 Sunday. At this big feast the contest for We wish to extend our thanks and make deed to any part or the next meeting place of the to our many friends who so kind all of the said estate. W. A. Intermediate Epworth League ly helped us during the sickness Grimmett; F. L. Husband. 1t.

Intermediate B. Y. P. U.

Business: Daily Bible reading Drill. 1. Introduction. Lewis Giles.

2. Lila Mae Bird. 3. Mary Parrack.

4. Audrey Witcher. 5. Lewis Tucker. Winnie Murle Teaff. Delbert Polly.

HERE ON MAY 21ST

held at Abilene on last Satur- and evening hours, Presiding home of M. W. West, residing nounce to the people of Merkel 3:30 o'clock. The lesson is and through the week. The evday, there were over three hun- Elder W. M. Lane, of Abilene, some twenty miles north of and especially the patrons of taken from the first three chap ening service Sunday will be a dred entries. These came from will occupy the local pulpit and Merkel, in Fisher County, on the Merkel High school, that ters of St. Matt. Come the twelve counties of this dis- he urges upon every Methodist last Tuesday afternoon, at a- Supt. R. A. Burgess, has securtrict, number 7. The competit- who possibly can, to be present bout 3:30 o'clock; totally des- ed Bishop H. A. Boaz, one of Donald, the two year old son be put on by the Volunteer ion at this meet was extra and hear the splendid messages troying the home and seriously the leading and most able Bish of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Lassiter, Band of Simmons College. keen. At this meet, Roy Stev- that the Presiding Elder will but not fatally injuring both ops in the Southern Methodist severely burned one of his feet! They put it on at First church ens, of Merkel High school, won bring to his hearers. A cordial Mr. and Mrs. West. The fact church to deliver the graduat- Tuesday afternoon at the fam- last Sunday, and at the close first place, in all five events welcome is extended all visit- that their children, all of whom ing address to the 1923 class ily residuce by stepping into a two young ladies from the auwere in school, possibly saved of Merkel High school gradua- pan of hot water. At last re-dience came forward and sur-

> storm blew down many big be anticipated with the great-trees in it's path and damaged est of pleasure by most every storm blew down many big be anticipated with the great-

Bishop Boaz has recently returned from an extensive trip through Japan, and other foreign countries, and is only Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Toombs re- back home to make a report of

QUICK SERVICE

the prompt settlement which

The Mail has received word ing January, February, March, that the Merkel Fifth Sunday The greatest value of Christ- for speeding up his hauling and

2 3-8 inches; March, 2 inches; It is stated that there will be they make their members prove chase because of the outlay nec This data is furnished us al welcome is extended to one The society is a training school business at the start. by our good friend Mr. B. M. and all to come and take part in which boys and girls learn He may now purchase a

Senior B. Y. P. U. Program

Missionary Meeting-Jerusalem." Bible leaders Quiz. Leader, Dixie Howard. Introduction. 1. Cities in Southern Baptist

2. Why save the city, Valar-Nell Tracy .

Subject-Heroes of Faith. Leader-Emma Toombs. Song.

Scripture reading, 1 Peter 2, 21, 3 4. Instrumental solo, Mary Ellen

The life of Adeniram Judson, Ruth Pike.

Reading, Hallie Pike. Announcements. League Benediction.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Regular services next Sunday. Don't forget to be in your place and on time. Prayer meet all ling Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Women's Bible study at the At the Abilene District Meet Sunday, at both the morning A small cyclone struck the The Mail is indeed glad to an-church Tuesday afternoon at All regular services Sunday

> tes, in this city on Monday even ports the little fellow was get rendered as Foreign Missionarting along nicely.

Last Sunday all the services glad indeed to have the Boy heard the "Macedonian call." Scouts with us, and we appre- Remember the time, 7:45 p. ciated having the Merkel Band m. Sunday at the Baptist with us; both of these Merkel church. Come and see someorganizations are always wel- thing different and something come in our church.

the eleven o'clock service, we

Our Sunday school continu- Ira L. Parrack, pastor. ways room for others. We are Walter H. Hathaway. among which will be a school Purchase Plan included only tion Bible school. More will be local Ford Dealer said today. said about these things later. "In reply to those I wish to

Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society

The best way of learning, is to ward the Truck. practice it. "I Can'ts" never get Within a short time he will pl they will be well equipped to increasing accordingly. carry on the work these lay | And the same thing applies 4. What can we do to save the fight against the evils that be- the Fordson Tractor.

chase a good library for the En to deliver to the markets more deavors special use. All mem-quickly and at less cost. bers please cooperate in this "The Ford Weekly Purchaes movement for what is more pre Plan takes in all Ford products, cious than some good worth- Cars, Trucks, and Tractors, while books ?

meeting last Sunday ,although ier than ever before." the attendance could have been

Missionary pageant entitled, "We Never Know". This will

ies. Some ten or more have sur rendered at other places, where

We hope the entire membership of the church will see this presentation of the work. Every one will be welcome and heartily, but we urge the local Baptists to be in this service.

These young people are all volunteers for Foreign Mission Fields and are preparing them selves for this great work. They were well attended and filled can act the parts with feeling with interest. We were very as they have each of them

that will help you to "Lift up On next Sunday morning at your eyes and look on the fields that are white unto harvest."

will have Rev. R. L. Irving of The different fields will be re Fort Davis to preach for us. presented by those dressed in Those who heard him last fall native costumes and conditions when he was here, will want on foreign fields will be vividly to hear him again. Come and portrayed by the visitors. A cor dial welcome is extended to all.

FORD DEALER ANSWERS QUESTIONS

of missions, and a daily vaca- passenger cars," Mr. Scott the

Remember, we are always say that the Ford Motor Comglad to have visitors and strang pany has arranged it so that ers attend our services. Fred S. the plan includes also the purchase of Ford Trucks and Fordson tractors.

"Many a business man operating a small establishment has seen the need of a truck at Stith on next Sunday, April they train the young people in modern requirements, but rechurch work. By practical work frained from making the purdinner on the ground and a roy what they profess is genuine. essary to be taken from his

to take up the duties and res- Truck on the Ford Weekly Pur ponsibilities that church mem-chase Plan by setting aside bership brings to them later. each week a small amount to-

anywhere. With doing comes have the Truck and with the knowledge and effeciency So service it will render he will be when the young people must better able to build up and extake the places of the older peo pand his business, with profits

down. Paul in his letter to to the farmer who is desirous young Timothy lays great of motor transportation for his stress upon a good profession, products to the city and who 3. The city and opportunity, and in standing by that profess wishes to put his farm on a bet ion, all thewhile fighting a good ter paying basis by the use of

some fighting against evils, sires within a surprisingly both those within and those short period of time and in so without, thus proving ones sin-doing place his farm on an efcerity. So let's all boost Mer- ficient operating system which kels' society and prove faithful will not only enable him to produce his crops more economic-Plans are under way to pur- ally but which will permit him

and makes the way for the own We had a very interesting ership of these nesessities eas-

improvd upon. Let us make this Mrs. Guy B. Tabor and child-Sunday an "Over-the-Top-Day." ren returned Wednesday after-Yours in Christian Endeavor noon from a visit with friends C. E. Publicity Committee and relatives at Clyde.

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silk, and wool dresses, Coat a number of local Methodists of him, or a woman out of him? Wilson, Lucy Halbrook, Forest suits, Men's suits, boys suits, are attending the Abilene Discleaned and pressed by help who know how. One day service— trict Conference of the Methodno gas odor. Ligon, the laundry- ist church, which meets at something about the Victorian Francis O' Kelly, Lucille Ad-

Subscribe for the Merkel Mail this week.



HIGH SCHOOL NOTES By Hattie Proctor

Track Meet at Abilene Saturday characters: We, in order to show our appre- Father O'Neal, a priest, E. ciation of his hard and success- Spurgin, Bob, the sheriff, A. ful work, intend to send him to Brewer; Grizzley Adam, Odell

The teachers are alweys cheer On Monday evening at 8 o'ful and happy when we have clock a comedy in three acts, good lessons, but the Seniors "All Tangled Up", was present have discovered a new way of ed by the school, with the folmaking them agreeable, that is lowing cast of characters: by giving them a good feast. Maj. Holliday,

protect themselves from the fice man, C. R. Williams rough Senior boys, have organ- Tuesday evening, the gradu-Mae Moore, the feather weight, sion. was elected vice-president; and Dixie Blair, the quick-tempered TRENT SCHOOL CLOSES was elected Secretary and Treas

is a wonder Miss Pierce does'nt things for those present. "disremember or forget to give The speaker was introduced her a History Grade.

Mr. Burgess to Civics Class: Maggie Payne, as follows Voile, Crepe, Taffeta, China Rev. M. C. Hays, with quite "The orphans home takes a Annie Mae Nalley, Birdie small boy and makes a man out Weeks, Maurine Smith, Oneta

> tf Trent Thursday and Friday of Period in English Literature." rian, Ledo Dowdy, Homer Mc-Victoria was king of England er, Carroll Chambless, Floyd

> > Mr. Burgess: "If 371 grains of silence are put in a silver dol- Terry. lar, why aren't 3.71 grains put in a dime."

Spencer: There's not enough room in a dime.

The other day the following conversation was heard at one of the tables during Physics lab. Tina: "Marvin, do leave me alone. You make me so tired." Marvin: "Oh, no, I do not. You

were tired before you came in Miss Williamson to Physology Class: Name three articles

containing starch. Ray Garrett: "Two fuffs and

collar." Mr. Burgess to Civics Class: 'What is it when you're married twice at the same time?

Clesby: "Polygamy." Mr. Burgess: "And when you are married once?" Cesby: "Monotony.'

TRIP TO MT. PLEASANT RAINED OUT

The business / men's Trade Trip to Mt. Pleasant which was to have been made on last Friday evening, did not take place on account of the big rains of the night before. Then the time was set for the following Tuesday night, but continued rains prevented.

If you don't acknowledge that it is cheaper and done better you will be the first one. Try me next week with your entire family washing and ironing. Ligon the laundryman, Phone

Come by the Bakery every day noon for those delicious sweet milk rolls.

NOODLE SCHOOL CLOSES

The Noodle Public school It may be a good thing that closed last Friday a most sucthere are only three more weeks cessful term, and the commenof school, for Monday, the great cement exercises began Saturepidemic, Spring Fever, started day evening at eight o'clock spreading through the high when the eighth grade at the school auditorium presented to We are all proud of our great the large audience in attendathelete, Roy Stevens, who won ance, "The Heart of a Shamfive first places in the District rock.' Following is the cast of

Eoff; Laddie, C. Vick; Mrs. We have started working on Donovan, M. Ghram; Joan, Mothe Senior play and every one dell Bicknel, May, an Irish Rose in it is doing his best to make it Jessie Walker; Gad, a city waif Jewel Boyd.

Last Friday after the Senior Jack Goode; Lester McVey, At feast, the change was noted in torney, Bryan Starkey; Mrs. Miss Pierce especially. Some of Holliday, Lois Goode, Her dauthe ninth grade boys who take ghter, Clara, Eva Cole; Kelling history at 1:00 p. m. agreed to Plantum, undertaker, Hughie bring her a delicious lunch Vick; His daughter, Vernie, Vada Cole; Lieut. Rapley, Em-The Senior girls, in order to mett Womack; O'Tool, Irish of-

ized a "Rolling Pin Club". ating exercises were held and Maude Hardy the heavy weight the Merkel band boys were out was elected president; Tina to furnish music for the occas-

urer. The motto is: "It takes a The nineteen and twenty woman to give a man a cure." three term of the Trent school All the Senior girls have joined closed last Friday evening, this notorious club and are very with the commencement exeractive in their work , which is di-cises at th high school auditorrected against Mr. Mayfield in jumn and each pupil on the pro particular, for a few weeks ago, gram did credit to themselves he wrote in his Column an un- and to their instructors. Rev. worthy account of the Senior R. B. Twitty of Abilene gave the main aldress of the evening Alva "disremembers' 'and for "The Spirit of the Second Mile gets so much in History that it, which contained many good

by Miss Alice Fuller and at the Mr. Tabor to geometry class: close of the address, diplomas "You must get this formula, not were awarded to the ninteen graduates, by the tacher, Miss

Forester, Inez Parker, Opal In-Miss Bird: "Marvin, tell me glish, Willie Dorris Archer, Marvin: Well, when Queen Leod, John Martin, Bill Forrest Martin, Marvin Steen, Allen



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RESOURCES	
Loans, Time and Demand	\$331,064.83
Cotton	None
U. S. Securities	13,600.00
Other Bonds and Warrants.	27,672.19
Stock in Fed. Reserve Bank_	1,950.00
Stock in Fed. Int. Bkg. Co	900.00
Furniture and Fixtures	4,500.00
Other Real Estate	4,100.00
Five per cent Red. Fund	312.50
CASH & SIGHT EX	135,933.72
Total	\$520,033.24

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	.\$ 50,000.00
Surplus Fund	. 15,000.00
Undivided Profits	9,366,29
Circulation Acet.	6,250.00
BILLS PAYABLE	NONE
REDISCOUNTS	NONE
BORROWED MONEY	. NONE
DEPOSITS	439,416,95

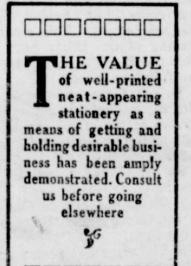


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has builded and chaos reigns-

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have been exploring old King the taunts of the other woman had be-Tut's dead house over there in the land of the Pharohs, and it was a rich, find and all the world still beautiful. But she had stuck doghas been stirred by the magni- gedly to her work; she was sacrificing ficent splendor of the paraphan the best years of her life ah, that alia of this ancient ruler .And was the worst of the services the truth has been revealed to or to understand her nature. us ,that after all of these thous ands of years , with the bright frequent visitor to the house, always lights of historical events to guide us, we have not over-shad owed the civilization of Egypt even less consideration than a servant. so very much—There's not much new under the sun-Just one empire after another tumbles down and oncoming generations build another ,and very little we learn by experience in the matter of rearing and pulling down governments ,but had often said. Isobel always rememsooner or later ,they all crum- bered that. It was Dora who had held ble ,and the bats and owls build her, an unwilling slave, in the Field their nests in the desolated halls of departed glory. The pathway to every throne has tion. She was leaving the house, never been paved with human skulls. wonder if it will topple over. we are prating about peace All things in Nature, human liv pacts and leagues of peace, and es, governments and parties all this stuff about world peace There ain't never been one and planets travel in a cycle, is only the prattling of babes built just like it. It's very true and when they reach a certain and the dream of fools. All nathat back in ancient Greece point, decadence sets in, and di-ture is a battlefield, and all life they reared some temporary rectly there is a shipwreck on is a struggle and take that out structures, but they only em- the highway planet devoid of of it, and man is only a pollybraced a city here and there, vegetation ,a withered tree and wog, or jellyfish. Away up yonand the polatariat had no voice a decadent race . Somebody has der on the mountain top, where in the family row, they were recently said that they thought the wind blows, and the storms short lived, the house tumbled that this democratic house was rage, we find the toughest down, and on the ruins some about completed, we had just plants and the most beautiful strong military chieftain reared about put on the last rafter, roses, and to get the rarest fraanother throne, and the serfs built the last cupolo, the found- grance of the flower ,we must continued to do penance to a ation was giving away, and the crush it, and in the valley of toil crowned head. Some times we structure was top heavy, hence poverty hardships and trouble, walk around this democratic a crash of this Temple of Free- and worry bring out the better structure and take observation, dom is inevitable. Man is the part of man-the easy road doand seeing the weak places, we smartest animal that God ever es'nt go anywhere. We are not alarmed about this house of De mocracy, for its safety .etc .not withstanding it is the most com plex political structure ever builded ,and there lies the danger. Kingship and feudal lords have been dispensed with, but we have other dangerous factors that have sprung up in the last forty or fifty years that are to be reckoned with, namely, a monied aristoracy ,the despotism of union labor and religious fanaticism and each of these factors is crying for a law of expolitan. Yes ,of late we have split up into blocs, and each is striving for apartments. or special privileges in this house of Democracy. In other words, we are going to the State to remedy all our ills, yes, clam ouring for a national comimssary a free hand-out and a fat loan without a valuable consideration .The trouble we apprehend is too much government, socialistic- everybody wants to milk the government cow, and stinct had proved too strong for her directly there will not be any one to furnish the hay and bran

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and that's when the foundation

will begin to give away. And

had yo uthougt aboout it? A-

bout thirty-five million people

are depending on this govern-

ment for a living ,that looks

bad folks ,for it was not intend-

ed for a boarding house.-Al-

bany News.

PURITY BLACKLEG AGGRESSION

One treatment immunizes Calves for life. Burl Wheeler. Agent, Abilene, Texas. 20t4p to learning, or what they thought was

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and keep them away by painting with Taroline, a lasting tar oil that penetrates cracks and crevices. For insects on Poultry feed "Martin Blue Bug Remedy" Money back guarantee by Sanders Drug Store. 16Mc,8wk Reconsidering the Matter

TT WAS less Howard Field than the other woman who was the cause o Isobel's finally arriving at her decision. For a period which seemed an eternity sume and destroy all that man she had slaved for Howard Field, has builded and chaos reigns— wearing out her youth, her beauty—that's the end of the cycle. They washing, cooking, froning for him. But

Isobel had had plenty of opportunities for lovers of her own. She was

There was Howard's old mother, a by her side, even in the kitchen, grumbling and scolding. She was a servant in the house, and they treated her with

And then the other woman-how Isobel hated her! She had seen Howard kissing her furtively when he thought nobody saw. He paraded his love for her openly.

Only the child remained, the one love you better than Daddy," the child

Now even that love was not strong

never shed another tear.'

that links people together in unwilling phone 218. partnership.

"Isobel, the world will say that you have acted rightly. That monster has no claim on you. You have toiled for him thanklessly. Come to me, Isobel!"

toilet service that was about all that she was taking from the Field home. into the passage, listening fearfully.

The way to freedom now lay open. But suddenly the thought of Dora came to her. Suddenly she realized that she ing glance at the child.

She listened outside Dora's door. No sound came from within. Softly she opened it and entered.

Dora lay on her back, sleeping the flushed, dewy, innocent sleep of childhood. Her long lashes lay delicately upon her cheeks. The sight of the slumbering child aroused every instinct of motherhood within her.

Isobel bent down and kissed the blush-rose cheek. Dora stirred faintly in her sleep and smiled. "Mummy!" she whispered.

The word was like a dagger in Isobel's heart. She clutched her breast in anguish. She looked at Dora. And suddenly she realized that she could

She could not go. The mother inat the last.

But as she turned back the door of the Fields' room opened softly. Howard Field appeared in his dressing gown-Howard and the other woman! Isobel uttered a cry. With a flerce exclamation Howard advanced toward

"Stealing off from my house like a thief in the night, Isobel! Is this the way you repay me for my kindness? Listen! Stay with me! Let us understand each other. I know it's Donald Dugan who is enticing you. We've been talking things over. Stay with us, and we'll raise your wages ten dol-

lars a month and send out some of the

wash. And you can have the use of

the car on Sunday afternoons." "'Deed, I will, suh," answered Is bel happily. "It's that old wash gives me such a backache, that's why I was

"Blue Stockings."

Even today one hears of persons designated as "blue stockings." In olden times the term meant women who sacrificed their characteristic excellence learning. A hundred years ago the women of England had evening assemblies where the fair sex might participate in conversation with famous literary men. One of the most eminent was Doctor Stellingfleit, who habitually wore blue stockings. Such was the excellence of his conversation that his occasional absence was felt as a great loss, and the ladies said: "We can do nothing without the blue stockings." Thus came the phrase, and by degrees its title was established.



toward her had always been one of Special prices on your entire Mr. Marvin Pemberton of Tatender chivalry. Once, when she had family washing and ironing. If toka and Miss Velma Gilmore, had urged her to leave Howard for you will try it out once, you will of Big Spring ,who on last Sun be a regular customer. No both-day were united in marriage "Come to me, Isobel," he had sald, er, just a laundry service that at Abilene, spent Sunday night "and I will protect you. You shall is within reach of every family and Monday morning in Merkel who appreciates good work at with L. D. Matlock and family, It was the old question, the old fear low cost. Ligon, the laundryman and other friends and relatives,

tf before departing for their future home at Tahoka.

REPAIRING

R. A. Tarbutton, now located pleating. If you want to look She had half promised, and How- in Merkel, can do all kind of dressy, have me do your cleanard's treatment of her that evening Watch, Clock, Spectackle and ing and pressing. No gas odor— Jewelry repairing. Come in and one day service. Ligon, the Softly she packed her bag in her test your own eyes. You can Laundry man, phone 218. room, putting into it a few little essen- save money on specks. Satistials her dress, her wrap, a cherished faction guaranteed. Your pat- W. O. Dial, who about the tronage appreciated. Located at first of the year moved to Ro-

Accordion, box and knife

It was well past midnight. She crept R. B. Johnson's Drug Store. tf tan, was here first of the week on business. He was accompan-Purina Chick Startena feed, ied by Mr. Banner, son of our with buttermilk especially pre-splendid fellow townsman, Mr. could not go forever without a part- pared for baby chick. Garrett J. L. Banner, for a visit to the tf. latter .

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fore accussed .

When people accuse public of- teachers. ficials of crookedness in their official duties, they should eith more low down crime than the fore any people. whelp who goes about howling he is talking.

provements: Winters is spend-been able to ascertain. ing \$80,000 in paving her main and \$30,000 in filtering plant great trip.

The Merkel Mail for their water system. Roby THE MERKEL MAIL PRINTING COMPANY, INC a water system. Munday has spent half a million in new business and residence buildings was in the city Sunday. the past year. Slaton and Lubbock, Lamesa, Snyder, Colorado growing in leaps and bounds. ALL ADVERTISMENTS MUST No town stands still, it either Clyde Foster was up from Abi BE IN THIS OFFICE BY SIX grows and pushes forward ac-lene last Sunday for a visit with O'CLOCK P. M. WEDNESDAY cording to the push and enter-home folks and friends. FOR INSERTION IN THAT prise of it's citizens, or steadily ordinary one horse, one gallus Mrs. T. J. R. Swafford .

optimistic citizenship in a town home for a short stay, from daughter at Tuscola. that town is nearly always Crosbyton and Idalu, where he work for the past three weeks. Sunday from a visit with her nicely. When a man is guilty of some- Elder Cypert is one of the lead mother at Post City. thing he most generally howls, ing ministers of the Church of when hit and often howls be- Christ, a clean man and with a Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Morton cleaning and pressing, have it state-wide reputation as one visited their son, Fred, at View done the right way. It doesn't among the most successful Sunday, who has a severe case

The rabbit drive which was Guy Hawkins and family of er prove their charges or shut staged Tuesday at the Arch Tuscola, were geusts in Merkel up. If a man entrusted with pub Harris ranch west of town, was last Sunday of his aunt, Mrs. lie funds misappropriates, mis- greatly enjoyed by all in at- Bird and other relatives. uses or embezzels same ,there tendance. Dinner was served But there is no man giulty of a most appetizing ever spread be 218.

that somebody is crooked, when The report reaches us that Brothers each, shipped a car of the facts would show that he do the communities in the vicinity cattle to the Fort Worth Mar- circuit, is here this week for a es not know a thing about what of the mountains south of here kets this week. was visited by a severe rain and hail storm Monday even- Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Warren The way of some of our neigh ing. Just the extent of the of Knox City were here first boring towns are making im-damage done, we have not of the week, guest of friends Mesdames L. ,R. Thompson

streets. Winters is one of the J. E. Richardson, local mana- It was indeed a great day in the Merkel Methorist church to best towns in all West Texas, ger of the Merkel Lumber Co. Merkel last Saturday. One of the annual meeting of the About the size of Merkel. Ros- returned last Saturday from the largest crowds ever assemb- West Texas Conference Wocoe is paving several blocks of Okla. City, where he attend-ling here before. her business streets. Crowell al- ed the annual meeting of all the so about the size of Merkel, is managers of the Wm P. Carey We are glad to learn that Mrs. Hays, Wednesday, the lat pending \$30,000 for paving. Company, and of which the Master Sterling Sheppard who er was accompanied on her trip Office over Farmers State Bank Sweetwater is spending \$80,000 Merkel Lumber oC. is a subsidi- was quite sick for a few days by Bro. Hays, as far as Sweetfor a new high school building ary. Mr. Richardson reports a first of the week, is now up and water, where he spent the day

Stith reports the heaviest is to vote on \$40,000 bonds for rain of the year Tuesday night crease. Well pressed is well in this week from New Orleans and clever manager for the Bar

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of the flu.

is adequate laws at hand with on the ground and a goodly All kinds of Hats Cleaned and which to punish him, and he number were out from Merkel. blocked for \$1.00. Guaranteed. a. m. and at Compere at 4 p. m. should get the limit, if guilty. The dinner was one of the Ligon, the laundryman, phone

and relatives.

about again.

The HOME of the Everlasting Dr. Frank Armstrong came

W. T. Branch was up from been here on an extended vis- hospitals of that city. He will their many stores over the state Entered at the postoffice at Merkel Big Spring, and many others of Abilene Sunday, the guest of it to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. spend some few days with which included speech-making this part of the country are his son T. W. Branch. home at Colorado Wednesday.

will move to the farm just as Breckenridge, and expect to a-WEEK'S ISSUE OF THE MAIL and quietly it falls behind the Miss Mattie Elliott of Abilene will permit, and Will Cox will home. Mr. Grimes will be assoprocess and becomes just the spent Sunday with her aunt, occupy the premises to be va-ciated with the Woodroof cated by Mr. Phillips.

Mr. B. C. Gaither has been W. C. Ervin, of route five, joins Mr. and Mrs. Grime's Where there is a progressive, Elder W. G. Cypert is at spending the weekk with his was in the city one day this many friends in extending to week and has our thanks for them a most hearty welcome his renewal to the Mail. He re-back home. found to be growing and lively. has been in protracted meeting Mrs. Roy Adams returned ports his feed planted and up

> Be particular about your cost any more. No gas odorone day service. Ligon, the laundryman. Phone 218.

> Minister C. C. Cooper of Abi lene Christian College was in the city Sunday and preached at the church of Christ at 11 and at night.

Rev. J. S. Moore, formerly Jasper McCoy and Collins pastor of the Merkel M. E. Circuit, but now on the Stamford few days visit with his daughter, and to incidentally shake hands with his host of friends.

> and M. C. Hays are in Snyder this week as delegates from man's Missionary Society; Mrs Thompson going up Tueday and

with friends.

dressed. Cash Tailor Shop. La., where he graduated last row Furniture Company of this tf year from Tulane Medical Uni-city, attended Tuesday evening Mrs. Mamye Dunn, who has connected with one of the great and salesmen of the firm from

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Grimes ar- Subscribe for the Merkel Mail. Hiram Phillips and family rived in Merkel last week from soon as the roads and weather gain make this city their future Bragg Co. in which firm he has become interested. The Mail

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Last days, Iris Garrett .

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WHITE CHURCH NEWS By John Reynolds

The Methodist Quarterly con their friends, were delightfully Barnett, Jas. Patterson, Boaz, ference was held at White pended on to furnish that entertained on last Monday H. Barnett, S. W. Johnson, Mil Church last Wednesday. The afternoon at the home of Mrs. ler, Arrington, Tucker, M. Presiding Elder, Bro Lane from R. L. Bland. After all the Smith, Tipton, Bland, Geo Abilene spoke to the folks Wedguests had arrived, the host- West H. C. West, Fred Rogers nesday. All business was transess asked all to form small Jas West, Chas. Jones, Misses acted during the day, and no

> Mr. T. D. Scott and wife spent Friday night and Saturday with relatives at Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. H. West went to Merkel last Wednesday. were formed for a letter con- Childhood, Mary C. Cummings Mr. Pealy West went to Mer-

> of cow feed. and Hoyt Wills went to Trent

The play at the school house ler was presented a corsage of Beginning his travels, Avis "Farm Folks' 'was a success in every way. The house was full * * * * * * * * * * * * * The visit of Stanley, Mildred of people. We were sorry indeed came. May we take this method to thank all who had a part in it, and especially to the Musici-

> have it. SERVICE comes next, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Reynolds we give it. SATISFACTION is Rev. and Mrs. Riddell and famwhat we all want, we guarantee ily, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Winn, • it. Cash Tailor Shop. Phone 180 and Mr. and Mrs. S. Scott, tf. Church to the play Saturday

> > Mr. Herman Doan and wife were at White Church Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Niewnham Rey nolds came to the play Saturday night. They went up to Mrs. West's before the play. Uncle Bobbie Hanna came to

White Church Saturday night Jim Jarvis from Trent spent the week-end at White church. A number of the Butman people attended the play at the school house Saturday night.

Mrs. Perry from Dora spent last week end with her mother, Mrs. H. West of White church.

GOLAN NEWS

It has been raining so much the Creeks were all over the bottoms.

Mrs. W. C. Hill and Mrs. W. L. Davis entertained their Sun day school Classes Saturday on the river .They enjoyed the day fishing ,playing and eating as they took their lunch with them.

Rev. W. H. Wheeler filled his regular appointment Sunday and Sunday night.

Every one enjoyed the singing Sunday afternoon at the Golan Methodist church. Professor S. W. Turpin of

Truby was seen in Golan Sunday afternoon. Several of the young people

motored to Sylvester Sunday afternoon.

Golan School will last five more weeks.

There is going to be an all day singing convention at Pled ger, the 29th of this month .

They have changed 'Mother's Day from the 2nd Sunday in May to the 4th Sunday, on account of "Mother's day 'at Plana ,the 2nd Sunday. We understand that several from here are going over there.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis P. Lawlis are the proud parents of a new girl.

Every one enjoyed the party Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Med Herron.

Prof. L. C. Morrison and wife were the guests of Wallace Hill Saturday night.-Slats.

TO BUILD A DORMITORY AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY

That the erection of a Methdist dormitory for girls at the University of Texas is now an assured fact, is the statement of Mrs. T .A. Brown of Austin who has just returned home from the Woman's Missionary FOR SALE-A good span of Conference at Mobile, Ala. A young mules, also one horse. meeting of the representatives Joe Higgins. from each of the different district conferences of Texas will FOR SALE-A good short horn be held in Austin, May 15, and Durham Male. See T. W. Neill a site for the dormitory will be Trent. selected at that time. Of the FOR SALE-A few bushels of the general centenary fund of Seed. T. J. R. Swafford. the Methodist Church. The remaining \$34,000 has been secur FOR SALE-Two Grey hound for the location of the dormitory Milk Cow, also surey .See W. C. Austin Methodists are being de- Ervin, Route 5,



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it contains a lot of truth. A dry goods merchant was ing grocer stepped into the bank. That night the local business starting down town when his to buy a draft which he was go-men had a meeting at the town wife reminded him of his most ing to send to a catalogue house hall to discuss the growth of

important duty during the day, for a swell bedroom suite. the mail order evil. All the gen-"Now my dear, be sure and "How's business?", asked the tlemen mentioned in the narrasend to the city for that new banker. "Oh not so very good., tive delivered short talks .They radio outfit, so we can have it replied the grocer; "things are agreed that the farmers were

for Sunday. You know that our just a little dull now. our Victrolo is getting so that Before the banker finished merchants when they persisted investors into millionaires. He was it is not fit to be heard." Just a few blocks away the young man with a grip stepped order houses ,and the meetmerchant, who handles victrol- up and asked how everything ing closed by adopting strong as and furniture was sitting at was. The banker seemed glad to resolutions against trading abreakfast with his family. The see him. He was a representat- way from home.—Exchange. conversation drifted around to ive of a big printing establishthe near approach of school ment in another state. He and We have plenty of Poultry "And that reminds me, John", the banker chatted pleasantly Lice Remover now. Come in and I stayed from curlosity. I had no

said the lady ,who sat at the for a few minutes ,after which, investigate this great poultry interest in Jim Thompson's money. head of the table, "I must be go the young man inquired casing to the city not later than ually of his friend behind the

next week. I must get school window if he wanted anything. clothes and see about a new "Well, yes", replied the banker fall suit for myself, and while "I believe I do. Print us 5,000

The young man thanked his An hour or two later a lead-friend cordially and hustled out.

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can't help believing after my experiences with the Parrott fakersthat pair that got sent up for seven years for a heartless fraud on a rich old woman in her dotage. You remember the case?

The Parrotts were well-known all through the state as mediums. When they paid their periodical visit to Jagerstown-they usually found it convenient to keep moving-whom do you suppose they roped in? Jim Thompson, the lawyer, the hardestheaded old scoundrel in the place.

His wife had been dead two years when he was converted to spiritualism. Everybody knows what sort of life the Thompsons led, though probably Thompson Limself had forgotten, more or less, when she had been dead two years. The surviving partner is apt to idealize his experiences. But ve remembered.

Well-matched, they were. Jim was selfish old scoundrel, always grumbling, and she, the fussy housekeeper type, always nagging at him. It was painful to go up to their house in the evening. Of the two, public opinion sided with the man, though there was precious little to choose between them.

"Jim, you're smoking in the parlor." 'Jim, you didn't wipe your boots." Oh, dear, I wonder if my cakes will burn if I don't take them out." She's the type that would make an earthbound spirit, if any ever would.

And there was Thompson in his old ge, with the old woman dead, and him contributing a stained glass memorial window in the parish church in her honor. He spoke of her with real feeling, too. I expect they liked the wrangling and the cat-and-dog life that they'd endured so many years.

It was about two years after her death, just when he'd got into the way of regarding her as an angel, hat Jim fell for the Parrotts. Of course they'd learned all about bim, and it wasn't long before messages began to come through in the little circle that used to gather in the Parrotts' rooms. Mrs. Parrott generally acted as the medium. She would go into her trances, and voices would come through her lips-first her control, the Indian, and then Aunt Mary or Uncle Toby, as the case might be.

And so Mrs. Thompson came. They sed to talk something like this: "Is that you, Jim? Dear Jim, how

leased I am to see you again!" "Are you happier, Dalsy?" "I'm happier than I deserve, I

rying to accommodate myself to the it is far superior to anything on

"Are you an angel, darling?"

"No, I shan't be an angel till I reach the seventh sphere, but I am privileged to watch over you, Jim, are you contributing to the great eause? Are you giving liberally to the Spiritualists?"

"Why, I dunno, Dalsy, You see-" "Dear Mrs. Parrott doesn't want anything beyond her medium's fee, but there's a great need at the state Spiritualist headquarters, Jim. Throw your bread upon the waters. Jim-"

That was the line of talk, and after a while it grew more definite. There was an oil company, or something, in St. Louis, which was going to turn to invest his money in that, and give a tithe to the good work, etc. Of course the Parrotts were back of the swindler. And there was Jim, almost falling for it, and yet clutching his money like grim death. Oh, it was amusing to sit by and look on.

Of course I was the only member of the circle who saw the game, and And then one night-Mrs. Parrott hadn't been feeling well, she saidafter she got into her trance-for

some time the usual voices didn't come. And then, all of a sudden, a voice came from her lips that startled me-and everybody.

"Jim. Jim," it sald. "Where are you? Drat the man! I can't see, Jim, you forgot to light the lamp. Just like you, leaving me to find my way about in the dark, and all the dishes to wash. I declare, you're the most aggravating man I've ever known, Going out and leaving me to do all the housework, and not caring what hapnens to me, if I was to die, and-Jim! You come here this minute, do you hear me-

Mrs. Parrott started and opened her eyes. Then the familiar, nasal whine "Jim, darling, I've come from the

fourth sphere to tell you-"

But Jim Thompson was reaching for his hat. I never saw a man so shaken. Yes, I believe in spiritualism when I remember that awful, earthbound old woman, wandering in her darkness

Ingenious Electric Sign. One of the most ingenious ideas for electric signs was carried out some years ago on the English coast. A large advertisement was rigged up on a barge which went round the coast. coming close to the shore in the evenings, when the sign was set working. The impression given was that of a

flaming picture rising up out of the sea. The venture was successful until difficulties occasioned by tides, rough eas, wind and so on made it necessary discontinue the scheme.

It's the Same Everywhere

ETTY hated the little town with its perpetual gossip and prying. When Cousin James came back for his holiday she was going to ask him to give her a position in town, where he was manager for a very large concern. She wanted to get out of it.

James Redfield was a fine example of the village boy who had gone to town and carved out success for himself. He was coming back for the first time in three or four years. Before he left last time he and Letty had had a

mild flirtation, and he had kissed her. "If you don't find anybody by the time I'm home next, maybe there'll be a chance with me," he bad said. And Letty had laughed. She knew

just how much Cousin James meant by that. Just nothing at all. Only she remembered his kiss. As she came back from the post of fice with his card announcing that he

was coming, old Mrs. Prvor said: "So your Cousin Redfield is coming home? I guess you two was sweet on

Letty flushed hotly. So already the prying eyes and venomous tongues were at work! Oh, she must get out of the place; he must give her work in town!

each other, wasn't you?"

When she got home with her news verybody was agog.

"So Cousin James is coming back sniffed her grandmother. "I guess he'll think himself too fine for the little old town when he gets here." "Them New York fellows is always

stuck on themselves," said Cousin Bob. 'It's my opinion the only kind that goes there is the kind that's too stupid to get along in the small towns."

"Or else too clever," put in Cous!n

rooked work to succeed in New York," said bachelor Uncle Tom. They can laugh at the small town all they like, but' I wouldn't soil my hands with the sort of stuff you got to handle there-no. sir!"

As Uncle Tom had never soiled his hands at anything very much, except moking cigarettes, it appeared to be ather a matter of Hobson's choice

The great day arrived. Everybody was at the station to meet Cousin lames except grandmother. They all drove up to the house together in a

"Well, well, old man, it's great to have you back with us again!" said Cousin Bob, slapping him on the back. "We certainly have been looking forward to having you liven us up, lames," said Cousin Matilda ogling him.

"We sure are pleased to see you," said Uncle Tom, accepting one of Cousin James' choice Havanas.

Letty was so humiliated she crept away. The family's double-facedness made her ashamed to meet Cousin James' eyes. "You don't seem to extend the glad

and so cordially as the rest." said Cousin James to her that evening. "Oh, of course I'm glad to have you

here, James," answered Letty mis-But she could hardly sleep that

night. She kept remembering how Cousin James had kissed her. How nice he was, and how different to the others! She wished that he were gone. She bated the feeling of decep-

Two or three days passed during which Letty preserved an attitude of cold formality toward her cousin. It. was on the last evening that he cornered her upon the porch.

"Letty, we're going to have this hing out," he said. "What's the matter? What have I done? Last time I was here we were such friends."

"Oh, it's nothing," said Letty, trying to keep her voice steady. "Come on, tell me what it is!"

"Oh, Cousin James, I'm so miserble. Everybody's so double-faced. They say awful thing about you behind your back and flatter you to your face. I heard Uncle Tom telling Consin Bob he thought you and I-cared

"Pshaw, that's nothing!" said Cousin James, taking her hands in his. You get that everywhere. Why, in New York I'm supposed to go on roarng, raging tears with all the stenogaphers, and I can't look at a girl without somebody gossiping. I tell you, kid, it doesn't pay to be a bachelor, and I'm through with it. Remember what I said last time I was here?"

"Sure I meant it. Found anybody

'N-no." admitted Letty. "Houp-la!" said Cousin James, tak-

"Yes, but you didn't mean it "

ing her in his arms. "It's you and me for the wilds of Gotham on the morning train. I have the license in my

Chinese Take Birds Out for Walk. classes for birds as pets and playthings is a trait that always impresses a foreigner in China. Taking the bird out for a walk is a part of the regime of many households. It is no uncommon thing to see a well-dressed, prosperous looking Chinese strolling about gently swinging a bird-cage containing a song bird resembling in appearance of the lark. It is the "hwam!." He must have his daily exercise or he will not sing, is the Chinese theory.

In certain families exercising the bird is a regular part of the house

The Skolowicz Punch

"YES, that's all father had to leave," said pretty Hannah Skolowicz to her friends in the factory. "That punch of his-but gee, it cer-

tainly is some punch, believe me! That's what my brother Morris put Lew Baxter to sleep with in the ring last night. Fight? Fight nothing. That kid ain't got the speed of a snall, and as for footwork-gee, it makes me laugh. But he sure has got Dad's

Everybody was making Hannah a heroine that day, for her brother, Morris, had won the featherweight championship of the world the night before.

But Morris and Hannah had not been friends for years. The quarrel was an obscure one; it had something to do with Morris' marrying outside the faith. And so pretty Hannah was left -of her own will-to struggle along in the factory, while Morris rolled in

his limousine. Morris had approached his sister, asking her to share his new-made fortune, but Hannah, though secretly anxious for a reconciliation, was too

proud. So there she was, drudging at picklemaking, and heaven knew how long it would be before she and young Blaustein could get married. And mean-

while there was Mr. Obermann. Obermann, the foreman, a man of bad reputation. If he took a grudge against a girl the best thing she could do was to get her pay and leave. But if he took a liking to one, the best thing she could do was to skip out of the office and send for the money. Obermann was a persistent black

And Hannah had been greatly worried. Obermann had shown signs of taking a liking to the pretty, frail, delicate, dark-haired girl, and Hanny had been trying to look as homely inconspicuous as possible. Jobs we not too plentiful in those times, and she had never been able to save penny. And Blaustein was out o

work, through no fault of his own. Obermann had passed his arm round her the day before. Hannah had tried not to notice the incident, but things were coming to a crisis.

"Gee, if that guy got fresh with me, I'd slap his face for him," said Hannah's chum, Bessie Myers.

Hannah said nothing. Many of the girls secretly admired Obermann, who was a great hulk of a man, and hand some in a coarse way. He was repute to be free with his money. Hanna suspected that Bessie wouldn't have been so free with her slaps as she pre

several times during the course of the afternoon, but he took no notice of Hannah, much to her relief. However, as the whistle blew, and the girls made a rush for their hats, he came up to Hannah.

"I want you to stay and see a new girl," he said. "I'm going to put her under you for instruction."

Hannah, suspecting nothing, went to Obermann's office a few minutes later. They were alone there. The roaring of the machines had stopped, leaving the place preternaturally silent.

Obermann, who was sitting at his desk, got up with an unpleasant smile as Hannah entered.

"Where's the new girl?" demanded Hannah.

"Oh, she ain't come yet, dearie," said Obermann. "Say, Miss Skolowicz, you're just a peach of a girl, and just the kind for me. What do you say to a little supper with me tonight?"

"No, thanks," answered Hannah coldly, trying to back toward the entrance. Beyond the door, which was not quite shut, she could see the back , passage leading in from the deserted

"I guess you're slow," said Obermann, selzing her in his arms. And, as Hannah screamed, he touched the button that started the machinery, and in an instant the whole

Hannah flung herself free of him and darted toward the door. Obermann dashed forward to intercept her.

factory was filled with a roar of

And Hannah, in despair, drew back her arm and struck.

To her amazement Obermann went reeling backward like a log, and collapsed unconscious on the floor

As Hannah stood there a sound behind her arrested her attention. Morris was standing in the doorway.

Hannah flung herself int his arms. "Oh, Morris, take me away!" she

"Sure, kid, that's what I come for, and if you wasn't willing to come I was just going to kidnap you!" an-

swered Morris, "Minnie wants you to come and live with us, and I gness we'll let bygones be bygones. But say, kid, how did you do it?" he added glancing at Obermann, who was slowly coming to. "Why, Morris, you know how just

Fondness displayed by Chinese of all father was. You didn't think he'd just left his punch to you instead of dividing it, did you?"

Dennis Understood.

Tim was endeavoring to impart some logical reasoning to Dennis, whom he knew to be hot tempered.

. "Now, afore you start in th' new job, Dennis, I just want to tell yez to never say a word whin ye find yer-self gettin' mad. Remember, silence is golden.

"It's th' good rule," gravely rej Dennis, "Waste no words; Just si