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COVER COWBOYS

Foot Captures Western Girl From Many Rivals.

Teacher Who Was an Unsuccessful Sultor for Her Hand Will Officiate at Nuptials—Other Swains Also Present.

Grand Junction, Colo.—For two years scores of suitors have sought the hand of pretty Molly Reese, queen of the cowpunchers of three states. She has said aside the proffer of titles, has poked with scorn upon wealth if she had to take it with a husband and now announces her engagement to a 330-month "tenderfoot" cowpuncher.

Hal Hanson of Boston is the lucky cattle wrangler who will lead the beautiful cowgirl of the plains to the altar. A former suitor whom the girl discarded will perform the ceremony, and the wedding party will include fourteen or more ardent swains who had their "innings," but failed to capture the prize, while the scene of the marriage will be the home of D. G. Braden, cattle baron.

Hanson's proficiency with the mouth sharp won him his fiancée. The melodious strains from the little wind instrument with which he surreptitiously serenaded the object of his dreams lightly turned the tide in his favor over almost a score of other active suitors.

The most determined rivals for the pretty cowgirl's hand in marriage were four cowboys from the same camp in Hadley, Weston Hayes, Chris Johnson and Bill Groves took turns for a night for four months until they learned it was no use. Henry George James, a schoolteacher in the Hildebow school, next tried his luck and failed. Rev. Henry Austin, a Free Methodist preacher, was the next victim, but he progressed no further than four nightly calls and two sage hens. Wilbur Jens, a schoolboy friend, next turned down to make room for W. L. Henselman, a real estate dealer of Gateway, Utah. Another schoolteacher, a German nobleman, bringing under the title of Baron von Brudenecker, three ranchers and numerous cowboys from the plains of Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, who

AUTOMOBILE KILLS A DEER ON ROAD



A most unusual accident on a road near Newcomb, N. Y., resulted in the killing of a deer by a small runabout. The car, which was going at a good pace, struck the deer when the animal tried to cross in front of it. The car was upset, the gasoline tank exploded and the machine was burned.

rode miles on their cow ponies to bask a while in the light of Miss Reese's smiles, were numbered in the long list of rejected applicants for the hand of the girl before the engagement of Miss Reese and Hanson was announced.

And even then they would not stop, for, despite the fact that Hanson's horsehoenial engagement ring encircled her left third finger, the beauty bride will live in a cabin in the mountain ranges on his \$30 a month as cowboys and what rabbits and small game they can shoot. Later they will come to Grand Junction, where Hanson will continue the study of law in a local office. Miss Reese is a beautiful example of the typical western plains girl.

TEXAS NEWS GATHERED EVERYWHERE

A new \$10,000 theater has just been completed at Jacksonville.

The report for November of R. P. Babcock, state registrar of vital statistics, shows Texas had many more births than deaths. As usual, tuberculosis was the leading cause of death. 4,197 births were recorded, while 1,937 death result-d.

Work on the Southern Traction Company's viaduct in Waxahachie is to be commenced immediately after the holidays, so it is stated. The structure will be 1,200 feet in length and will cross the Katy and Brazos Valley railroads.

Plans for the expenditure at Galveston of \$90,000, customhouse building and remodeling of the old postoffice building for federal court quarters, together with the purchase of a site for a new appraisers' storehouse, have practically been decided upon.

Sam Durham, a prominent farmer, was found dead in an old outhouse at Sand Hill, about twelve miles south-east of Dal. He had been missing from home for about three days. Cause of death was gun shot wound in the head.

The 5-year-old son of John Hudec, a farmer near Paint Rock, Texas, was shot and killed in an accidental manner by his 17-year-old brother. The older boy was endeavoring to shoot a rabbit with a 22-caliber target rifle. The younger boy unexpectedly turned around the corner of the house just as the gun was fired.

Plans for the construction of a modern fire-proof passenger station in Houston for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway Company of Texas have been accepted by the engineers of the company, and formal announcement will be made by the company that the work of construction on the new building will start within two months.

The United States Construction Company, which has been building the macadamized roads in the Denison district for the past three years, has completed its work. The original bond issue of \$250,000 has been expended and there are more than fifty miles of limestone pikes in and leading to Denison.

Attorney General James D. Walthall has abandoned his efforts to secure the appointment of a temporary receiver for the four cement concerns named as defendant in the suit for over and \$7,600,000 penalties for alleged violation of the anti-trust statutes. One company, the Texas Portland of Dallas, has gone into the hands of a receiver in Dallas, and as to the other three, Mr. Walthall admitted that he could not make a showing which would authorize the court to appoint receivers therefor. The three concerns are the Southwestern Portland Cement Company, the Southwestern States Cement Company and the Alamo Cement Company.

If the publishers of certain textbooks used in the public schools of Texas do not immediately furnish an adequate supply of books, Superintendent of Public Instruction F. M. Bralley says he will request the attorney general to bring suits against those companies for forfeiture of contracts. Complaints, according to Superintendent Bralley, of an inadequate supply of certain textbooks continue to reach his office from many sections of the state. At this time of the year there are more children in attendance in the schools, and the lack of books causes a serious interference with the work of the schools.

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According to postoffice receipts at Sweetwater the past two years, that city is entitled to free mail delivery and it is expected that it will be established as soon as it can be reached by the department. The \$150,000 addition to the Texas (McKinney) cotton mill has just been completed, and the new machinery is to be installed as soon as it arrives, which is expected to be in a few days. With the completion of these improvements, the mill will be prepared to consume 20,000 bales of cotton annually, and will employ 350 operatives.

The Citizens Guaranty State bank has just been organized at Chandler with a capital of \$25,000 and expects to begin business Jan. 10, 1913. Elmer Moore, an attorney, waived a hearing before an Alderman in Pittsburg, Pa., and was held for court in \$50,000 bond to answer to the charge of embezzling \$187,000 from the Federal Oil and Gas Company of Oklahoma. Moore was the company's treasurer and contended that as such he was allowed to use the money. He claims the charge is purely technical.

A WEEK'S WORLD NEWS

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE CONDENSED FOR QUICK READING.

STATE, NATIONAL, FOREIGN

Affairs Given Here in Tabloid Form for Busy Readers in City and Country.

An investigation conducted by the house committee on expenditures in the treasury department discloses that the federal government through its deposits with banks in the past might have collected more than \$100,000,000 in interest. This investigation grew out of the introduction of a joint bill by Senator Pomerene and Representative Goeke of Ohio providing that all government money shall be distributed to the various depositories over the country on a basis of competitive bidding.

Gold, silver and lead and copper ore valued at \$21,162,401 was handled at the Colorado plants of the American Smelting and Refining Company, according to figures contained in the annual report for 1912. The report also shows that ore from various states was handled at the Colorado plants as follows: Colorado \$14,122,949, Idaho \$3,855,502, Utah \$1,878,766, Canada \$1,217,173, and smaller quantities from Montana, New Mexico, Arizona, British Columbia, South Dakota and Wyoming.

The storm which ravaged the English Channel the past few days has caused serious deprivations on the French Coast. The new harbor works of Havre have suffered considerable damage. Dispatches from Cherbourg states that many steamers and sailing vessels have taken refuge there from the gale. Telegrams from Brest say that the harbor is crowded. A sailing vessel was driven ashore on the island of Brehat, off the Brittany coast. Many fishing vessels have been lost with their crews.

mond Ice Company's plant at Denison. Apples, fresh eggs and country butter direct from the farm to the house by parcels post, to reach half a million homes in New York and its environs—this is the present plan of Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewife's league. Mrs. Heath says she will become operative to some extent on Jan. 1, when the mails are opened to parcels post packages. Mr. Heath's plan to eliminate the "middle man" involves the creation of a registry committee. This committee has begun its work of listing all farms within the fifty-mile zone. The rolls will be opened to all housekeepers who wish to avail themselves of an opportunity to obtain fresh products at low cost. The league will work in harmony with the State Grange.

Suit to recover 88,000 acres of East Texas pine and oil lands and for \$1,000,000 damages has been filed against the Houston Oil Company by Attorney General James D. Walthall, acting in the name of the state of Texas. The Attorney General asked District Judge Charles A. Wilcox to grant an injunction to prevent the uncut timber from being taken from the land. While \$1,000,000 is asked in damages, Mr. Walthall asserts that the land is of reasonable value of \$20 per acre, which would make the total valuation close to \$2,000,000. The land is located in Jasper, Sabine, Newton, San Augustine, Hardin, Jefferson, Liberty, Tyler and Orange counties. It was originally purchased from the state by John H. Kirby. Mr. Kirby first purchased the timber and later bought the land.

The contract to draw the plans for the new \$30,000 court house at Falfurrias has been let. This will be one of the finest public buildings in the Southwest. Falfurrias is the county seat of the new county of Brooks.

Brussels.—Twelve persons were killed and twenty injured at Barraques, near Menin, when the audience at a cinematograph performance became panic stricken because of the ignition of a film. Many of the victims were women and children, who were trampled in the wild rush to leave the building.

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Isaac Heffron of Galveston has been awarded the contract of building the brush and pile dyke from the federal quarantine station in Galveston harbor to the junction of the Texas City and Galveston channels. Mr. Heffron was the lowest bidder, his bid being \$2,094 per lineal foot, amounting to \$9,427.50.

Ambassador Calero of Mexico has left Washington for the city of Mexico December 31, and the probabilities are, that he will not return, as he desires to remain and practice law. Senator Lascruain, Mexican minister of foreign affairs, who is now in New York, will come to Washington a few days after Senator Calero leaves, but it was announced positively that Senator Lascruain is not to be the new ambassador.

Gen. Victoriano Huerta, head of the campaign against Gen. Pascual Orozco, the rebel leader, has been retired by the Mexican federal war department from the command of the northern division of the army. Gen. Huerta has been in the City of Mexico for several weeks and it is said that he has been undergoing treatment for an affection of the eyes. It was officially declared that Gen. Huerta asked to be relieved of his command. He has been offered an advisory post in the war department. Gen. Antonio Rabago has been named to command the northern division in succession to Gen. Huerta.

A special from Gulfport, Miss., says V. Gagar, Norwegian Consul at Gulfport, received notice from the owner of the Norwegian bark Sterna that the vessel and all on board had been lost at sea. The Sterna had a registered tonnage of 1,297 and carried a crew of sixteen men. She sailed from Gulfport for the Rio Jeneiro Aug. 27 with a full cargo of lumber. Nothing had been heard from the vessel since she cleared from Gulfport.

According to a Vienna correspondent a friend of Archduke Franz-Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary, is authority for the disclosure of an ambitious plan which the Archduke has conceived and is actively endeavoring to make effective. If the plan is successful it is expected to have the effect of completely breaking up at one stroke the political forms and the system of alliance of Europe. The Archduke aims at the creation of a vast Slav Empire of the south under the crown of the Hapsburgs. He is preparing a coup d'etat in Austria-Hungary to clear the way for the first part of his program, which is the liberation of the discontented and ill-assorted peoples who form the monarchy. Having thus made a clean sweep of the existing political conditions, he will proceed with the work of building up by restoring the ancient and historical kingdoms and founding new principalities.

The option which expires Jan. 12 to take over the iron plant at Rusk penitentiary will be exercised by the Philadelphia capitalists, for notice of such intention has been given the governor by Judge Hiram Glass, attorney for those who will furnish the capital to operate the old Sam Lanham furnace. The option was signed some time ago and the contract has also been executed and received in Austin, also the first payment of \$1,666, under the contract, was made to the state.

Virginia welcomed home Friday night at Staunton, Va., Gov. Woodrow Wilson, the eighth of her native sons to be chosen president of the United States. From the moment the president-elect crossed the state line at Alexandria in the afternoon, after he had a ten-minute glimpse of the national capital, until 9 o'clock, when he reached the little parsonage there where he was born fifty-six years ago, the reception given him was one of great enthusiasm, noisy demonstration and spectacular display.

Loss aggregating \$11,550 resulted at Crowell from fire Wednesday night. The blaze was discovered in a building on the north side of the public square.

The governors of New York Stock Exchange have all but definitely abandoned the idea of issuing a statement in defense of exchange practices and instead will turn their attention to correcting evils which admittedly exist. This was the upshot of the discussion at their regular meeting on Thursday, as learned from one of the most influential members of the board.

Pellagra is spreading in the United States, and in the six years it has been known to medical authorities has claimed not less than 30,000 victims, with a fatality rate in excess of 40 per cent, according to a report of the public health service recently.

Setting aside an agreement between the grievance committee and the management, a general strike of the shoemen has begun on all the lines of the Mexican railway system. The number of strikers is approximately 7,000. The order for the strike includes all grades of mechanics.

Opium valued at \$5,000 was seized by custom officials at San Francisco on board the American-Hawaiian steamship Mexican on its arrival from Salina Cruz, Mexico. One hundred and eighty tins were found in the venting lot leading through the coal bunkers.

The city commission of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has set Jan. 20 as the date of a special election on a bond proposition of \$175,000 for a city hall, convention hall and market combined, additional park sites and the beginning of a boulevard system.

The KITCHEN CABINET



THE happiness of any home can be determined by any two people in it, each determined to have his or her own way. Riches or poverty, position or obscurity have nothing to do with it. Home happiness is built on unselfishness and sympathy and forbearance—or else not built at all, but scattered into ruin.

A DISH OF MUTTON.

Mutton is a meat which is not used as much in this country as in England. Perhaps one reason is because it is not always to be bought, and another, we do not know how to cook it as do the cooks of the British Isles.

As Thackeray says, a smoking, juicy piece of mutton, no better meat can there be.

Mutton With Carrots and Peas.—Have a piece of mutton cut from the shoulder, three or four pounds, according to the size of the family to be served. Cook it in simmering water until nearly done, then add in the dozen carrots cut in matchlike strips. When these are tender, add a can of green peas and serve the meat with the carrots and peas around it.

Cold roast or boiled mutton makes good hash. Season with pepper, salt and a few chopped capers or sour pickles.

Mutton chops served in the following manner are not common: Dip the seasoned chops in melted butter, then in dry bread crumbs and broil eight to ten minutes.

Scotch Broth.—Wipe three pounds of mutton, cut from the fore quarter; cut the lean meat into one-inch cubes, put in a kettle, bring quickly to the boiling point, skim and add a half cup of barley which has been soaked in cold water over night; simmer one and a half hours or until the meat is tender. Put the bones in a second kettle, cover with cold water, heat slowly, skim and cook one and a half hours. Strain the water from the bones and add to the meat. Fry five minutes in two tablespoonfuls of butter, a fourth cut each of carrot, onion, turnip and celery cut in half-inch pieces. Add to the soup with salt and pepper to taste and cook until the vegetables are soft. Thicken with two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour cooked together. Add a half tablespoonful of chopped parsley just before serving. Rice may take the place of barley.

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RING SPREADS WOE

Misfortune Befalls Possessor of Beautiful Diamond.

Man Takes Solitaire From Woman's Finger and Pawns It—Constable Defies Gun and Carries Cigaret to Court.

Denver, Colo.—Misfortune has befallen each for the last three possessors of a beautiful diamond ring which now rests in the safe at the office of the district attorney.

One married woman mourns the loss of the ring she lost to a gentleman friend; the aforesaid gentleman mourns the fact that he will have to stand trial on a charge of larceny; a pawnbroker mourns the fact that the ring was snatched from him by violence by a constable and the constable, although he is not doing any particular mourning, declares that he came near losing his life in an effort to capture the ring.

It all started in a private dining-room of a downtown hotel. Jack Chandor held the bejeweled hand of Mrs. Bettie Croxson in his own. In a playful mood he is alleged to have slipped off the diamond ring and placed it on his own finger, after which he was unable, it is alleged, to get the ring off. The lady waited for several days and the ring was not returned. Chandor was arrested and a pawn ticket on the Newton Loan company was found in his pocket.

Papers to get the ring were sworn out and a constable started to the shop to get the ring. The constable says he was refused the possession of the ring and that when he tried to get out of the safe the son of the proprietor of the shop drew a gun on him. After considerable haggling he declares he succeeded in disarming the pawnbroker.

Upon the refusal of the pawnbroker to open the safe the constable delivered an ultimatum to him: Either the safe must be opened and the ring delivered to him or he would go by a moving van and transport the entire safe to the court of Justice Hill.

Facing the possibility of losing a safe the pawnbroker surrendered the ring, and it was turned over to the district attorney. Providing no further misfortune overtakes those in possession of the stone, it will be used as evidence in the Chandor trial.

GOYMAN POVERTY GROWS

Relief Association Shows Increase in Number of Poor Despite General Prosperity.

New York.—Despite general prosperity, there was an increase in poverty in New York during the last year, according to the annual report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor. The increased cost of living is charged with most of the responsibility for an increase in the number of the association. It is shown that 80 per cent. more money was spent in relief work, although the number of families served was practically the same as in the previous

PLAN N. Y. TRAFFIC RELIEF

City is to Keep Commercial Vehicles Off Fifth Avenue After One P. M. Daily.

New York.—Because of the constantly increasing congestion of traffic on Fifth avenue, which has made it the most crowded thoroughfare in the world, the New York bureau of highways is preparing a set of traffic regulations applying to that street alone. The proposed new rules will keep all commercial vehicles off the avenue after one o'clock in the afternoon, will allow no vehicle not actually occupied to take up space in the street and will permit no left hand turns.

To comply with the last rule, drivers will be required to make a complete circuit of a block to make a direct crossing.

WANDERS 6 YEARS; GIVES UP

Man Who Tried to Kill Kansas Policeman in Call for His Crime at Warren City, Kan.

Kansas City, Mo.—An accusing conscience that five years of wandering over the western part of the United States and Canada failed to quiet caused A. J. Klamm of Kansas City, Kan., to return to his home, where he surrendered to the police on the charge of assault with intent to kill Klamm was one of a crowd of men who in 1907 attacked Edward Strong, a policeman of Kansas City, Kan. Strong was badly hurt and Klamm was arrested as one of his assailants. Soon afterward Klamm fled.

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WOMAN FOOTPAD FOR FUN

Great Sport, She Says, to Watch the Faces of Her Victims, When Gun is Pointed at Them.

Kansas City.—A woman arrested at No. 112 Independence avenue is being held by the police to be a bandit. An informer who caused the arrest quoted her as follows: "Oh, it's lots and lots of fun. I put on men's clothes and go out and 'sticker' people. It's great sport watching the funny faces they make when I shove a gun under their noses and tell them to stick their hands up or I'll perforate them. I like the game."

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Newark, O.—When Arthur Zell of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Aurelia A. May of New York were married here the groom's father at Waverlyville, O., 100 miles distant, heard the ceremony read over a special long distance telephone.

DID PIGEON FLY OVER SEA?

Chicagoans Believe Bird, Reported to Have Made Trip, Must Have Crossed on Ship.

Chicago.—Did a homing pigeon fly across the Atlantic ocean? If it did, how? There are questions for which pigeon fanciers of Chicago are seeking answers. The debates arose from a press dispatch received in Chicago. The message read: "Montreal.—Ernest Robinson of Westmount received word that a pigeon he imported and which escaped has returned to England." It apparently took twelve days to make the journey.

No pigeon has ever been known to remain in air anything like the number of days that would be required to cross from Canada to England, according to members of the Lake View Flying club, 2136 Fremont street. The club has had a great deal of experience with champion pigeons. A member now owns Chicago's champion "Bomber." This bird, Guardaman, belongs to Thomas Roell, 935 Webster avenue. It was the only one of eighteen turned loose at the Johnson-Flynn fight at Las Vegas, N. M., on the Fourth of last July, to reach its home in Chicago. The distance was 1,119 miles. Roell's bird was in its left on the morning of August 2.

It is the opinion of members of the club that the Canadian pigeon must have crossed the Atlantic on a ship. Members declare these birds must sleep at night and feed each day, and that they can not rest on water. Chicago pigeons have been noted for long-distance flights; so far as re-

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ISSUED EVERY FRIDAY AT STERLING CITY, TEXAS.

Subscribers failing to get their paper on time, will confer a favor by reporting same to us.

The conviction last week at Indianapolis of 38 Union labor dynamite bosses for their share of wholesale murder and destruction of property at Los Angeles in 1910 ought to be strong enough to serve as a warning to the fool who uses violence to carry out his theory.

If socialism ever obtains in this country, our present laws, constitution and form of government must be abolished, Christianity abrogated, the home with its present family relations destroyed and mankind must break the ranks of civilization and stampeede back to the primeval herd.

The dead pecan trees to be seen along the Concho stand as mute protests against the deadly threshing pole. The older timer cut the trees down to get the nuts, and we remember with regret his wastefulness, but the man with the ladder and pole is but little better, for he kills the tree almost as quick as the man did with his ax. A few more years of reckless threshing of the pecan tree and it will vanish forever.

Some people imagine that news published in the News-Record never goes beyond the bounds of Sterling county, but in this, they are greatly mistaken. As an illustration, two weeks ago we published an account of an oil find near here. Several papers copied it or made news out of it, among which was the El Paso Times, one of the biggest dailies in the southwest. As this paper is read by many thousands of people and as the item was given a front page position, the Sterling City oil find unwittingly got more advertising than we ever dreamed of. We are glad of this, for this item may catch the eye of some man who would like to try his luck for oil here.

The Indian who once roamed these hills thought that if he could not have as much land as he could ride over in a week, he would starve. The cowman who followed the Indian to the jumping off place imagined that not less than ten sections would be sufficient to keep one family. Then came the actual settler with his dog and kids and swore that any family could make a living on four sections. He also was of the opinion that each cow should own at least ten acres in her own right. But the man with his thinking came along. He also brought his well drill, centrifugal pump and gasoline engine with him. He has demonstrated that with some nerve, muscle and brain he can support a family, two mules, twenty shots, a hundred chickens, and then give the old cow more eats than she ever dreamed of on that ten acres.

CAPTURING A "WOOD-PUSSY."

You might search West Texas over and you would never find a more gallant cow-puncher than Walter Mann. We have known this old puncher since he wore triangular trousers and never knew of him lacking in gallantry toward the ladies but once, and then he only obeyed the irresistible instinct of the average cowpuncher to put up a job on a tenderfoot.

At the date of this event Walter was working on a ranch which had for its honored guest a vivacious young lady "green" from England. At night she would sit on the porch and regale Walter with wonderful stories of the doings in old "Hengland." She would tell him of wonderful "daugs and orses" they had over there and of the daring riders to be found in the old country who would ride their orses at full gallop across the country mead.

These tales about riding orses at full gallop caused Walter's hair to stand on end like the quills of a

fretful porcupine" and he shyly informed her that he was extremely anxious for her to teach him to be a "daring rider" for he longed to learn how to ride a horse at full gallop. He asked her if she reckoned she could "learn him to ride that good." She admitted that she could and that in the morning he should have his first lesson and that they would ride to the hayfield where Walter was to turn over some haycocks to cure in the sun.

The next morning Walter saddled two cow ponies and led them to the gate where our heroine was quickly mounted on her steed, but when it came Walter's time to mount, it was a different matter, for he led his horse to a stump from which to mount. Being mounted, he grabbed the saddle horn with a death grip and locked his feet around the pony's neck. This proceeding caused the pony to go round and round to the extreme anxiety of the young lady. "O, Mr. Mann, you can't do that, you know; indeed, you can't do that. Disengage your limbs from the neck of your beast and place your feet in the stirrups, erect your body and seize the reins in your hands, as I do mine. When you wish your orse to go to the right draw the right rein, and when you wish him to go to the left draw the left rein. There, that was nicely done. Now for the field, far away."

So they moved out. Walter dodged on first one side of the young lady and then the other and sometimes behind, but holding on for dear life. Things went on bravely until they reached a patch of tall cackleburs when from cause unknown to Walter's riding teacher, a cacklebur proceeded to get under her pony's tail. Down went his head, up went his heels and before you could count ten, Walter's instructress in daring horsemanship was coasting along on the ground after the manner of the serpent which mother Eve was wont to gab with. Seeing she was not hurt, Walter rode off to a stump and dismounted and proceeded to restore the young lady's mount and then mount himself and they rode to the field where Walter began his task of forking the hay while our heroine looked on.

Presently in turning over a haycock, Mann uncovered a polecat, "O-o Mr. Mann! What a beautiful little beast. Isn't he just lovely. He so much resembles my Angora cat at home in dear old Hengland. And what do you haymericans call the little creature?" "Why, we call that animule a "wood-pussy," though Prof. Durham, who is one of these science sharps, call's him a stinkorisk skunkbus, but he's nothin' but a plain "wood-pussy," said Mann, as he leaned on his pitchfork. "And can they be domesticated, Mr. Mann?" "I don't know what you mean by domesticated, but them wood-pussies do shore make fine pets to catch mice." All this time the wood-pussy, with tail in a perpendicular position was dancing about, stamping his front feet and daring anybody to touch him. "O Mr. Mann, do please to capture him for me, I would like so much to have him for a pet." "Ketch him yerself—he's plum gentle. I gots to fork this hay and I ain't time to fool with him." "O-o you beautiful little creature. Come to me, Kitty, kitty, kitty. O isn't he so lovely." She stooped to pick him up and then something happened. That locality didn't smell like attar of roses or extract of violets. The effluvia from a dead horse would have been a relief at that moment.

When that young lady had mounted and was riding at "full gallop" for home, Mann flung himself on the new mown hay and laughed till his sides ached and his eyes filled with tears.

When his work was over, Mann mounted his pony and rode for the ranch house. When he came in sight of the house he discovered the young lady pensively leaning on the yard fence. Being anxious to show her how he had advanced in horsemanship under her tutelage, he "lowned" his rope and put it on a big steer that was grazing near by. When he had thrown and tied him in about 30 seconds, he looked up and saw Miss English eyeing him with utter amazement. As Mann rode toward her with the easy grace of a cowpuncher, she signed for him to stop. "O Mr. Mann, what a deceiving brute you are. Come no further, for don't you see that I am not presentable? They do tell me the scent of that nasty little beast will unfit me for company for a week or more, and it was all your fault, Mr. Mann."

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BUNNY BEAT THE MOTOR CAR

Rabbit Ran So Fast the Chauffeur Had to Speed to Keep Him in Sight.

The scene was on the road to Point Place. Illuminations were furnished by the moon and stars. Besides the rabbit and the auto there were one man and two girls, also a chauffeur. The big automobile was speeding along the highway, sending its white light ahead, when suddenly right across the path of the rays from the head lamps shot a young rabbit. The chauffeur slackened speed, hating to hurt the little creature, and then the rabbit hopped back into the center of the road again, gave one look into the blinding glare of the lamps and started the race.

Straight down the center of the smooth, white highway he shot on ahead of the car, and the chauffeur speeded up a bit just to see how fast the race was going to be, but he could not catch the rabbit, not by ten feet. That little critter's feet went so fast there did not seem to be any there, and just a speck where the long ears bobbed with the motion of his little body and a brown blur of hair.

And still he ran, on and on, keeping his distance ahead of the big machine as if the light had hypnotized him and he could not stop, while behind in the car big, lary pursuers laughed and watched and begged the chauffeur not to run him down. There was no such chance. The rabbit was too quick. When he was tired of the sport he hopped to one side of the road as the car went by, tipped up his tiny head and winked out of one pink eye as he looked at the speeder and its occupants with a quizzical curve of his little mouth.—Toledo Blade.

QUEER THINGS ABOUT PAIN

Patient May Feel It in Limb That Has Been Amputated, or in Wrong Place.

Pain sometimes behaves in a curious fashion. There was a soldier in London, after the Boer war, who complained of excruciating neuralgic pains in his right foot. This very much amused his friends, for he had lost his right leg. The explanation was that the pain happened to be in the trunks of those nerves, which had sent branches to the foot.

Sometimes a patient comes to a doctor complaining of pain in the knee, and he is greatly surprised when the doctor tells him that the site of the affection is not the knee, but the hip. We are all familiar with the pain under the shoulder blade which comes from an afflicted liver.

The stomach, too, can produce pain in many parts of the body. A disordered stomach will give us pain as far away as the head, and, when one gets a cramp in his toe, it is often due to acidity of the stomach. Swallow a pinch of soda and the cramp will disappear.

An aching tooth will produce neuralgic pains in the face, and very often a violent pain at the back of the head is due to the faraway kidneys, which themselves may suffer no pain at the time.

Power of Vegetable Growth.

A tar macadam pavement stretching from the school of gunnery at Shoeburyness (Eng.) to the sea is at present in a state of violent if silent eruption. About a fortnight ago the surface became covered with what may be called "blisters," raised a little above the common level, which attracted much wondering attention. From each of these, in a few days, a series of cracks appeared, extending themselves in rays from a center. Finally came up a broad, soft shoot, looking extremely well pleased with itself, and its work, which proved to be so old and well known a friend as the thistle. At this moment there are hundreds of those bold intruders showing defiantly through the pavement, affording a most interesting illustration of the power of vegetable growth.

Mother's Chair.

Mother's chair had rocked the whole family. It made a creaking noise as it moved, but there was music in its sound. It was just high enough to allow us children to put our heads into her lap. That was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries. Oh, what a chair that was. . . . It was a very wakened chair! In the sick days of children other chairs could not keep awake—it kept easily awake. That chair knew all the old lullabies, and all those wordless songs which mothers sing to their children. Songs in which all pity and compassion and sympathetic influences are combined. That old chair has stopped rocking for a good many years. It may be set up in the loft or garret, but it holds a queenly power yet.—T. DeWitt Talmage.

Aerial Taxicab is Tested.

Some remarkable flights have been made by the aerial taxicab built by Hieriot for a European firm. A 140 horse power engine has been installed in place of the 190 horse power motor with which the machine was originally equipped. Loaded with about 650 pounds of ballast, it carries a cargo equivalent in weight to that of four passengers besides the pilot. As yet no four passengers have ventured to take their seats in the taxicab body.

ACCOMMODATING.

"Cynthia Brown has such a nice young man," confided the postmistress at Bacon Ridge. "He is much better than that other beau she used to have." "Have you ever met him, dear?" asked old Mrs. Scribbs, who came in with a bucket of eggs. "Er—no, but he writes all his love letters right on postal cards, and I don't have the least bit of trouble to read every word of them."

AFFIDAVIT OF COMMISSIONERS' COURT

To the Honorable Quarterly Report of the County Treasurer of Sterling County, Texas, Nov. 19, 1912.

We, the undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Sterling county, and the H. B. Brown County Judge of said Sterling county, do hereby certify that on this, the 14th day of Nov. A. D. 1912, at a regular quarterly session of our said court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of the County Treasurer of Sterling County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of Aug. A. D. 1912, and ending on the 9th day of Nov. A. D. 1912, and find the same correct, have caused an order to be entered in our said court, and the County Treasurer of said county, stating the amount of the quarterly report of the County Treasurer of Sterling County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 1st day of Aug. A. D. 1912, and ending on the 9th day of Nov. A. 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LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Fisk of Brownwood are visiting here.
Miss Lulu B. Adams spent Christmas with her parents at San Angelo.
Mr. and Mrs. Key, of Big Springs, are visiting the latter's parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Springer.
Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Alexander spent the holidays with relatives and friends at Ballinger.
Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Rutherford and children spent a few days visiting relatives at Robert Lee.
Alvin Sparkman and Will Reed of the A. & M. college are at home on their holiday furloughs.
Lester Foster, a student of the Marshall Institute of San Antonio, spent Xmas with his home folks.
Miss Alma Crain came in from Greenville, Texas, on the 20th to spend Christmas with relatives here.
Miss Fay Foster, who has been studying art at Dallas, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Foster.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roberts and Charley Roberts of Tucumcari, New Mexico, are visiting their parents here.
Will Durham, who has been attending a business college at Abilene, is spending the holidays at home.
Misses Ileta Austin and Rose Carver, students at the Sam Houston Normal are spending their Christmas holidays here.
Misses Bernice and Imogene Crawford and Mavis Douglas of Trinity college spent Christmas with "the old folks at home."
Miss Jaunita Durham, who is a student at Simmons college, spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Durham.
Roy and Rufus Foster and Floyd Conner, students of the Polytechnic college at Ft. Worth, spent Christmas with their Sterling home folks.
A splendid watch service and midnight lunch was enjoyed at the Methodist church by about one hundred of our people Tuesday night.
Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Rogers of Miles spent the holidays with their son and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Rogers whose ranch is 4 miles north of town.
Verner Davis who is a student at Baylor University spent this Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Davis and other relatives here.
Misses May Glass, Bennie Belle Roberts and Winnie Davis, students at Baylor Female college, are among the many college girls spending their vacation at home.
Joe Graham came up from his ranch near Langtry last Tuesday to look after his ranch interests here. He drove the distance of 202 miles from Langtry here in 12 hours and 30 minutes.
The first Parcel Post package to be sent out from Sterling City post-office under the new law was sent Jan. 1, 1913, by W. F. Kellis to Geo. H. McEntire, Dallas, Texas. The package consisted of a box containing two pounds of pecans, which to the 3d zone cost 12 cents. Several other packages were sent out in the same mail.
A CARD.
We are truly grateful to our friends and patrons for the generous share of the trade they have given us during the past season. In the future we promise to serve you all as faithfully as we have in the past. Wishing everyone a happy and prosperous 1913, we are your humble servants.
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Mrs. W. G. Rawls of Merton is visiting relatives here.
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Delbert and Miss Effie Walling of Robert Lee are visiting relatives here.
Mr. Smith, a brother of Mrs. Ed Davis, is spending the holidays with the latter.
Mrs. J. P. Burrows of San Angelo is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Slaton.
Mrs. John Hornbuckle of Morgan spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Cole.
Walter Mann of Konohasset was here yesterday. He reports his flocks in fine condition.
Miss Willie Meers and Miss Churchill of San Angelo, are visiting their uncle, W. V. Churchill.
Miss Pearl Latham, who is now residing at Hillsboro, Texas, spent the holidays with relatives here.
Miss Jennie Cope, a student of the Sam Houston Normal, spent the Christmas with home folks here.
Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Foster are over from Stiles spending the holidays with friends and relatives here.
Misses Thelda and Avis Canon and Helen Aiken of San Angelo visited Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coulson this week.
Harvey Glass who has been attending the University at Columbia, Mo., spent his holiday vacation at the Glass ranch.

The five-room cottage of Judge Brown's which is being erected in the Roberts addition, will soon be ready for occupancy.
I am ever so much obliged to you all for the generous share of trade which you gave me during the past season.
C. L. COULSON.
The Mothers Club will meet Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, Jan. 7. All ladies are urgently requested to be present. Election of officers will take place.
W. B. Atkinson, one of our prominent flockmasters, accompanied by his brother, Charles Atkinson, was among the guests of our town Tuesday. Mr. Atkinson says range conditions in his section are good.
Contractors Latham & Latham began work on the big brick business house on the north side Wednesday. The large pile of brick and other material being put on the ground looks mighty good for a New Year's beginning.
Notice! After the 1st of January 1913, all obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutions of respect and such matter will be charged for at regular advertising rates. Heretofore this has been done free, but the cost of labor and material has reached the point where we must be remunerated or lose our job.
Our county commissioners with Surveyor W. F. Kellis were out on the Robert Lee road northeast of town making estimates on a new route up the mountain where the road ascends to the Divide. The present route has a grade of more than 11 per cent, while one of the new proposed routes will bring the grade to 5.8 per cent.

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TO YOU AND YOURS
The year just closed has been very good to this store, and we fully appreciate the business of our patrons which has made it so. But we are not satisfied. Our aim is to make this store more helpful, more useful in the future than ever; its service more satisfactory to you. Our best friends are those who tell us where we fail to please.
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CITATION.
STATE OF TEXAS) In the County Court, February term A. D. 1913, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Sterling county, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon all persons interested in the estate of J. E. Douglas, deceased, or in the probating of his will by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be no newspaper published in said county, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district court of the county of Sterling, to be held at the court house thereof, in Sterling City on the first Monday in February, A. D. 1913, the same being the 30th day of February, A. D. 1913, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 74, then and there to contest the application of Mrs. Jane L. Douglas, as surviving wife of J. E. Douglas, to have probated the will of the said J. E. Douglas, deceased, if they see proper to do so, filed in said Court, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1912, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:
That J. E. Douglas is dead; that he died in Sterling county, Texas, on the 24th day of November, 1912; that he left a will disposing of his deceased, interest in 688 acres of land, situated in Tom Green and Coke counties, Texas, valued at six thousand and eight hundred and eighty dollars, on which said land is owing about forty-eight hundred dollars; and a house and lot in San Angelo, Texas, valued at three thousand dollars; and eleven acres in the Douglas addition to the city of San Angelo, valued at two thousand dollars and four lots in Lakeview addition to San Angelo valued at three hundred dollars, and three lots in Garret, Tom Green county, Texas, valued at five hundred dollars, and one acre of land at Sauer lake in Texas valued at two hundred and fifty dollars and ten lots in Belle City, Oklahoma, valued at one thousand dollars, and personal property kitchen and household property valued at four hundred dollars, and three head of horses and one mule valued at five hundred dollars, which said will disposed of the interest of said J. E. Douglas, deceased in said property.
Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term this 1st of February, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Witness: D. C. Durham, clerk of the county court of Sterling county.
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Sterling City, this 11th day of December, A. D. 1912.
D. C. DURHAM,
Clerk county court, Sterling county.

NOTICE OF SALE
(Real Estate)
THE STATE OF TEXAS)
County of Sterling)
In the District Court of Uvalde County, Texas.
Parry Humphrey
vs
J. A. Hicks
Whereas, By virtue of an Order of Sale and Execution, issued out of the District Court of Uvalde county, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court, on the 1st day of October A. D. 1912, in favor of the said Parry Humphrey, plaintiff, and against the said J. A. Hicks, defendant, being cause No. 1725, on the docket of said court, I did, on the 12th day of November, A. D. 1912, in obedience to said Order of Sale, levy upon the following described real estate, situated in Sterling county, Texas, as the property of the said J. A. Hicks, defendant, to-wit:
An undivided two-thirds (2-3) interest in and to the T. & P. Ry. Co., Survey No. 25, Township 5, Block No. 32, Sterling county, Texas, said tract of land being situated about 16 miles southwest from the town of Sterling City.—And on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1913, same being the first Tuesday of said month, at the Court House Door of Sterling county, in Sterling City, Texas, I will offer for sale, and sell, at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title interest and estate of the said J. A. Hicks in and to the above described property.
Dated at Sterling City, Texas, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1912.
D. E. DAVIS, Sheriff,
Sterling County, Texas.

JAP ARTIST HIS OWN MODEL

Has Carved Figure of Himself in Wood Which Appears to Be Identical With Original.
One of the most marvelous workmen in the world is Hananuma Masakichi of Tokio, Japan, who has carved a figure in wood, so like himself, that when the two are placed together, side by side, it is said to be also impossible to tell which lives and which does not.
By several connoisseurs in art this wooden figure is pronounced the most perfect and human image of man ever made. Masakichi has faithfully reproduced every scar, vein and wrinkle to be seen on his own body. The figure is composed of two thousand pieces of wood, dovetail-jointed with such wonderful skill, that no seams can be detected.
The Japanese artist posed between two mirrors while modeling this figure, and for some time after its completion, he posed frequently beside it, to the confusion of spectators, who were often entirely at a loss as to which was the artist. The figure stands with a little mask in one hand, and an instrument for carving in the other; the lifelike eyes are apparently gazing at the mask, and the face wears a look of intense absorption.



JUST THINK OF IT
Lazy—It says in his paper, that Mars is 38,000,000 miles from the earth, partner.
Hazy—Great hobos! Think of tramping that distance an' den getting chased by de old Dog star.
FIRST AERIAL COACH.
The first aerial coach has been tried and found successful in Etampes, France. It is an ordinary aeroplane, to which a limousine body, capable of holding four passengers comfortably, has been fitted. The aerial coach made a flight of about an hour across country, but it carried no passengers. The place of passengers was taken by four bags of sand, weighing in all about forty stones, supposed to be the average weight of four tourists. The aerial coach leaves nothing to be desired as to the comfort of future travelers, who will have a vast view of the country over which they travel, and will scarcely feel the motion; but the only drawback as yet is the safety of the machine. Until some improved safety device has been found tourists will prefer a motor car or a railway carriage.—Washington Gazette.
CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE.
A young wife was in tears a few mornings ago, when her mother called. When asked what was the matter she replied that her husband was out late the night before and had been to a drinking party.
"He came home," sobbed the young wife, "wearing a phonograph horn for a hat."
ALWAYS BROKE.
Madge—They say he's generous to a fault.
Marjorie—But I'm afraid, dear, he has too many faults.—Lippincott's.
ATTAINMENT.
Stella—Was their marriage a happy one?
Bella—Very! Their divorce was featured on the front page of all the papers.—Judge.
HUMAN NATURE.
Crawford—Do you approve of selling vegetables by weight?
Crabshaw—Yes, if you'd get more that way.—Judge.
THE SOLUTION.
"Do you believe Shakespeare wrote his own plays?"
"What's the odds? If he didn't, he wrote somebody else's."
EMBARRASSING REQUEST.
Guest—Would you give me an infinitesimal portion of wine?
Host (dubiously)—I'm afraid we haven't that much in the house.
A HARD ONE.
"Don't you think Jim's profile is somewhat on a prognathous order?"
"Well, you know, I did beg him to see a doctor about it."

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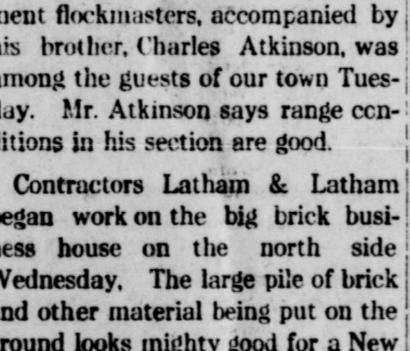
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The end-seat hog refused to move; He sat there like a log; "Why should I give it up," he said, "To another end-seat hog?"
HIS HABIT.
"So the old miser recovered after all! What was it saved him?"
"I think it was the higher cost of dying."
ONLY IN THE LAST EXTREMITY.
"Do you believe in Platonic friendship?" he asked.
"Not," she replied, "as long as there is a chance for anything else."
ARMY OF BOY SCOUTS.
The Boy Scouts of Great Britain number more than 600,000.

UNCERTAIN.

"Have you purchased your new car yet, Mrs. Noorich?" asked the visitor.
"No, Mr. Smithers, I ain't. I can't make up my mind whether to get a gasoline car or a limousine car. Maybe you can tell me—does limousine smell as bad as gasoline?" inquired the lady.—Harper's Weekly.
SOUNDS LIKE IT.
"Pop, I want to know something."
"What is it, son?"
"Are the wash sales you read about where ma gets her tub suits?"
THE CAUSE.
"My dear, ask the doctor to run up, will you?"
"What for?"
"Because I'm run down."

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