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## GERMANS IN POLAND FAIL DISASTROUSLY

IN NO OTHER CAMPAIGN HAVE SO MANY PRISONERS BEEN TAKEN BY RUSSIANS.

## FORTS UNDER ALLIES' FLAGS

Bombardment of Dardanelles by Allied Fleet Continues With Varying Success—Still Sweeping Mines.

London—The Russian offensive operations appear at the present time to extend along the whole front—in indication that they have been able to bring very strong reinforcements into the field. They have successfully checked the German advance in North Poland, where the Germans are reported to be in retreat, and the recapture of Przasnysz, after severe fighting, has given them an excellent pivot point from which to carry on their further operations. The Germans have further before been taken prisoners in such numbers as during the present operations.

All the Petrograd correspondents refer to the capture of a large number of Germans as a new phase of the war and credit it to a lack of officers among the German armies and the large number of young, untrained men who have been drafted into them.

London—A dispatch from Athens says: "The allies have disembarked detachments of artillery near the destroyed Dardanelles forts and British and French flags are now flying over them."

"The fleet continues a bombardment of the inner forts. A powder magazine was blown up. There were numerous victims. The fleet had reached as far as the light house near Fort Killid Bazar."

"The forts on the European side have been reduced to silence."

"Minesweeping operations continue. Fighting in Galicia."

There also has been heavy fighting in Western Galicia and in the Carpathians, but without bringing any notable change in the situation. In Eastern Galicia the Russians report another repulse for the Austrians, who have lost a number of prisoners.

Belgians Again Active.

The Belgian army, reorganized and re-equipped, has again been taking part in the fight for the recovery of its country and, according to the French report, has advanced across the Yser and taken a farm from the Germans, while its artillery has demolished two German works.

Otherwise the battles in the west are still confined to the Champagne and the Vosges, where both sides claim to have been successful.

Dacia Taken by French Cruiser.

Paris—A French cruiser has arrested the American steamer Dacia in the channel and taken her to Brest. This announcement is officially made. The steamer Dacia left Galveston for Rotterdam Jan. 31 with 11,000 bales of cotton to be transhipped to Bremen. It was fully expected at that time that the ship would be seized on her way to Rotterdam as Great Britain questioned the validity of the transfer of the Dacia from German to American registry.

No Extra Session of Senate.

Washington—Plans for an extra session of the senate to ratify treaties and confirm nominations immediately after March 4, have been abandoned. The foremost of possibilities being considered was an extra session beginning probably on Oct. 1, two months earlier than the sixty-fourth congress ordinarily would assemble. Leaders were agreed that by assembling about Oct. 1 an early start also could be made on the remainder of the administration program.

February Exports Largest Yet.

Galveston, Texas.—The short month of February will be long remembered by shippers of Galveston. More cotton was shipped out over the wharves, aboard ships, and carried out over the bar than ever before in any other month of the 1914-15 season. The exports were 626,698 square bales. In February, 1914, they were 339,913 bales. The wheat exports were 3,415,314 bushels. Both figures are in excess of the exports of January.

\$12,000,000 Orders for War Materials.

Bethlehem, Pa.—Surely the greatest boom to local industry at the Bethlehem steel works since the war broke out in Europe, has been the filling of big orders for England and even France and Russia in the way of various kinds of ammunition of war. The war departments of this plant are being worked night and day. While no official figures can be obtained, workmen are free in expressing the opinion that so far war material to the value of at least \$12,000,000 has been shipped.

Duval West Confers With Anglos.

Washington.—Duval West of San Antonio, personal representative of President Wilson, has conferred at Monterey with Gen. Felipe Angeles, one of the chief lieutenants of Gen. Villa. It was the first conference of a series in which West has undertaken to obtain for the president more definite information about conditions in Mexico that so far war material recently through consular sources. Mr. West was accompanied to Monterey by George C. Carothers.

## TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

The exports at Galveston on last Friday amounted to \$1,866,423.

Work has begun on the construction of the city waterworks system at Burk Burnett, and will be completed in about two months.

An election is called at Ballinger for April 10 to vote on two bond issues totaling \$50,000 for road improvements.

Fifteen carloads of lumber arrived at Post last week to be used in building purposes there. Many farmers are living in tents waiting for houses to be completed.

The Imperial Sugar company of Sugarland, Texas, which has heretofore made Kansas City its distributing point, will hereafter make Dallas the headquarters for its sales department.

Contract for the construction of the first three units of the sewage reduction plant has been awarded by the Dallas board of city commissioners. The bid amounted to \$55,720.02, the lowest of the eight bids offered.

The Amarillo cattlemen's convention committee raised \$1,000 to defray the expenses of the Amarillo campaign of the 1916 convention at the El Paso gathering of the Panhandle and southwestern stockmen.

President Thompson of the Taylor fair association has appointed a committee to arrange the premium list and prizes to be awarded at the coming thirty-fifth annual Taylor fair to be held July 1, 2 and 3.

The Ford Motor company's assembling plant in Dallas began operations March 1. This means that Dallas will be the producing center for between \$5,500,000 and \$9,000,000 worth of automobiles a year. The working force will gradually be increased until 250 are employed, who will receive not less than \$5 per day for his services.

The compulsory educational bill has been passed finally in the Texas house after a vain effort by Mr. Grindstaff to attach an amendment exempting from its provisions any child whose labor went to the support of his family or for payments on the homestead. The amendment was defeated 37 to 75. On final passage the bill received a vote of 94 yeas to 11 nays.

Returning from El Paso, where he had been several days investigating the issue of 34 original permits for liquor licenses to saloon men in the city, Comptroller H. B. Terrell announced that he had revoked the permits and had brought them with him to Austin.

The city council of Brownwood has called a bond election for March 23 for the issuance of \$15,000 bonds for sewer and school purposes.

The senate of the Idaho legislature has passed the state-wide prohibition bill, which makes the manufacture, sale and transportation for sale of intoxicating liquors unlawful after Jan. 1, 1916. The vote was 23 to 6 in favor of the bill. Governor Alexander has announced that he will sign the measure.

For the purpose of bringing about a greater use of cotton cloth, Gov. Ferguson has sent an official communication to state purchasing agent, George Levy, requesting him to use his official powers as far as possible in requiring all supplies purchased by all departments and all institutions of the state that are delivered to the state in sacks be packed in cotton sacks and be wrapped with cotton twine.

The Massachusetts house has concurred in a senate resolution requesting congress to invite all nations to unite in the formation of a world state.

Ten extra motorcycle policemen have been put on in Dallas to enforce the city's traffic ordinances, which, it is feared, will be violated more frequently by automobilists growing careless and the granting of 418 jitney permits to operate over the streets of the city.

The residence of Wm. Buchanan at Texarkana to cost over \$100,000 is nearing completion. Mr. Buchanan is a large lumber dealer and president of the Louisiana and Arkansas railroad.

An annual report compiled by the Denison chamber of commerce showed that \$417,922 was spent for building and civic improvements during the past year. This did not include \$75,000 spent in an interurban and wagon bridge across Red river.

Four buildings were burned at Roaring Springs last week, entailing a loss of approximately \$10,700.

The Thurber Coal company has completed its third oil well in the new field, about three miles west from Strawn, well No. 3 being the best yet brought in, and is estimated a 200 barrels per day. The operators are indeed very proud of the fact that they have not drilled a dry hole since the first strike, and the fourth well is nearing completion.

## EVENTS BOILED DOWN

DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN HAPPENINGS SERVED UP IN ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

## NOTHING GOOD GOT AWAY

Everything Important That Could Be Confined to a Small Space is Here Found.

## European War Happenings:

Three warships of the allies were damaged in the bombardment of the Dardanelles forts Feb. 25, according to an announcement given out at the headquarters of the Turkish army.

The allied fleet has bombarded interior forts in the straits of the Dardanelles, according to an Athens dispatch. The fire directed upon Fort Dardanos is said to have been particularly severe and the Turkish reply feeble.

French marine assurance companies have turned over to the minister of marine \$1,000 to be given to the crew of the ship of the second light squadron, which sank a German submarine at Boulogne. The Marquis of Ornano has offered a prize of 5,000 francs for the next Zeppelin brought down in France.

Sir Edward Grey, the English foreign secretary, has announced that Great Britain was in entire accord with Russia's desire for access to the sea. In response to a question whether England knew of and approved the statement of the Russian foreign minister, M. Sazonoff, that "Russia intended to permanently occupy Constantinople."

Wreckage picked up near Christiansand appears to indicate a disaster to the German submarine U-9. The U-9 has played an important part in the naval activities of the war. It sank the British cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy in the North sea Sept. 23 and on Oct. 25 sank the British cruiser Hawk.

Formal announcement has been made of Great Britain's decision to declare a blockade of the coast of German East Africa. The announcement said: "The British ambassador informed the Washington department of state that his government has decided to declare a blockade of the coast of German East Africa, as from midnight Feb. 28."

All the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles have been reduced by the allied fleet. This announcement was made officially at London Thursday. The announcement of the secretary of the admiralty follows: "The weather moderating, the bombardment of the outer forts of the Dardanelles was renewed Thursday morning (Feb. 25). After a period of long range fire the squadron of battleships attacked at close range. All the forts at the entrance to the straits were successfully reduced and the operations are continuing."

The continued progress which the French are said to be making in the Champagne district and the pressure which the allies, without attempting any great offensive, are declared to be bringing to bear on the German line in the west have, according to the Germans to make another effort for the west before the allied forces reach their maximum strength. By day and by night, says a Dutch newspaper, big motor cars loaded with German soldiers are hurrying through Belgium to the western front and the troops which had been sent to Northern Belgium are going back to the trenches.

The destruction of the French torpedo boat destroyer Dague in the Adriatic sea is announced by the French ministry of marine.

Three new German submarines arrived by railroad at Pola, the chief naval station of Austria-Hungary, according to a telegram, and will soon begin operations not only in the Adriatic but in the Mediterranean. A dispatch from Munich says Germany is arranging to send several submarines to Austria.

After the German blockade of the British isles had been in effect a week the result was that two Norwegian, one French and five British steamers were sunk or torpedoed by submarines with the surprisingly small loss of four lives. Two of these steamers, the Belridge and the Dinorah, succeeded in reaching port. On the other side of the account it is reported that two German submarines are missing and that a third had been hit and possibly sunk by a French destroyer.

Tables indicating a net loss of \$92,000 in 1914 in passenger revenues of Missouri railroads were submitted to the state senate by the public service commission.

Confronted with the necessity of appropriating \$90,000,000 a day for the remaining 11 legislative days, congress settled down Friday to hurry through the measures which will supply the billion dollars needed to run the government during the next fiscal year.

## HER HUMOROUS VIEW

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# HOW AMBITION LED YOUNG GIRL

## Miss Fannie Hurst's Long and Hard Apprenticeship in Story-Writing.

### PERSISTENCY WON AT LAST

Interesting But Not Always Pleasant Experiences Working in Stores, Restaurants and Sweatshops to Gather Material for Yarns.

By RICHARD SPILLANE.

Usually it is poverty that gives spur to ambition and plenty that dulls it. Money, ease and recognition are the beacons that crown the heights of success. The more distant they may be, the more brilliant they seem.

There was no spur of poverty in the case of Fannie Hurst. She had money and she had ease. Her father was wealthy. Her home was charming. Tens of thousands of young girls would have thought themselves blessed if they were in her place. She probably would have been perfectly happy and never heard of had not ambition somehow taken root in her brain and started her to do things wealthy girls rarely attempt.

Fannie Hurst's home is St. Louis. Her parents gave her every educational advantage. After her regular schooling she went to Washington university, and then in 1909 she went to New York to take a postgraduate course at Columbia.

While she was in Washington university she had two desires that are not unusual with girls. She wanted to be an actress and she wanted to be a great writer. Her parents smiled at her talk of the stage and smiled when she talked of writing. She dreamed of the day when she would be an actress, but contented herself for the time being with writing things which she thought would set the world adre.

She had lots of ideas. She had a keen and observant eye. There is a publication in St. Louis to which she sent some of her productions. She sent others to the newspapers. At first most of them came back. A few were printed. She never has known greater joy than she felt the first time she saw in print something she had written. There was an added joy when she got money, real money, in payment for it. She went and saw the editor. He was more than kind to her. He made suggestions that were of great value. He explained wherein some of her work was crude, pointed the way to good writing, and cheered her with the statement that she had promise. Then he gave \$10 to her for one of her yarns.

She wrote and she wrote and she wrote. The editor printed some of her stories, and when the spirit moved him he put some bills in an envelope and sent the money to her through the mail. Even the newspapers paid her for what they accepted. She made enough out of her writings in six months to almost pay her candy bill.

New York Editors Were Chilly.

In New York she found the editors colder than in St. Louis. She was put in two years in Columbia. She was to attend three lectures a week. She had to devote a good many hours to study but she had some spare time. She improved the opportunity by doing a little writing. Most of the stuff she wrote was short, the sort of matter that is called fillers. She sent this stuff to the Sunday newspapers. Most of it came back. A little of it was printed. She thought if it was sent one of the editors and talk with him she could make him understand the value of what she was writing, and possibly open the columns to her. She went to the office nine times and sat in an anteroom until even the office boy felt sorry for her. It is hard for a newcomer to get audience. It is not the editors' fault. Most of the editors are overworked with visitors. They saw all the people who go to newspaper offices they would have no time for her work.

She lost hope about this time of ever making an impression as a writer and her thoughts were turned toward the stage. As a matter of fact, the stage always had been uppermost in her mind. Writing was only a secondary consideration. She determined on a theatrical career. After a lot of trouble, she got an engagement. It was a small part in "The Concert," which play was put on by David Belasco. She was to get \$15 a week. She appeared in two consecutive performances. The second night after the show was over and she was leaving the theater, a gentleman met her at the stage door. He was her father. He had come to New York on business and had gone to see the play. When his daughter appeared in the cast he was astounded. He hurried out of the house, and when the show was over he talked to her as only a father can. Then he took her to St. Louis. She remained there for two months and was permitted to return to New York only on her promise that she would give up all thoughts of the stage.

She resumed her studies at Columbia, and again took up writing. Most of the stories she turned out were fiction. Nearly all of her productions came back. Every time the postman rang her bell her heart sank. The maid would come in with a bulky envelope in her hand and with the announcement: "Here's another one come back, Miss Fannie," would hand it to her.

But one day the postman brought, not a rejected manuscript, but a check for \$30. A second third-class magazine had accepted one of her stories, entitled "The Seventh Day." She was so joyous that she kissed the check, figuratively hugged herself, danced about the room and acted as only a girl can act when greatly excited. That one acceptance revived all her

hopes. One of her friends who knew the editor of a magazine took her down to that gentleman's office and introduced her. He was very kind, but didn't waste words.

"What have you to submit?" he asked. She had gone to him empty-handed.

"Go home and write something and bring it in," he told her. She did. He read the manuscript. Then he gave it back to her.

"Young lady," he said, "you can write, but you do not know how to handle a story yet."

Then he made a lot of rapid-fire suggestions. She rewrote that story three times. The third time the editor accepted it. He accepted two other stories, but he made her rewrite them, and rewrite them and rewrite them.

Going After Material. To get material for stories she did some astonishing things. She wanted to develop a field of her own. She did. She wanted to know at first hand about the shop girls. She applied for a job in a big department store. It took her six weeks to get an engagement. She had her heart set on being assigned to the ribbon counter. As luck would have it, that is the work to which she was assigned. She was to get \$6.50 a week.

If anyone thinks the girl at the ribbon counter has an easy thing of it, he will be disillusioned by Miss Hurst. With all her education she never has mastered mathematics. The first day at the ribbon counter was one of terror to her. Some of the stores sell their ribbons at all sorts of odd prices. Some of it is ten cents a yard, some 17 1/2, some 22 1/2, and so on. Women are queer creatures. They buy ribbons of odd lengths. Sometimes they want 7 1/2 yards, sometimes 12 1/2 yards. When a lady would order 7 1/2 yards of 17 1/2-cent ribbon, Miss Hurst would have a terrible time. She couldn't figure out 7 1/2 times 17 1/2 in less than half an hour, and then nine chances out of ten the result would be wrong. All the salesgirls keep a book of their sales. Miss Hurst was short in her accounts that first day. She was short in her accounts the second day, and the third day, and the fourth day, and the fifth day. At the end of the fifth day the floor

manager called her aside and informed her that she was discharged. When she got home she didn't know whether to laugh or to cry. She believes she never would have been discharged if it were not for the abnormal custom of selling things on the fractional plan. She made a lot of acquaintances in the store. None of the girls had an idea of what she was there for. Some of them are her friends today. They do not know she is a writer.

After her ignominious dismissal she sought some more experience. She got a job in a popular cheap restaurant and a half a week. Incidentally, there was a chance for tips. She wasn't a success as a waitress. She tried to do as the other girls did, but she didn't have the ability. She never could master the art of racking up plates, saucers, cups, knives, forks and spoons in great pyramids on her left arm and marching serenely down the aisle. She did the best she could, but her best was very poor. Several times the load was too much for her, for she had not been skillful in stacking the stuff up, and she let the pile fall.

She served men and she served women. She never got a tip from a woman. Maybe it was because she was such a bad waitress. She got tips from the men, however. Maybe they sympathized with her. In that restaurant she met a man whom she considers the kindest, politest and most generous human being she has ever met. His clothes were shabby and his linen was frayed. It was worse when he departed than when he came in, for she spilled coffee down his left arm, onto his collar and on his neck. The poor man didn't scold her, or didn't even frown. He mopped the coffee off his coat sleeve and off his collar, and he wiped his neck. And after that he gave her a five-cent tip.

She didn't remain in that restaurant long. It was not her fault. She was fired. She went out then and looked for another job. So far as she knew, no one had recognized her, but in the department store two or three persons from St. Louis looked at her sharply, and she believes they recognized her, or thought they did.

In a Sweet Shop. Her third job came through an advertisement. The ad called for rippers. That is a trade term in the tailoring business. She got an engagement in a sweet shop in Allen street. Of all the congested sections of New York there is none that is worse than Allen street. The shop in which she got employment was a wretched one. Most of the employees knew no English. Nearly all spoke

Yiddish or a Polish dialect. She went to work by the piece. A good ripper could earn 50 cents a day. Miss Hurst was no better as a ripper than she was as a ribbon girl or waitress. She earned her car fare and a little over. She probably was considered as a hopeless subject. The boss discharged her.

After leaving the sweet shop she plunged into writing. She had gathered a lot of material. She had kept her eyes and her ears open, not only in the department store, the restaurant and the sweet shop, but on the streets, in the subway, in the "L" trains, everywhere. She was gathering impressions, studying life, thinking of people, creating situations. She wrote story after story, and sent the articles out. She sent various manuscripts to a publication that has the largest circulation of any in America. They came back regularly. She sent them elsewhere. Occasionally she sold one. She was sure that she was going to succeed sooner or later. One day she got a letter from this publication of great circulation. It asked her to call at its New York office. It also informed her that one of her stories which she had called "Power and Horse Power" had been accepted. She went to the office considerable exercised. She had made up her mind that she would ask a big price for that story. She would insist on getting a hundred dollars. The gentleman was very polite. He told her the editor was very much impressed with her work, that he had been watching her for a long time and that she had been showing steady improvement. The publication wanted her to submit all her stories from that time forward, he said.

"Now, what do you think your work is worth?" the gentleman inquired. She tried to say one hundred dollars, but the words would not come. She hesitated, and hesitated, and finally said: "I'll leave it to you."

"Well," he said, "suppose we start at three hundred dollars an article." She nearly fainted. That was two years ago. She has been writing, writing, writing ever since. She gets far more than three hundred dollars a story now. She is one of the highest-priced story writers

in America. If she keeps on as she is doing at present, she is in danger of becoming disgracefully rich on her own account. Half a dozen magazines have offered more money to her than she is getting from the one to which she contributes regularly. Play producers have been after her to dramatize various of her stories. Book publishers have wanted to put her stories in book form. She has turned a deaf ear to all of them. She works harder now than she did at the beginning. Writing to her is not easy. Some days she works five or six or eight hours over a paragraph. She has written and rewritten a story twice or three times; has put it in an envelope ready for mailing, and then has torn it up and rewritten it again.

She is not altogether convinced that she would not have been a success as an actress. But she is presently satisfied with her success as a writer.

The First Fire? Speaking of wonderful inventions, the overshadower of Edison is the man—or woman—who invented fire. Our prehistoric ancestors doubtless were familiar with fire from lightning strokes and lava eruptions. But how did they ever get the idea that they could imitate the effects of lightning by rubbing two sticks against each other? It has been observed in recent years that in bamboo forests of southern India branches sometimes are whipped by the wind against each other until they burst into flame. That probably was where the fire inventor got his idea.

Bayberry Shrub. The plant from which the bayberry candle is made is the shrub Myrica cerifera, a plant which is common in New England, and especially along the coast of Maine. The bayberry shrub is not closely related to the Myrica acris, or West India bay, from the leaves of which bay rum is obtained by distillation.

The First Telephone. Robert Hooke, in 1667, conveyed sound to a distance by distended wire; and between Hooke's time and that of Elisha Gray considerable progress was made in the direction of the telephone; but it appears that the first real telephone was given to the world by Alexander Graham Bell, about 1877.

Charged for His Suffering. "You charged \$20 for giving my daughter a music lesson?" "No," replied the professor, serenely. "It is only \$5 for the lesson. The other \$15 is for having to listen."

# Earth Shocks Average Over Fifteen A Day

ROCK-RIBBED neutrality in the matter of earthquakes would poll a unanimous vote in this or any country. An earthquake is the one thing about which it cannot be said that one can become used to anything.

The Italians and the Japanese have had personal experience with earthquakes far beyond most peoples. The frequency of earthquakes, considering those of all amplitudes, is not, however, generally realized.

The globe, indeed, may be said hardly ever to be free from seismic disturbances of some kind somewhere, according to Dr. Edmund Otis Hovey, the well known authority of the American Museum of Natural History.

The average of all recorded shocks is more than fifteen a day. There are between fifty and sixty heavy quakes a year.

The bare enumeration of de Montessus de Ballore of those occurring in 1905 alone fills a book of 600 tabulated pages. This author has compiled the data and plotted the position of 159,781 earthquakes that had been recorded up to the end of 1913.

Charleston, San Francisco, Kingston and Avezzano came to mind as Doctor Hovey gave the above information, but they left unaccounted for so very many earthquakes that, even adding Messina and Pompeii, he was forced after another moment's searching into the past, the writer ventured to suggest it was a fortunate thing for us along the eastern coast of the North American continent that we were comparatively so free from this sort of attack.

We are in the habit of thinking of eastern North America as a region free from earthquake shocks," agreed Doctor Hovey, "but that impression is erroneous, since New England has experienced about 250 recorded shocks since the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth.

"Also, there have been at least four great earthquakes in the eastern half of the continent within the last two or three centuries. One on the 5th of February, 1663, affected the St. Lawrence valley over an area more than 600 miles long and 300 miles wide.

"In 1811-12 heavy quakes occurred in the central part of the Mississippi valley. Strong shocks continued for more than a year, and evidence of the sinking still persists in lakes and submerged trees.

"The southwestern part of the United States was the center of an earthquake shock January 4, 1843, the waves of which were felt at points at least 800 miles apart. In 1886 occurred the Charleston earthquake, an event still fresh in the minds of most of our population.

Doctor Hovey was on the island of St. Vincent, 160 miles south of the Pelee, when the great eruption of June 6, 1902, occurred, and he mentioned it the other day in connection with the former general belief that volcanic earthquakes were by far the most numerous and destructive of all.

"On the other hand," he said, "some of the most violent of historic eruptions have been unattended by severe earthquakes or have given rise to shocks of merely local significance.

"The island of Martinique, in the French West Indies, lies within a particularly seismic zone, but during the great eruptive activity of 1902-'03 was free from earthquake shocks. This fact is of particular interest, because the eruptions were of the most highly explosive character.

"Although no vibrations were felt upon the island of Martinique and no subterranean noises were heard there, still sounds like the booming of distant cannon were heard the morning of the great eruption of May 8, 1902, at Caracas, Venezuela, 450 miles distant, southwest, where people feared that a naval battle was in progress off their coast. Similar booming was reported from St. Kitts, 200 miles northwest of Martinique, and from other regions.

"I myself was on the island of St. Vincent, and I felt several dull thuds, as if some heavy object had fallen in a neighboring room.

"The noises seemed to come from beneath the ground, and they were due, in all probability, to subterranean explosions or to the pushing of lava into underground cavities, some what on the principle of the water hammer."

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observers, according to Doctor Hovey, had noted an increase of seismic shocks for a year or more before the volcano burst into violent eruption in May, 1902. The eruption itself, however, was free from earthquakes, he said, except apparently from the quivering of the mountain due to the push of steam and ejecta through the conduit, just as happens in the chimneys of a fire engine under full blast.

Time after time Italy has suffered from the effects of serious earthquakes, but never before so severely as from that which occurred in Calabria and Sicily on December 28, 1908, when 200,000 human beings are supposed to have lost their lives.

"That disaster was very similar to the one at Avezzano, so far as cause is concerned, according to Prof. J. P. Kemp, head of the department of geology at Columbia university. Mount Etna had poured forth so much lava that a fracture had been created in the earth's crust, and the natural result came in the form of a readjustment. It is, he says, probable that other fractures now exist, and it is certainly to be expected that other earthquakes will occur in Italy.

The western coast of Italy, from Ischia and Naples, around to the extremity of Sicily, is a line of weakness in the earth's crust, where volcanoes give vent to melted and crushed matter far down beneath the surface, and by doing so caused a slipping among loosened strata. This goes on almost incessantly, and every few years so jars the outlying rocks as to upset human erections on the surface.

The Italian government took a great responsibility when it permitted Samassioccola and similar towns to be rebuilt in the same old fashion after such destruction as overtook the Ischia watering place in 1883, or Messina more lately.

The statistics of the destruction of life by earthquake compiled by the celebrated seismologist, Professor Milne, and mentioning only the most notable instances, are appalling. In India in 1893, 180,000 persons were killed by a single shock, four-fifths of them in a single city. Japan lost 200,000 at one time in 1763. In 1169, 15,000 were killed at Messina; in 1693, 75,000, and in 1908, probably 200,000.

"The purpose of recording movements of every kind in the surface of the earth has vastly extended our knowledge of the character of earth vibrations and enhanced the value of deductions affecting the theory of earthquakes," said Doctor Hovey.

"No large part of the surface of the globe seems to be entirely stable," he added, "but certain regions or zones are more likely than others to suffer earthquakes.

"If we study a map of the world upon which their location has been plotted, we find in the western hemisphere a broad belt of seismic activity extending from west to east through the Mediterranean sea, Persia, the southern Himalayas and the Sumatra-Java group of islands. A branch zone stretches from the southern end of the Caspian sea northward

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"A seismic belt practically encircles the Pacific ocean, the principal points in it being the Japanese Archipelago, Alaska, California, southern Mexico and Central America and the northern and southern Andes. This belt has given 51 per cent of the earthquakes.

"In the western hemisphere in addition to a part of the circum-Pacific belt just mentioned—the belt that has produced 41 per cent of the earthquakes—there are the West Indian islands and the mountains of Venezuela forming a seismic zone. Earthquakes mostly of volcanic origin have visited many of the islands of the South sea. The major portions of Africa and South America remain blank upon such a map, probably because little is known about their seismicity."

"What is the greatest area that has been affected by an earthquake?" Doctor Hovey was asked.

"That of Lisbon, 1755, was felt from northern Africa on the south to Scandinavia on the north, and to the east coast of North America on the west, an area estimated by Baron von Humboldt at four times that of the whole of Europe.

"The Andean earthquake of 1868 shook severely a strip of country 2,000 miles long. The modern seismographs have pronounced records of earthquakes whose origin was certainly not less than 8,000 miles distant—truly world-shaking events."

"Will he be able to foretell earthquakes with any degree of accuracy such as is frequently done by the weather bureau?" Doctor Hovey was asked.

"It has not been possible yet to determine the periodicity of shocks or to predict with any degree of accuracy the time of the occurrence of an earthquake. Some earthquake regions are subject to frequent shocks, while others experience them only at long intervals."

The horror of experiencing an earthquake has been set down by Mr. F. S. Lyman, who was in the Hawaiian Islands some years ago when there began a series of earthquakes on the southern flanks of a so-called "quiet volcano."

"First the earth swayed, and then from north to south, then from east to west, then round and round, up and down, and finally in every imaginable direction, for several minutes, everything crashing around and the trees thrashing as if torn by a hurricane, and there was a sound as of a mighty wind. It was impossible to stand; we had to sit on the ground, bracing with hands and feet to keep from being rolled over. The villages on the shore were swept away by the great wave that rushed upon the land immediately after the earthquake."

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Some Practical Remedies for Common Cold

Everyone who has ever had an acute attack of the great indoor plague, coryza, or "common cold," knows that an active cathartic is great medicine to clear the head.

Dime Is Irritating Piece of Currency

Why the dime? There never was so absurd a piece of currency. It serves no useful purpose in our monetary scheme. It is small and easily lost. It has a habit of concealing itself in the most awkward places, such as crevices in one's pocket, in the bowl of one's pipe, between leaves of paper and everywhere except where it ought to be.

American Art and Some of Its Needs

It is the general belief that American art now has the best opportunity it has ever had. There is the chance for American artists such as has never before existed. However, will this give permanence and stability to artistic development in America?

Equal Distribution of Happiness on Earth

While reading some lectures recently I came across a striking assertion on "The Evolution of the Tramp." It was this: "The American tramp came in the same day that the American millionaire was born."



THE SANDMAN STORY

Jack Rabbit learns more. "Yes," said Mister Fox, "that was a very good example of the evil of being a glutton. The wolf, if he had been satisfied with enough, would have had a good meal and avoided a sore leg."

BLOWGUN IS EASY TO MAKE

Piece of Bamboo or Curtain-Rod Tubing May Be Used—Dart Travels Accurately 20 Feet. Either a 12-inch length of a small curtain-rod tubing or a straight piece of small bamboo pole, cut off between the joints, can be used for the gun part of this simple device, writes C. Fraser of Saginaw, Mich., in Popular Mechanics.

ATHLETICS AND CIVILIZATION

Games and Exercises of Physical Strength and Endurance Work Wonders in Philippine Islands. Wonders have been wrought in the Philippines by athletics since American soldiers first taught the Filipinos to play baseball.

Found Nymphetty Fossil

In a town in New York a disagreeable man set a trap for his brethren and sisters. Twenty-five were tempted with dimes slipped into their change and then watched to see what they would do about it.

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What Interested Her

"The overture is about to begin. We might as well go in." "Did you get your wife a book of the opera?" "No, she doesn't care for the opera. I would pay well, however, for a catalogue or price list of the jewels being worn in the boxes."

Reminded Him

"Well, I see the groundhog!" "By George, that reminds me! My wife asked me to bring home some sausage for supper."

That Causes all the Trouble

When the house is a-fire, it's about the same as when disease begins to show, it's no time to talk but time to act—delay is dangerous—remove the cause of the trouble at once.

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Liked the Church, But—

Sweet Girl—Do you enjoy taking me to church? "Lover—Not so much as riding with you in a street car."

Use of the Antennae

It is certain that spiders can smell, yet they have no antennae, nor any organs that may be compared to the antennae of insects. This is another argument against the insect having antennae of smell.

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The average age of an ostrich is thirty years, and the annual yield of a bird in captivity is from two to four pounds of plumage.

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What Interested Her

"The overture is about to begin. We might as well go in." "Did you get your wife a book of the opera?" "No, she doesn't care for the opera. I would pay well, however, for a catalogue or price list of the jewels being worn in the boxes."

Liked the Church, But—

Sweet Girl—Do you enjoy taking me to church? "Lover—Not so much as riding with you in a street car."

Use of the Antennae

It is certain that spiders can smell, yet they have no antennae, nor any organs that may be compared to the antennae of insects. This is another argument against the insect having antennae of smell.

W. F. Kellis, Editor and Proprietor.

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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.

Easter Sunday comes, this year, on April 4th.

A good season in the ground in March is a noise like big crops and prosperity in Concholand.

In pruning fruit trees, cut the limbs so that they will shade the ground as much as possible. This method applies to trees in West Texas.

Most of us don't mind assuming the role of "our brother's keeper," provided our brother is willing to be kept according to our methods and standards.

Now is the time to burn the rat's nest in your pasture. In this way you often destroy the rat, the tick and the rattler. Be careful not to set the grass on fire.

The President of Uruguay has challenged an editor to fight a duel. If President Wilson were to challenge this editor to scrap, the matter would be evened up with an apology.

When you see trees, shrubs and flowers growing around a home, you may be sure that the inmates of that home have the elements of culture and refinement in their make-up.

There is little danger of fruit, especially peaches, being killed in the bud or bloom by cold unless it is from seven to twelve degrees below the freezing point. The critical time is after the bloom falls and the young fruit forms. The peach is protected by a down that equals the finest fur in resisting cold.

It is a remarkable fact that no tree or shrub bearing broad, thin leaves, are natives of West Texas. The native mulberry of East Texas bears a broad, thin leaf, while the native of West Texas has a small, thick leaf. The hackberry, cotton wood, pecan, walnut and oak of West Texas all have narrow, thick leaves. This fact is caused by winds that tear broad leaves into shreds; and on this account, nature has caused them to grow thick and narrow leaves capable of resisting the high winds.

Dr. Walter F. Rittman, Chemical Engineer of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, last week, reported to Secretary Lane the discovery of two chemical processes of vast importance. One is the discovery of a process of increasing the output of gasoline from a given quantity of crude oil over 200 per cent. The other, makes it possible to produce tuloh and benzol from crude petroleum. These two substances are the basis for dyes and high explosives, for which the United States and the rest of the world have heretofore depended on Germany.

A move is on foot to hold a prohibition election in San Angelo in the near future. Those good people ought to know what they want; and if they see fit to smite Don Juan Barleycorn under the fifth rib, it is certainly their right and privilege to do so. Outsiders ought to keep their hands off and let the boys settle the matter among themselves. The outsider who pokes his nose into this business is sure to stir up resentment and bitterness that will rise up another day and cause strife. Let them settle their own affairs and they will stay settled.

One of the most successful cattlemen in this part of the country began with only a few head of cows of indifferent breed. When once started, he used only the best males that money would buy. In selling, he never allowed the buyer to "top" his herd, but always reserved the best heifers, no matter how tempting the price was. In this way he has built up one of the best bred little herds in West Texas. Although buyers knew they would get only

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the "tailings" of the herd, yet he often sells his calf crop, "sight unseen," by wire, at fancy prices, for the buyer knew that the "tailings" of this herd were better than the "tops" of many herds.

Personal habits and weaknesses are not always the true test of a man's sincerity and honesty of purpose. A Pro may earnestly and conscientiously oppose the license system and yet be a teetotaler. Even an Anti can preach temperance and be most intemperate.—San Angelo Sun.

Prohibition is not a question of temperance, but a question of politics—pure and simple. We have in mind some men who are antis who never touch liquor in any form, but vote the anti ticket through motives of principle. Then, again, there are men who are pros and yet tank up on whiskey at every opportunity.

While a pro has a legal right to drink whiskey, yet he may be classed as a moral paradox, and the mantle of charity must be very thick to hide his frailty. If such a weakling were to get a job of masticating grease in a soap factory, a spy would be set to keep him from swallowing it.

The rapid and heavy rainfall last Saturday morning demonstrated the need of a little civil engineering on the gutters and culverts. In some instances the gutters have no fall and the culverts filled with sand. There seems to be no common point of drainage, no gravity in any certain direction. It requires some knowledge of engineering to fix the drainage of streets and gutters—an intelligent use of scientific instruments. If once established with proper gradients, the gutters and culverts will flush themselves during heavy rains, and not fill up, thereby entailing constant work and attention. Hasn't the city an engineer and suitable instruments?—Colorado Record.

Yes, "it requires some knowledge of engineering to fix the drainage of streets and gutters." Last week, our Commissioners' Court set apart a neat sum of money for the grading and draining of certain streets in Sterling, but they did not include the expense of a man with a level. The business men here chipped in and employed a man to give the gradients and lay out the work. The levelman's work cost them a dollar and six-bits, but the heavy down-pour of rain that followed showed the wisdom of using the level where there is doubt as to the grade.

**The Dardanelles And Bosphorus**

The Dardanelles, or Hellespont, which the allied fleets of France and England are now sieging for mines and are at the same time sending 15-inch shells to wake up the unspeakable Turk, is a strip of water 45 miles long, extending from the Aegean sea on the southwest to the Sea of Marmora to the northeast. The Bosphorus is another waterway between the Sea of Marmora and the Black sea. The Dardanelles takes its name from Dardanus, the son of Zeus and

Electra. At the southwest end of the Dardanelles was the ancient city of Troy, where the old poets say there was a mighty scrap between the Greeks and Trojans, and where men learned to say, "as dead as Hector." It was here where the tale about the big wooden horse originated. In 480, B. C., Xerxes crossed the Dardanelles on a pontoon bridge, with a million men, to meet Major Leonidas with three hundred men, at Thermopolee. Alexander also crossed over with an army 156 years later. Turks have ruled over these waters and the land adjacent thereto for over 600 years; but if France, England and Russia have their way about it, the Turk is now seeing his last days in these waters and historic lands.

**Mistletoe**

Please give me the origin of mistletoe, its habits and a way to eradicate it. Georgetown, Texas. J. A. R. The above was referred to O. M. Ball, professor of biology at the Texas A. & M. College, College Station, who says: "Mistletoe is a plant which is particularly parasitic on a large variety of trees in this country. It is spread from tree to tree by means of birds, which eat the berries. The seeds in these berries are surrounded by a sticky substance which causes some of the seeds to adhere to the beak and feet of the birds, and are thus transported. When mistletoe is attached to a tree in very large quantities it always kills the tree. It seems to be worse on old trees than young ones, mainly because the bark on the older trees is rough, thus affording lodgment for the berries. It will rarely be found growing on trees having a smooth bark. Mistletoe can be eradicated without serious difficulty by the following method: During the winter, when the trees are devoid of foliage, spray the mistletoe with a solution made by dissolving bichloride of mercury tablets in hot water. This solution should be about 2 per cent and should be applied with a spray pump. The user should exercise great care, since bichloride of mercury is extremely poisonous to all forms of animal life, and should therefore under no circumstances be allowed to stand about the premises where children or animals could get access to it. Care should be taken also not to wet the hands or other parts of the body while using the spray."—Dallas News.

**Kill Your Prairie Dogs**

This is the best season of the year to kill prairie dogs. The green grass is so scarce that they will readily take to poisoned grain. The formula printed in last week's News-Record is that adopted by the U. S. government, and those who have tried it say that it is the cheapest and best they have ever tried. Prairie dogs destroy more grass than any other animal; but being so easily destroyed, there is but little excuse for a pasture to be overrun

by them. It is alright for you to raise prairie dogs if you keep them at home, but to turn them loose on your neighbor every year is just as bad as turning your stock in on his grass. Of course, you do not intend to injure him, but the result is just the same, notwithstanding your good intentions. Kill your prairie dogs.

**THE BONHEUR BROS. SHOW.**

The Bonheur Bros. Electrical Pictureland theatre closed a two weeks engagement at this place Saturday night and went over to Sterling City. Bonheur Bros. are the most accommodating showmen on the road and spare no pains to give the public a good clean show and the worth of their money. This was one of the best shows that ever visited Robert Lee, and the show was absolutely clean and refined throughout. The Bonheur Bros. are good straight people and they show a line of pictures and also the vaudeville that the entire family can see and enjoy. We recommend them to the public wherever they go.

At odd times while here, Mr. James R. Bonheur did considerable sign writing which speaks for itself. He is an artist with the brush in lettering and scenic sign writing, and we doubt whether you could find his superior in the state.—The Robert Lee, (Texas) Observer.

**TEACHER'S EXAMINATION**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a special examination for all grades of State Certificates to be held at the court house in Sterling City, the first Thursday, Friday Saturday in April, 1915. This is a special examination given for state certificates only. All applicants will call at the County Judge's office for copies of Bulletin 42. This bulletin contains complete information relative to scope of work to be covered in different subjects for all examinations in 1915, schedules and dates of examinations, and some important facts to be remembered by the applicant. B. F. Brown, Ex-officio County Supt.

**The Starrs**

The fourth number of the lyceum course was enjoyed by a full house last Wednesday night. The Starrs fulfilled every expectation, and while the other numbers of the course were excellent in their lines, this entertainment seems to be the capsheaf in popularity. The Starrs are certainly artists, and we hope they will come again.

**Voting Contest**

IN the Contest this week two new candidates were nominated by votes of the audience for the fine 26-piece silver set to be seen in the Theater window next door to H. Q. Lyle's store, to be given to the candidate receiving the largest number of votes during the performances of the show this week. Mon. night the Cast of votes for Miss MARVIN F. FOSTER was 3350.

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Respectfully,  
Prof. and Mrs. S. Kellogg

**Posted** All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt, fish, gather pecans, haul wood, drive stock or otherwise trespass upon any lands owned or controlled by us. 1-815.  
W. R. McENTRE & SON

**UNCOOKED FOOD LATEST FAD**  
Advocates of Idea Say Nature Should Be Allowed to Do What Cooking is Necessary.  
Going back to first principles, the latest food fad is uncooked or raw cooked food. The advocates of this idea say that "before the use of fire primitive man took his sustenance as birds and wild animals still do, and there is evidence that he had better teeth, a harder body and was exempt from many of the ailments from which people suffer today." Therefore they urge that nature should be allowed to do whatever cooking is necessary.  
"In all nature," say these people, "every animal but man finds food ready prepared. Then why should human beings boil and roast and fry and in the end be worse off than those that eat raw food? In fact we have eaten some kinds of uncooked food for years, and so the step to a complete diet is not great.  
"Lettuce, tomatoes, celery and fresh fruits are all uncooked. They are not predigested so that the stomach is not deprived of its rightful tasks. The real fact is that uncooked food calls for strong organs, and while it calls for strong organs it produces them. No lion or tiger or cow has cooked food; no fish requires it; no bird or fower gets a boiled dinner. Why should we?"

The average cotton production of the world is 13 bales per 1,000 population, and the average for Texas is 1,000 bales per 1,000 population.  
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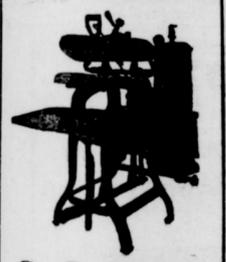
During the continuance of this Sale, we are going to show, at prices unheard of, a large selection of the most up-to-date, Reliable Merchandise that can be had in the Dry Goods markets.

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Notice is hereby given that driving any stock across, working stock or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me is hereby forbidden under pain of prosecution.  
p11-20-14  
E. F. Atkinson

**NO FISHING**—Anyone found fishing or otherwise trespassing on any lands controlled by me will be prosecuted.—D. M. Brown.



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Why worry about wash day? Let G. C. Potts send your "washin'" to the Model Steam Laundry. Basket leaves Tuesday and returns Thursday. Remember the place—phone 12.

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Anyone found hunting—most especially hunting—fishing, gathering pecans, hauling wood, or otherwise trespassing upon any lands owned or controlled by me will be prosecuted. You'd better keep out.  
10-17-13pd  
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4-20-13  
A. C. Pearson  
R. B. McEntire

**NOTICE**  
We will not sell Gasoline, Tubes, Batteries, or any other supplies, on credit in the future. It will take cash to get any of these supplies. This applies to all alike.  
BROWN & PEARCE

**IOLANTHE NEWS.**  
W. B. Teague has about closed a trade for property near Hamlin, Texas. Iolanthe regrets to lose them from our midst.  
Mrs. L. Wood is convalescent from illness brought on from her motherly devotion in the time of the sickness of her daughter.  
J. S. Johnson made a flying trip to Colorado City last week.  
James preached to a goodly company both morning and evening last Sunday.

For Lagrippe and colds there is no better remedy than Butler's Cold Tablets. These tablets have no quinine, hence no headache to follow their use.—Butler Drug Co. 3t

**LOCALS**

Best candies at Butler Drug Co.  
Get your Rook cards at Butler Drug Co.  
Frank will appreciate your oil business.  
Dr. Gowen returned Wednesday from Temple.

Don't miss the picture show to-night.  
Frank's gasoline will make that Ford waltz.

Prof. Roberts is suffering an attack of lagrippe.  
J. T. Davis returned last Friday from a trip to Waco.

James Suter, after a tour in Coke County, is back again.  
Mrs. H. H. Allen was reported seriously ill last Tuesday.

Mrs. J. H. Blair, of Jones County, is visiting her son, T. J. Blair.  
Wm. Findt, last week, bought an automobile from H. H. Hooker.

Miss Pearl Latham is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Latham.  
A. Bugg, of Toyah, visited his father, J. H. Bugg, of China Valley, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Blackburn returned Tuesday from a visit to relatives at Longview.

The dinner given last Monday by the Women's Home Mission Society was a splendid success.

Butler's Cough Syrup relieves Coughs and Colds. There is no better remedy on sale.—Butler Drug Co. 3t

D. D. Parramore was here last Monday. Mr. Parramore reported stock and range conditions in his part of the country satisfactory.

Found:—A fountain. Owner can have same by calling and describing it, and paying 25c for this notice

Miss Ernestine Cope won the gold watch, last week, in Bonheur Bros. voting contest. These gentlemen are giving a nice silver set this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Crawford, accompanied by Dr. Gowen, left last Saturday for Temple, where Mrs. Crawford goes for surgical treatment

"Motor Oil" is guaranteed by the Texas Company to be as good as any oil made. 60c per gallon at Jackson's Garage.

**ATTENTION, LADIES.**—On Thursday afternoon of each week, special attention will be given to ladies' work at my barbershop in the First State Bank building. Try us for a massage or shampoo.—R. M. Mathis

For best Gasoline and Kerosene, see Frank Cole.

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Ben Findt, prop.

Drs. Stell & Moore, dentists, are here, and will probably make this their home. Those wishing dental work done will find them at Dr. Gowen's office.

Bonheur Bros. will leave Sterling City for Garden City Sunday to fill a week's engagement. The show is well patronized and recommended by all who see it.

Any time you are troubled with costiveness, indigestion, and such ailments, a course of Hot Springs Liver Buttons will relieve you.—Butler Drug Co. 3t

The show will leave after Saturday night when it goes to Garden City for one week.

Judge Timmins opened the regular biennial term of the District Court here last Monday. After empanelling the grand jury, and the wheels of justice were set in motion, it was found there was no grist in the hopper—and they all went home after dinner. The courts at Sterling are mere matters of form and ceremony.

All kinds of woollens, silks, cotton, ribbons and leathers are readily and easily cleaned by the use of Putnam's Dry cleaner. A 25c package will clean a big lot of stuff.—Butler Drug Co. 3t

Mike Freeman was pretty near out of commission with a cold. He says a little thing like that will not prevent him from working in the picture show to-night.

Col. Walter McClennan was visiting old time friends in the neighborhood of Sterling City this week.

The Hall is well warmed for this cold weather and seats with back rests have been put in.

We are agents for the Texas Co.'s Oils and Gasoline, and will be glad to get your future orders for anything in this line. Delivered anywhere in town.—Brown & Pearce

Spring is the proper season to rid your hen roosts of bugs and other pests. Kreso Dip is said to be the best known remedy. Butler Drug Co. sells it.

Don't miss the two entertainments at the Pictureland Friday and Saturday nights. They close the series and silver set will be given to the successful lady candidate Saturday night.

Howard Bonheur, of the Pictureland Theatre, has about laid up with a severe cold but will be start in with the show again to-night feeling much better.

We invite you to the Central Church choir practice at 2:45 P. M. and Sunday School at 3:15 P. M.  
N. L. Douglas, Supt.

The Sunday School grows; the teaching is better; but many of the grown-ups, as well as some children are still away from the Sunday schools of our town. We offer \$5.00 reward for an excuse from any able-bodied person for their failure to attend Sunday school. The Bible lessons are fine, and the example to others wholesome. Get the habit.

Just received—A shipment of Fisk "Red Top" auto tires, at the new prices. 5000-mile guarantee.  
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The U. S. prairie dog formula is composed of strychnine, saccharine and baking soda mixed with grain. You can buy the strychnine and saccharine at Butler Drug Co's, in small or large quantities. 3t

**ARE THESE CIRCASSIAN?**

Two quaint daggers—the pair belong in one sheath, and are worn slung across the body from the right shoulder—are believed to be Circassian, and are owned by George W. Rhoades. The bone-handled weapons have keen blades, eight inches long. One handle is wrapped with brass wire, and the other with copper.

Circassian, or Teherkesses, is a general term applied to the north-western group of peoples inhabiting the region of the Caucasus, now included in Prussian territory. There are many tribes and the blood is much mixed. They have few manufactures, but they have skill in making rugs, weapons and the like. Many of their women have decided beauty. Circassians are brave and hospitable, but vindictive.

Their subjugation was completed in 1864, when many thousands of them emigrated to Turkey.

**BABY SEA ELEPHANT.**

A baby sea elephant weighing 900 pounds and valued at \$5,000 was seized by the customs officers at San Diego, Cal., a short time ago, when it was brought there on the schooner Santa Barbara from Guadalupe Island, off Lower California. The mammal is owned by John Ramsey of Los Angeles. Ramsey protested payment of duty and had given orders to leave the sea elephant in charge of the government when a compromise was effected. The mammal was captured after a hard battle with its mother on the shores of Guadalupe.

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Will tone and sweeten the stomach and bowels— Regulate the appetite, assist the digestion— Help Nature in every way towards improving your general health. Try a bottle today, but be sure you get Hostetter's.

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Speed Contest Between Deer and Rifle Bullet That Probably Never Was Duplicated.

"Talkin' about runnin'," remarked the Hon. Ananias Munchausen, "about the finest bit of sprintin' I ever saw was up in Maine the shootin' season before last. I'd been out all day deer shootin', and had had most awful luck when I spied a whoppin' great buck about eighteen hundred yards away. Takin' a careful sight, I let fly. But, bless your soul, the instant my bullet touched him, and before it had time to penetrate his hide, that beast was off like a flash!"

"I never saw two such evenly matched things as that deer and my bullet. For over half a mile they sped on together, neither cabin' any on the other, the bullet just managin' to keep in touch with the deer's skin. At the end of a mile, however, the race began to tell on the deer, and he faltered just for a moment. 'Twas fatal. The bullet sped on, and the poor beast keeled over. He deserved his freedom if ever an animal did. He'd have got it, too, if he could have stuck it out for another twenty yards, for that's about as far as my rifle carries."

## GIRLS! GIRLS! TRY IT, BEAUTIFY YOUR HAIR

Make It Thick, Glossy, Wavy, Luxuriant and Remove Dandruff—Real Surprise for You.

Your hair becomes light, wavy, fluffy, abundant and appears as soft, lustrous and beautiful as a young girl's after a "Dandrine hair cleanse." Just try this—moisten a cloth with a little Dandrine and carefully draw it through your hair, taking one small strand at a time. This will cleanse the hair of dust, dirt and excessive oil and in just a few moments you will have doubled the beauty of your hair.

Besides beautifying the hair at once, Dandrine dissolves every particle of dandruff, cleanses, purifies and invigorates the scalp, forever stopping itching and falling hair.

But what will please you most will be after a few weeks when you will actually see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair—growing all over the scalp. If you care for pretty, soft hair and lots of it, surely get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Dandrine from any store and just try it. Adv.

### His Evening Stunt

Rankin—I saw a wonderful thing today.

Phyle—What was it?

Rankin—A Japanese vaudeville performer wrote a sentence with each hand and talked at the same time.

Phyle—That's nothing; every evening I have to read the paper while I am carrying on a four-cornered conversation with my wife and three children.

### IF BACK HURTS CLEAN KIDNEYS WITH SALTS

Drink Lots of Water and Stop Eating Meat for a While if the Bladder Bothers You.

Meat forms uric acid which excites and overworks the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Regular eaters of meat must flush the kidneys occasionally. You must relieve them like you relieve your bowels; removing all the acids, waste and poison, else you feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment; the channels often get irritated, obliging you to get up two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine and bladder disorders disappear. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive; harmless and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then, thus avoiding serious kidney and bladder diseases.—Adv.

Heredity. "How did your son get that stay-up-late habit?" "Acquired it in babyhood."

# IMPROVING THE CORN CROP



CORN READY FOR THE HARVEST

Another interesting point, showing clearly the tendency to reversion to remote ancestors, is found in the fact that while the two-ear seed were of 12 rows about 75 per cent of the yield was of one eight-rowed cob. Although this variety of flint corn will show frequent ears of 12 and 14 rows, it may be considered properly an eight-rowed type of corn. Thus we see that after throwing the sport of a two-earred stalk, there is not sufficient stamina in all the seeds to reproduce like the parent. The corn reverted not only to the one-earred but to the eight-rowed type.

This is one of the mysteries that will have to be solved, no doubt, before a highly productive two-earred type of corn can be raised with the qualities of the parent so fixed that it can be relied upon to maintain a big average yield. It may be due to a weakness of inbreeding.

Some of the ears weighed over a pound each, making over two pounds to the stalk. If this could be averaged for an entire corn field it would yield over ten tons to the acre.

Such may seem an exaggeration or an impossibility, but it is so only in comparison with what we have been accustomed to. Even if by judicious selection of two-earred seed each year still the yield could not be fixed so as to produce even increases of the maximum amount, yet if it gave an increase of 20 per cent, as it did in my experiment, the return would be a big one for what is involved. It does not imply added cost in the production, but only a greater care and interest in one's work.

Another thing to be kept in mind in breeding up a type of corn for higher productiveness is that the number of kernels to the ear and their size has an important bearing on the yield of grain.

A corn expert once figured out that if the productiveness of corn could be increased by only one kernel to each ear, on the entire crop it would mean a gain of 50 tons of grain! Even though the figures be not absolute, there is no gainsaying that the increase of yield would be a very big amount in the aggregate. The point is made very clear in the accompanying photographs, which show eight, ten and twelve-rowed ears of corn. Each ear was exactly the same in weight, being 11 ounces each. The eight-rowed ear gave seven ounces of grain, and had a cob weighing four ounces; the ten-rowed ear weighed eight ounces of grain and had a three-ounce cob; the twelve-rowed ear gave eight and one-half ounces of grain. A difference of an ounce and a half to the ear of actual grain is an appreciable gain worth striving for. But that does not mean that such is the limit of the gain to be obtained. It would be quite within reason to obtain tenfold that increase.

The chief requisites to substantial progress in the growing of a more productive corn must be the skill and judgment of the worker. The first essential is no doubt seed selection, but this does not merely mean the picking out of the best looking ears at harvest time or in the husking. It is necessary that the grower shall watch the corn from the first start of the seed and through the growing.

Vigor, productiveness and early ripening should be noted, not merely in the mind, but in a book, and the stalks should be marked so that they can be identified at any time. My method is to slip out little bits of tin; punch a hole through them at one side and put a bit of thin wire through and twist this loosely about the stalk when marking it. On the tin I scratch a number with a sharp awl. There is not likely to occur any accident that can destroy this tag or erase the figures.

A LEARNER. "Is your new cook willing to learn?" asked the visitor. "Yes," replied the weary housewife. "She has already learned to embroider, and I think if she stays a few months longer she will know how to play the piano."

SIGNIFICANT. "Don't say you don't believe in signs any more. There's Marie gone to Europe, and now she can't get back."

OUT AND OUT. Bill—How long was the jury out? Jill—Just two hours. "And how did you come out?" "Just forty dollars."

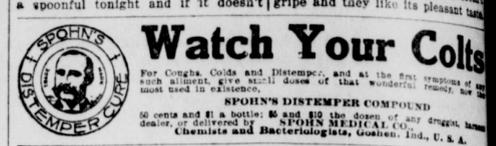
BADGES TELL OF WAR DEATHS. One Has Been Received In This Country From France—They Are on Varicolored Silk. Families of soldiers killed on European battlefields have adopted a novel device to notify relatives and friends of their death. It is in the form of a silken badge, which is at once a death announcement and a plea for prayers for the repose of the soul of a soldier dead.

The badge is seven inches long and two inches wide. It is made of both ends and made in varicolored silks. James Doherty, the dead man, was a resident of this city until last July, when he left for England with his wife and six children. When the war began he enlisted in the Irish Guards.

# CALOMEL MAKES YOU SICK, UGH! IT'S MERCURY AND SALIVATE

Straighten Up! Don't Lose a Day's Work! Clean Your Sluggish Liver and Bowels With "Dodson's Liver Tone."

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. Take a dose of the vile, dangerous drug to-night and tomorrow you may lose a day's work. Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel, when it comes into contact with your bile crashes into it, breaking it up. This is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you feel sluggish and "all knocked out," if your liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone. Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store or dealer and get a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone. Take a spoonful tonight and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous by morning, want you to go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it is real liver medicine, entirely vegetable, therefore it cannot salivate or make you sick. I guarantee that one spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone will put your bowels of that sour bile and constipated waste which is clogging your system and making you feel miserable. Liver Tone will keep your entire bowels feeling fine for months. Give it to your children. It is harmless; doesn't gripe and they like its pleasant taste.



Watch Your Colts. For Coughs, Colds and Distemper, and all the first symptoms of any such ailment, give each dose of this wonderful remedy, the most used in existence. SPOHN'S DISTEMPER COMPOUND. 50 cents and \$1 bottle \$1.00. Sold by all druggists. SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, Goshen, Ind., U. S. A.

The Collision. Two friends had acquired automobiles, honestly, and were swapping experiences as whiz navigators. "I ran into a party on the street Sunday and had to get off and help him," said one. "I ran into one yesterday," said the other. "Did you get off?" "You bet I didn't. The judge fined me \$10 for reckless driving."

## BROUGHT BACK NATURAL HEALTH

The Facts About an Interesting Case Of Serious Female Trouble Benefited By The Use of Cardui.

Walnut Cove, N. C.—Mrs. E. A. Rothrock, of this town, says: "About two years ago I was in very bad health for three or four months. At this time I had a serious female trouble, which lasted severely for nine weeks. I got awfully weak and could scarcely go, and my doctor said I ought to be in bed. My two sisters, who had used Cardui with good results and who now use it as a tonic, recommended it highly to me, saying it is a fine medicine. I felt if I lived I must have something to help me, and as other medicines had failed to relieve me, I thought I would try Cardui, the woman's tonic. At this time I was almost skin and bones. I seemed to improve after the use of the second bottle of Cardui. The trouble stopped. I suffered less pain, and began to get back my strength and health. I took five more bottles and got back my natural state of health, also my flesh, and could do my work easily. This spring I was run down in health; had overworked myself. I took nearly three bottles of Cardui, as a tonic, and it brought me back to my natural state of health. Last week I put up 78 jars of fruit, which I could not have done before taking Cardui. I am glad I heard of it, and I hope other women will too. Your case may not be as bad as the above, but even if only a mild case, we suggest that you begin today to try Cardui, the woman's tonic.—Adv.

Antinose Movement. "What I want," said the nervous man, "is a place in the country. I want to escape the noise of the city." "All right," answered the man who is nervous, too; "I'll sell you my place in the country. I want to come to town where they have laws to prevent the roosters from waking you up at daybreak."

## IF HAIR IS TURNING GRAY, USE SAGE TEA

Don't Look Old! Try Grandmother's Recipe to Darken and Beautify Gray, Faded, Lifeless Hair.

Grandmother kept her hair beautifully darkened, glossy and abundant with a brew of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Whenever her hair fell out or took on that dull, faded or streaked appearance, this simple mixture was applied with wonderful effect. By asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Hair Remedy," you will get a large bottle of this old-time recipe, ready to use, for about 10 cents. This simple mixture can be depended upon to restore natural color and beauty to the hair and is splendid for dandruff, dry, itchy scalp and falling hair. A well-known druggist says everybody uses Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied—it's so easy to use, too. You simply dampen a comb or soft brush and draw it through your hair, taking one strand at a time. By morning the gray hair disappears; after another application or two, it is restored to its natural color and looks glossy, soft and abundant. Adv.

Not Tactfully Put. Houseman—If I'd known you were going to drop in on us so unexpectedly we would have had a better dinner.

Horton—Don't mention it, old man; but next time I'll be sure and let you know.

A Mean Man. "Does your husband anticipate your every wish?" "Yes, and then he says I can't have it."

## HICKS' CAPUDINE

CURES HEADACHES AND COLDS. Easy To Take—Quick Relief—Adv.

When a policeman uses his club he generally repeats for order.

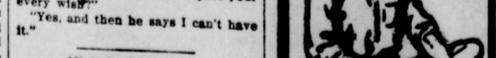
Sprains, Bruises, Stiff Muscles. Sloan's Liniment will save hours of suffering. For bruise or sprain it gives instant relief. It arrests inflammation and thus prevents more serious trouble developing. No need to rub it in—it acts on once, instantly relieving the pain, however severe it may be.

Send four cents in stamps for a TRIAL BOTTLE.

Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Inc., Philadelph., Pa.

## SLOAN'S LINIMENT

Kills Pain



When a policeman uses his club he generally repeats for order.

# GATHERED SMILES

BETTER FIT.



Reggy De Sapp—Weally now, don't you think I'd make a good fullback? Football Captain—A straight front would be more in your line, my boy.

Poor Business Men. In days of old, when knights were bold, they had some goodly fights, but they were chumps; they never sold the moving picture rights.

How Avoided. He (disagreeably)—What the mischief is the matter with this dinner? She (mildly)—I cooked it, dear. He—Well, I was wondering what made it so much better than usual.

Special Inducements. Madge—I understand the hotel proprietor objects to flirting. Marjorie—Well, why did he build the veranda with so many angles in it around the place?—Judge.

A Miscarried Scheme. Mother—Why don't you yawn when he stays too long? He'll take the hint and go. Daughter—I did, and he told me that beautiful teeth I had.

A Climber. "My brother has made a name for himself, and that is more than you can say," snapped Mrs. Gabb. "What did he do?" asked Mr. Gabb. "Adopt an alias."

Its Object. "Did you see where a national apple day is to be observed?" "I suppose on that occasion people are expected to be patriotic to the core."

Not That Kind. "They are even making a drink out of cotton." "A drink?" "Certainly. Did you never hear of the cotton gin?"

The Feminine Advantage. She—I see the new fashions for women are to be short and full. He—That is where you have the advantage. Men can't be short and full at the same time.

Must Be a Long Way. "Where's the Tipperary, dear?" "Why, in Ireland, I believe. Why do you ask?" "That's the place the English troops are marching to, isn't it?"

Golfer's Cause. Lawyer—What are the grounds for divorce? Client—Well, her stance is rotten. She pulls her drives, and she goes all to pieces in the rain.—Judge.

NOT THE "BEST SELLERS." FROM EZEKIAH AND RINGWORM. You obtain instant relief by using Tetterine, also the best remedy known for itching, bites of insects, itching, Piles, Burns, Chafing, etc. Itching Sores, etc. Because you get instant relief, you are sure to get relief for your itching. Tetterine, besides devoting a great deal of energy to scratching, you get all the relief you need until the blood is purified. Tetterine is due to the fact that it provides a remedy for every itch that permanently cures you and completely, nothing else will.

Keeping the Peace. "I presume that you and your wife have occasional differences of opinion?" "Oh, yes, but—I don't tell her."

On the Road. "Has he reformed?" "Not exactly. He's just flirting with conscience."—Judge.

For old sores apply Hanford's Balsam. Adv.

Silence may be golden or it may be an admission of guilt.

Uric Acid in Your Food. Even dogs can eat too much meat. Certainly, many people dig their graves with their teeth. Few get enough exercise to justify a meat diet, for meat brings uric acid. The kidneys try hard to get rid of that poison, but often a backache, or some other slight symptom, will show that the kidneys need help. The time-tried remedy, Doan's Kidney Pills.

A Texas Case. D. O. H. Cotton, Ave. F, Bay City, Texas, says: "My 5-year-old son had rheumatic pains. I had a doctor, but he was twisted and I was awful. I had a bottle of Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured me and what is even more surprising, there has been no return of the ailments."

Mild by Comparison. "My husband never kills at the expense of maintaining a wife. But then I was lucky."

"How's that?" "Before I was married he had six months' experience in maintaining an automobile."

His Definite Status. "The fellow who married your daughter—"

"He is my son-in-law now," grimly replied Grouse P. Smith. "I don't know what he used to be."—Judge.

PAT'S LATE SUPPER.

Pat had just arrived from the Emerald Lake, and he was feeling very hungry as he had not eaten anything since four o'clock last evening, and it was now eight o'clock in the morning. So he went into a restaurant close by and asked the waiter how much would he charge him for a breakfast.

"One shilling," replied the waiter. "Well, how much will ye charge me for my dinner?" said Pat.

"One shilling and sixpence," replied the waiter. "Well, what will you charge me for my supper, then?" "Sixpence," was the reply.

"Then, if ye please, will ye give me my supper?" said Pat.—Pearson's Weekly.

Of Course. "I suppose you read the statement made by a college president the other day that automobiles are demoralizing more students than alcohol?" "Yes, I read it, but I don't agree with him."

"For the simple reason that alcohol is within reach of the average student, while an automobile is not."

No Cause for Alarm. "According to the latest estimates," growled the pessimist, "our population is increasing so rapidly that the land will soon be inadequate for the support of the people."

"Oh, don't let a little thing like that push you off the aqua pura chariot. Our medical colleges can easily double their output if the country gets overcrowded."

HE KNEW THEM. Willie—Say, pop, what is a multi-millionaire? His Father—A man who under protest pays tax on about \$200,000.

Classified Laughter. The kinds of laugh are far apart. As far as honesty from sham; Some of us laugh with mind and heart. Some merely use the diaphragm.

Underserved. The cannibal picked his teeth reflectively. "Of course," he observed. "I have eaten worse specimens than the late governor, but—"

He selected a cigar with a perfect shape. "I can't understand why they always said, 'Your excellency' when they addressed him."—Fun.

Not a Diplomat. Knicker—Is your wife's mother a diplomat? Bocker—No; she doesn't go home after she has said the wrong thing.

The Limit. Weary Winfield was looking over a scrap of paper that had come with a handout.

"Dis paper tells about a feller wot died from ennu. Wot's dat?" "Dat," replied Tired Thaddeus, "is the feelin' wot comes to a man when he gets so lazy dat loatin's hard wot."

The Way of It. "How could that girl make all those men dangling after her believe she would marry them?" "I guess she did it with her engaging ways."

A Mistake. First Doctor—Did you see where Pillein said all operations are not necessary? Second Ditto—Of course, they're all necessary. Don't we need the money?

Natural Question. Domestic—Ooo! Ooo! Ooo! I saw a ghost on the back stairs! I'm sure I did! I was a woman!

Mistress—Horror! How was she dressed?

Another Matter. "Those two men over there seem to be having a heated argument. I just now heard one say something about 'that vile weed.' I'll bet he's a fool reformer abusing tobacco."

"You do him a great injustice. Those two chaps are merely discussing the merits and demerits of the dandelion."

Sympathy. "I feel very nervous. A dog bit me and the minute after it had a fit."

Undesirable. First Actor—Did you get a notice for your work yesterday? Second Ditto—Yes.

First Actor—Was it one to stimulate you? Second Actor—No; it was one to quit.

A Hard Mark. Show Girl—Has your feller felt the effects of Cupid's shafts yet, Qweenie? Chorus Lady—Honest to goodness, Rosemary, I'm afraid Cupid will have to use dumpons on that guy.—Puck.

# Children Love It— Don't Deny Them

Dentists affirm its helpfulness to teeth and gums. Doctors attest its aid to appetite and digestion.

Give the kiddies all they want. Use it yourself—regularly. Keep it always on hand.

Cultivate the saving instinct with the **United Profit-Sharing Coupons** around each package, good toward high-grade merchandise.

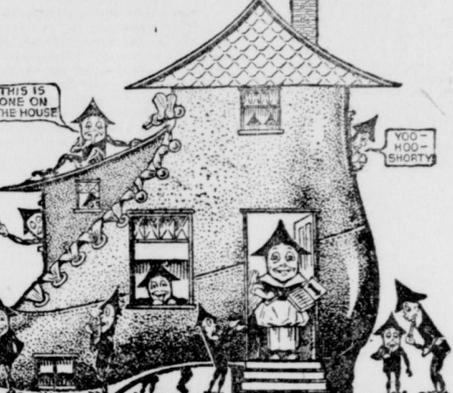
Have you seen "Wrigley's Mother Goose"—newest jingle book—28 pages in colors?

There was an old Spear-woman lived in a shoe— For her many young hopefuls she knew what to do! She made them most happy with WRIGLEY'S for all— It kept them in trim at a cost very small!

The "Wrigley Spearman" want you to see all their quaint antics in this book, free! Write for it today to **WM. WRIGLEY JR. CO., 1304 Kesner Bldg., Chicago**



"Chew it after every meal"



## HAD CONFIDENCE IN JANITOR

Landlady Knew to Whom to Apply When She Wanted References as to a Tenant.

Smith, just established in a new flat, happened to discover that the landlord—or landlady, rather—had not investigated the references he had furnished, upon her very particular request.

"Why didn't you ask anybody about me?" he asked. "I did," was the answer. "I asked the janitor at your old place. I always do that. After finding out from the old landlord whether a tenant is good pay, I make a personal call on the janitor of the house he has been living in."

"But are janitors always to be trusted?" "By no means. I am usually tell whether a man is truthful. I use my judgment in each case. It isn't hard to guess whether he has been unduly influenced by tips or the lack of them. Generally speaking, the janitor knows the tenant better than anybody else, and I prefer his estimate to that of the friends and business associates whose names are supplied as references."

Table Manners. The small daughter of the house was busily setting the table for expected company when the mother called to her:

"Put down three forks at each place, dear."

Having made some observations on her own account when the expected guest had dined with her mother before, she inquired thoughtfully:

"Shall I give Uncle John three knives?"

Terrifying Styles. "The Gorgons were mythological sisters, who had snakes for tresses instead of hair."

"Gee," muttered the high school girl, "it must have been tough to have to go out and gather a bunch of snakes whenever you needed a few extra puffs."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## JUST ONE BOND'S PILL AT BED TIME

will relieve that disagreeable Headache, Sour Stomach, Dizziness, Coated Tongue, due to an inactive Liver. Don't take Calomel, Bond's Pills are far better, and they will remove the cause. You wake up well. 25c. All druggists.—Adv.

The Explanation. Tomdix—So Weeks is married, eh? He is so timid that I wonder he ever mustered up sufficient courage to propose.

Hojax—Oh, he didn't have to. A young widow married him.

Rub It On and Rub It In. For lame back, stiff neck and sore throat, apply Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh, and be sure to rub it in thoroughly. It is guaranteed to cure or your money will be refunded by your dealer. Adv.

Scissors. "How do you spell scissors?" "With four s's." "Thanks. I never was any good at grammar."

Some fellows are as quick as lightning, and just as flashy.

## OUCH! BACKACHE, RUB LAME BACK

Rub pain away with a small trial bottle of old "St. Jacobs Oil"

When your back is sore and lame or lumbago, sciatica or rheumatism has you stiffened up, don't suffer! Get a small trial bottle of old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" at any store, pour a little in your hand and rub it right on your back, and by the time you count fifty, the soreness is gone.

Don't stay crippled! This soothing, penetrating oil takes the ache and pain right out and ends the misery. It is magical, yet absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

Nothing else stops lumbago, sciatica and lame back misery so promptly and surely. It never disappoints!—Adv.

For HEADACHES and GRIPPE. It's Liquid—Prompt and Pleasant.—Adv.

Perhaps it is true that all the world may love a lover, but the proof is missing.

If your skin is scratched by a rusty nail, apply Hanford's Balsam at once. It should prevent blood poisoning. Adv.

The one man in the world who thoroughly believes in hero worship is the hero.

A simple remedy against coughs and all throat irritations are Dean's Mentholated Cough Drops—Se at all good Druggists.

Even the furrier is willing to admit that beauty is skin deep.

## TRY THIS EASY WAY TO HEAL YOUR SKIN

If you are suffering from eczema, ringworm or similar itching, red, scaly skin affection, bathe the sore places with resolin soap and hot water, then gently apply a little resolin ointment. You will be astonished how instantly the itching stops and healing begins. In most cases the sick skin quickly becomes clear and healthy again, at very little cost. Resolin ointment and resolin soap also clear away pimples, blackheads, and dandruff. Sold by all druggists. Adv.

The wife who tells the truth to her husband is liable to acquire a reputation of being a nagger.

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## Just Like Him.

"My husband is just like our furnace," sighed Mrs. Blinks. "All day he smokes, and at night he goes out."

Many a fellow is a good-hearted fool, but the trouble is we don't do our thinking with our hearts.

For fouls in cattle use Hanford's Balsam. Adv.

Blessed is he who keeps his troubles to himself.

You won't like heavy tobaccos after you once try the plenty mild but fully satisfying taste of FATIMA Cigarettes. They outsell other 15c cigarettes by millions!

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# You Look Prematurely Old

Because of those ugly, grizzly, gray hairs. Use "LA CREOLE" HAIR DRESSING. PRICE, \$1.00, retail.

## Roofing that must last!

You can't tell by looking at a roll of roofing how long it will last on the roof, but when you get the guarantee of a responsible company, you know that your roofing must give satisfactory service.

The only real test of roofing quality is on the roof.

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TWO FRAMED FACES

By GEORGE ELMER COBB.

"She's the finest lady in the land," soliloquized David Fenn, professor, "and I somehow hanker after her company. But, no—I don't seem to be able to summon up the courage to call on her."

Kindly-faced, kindly-natured Mr. Fenn referred to Miss Ursula Fetzter, spinster. There had been a time when he had called on her. She was neat as waywork about her little home. Barely thirty, yet she called herself an old maid. She had worked at teaching music to accumulate the little home and an income, had received some hard knocks in the world and was exclusive and a bit quick and sharp in her talk and manner.

David had thought her a most comely lady. Somehow, though, Miss Ursula had struck him as not caring greatly for his company. In this he was mistaken. It was "her ways" that led to his erroneous impression. He mistook a certain strained womanly dignity for repellent dislike for mankind. Her eyes, looked clear through him. He was a timid man. He had ceased his visits when he became a professor at a college in a neighboring town.

This special day business had brought him to Yerdon. There was a fond lingering memory of the cozy little home that smelled of lavender and the inspiring cup of tea Miss Ursula brewed. When he came to the street where the artistic cottage among the shrubbery was located, he halted. Then he started on, walked back, and then started on again, murmuring:

"I'll just pass the house. Of course I wouldn't venture in without an invitation."

Then as he reached the fenced-in nest of the lady he so respected, he distastefully a faint sigh stole from his lips. The honeysuckles blooming so radiantly, reminded him of a sweet peaceful afternoon he had spent on the porch with the mistress of that ideal home.

"Neat as ever—everything in order," he soliloquized. "She is a wonderful woman. Ah, what is that?"

Professor Fenn might well ask his placid peace of mind was suddenly invaded. A sharp scream rang out through the open front door of the cottage. The tones electrified the professor, for he instantly recognized



Staring Towards the House as if Fearing Some Dreaded Pursuer.

that they belonged to Miss Fetzter. The next moment she herself in person burst past the screen door. She was winning her hands. She bounded down the steps recklessly. Then with an agile spring she leaped to a garden seat, and gathering up her dainty white skirts, puffed breathless, staring towards the house as if fearing some dreaded pursuer. With a spryness due to college athletics her visitor bounded over the fence. She saw him.

"Oh, Professor Fenn, save me!" shrieked Miss Fetzter.

"I will—what is it?"

"In the house!"

"A burglar! Has I will investigate," began the professor.

"No, no—a mouse!" and the speaker sank to the bench, showed symptoms of hysterics, and her gallant protector sat down beside her and tried to soothe her.

"It may not have been a mouse," submitted the professor. "Perhaps it was a shadow."

"But I saw, and—oh, it squeaked!" trembled the professor's lady. "I am mortally afraid of mice. Besides that, to think of one being in my house, so careful am I!"

"Yes, truly an immaculate house-keeper," murmured the admiring professor. "Let me essay a search for the—the monster," and the professor gripped his cane and hurried into the house. He emerged shortly with the words:

"I have failed to find any trace of the intruder, Miss Fetzter."

"I shall not rest in peace from this on," declared the lady vehemently. "Why, some houses have become infested with the pest! Oh, Professor Fenn, you are such a clever man, with all your science. Can you not suggest some way of banishing the pest?"

"I shall try, surely, Miss Fetzter," he promised with eagerness. "You shall hear from me later in the day."

Professor Fenn was quite radiant as he went his way. While in the home looking for that mouse, he had noticed on one end of the mantel a framed photograph of Miss Fetzter. To his surprise and pleasure, at the other end was one of himself. It was a portrait he recognized as having been taken from a magazine that had published it. Glad thought! She cared enough for him to mate his picture

with her own! He moved them an inch or two nearer together. He would have liked to kiss her portrait! Somewhere in the village, the professor remembered, he had seen the sign of a man who made a business of exterminating insects and other pests. He finally located this man. If the guileless professor had been an expert physiognomist, he would have noted that the rat-catcher's eye resembled that of some of his ferrets. However, he stated his mission.

"Hum! ha!" muttered the man. "One mouse? Tell you, sir, we might be a month finding him. Couldn't think of bothering with the case under ten dollars. Do our best for that. Rid the premises, if possible."

The professor handed out the money.

"Further, sir, I'll guarantee the job on a basis of one dollar for each mouse caught over ten."

"Very well," agreed the professor. Two weeks later Professor Fenn received a bill for "39 extra mice, job done neatly and guaranteed," and paid it. Along, too, came a note from Miss Fetzter.

She thanked the professor for clearing her premises of those annoying pests. Nearly fifty mice found! But, thank goodness! she was now rid of it. She hoped the professor would pass his coming vacation in his home town.

Which he did, and that was the beginning of regular calls on the lady who so interested him.

Each time he visited the house, slyly, from some erratic whim, the professor moved the two portraits nearer and nearer together.

One day he found out that he had been neatly tricked by the subtle rat-catcher. The latter had played successfully on the fears of Miss Fetzter. He had, in fact, caught just one mouse. The balance were 'el' dummys, which he showed her, but she shriekingly refused to inspect them closely.

The professor told Miss Fetzter of the incident, and laughed. She was relieved to think that, after all, there was only one tiny mouse to get scared at.

That special evening the professor determined to learn his fate. They were conversing casually, when he pointed to the mantel. He had moved the portraits nearer and nearer, until they were only a few inches apart.

"I moved those pictures, accordingly as each of my visits seemed to bring me nearer to you, Miss Fetzter," he observed.

His hostess blushed, showing that she was aware of the operation as it had progressed. He drew his chair closer to her own, and she did not seem to object.

"Now, how do you think they really belong?" he submitted. "Won't you show me? Shall we say this way?" and he deliberately moved them directly side by side.

"I like to see them together, yes," she fluttered, shyly as some school-girl.

"Let you and I follow their example," suggested the professor, grown bold and happy all in a flash, and he drew her to a true lover's embrace.

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The Minister and the Steak.

The following incident related by Norman Duncan, author of "Higgins, a Man's Christian," makes plain why the late Rev. Francis E. Higgins gained such influence among the lumberjacks.

"Boys," he once said to them, "I'll never forget a porterhouse steak I saw once. I'm a big man, you know, and when I get hungry I'm hungry. You know how they fix those windows up—a chunk of ice and some lettuce and a steak or two. Well, boys, all at once I got so hungry that I ached. I could hardly wait to get in there. But I stopped. 'Look here, Higgins,' thought I, 'what if you didn't have a cent; what if you were a dead broke lumberjack and hungry like this?' Boys, it frightened me. I understood just what those poor fellows suffer. And I couldn't go in the restaurant until I had got square with them. 'Look here, Higgins,' I thought, 'the best thing you can do is to go and find a hungry lumberjack somewhere and feed him.' And I did, too; and I tell you, boys, I enjoyed my dinner."

When Nelson fell at Trafalgar he was only forty-seven years old, and the French commander, Admiral de Villeneuve, was only forty-two. The latter was a brilliant sailor, who had already fought against Nelson, and he thoroughly realized what the English tactics were going to be on this occasion. Indeed, he held a meeting of the captains of the allied fleet and lucidly explained to them Nelson's what not, he said, form a line of battle parallel with the allied line. "He will seek to pierce our line, surround our rear and overpower with groups of his vessels as many of ours as he can cut off." Still, although prepared for this form of attack, Villeneuve failed to resist it, and he was taken prisoner, bitterly regretting that no shot had hit him the same fate as Nelson.

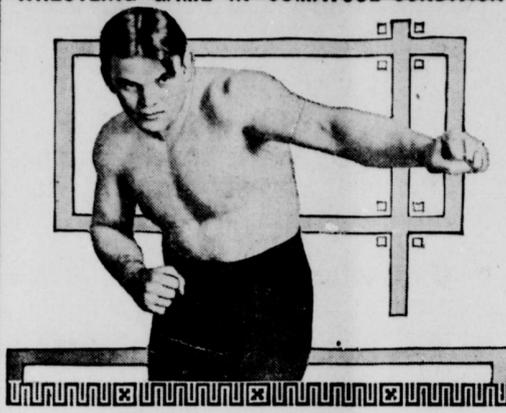
Renewing Carbon Paper.

When carbon paper has been used several times the preparation becomes almost worn off on some parts, while other parts of the paper are as good as new. The process of renewing is very simple, and it can be done by anyone without special apparatus. All that is necessary is to hold the paper in front of a fire or over a radiator for a few seconds. The heat will cause the preparation to dissolve and spread over the paper, so that when it is dry the paper will have a new coating. This can be repeated, and in some cases will double the life of the carbon paper.

Fortune Teller's Harvest.

There is nothing new under the sun," says a writer, "in the line of fakism, since the period of the oracle of Delphos, when the priests of the cult directed the affairs of mankind of their little world. In days of terror and doubt the fake astrologer, the palmist, the crystal gazer, the spiritist, the 'fortune teller' of all kinds have a new lease of life on account of the miriads of men who in their agony are impelled to resort to any source to get information."

WRESTLING GAME IN COMATOSE CONDITION



Champion Frank Gotch.

The once-popular but sadly mistreated sport of wrestling was in a comatose condition during 1914.

While the faking management of the game was largely responsible for its recent downfall, after a strong revival, the European wars, both Balkan and all-Europe, had a lot to do with its demise.

Of recent years, nearly all the excitement that could be scared up was created through the importation of terrible Turks, horrible Greeks and pests of various other nations.

These large, uncouth apparitions were taken round the country, on carefully arranged tours, "meeting" and "defeating" a flock of home-grown wrestlers, who were sent a jump ahead of the European "champions," and who met them again and again—always the same inner circle, of course, with no rash outsiders or really ambitious youngsters permitted to cut in.

Frank Gotch, who used to come out of his cage and leisurely flop the horrible Bulturkians, after they had been sufficiently advertised, grew tired of it, and hasn't emerged for quite a while. And then—the war finished up, the terrible matmen of Europe, of course, are large, husky—far bigger and stronger than the average. They had no chance to escape the eagle eye of the recruiting officers.

Give them credit for a match that wasn't "faked"—those who had to return to the colors, as a rule went back gallantly, and tackled an opponent who wouldn't "lay" wouldn't stall, and wouldn't even stand for a draw.

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CHAMPION PUGILISTS TODAY

Boxer Is Somewhat Different From His Beetle-Browed Predecessor—Must Possess Brains.

"The boxer of today," writes Freddie Welsh in Strand, "is not the beetle-browed and scarred veteran of the past. He must, if he hopes to approach championship class, be a man possessed of brains, a man with a capacity for thinking all the while a contest is in progress. He must be cool and level headed. Once he loses the command of his temper all is lost. He becomes wild and erratic. He loses touch with the finer points of the sport altogether, he becomes just a target for the gloves of his opponent. They tap him from all quarters with irritating frequency, the points are scored up against him at a lightning rate, and, should he be strong and well at the end of the final round, he is the loser."

"Take any of the modern champions, and what do we find? Just that they have come out of their contests practically unmarked. Speaking for myself, during my career in the ring I have taken part in 115 contests. My photograph speaks for itself. Do I look a battered veteran?"

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