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RECEPTION

Last Friday from two to five o'clock at the beautiful Moreman residence, Mesdames B. W. Moreman and T. T. Harrison gave a reception to the ladies of the town who had called upon them during their year of residence in Hedley.

About forty guests were present, and from their many words of praise in regard to the affair, it was highly enjoyed and the hostesses left nothing undone for the entertainment of their guests.

Upon entering the home the guests were met at the door by Mrs. Moreman, and were met at the head of the stairs by Mrs. Harrison, then conducted to the punch bowl presided over by Miss Mary Harris. Later they were seated in the drawing room where they were entertained in different ways. Guessing and drawing contests, music and readings. Misses Reeves, Moores Johnson and Clark rendered selections on the piano, Mesdames Bain and Wimberly piano and violin, Misses Moores and Reeves vocal, and Walter Moreman and Miss Moores readings. The guests were then ushered into the dining room where they were served with delicious refreshments.

The evening was enjoyably spent and the hostesses were voted charming entertainers.

MYSTIC WEAVERS

The Mystic Weavers Club met in regular session with Mrs. E. G. Dishman Wednesday Nov. 25. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in various kinds of needle work and conversation. Twelve members were present. Mesdames Paine, Will Rains, and Clyde Bridges were guests. After the business session the hostess served delicious ambrosia with whipped cream and cake. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ed Dishman Dec. 9. All members are urged to be present as this will be the last meeting of the year.



MRS. M. W. LITTLETON
Mrs. Littleton, wife of the congressman from New York, after a three years' campaign, has persuaded Congressman Levy to sell to the government Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

A FORMER CITIZEN DIES AT MEMPHIS

On Monday November 30th at his home on north 7th street occurred the death of Mr. J. N. Scaff of paralysis. Mr. Scaff had been a sufferer for the past two years and had been confined to his bed the last year of his life. He was about 65 years of age and leaves a wife and four children to mourn his going. Funeral services were held at the house Tuesday afternoon conducted by Rev. W. T. Swain assisted by Rev. M. E. Hawkins. Services in the grave were conducted by the members of the W. O. W. order of which he was a member. He carried a policy for \$1000 on his life. He was also a member of the of the Presbyterian church. The Democrat extends the sympathy of the entire community to the bereaved in the departure of this husband and father—Memphis Democrat.

The Baptist Sunday School will have a Post Office Christmas instead of a Christmas Tree.

"Ten Nights in a Bar Room," a 4-reel photoplay, will be shown at the Opera House Tuesday night, December 8. This well-known drama in moving picture form promises to be a good entertainment. Admission 10c and 20c.

Last Friday Wiley Orr, the photographer of our town, was called to the J. B. Russell farm four miles west of Estelline to take some pictures of the cotton pickers that were employed at that place. There were fifty-two pickers and they picked from seven to fourteen bales per day. Each picker ranging from 300 to 700 pounds per day. Mr. Russell had about 350 acres in cotton and expects to get at least 250 bales this year and expects to hold it until cotton advances. He also expects to reduce his acreage very materially next year. Mr. Orr took several pictures of the pickers and field and will have them on exhibition at his studio here in Memphis—Democrat.

B. W. M. SOCIETY

The B. W. M. W. will meet at the home of Mrs. P. C. Johnson December 7. Lesson beginning at question 339 II Samuel, to question 364 I Kings.

THE PIANO CONTEST

1	31,250
2	1,257,425
10	737,655
12	21,030
14	113,890
15	47,208
16	14,7080
18	54,190
27	323,015
44	104,420
46	153,950
49	35,070
51	25,495
52	43,375
53	5,320
54	18,775
56	11,500
57	5,360

W. M. AUXILIARY

The W. M. Auxiliary holds annual election of officers Monday Dec. 7. Every member is earnestly requested to be present. Also any that are in arrears with their dues or on the pledges please be prepared to remit same to treasurer Monday. The close of the year is drawing nigh and reports will soon have to be made. Do not be negligent and delay the treasurer's report. Thirty minutes at the close of the meeting will be given to a good sociable time. Come and enjoy both a profitable and pleasant afternoon with our charming hostess, Mrs. Ranson Johnson. 2:30 p. m. REPORTER.

FIRE PREVENTION

By S. W. English, State Fire Marshal

The fire demon is no respecter of persons. The palace of the great and the humble cot of the poor all look alike to him. He is ever on the alert to collect his tolls. And whenever he levies tribute, the wealth of the world contributes, for he is the great destroyer of material things.

Once he lays clutches on property, he clings tenaciously to his foot.

He is hard to conquer, but he can be out-generated and that without strategy.

He can make a long siege, but as long as care and caution is exercised in a common-sense way, he cannot batter down the citadel. If you want to feed the fire demon, you must be his ally. As long as you keep your line of defense intact, use prudence and let your hands, as well as your wits, have play, the fire demon is forced to delay his attacks.

Clean up! Don't put off until tomorrow. It may be too late. Waste and trash and litter are fire promoters. And they are also first aids in keeping fire insurance rate at the top notch.

Just a Few of Our Clubbing Offers

We have made some remarkable arrangements with clubbing agencies, so that we can give you a lot of valuable reading in connection with the Informer, at so small an amount that you cannot afford to not take advantage of one of the clubs at least. We also can save you money on almost any magazine or periodical published.

THE INFORMER.
The Informer \$1.00 and Review of Reviews \$3.00, both one year for \$3.00.

Ladies World and Informer, publishers' price \$2.00, for only \$1.60.

Farm & Ranch and Holland's \$2.00 and Informer \$1, both for \$1.75.

The Informer \$1 and Woman's Home Companion \$1.50, both for \$2.10.

Modern Priscilla, Pictorial Review and Ladies World, all three \$3.00, and Informer \$1; all four for the extraordinary price of \$2.65.

The Commoner (William J. J. Bryan's paper) and the Hedley Informer both one year for \$1.50.

On any magazine or periodical you may wish, if taken in club with the Informer, we can save you money.



MISS BARBARA RUTHERFORD

Miss Rutherford, who is a daughter by a former husband of Mrs. William Vanderbilt, is the prime mover in the Big Sister society, an organization which does for girls what the Big Brothers do for the boys. She is also deeply interested in the model tenements erected in New York by Mrs. Vanderbilt. She has lived much in Paris and is an accomplished musician.

NEW RATES EFFECTIVE DEC. 7 SUSPENDED

INVESTIGATION OF RAILROAD FREIGHT TARIFFS ORDERED BY COMMISSION.

NEW RULING HAS BEEN MADE

Proposed Schedules and Special Charges Can Not Become Effective Now Before March 31.

Washington.—Investigation of the railway freight rate situation in western and middle western territory was ordered when the interstate commerce commission suspended new tariffs filed by western carriers to become effective Dec. 1. Under the commission's ruling the new schedules and the various regulations and charges for special services included in the tariff can not become effective before March 31, 1915, having been postponed "pending hearing and decision thereon."

In a general way the western carriers sought to advance rates in conformity with advances recently applied for by western carriers to the so-called 5 per cent freight advance rate case, now before the commission on rehearing because of emergency said to have arisen from the European war.

Evacuate Bukowina's Capital.

London.—An official Austrian dispatch sent by Reuter's Vienna correspondent admits that Czernowitz the capital of the Austrian province of Bukowina, has been evacuated by Austrian troops. Advice from Mamornara say: "The Austrian forces have precipitately abandoned Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, fleeing in disorder toward Dornavatra, with the Russians in pursuit. The Russian advance guards marched into Czernowitz on Nov. 27. They met with an enthusiastic welcome."

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CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY

Monday afternoon ten little girls met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cornelius to help celebrate the tenth birthday of Leo and Cleo. After a number of games were played the children were invited into the dining room where they were served delicious refreshments. Those present were: Lennie and Vada Waldron, Gladys and Cecil Cloninger, Ila and Jessie Lee Pool, Reba and Agnes Allen, Melba Johnson and Elizabeth Kennedy. Cleo and Leo were the recipients of several nice presents and the best wishes of their little playmates.

10 Cents Pound for Middling Cotton

On account of engaging in other business that requires all my time and attention, I am offering some good bargains in land and on terms, that the land will pay its way.

TERMS OF SALE

One-fourth of purchase price in cotton at 10 cents pound, basis middling, Galveston weights and grades, balance 10 years time 6 per cent interest. On unimproved no payment will be required until end of third year except the interest.

These tracts are all well located, convenient to schools and railroad stations, no tract further than 14 miles from school and are located from 1 to 5 miles from Stations.

Nature of land sandy surface, red clay subsoil, very productive and has not failed in ten years to make good crops of corn, maize and cotton. Wheeler county has a record of being the best corn county in Texas.

I have one farm same quality land, which has been in cultivation 10 years, has 60 acres bearing apple trees; produced this year 33 tons close headed maize on 30 acres, 575 bushels corn, 20 acres, 3 4 bale cotton per acre. I value this farm at \$100 per acre. Apples will make all this land equally as valuable as this farm. It will pay anyone interested to see what this land is doing.

This offer is made especially to people without homes and no payment will be required any year of insufficient rain to make crops.

320 acres, all fenced, small improvements 90 acres in cultivation, \$17.50 acre

320 acres, fenced 3 sides, unimproved, \$15 acre.

320 acres adjoining above, fenced 2 sides \$16 per acre.

160 school land, fenced 3 sides, \$14 per acre.

320 acres, fenced 3 sides, farms all sides, \$14 per acre.

320 acres adjoining above, fenced 3 sides, \$14 per acre.

160 acres, 90 in cultivation, 60 acres fine valley alfalfa land, at \$17.50 an acre.

160 acres school land, all good, 125 acres in cultivation, \$17.50.

Four fine 320-acre wheat farms sowed down that I will sell at bargains on terms, 1 4 cash, balance 10 years at 6 per cent.

See, E. L. WOODLEY, President Farmers & Merchants Bank Shamrock, Texas.

Santa Claus

SENDS GREETINGS by wireless, and says that he is going to be rushed this year as he will have lots of poor children to look after in Europe, but by using an airship he will reach Hedley Dec. 24 as usual and will make headquarters at

THE HEDLEY DRUG COMPANY

He has already sent us a nice line of Christmas Gifts for both young and old, consisting of Silverwear, Jewelry, Holiday China, Clocks, Cameras, Dolls, Toys and Holiday Decorations

Come early and get your choice before the line has been picked over. Get your trading done before the weather gets bad. Also, remember we are never too busy to give your drug wants careful attention.

Hedley Drug Co.

Cases of Cruelty to Children and Animals

By M. E. HARRIS, Chicago

If all humanely disposed persons witnessing acts of cruelty to animals would take the trouble to secure the arrest and punishment of persons who violate the anticruelty laws of the state and city such cases would soon become very rare.

The only argument that seems to appeal to most cruel drivers is the fear of arrest and fine.

A person witnessing an act of cruelty to a dumb animal can cause the arrest of the offender without a warrant if he is willing to take out a warrant after reaching the police station.

The person taking out the warrant will also have to appear in court as prosecuting witness.

If there is no policeman at hand to make the arrest upon complaint of the citizen then the citizen can make the arrest, provided he or she is willing to comply with the formality of swearing out a warrant and appearing as prosecuting witness when the case is tried, which is usually the following day.

It is violation of the law "to cruelly punish any child or to expose it to vicious influences or to contribute toward its dependency or delinquency;" "to overload, overwork, overdrive, cruelly beat or injure any animal;" "to knowingly cause or allow the same to be done;" "to drive an old, maimed, infirm, sick or disabled animal;" "to abandon any such animal or to unnecessarily fail to provide it with proper food, drink or shelter;" "to shoot or mutilate birds by slingshots, airguns or other means."

Either Good Mirrors or None at All

By John L. Kennedy, Washington, D. C.

In early times the usual reflectors used by those who wished to see the effect of their personal charms were the still places in meadow brooks or the placid surfaces of some lake. Afterward Venus came along and for her the looking-glass was invented. The messenger of the gods has not left any information as to whether hers was a satisfactory plate, but I am impressed with the belief that it is much better to have no mirror at all unless it be a good one.

I happen to know a statesman in Washington who is strong and original, even if he be not great. His private secretary may at some remote time in the past have had ideas and an identity of his own, but no such audacity as to be his original self has occurred to him in a generation.

An effort at reflection is now his highest mental emprise. To see the chest swelling, the muscle tightening, the energy with which he attempts to embody the great man's sentiments in language which patterns after the utterances of his patron is matter to make the angels weep.

The image is not at all to the credit of the original, and that leads up to the conclusion that great men, as well as great beauties, should see to it that their mirrors are of right manufacture.

Excellent Hints on Our Table Manners

By S. CHESLEY FORD, Brooklyn, N. Y.

My attention has been called to different people when eating and I have noticed on numerous occasions the apparent disregard of early training in table manners relating to the way in which the fork is held in the left hand. As I understand it, while seated at the table the arms should be closely held to the sides. This brings the forearm nearly level with though never resting on the table.

To get the right position to hold the fork close the left hand loosely with the forefinger pointing toward that which is about to be cut. Now, with the fork in the left hand, hold the tines down, the forefinger resting on the bend or the shoulder of the fork, which is made for that purpose, letting the rest of the fingers trail loosely after and closing on the fork handle.

The fork, when held in the right hand, I notice, is nearly always held correctly, but when changed to the left hand it is usually held just as a carpenter holds a 20-penny nail while giving it a few taps preparing to send it "home."

To anyone who has not been in the habit of holding the fork in the way I have tried to describe it will soon become apparent that it is a great deal easier to hold the fork correctly than otherwise.

Times When Audience Should Always Stand

By W. G. BENTLEY, Joliet, Ill.

Loyalty is the body. Sentiment is the soul. Loyalty is a duty one owes his country. Sentiment gives it life and prompts action. Patriotism to be effective must be inspired by both. Love is life in motion, so patriotism is national life in action. The "Star-Spangled Banner" is an inspiring anthem that should stir the blood of every true American. If the patriotic newspapers will join in a movement requesting congress to adopt that poem as our national anthem it will be done.

Teach the people that whenever the "Star-Spangled Banner" or "America" is sung or played the audience should stand—should always stand.

If such a custom shall prevail it will be of incalculable value in inspiring the foreigner who adopts this country as his home with respect for our flag—the Stars and Stripes—the only flag of this "land of the free and the home of the brave."

Whose Task Is Hardest to Fulfill?

By F. FISCHER, Milwaukee, Wis.

Of all professions in the city that of motorman is beyond doubt the most difficult to fulfill. To the onlooker who is unfamiliar with the many tests and trials to which the motorman is subjected it may seem an easy task, but if he were for the short space of one week to take the motorman's place and witness the many hairbreadth escapes, the many insults that are heaped upon the motorman in the course of the day and trouble encountered in trying to please the patrons I have little doubt that he would lay down the handles in despair.

When the motorman leaves the barn in the morning he must ever keep his eye on the rail to see that it is clear and he must watch the greatest enemy of the motorman, the teamster, and also the automobilist who rushes on to the track regardless of speed.

The motorman works with all these things on his mind while trying with might and main to avoid a collision for fear those passengers intrusted in his care may get killed or injured.

The Popular Redingote Dress



There are so many varieties in the development of the redingote dress that the idea prevails in gowns for all sorts of wear. Here is a clever new adaptation for the street that is a sort of compromise between the one-piece garment and a coat suit. It is an excellent design for between-seasons' wear, without an outside coat, and, fortified with a heavy outer garment, is all that is desirable for the coming winter.

It consists of a semifitting basque finished with scallops at the bottom. The scallops are bound with braid and the basque as long as the average coat in a coat suit. A box-plaited tunic is set into the basque, stitched by machine along the line of the scallops. The tunic is finished with a plain hem less than two inches in width, and is very long. It is worn over a plain, straight-line underskirt of either the same material as the dress or of satin. This underskirt, which is short, is not much in evidence. It is narrow, and when made of the same goods as the tunic is often slashed in three or four places to admit of a free stride. When slashed in this way it has the effect of trousers worn under a long skirt, and we must concede that it looks attractive and would seem a startling innovation except that we are already accustomed to slashes in walking skirts.

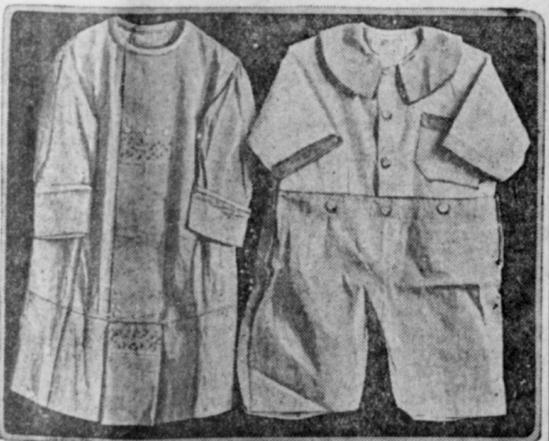
Redingote models, like or similar to the one pictured here, are often worn over straight underskirts faced up with Roman-striped satin. In this case the collar and vestee and separate cuffs are made of the same satin. This makes a showier and dressier costume, and one may manage this dress by having two underskirts (one of the goods and one of the satin) and two sets of collar and vestee with separate cuffs. One of them is to be of white cotton or linen and the other of satin like that in the underskirt facing. In this way the same dress will furnish a costume for many occasions and a refreshing variety, at least.

With the coming of cold weather and the high military collars of outer garments, new vestee and collar combinations have been designed with closed throat and high turnover collars.

The sleeves in this particular gown are the plain coat-sleeve type finished with a soft, flaring cuff. When separate cuffs are to be adjusted an entire plain sleeve is preferable.

Either of the hats pictured is appropriate with this gown, and it is a wise thing to own both a small and a large hat. But if only one is to be chosen let it be the larger one. For brims are widening and the large hat is more effective for occasions where one wishes to look somewhat "dressed up."

Oliver Twist Suit and Slip-Over Dress



FOR small boys, the Oliver Twist suits seem to suit the little ones and to appeal to the mothers who are always looking about for something new and practical for their restless youngsters. These are two-piece suits combining plain and striped materials or plain material in contrasting colors. In a blouse and pants. They are made up in several different models, the simplest of them consisting of a plain blouse like that shown in the picture, to which a pair of straight pants is buttoned.

The blouses are made of striped percale or in plaid ginghams or of equally durable plain materials of other kinds. When the blouse is plain the pants often are made of a narrow stripe, or if the blouse is striped the pants are plain. Plain pants, with striped blouse having round collar and turnback cuffs of the plain material, make the best looking of the Oliver Twist suits. In the better grades of these suits the blouses are box plaited, made with round collars and turnback cuffs. The plaits make the waist a little more dressy and add to its strength. In the cheaper suits the blouse is cut without plaits and the sleeves finished with narrow band of contrasting material like that in the collar. A small patch pocket on the blouse is finished with a narrow band at the top also. In all the suits the pants are straight.

These suits are made for very tiny boys; little fellows of two years only are put into them, much to their own delight. But they are worn by boys up to ten years, and are thoroughly practical. Clever designers have adapted the Oliver Twist suits to girls, substituting a skirt for pants. Very pretty ones are made with plaid skirts buttoned to plain blouses, the latter having cuffs and collars of the plaid material. These dresses are provided with patch pockets on each side of the skirt, and are made up in serge and other woollen goods for school wear, as well as in wash goods.

A little slip-over dress for a tiny girl is shown in the picture. It is of plain blue gingham with a straight narrow box plait down the middle of the front and back. It is decorated with short bands of white embroidery placed on the plait near the top and bottom and with small pearl buttons and simulated buttonholes.

The sleeves are long, with turn-back cuffs. The neck is plain and bound with a bias strip of the material. A small separate round collar is to be worn when the little dress needs to do other duty than to provide an easily laundered romping outfit for the littlest girl.

Both these garments are cut with reference to the fact that they must be washed and ironed often, and with that in view they are made easy to iron.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

SMALL HOME OF COTTAGE DESIGN

New and Attractive Features Embodied in This Story-and-a-Half Abode.

IN STYLE OF SWISS CHALET

Coziness of the Inside Arrangements Matches the Picturesque Appearance of the Outside—Possibilities of Effective Decoration Are Many.

By WILLIAM A. RADFORD.

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 1827 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

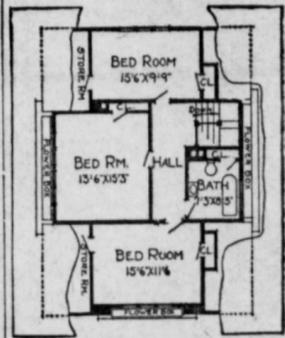
To one who desires a very artistic and attractive house, yet one of simple and unpretentious appearance, the design illustrated herewith will appeal strongly. It would be hard to design a more homelike-appearing cottage. It possesses all the elements which have made present day American home architecture world famous.

This neat and attractive residence design is that of a story-and-a-half cottage of almost square outline, being 30 feet in width and 40 feet 6 inches long. The feature which one notices first is the porch recessed back under the main roof; in fact, part of the second floor is over this porch. With this kind of an arrangement there is nothing to disturb the unity of the architectural composition. The porch is an intimate part of the structure, not something merely "tacked on," as seems so often to be the case. A heavy double pillar at the corner supports the roof.

This cottage is designed in the spirit of the Swiss chalets. The low, simple roof with wide extending cornice,

effectually from living room beyond. The living room is 15 feet by 13 feet 2 inches in size. The broad-cased opening connects it on the left with the dining room of almost exactly the same dimensions. These two rooms are naturally used together, and will be found to be very comfortable and homelike. Directly back of the dining room is the kitchen, connected with it by means of the butler's pantry.

A door off the living room opens into a small rear hall. A bedroom of good size opens off this, as do also the bathroom and a large clothes closet. A bedroom on the first floor is always a great convenience, and is a feature very much to be desired, providing it can be secured without obtruding in any way on the rest of



Second Floor Plan.

the first-floor rooms. The arrangement in this case is most successful in this regard.

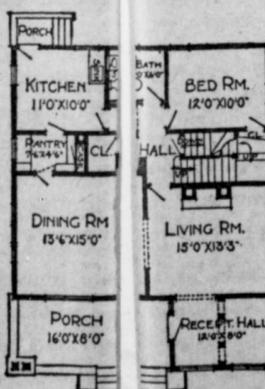
From the hall at the rear of the house the stairway goes up to the second floor. It is rather surprising to find three such large, well-lighted rooms on the second floor of a small story-and-a-half cottage of this design. By the addition of a low, broad dormer window on the side a large bedroom in the middle is nicely lighted. A similar gable on the other side lights the stair hall and bathroom. The two other bedrooms are located one in each of the gable ends.

A very artistic touch is gained in the flower boxes outside of all the windows on the second floor. The artistic possibilities of these boxes, filled



with brightly colored flowers and green-leaved plants, may easily be imagined. This house should be finished with plain sawed red oak on the first floor, using the square-corner, mission-style moldings with natural wood stain. The second floor would be finished to advantage in birch, using mahogany and white enamel for the color scheme. The estimated cost of this seven-room story-and-a-half cottage, using high-grade materials, with cement basement under the entire structure, is about \$2,000.

Charm of Ginger Beer. Spies don't always have to sneak their information; it is sometimes presented to them. Major General Tulloch, who gave Lord Kitchener his first start in Egypt, relates a story told him by a German naval attaché. The lords of the admiralty were to visit some forts in the Portsmouth district, and they thought they would dispense with the attaché's company. He seemed very slightly distressed, and said that as a matter of fact he had gone over the most important part of the defenses. His method lacked method. Sailing one day near these works and feeling thirsty, he had landed and asked the first man he met where ginger beer could be obtained. Chance made this man the canteen contractor for the men erecting the fort, and he not only sold him some ginger beer, but conducted his customer all over the works. He was an excellent guide with a most interested visitor.—London Chronicle.



First Floor Plan.

paint. This trim applied to all the casings, to the brackets, to the window sash alone. green stain for the interior of the porch. The interior of good the promise would expect such a little cottage of some coziness.

Opening from is a reception of the ordinary size, and is placed in the middle by an arched opening which is a certain privacy in his room away from the entrance door.

When I was a clerk in a grocery store," remarked Bowers among other things. "I received only nine dollars a week, and, like many other young men, I fell in with bad companions and began to gamble. I interrupted the benevolent party, sadly, 'you were tempted and took money which did not belong to you.' 'Oh, no,' cheerily responded Bowers. 'In less than a month I was enough money to buy the grocery.'—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

Old Lady Number 31

By LOUISE FORSLUND

Author of "The Story of Sarah" "The Ship of Dreams" Etc.

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SYNOPSIS.

Captain Abraham Rose and Angelina, his wife, have lost their little home through Abe's unlucky purchase of Tenny Gold mining stock. Their household goods sold, the \$100 auction money, all they have left, will place Abe in the Old Man's home, or Angey in the Old Lady's home. Both are self-sacrificing but Abe decides: "My dear, this is the first time I've had a chance to take the worst of it. The old couple bid good-by to the little house. Terror of 'what folks will say' sends them along by paths to the gate of the Old Ladies' home. Miss Abigail, matron of the Old Ladies' home, hears of the ill fortunes of the old couple. She tells the other old ladies, and Blossy, who has paid a double fee for the only double bed-chamber, voices the unanimous verdict that Abe must be taken in with his wife, he is 'Old Lady No. 31.' The old ladies are awakens next morning to find that give him such a warm welcome that he is made to feel at home at once. 'Brother Abe' expands under the warm reception of the sisters, and a reign of peace begins in the Old Ladies' home. Abe is the center of the community. The semi-annual visit of Blossy's aged lover, Capt. Samuel Darby, is due. Abe advises her to marry him. For the first time the captain fails to appear. Blossy consults Abe so often regarding Darby, his old captain in the life-saving service, that gossip begins to buzz. Aunt Nancy takes Abe to task for flirting with Blossy. He is much concerned when he learns that Angey is jealous. Blossy drives away with Darby to be married.

CHAPTER X—Continued.

"I told yer I never could stand it here amongst all these dratted women-folks," Abe would declare. "It's all your fault that I didn't go to the poor-house in peace."

"I notice yew didn't raise no objections until yew'd lived here a year," Angey would retort; but ignoring this remark, he would go on:

"It's 'Brother Abe' this an' 'Brother Abe' that, as ef I had thirty wives a-pesterin' me instead of one. I can't kill a fly but it's 'Brother Abe, lemme bury him fer yew.' Do yer all think I be a baby?" demanded the old gentleman with glaring eye. "I guess I'm able ter do somethin' fer myself once in a while, I hain't so old as some folks might think," he continued with superb inconsistency. "I be a mere child compared with that air plauged Nancy Smith."

It took very little to exhaust Angey's ability for this style of repartee, and she would rejoin with tender but mistaken efforts to soothe and comfort him:

"Thar, thar, father! Don't git excited now. Seems ter me ye're a leetle bit feverish. Ef only yew'd take this here tansy tea."

Abraham would give one exasperated glance at the tin cup and mutter into the depths of his beard:

"Tansy tea an' old women! Old women an' tansy tea! Tansy tea be durned!"

Abe failed perceptibly during the summer, grew feebler as the autumn winds blew in, and by November he took to his bed and the physician of the home, a little whiff of a pompous idiot, was called to attend him. The doctor, determined at the start to make a severe case of the old man's affliction in order that he might have the greater glory in the end, he it good or bad, looked very grave over Abraham's tongue and pulse, prescribed medicine for every half hour, and laid especial stress upon the necessity of keeping the patient in bed.

"Humbug!" growled the secretly terrified invalid, and in an excess of bravado took his black silk necktie from where it hung on the bedpost and tied it in a bow-knot around the collar of his pink-striped nightshirt, so that he would be in proper shape to receive any of the sisters. Then he lay very still, his eyes closed, as they came tiptoeing in and out. Their tongues were on gentle tiptoe too, although not so gentle but that he could hear them advising: One, a "good, stiff mustard plaster;" one, an "onion poultice;" another, a "Spanish blister;" while Aunt Nancy stopped short of nothing less than "old-fashioned bleeding." Abe lay very still and wondered if they meant to kill him. He was probably going to die anyhow, so why torment him. Only when he was dead, he hoped that they would think more kindly of him. And so surrounded yet alone, the old man fought his secret terror until mercifully he went to sleep.

When he awoke there were the sisters again; and day after day they spent their combined efforts in keeping him on his back and forcing him to take his medicine, the only appreciable good resulting therefrom being the fact that with his tax upon their devotion the old ladies came once more to regard Abe as the most precious possession of the Home.

"What ef he should die?" they whispered among themselves, repentant enough at their late condemnation of him and already desolate at the thought of his leaving this little haven with them for the "great haven" over there; and the whisper reaching the sickroom, Abe's fever would rise, while he could never lift his lashes except to

see the specter of helpless old age on one side of the bed and death upon the other.

"What's the matter with me?" he demanded of the doctor, as one who would say: "Poo! poo! You're a humbug! What do you mean by keepin' me in bed?" Yet the old man was trembling with that inner fear. The physician, a feminine kind of a bearded creature himself, took Abe's hand in his—an engaging trick he had with the old ladies.

"Now, my friend, do not distress yourself. Of course, you are a very sick man; I cannot deceive you as to that; but during my professional career, I have seen some remarkable cases of recovery and—"

"But what's the matter with me?" broke in Abe, by this time fairly white with fear. The doctor had assured him that all his organs were sound, so he could only conclude that he must have one of those unusual diseases such as Miss Abigail was reading about in the paper yesterday. Maybe, although his legs were so thin today, he was on the verge of an attack of elephantiasis!

"What's the matter with me?" he repeated, his eyes growing wilder and wilder.

What the doctor really replied would be difficult to tell; but out of the confusion of his technicalities Abe caught the words, "nerves" and "hysteria."

"Mother, yew hear that?" he cried. "I got nervous hysterics. I told yer somethin' would happen ter me a-comin' in to this here place. All them old woman's diseases is ketchin'. Why on 'arth didn't yer let me go to the poor-house?"

He fell back on the pillow and drew the bedclothes up to his ears, while Angey followed the doctor out into the hall to receive, as Abe supposed, a more detailed description of his malady. He felt too weak, however, to question Angey when she returned, and stubbornly kept his eyes closed until he heard Mrs. Homan tiptoe into the room to announce in hushed tones that Blossy and Samuel Darby were below, and Samuel wanted to know if he might see the invalid.

Then Abe threw off the covers in a hurry and sat up. "Sam'l Darby?" he asked, the strength coming back into his voice. "A man! Nary a woman ne'er a doctor! Yes—yes, show him up!"

Angey nodded in response to Mrs. Homan's glance of inquiry; for had not the doctor told her that it would not hasten the end to humor the patient in any reasonable whim? And she also consented to withdraw when Abe informed her that he wished to be left alone with his visitor, as it was so long since he had been face to face with a man "an' no petticoat a-hangin' 'round the corner."

"Naow, be keertful, Cap'n Darby," the little mother-wife cautioned at the door, "be very keertful. Don't stay tew long an' don't rile him up, fer he's dreftful excited. Abe is."

CHAPTER XI.

Mental Treatment.

Little Samuel Darby paused at the foot of the bed and stared at Abe without saying a word, while Abe fixed his dim, distressed eyes on his visitor with a dumb appeal for assistance. Samuel looked a very different man from the old bachelor who used to come a-wool-ey every six months at the Home. Either marriage had brought him a new growth of hair, or else Blossy had selected a new wig for him—a modest, close, iron-gray which fitted his poll to perfection. Marriage or Blossy had also overcome in Samuel that tendency to hang his head "to starb'd;" and now he lifted his bright eyes with the manner of one who would say:

"See! I'm king of myself and my household! Behold what one woman has done for me!" And in turn Abe's unstrung vigor and feeble dependence cried out as loudly: "I haven't a leg left to stand on. Behold what too much woman has done for me!"

"Ain't yew a-goin' ter shake hands?" inquired Abraham at last, wondering at the long silence and the incomprehensible stare, his fears accentuated by this seeming indication of a supreme and hopeless pit. "Ain't yew a-goin' ter shake hands? Er be yew afraid of ketchin' it, tew?"

For a moment longer Samuel continued to stare, then of a sudden he roared, "Git up!"

"Huh?" queried Abe, not believing his own ears. "Why, Cap'n Sam'l, don't yew know that I'm a doomed man? I got the 'narrow hysterics.'"

"Yew got the pip!" retorted Captain Darby contemptuously, and trotting quickly around to the side of the bed, he seized Abe by the shoulders and began to drag him out upon the floor, crying again, "Git up!"

The sick man could account for this remarkable behavior in no way except by concluding that his old captain had gone into senile dementia—oh, cruel, cruel afflictions that life brings to old folks when life is almost done! Well, thought Abe, he would rather be sick and die in his right mind than go crazy. He began to whimper, whereupon Samuel threw him back upon his pillows in disgust.

"Cryin'! Oh, I swan, he's cryin'!" Darby gave a short laugh pregnant with scorn. "Abe Rose, dew yew know what ails yew?" he demanded, fixing his eyes fiercely upon the invalid. "Dew yew know what'll happen tew yew if yew don't git out of this bed an' this here house? Either yew'll be durned fall out an' yew'll dwindle down ter the size of a baby or yew'll turn into a downright old woman—Aunt Abraham!—won't that sound nice? Or yew'll die or yew'll go crazy. Git out er bed!"

The patient shook his head and sank back, closing his eyes, more exhausted

than ever. And he himself had heard Angey warn this man in a whisper not to "rile him up!" Remorselessly went on the rejuvenated Darby:

"Hain't a-goin' ter git up, heh? Yew old mollycoddle! Yew baby! Old Lady 31! Kiffy calf! But I hain't a-biamin' yew; ef I had lived in this here place a year an' a half, I'd be stark, starin' mad! Leetle tootsie-wootsie! Git up!"

Abe had opened his eyes and was once more staring at the other, his mind elowly coming to the light of the realization that Samuel might be more sane than himself.

"That's what I told Angey all along," he ventured. "I told her, I says, says I, 'Humbug! Foolishness! Yere a-makin' a reglar baby of me. Why, I says, 'what's the difference between me an' these here women-folks except that I wear a beard an' smoke a pipe?'"

"Then why don't yew git up?" demanded the inexorable Samuel. "Git up an' fool 'em; or, gosh all hemlock! they'll be measurin' yew fer yer coffin next week. When I come inter the hall, what dew yew think these here sisters o' yourn was a-discussin'? They was a-arguin' the p'int as to whether they'd bury yew in a shroud or yer Sunday suit."

Abraham put one foot out of bed. Samuel took hold of his arm and with this assistance the old man managed to get up entirely and stand, though shaking as if with the palsy, upon the floor.

"Feel pooty good, don't yew?" demanded Samuel, but with less severity.

"A leetle soft, a leetle soft," muttered the other. "Gimme my cane. Thar, ef one o' them women comes in the door I'll—I'll—!" Abraham raised his stick and shook it at the innocent air. "What's my pipe? Mis' Homan, she went an' hid it last week."

After some searching, Samuel found the pipe in Abe's hatbox underneath the old man's beaver, and produced from his own pocket a package of tobacco, whereupon the two sat down for a quiet smoke, Samuel chucking to himself every now and again, Abe modestly seeking from time to time to cover his bare legs with the skirt of his pink-striped nightgown, not daring to reach for a blanket lest Samuel should call him names again. With the very first puff of his pipe, the light had come back into the invalid's eyes; with the second, the ashen hue completely left his cheek; and when he had pulled the tenth time on the pipe, Abe was ready to laugh at the sisters, the whole world, and even himself.

"Hy-guy, but it's splendid to feel like a man ag'in!"

The witch of Hawthorne's story never gazed more fondly at her "Feathertop" than Samuel now gazed at Abraham pulling away on his pipe; but he determined that Abraham's fate should not be as poor "Feather-top's." Abe must remain a man.

"Naow look a-her, Abe," he began after a while, laying his hand on the other's knee, "dew yew know that yew come put' nigh gittin' swamped in the big breakers? Ef I hadn't come along an' throwed out the life-line, yew—"

"Sam'l," interrupted the new Abraham, not without a touch of asperity, "what yer been these six months! A-leavin' me ter die of apron string; an' doctors! Of course I didn't 'spec' nuthin' o' yew when yew was jist a bachelor, an' we'd sort o' lost sight of each other fer many a year, but arter yew got connected with the Hum b, marriage sorter—"

"Connected with the Hum by marriage!" broke in Samuel with a snort of indignant protest. "Me!" Words failed him. He stared at Abe with burning eyes, but Abe only insisted sullenly:

"Whar yew an' Blossy been all this time?"

"Dew yew mean ter tell me, Abe Rose, that yew didn't know that Aunt Nancy forbid Blossy the house 'cause she didn't go an' ask her permission ter git spliced? Oh, I forgot," he added. "Yew'd gone upstairs ter take a nap that day we come back from the minister's."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Pittsburgh Cleanup.

The glad tidings have gone forth that for the first time in history Pittsburgh has a regularly organized squad of policemen whose duty it is to protect women from insults, to scour the streets for loafers, to scan the moving-picture shows, patrol the parks and maintain a generally vigilant eye for "mashers." If this squad is gifted with the ordinary sense of sight it will find work to do at the start right in the midst of the business center. It can start in on Fifth avenue and Smithfield street at most any hour of the day or evening, and before reaching Market street can gather up a patrol wagon load of the most obnoxious characters that infest the city.—Pittsburgh Post.

Darwin's Regret.

If I had to live my life over again, I would have made a rule to read some poetry and listen to some music at least once a every week, for perhaps the parts of my brain now pre-occupied would thus have been kept alive through use. The loss of these tastes is a loss of happiness, and may possibly be injurious to the intellect, and more probably to the moral character, by enfeebling the emotional part of our nature.—Charles Darwin.

Hoarseness Relieved.

When a small child is suffering from hoarseness, try the relief of the juice of a lemon on sugar. The lemon should be baked like an apple and the child should be given a little of the thickened and warm juice squeezed over a lump of sugar.

Home of the Shetland Pony

THE best and most aristocratic families in London and New York have suddenly revived the old fashion of training their children on Shetland ponies, writes A. Elmelle Crabbe, in the Philadelphia Record. The shipment of these sturdy little animals for America is going up by leaps and bounds, and wherever you go amongst the smart set in England you will now see these handsome little beasts carrying the children of the household. In fact, if you really want to be in the newest fashion and to give children the time of their lives you must have a string of Shetland ponies in your stable. Experts say Shetlands teach children self-reliance and domination and set off the natural beauties of the girls as they canter through the parks like no other ponies on earth.

Shetland ponies, of course, are to some people merely a general name for a small type of pony, but this is a mistake. These small animals are bred with as much care in the Shetland islands as peasantries are bred and reared in cover in England and other sporting countries.

The Shetland islands themselves are composed of some thirty or forty small islands and three or four larger ones. The largest, called the "Mainland," is a bleak, hilly island starting at the peninsula with Sumburgh Head as its commencement and ending at Unst, a whale fishers' port, the first they touch on British soil.

Opposite Lerwick, the capital of the island, lies Bressay, one of the larger islands, and the center of the pony-breeding industry. Here they are reared and eventually exported to the United States and to Scotland, England and other countries as required. A small, pure-bred specimen is somewhat valuable, fetching at the farm \$200 or \$250. Larger ones are less costly and only make about \$25.

Ponies Dislike Strangers. These animals are usually dark brown, shaggy little beasts with long

about thirty feet wide, paved throughout with slabs of stone, there being no distinction between roadway and sidewalk. A store here and there encroaches on the street, which gives one the impression, when walking along it for the first time, that this must be a blind alley. On coming to the supposed terminus, however, one finds there is a way round and that the street meanders on.

The peasant population of the islands is extremely devoted to the male portion is mostly devoted to fishing and pony rearing. The female element stays at home, cures the fish, and, when that is done, carries peat, which is the only fuel used, in "creels," slung on the back. While walking outside the town you see a regular procession of women coming and going, somewhat like ants moving their eggs.

They are all knitting as hard as they can, never looking at their work. The finished portion of the shawl is wound round their waist, leaving just enough free to work with. These are eventually taken to the stores and exchanged for the necessities of life. Barter is the usual mode of business among the poorer class. These people wear an extraordinary kind of shoe which a piece of untanned cowhide, the hairy side being outermost. I believe these rivet-like are quite peculiar to the Shetlands.

The ponies are seen roaming about the hillsides quite uncared for, and seemingly wild, although they belong to the peasantry; these ponies, of course, are the larger and less expensive variety.

Island Without Trees. There is one distinctive peculiarity of all these islands and that is, that there are absolutely no trees of any description growing. The inhabitants aver that they would spoil the view.

I took a small boat—which plies as often as required—across the harbor to Bressay, and by the courtesy of the proprietor looked over the pony farm. There were ponies of all ages and



SHETLAND PONIES OF BRESSAY

black manes. Their temper is by some called playful, but vindictive would be more applicable. While walking along one of the roads near Lerwick I had to run to shelter, as one of these charming animals made a dead set at me with ears back and teeth showing. I was informed that that is their usual reception of a stranger. They are owned by nearly everyone on the mainland, and act as draft horses, being particularly strong. As a rule they are unshod.

To get to this interesting series of islands I took a boat from Limehouse dock, London, and in 36 hours arrived in Aberdeen. From thence I went by another steamer for 18 hours to Lerwick, the capital of the Shetlands. Before actually arriving at Lerwick, early travelers who wish to enjoy magnificent rock scenery have enough and to spare, for on sighting Sumburgh head, the most southerly point of the mainland, the eyes are literally fascinated by that headland surmounted by a magnificent lighthouse. The steamer follows this peninsula the whole way up—a distance of some thirty miles. Each mile presents new and delightful rock scenes unsurpassed on that southern coast.

In Lerwick Harbor. Eventually I arrived in Lerwick harbor, which, by the way, is one of the best natural harbors in the United Kingdom. It is protected at its outlet by the Island Bressay, six miles in length, which is the one already mentioned—the center of the pony industry. This harbor is capable of dusting. The entire British fleet, and sheltering the admiralty as a base during the maneuvers.

Lerwick is a quaint town, nestling as it does round the harbor, with a background of heather-covered hills. The town is some three hundred years old, but contains few of the old houses, although the principal street—Commercial—treats is a remnant of the old order of things, inasmuch as it is merely an irregularly winding alley,

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Guilty.

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Everything had gone smoothly until he asked one bride: "Do you take this man to be your husband?"

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Reluctantly the conscientious wife took the money; then said, with an expression of rigid rectitude:

"I simply shudder at the thought of using money gained in such a way, Henry, promise me that after you have won enough for me to buy the hat to go with the dress you will never touch those awful cards. I don't want my husband to become a gambler."

Mighty Handy.

Some negroes are insatiable "jiners," and their favorite organizations are those which assure an ostentatious funeral.

A mistress was remonstrating with her servant about belonging to one of them.

"Bonniebel, don't you think it is mighty foolish to pay the 'Friends and True Mourners' society' twenty-five cents every month?"

"Naw'm, Miss Ma'y, I don't. You see, dee ain't like some of de s'cieties, dee acts liberal, and don't skimp no nothin'. Dee gives you de finest kind of coffin, an makes a way for ev'body to git to yer burial. En dee 'sides dat, dee gives you thirty dollars at the grave, en you know thirty dollars comes in mighty handy."

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TEXAS CREDIT SYSTEM HAMPERS DIVERSIFICATION

Lewis H. Haney, Professor of Economics in the University of Texas has been studying farm credit conditions in Texas, and his investigations have led him to the conclusion that the credit system in vogue in this state hampers diversification of crops to a marked degree. After pointing out that by hook or crook the interest paid by tenant farmers in Texas averages about 20 per cent, and at that rate progress and ownership are all but impossible. Prof. Haney continues: "Bad years submerge such tenants. Borrowers on crop mortgage in Texas generally receive but 50 per cent of the estimated value of the crop, so that their borrowing power even at high rates is very limited. Under such circumstances the tenant is forced into a condition of so great dependence upon the person who 'carries' or 'runs' him that he loses initiative and hopefulness. The merchant in order to secure himself, generally specifies that cotton shall be the main crop with perhaps a little corn for feed; and in this way strongly reinforces the tenant's inertia in the matter of diversification. The crop mortgage system, while largely an outgrowth of the tenant-cotton regime, now keeps that regime fastened upon the South; and the existing credit system is closely bound up with the single crop practice and soil exhaustion. In other ways, too, the credit system makes for poor farming. For one thing, the motive for good farming is taken away when everything the farmer owns or hopes to own is going to pay debts and capital-eating interest rates. Again, the tenant and small owner often have no means to get adequate land and capital to utilize their labor properly. There is a tremendous waste all

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through the South due to a failure to utilize labor power to its fullest extent. A man and family require a certain minimum number of acres, mules, and dollars' worth of machinery in order to make the maximum net return, and the average Texas farmer badly needs more farm animals and machinery.

"While more live stock on the farm is a great need, and the one-crop system is opposed to animal husbandry. This is partly due to the lack of time to devote to feed crops, and partly to the specialization by merchants and bankers of the credit system for the cotton industry. While cotton allows annual settlements, the live stock business requires accommodations of at least two years."

The Regional Reserve banks opened last week and floating around the country somewhere are about four hundred millions of dollars in emergency currency—that is, if we have the dope right. That would make about four dollars to every man, woman and child in the country. All this is in addition to the money that was alleged to be in circulation before the regional banks opened. Now we have been looking forward to the release of all this money, expecting that we would, of course, get our four dollars. But where is it? We said nothing about it last week because we wanted to give William McAdoo and Paul Warburg a chance to get on their feet and attend to the distribution. But ten or eleven days have gone by and yet there is nothing doing. This places us in an embarrassing position. We had learned that the Rock Island Railway was to have been put up for sale at auction and we expected to be able to buy it. Now look at the hole we are in! Any day they may decide to put up the railway and here we are without our four dollars.—Swiped.

Judge George Thomas, of Columbus, Neb. recently decided that if a man accepts a paper that is sent to him he must pay for it. The decision was rendered in the case brought by the Columbus (Neb) Telegram against a man for \$2.85. The telegram had been sent to the man's home and he accepted the paper. When called upon to pay for it he refused and suit was brought. When Judge Thomas heard the evidence he instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the Telegram. Judge Thomas ruled that the old common law principle that what a man received and used he was bound to pay for applied in this instance.

Every day we hear some man sputtering about the hard times and lambasting the men higher up. This sounds foolish to us. No part of Texas had better crops or is in as good shape all around as the Panhandle. Bumper crops of feed and cotton in Donley county, and bringing in money to the grower. Of course, not as much as last year, but great or small, we ought to be thankful to our Creator for what we have instead of growling because we have been spoiled by big prices heretofore. If cotton had been bringing 12c instead of 7 cents this fall our people would have become so independent that the Lord would be forgotten. Let's be thankful, and remember that this is the best country, climate and has the best crops of any place in Texas, besides have had ideal weather all fall for gathering. Not as much as a week of bad weather the whole fall. Let's brace up and be men; not growling ingrates.

GRAIN SACKS—See Hicks & Woods.

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These Words are All Over Our Store. Shipments of Bright New Christmas Goods are coming in on us daily. We must reduce some departments more, and others clean up and close. For One Week commencing Dec. 5th out. For One Week and Closing Dec. 12th we offer our Children and Misses Coats, Men and Boys Clothing, All broken lots of Underwear and Sweaters, Shoes, Caps, Etc.

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Imminent Danger—That Famished People Will Attack Germans.

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German Cruisers Put to Flight.
Vancouver, B. C.—After one of the most thrilling races and long battles known to the high seas, the French cruiser Montcalm came to the rescue of the plucky little Canadian gunboat Rainbow, the German cruisers Laeppic and Nurnberg have fled. The Rainbow when met by the German cruisers turned seaward, the kaiser's boats in full chase. The French cruiser was sighted and, after an exchange of several effective shots, said to have disabled the Laeppic, the pursuers gave up.

Siegel Found Guilty in New York.
Genesee, N. Y.—Henry G. Siegel, the New York merchant charged with grand larceny, was found guilty of committing a misdemeanor. Justice William W. Clarke at once sentenced Siegel to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to serve ten months in the Monroe county penitentiary. Stay of execution of the prison sentence was granted until the second Monday of June and bail was fixed at \$25,000. Siegel must appear before Justice Clarke in Genesee at that time and if his creditors have been substantially provided for further action on the prison sentence will be taken. Siegel was found to have committed a misdemeanor in obtaining credit on false financial statements.

Earthquake Kills 23 Persons.
London.—Twenty-three persons were killed and a number of others were injured in the earthquake which occurred on Friday in Western Greece and the Ionian Islands, says a dispatch from Athens. On the island of Santa Maura the earthquake caused strange convulsions of the earth's surface. The mountain of Peikonis collapsed and crumbled away for a distance of nearly two miles and the waters of the Ionian sea penetrated the valley to the extent of about 25 acres.

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RUSSIAN NAVY IS NOW BOTTLED UP

Germans Assert They Control the Baltic, and Turks Hold Black Sea.

SULTAN DECLARES HOLY WAR

Calls on All Faithful the World Over to Slaughter British, French and Russians—Victory in Poland.

(Summary of Events.)

The Russian navy is useless for the present. This is the gist of an official declaration made by the German war office. The Turkish navy dominates the Black sea and the Sea of Azov, according to the declaration. A bombardment of Odessa is feared and Russian shipping companies have removed their ships from these bodies of water. A blockade of the harbor of Libau places the control of the Black sea in the hands of the Germans, while the freezing of the harbor of Archangel, in the White sea, severs Russian communication with the outside world.

German Defeat in Poland.

Russia and Germany each claim a great victory in Poland. The Russian claim is supported, however, by reports from neutral countries and from neutral correspondents. It is said that the Slavs have virtually crushed one of Germany's finest armies in an engagement staged between the Vistula and Warta rivers in Poland and have taken about 50,000 prisoners. When the full details of the Russian victory are known, declares Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of all the British forces, they will furnish a story that will astonish the world—describing a blow such as has not been dealt since the days of Napoleon.

Abandon Guns and Transport.

The Germans have begun a retreat along the entire front, and in many places the fight is a disorderly rout, marked by the abandonment of artillery, machines and transports. Berlin meanwhile is beginning to talk about repulsing Russian attacks, which is a subtle method of announcing that the German troops are on the defensive. The main Russian force is exclusively engaged against the Plock group, whose front is cut in halves. Its right half is surrounded on all sides and is vainly struggling as in an iron vise and striving to break through to the left wing at Lowicz, which in turn is battling unsuccessfully.

A Second Battle Probable.

The same dispatches that tell of Von Hindenburg's reverses, however, say that the German reinforcements were being brought up so that another great battle is likely to develop on a line nearer to the frontier of Posen, where the Germans will have the same chances of renewing a vigorous offensive as had the Russians in the present instance.

General Von Hindenburg has about 200,000 men, but if the Petrograd report can be accepted, they have been separated, badly cut up and thousands taken prisoner, so these German forces will require reformation and rest.

Another Russian army is operating along the border of East Prussia, and a third one is pursuing a vigorous campaign in northern Austria. It was said by military experts that the purpose of the Austro-German attack and pursuit of the Russian center was to draw off the second and third armies from East Prussia and Galicia.

British Warship Sunk.

The British warship Bulwark has been blown up in the Medway river off Sheerness by an explosion in her magazines. Only twelve were saved out of the crew of 700 or 800 aboard the Bulwark. The explosion is believed to have been an internal magazine. Whether it was caused by German agents or was an accident such as might have occurred in times of peace, has not been determined.

British Lose Another Boat.

Striking a mine off Grimby at the mouth of the Humber river, near Hull, the British collier Khartoum was blown up, a report from the British admiralty announces. The crew was saved, but the Khartoum went to the bottom.

To Help England.

A brief dispatch from Lisbon says the Portuguese congress has decided that Portugal should co-operate with the Allies. The minister of war has called for a partial mobilization of the army. The treaty by which Portugal believes it is bound to aid the Allies was made in 1703 with England, and it

ARCHDUKE CARL FRANZ



It is reported that Kaiser Wilhelm, dissatisfied with the work of the Austrian forces against the Russians, has demanded the resignation of Archduke Carl Franz Josef, heir to the Austrian throne, from the army. The old emperor is said to have refused to consent to the retirement of his heir.

provides that "each shall mutually aid and help the other" in case of attack.

French Guns Near Metz. French artillery continue to bombard Arnville, only ten miles from Metz, Germany. The development of an offensive in Lorraine has long been expected, but to what extent it may be carried was not indicated at the war office.

From north of Verdun and south of Metz the German line extends in a wedge into the Verdun-Toul defenses of the French. The two sides of the wedge are joined in the region of Chauvencourt and St. Mihiel, where desperate fighting has occurred the last week. It was at Chauvencourt that the French suffered heavy losses through the explosion of German mines. The French have been unable to drive the Germans from the positions that now hold in this district and the movement upon Arnville is evidently a tightening of the circle which the French are endeavoring to drive about St. Mihiel.

Heavy Attack on Allies. The Allies have been attacked in force from Ypres to La Passa. A terrific battle has commenced. The Germans have heavy reinforcements and fresh guns for this renewal of the effort to cut through the Allies' line. The English artillery, however, thus far has thwarted all the German attempts.

Holy War Proclaimed. The proclamation of a holy war, announced for the first time some ten days ago, has just been published at Constantinople. It is signed by the sultan and twenty-eight Moslem priests and calls on the Moslem world to participate in a holy war against Great Britain, Russia and France.

Turks Are Winning Fast. Official reports given out in Constantinople relate the continued successful Turkish advance upon Batum, the Russian port on the Black Sea. All the territory between the Turkish-Russian border and the River Churak is in Turkish hands, while a Turkish force in the southern part of this territory has taken Artwin. The Turks declare that the English losses at Shatt-el-Arab amounted to 750 dead and several thousand wounded.

Russian Port Bombarded. The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh, followed by a flotilla of torpedo boats, appeared off Tamsk, Russia, and opened fire, hurling 125 projectiles into the neighborhood.

Turks Reach Suez Canal. An official Turkish statement says that the Turkish troops have reached the Suez Canal. In fighting near El Kantara the English suffered heavy losses and took flight.

Riot in Constantinople. The British embassy in Constantinople has been sacked and the Russian hospital pillaged and all foreigners have been more or less seriously abused.

May Attack Italy. The Italian government is aware that Austria is doing its utmost to induce Turkey to attack Italy, but none the less hesitates to believe the report that has just come in from one of its most reliable agents that common action of the combined Austro-Turkish forces is to be expected against Italy at a very early date.

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Enormous Number of Individuals Apply for Part of the \$1,750,000,000. Is No Lack of Credit.

London.—The British government, while regretting its naval losses during the war, is apparently in no fear that its predominance in number of fighting craft will be threatened seriously.

"Britain can lose a superdreadnought every month for 12 months without a single loss to the enemy," said Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, in the house of commons, "and yet be in as good a position of superiority as she was at the outbreak of the war."

Mr. Churchill added that there was no reason for nervousness or alarm regarding the British navy or the effectiveness of its work. The French navy, he said, has complete command of the Mediterranean, while the Japanese navy is in control of the Pacific.

War Loan Oversubscribed.

London.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George announced in the house of commons that the war loan of \$1,750,000,000 had been greatly oversubscribed.

The chancellor gave no figures. He said, however, that a feature of the loan was the enormous number of individuals, totalling nearly 100,000, who had made application for small sums. These, the chancellor declared, would receive the first allotments.

In the course of a statement concerning financial conditions in the country, the chancellor stated that the financial deadlock which followed the outbreak of war was due to inability to collect outstanding debts abroad.

As an instance, Mr. Lloyd-George referred to the United States which he said, owed Great Britain about \$5,000,000,000. "But we could do no business," he added.

No Official Report of Polish Battle. While Petrograd correspondents continue to declare the Russians have won a great victory over the Germans in Poland, official confirmation of their statements still is lacking. Although Russian headquarters say the advantage in the fighting still lies with their troops, Berlin declares that no decisive battle has been fought. Some of the German newspapers claim a success for their armies.

In the western war zone comparative quiet prevails. No reports of heavy fighting have been recorded here in several days, although there have been intermittent artillery duels, and at various places small infantry encounters.

Forty-Three Saved From Hanalei. San Francisco, Cal.—Forty-three survivors have been rescued from the wrecked wooden steamer Hanalei which went ashore in a dense fog on Duxbury reef, nine miles north of the Golden gate. Eighteen dead had been either washed ashore or brought to port by the United States revenue cutter McCulloch and the navy tug Itzeho. How many are missing will never be accurately known, for the best available passenger list in the company's possession gives 23 passengers and 25 crew, a total of 48 souls, whereas the known dead and saved number 61.

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BIG BRITISH BATTLE SHIP BLOWN UP

BULWARK SINKS AT ONCE AFTER EXPLOSION IN HER MAGAZINE OFF ENGLAND.

Sheerness, England, via London.—The British battleship Bulwark was destroyed by a terrific explosion as she lay off here Thursday morning. Only 14 of the crew of 700 or 800 men survived.

The explosion is believed to have occurred in her forward magazine. Whether it was caused by accident or design is a question to be determined by the commission which has been appointed to investigate.

In the opinion of naval men it was an internal explosion that put an end to the battleship. There was no great upheaval of water such as would have occurred if she had been torpedoed or struck by a mine. Instead, the ship was enveloped in smoke and flame, and when this had cleared nothing could be seen but wreckage floating on the water.

Houses seven and eight miles away were shaken by the explosion, and even before men on ships anchored near by could reach their own decks the Bulwark had disappeared. The neighborhood was strewn with an enormous amount of wreckage, while pieces of the ship were thrown six or seven miles onto the Essex shore.

Considering the size of her navy Great Britain has been singularly free from disasters of this character. Nevertheless, when the French warship Jena was destroyed by an internal explosion in 1907 all cordite ammunition was taken from all the British ships and carefully examined. Refrigerators were installed in the ships to keep the powder cool.

The Bulwark, which was one of the older battleships, cost \$5,000,000. She was laid down in 1899 and completed in 1902. She was 411 feet long, 75 feet wide and drew 29 feet of water. Her armament consisted of four 12-inch, twelve 6-inch, sixteen 12-pounders, six 3-pounders and four submerged torpedo tubes. She had a complement of 750 men.

Sheerness is on the Thames at the mouth of the Estuary of the midway it is 355 miles down the river from London.

Russians Use Danube to Aid Serbia. London.—The correspondent at Sofia, Bulgaria, reports: "Fifteen regiments of Russian troops, with 70 barge loads of ammunition and supplies, have arrived at the Serbian town of Radulevatz. They made the 500-mile trip up the Danube from Russian territory and will be rushed to the front to assist the Serbians."

DARING FEAT PERFORMED BY GERMAN SUBMARINES. London.—It was reported by Lloyd's that two British steamers had been sunk off Havre by German submarines.

The steamers were the Malachite and the Primo. The crews of both vessels were rescued. The men from the Malachite were landed at Southampton, England, and those from the Primo at Fecamp, a French port on the English channel.

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Apparently they made their way through the Straits of Dover to a point more than 150 miles from their nearest base.

The Malachite was a small steamer of 718 tons gross. She was built in Glasgow in 1902. The gross tonnage of the Primo was 1,366. She was laid down in Stockton in 1898.

Court Passes on Okla. Jim Crow Law. Washington.—The Oklahoma Jim Crow law, enacted by the first state legislature, was sustained by the supreme court, upon the ground that the negroes who brought the action failed to establish that they had been denied their constitutional rights under the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution. The case was brought by E. P. McCabe, former negro educator of Oklahoma territory, now a resident of Chicago, and other negroes against the Santa Fe and other Oklahoma railroads. Oklahoma negroes opposed the legislation.

37 Killed in Hunting Accidents. Milwaukee, Wis.—Thirty-seven deaths from hunting accidents in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan in the past three districts so far as reported, during the fall season ending Nov. 1.

King of Cors to Meet in France. London.—The official press bearing announced that King George V. is to visit Corsica in the company of the British expeditionary forces. The king was accompanied by his private secretary, Baron Stanfordham, and his eunuch, Major Wigram. A dispatch from the north of France says that King George arrived from England Monday after a very rough passage. The king was received by the Prince of Wales and paid a visit to the hospitals.



GEN. LOUI BOTHA. General Botha, premier of the Union of South Africa, has remained loyal to Great Britain and proceeded vigorously to suppress the rebellion of the Boers.

Says Peace Talk a Bluff.

Berlin.—The Cologne Gazette, commenting on a newspaper dispatch dealing with the renewed peace talk writes: "It is premature to talk about peace and it strikes us as trifling. No German diplomat and no German soldier thinks of concluding an illusory peace with the powers which we have beaten and confidently hope to continue beating. In Germany everybody from the kaiser to the day laborer is determined to make a clean score this time. Talk in England about peace is a bluff."

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ADVANCE OF GERMANS INTO POLAND CHECKED

RUSSIANS CLAIM DECISIVE VICTORY IN FIERCE FIGHTING BEFORE CRACOW.

KAISER IS NOW IN THE EAST

Official Reports From Headquarters of Armies Are in Conflict as to Results.

London.—While deprecating the exaggerated reports of Russian successes in the battle in Northern Poland, where the German emperor has joined Field Marshal von Hindenburg to offer his advice and to encourage his troops, the best available official reports from Russian headquarters state that the advantage in the fighting still lies with the Russian army. It is also officially said that enormous losses have been inflicted on the Germans, but no mention is made of the capture of German divisions which has been so freely claimed by the Petrograd correspondents of London and Paris papers.

Opposed to this are the German official reports, which say that the Russian attacks have been repulsed and that the German counter attacks have been successful.

German Advance Halted.

So far all that is definitely known is that the German advance has been brought to a standstill. Some of the German troops have been partly or wholly surrounded but were still fighting stubbornly to break their way through the Russian lines.

In the battle before Cracow, the Russians do claim decisive success. During the last week they took 30,000 Austrian and German prisoners in this region.

The Russians likewise announce success on the Austrian side of the Carpathians and against the Turks in the Caucasus, although in both regions the worst of weather has prevailed.

Comparatively Quiet in West.

In the western arena the Germans although making an occasional infantry attack, seem at present content to bombard the allied positions, but with somewhat lighter guns than they have been using. This may mean either that they are sending troops and artillery to the east to use against the Russians, or that they are preparing a new attack against the allies.

RAILROAD ARBITRATION BEGUN

Board to Consider Plans to Settle Trouble on Western Lines.

Chicago.—What those at interest declare is the most momentous arbitration case in the history of the country, brought about by the intervention of President Wilson, began here Monday morning.

The case is that of the employees of 48 western railroads belonging to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, and their employers, represented by the proceedings by the conference committee of managers, which was named for the purpose by the Western Association of Railway Men. The arbitration was arranged under the provisions of the Newlands law. Ninety days are allowed to hear the evidence, and ten days additional for the delivery of an award. The number of men involved is 55,000 and the railroad mileage affected is 149,000 miles.

Four Killed in Illinois Auto Accident.

Bloomington, Ill.—The Misses Lettie, Viola and Jane Wagman of Champaign and Charles Jobst of Pontiac, were instantly killed; Miss June Cramer received injuries which may result in her death, and Alfred Belling received a broken leg and other injuries when an automobile which he was driving was struck by a passenger train near Champaign. The party was driving to a Thanksgiving dinner.

Suits \$200 on Cash Basis.

Austin, Texas.—State Treasurer E. Wanda proceeded himself as being confident that the state will be able to get through this year without a deficiency. Nov. 29 was pay day at the capitol and warrants aggregating about \$20,000 were paid. Then there was \$20,000 in the treasury to the credit of general revenue. The apportionment for December will amount to 46c per capita, as there is available for that purpose \$400,000.

Allows \$22,500 Deficiency.

Austin, Texas.—The governor allowed a deficiency of \$22,500 maintenance at the state hospital, made necessary by an appropriation bill. It showed a road \$25,000, but the clerk had \$2,500 in hand. The same was carried in 1915 years. It is believed that the mistake was due to the hurried enrollment at the close of legislative session. The bill was made on Nov. 23.

Dr. Marden's Uplift Talks

By ORISON SWETT MARDEN.

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THE PRICE OF ONE CIGAR A DAY.

"How can you afford all these books?" asked a young man, calling upon a friend; "I can't seem to find spare change for even the leading magazines."

"Oh, that library is only 'my one cigar a day,'" was the reply.

"What do you mean?" inquired the visitor.

"Mean? Just this: when you advised me to indulge in an occasional cigar, several years ago, I had been reading about a young fellow who bought books with money that others would have burned in cigars, and I thought I would try to do the same. You may remember that I said I should allow myself one cigar a day?"

"Yes, I recall the conversation, but don't quite see the connection."

"Well, I never smoked, but I put by the price of a five-cent cigar every day; and, as the money accumulated, I bought books—the very books you see."

"You don't mean to say that your books cost no more than that? Why, there are dollars' worth of them."

"Yes, I know there are. I had six years more of my apprenticeship to serve when you advised me 'to be a man.' I put by the money, which, at five cents a day, amounted to \$18.25 a year, or \$109.50 in six years. I keep those books by themselves, as a result of my apprenticeship cigar money; and, if you'd done as I did, you would by this time have saved many, many more dollars than I have, and would have been better off in every way and own a library besides."

Surround yourself with good books. There is something in the very atmosphere of books which is helpful and inspiring. One seems to absorb culture from the presence of books and contact with them. The mind changes; our ideals enlarge when we are surrounded by good books. One can learn to love books, and derive much pleasure from them, too, by constantly being in their presence and getting acquainted with them.

Good books are lengthening and brightening the lives of a multitude of people. How many a wretched one, poor and forsaken perhaps by the world, has found solace in his poverty and a refuge from his want and woe, a pleasant substitute for his gloomy thoughts, as he has delved like a prince in some great book!

We hear a great deal about the increased cost of living, but never in history could poor people get so much of life's essentials, and even the things that were luxuries a short time ago, for so little money as today. The products of the greatest minds that have ever lived were never so cheap. Copies of the great masterpieces of literature, which a century ago were only within the reach of the rich, are now often found in the poorest homes and can be bought for the price of a cigar.

Many of our choicest friends live between the leaves of our favorite books. We become more intimate with them than with any living characters. We are not afraid to open our hearts to one of them without reserve. There need be no clash of opinion. Our communion is heart to heart.

People are often ashamed to be seen with some persons with whom they desire to associate, and they are often secretive about some of their friendships, but they are frank in choosing friends in books. Hence, the voluntary selection of book companions is very important, and we can quickly estimate a man's character by his choice. They indicate the degree of his culture, his good taste and refinement or his coarseness and vulgarity. The books we collect are confessions of what we like and of what we are.

If you are anxious to improve yourself read books which tend to elevate your being to some purpose. Read books which make you resolve to do and be a little better; to try a little harder to be somebody and to do something in the world.

"WHY CAN'T I DO IT?" THE ANSWER.

Spartan mothers, in order to stimulate their ambition, used to take their boys to the Pantheon in Athens, where their young imaginations would be fired by the sight of the statues of the nation's gods and heroes. Standing before one of those heroic marble figures, the mother would tell the story of the original, while boyish hearts would sparkle with awakened ambition under the inspiration of her words. Many a young mind was thus fired to emulate the hero that particularly appealed to him.

No other one thing is of such precious help to a youth as to be constantly stimulated along the line of his career, and nothing else will give him such inspiration, nothing else is so ambition-rousing as the life-stories of those who have accomplished things under great difficulties.

Emerson says: "I cannot even hear of personal vigor of any kind, great power of performances, without fresh resolution. . . . This is the moral of biography."

Great inspiring life-stories of those who have won and pushed their way

to the front against all sorts of obstacles have proved the turning-point in tens of thousands of careers. They have encouraged the disheartened to hold on when they were ready to let go; they have induced them to persevere when they had decided to turn back. They have given them fresh hope and renewed confidence in themselves when those dearest to them even had predicted failure and had told them that to continue would be to waste their time.

Smiles "Self-Help" was a wonderful stimulus to me and I believe it has proved the turning point in the careers of tens of thousands of youths. Nothing else is more fascinating than the romance of achievement under difficulties. The youth full of hope, bubbling over with enthusiasm, reads the life-stories of men and women who have succeeded under difficulties, and he says to himself: "Why can't I do it?" To which something within him replies: "I can and I will!"

Ambition requires a great deal and a great variety of food to keep it vigorous. An ambition must be backed by a robust will power, stern resolve, physical energy, powers of endurance, to be effective.

The fact that you have an almost uncontrollable impulse, a great absorbing ambition to do a thing which meets with the approval of your judgment and your better self, is a notice served upon you that you can do the thing, and should do it at once.

There are tens of thousands of day laborers in this country—common workmen—putting their lives into drudgery, who, if they had only been aroused to their possibilities, would have been employers themselves—standing in their community—but they have been held down by their ignorance of their own power. They have never discovered themselves, and so they must be "hewers of wood and drawers of water." We see them everywhere—splendid men and women, who impress us as giants in possibility, but who are totally ignorant of the great forces that are sleeping within them.

Why not take an inventory of yourself at the beginning of this new year? If you are dissatisfied with what you are doing and think you ought to do better, try to discover, no matter how long it takes you, just where your trouble lies. Find out the things that keep you back. Make long searching tours of discovery in your own consciousness. Say to yourself over and over again: "Why can others do such remarkable things while I do ordinary, common things? Constantly ask yourself: 'If others can do them, why cannot I?'"

You may find some great nuggets of gold in these tours of self-discovery which you never dreamed you possessed—great possibilities of power which you never uncovered before, and which may, if developed, revolutionize your life.

Stars Enough for All of Us.

When Emerson advised everybody to hitch his wagon to a star, it was thought the advice was impracticable—that there were not stars enough to go around. At that time there were only three or four thousand stars visible, which number was far short of the demand. But when maps of the skies were made with the assistance of the telescope and camera, it was found there were 55,000,000 stars—not yet quite enough for all. These stars were below the seventeenth magnitude, which was as far as the optical instruments would reach, but since then the twenty-fourth magnitude stars have been brought to view, and now the number of stars is estimated at 1,600,000,000. So there will need be no trouble about it. There is a star for every wagon, and a few left for unborn generations. So hitch your wagon to a star, and don't delay. The times demand it.—Ohio State Journal.

The Bauer of Austria.

The most interesting of Austrian types and the backbone of the dual monarchy, is the "bauer." In social rank he occupies somewhat the same position as the old English yeoman, farming his own land, and in many cases enjoying a far more substantial fortune than the nobility. The "bauer" has a strict social code of his own, mixing neither with the laborers on one hand nor the aristocracy on the other, is apparently quite content with his lot, and takes pride in his ability to provide almost all the necessities of life from the productions of his own land, even, in many cases, growing the flax from which his woinenfolk weave all the household clothing.

Volcanoes Good Fertilizer Plants.

A Swiss scientist has discovered that the ashes which still largely cover the buried cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii contain large quantities of potash and clay, from which an excellent agricultural fertilizer can be obtained. The whole region is very rich in potash, and it is said the Italian government is seriously intending to organize the exploitation of "Vesuvian Mines."

In the Age of Movies.

An amateur photographer stopped one morning at a Kansas farmhouse and inquired for the farmer.

"I want to trespass on your premises," he said, "long enough to take a picture of that cornfield. It's the most magnificent one I ever saw."

"That's all right," responded the farmer. "But you'll have to take it instantaneous—it's growing so fast."—Oldport Herald.

DEFENDS POPULAR REMEDIES

Speaker Says Newspapers Should Investigate Merits of Medicines Before Barring Advertisements.

That an organized attempt has been made to blacken the reputation of the popular family remedies of this country, and to mislead the newspaper publishers into rejecting the advertising of such medicines, was the charge made by Carl J. Balliett, of Buffalo, N. Y., at the convention of the Advertising Affiliation at Detroit.

Mr. Balliett is a director of the Proprietary Association of America, which includes in its membership two hundred firms which make the popular prepared medicines of America.

Mr. Balliett pointed out that it is the duty of the newspaper publisher to refuse the advertising of any fake or fraudulent medicine, just as it is his duty to refuse any fake or fraudulent advertising, but it is not right to shut down on all medical advertising because there have been some fakers, any more than it would be right to refuse to publish all department store advertising because certain stores have made a practice of lying about bargain sales.

Disease and death are mysteries. People who are perfectly well are skeptical. They laugh at the time-worn patent medicine joke, just as they laugh again and again over the many variations of the operation joke—"The operation was a success but the patient died." This so-called humor has perhaps hurt the medicine business with well people, but when the hitherto healthy man feels a severe pain or illness, he immediately wants medicine, and will bleed the cure whether it be at the hands of a regular doctor, a homeopath, an osteopath, a Christian Scientist or patent medicine. There is nothing more deadly than disease; nothing more honorable than to cure it.

Mr. Balliett refuted the idea sought to be spread about that patent medicines are unpopular by showing that from 1900 to 1912 the amount of prepared medicines consumed in America increased from \$100,000,000 to \$160,000,000 annually. He showed that, although the American Medical Association is trying as an organization to exterminate so-called patent medicines, the family doctor, individually, is not fighting them but prescribing them. He estimated that 40% of the prescriptions written by doctors today include proprietary medicines.

The writings of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, he said, have also aimed to destroy confidence in proprietary medicines; but that Dr. Wiley's ideas are not infallible is shown by cases where his analyses were entirely wrong. Mr. Balliett mentioned a case where, with all the power of the Government, he fought a preparation as being dangerous to health, and was indignantly walloped.

There has been spread the idea that a clever faker can mix a few useless ingredients and, by smart advertising, sell tons of it and win sudden wealth; whereas, as a matter of fact, the medicine business is notoriously difficult, and, where there has been one success at it, there have been a hundred failures. Any medicine which has no merit cannot live, because persons who are duped into buying it once will not buy it again, and the profit from advertising a medicine can only come from repeat sales to the same, satisfied people. Therefore, any medicine which has been on the market for a number of years, and is still advertised, must have merit behind it to account for its success.

In conclusion Mr. Balliett declared that no newspaper is doing justice to its readers in the matter of medical or other advertising, unless it investigates, not only the wording of the advertisement offered for publication, but the merits of the article advertised. He pointed out that the few newspapers who have been deluded into the policy of barring out medical advertising have adopted this general policy, rather than to form an investigation bureau of this kind which could, in a constructive and useful effort, investigate and decide what is a good product and what is a fraud, in not only the medicine business, but in every other business which advertises its wares to the public.

The audience seemed to agree with Mr. Balliett's ideas on the subject and the chairman decided the question at issue in his favor.

Objected to the Statement.

"We all make fools of ourselves at times, your worship," said a man who was charged at the Lambeth police court with insulting behavior.

"You can only speak for yourself," retorted Mr. Biren.—London Tit-Bits.

In the Suffrage States.

"The candidates are having a club hold over them."

"Is it a woman's club?"

—Take CAPUDINE—

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

Many a man gets the reputation of being a good talker without saying much of anything.—Albany Journal.

For sprained wrist rub on and rub in Hanford's Balsam thoroughly. Adv.

It takes a capable wife to yank the conceit out of a man.

Put That Pain to Use

The network of nerves in your body, like the network of wires in a burglar alarm system, gives quick warning when anything is going wrong inside. Looking at it in this way a pain is a useful alarm. Now, kidney weakness is a dangerous thing—a condition not to be neglected—and it is wise to know and pay attention to the early alarm signals of sick kidneys.

Backache is a common warning of congestion or inflammation in the kidneys. It may be dull, nagging pain, or a sharp twinge when stooping or lifting. There are likely to be disorders of urination, dizziness, headaches, and drowsy, dependent, tired feelings.

It is very hard to strengthen weak kidneys at first, but neglect invites rheumatic or neuragic attacks, gravel, dropsy, and fatal Bright's disease. As a special medicine for weak kidneys Doan's Kidney Pills have been used for years all over the civilized world, and surely are considered reliable. The patient can always help the medicine immensely, however, by dieting lightly, using little or no liquor, tea or coffee, keeping regular hours and drinking lots of pure water.



"I can hardly straighten up."

As to Doan's Kidney Pills, read the following enthusiastic endorsement by one who has tested them.

COULD NOT STRAIGHTEN

Treatment by Specialists Failed

E. D. Wert, Fort Aransas, Tex., says: "MY kidneys acted too freely and the secretions poured in passage. There was sediment in the secretions and my back ached all the time. I had awful pains in my kidneys and sides and simply couldn't straighten up after stooping. I got awfully dizzy and nervous and my sight got so bad that I couldn't see my eyes. I was confined to bed for months. Specialists told me I had but a short time to live. One specialist said my case was very near Bright's disease. One day I read of a case similar to mine being cured by Doan's Kidney Pills and I immediately got some. From the first I began to feel better and stronger, and two months after I began their use I was able to work every day. In another month I was in the best of health. Doan's Kidney Pills made this cure twelve years ago and I have never had a sign of kidney trouble since."

When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name
DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS
Sold by all Dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., Proprietors

Accuracy First.

Far down in the basement is a machine of particular interest to astronomers and scientists. It is the celebrated dividing engine, which makes it possible to the delight of mathematicians, to divide a circle accurately, even to within one second of arc—surpassing the records of all previous dividing engines. This degree of accuracy was accomplished after years of experiments in a room heated to 80 degrees, or as near as practicable to the heat of the body of the operator, for even a breath might interfere with the tiny scratches on the silver bands of the revolving disk.—An Afternoon with Ambrose Swasey, by Joe Mitchell Chapple, in National Magazine.

Have Best War Hospital.

The Red Cross hospital of 200 beds near Torquay, established by American women, is said to be the best arranged war hospital in England, according to Sir Frederick Treves, the distinguished surgeon. The organization, which has at its head wealthy Americans like Mrs. John Astor, Lady Paget and others, has appropriated \$25,000 for motor ambulances. Funds are ample to maintain the hospital for another year, it is said.

Important to Mothers

Examines carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

A Reform.

"Twobble is noted for his passionate striving after perfection."

"I must say that's a commendable trait."

"In some cases, yes, but Twobble spends all his time trying to achieve it in other people."

Rub it On and Rub it In.

For lame back and soreness, sprains and strains, sore throat and stiff neck, you must rub on and rub in thoroughly Hanford's Balsam of Myrrh. Remember that one good application at first is better than several light ones. Adv.

Human Nature.

"Now, Ethel, Howard says he's sorry he broke your doll, so I want you to forgive him."

"I'd feel more like forgivin' him, mother, if I could swat him one first."—Life.

Made since 1846—Hanford's Balsam.

Adv.

Some men court, then marry, then go to court again.

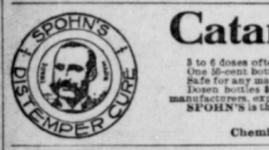
Comparative Values.

"I suppose you had the usual trouble in Europe this summer," said Mrs. De Jinks.

"Yes," said Mrs. von Stammerton; "chiefly in the matter of getting money, however. Why, would you believe it, Mrs. De Jinks, a letter of credit over there wasn't of any more value than a treaty of neutrality!"—Judge.

Real-Life Romance.

In real life one sometimes gets the whole of a romance and sees it result in the leading lady thereof cooking for boarders.—Atchison Globe.



Catarrhal Fever

3 to 6 doses often cure. One 6-cent bottle SPOHN'S guaranteed to cure a case. Safe for any mare, horse or colt. Seven bottles \$5. Get it of druggists, harness dealers or direct from manufacturers, express paid. SPOHN'S is the best preventive of all forms of distemper.

SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, Goshen, Ind., U. S. A.

Rheumatism Muscle Colds

"It is easy to use and quick to respond. No work. Just apply. It penetrates without rubbing."

Read What Others Say:

"I have used your Liniment very successfully in a case of rheumatism, and always have a bottle on hand in case of a cold or sore throat. I wish to say I think it one of the best of household remedies. I would not have used it only it was recommended to me by a friend of mine who, I wish to say, is one of the best boosters for your Liniment I ever saw."—J. W. Fuller, Denver, Col.

"Just a line in praise of Sloan's Liniment. I have been ill nearly fourteen weeks with rheumatism, have been treated by doctors who did their best. I had not slept for the terrible pain for several nights, when my wife got me a small bottle of the Liniment and three applications gave me relief so that I could sleep."—Joseph Tumbly, 615 Commerce Street, McKeesport, Pa.



SLOAN'S LINIMENT

Good for Neuralgia, Sciatica, Sprains and Bruises.

All Dealers 25c.

Send four cents in stamps for a free TRIAL BOTTLE.

DR. EARL S. SLOAN, Inc. Dept. B Philadelphia, Pa.

Weak Heart

Many people suffer from weak hearts. They may experience shortness of breath on exertion, pain over the heart, or dizzy feelings, oppressed breathing after meals or their eyes become blurred, the heart is not sufficiently strong to pump blood to the extremities, and they have cold hands and feet, or poor appetite because of weakened blood supply to the stomach. A heart tonic and alterative should be taken which has no bad after-effect. Such is

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery

which contains no dangerous narcotics or alcohol.

It helps the human system in the constant manufacture of rich, red blood. It helps the stomach to assimilate or take up the proper elements from the food, thereby helping digestion and curing dyspepsia, heart-burn and many uncomfortable symptoms, stops excessive tissue waste in convalescence from fevers; for the run-down, anemic, thin-blooded people, the "Discovery" is refreshing and vitalizing.

In liquid or tablet form of most drug stores or send 50 one-cent stamps for trial box to Dr. Pierce's Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y.

Read Chapter VII on Circulatory Organs in the "Medical Advisor"—A French cloth-bound book of 1008 pages sent on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps, address as above.

Another Sort.

"I gather from what he said that Jim's wife is the gray mare."

"She is more of an old nag."

There may be a lot of heroes in the world, but no woman will admit that she is married to one of them.

Tutt's Pills

SAVE YOUR MONEY. One box of Tutt's Pills save many dollars in doctor's bills. A remedy for diseases of the liver, sick headache, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, a million people endorse.

SPECIAL TO WOMEN

The most economical, cleansing and germicidal of all antiseptics is

Paxtine

A soluble Antiseptic Powder to be dissolved in water as needed.

As a medicinal antiseptic for douches in treating catarrh, inflammation or ulceration of nose, throat, and those caused by feminine ills it has no equal. For ten years the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. has recommended Paxtine in their private correspondence with women, which proves its superiority. Women who have been cured say it is "worth its weight in gold." All druggists. 50c. large box, or by mail. The Paxton Toilet Co., Boston, Mass.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

Save money on your census by ordering our census grader, with type sampler. Prior to farming only 25 satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Get today. CHARLOTTE LUTTUS SCHOOL, Charlotte, N. C.

PATENTS

Wasson E. Coleman, Washington, D. C. Books free. Write for information. Best results.

W. N. U., DALLAS, NO. 46-1914.

You Look Prematurely Old

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

Last Call!

IF YOU HAVEN'T TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF OUR PROFIT-SHARING SALE, YOU WILL SAVE MONEY BY COMING TO THIS STORE AND BUYING YOUR WINTER BILL. . . REMEMBER THIS SALE CLOSES TUESDAY NIGHT, DEC. 8.

M & M CO.

Locals

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cloninger Nov. 30, a boy.

J. S. Fleming was up from Memphis Thursday.

Have a Fit with Clarke, The Tailor.

Little Weldon Howell has been sick the past few days.

The Baptist Ladies will serve oysters Saturday, Dec. 19.

Glennie Brooks has been real sick several days this week.

L. L. Cornelius went to Clarendon last Friday to see about buying feed.

Take One Home

EL MATÉ

Good Hot or Cold
At Hedley Drug Fountain

Roy Lockridge and wife were here from Clarendon last of last week.

A good Estey Organ for sale at a bargain. Inquire at Informer Office.

Ed Dishman returned last week from a trip to Grayson county.

Rev. C. W. Horschler attended the Fifth Sunday meeting in Memphis.

Born Wednesday Dec. 2 to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gollibugh, a girl.

L. L. Amason is building a good barn 34x48 on his place south of town.

It's a pleasure to eat with

EL MATÉ

At Hedley Drug Fountain
5c

H. L. A. Holman of Dallas, spoke on Socialism at the Opera House Tuesday night.

Bond W. Johnson and family attended the Fifth Sunday meeting at Memphis Sunday.

Ed Kinslow returned this week from a trip to Tumcari and Montoya in New Mexico.

J. W. Bond left for Waco Monday night to attend the Masonic Grand Lodge.

John Stroud left Monday night for Bowie where he will enter the Bowie Commercial College.

Mr. Wilson of the Sweetman ranch shipped a car of hogs from this place first of the week.

Had a cool spell of weather this week. Threatened snow but turned out to be sunshine.

School opened at Bray last week. Prof. Swift and Miss Floy Simmons are the teachers.

'Tis Good for You

EL MATÉ

At Hedley Drug Fountain
5c

R. L. Madden and family of Memphis spent Sunday with the families of W. H. Madden and J. C. Wells.

Miss Elsie Adamson returned last Friday from Memphis where she visited her sister, Mrs. Paul Moore, a few days.

Miss Levonia Masterson went to Clarendon Thursday to take the county examination for teachers certificate.

Misses Dillah and Dixie Parker left Sunday morning for Childress and Quanah for a short visit with relatives.

Be sure to attend the moving picture play Tuesday night, Dec. 8. A 4-reel drama "Ten Nights in a Bar Room."

Get acquainted with

EL MATÉ

At Hedley Drug Fountain
5c

K. W. Howell returned from Post City last week where he spent several days with a brother who is very sick with typhoid.

J. J. Wills of Memphis will be here Sunday and will have a singing at the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Everybody invited.

J. G. McDougal and wife, Misses Elvia Wiggins and Eunice Morrow and Messrs. Akers and McCarroll went to Goodnight Sunday afternoon to see the buffaloes.

That South American tang in

EL MATÉ

will please you
At Hedley Drug Fountain

FOR SALE—1-4 block, 4 room house, good storm house, stable and good lots, located in best part of Hedley; also good span well matched 3 year old mules, gentle buggy horse, good buggy.
J. A. Moreman.

Percy Marshall of Dallas, special agent of the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Co., was here Tuesday inspecting the risks written by the local agent, J. C. Wells.

It pays to drink

EL MATÉ

At Hedley Drug Fountain
5c

The baby of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Lively swallowed some kerosene Wednesday morning, but was soon relieved by prompt action of the family and the physician.

Rev. G. H. Bryant preached Sunday night, his last sermon before Conference which convenes at Sweetwater next week. He left Thursday morning for Plainview where his family is residing.

Mrs. Frank McClure returned home Thursday morning from Mineral Wells where she spent several weeks for the benefit of her health.

ATTENTION

All wishing to enter Doll contest must have their tablet backs at our store by Saturday Dec. 19th. Doll will be given away Thursday Dec. 24th at 2 P. M. Hedley Drug Co.

Americans Appeal to Home Country

The famous 4 W Breakfast Food is now on sale at all grocery stores. It is a home enterprise, made of home grown wheat, owned and operated by home people. It is pure and wholesome and guaranteed to please. Try one package and be convinced.
4 W Breakfast Food Co.
431f Amarillo, Texas.

Just a Few of Our Clubbing Offers

We have made some remarkable arrangements with clubbing agencies, so that we can give you a lot of valuable reading in connection with the Informer, at so small an amount that you cannot afford to not take advantage of one of the clubs at least. We also can save you money on almost any magazine or periodical published.

THE INFORMER. The Informer \$1.00 and Review of Reviews \$3.00, both one year for \$3.00.

Ladies World and Informer, publishers' price \$2.00, for only \$1.60.

Farm & Ranch and Holland's \$2.00 and Informer \$1, both for \$1.75.

The Informer \$1 and Woman's Home Companion \$1.50, both for \$2.10.

Modern Priscilla, Pictorial Review and Ladies World, all three \$3.00, and Informer \$1; all four for the extraordinary price of \$2.65.

The Commoner (William J. Bryan's paper) and the Hedley Informer both one year for \$1.50.

On any magazine or periodical you may wish, if taken in club with the Informer, we can save you money.

Have that broken piece of Jewelry repaired

SPURGEON BISHOP

TRY 'EM

Whiskers punched without pain; Clothes washed without stain; Hot or cold baths it's all the same; Treat 'em right? That's my name
J. B. King, the Barber.

Mesdames T. T. Harrison and B. W. Moreman made a trip to Amarillo today.

The Baptist Sunday School will have a Post Office Christmas instead of a Christmas Tree.

"Ten Nights in a Bar Room," a 4-reel photoplay, will be shown at the Opera House Tuesday night, December 8. This well-known drama in moving picture form promises to be a good entertainment. Admission 10c and 20c.

Prepared to do all kinds of barber work, baths and laundry. Give us a trial.
King's Barber Shop.

SPECIAL WAR TAX NOW EFFECTIVE

Enforcement of Emergency Revenue Act Begun Dec. 1.

Washington.—The emergency war tax bill to raise \$100,000,000 in revenue went into full effect Dec. 1. The provisions of the measure levy taxes on tobacco, beer and wine went into effect on Nov. 1 and include taxes on bankers, pawnbrokers, brokers, proprietors of theaters, including motion picture houses, officers of clubs and other shows, perfume, cosmetics, chewing gum and similar articles; commercial papers of all descriptions, steamship tickets, parlor car seats, sleeping car berths and telegraph messages where the charge exceeds 15c. Stamp duties on documents of from 45 to 10c are to be levied on these articles.

\$7,000,000 Monthly Asked for Belgium. Amsterdam.—A message from Brussels states that the German government of the province of Brabant, in which Brussels is located, convoked a meeting of financiers and told them that Belgium must pay 35,000,000 francs (\$7,000,000) monthly for the maintenance of German troops. In addition to this sum, it is said, Belgium must contribute a war levy of 375,000,000 francs (\$75,000,000) as a penalty for violations of neutrality by Belgium and losses ensuing therefrom to Germany.

\$10,000,000 Oil Deal is Confirmed. Oklahoma City, Ok.—A special from New York says the Wall Street Journal publishes a confirmation of the sale of Sinclair and White Shell syndicate interests to the Royal Dutch Shell syndicate at a price based on \$300 a barrel, and as their property is reported to be making 35,000 to 38,000 barrels a day, the price will run fully \$10,000,000, which is by far the largest deal ever made in the midcontinent oil field.

N. Y. Stock Exchange to Reopen Soon. New York.—Late developments indicate that preparations practically have been completed for the reopening of the New York stock exchange Jan. 2, 1915. While none of those in a position to speak authoritatively would make a positive statement on this effect, several prominent men in close touch with the banks on the governing committee of the exchange admitted that unless there were unforeseen developments the exchange would open on the date named.



NOTICE, CONTESTANTS!!

The Color of Tickets will be changed each week.
And will change colors each day from December 21st to 24th.
Recording days will be Dec. 9, 16, 21, 22, 23 and 24.
Contest closes Dec. 24 at 4:30 p. m.
The standing of the Contestants will be bulletined each recording day and twice a from the 21st to 24th.

PREMIUMS:

The one having highest number of votes at close of contest, \$400 Claxton Piano
Second highest, \$35 Elgin Watch.
Third highest, \$25 Watch.
Fourth highest, Silver Toilet Set, consisting of Comb, Brush and Glass.
ONLY A SHORT TIME LEFT.
KEEP THIS AD FOR REFERENCE.

BAIN & MCCARROLL



SIR WILLIAM ROBERTSON
Sir William Robertson, who began his military career as an enlisted man, has been made a lieutenant general of the British army on the continent.