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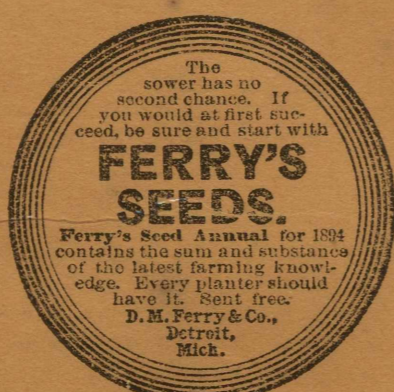
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AN ANCIENT TOKEN.

A Curious Coin Whose Origin is Likely to Remain a Mystery.

Captain Welsh of Welshton has in his possession a great curiosity in the shape of a coin which is probably the most ancient in the world. It is about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and is a mixture of copper and gold.

The coin was found by a negro named Eichelberger on Mr. B. C. Bowman's place near Welshton. It was at the bottom of a muck bed seven feet below the surface, in what was once the channel of a stream, but is now covered with heavy forest timber.

On one side of the coin is a representation of a man attacking another. Captain Welsh thinks it represents the murder of Abel. On the same side is an inscription, which, though submitted to a number of scholars, has not yet been deciphered, nor have the characters been recognized as belonging to the alphabet of any language now known.

On the other side is a representation of a man, evidently a Caucasian. There is also an inscription on this side which no one has been able to make out, though it has been placed under the most powerful microscopes. The coin was evidently worn as an ornament, as shown by a hole punched near the edge.

Captain Welsh thinks that this coin was made by the same race that built so many of the mounds that still remain to perplex the archaeologist; that this race crossed over from Asia at Behring straits and was afterward exterminated by the Indians, who took the coin and wore it as an ornament.—Florida Times Union.

The Rattlesnake's Pilot.

The rattlesnake has a pilot. The purpose of this pilot has never been satisfactorily explained, but it undoubtedly serves to protect him in some way. It is well known that the rattlesnake is a sluggish reptile, slow of movement and shortsighted. He can strike only to the distance of his own length and is not of the constrictor family, fighting entirely with his fangs. He is not therefore a dangerous adversary and can be easily whipped by a blacksnake or any of the constrictor species. Even a dog can obtain the mastery over a rattlesnake without much danger of being injured.

The pilot appears like a rattlesnake, except that he has no rattles and is somewhat darker in color. He is also of much quicker movement, and when other reptiles or animals that would prove dangerous to the rattler appear the pilot, which is not so near-sighted as the rattlesnake, conducts the latter to a place of safety. Singularly, the pilot snake has received but scant attention except among the native people of the sections where he is found, and but little is known about him. The only species of rattlesnake having the pilot for a guide is that found in the mountains. The prairie rattler has to look out for himself.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

What Rocked the Cradle.

During one of his journeys a famous traveler came to a lonely cabin and found the door wide open. In the center of the floor stood a cradle, in which was an infant fast asleep. The cradle was rocking with surprising regularity, but no sign of what propelled it could be seen.

The traveler's curiosity was aroused. He went to the cradle and found a stout cord attached to a nail driven in the side of it. The cord passed through an auger hole in the side of the house. He took up the trail, which soon led him into a ravine, where a donkey was standing and switching his tail.

The mystery was explained. The other end of the cord was tied to the ass' tail, and the constant switching of its caudal appendage furnished motive power sufficient to rock the cradle.—Exchange.

Europe's Cold Period.

That the continent of Europe is passing through a cold period has been pointed out by M. Flammarion, the French astronomer. During the past six years the mean temperature of Paris has been about two degrees below the normal, and Great Britain, Belgium, Spain, Italy, Austria and Germany have also been growing cold. The change seems to have been in progress in France for a long time, the growth of the vine having been forced far southward since the thirteenth century, and a similar cooling has been observed as far away as Rio de Janeiro, where the annual temperature has been going down for some years past.—Scientific Journal.

Comfort in Chairs.

"It does not by any means follow," said a man of moderate means, "that the finest or costliest chair is the most comfortable. One of the most delightful chairs I ever sat in was an ordinary cane seat, cane back rocker, and whoever designed it was a man of brains and thoughtfulness. The back of this chair supported the back of the sitter at every point, and its pitch with relation to the seat was very neatly perfect."—New York News.

Looking Forward.

"You must excuse the beef," apologized the landlady. "The butcher promises to do better tomorrow." "Ah," muttered Fitzgobler, "we are all entered for the futurity steaks, as it were."—Atlanta Constitution.

Bullets and Bacteria.

It seems as though a bullet in its swift passage through the air is the last thing that would gather bacteria to itself, and yet this is what Dr. Mesmer has shown. He made his experiments by shooting into tin boxes from a distance of 300 or 1,000 feet, the boxes containing a gelatin medium that is used for the growing and development of microbes. When noninfected and ordinary bullets were used, the gelatin developed such germ life as the air contains. He made trials with bullets that had been infected with germs of a particular kind. The tracks of the bullets through the gelatin were scrutinized with the result that in each case germ growth took place corresponding with the particular microbes with which the bullets had been infected.

In one series of experiments the bullets were made to pass through infected flannels before penetrating the gelatin, the bullets being of the ordinary kind. In this case the microbe growths appeared in the gelatin, showing that the flannel had yielded up its microbes to the bullets as they traversed it. These facts show that the bullet is a germ carrier of a very decided kind, and that if clothing be penetrated by a bullet prior to its entrance into the tissues the missile will be liable to carry into the wound it makes the bacteria resident on the clothes.—Brooklyn Citizen.

A Business Arrangement.

I saw a Chinaman begging the other day, or rather he wasn't begging, but his action was nearer to begging than any I had seen in a Chinaman before. He rang the bell of a house in front of which lay a ton of coal.

"Fifteen cents put it in," he said. "The woman of the house looked at him in astonishment."

"I just gave a man 25 cents to put it in," she said, with a note of regretfulness in her voice. "I don't know where he has gone, but he will be back in a minute."

The Chinaman waited, and a minute later a happy looking son of Erin came round the corner. He looked darkly at the Chinaman at first as a possible rival till John approached him and said:

"Fifteen cents put it in." "Ye will, will ye? Thin, John, me boy, ye can do it."

So the Irishman sat on the steps and smoked while the Chinaman did the work, and the woman of the house looked on in astonishment. When the coal was all in, Pat rose and paid the Chinaman.

"Now, John," he said, "come with me. I'll find de work and make de contracts, and you can do the work."—Brooklyn Eagle.

Awkward Errors.

Judge Emery of the supreme court has a favorite story which he springs on the bar periodically to illustrate a certain point. There were once two labels for divorce entered on the same page of the clerk's docket in one of the counties of this state. One divorce was granted and the other label dismissed. In the rush of business at the close of the term the clerk made the entries wrong, marking the granted label as dismissed, and vice versa. The attorneys in the cases told their clients of the respective decisions and took no notice of the entries. The couple that had their petition denied, but recorded otherwise, after a lapse, married, while the couple who were divorced, but recorded as denied, reconciled their differences and commenced living together again. After a lapse of 15 years the blunder was discovered, and a lawsuit was the result. The judge cautioned the attorneys to see that the proper record was made in each case, stating that the best of clerks was liable to err.—Portland (Me.) Argus.

The Birds' Christmas Feast.

In Norway a distinctive and very pretty feature of Christmas feasting is the provision made for the birds. Great is the joy of the children when carts, laden with grain in the sheaf, come into every town, and each family invests in a sheaf, which on Christmas day is brought forth by the father, fastened to a pole and erected at some convenient corner of the house that the birds may share the good cheer. Not that the birds are forgotten at other times. Miniature wooden houses are fastened to the eaves or to trees in the gardens, and therein is kept a store of grain for the solace of the birds all through the winter, but this sheaf is quite an extra treat.—Western Mail.

Nature's Electricity.

"If we could only capture and store the electricity that nature uses to make a first class aurora borealis," said Thomas Edison, "the concerns that make dynamos would have to go out of the business. Or if we could chain the lightning in an ordinary thunderstorm we could easily make dynamos very cheap. The electricity it takes to make one little storm would more than supply the electric needs of New York city for a week."

An Artful Dodger.

Nephew—I say, uncle, can you change a 45 note? Uncle—How on earth do you come to possess a 45 note? Nephew—Haven't got one, worse luck. I only wanted to find out if you had any loose cash about you.—Sonntagsblatt.

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The state democratic executive committee (Hogg) meets in Dallas on the 19th.

The nickel in the slot machine will no longer be permitted to run in Dallas.

James J. Corbett, the pugilist was acquitted of the charge of violating the laws of the state of Florida.

The Fort Worth Gazette was sold by the receiver to Silden R. Williams banker, Nashville, Tenn. for \$15,000.

It is reported that Richard Croker's visit to Texas is for the purpose of forming a Hill-Hogg presidential ticket for 1896.

President Carnot of France, has notified Queen Victoria of England to recall the British ambassador, the Marquis of Duff-ryn or he will give him his passport.

The San Antonio Stockman don't think Congressman Gresham will get \$2.50 a head for his mutton this spring and bases its opinion on the low price of wool.

The resignation of Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M. P. as prime minister of Great Britain has been accepted by the Queen and Earl Rosebery appointed in his stead.

The Bland silver seigniorage coinage bill passed the house of representatives Thursday by a vote of 167 to 130. All the Texas delegation voted for the bill.

There is more talk about Senator Coke retiring at the end of his present term and that Horace Chilton will make his canvass for the senatorship as soon as the campaign formally opens.

Senator Hill of New York, will take a hand in the tariff bill when it comes before the senate and if the income tax stays with the tariff bill there will be a surprise in store for somebody.

Richard Croker of New York is probably the cause of Chairman Baker making advances for unity with the Clark faction. If Hill and Hogg are to be the team for leaders of the democratic national ticket in 1896 it is necessary that there should be unity in Texas.

The petition to President Cleveland for the pardon of W. T. Henderson, who was sentenced at El Paso last spring has been denied. Henderson said: "I am not prepared after reading the testimony to impeach the verdict of guilty in this case. Assuming its correctness I can find no justification to interfere with the sentence of the court."

Waller Baker chairman of the (Hogg) state democratic executive committee has addressed A. J. Matlock, chairman of the (Clark) state democratic executive committee asking his committee to meet said Hogg committee in Dallas on March 19th for the purpose of uniting the party. Matlock has accepted the invitation and we may now expect harmony.

Chas. Schauer bought 1,000 head of mutton from Albert Prugal of Crockett county for \$1.50 a head.—Ozona Courier.

Prof. J. S. Million left with his wife for Sonora Friday where he will teach a class in vocal music, and will also probably organize a band. The Courier recommends Prof. Million to the people of Sonora as an instructor of whom there is no superior. He has been teaching vocal and instrumental music for the past 20 years and some.

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Congressman W. L. Wilson on Free Wool.

Twice in recent Congress the battle for free wool has been fought and twice it has been gained in this House. All the reasons for it and all the reasons against it have been presented to the American people. Free wool has become an acknowledged and well understood part of the Democratic scheme of tariff reform. I myself believe that if every other item in this bill were struck out, if in the wisdom of his committee every other proposed change were abandoned, yet if we could carry through a bill putting wool on the free list, and reducing the duties on woolen goods, we should make a great, beneficial, revolutionary step in the work of tariff reform that would justify all the efforts we have put forth. [Applause on the Democratic side, and slight manifestations of derision on the Republican side.]

Gentlemen upon the other side seem to think the word "revolutionary" a strong one. However conservatively we may now move in reversing your legislation, I for one say that I hope to live to see the day when no tax payer in this country will pay a single dollar that will not go straight, untolled, undiminished, into the taxpayer's Treasury. [Applause on the Democratic side.] If that be revolutionary, make the most of it. [Renewed applause.]

Mr. Chairman, it ever a protective tariff had full scope to display its beneficent working, if it had any, this tariff on wool and woolen goods has had that scope. From 1867 down to the present day the woolgrower on the one hand and the wool manufacturer on the other have, in union and accord, made their own tariff, regardless of the interests of all the other people of the country, and yet, sir, he would be a bold man who would rise in this House and say that the woolgrower has prospered under all the favoritism of the tariff. He would be a bold man who would rise and assert that the McKinley bill, with its increase of taxes on wool and woolens and its prohibitive taxes on every imaginable substitute for wool, has been of any benefit to the American woolgrower. I do not believe that the duty on wool has in any year been of substantial advantage to the American woolgrower; but I hesitate not to say that even if by protecting wool we could raise its price, we have no right to raise it at the expense of the 70,000,000 of wearers of woolen goods in this country. [Applause on the Democratic side.]

In 1857 the duty was altogether removed from cheaper wool and greatly reduced on higher grades, producing almost immediately such a revival and prosperity in manufacturing that the price of domestic wool went up higher than it had been for years. I have no doubt that my colleague from Michigan [Mr. Burrows], with his usual eloquence of lamentation, will tell us to-morrow all about the destruction that is to fall on the farmer if we put wool on the free list. Mr. Chairman, any one who follows the history of wool-growing in this country will find that, like the empire, it has steadily moved westward. There are not one half as many sheep east of the Mississippi River as there were years ago. Very few men indeed on the tillable inhabited lands east of that river raise sheep for the wool. Sheep are raised for the mutton, for the carcass, and not for the wool, in all parts of the country to-day where agriculture has become profitable and where population has become fixed.

The raising of great flocks for the wool they produce has steadily gone westward. It has been a pioneer industry, and as population and agriculture have caught up with it has moved further westward, and wool growing on a large scale will eventually find its home on those great rainless ranches and ranges of the west which can not be brought under profitable tillage; and there is no country in the world likely to send a pound of wool to the United States that can produce it more cheaply than the people who have their flocks upon those ranches and ranges.

My friend from Texas [Mr. Gresham] is one of the largest sheep-owners in this country. He tells me that he leases from the State of Texas from 20,000 to 25,000 acres of here diversity lands at 3 cents an acre per annum; that he pays his overlooker \$25 per month and rations; that he pays his ordinary herder \$15 a month and rations, which in the latter case

costs him from five to six dollars a month; and that very herder takes care of from 1,800 to 2,000 sheep. He gathers from these sheep, by two shearings a year, a clip of 8 pound to the sheep, and he sells his mutton at his ranch at \$2.50 a head to purchasers from Chicago and other cities.

Nowhere in the world can wool-raising be carried on more cheaply or under more favorable circumstances than it is carried on by the gentleman from Texas. If you will turn to the volumes published a few years ago by the State Department on labor in Europe and labor in Australia, you will find that in New Zealand the wages of a herder are \$8.00 a week and rations; higher wages than are paid to the herder in Texas by 100 per cent—higher than to the overlooker in Texas by eight or nine dollars a month.

Mr. Chairman, I have spoken strongly on this woolen tariff. I think I ought to add that the manufacturer is not altogether to blame for his inability to produce the goods consumed by our people at anything near the rates at which like goods can be had by the people of England and other countries, except as he has himself contributed to that inability by combining with those who demanded these duties on wool. He has been excluded by our tariff from two-thirds of the wools of the world, and while every other branch of American industry has advanced with resistless step, the woolen industry, coddled and protected and made the pet of tariff legislation, has lagged in the rear.

The imperial march of invention which has carried almost every other American industry beyond the reach of hurtful competition, has failed with this. Sir, I have no doubt, speaking in the light of experience, that with wool on the free list and moderate duties on finished products, we shall have such a growth of manufacturing in this country as will steady and improve the market for American wool, and greatly cheapen the cost of woolen goods to the American people.

The Love That Kills.

It is not enough that wives must feel that they have the love of their husbands, writes Edward W. Bok in the Ladies' Home Journal. Thoughtlessness and misunderstanding of the nature of women are at the bottom of all this unexpressed love. There is plenty of love abroad in this world, and a great part of it lies in the hearts of our American husbands. It shouldn't lie dormant. When it does it is the love that kills. It should be given voice, and as often and as warmly as the heart dictates. A good wife can stand a tremendous quantity of love—all that any man can give her. The danger lies rather in not giving enough than in giving too much.

It is not an unmanly thing for a man to love his wife, although one might readily believe so from the way some men go about it. Neither is it sickly, maudlin or sentimental for him to show it. But, even if it were all these and more, what of it? What is it that men do for their wives that is at all an equivalent for what wives do for their husbands? Provide for them? That's a duty and nothing more. In some things it is well that we should go a little farther than the duty line. The more husbands remain lovers the better it will be for the wives of our land. It is the expressed love of a husband that makes a wife radiantly happy, and nothing else can take its place.

A good many cows and sheep have been lost this month from the cold weather.—Burnett Avalanche.

John Lee sold some 1150 pound steers to Paul Briesch this week. They were an extra choice lot of cattle.

Chas. Schauer bought this week 1000 head of muttons from Mrs. Wilhelm and 700 from Wade & Harrel at prices ranging from \$2 to \$2.50.

Lon Fowler's thoroughbred stallion, Bulwark, was sold under sheriff's sale this week to Cy Ogden for \$200. Cy is a little in doubt whether to sell the horse or keep him for breeding purposes.

The commissioners court of Tom Green county estimates the shrinkage in values that has occurred within the county during the past year at very near \$1,000,000.—San Angelo Standard.

The Free Wool Fallacy.

The Express reproduces a portion of an interview with an extensive manufacturer of woolen goods, which appeared in its Washington dispatch Thursday. It is a complete refutation of the claim of the free traders that foreign wools must be mixed with the American articles in the manufacture of the better class of goods. It is a complete refutation of their claim that the sheepman will be actually benefited by placing wool on the free list. We beg to call the attention of our esteemed contemporary, the Giveston News, to the following statements made by A. E. Kilbourn, one of the largest manufacturers of woolen goods on the American continent:

"The Norfolk Hosiery Company of New Brunswick, N. J., with which I was connected for many years, employed a capital of \$550,000 and was recognized as the makers of the finest hosiery gloves in this country. It never used a pound of anything else than American fleeces."

"What, in your judgement, will be the effect of placing wool on the free list?" "It will reduce the price of all fine wools fully one-third. Last month I bought Montana wool at 10 1/2 cents. At that price it cost me about 42 cents ready for the cards. To-day the Australian scour and processed wool is a third cheaper than the "Montana brand."

"Then, why don't you advocate the cheaper wool?"

"The threat of the free list has depreciated the value of the wool clip for 1893 \$36,000,000. That means that the wool producers have \$36,000,000 less with which to buy my goods than they would have had but for the depression caused by the uncertainty of business. I don't want free raw material and no mark; I prefer to pay a higher price for my material and to have a market for my products."

So it appears that the very shadow of free trade has taken \$36,000,000 out of the pockets of the American sheepmen. Who has been benefited by this tremendous loss? Not a soul under heaven. The value was simply destroyed, as though consumed by fire or sunk in the sea! And the larger manufacturers of woolen goods protest against free wool as a damage to their trade that more than offsets the benefits? It was supposed hitherto that free wool would at least be beneficial to the Eastern manufacturers, but even that view must be abandoned.—San Antonio Express.

Free wool means death to the wool grower of United States. There are 1,200,000 sheep owners, with 2,000,000 more, dependent upon the industry. We raise but 50 per cent of the wool consumed by our manufacturers, while under adequate protection we can grow every pound needed. The fear of free wool has cost the flockmasters of this country \$100,000,000. Sheep have been slaughtered by the millions, and the value in all classes of sheep have dropped one half. With sufficient protection we can increase our flocks to 100,000,000 more men, increase the value of our farms \$50,000,000, and give a home market for \$150,000,000 in hay and grain, thereby raising the price of these products.—American Sheep Breeder.

A Ring of Conundrums.

Why is a fierce thunder storm like an onion? Because it is peal on peal.

Why does an old maid never play the violin? She doesn't know how to catch the bow (beau).

What class of tradesmen succeed best by going to the wal? Paper hangers.

How should weeping willows be planted? In tiers.

Why is a proud girl like a music box? She is full of airs.

Why is love like Scotch plaid? Because in is all stuff and often crossed.

What three letters give the name of a famous general? C. P. O (Scipio).

At the time of the flood, where did Noah keep the bees? In the ark-hives (archives).

When a lady faints, what figure should you bring her? You must bring her two.

What consolation has a homely girl? She will be a pretty old one if she lives long enough.

Senate Tariff Bill.

Washington, March 5.—The senate finance committee made no report of the tariff bill to-day, as had been promised and generally expected. It is said that the reason for this was because changes are being forced on the bill all the time and it was found impossible to wind up the business. It is not known when the committee will report, though there are hopeful democrats who say it may come in tomorrow.

The true reason why the report was not made is this: The committee having it in charge has been informed and believes that the republicans have concluded to vote against every amendment offered by any democrat in the senate. Those senators who said two days ago that the democratic opposition to the bill would be able without the republicans to put all sorts of protective duties in the bill in the senate and that afterward the conference committee would take off these duties and put the bill as a non-protective bill straight through, these democratic protectionists have suddenly become alarmed. For if a bill, cleaned of protective features, were put before the senate there is no doubt that the Louisiana, Maryland, Alabama, New York and New Jersey senators and Brice of Ohio would most certainly offer amendments to it in the nature of protective duties for coal, sugar, iron ore and other articles. If the republicans' campaign on the bill were carried out these amendments would be voted down, and some of these democrats would then have some ground, which they are eagerly seeking, to vote against the bill on its final passage.

It will require but a very few votes against the bill from the democratic side to defeat it. The populists cannot be depended upon. They profess to be anxious to reform the tariff, but each is seeking some excuse to defeat the bill, as it will contribute to the growth of their party if the democrats do not pass a tariff bill. Senator Peffer does not want the sugar bounty law repealed because of the sorghum industry in Kansas, and Senator Allen does not want it repealed because of the beet industry in Nebraska. So these two can be counted against the bill.

The understanding, therefore, to-day is that the finance committee has concluded to again consider the propositions to put a tariff on sugar, iron ore, coal and lead, and it looks now as if such a tariff will have to be laid on them to secure the votes of these protection democrats. In other words, to save the bill the constituents of several senators will have to be given taxes gathered from the people. The dissatisfaction and anger by sure-enough democrats over this status of affairs is great and deep.

Kentucky is first in tobacco, fourth in whisky, sixth in hogs and eighth in rye and mules. Texas is first in cattle and cotton second in sugar, sheep and mules, seventh in cows, eighth in hogs.

By the invention of a woman threads are cut on watch screws that are finer than human hair.

M. Picard, the French commissioner general for the Paris exposition of 1900 already has 100 clerks at work.

Prisoners, when arrested in Morocco, are required to pay the officer for his trouble in taking them to jail.

A Ghastly Find in Kendall.

Boerne, Kendall county, Texas, March 3.—On Wednesday Baron Van Raub, in showing a lady over some land on the confines of this county, was attracted to a newly raised mound of earth from which came an offensive smell. On investigation there was exhumed the body of a man with a piece of cord around his neck, with which he had evidently been strangled, and one of his hands grasped a blood-stained hatchet. There is no clue as yet as to his identity and no one is missing in that locality.

Cyclone's Work.

San Angelo, Tex., March 5.—From telegraphic sources it is learned that a cyclone passed near Talpa, a small station on the Santa Fe between Ballinger and Coleman, last night at 9 o'clock. The schoolhouse and W.H. Cusenberry's ranch residence, at the time unoccupied, were totally destroyed. The wind covered a narrow strip only and laid low everything within its path. No one is known to have been hurt.



Mr. E. D. Hubbard.

Dyspepsia and Consumption

Health and Strength Gained

Advised to Take Hood's Sarsaparilla and is Cured.

"C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass." "I am glad to say that I am in better health now than I have been for a long time. Myself and wife have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla for the past four months, and I can truly say that it has done us more good than any other medicine we have ever taken. I was troubled with dyspepsia for over two years. I also had a slight touch of consumption and was frequently out of duty."

Unable to Work.
I spent a good portion of my earnings for doctors' bills and other medicine which did me good only for a little time. My employers urged me to take Hood's Sarsaparilla as I brought one bottle and began its use about the first of April, at that time weighing only 100 pounds although my usual weight was 150 pounds. After using the bottle I felt that I was better, so I purchased five more bottles. I am taking the sixth bottle now and since commencing to take Hood's Sarsaparilla have had only one slight attack of illness."

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures

My present weight is 165 pounds, and I do not feel that I was ever sicker in my life. E. D. HUBBARD, Laurel, Mississippi.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills, constipation, biliousness, jaundice, sick headache, indigestion.

"'Tis said that absence conquers love. But, Oh, believe it not. I've tried in vain its power to prove—But thou art not forgot."

Jealousy.
When Aunt Janima came to town
In all her Sunday clothes,
Upon a fence she saw an ad
Of rubber garden hose.
"That's just the thing for me," she cried
"A pair or two I'll get
For when I weed my posy bed
My ankles get so wet."

Grover and Gresham.

From the current issue of the Advance, populist organ, the following inspiring piece of poetry is clipped:

When the pie is all exhausted, and the cuckoo's on the nest,
'Tis a time for recreation and getting needed rest.
So official cares are laid aside, with matters of the state,
While Grover goes a fishing, and Gresham totes the bait.
The nation's guards in congress are slightly off the track,
But when the "robber's nest" again they'll probably be back.
For revenue by tariff, the country still must wait,
While Grover goes a fishing, and Gresham totes the bait.

The people all are prosperous [?], no need of watchful care,
There's happiness throughout the land, contentment in the air,
The country's going somewhere, at about two-forty gait,
Yet Grover goes a fishing, and Gresham totes the bait.

There's money in the treasury, and bonds to sell for more,
Throughout the land there's only a couple of million poor,
The goose honks high, the throttle's out, the steam gauge needs a weight,
But Grover keeps on fishing, and Gresham totes the bait.

No reason, no sophistry can overcome the proposition that the sheep is more profitable than the steer, tariff or no tariff, under fairly favorable circumstances. If the flock is situated on the remote plains, so far from lines of transportation then the mutton is of little or no value (though the circumstances is hardly conceivable nowadays) and only the wool will pay for the transportation, then it is possible that the steer may be the more profitable of the two, because better able to carry his own carcass to market. But in any region of half-way agricultural development, where the sheep are not practically exposed to the ravages of dogs and where feedland sheep are grown practically in the same region, it is not possible but that the sheep is the more profitable because of its double product. The cattleman may argue that it will take as much feed to produce a given value of mutton and wool as it would of beef, because something cannot be made out of nothing. But the experienced feeder will reply that it requires different feed-elements to make flesh from what are required in the production of fiber. In other words, the steer consumes a certain amount of feed which, if he had a fleece on his back, would be utilized in its nourishment, but which, since he has only hair, is lost. This makes the sheep what stockmen call a close feeder, that is, it utilizes all the elements of the feed, or at least a higher percentage of them than does the steer.—American Sheep Breeder.

The Otis Murder.

Del Rio, Tex., March 4.—Sergeant Musgraves of the rangers returned from Wilkins' ranch, bringing with him two Mexicans named Anacia Gomez and Severino Henriquez as accessories to the murder of John Otte, who was murdered by Simon Galvan at Oppenheimer's springs last Sunday morning. Mr. Musgraves also found the body of Otte in a small cave in an arroyo about half a mile from where the killing occurred. The body was partially covered with rocks, etc. His watch and pistol were missing, supposed to have been taken by Galvan after the murder. Galvan made good his escape, taking one of Wilkins' horses, crossed over into Mexico and sent his wife to San Angelo in one of Wilkins Bros.' wagons. He had made an arrangement with his pastoria and others not to divulge the murder until four days had elapsed.

Sheriff Jones returned empty handed. It is said that the grand jury will investigate this murder and surprising results are anticipated. Mr. Otte was a member of Del Rio Lodge, Knights of Honor, and had his life insured in favor of his sister, who lives in Fredericksburg, Texas. His O. M. A. pin was all that was found on his body.

Faith Doctor Prophecy.

Little Rock, Ark., March 2.—Gov. Fishback has received a letter from Faith Doctor J. S. Willets of St. Louis in which the writer encloses some tracts which the governor is asked to study. A printed circular is enclosed, in which it is stated that "Jesus is coming and the end of the world is near. The trumpet will sound Thursday, March 6, 1893, 3 o'clock p. m., Jerusalem time. The abomination spoken of by Daniel the prophet will stand in the rebuilt temple from Saturday, Aug. 14, 1897, to Monday, Feb. 25, 1901, 1290 days. Jesus will come in the clouds to the earth, to reign 1000 years on earth, on Thursday, April 11, 1904, 3 o'clock p. m., Jerusalem time. The beginning of sorrows commences this year, 1893, with a series of bloody wars and revolutions in Europe."

Texas Fever Case.

Emporia, Kan., March 2.—The latest phase in the Texas fever cattle case in which 159 farmers were seeking damages was decided last night in the district court, a judgment of \$47,000 being entered against Heizer Bros. of Kansas City. Heizer Bros. brought cattle from Texas which communicated Texas fever to Kansas stock.

"Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both," says the great Shakespeare, but he did not have in mind a coated tongue or torpid liver, with all the symptoms of biliousness so common in this country. All this, and more, can be cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a purely vegetable compound, which restores the action of the liver, gives tone to the flagging energies of the dyspeptic's stomach, and thus enables "good digestion to wait on appetite, and health on both." By druggists.

Asthma, and Hay Fever cured, by a newly discovered treatment. Address for pamphlet, World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

Gainesville, Tex., March 2.—Charles Ottman of New York was in the city yesterday and closed negotiations for the purchase of 1500 head of cattle. The cattle will be shipped to New York at an early date and will then be exported.

The shearing machines from England and Australia, that were to "open the eyes of the Yankees," did not turn up at the Fair; however, we understand that one of the latest and most successful machines is really coming next spring, and the manufacturers claims a revolution in sheep shearing.

It is rumored that W. W. Littlefield of Austin has purchased from Seth Mabry his Mason and Kimble county ranch, which contains about 40,000 acres of several thousand head of cattle.

Many Persons are broken down from overwork or household cares. Brown's Iron Bitters Relieves the system, aids digestion, removes excess of bile and cures malaria. Get the genuine.

The girl who won't help her mother with the house work is not fit to be the wife of any honest man.

DeBerry & March,

Dealers in

DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, CLOTHING,

Hats and Gents Furnishing Goods.

Hardware, Crockery & Harness,

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GENERAL RANCH SUPPLIES.

The highest market price paid for Hides, Pecans, Furs, Pelts, Etc.

Sonora, Texas.

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Give me a Trial.

All work Guaranteed.

Shop on corner of Concho avenue and Poplar street, Sonora, Texas.

Hotel Accommodations in Sonora.

E. GIBBONS, of the late "Star" hotel, is temporarily located at the Max Mayer residence where he will be pleased to have his old customers, and as many new ones as possible, stop when they want a good wholesome meal and a comfortable bed. The accommodations are just as convenient as before the fire, but the traveler may depend on getting plenty to eat and a good place to sleep, at reasonable rate. He stays with E. Gibbons when in Sonora.

E. R. MISENER,

STEAM WELL-DRILLER.

WILL CONTRACT FOR SHALLOW AND DEEP WELLS.
FIRST-CLASS WORK GUARANTEED.

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The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by W. H. Cusenbary & Co.

Don't Tobacco Spite or Smoke Your Life Away

is the truthful, startling title of a little book that tells all about No-to-bac, the wonderful, harmless, guaranteed tobacco habit cure. The cost is trifling and the man who wants to quit and can't run no physical or financial risk in using "No-to-bac" sold by all drug stores. Book at drug stores or by mail. Address the Sterling Remedy Company, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

G. L. Miller sewing machine repairer of San Angelo, will be in Sonora on or about March 12th and will remain about one month. Those needing his services will do well to see him while here. 77-3

We will pay 25 cents for a copy of the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS of the issue of April 9th 1892.

DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,

PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

Advertising Medium of the Stockman's Paradise.
SUBSCRIPTION \$2 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.
Entered at the Postoffice at Sonora, as second-class matter.

MIKE MURPHY, Proprietor.

SONORA, TEXAS. - March 10, 1894

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Country calls promptly answered.

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Sonora, Texas.

W. HAINES,

PRACTICAL TINNER.

GALVANIZED TANKS AND FLUES A SPECIALTY.

Sonora, Texas.

Fred Koenig the mutton raiser, was in Sonora Thursday.

J. E. Mills, the sheepman of Schleicher county, was in Sonora Thursday trading.

Hood Murchison the Schleicher county cattleman, was in Sonora Friday.

The cheapest place.—The Pioneer Drug Store, San Angelo. 38-1f

D. R. Holland, the cattleman from down the river was in Sonora Tuesday trading.

The rain which fell on Sunday night filled the water holes on the head of South Llano.

J. A. Caldwell dealer in wool, hides, furs, grain, hay, etc., San Angelo, has opened a first-class free wagon yard in the rear of his warehouse. Good water and sheds. He solicits the patronage of the Devil's River Country. 101-1f.

Mr. Towers manager of B. T. Higginbotham's sheep ranch, was in Sonora Thursday trading.

Frank Cloudt of Kimble county who is ranging his cattle and sheep in the Sonora country, was in town Tuesday looking after his interests.

Dr. J. F. Riggs, over the postoffice, San Angelo, is a fine surgeon dentist of 20 years experience, and guarantees his work to be first-class. When in need of a dentist call and see him. 1f

A. R. Cauthorn was in from his ranch 15 miles below Sonora and reports having had a rain this week which wet the ground for three inches deep.

Max Mayer, the cattleman of the Middle Valley ranch was in Sonora Monday. He reports cattle holding their own and very little loss if any among native cattle.

Calbon Zenker & Maier at the Favorite Saloon, when in San Angelo, take a glass of their cool beer and you will continue to call every time you chance that way. 38-1f

A heavy down-pour of hail and rain is reported to have struck the North Llano country Sunday night and came within ten miles of Sonora on the east.

Go to SAM RUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine Imported Brandy, Imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars. 17-1f

Again we have the pleasure of calling your attention to a prosperous West Texas institution, the San Angelo National Bank, of San Angelo Texas. Read the statement in another column and make a note of it.

Peter Jager, San Angelo, manufacturer and dealer in marble slabs, tombstones, monuments, and all kinds of marble works, solicits your trade. 82-

A game of ball was played between the Sonora and the Santa Rosa nines, Sunday and resulted in a victory for the Sonora's. The score was 4 to 40.

C. C. Hammond, the cattleman was in Sonora Monday.

D. B. Cusenbary was in from his ranch Monday.

James Brotherhood, road overseer of precinct No. 1, has been summoning workers for the Ozona road this week.

WANTED.

Ten cords of wood on subscription at the Devil's River News.

Read the guarantee ticket in a pair of "THE BUCKSKIN BREECHES." If they rip or have any other defect you get a new pair. That's fair, isn't it?

Mayer & Hagerlund sell the celebrated Duckskin Jeans Pants. 56-1f

ANNOUNCEMENT RATES.

Positively in Advance.

District offices..... \$15.00.
County offices..... 10.00.
Precinct offices (precinct No. 1)..... 5.00.
County Commissioners..... 2.50.

The announcement rates published will be the same the week before the election as they are now.

Delays are dangerous. Let the people know you are out for office and want their vote through the columns of your county paper.

All those that announce will not be charged for having their names printed on general ticket. Candidates not announcing will be charged one-half the announcement fee to have their names appear on tickets.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is authorized to announce:

For District & County Clerk.

W. B. Silliman a candidate for reelection to the office of District and County Clerk, of Sutton county.

"Get in the road" if you are out for office.

Don't put off till next week what can be done this. Announce now.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS has no favorites for county officers. All we want is competent men elected to fill every office.

S. G. Tayloe, of the law and land firm of Tayloe & Silliman is the man whose friends endeavored to get to run for democratic representative to the legislature from this district. Although Mr. Tayloe's chances of success were as bright and as satisfactory as could be expected and the influential support offered made his nomination a foregone conclusion, he nevertheless refuses to submit his name, believing that the position is ably filled at present and that his professional duties will not permit him to give his attention to politics that he believes to be incumbent upon a representative who works for his country.

WOODFORD (1881) WHISKEY

is the finest article that has ever sailed over the San Angelo bars. No headache guaranteed. For sale only at the Corner Saloon. San Angelo.

E. R. Misener, the well driller, whose advertisement appears in THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS has the contract to drill a well for J. J. Ford at the place known as Wagon Wheel water hole on West Nueces in Edwards county.

E. R. Misener finished another well for Dr. H. G. Jones on his ranch 10 miles east of Sonora at a depth of 270 feet, in eight days.

E. Gibbons left for the Fort Stockton country Thursday with a bunch of horses.

E. Gibbons sold his two lots on Main street this week to W. F. Decker for \$500.

Joseph Raas, of the mercantile firm of Schwartz & Raas, San Angelo, was in Sonora Thursday. Mr. Raas gives his personal attention to the wool business placed with his firm and was down looking at the sheep and the condition of the range.

A Million Friends.

A friend in need is a friend indeed, and not less than one million people have found such a friend in Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. If you have never used this Great Cough Medicine, one trial will convince you that it has wonderful curative powers in all cases of Throat, Chest and Lung. Each bottle is guaranteed to do all that is claimed or money will be refunded. Trial bottles free at W. H. Cusenbary & Co., Drug store. Large bottles 50c. and \$1.00.

The delinquent tax list which appears in this issue is a gratifying one. Not to the publisher, but to the entire country as it shows that times have not been so hard that the people had to sacrifice their property by having it sold for taxes.

THE PAST guarantees the future. It is not what we say, but what Hood's Sarsaparilla does, that tells the story. Remember HOOD'S CURES

Read THE DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS

To the Sheepmen:

We are prepared to make reasonable advances on sheep and wool. Our charges are 1-2 cent per pound, including insurance. We have also made arrangements with the railroad company to protect us against any cut rates from any point; this being an assurance that we can sell wool for as high a price here as can be obtained in San Antonio or elsewhere.

Schwartz & Raas,

WOOL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
San Angelo, Texas.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all parties that Sutton county, Bridge Bond, No. 14, for \$1000, being the last of a series of 14 numbered from 1 to 14 inclusive, issued May 13th 1892, under an order of the Commissioners Court of Sutton county, (the other 13 bonds of said series having been sold to the La Fayette Bank of St. Louis, Mo.) said bond No. 14, having never been sold to anyone and having been lost from the records of this county, the registration of the same, together with all the interest coupons thereto attached, has been cancelled under an order of the Commissioners Court of Sutton County and said bond declared null and void.

Attest: W. B. SILLIMAN, County Clerk of Sutton County, Texas. 77-4f.

C. T. Toney, the cattleman was in town Thursday trading.

A very enjoyable dance was given at Tom Birtrong's Lost Lake ranch last Wednesday night.

Dan Cauthorn is feeding 1700 head of mutton on sotol for the early market.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Saunders were in Sonora Wednesday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Hagerlund.

B. M. Halbert, has resigned his position as book keeper for Messrs DeBerry & March and has moved to the ranch. O! for a lodge in some vast wilderness.

Deserving Praise.

We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve and Electric Bitters, and have never handled remedies that sell so well, or that have given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. W. H. Cusenbary & Co., druggists.

Elton Silliman returned from attending Hill's business college at Waco Thursday. He is pleased to be in Sonora again and although thinner than when he left here is in good health.

As good an illustration as we have ever seen of "you press the button and the machine does the rest" is the Comptometer for which J. C. F. Clark of Sonora is state agent.

Prevention is better than cure, and you may prevent that tired feeling by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which will keep your blood pure and free from acid taint and other impurities.

Hood's Pills do not purge, pain or grip, but act promptly, easily and efficiently. 25c.

M. Alexander, drummer for Schwartz & Raas of San Angelo was in Sonora this week accompanied by the agreeable representative of N. K. Fairbanks & Co's soap, Mr. Flavian of St. Louis.

Prof. Million's class in vocal music opened at the school house on Monday last. The attendance and interest in the work is increasing with promises of good results. Don't let this chance to cultivate your voice pass without making the proper effort to benefit by it.

NOTICE-TAX

Notice is hereby given that I, J. L. DAVIS, County of Sutton, have by virtue of the power and levied upon each of the following described lands in said county, to satisfy the unpaid taxes as assessed due for the year 1893, together with all costs accrued thereon, assessment rolls of which are now in my hands showing that the same have not been paid, that I will by virtue of the aforesaid premises sell the same for cash to the highest bidder, at public outcry, at the Court House door of Sutton County, in such manner as the law directs, and between the hours, on the first Tuesday in April, 1894, being the third day of the month, and will continue such sale until said lands are disposed of as described as follows:

UNRENDERED.

OWNER.	1892	1893	1894	ORIGINAL GRANTEE.	Acres	Tax & Costs.
Unknown	150	2238	24	G & S F Ry Co.	609.6-10	\$12.35
do	506	405	531	Adolph Neuber	32	7.68
do	521.0	1003	21	J. W. Reiley	6.0	12.86
do	807	276		E. L. Huffman	6.0	12.86
do	810	129		C. B. Fields	6.0	12.86
do	817	114		do	6.0	12.86
do	818	400		do	6.0	12.86
do	819	108		do	6.0	12.86
do	824.0	065	11	T W & N G Ry Co	408.1-1	10.27
do	827	235		W. A. Fields	6.0	12.86
do	828	133		do	6.0	12.86
do	829	115		do	6.0	12.86
do	830	107		do	6.0	12.86
do	831	151		do	6.0	12.86
do	833	387	15	O T M C Ry Co	6.0	12.86
do	837	75	1027	Day Land & Cattle Co	673.1-3	13.40
do	838	58	1025	do	30	7.36

NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

Mrs. Sallie Huffman	539	1047	73	S P R R Co	6.0	12.86
EM Blood & David W Adams	170	3077	29	G & S F Ry Co	320	8.52
W S Smith, Est Jno T whig	21	201	532	Andreas Bilo	40	3.15
J S Spofford	704	056	27	T W & N G Ry Co	6.0	12.86
A J Knox	67	273	13	D & S E Ry Co	6.0	12.86
J C Campbell	84	1184	11	E L & R Ry Co	6.0	12.86
Christian & Crooker	650.0	279	53	T W & N G Ry Co	6.0	12.86

TOWN LOTS.

OWNER.	Town.	No. of lot.	Block.	Tax & Cost.
Unknown	Sonora	3 & 4	Q.	\$5.54
do	do	1	P.	2.77
do	do	2	S.	2.77
do	do	3	W. 9	2.77
do	do	4	W. 10	2.77
do	do	2, 3, 5 & 6	W. 18	11.08
do	do	5	W. 21	2.77
do	do	2 & 5	W. 22	5.53
do	do	3	W. 23	2.77
do	do	1	W. 29	2.77
do	do	4	W. 30	2.77
do	do	7 & 10	W. 38	5.54
do	do	2	W. 36	2.77
do	do	3	W. 35	2.77
do	do	1	W. 8	2.96
A. R. Jones	do	5	W. 3	6.00
Juan Gomez	do	2, 4 & 5	W. 1	7.92
Jim Bradberry	do	2 & 3	W. 24	5.54

J. L. DAVIS, Sheriff and Tax Collector,
Sutton County, Texas.

Report of the Condition

OF
The San Angelo National Bank,
AT SAN ANGELO,
in the State of Texas, at the close of business, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1894.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	500,000.00
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	971.04
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	3,000.00
Banking-house furniture and fixtures	9,615.40
Other real estate and mortgages owned	3,084.50
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agent)	1,862.80
Due from State Banks and Bankers	10,326.55
Due from approved reserve agents	25,724.45
Checks and other cash items	1,235.92
Notes of other National Banks	1,000.00
Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents	112.30
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$23,500.00
Legal-tender notes	22,500.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1125.00
TOTAL	\$305,454.18

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,204.52
National Bank notes outstanding	22,500.00
Due to other National Banks	40.90
Due to State Banks and Bankers	7.06
Individual deposits subject to check	116,767.92
Demand certificates of deposit	12,305.05
Overnight checks outstanding	12.85
Notes & bills rediscounted	20,225.78
TOTAL	\$305,454.18

STATS OF TEXAS.

COUNTY OF TOM GREEN, SS: I, JOHN CARRAGHER, Cashier of the above named Bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN CARRAGHER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of March, 1894.

A. W. ARMSTRONG,
Notary Public, Tom Green County, Texas.

Correct Attest:
J. L. SCHWARTZ,
JOS. C. RAAS,
Geo. J. BRIDG, Directors.

Recapitulation.

RESOURCES.	
U. S. Bonds and premium	\$28,000.00
Real Estate, Furniture & Fixtures	10,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	1,125.00
Cash on hand	\$24,848.92
in banks	37,616.50
TOTAL	\$102,615.42
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses paid	7,204.52
Circulation	22,500.00
Rediscounts	20,225.78
Deposits:	
Individual	\$120,175.52
Banks	48,050.12
TOTAL	\$305,454.18

If you feel weak and all worn out take BROWN'S IRON BITTER.

W. A. STEWART, Proprietor.

WER NEWS,
IN ADVANCE.
ICE MURPHY, Proprietor.
MORORA, TEXAS. March 10, 1894.

If You Want
Cash Customers
Advertise in the
DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS,

A MOHAMMEDAN'S NOTIONS.
Why the Moon Wanes, and an Opinion on Marriage.
The object of our expedition was archaeological research. There were two members of the party not present by reason of any scientific zeal. One was the physician of the party, the other myself.
When Susa was reached, the main party turned back, but the doctor and myself concluded to continue alone. We were so well pleased with the novelty of our prospective trip that we decided to take photographs of such mounds, ruins and inscriptions as came under our observation and present them to a scientific society on our return home.
We were joined by Sheikh Mohammed Taher, a holy chief, with a placid content in his own vast superiority over other mortals that was very manifest. Occasionally he would "thaw out" and impart some of his superior wisdom to us. One evening we were on the terrace of the house. Looking at the full moon as it rose over the distant mountains, he said pitily:
"I suppose you don't know why the moon is not always as brilliant or as large as it is tonight?"
The doctor murmured something about having some vague notion on the subject, but that he would be glad to be put on the right track.
"In the beginning," began he majestically, "the sun and moon were equally bright. God created the world and then had the angel Gabriel flap his wings against the earth and put his light out, and now the angel holds his wing before the face of the moon and sometimes hides it entirely."
"That's interesting," I remarked encouragingly. "Tell us some more."
Sheikh Mohammed was flattered and asked if we knew the cause of the darkness of the night. We expressed our desire to learn the truth, whatever our previous opinions had been.
"In the evening," said Mohammed, "the angels bring the darkness from the seven depths and carry the sun to the seventh heaven to rest. In the morning the sun is awakened by the angels and brought down to shine upon the earth again."
After remaining some time with this interesting specimen, we continued our journey inland, and on our arrival at Kaleb-y-Gorg we fell in with a typical Persian of the better class. Darab Khan by name, who was traveling with his secretary, Mirza Ali Akbar. They both took a friendly interest in us and plied us with questions as to our domestic and social life.
"What do you have to pay for a wife in your country?" asked Darab Khan innocently.
"Nothing," I replied. "Indeed in some cases the bride is given a dowry by her parents."
"That's interesting," commented the Persian. "I suppose you marry a large number of wives, as you get them so cheap."
"No," I responded. "It is the custom in Christian countries to marry only one wife."
"Only one?" replied Darab in pitying accents. "How foolish!"—Alfred Singler in Home and Country.

Announcements of a Montana man, evidently jealous of the Irishman's reputation as a maker of bulls, took the trouble some years ago to look up the German record in this line. Among others he found in the published works of certain Teutonic writers the following curious examples:
"Among the immigrants was an old blind woman, who came to America once more before she died to see her only son." "After the door was closed a soft female foot slipped into the room, and with her own hand extinguished the taper." "Both doctors were unable to restore the deceased once more to life and health."
"The Ladies' Benefit association has distributed 29 pairs of shoes among the poor, which will dry up many a tear." "I was at the table enjoying a cup of coffee, when a gentle voice tapped me on the shoulder. I looked around and saw my old friend once more."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Paul Van Cleve, a member of the Montana legislature, owns a big sheep ranch in that state. His daughter Helen, aged 14 years, is his constant companion in his rides about the ranch and is reputed to be one of the most accomplished riders in that part of the country. She is a picturesque figure on horseback, as she dresses somewhat after the cowboy style, wearing trousers, colored shirt and broad sombrero, and rides in the true cowboy fashion, often bareback. She is also a good shot with the rifle. Although living in an isolated spot, Mr. Van Cleve has had his children carefully educated, and his home is one of refinement, being in fact a social gathering place for ranch owners for miles around.—Illinois State Register.

Editor (at the gate of heaven)—Can I come in?
St. Peter—What was your business on earth?
"I was the editor of a New York daily paper, but I never once claimed that my enunciation was greater than that of all the other daily papers combined."
"Give this man a pair of golden wings and a crown studded with the gems of the orient and mark him 100 in truth."—Texas Siftings.

Making It Pleasant.
Lady (to her cook)—I am now going to the seaside, Mary. You can come home late from the market, or let the milk burn as often as you like. Now and again you can take anything the butcher offers you and if it is too tough you can let master grumble as much as he pleases, otherwise his newly acquired freedom will appear altogether couleur de rose.—Wiener Figaro.

When the Japanese and the Corean fight a horse, they do so by hand. They fight together. Hitch said. They used in either Prof. Million to foreigners, nora as an instructor of which is no superior. He has teaching vocal and instrumental music for the past 20 years.

A Curious Trick With Billiard Balls.
People who play billiards as well as those who don't know the least thing about the game are curious as to what can be done on the table and often mystified. I was fooling with the balls one evening, and before I knew it had quite an audience. I don't remember to have seen the performance before, though I know it is not original with me, and I do not understand the philosophy of it. You can go to a pool table yourself and try it, as there is no trick about it. Take a half dozen balls or the full 15 of the set, as you please. Line them up solidly against the cushion. Take one ball in your hand, held against the cushion, and push it against the balls still in line. You will find that at one ball will leave the other end of the line and go in the pocket. Now take two, and three balls will leave the other end of the line. Go still further, take three in each hand, held closely together, and six ball will go into the pocket. You may push the balls as hard as you please, but you can't move a greater number than you push. There's something about it I can't understand, and I've never seen a billiard player who could.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Methods of Eskimo Courtship.
The Eskimo of today, having once established his manhood by killing a polar bear unaided, is sent forth by his kindred to seek a wife, and the first girl he can surprise unawares he seizes, and in spite of her screams and struggles, endeavors to carry off. This proving no easy feat, owing to the substantial proportions of the Eskimo belle, together with the enormous weight of her clothing, an exciting race occurs. The lady, darting among the aroused neighbors, dodges her suitor in the crowd, which eagerly assists her, and it is only after he has succeeded in catching her the third time that he is permitted to lead his blushing and excited bride to the hymeneal altar.
The Australian aborigine adopts a more summary process when weary of a single life. He looks about for a partner, and finding one to his liking stalks her, and watching his opportunity stuns her with a heavy blow and carries her off to her new home, where it is to be hoped, on her return to consciousness, his after tenderness makes some atonement for his somewhat rough and ready way of wooing.—Lippincott's.

Very Precise.
A western guest at a Boston hotel picked up the man and casually remarked to the scholarly waiter:
"Do you suppose I can get a meal from this bill of fare?"
"No, sir, you cannot," responded the waiter, with an air of quiet confidence.
The guest was surprised.
"I can't," he asked.
"No, sir."
"Where's the head waiter? Bring him here."
The underling politely called the head waiter.
"I can't get a meal from this bill of fare."
"The waiter is right, sir," replied the chief.
"And I can't get a meal here!" inquired the guest, shoving back his chair.
"Oh, yes, you can, sir," interposed the head waiter, "but not from the bill of fare, sir. You can get it from the kitchen, sir, and the guest set down again, abashed beyond the power of speech.—Detroit Free Press.

Where He Was.
The tramp entered the rear yard of a house on Pitcher street and met at the kitchen door a lady wearing glasses.
"Can I," he inquired, "do some work here to earn a pair of old shoes?"
"I don't know whether you can or not," she replied, "but you may." He rubbed his eyes a moment in bewilderment.
"I beg your pardon, madam," he said. "I am not in Boston, am I?"—Detroit Free Press.

Scripture For the Happy Pair.
A bashful Maine justice of the peace, being called upon to marry a blushing couple, thought it proper to quote some Scripture in addition to the usual formula. He ransacked his brain in an effort to remember something appropriate and then said, "Suffer little children to come unto you, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."—Lewiston Journal.

A Small Boy's Wish.
"In winter time, when it's cold," said Bobbie, "I wish I was a polar bear with a white robe grown all over me, but in summer, when the baseball season's on, bein a jerraff 'd suit me."
"Why a giraffe, Bobbie?"
"He kin see over the fence," said Bobbie.—Harper's Bazar.

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