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place. All calls promptly answered.

Sonora, Texas.

### WOLF! WOLF!

Ed. Devil's River

To combine pleasure with profit—the most effectual way of obtaining concerted action in any cause—we suggest a scheme in this line for destroying wolves in the Sonora country.

We are all familiar with the good effect of the wolf. A. Williamson and other trappers, who single handed, raided their strong holds of this enemy to the sheep and calf in this section at a cost of over \$1500 to the sheepmen, yet a very profitable investment. Wolves never howled on Williamson's trail and our lost sheep were comparatively safe on the range. The attack being local, it was no permanent, as wolves from adjacent districts have drifted, proving their presence by the destruction of stock in their path.

These animals multiply rapidly and the only remedy is in uniting forces in a general and continuous war, which can be done with but little cost and allowance of time, if we only get ourselves about it.

Our scheme is this: A subscription paper be circulated to raise a purse of attractive size for rewards. This can easily be done as the people will contribute liberally. Select a period say from 3 to 5 months for a contest, elect captains and choose sides, including on one side or the other of the ranchmen in the Sonora country and all others who will join the army by sending their names to the captain. At the close of the contest the captain who produces the largest number of scalps with proper assurance that they were taken by his men under the rules of the organization, shall receive for his side a free supper and ball at the expense of the defeated party.

As a further inducement for individual effort, a committee will be appointed to collect a purse of at least \$300 to be divided into 1st, 2nd, and 3rd rewards to be given to the individuals who bring up the largest number of scalps and make affidavit that they were taken under the rules of the organization.

Having mentioned this plan of attack on General Wolfe, to several and having their approval, we take the liberty to call a meeting of ranchmen at Sonora at 2 o'clock p. m., Dec. 1st, for the purpose of organizing this army and supplying ourselves with the weapons of war and discussing the best methods of using them. We are assured traps at cost from our merchants on all orders.

Don't fail to come. Let us have the biggest wolf chase on record. It will produce more excitement than the election. Let us make it our winter sport!

I knew of a rat army being organized in Ohio. The only reward a supper, aside from the destruction of the rats. The race for victory became so exciting that rat armies were organized in several counties resulting in great benefit to farmers. If we can get other sections to follow our example and organize armies also the wolves will begin to think the earth is a big steel trap.

Come on the 1st or send your name as a volunteer. Let the boundary be from Juno to South Concho and from Fort Taylor to west side of Taylor's pasture.

Taylor & Silliman the lawyers and land agents are preparing to move from the court house to the bank building.

Mrs. John Ogden returned from a business trip to San Angelo Thursday where she bought a new stock of goods.

### MONTHLY HOP.

To the People of the Devil's River Country:

You are respectfully invited to attend the Thanksgiving ball at the Court House in Sonora on Thursday night, November the 29th.

Rheumatism in the back, shoulders, hips, ankles, elbows, or wrists, is caused by accumulation of acid in the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla neutralizes the acid and cures rheumatism.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Harmless and reliable.

T. B. Overstreet was in Sonora this week and reports having killed a 500 pound bear on his ranch in the lower part of the county, Sunday. Lem Cox a neighbor of Mr. Overstreet also killed a large bear the week before.

The cheapest place—the Pioneer Drug Store, San Angelo.

C. C. Smithson of the pioneer well drillers of the Sonora country was in Sonora Monday buying supplies and supplies.

Peter Jager, San Angelo manufacturer and importer of all kinds of music works, is in trade.

Sam Meek one of the old Texas Rangers, at present teaching in the Frank's Defeat, country was in Sonora Monday for supplies.

Be sure and get Kemp's extra pale, Budwiser or premium pale when you call for beer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turney were in Sonora Thursday shopping.

Your musical goods. If you get them from me they will be right. 99. GEO. ALLEY, San Angelo.

### Wood Wanted.

Twenty cords of wood wanted at the DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS office on subscription. If you haven't \$2 bring in a load of wood.

The Sonora country is the hunter's paradise this year. Bear, deer, antelope, Mexican lions, wild cats, badgers, fox and small game of all kinds in abundance. The lakes are covered with duck and every thicket full of plover and quail. The bob and coyote wolf are also numerous.

Don't Tobacco Spit 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 druggists. Book at drug stores or by mail free. Address the Sterling Remedy company, Indiana Mineral Springs, Ind.

Jack Drago has bought out W. D. Thomason's interest in the Palace barber shop and has placed the same in charge of Robert English with S. W. Stephenson and Clissett Goodwin holding down the chairs.

All whiskeys are good, some are better than others, but Old Forest beats them all. Zenker & Maier of San Angelo, sole agents.

Tom Green elected the following officers: Judge T. C. Wynn, sheriff G. W. Shield, clerk Ed. Duggan, treasurer S. W. Merchant, surveyor H. B. Tarver, Attorney C. E. Dubois, Justice of the Peace precinct No. 1 John O'K. White.

Go to SAM RUNKLES' Moss Rose saloon, under Hotel San Angelo, for fine Imported Brandies, imported Claret, California Orange wine, fine liquors and cigars.

# Selling Out!

## OUR ENTIRE STOCK

within the next 60 days.

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\$60,000 worth of Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Cloaks, Hats, etc., must be sold by January 1st, 1895, which means LOWER PRICES than the people of this vicinity will ever get again with same class of goods.

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We will not allow prices to interfere with the object in view.

Let no one mislead you, as we mean what we say.

This is an opportunity that comes but seldom, and not soon again will SAN ANGELO offer

\$60,000 worth of goods at and below COST.

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Every pair of THE BUCKSKIN BREECHES has a printed guarantee in the pocket. If you need a pair of Jeans Pants insist on seeing them. They fit better, look better and wear better than other makes.

Mayer & Hagedorn sell the celebrated Buckskin Jeans Pants in 56 different styles.

C. L. Boone, deputy U.S. marshal has been elected sheriff and Geo. Bond, county judge.

All the old officers have been re-elected in Edwards county. Ira Wheat, sheriff; Budwiser and premium pale can't be beat. For sale by all first class saloons. Geo. Bond, agent San Angelo, Texas.

The following officers were elected in Kerr county: W. W. Burnett county judge, Charles Schreiner treasurer, J. M. Hamilton county and district clerk, John Vann sheriff and tax collector, Geo. L. Leigh assessor, C. C. Lockett county attorney, J. H. Davis surveyor.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sore Throats, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Burns, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Croup, 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.

The DEVIL'S RIVER NEWS is the stockman's friend. Subscribe.

### Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Cassell, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by W. H. Cusenbary & Co's Drug store.

W. W. Wellmaker, the sheepman ranching 20 miles south of Sonora, returned from a months visit to friends and relatives in Bell county, Monday. To our disappointment he returned without her.

For a pleasant smile, a good smoke and genial company, make Zenker & Maier's your head quarters while in San Angelo.

J. P. Sweeney, the shoe maker has moved to David Adam's ranch. Orders for boots and shoes left at Morris & Allison's will receive prompt and careful attention.

Miss Eva Fleming who is conducting a private school in West Sonora is meeting with good success. Miss Fleming has 15 pupils in regular attendance.

George Dunagan was driving out of town today when his team ran away upsetting the buggy and injuring Mr. Dun gan in the back.

# March Bros.,

WOOL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

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We are prepared to advance money and supplies on consignments.

We sell each and every clip upon its own merit.

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### Commissioners Court.

Hon. Commissioners court met in regular session on Monday 12th of November, Judge J. M. Bell presiding, O. H. Wood, W. A. Stewart and H. Knausenberger commissioners, J. L. Davis sheriff and W. B. Silliman clerk, being present. The following proceedings were had, to wit:

Report of J. M. Bell, county judge, for quarter ending Nov. 11 1894, was examined and approved. Report of W. B. Silliman clerk, for quarter ending Nov. 12th 1894, was examined and approved.

Report of W. A. Stewart, Justice of the Peace precinct No. 1, for quarter ending Nov. 12th 1894, examined and approved.

Report of J. L. Davis, tax collector, for quarter ending Nov. 12th, 1894, showing monies collected for Sutton county and disbursements thereof, examined and approved in open court.

Report of J. L. Davis sheriff, for quarter ending Nov. 12th, 1894, examined and approved.

Report of W. H. Cusenbary, county treasurer showing monies collected and disbursements thereof, during quarter ending Nov. 12, 1894, was examined and approved in open court.

Tuesday November 13th: Same officers present as yesterday. The court proceeded to canvass the election returns and find some errors in returns ordered the clerk to issue subpoenas instanter for D. D. Willis, Geo. H. McDonald and W. Mollenbauer, presiding officers of precincts Nos. 2, 3 and 4 respectively to appear before the court and correct errors in returns.

Report of J. M. Brotherton, road overseer precinct No. 1, examined and approved.

Report of W. B. Silliman, county clerk, showing financial condition of Sutton county for quarter ending Nov. 13th, 1894, examined and approved.

Report of H. Knausenberger, road superintendent precinct No. 4, showing condition of roads in said precinct, examined and approved.

Petition on file asking for a change of the Junction City and Sonora roads, laid over to next regular term.

The physicians of the county asked to make bids for medicine and medical attendance to be furnished county for one year. Bids to be received sealed up to noon Nov. 30th.

Ordered that the treasurer W. H. Cusenbary be and is hereby notified to file in this court on the day of his re-qualification a report specifying in detail, the state and condition of all monies in his hands due the district funds of this county, stating the exact amount of cash on hand and the condition of funds not held in cash by him with certified deposit receipts to show cash balances on that date.

Bonds of the following officers approved: W. F. Luckie, Geo. H. McDonald, W. A. Holland, commissioners of precincts No. 2, 3, and 4 respectively.

The new officers will be requested to give bond as follows: J. M. Bell county judge and ex-officio superintendent, \$4,000; S. H. Stokes county and district clerk, \$7,000; W. H. Cusenbary treasurer, \$14,140; L. N. Halbert attorney, \$2,500; R. J. Bean surveyor, \$10,000; J. P. McConnell sheriff, \$10,000; W. A. Glascock inspector, \$3,000; W. A. Stewart and other Justices of the Peace, \$1,000. All constables elected \$1,000.

All of the above bonds to be secured by certified unnumbered

property subject to execution with two or more sureties. W. H. Radical assessor, \$3,542 said bond to be secured by certified unnumbered property subject to execution with three or more sureties. J. P. McConnell tax collector \$74,260. Said bond to be secured by certified unnumbered real estate subject to execution with three or more sureties. Court adjourned to meet on Nov. 30th to receive and approve bonds and qualify officers.

### Public School Notes.

[By Miss Bessie Mills.] Robert Dunagan, George Moes, and Miss Kate Sharp are among the new scholars this month.

Mrs. James Hagerlund, H. G. Jones, W. R. Radick, and Max Mayer, Misses Fannie, Josephine, and Theresa Mayer, Lucy Adam, Bessie Paugh, Lonnie and Janie Wyatt, and Mr. A. W. Mills visited our last exercises.

Among our exercises this week was a debate. The question was: Resolved that Washington deserves more praise for defending America than Columbus for discovering it. The affirmative speakers were Misses Nellie Douglas, Bessie Mills and Minnie Schupbach and John Allison. The negative speakers were Misses Buena Luckie and Teadie Mills. The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

We are glad to have visitors come to our exercises which we have twice a month. Sonora, Texas Nov. 16th.

Mrs. H. G. Jones left on a short visit to San Angelo Tuesday.

Miss Clara Huber of New York, who has been the guest of her sister Mrs. H. Knausenberger for the past year left for her home Tuesday.

Tom Dean, who has been working for Nat. Guest, left for his home in Ballinger Thursday. The girls in the Guest neighborhood will miss gentleman Tom.

### A Household Treasure.

D. W. Fuller, of Cambridge, N. Y., says that he always keeps Dr. King's New Discovery in the house and his family has always found the very best results follow its use. He would not be without it, if procurable. G. A. Dykeman, Druggist, Casskill, N. Y., says that Dr. King's New Discovery is undoubtedly the best cough remedy that he has used in his family for eight years, and he has never failed to do all that is claimed for it. Write for a remedy booklet free. Trial bottles free at W. H. Cusenbary & Co's drug store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

### WOODFORD'S

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OVERTAXING THE HEART.

Recent "breaking is a dangerous business from a medical standpoint."  
A legend has accomplished the extraordinary feat of riding for the most northerly point in Scotland to the extreme southern point of England in 54 hours and 15 minutes. The most remarkable part of the feat is included in the fact that he performed his task without indulging in one moment of sleep. He was 24 days 14 hours and 15 minutes without reclining once or resting or ceasing his active movement of propulsion except for the very briefest moments.  
The modern rage for record breaking is gratified at the cost of many shortened lives. The healthy heart will beat 100,000 times in the 24 hours, accomplishing work equal to lifting 120 tons one foot. But it has recently been shown that cycling tells severely and specially upon the circulation and that the number of strokes of the heart is doubled during such active exercises as that to which the rider subjects himself. The lowest estimate, therefore, of the work of the heart of the record breaker just mentioned would be 212,000 beats, with work done of 214 foot tons. This, maintained for the specified time, was equal to more than 864 tons without repose.  
Setting aside the physiological bearing of the performance, in suggesting that there is something in the persistent motion of the blood, sustained by a volition of a resolute kind, which prevents the nervous system from passing into that passive or negative state to which the term "sleep" is applied, its practical lesson bears on the ultimate influence of extreme exercise on the bodies of young men who make themselves the victims of self-inflicted injury.

Apparently the athlete is none the worse for such a feat as this, but in reality he will have to pay a severe penalty for thus outraging nature. These violent strains bode in the end the certainty of premature decrepitude. Toward the goal of death the best heart can only perform a certain measure of work, and whether that be done by rapid or slow process determines the length of days in which it is done. Theoretically these young competitors, who otherwise might be destined for a long and active existence, will succumb and break down long before the sun of their life has reached its meridian, and The Lancet states that so far this has practically been the fate of all those who have endeavored under the apparatus of labor-unthinking comrades to do what nature has not constructed them for doing without risk.—London Lancet.

Trade Getters.

Any one who buys a pair of shoes at some of the town shoe shops will receive in addition to his purchase a ticket which will entitle him to 10 to 15 shillings at the expense of the shoemaker. The shoes must be shined in the banking in which the shoes are sold, but the inducement is one which has its attractiveness, and it goes to show the advances which has been made in the art of selling merchandise. Tickets are issued by hatters which entitle men to have their hats blown at a certain number of times without extra cost, clothiers enter into a contract with customers to press their clothes at 75 cents they have been worn, and matinee tickets for some of the continent shows are given away for our dry goods houses for all purchases of more than 50 cents. The system began many years ago when a tea company gave away chromes with every pound of tea. From that it has developed through every branch of trade.—New York Sun.

Walter Besant's Cynical Views.

Novelist Walter Besant is credited with the authorship of these somewhat cynical views of life as it is lived: "Out of ten men nine are born to work for the land. Resolve to be the tenth. Without tramping the cleverest cannot get rich. The consolation of those who fail is to depreciate those who succeed. The greatest things are done by the great and bold. While men are waiting for anything. When you lose a leg, begin at once to practice with a wooden one. Men's motives are mercifully hidden by their shirt fronts. Observe moderation in all things, especially in virtues. The best way to make a man honest is to make him ashamed of being found out. There may be pride even in confessing mistakes. Everybody says that gentle birth is an accident, and everybody treats it as an achievement. The most charming attribute of friendship is the right of candor."

Reason Enough.

Patrick and Michael were talking over the grim subject of autopsies, and Michael said:  
"An sure it's meself that would never permit the northern doctors to make their autopsy w'd me."  
"Fluat wud ye do, Mike?" said Pat.  
"It wud be necessary for the spalpeens to walk over me dead body first."  
"Indeed, an why mightn't they do that, Mike? It's a simple mind ye have, me by. Now, for me own part, whin I'm dead I'll have an autopsy, sure."  
"An why will ye have it, Pat?"  
"Because I'd not deny meself the small satisfaction of knowin' what I died w'd."—Washington Star.

NO JAY, AFTER ALL.

A Town Officer Who Surprised the Sharpers in Their Game.  
Poker in small towns often rises to a pitch one would hardly expect. Such was the case in a little village in one of the New England states.  
Around a table in a country hotel sat three strangers who were just going through the town and had got up a friendly game by roping in the usual country jay, who made the fourth of the party.  
After an hour's play they had fleeced their victim to the tune of probably \$40. He was good natured and did not growl, so the game was continued.

The blacklegs showed no mercy. They did not let him win even a few dollars to encourage him, but either looked the cards every trip or else whipped him until he was forced to drop.  
Forty dollars had swelled to \$50, and at the last pot the country jay was \$65 loser.  
"Have you had enough?" asked the leader of the gang, rising with a smile and his winnings.  
The jay looked angry, and quietly drawing a revolver from his pocket said:  
"Gentlemen, I am one of the selectmen of this town. You may consider yourselves under arrest."

The gang, awestruck, was led to the lockup, where it rested for the night.  
The following morning before the selectman were fled the three men. The constable had searched them. He placed the contents of their pockets on the table.  
"Gentlemen, you are charged with gambling and with obtaining money by fraud. What have you to say?"  
It matters little what they said.  
The sentence interested them more—a fine of \$50 each or 30 days in the county jail.  
The fines were paid, and the money went to the selectman or the state. Next morning the jay bought a new set of chips.—Chicago Times.

Sorry He Spoke.

It was on a crowded Sixth avenue train. The atmosphere was stifling, and the passengers resented the arrival of every newcomer as a personal affront. A baby about the middle of the car had been threatening to cry for several minutes and had at last delivered itself of a prolonged howl, followed by a series of nerve-racking screams. All the women looked sympathetic and the men apprehensive. A variety of consolations were suggested. "Poor little dear, wipe its hood," said one woman. "Let me take it," said another. "Check it out the window!" growled a fat man without a collar, who was fanning himself vigorously with his hat. He said it defiantly enough, but there was such a clorion of feminine indignation that he was glad to get out at the next station.  
As the train stopped he fought his way onto the platform and stood puffing and red-faced, while a hail of epithets such as "Butter" and "Burr" whizzed the ears of the passenger. The fat man had a guilty, hunched look as he made his way to the street.—New York World.

A North Atlantic Curiosity.

"In the midst of the north Atlantic there is an enormous field of floating seaweed, which kept its place presumably for centuries," said J. E. Guise, an old sea captain. "It occupies a vastness of about the fifty-sixth degree of west longitude, and between the twenty-second and twenty-eighth degrees of north latitude. There is a great difference of opinion regarding the origin of this floating mass. Some believe it to be detached from rocks at a considerable depth in the latitude where it floats. Others suppose it to come from the shores of the northern seas, having been detached from the rocks by the violence of the winds. Some again imagine that it comes from the rocky shores of Florida and Mexico, while many others agree with me in believing that it has never had any other than its present place of abode. No one has ever seen it attached to rocks, nor have roasts ever been discovered belonging to it."—Exchange.

Nose Bleeding.

Obstinate nose bleeding is frequently one of the most difficult things to check. Several aggravated cases have lately occurred at the hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. As a last resort Dr. H. Hayes Agnew tried hana fat with great success. Two large cylinders of hana were forced well into the nostrils, and the hemorrhage ceased at once. This is a very simple remedy and one which should be resorted to in every emergency.—New York Dispatch.

A Digitized Retort.

Housewife (showing sample of milk to local dairy keeper)—Look here! I bought this milk from you. It's half water, and the rest is chalk, and you sold it as "pure country milk."  
The "Milk Maker" (with dignity)—Madam, to the pure all things are pure.—London Answers.

Modern Youth.

Father (visiting at college)—My son, these are better cigars than I can afford.  
Son—That's all right, father. Take all you want. This is on me.—Yale Record.

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PLANTATION COURTSHIP.

The Art as Practiced According to Uncle Gilbert's Method.  
Among the slaves there were regular forms of courtship, and almost every large plantation had an experienced old slave who instructed young gallants in the way in which they should go in the delicate matter of winning the girls of their choice. "Uncle Gilbert" was the shoemaker on a plantation where there were a hundred slaves. He was very learned in the art of courtship, and it was to his shop the slave lads went for instruction. I never had the honor of being one of the old man's pupils, being too young when I knew him to make inquiry along the courtship line, but I tracked many young men to Uncle Gilbert's shop in the interest of general gossip.

The American slave's courtship words and forms are the result of his attempt at imitating the gushingly elegant manners and speech of his master. Uncle Gilbert's rule of courtship was that a "young man must tes" a prove a gal before offering her his love. If a gal gives a man as good answer as he gives her question, den she is all right in mind. If she can look him square in de face when she talks to him, den she kin be trusted, an ef her patches is on straight an her close clean, den she is gwine ter keep de house straight an yer britches mended. Sich er woman is wuth havin'.

Here is a sample of a courtship conversation:  
He—My dear kin miss, has yer any objections to me drawin my cher to yer side, an revolv in the wheel of my conversation aroun the axle of yer understandin?  
She—I has no objection to a gentleman address in me in a proper manner, kin sir.  
He—My dear miss, de world is a howlin wilderness full of devourin animals, an you has got to walk through hit. Has you made up yer mind to walk through hit by yerself or wid some bold wahyer?  
She—Yer terrigation, kin sir, shall be answered in a ladylike manner, ef you will prove to me dat it is not for er form an er fashion dat you puts de question.

Interesting What Play.  
One of the best whist players in Rochester sends to us the hands played by him and his friends at a recent sitting. North dealt and turned the king of spades, and the hands were as follows:

East—Spades, 5 and 4; diamonds, a, k, kn, and 3; hearts, a, k, 6 and 2; clubs, a.  
North—Spades, 9 and 8; diamonds, 10, 6 and 2; hearts, kn, 10 and 3; clubs, qs, kn, 7, 4 and 4.  
West—Spades, A and 2; diamonds, 7 and 2; hearts, 8, 7, 4 and 3; clubs, 5, 3, 2 and 2.  
South—Spades, kn, 10, 7, 6 and 2; diamonds, q, 8 and 8; hearts, q, 6 and 4; clubs, kn.

The score was six aces, and at North arranged his cards he felt sure of winning the game. He had seven trumps—and they were not "mostly small"—and he had a chance of trick in both clubs and diamonds. But, at a matter of fact, he failed to get even the odd, owing to the skillful play of his partner.  
East took out 10 aces in succession by leading the king of spades, king of hearts, ace of clubs, and ace of diamonds. Then he led a small diamond, which his partner trumped, and the partner being alive to the situation, led back a small club, which East trumped, returning another diamond, upon which West put his ace of trumps, while North was obliged to throw away a trump then, the odd having been scored against him and the game gone. North, in much disgust, flung down his six good trumps, with sundry remarks not for publication.—Rochester Post-Express.

Sherman's Trumper.  
It was a common thing for General Sherman to stop his horse and speak words of encouragement or praise to some subordinate officer or private soldier struggling at the roadside. He had his humorous side with them too. When the army reached Goldsborough, half the men were in rags. One day a division was ordered to march past him in review. The men were bare legged and ragged, some of them almost baldless.  
"Only look at the poor fellows with their bare legs," said an officer at the general's side sympathizingly.  
"Splendid legs," cried the general, with a twinkle in his eye, "splendid legs. Would give both of mine for any one of them."—McClure's Magazine.

A Clef Point.  
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Useless.  
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